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WATER RESOURCES DATA SYSTEM

Water Year 2011

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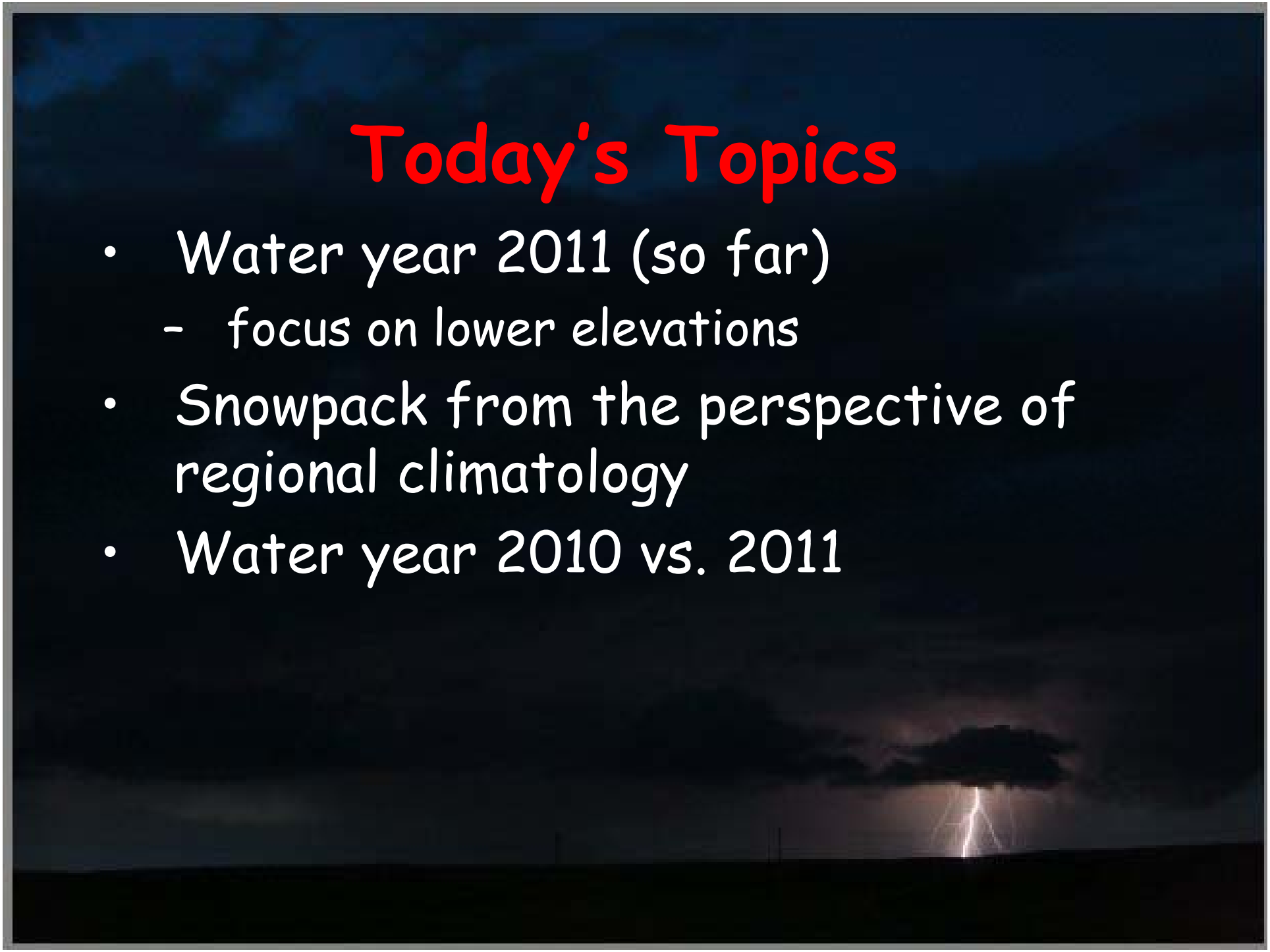
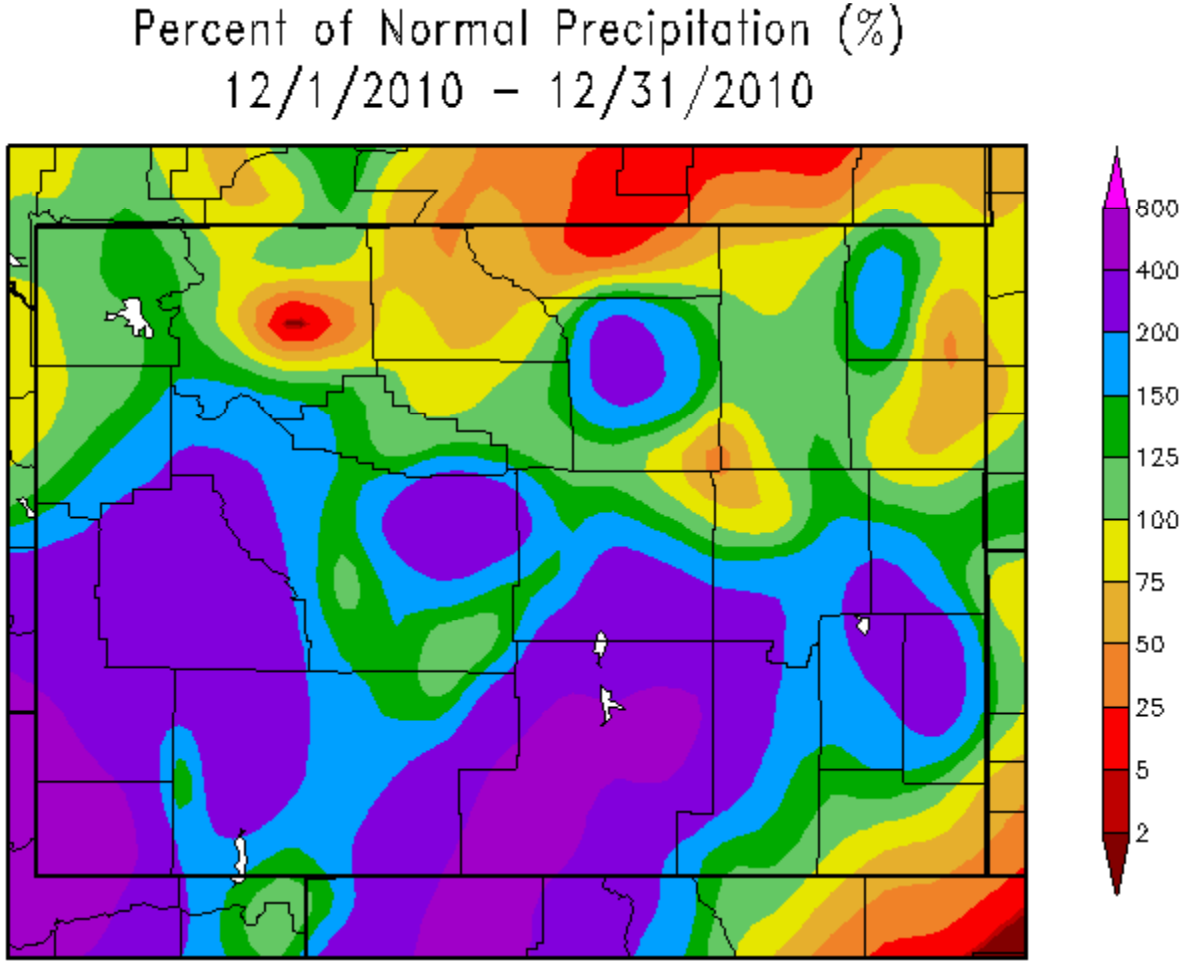
Today's Topics

- Water year 2011 (so far)
  - focus on lower elevations
- Snowpack from the perspective of regional climatology
- Water year 2010 vs. 2011



% of Average Precipitation (vs. 1971-2000): December 2010



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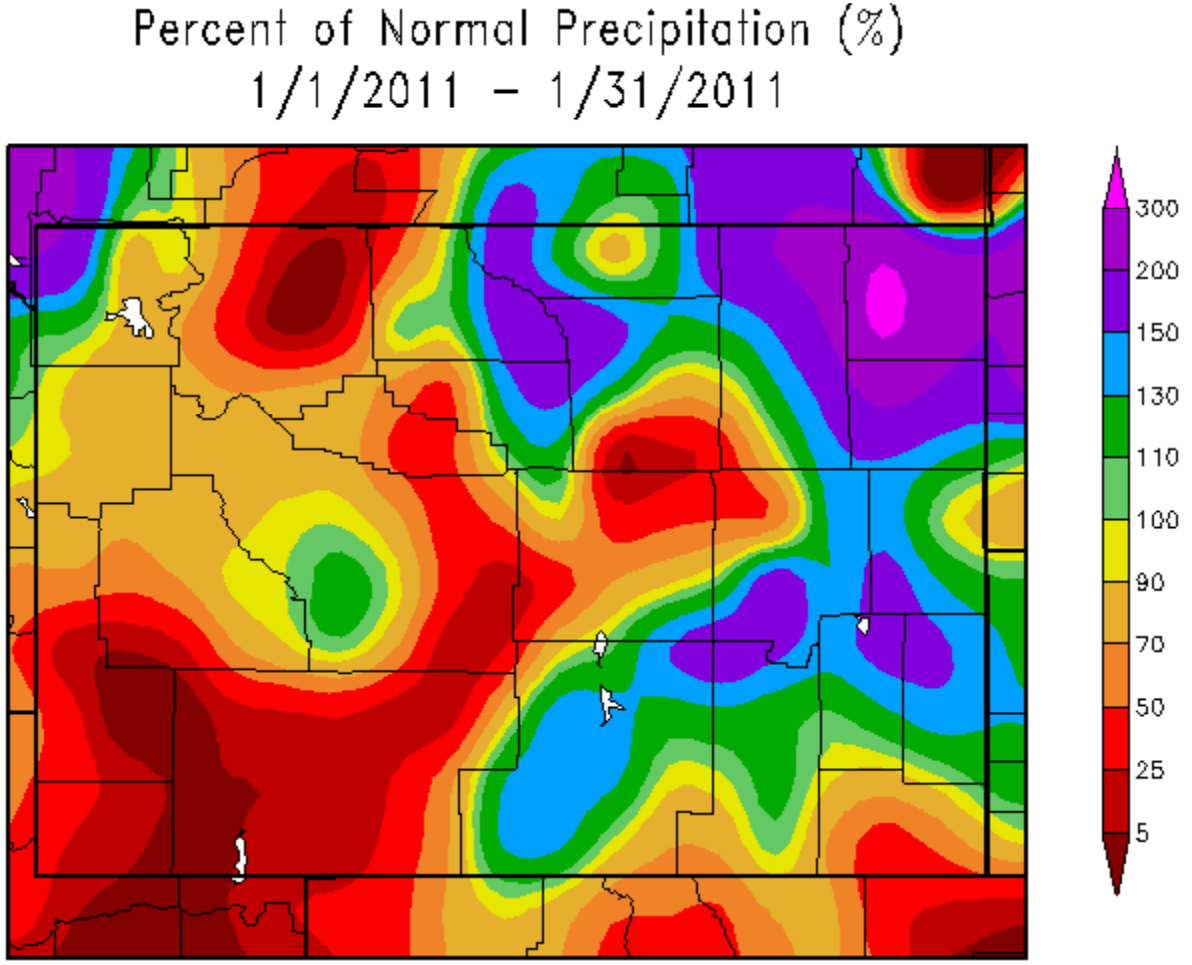

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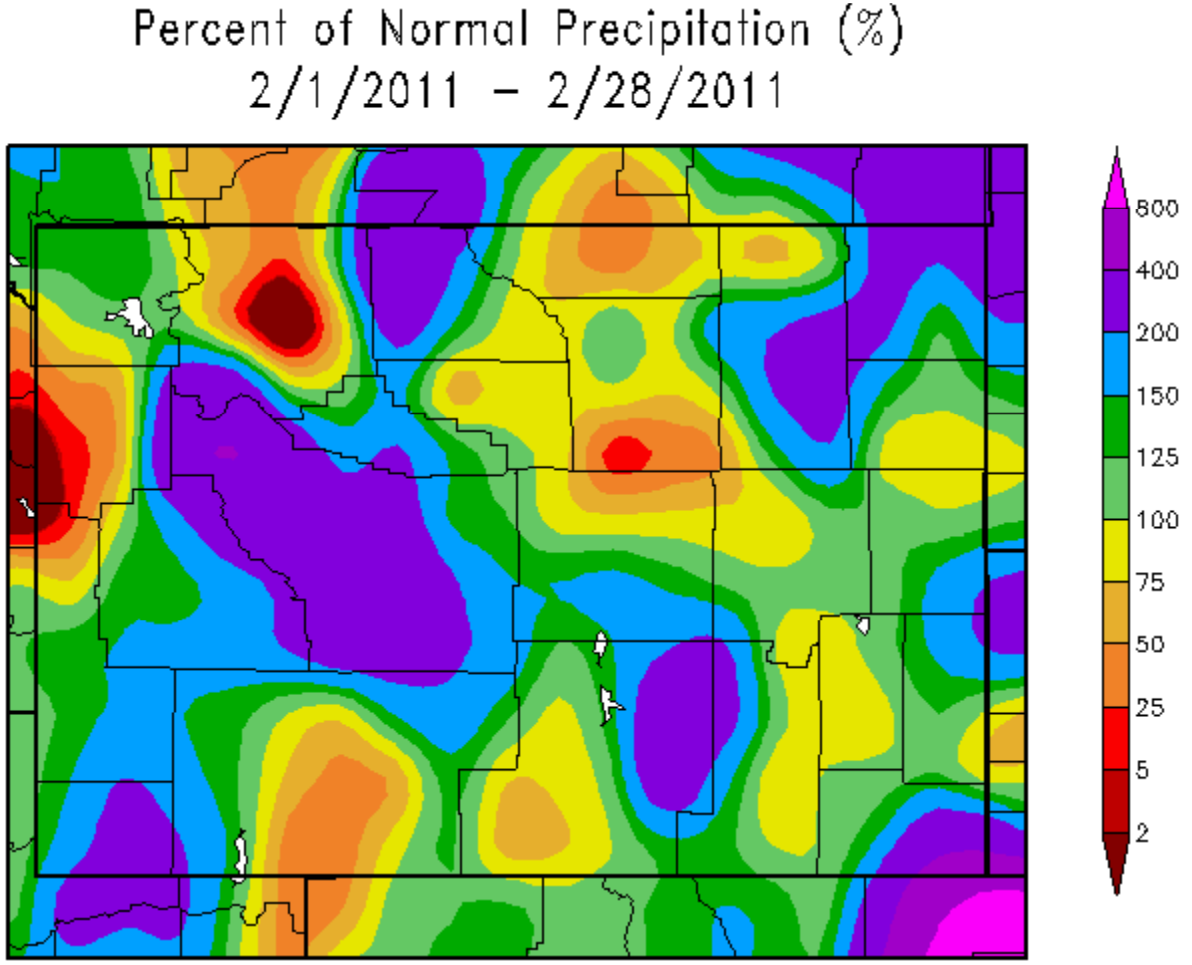

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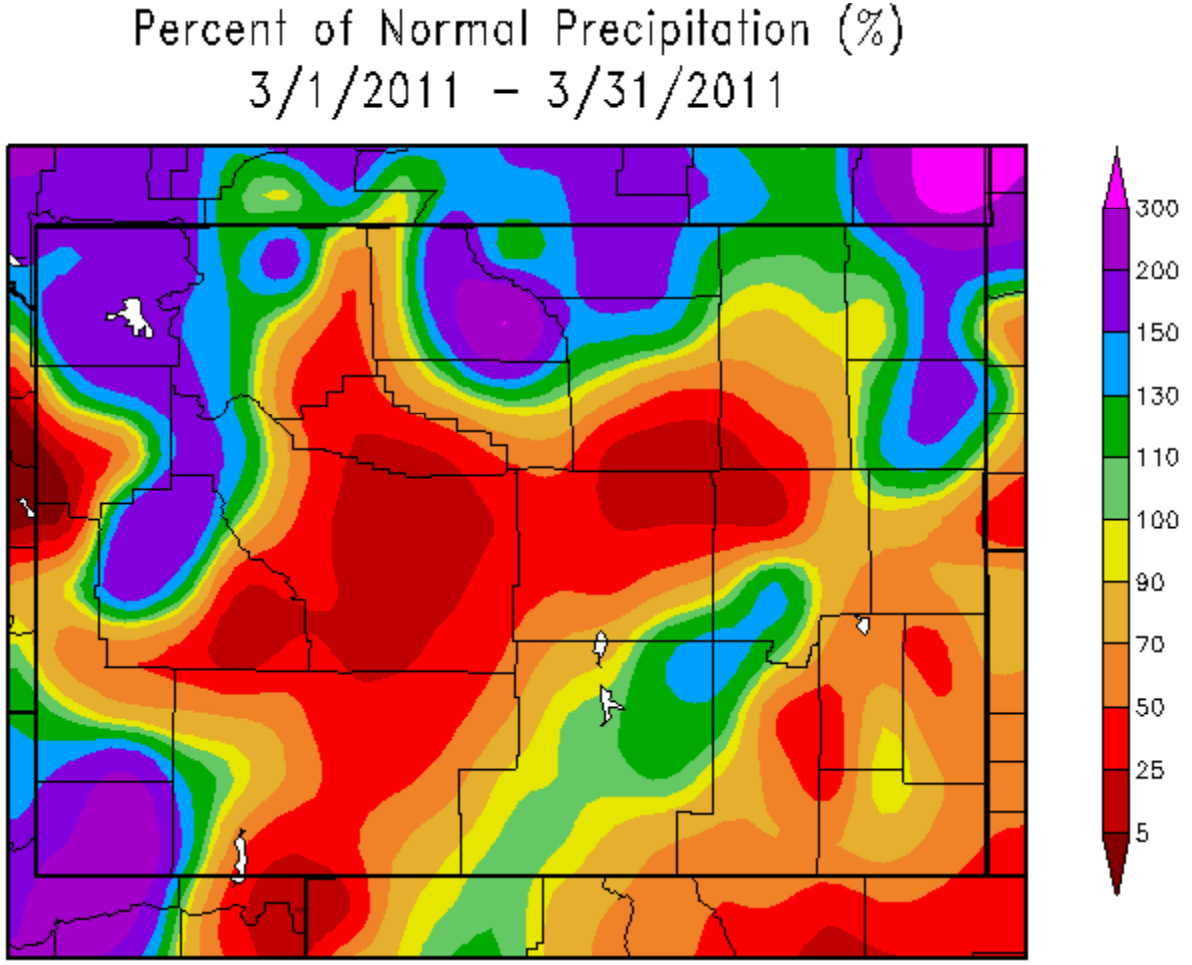

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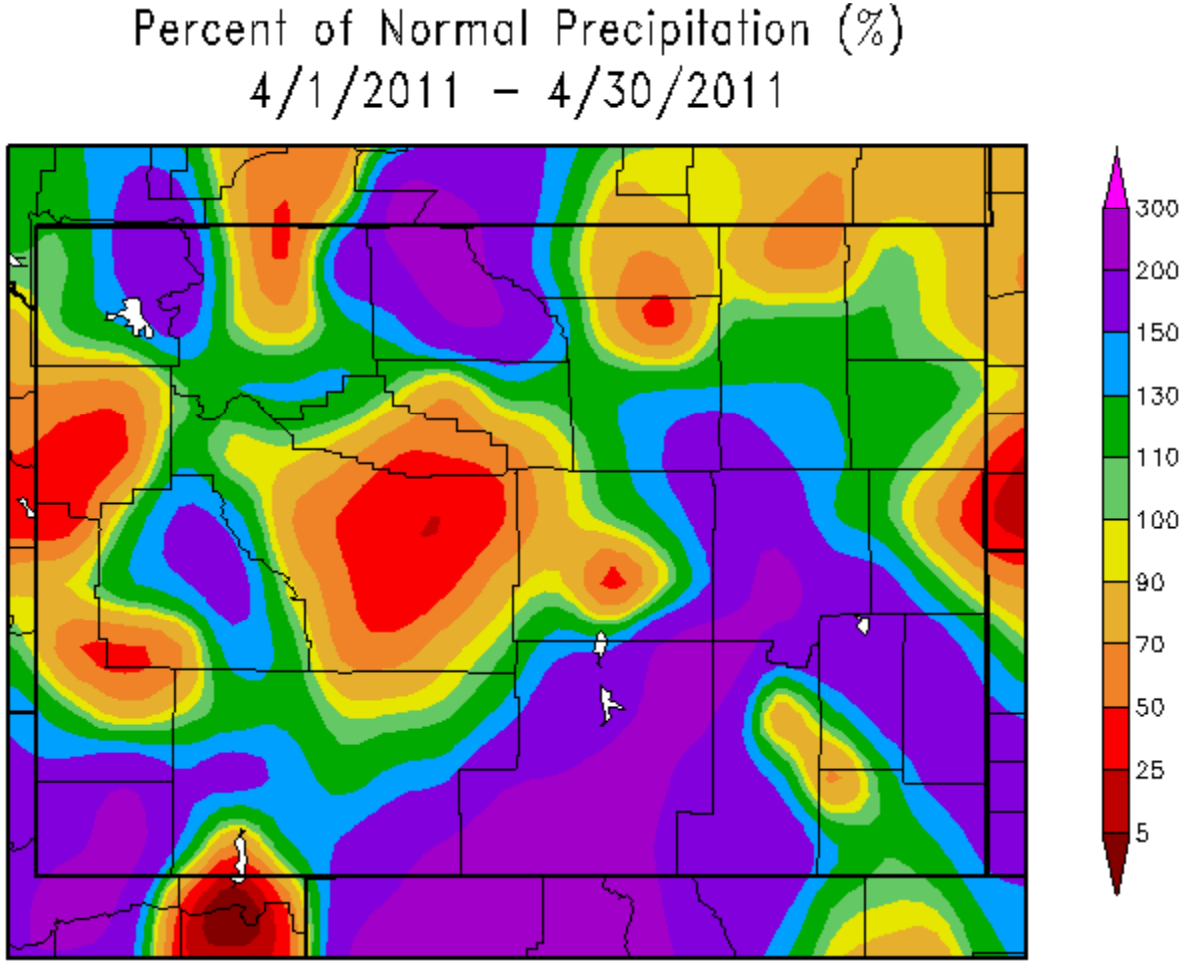
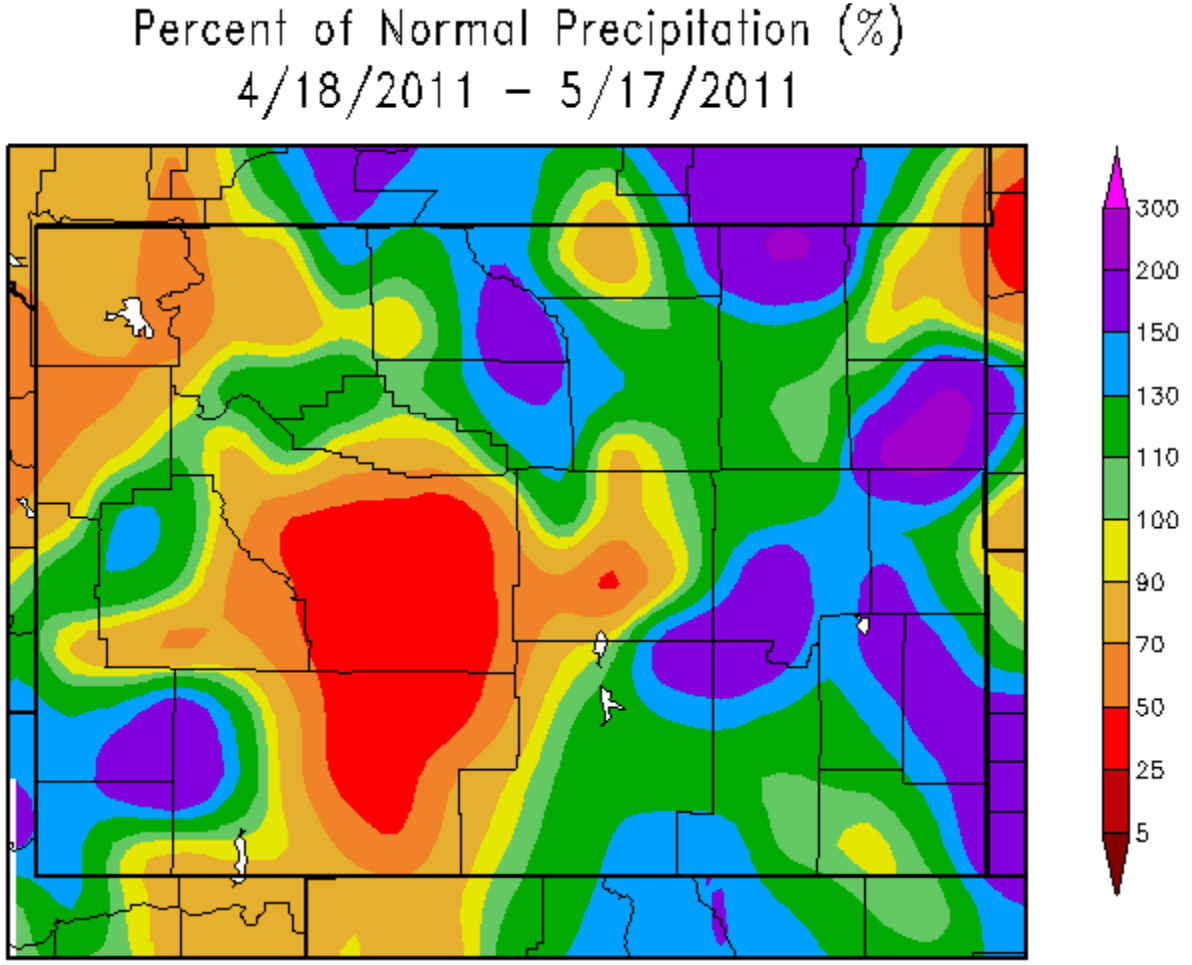
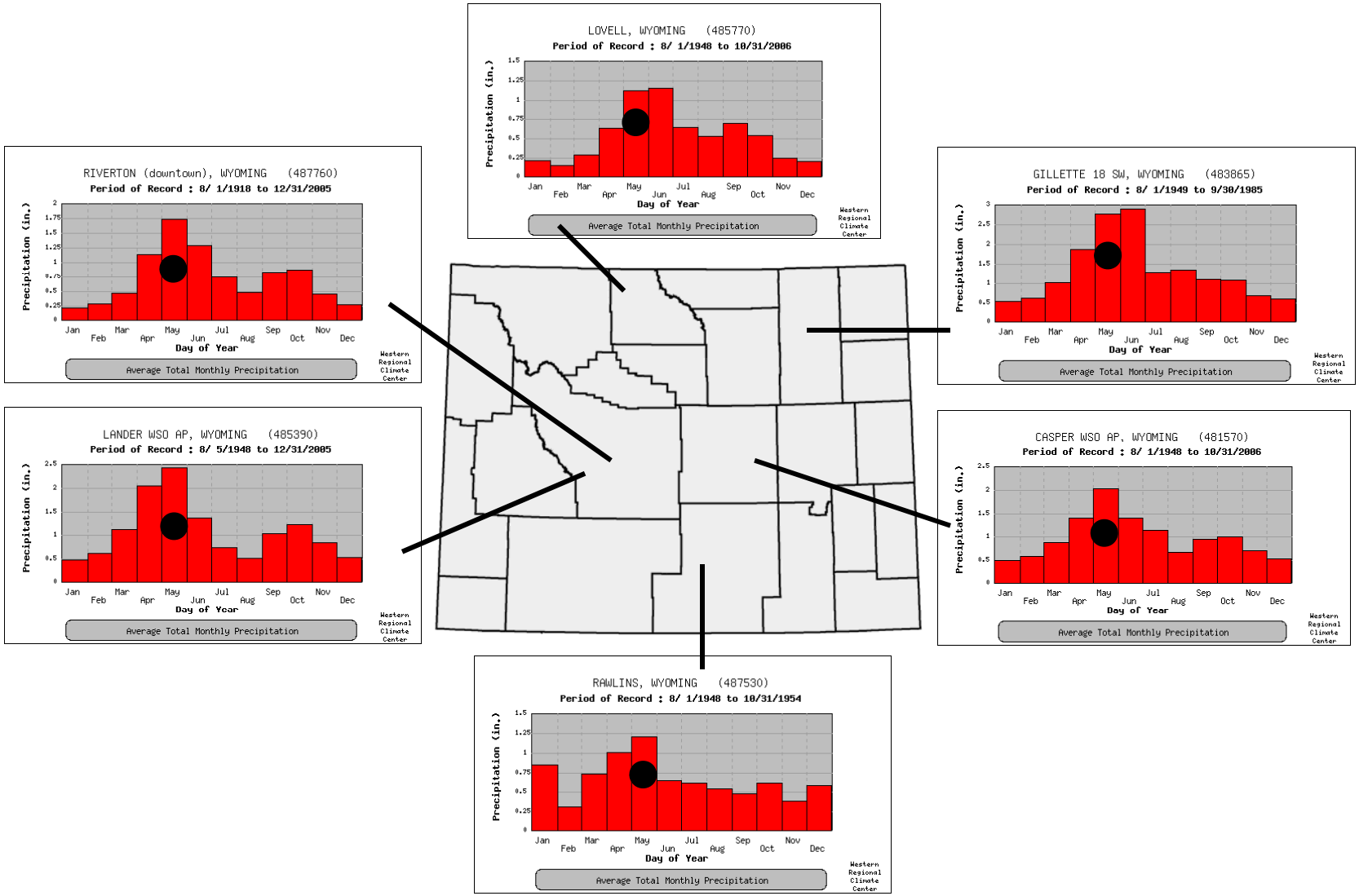


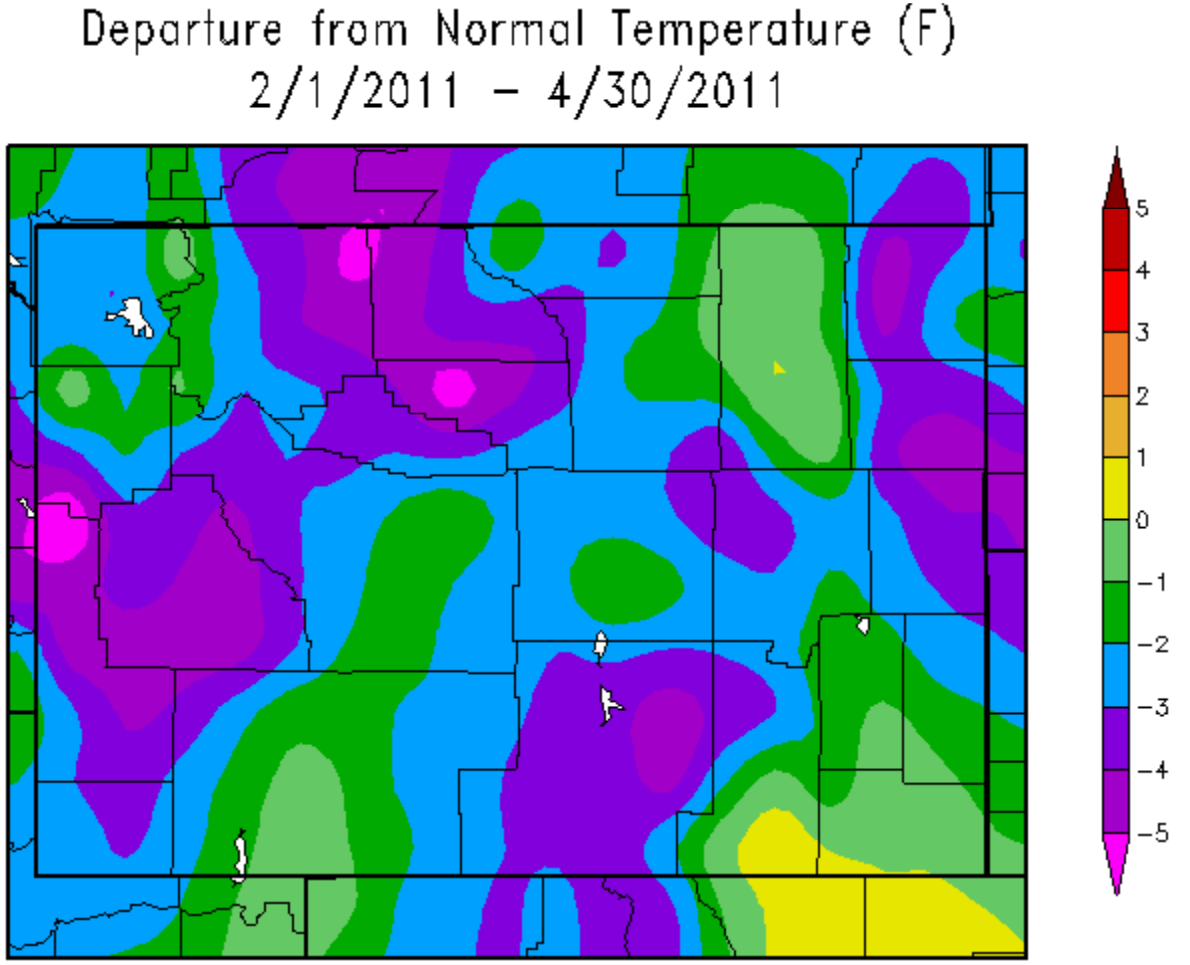
% of Average Precipitation: Past 30 Days



Peak precipitation over much of Wyoming occurs in late spring



Temperature Departures: Feb-Apr 2011



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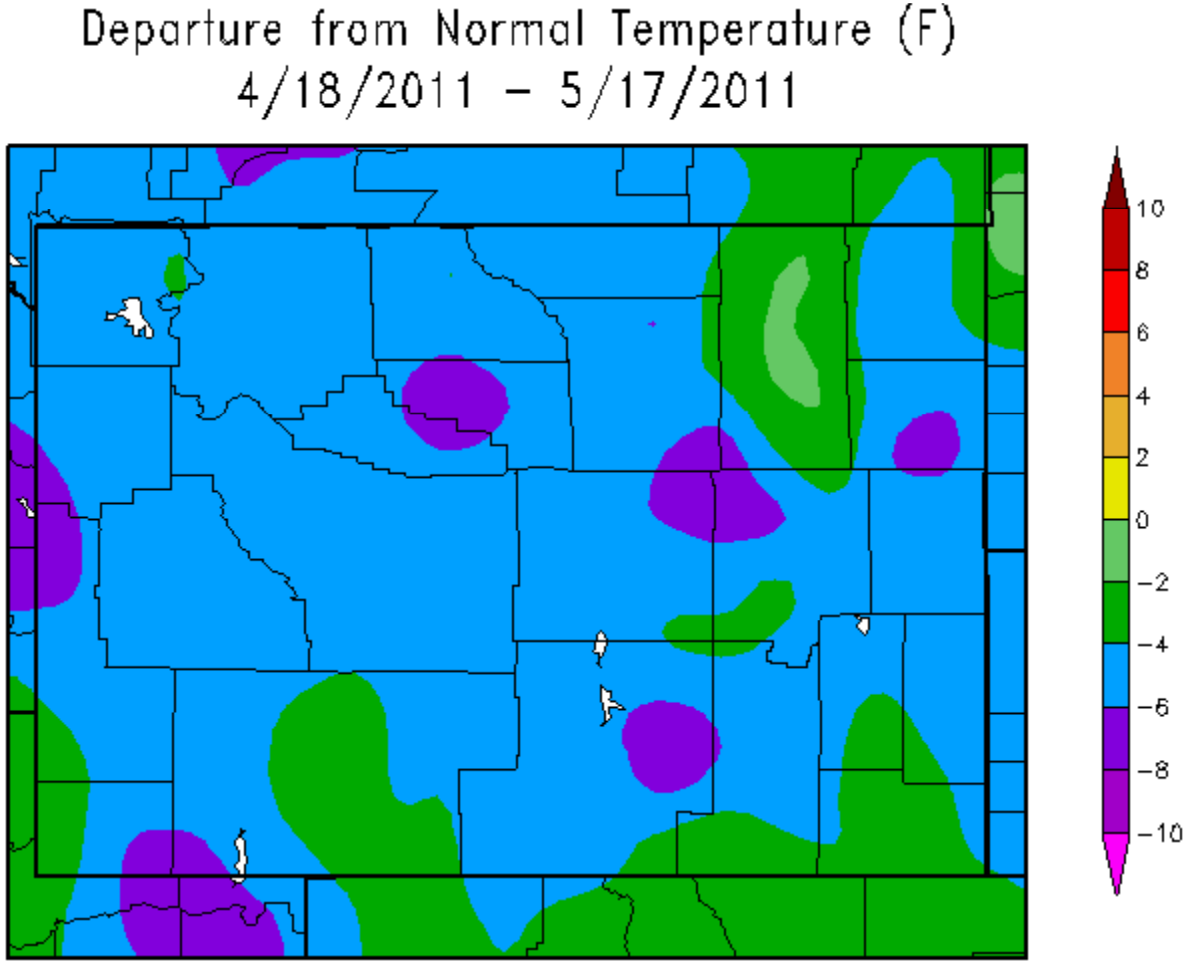
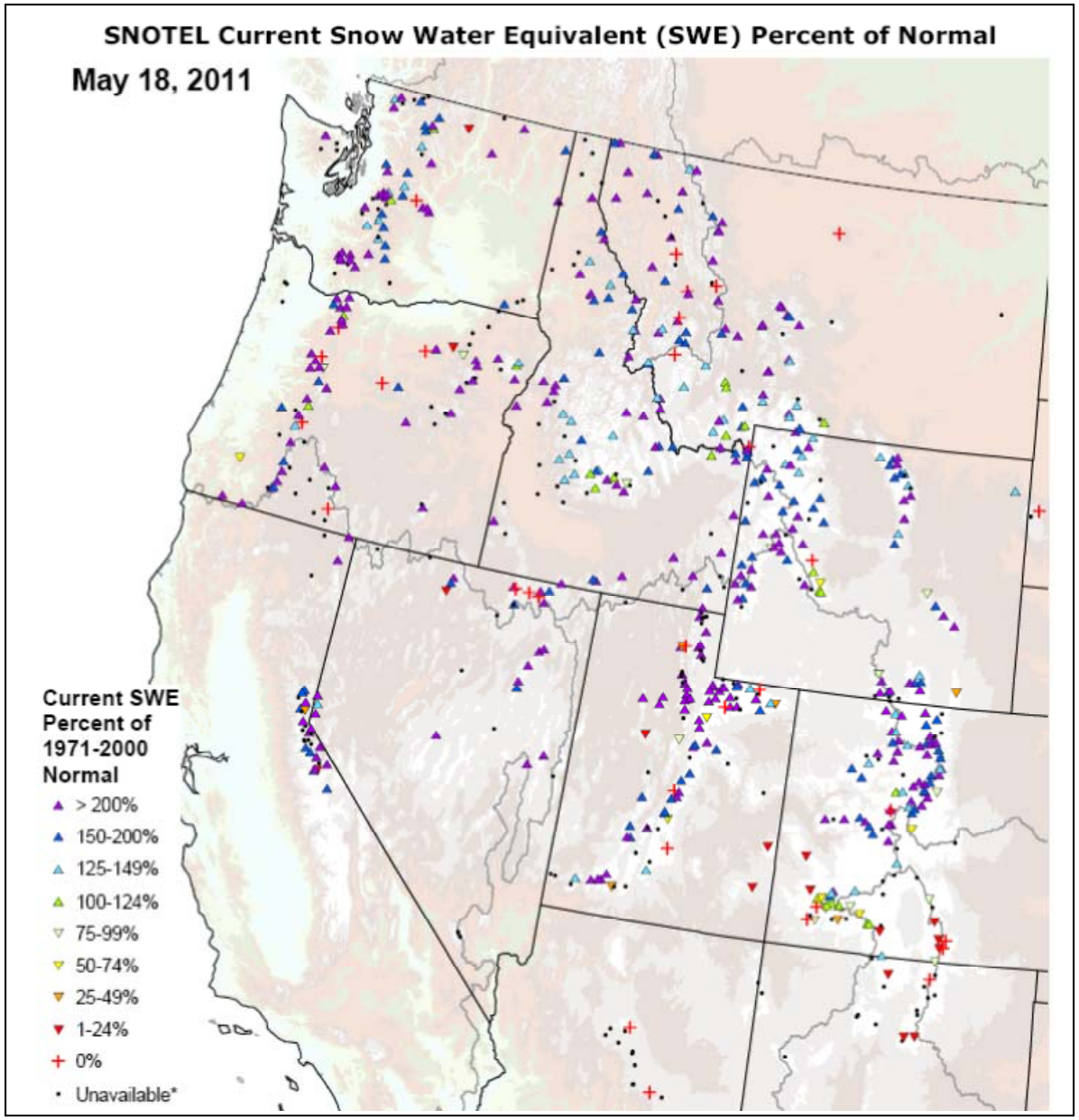


Generated 5/18/2011 at HPRCC using provisional data.

Regional Climate Centers



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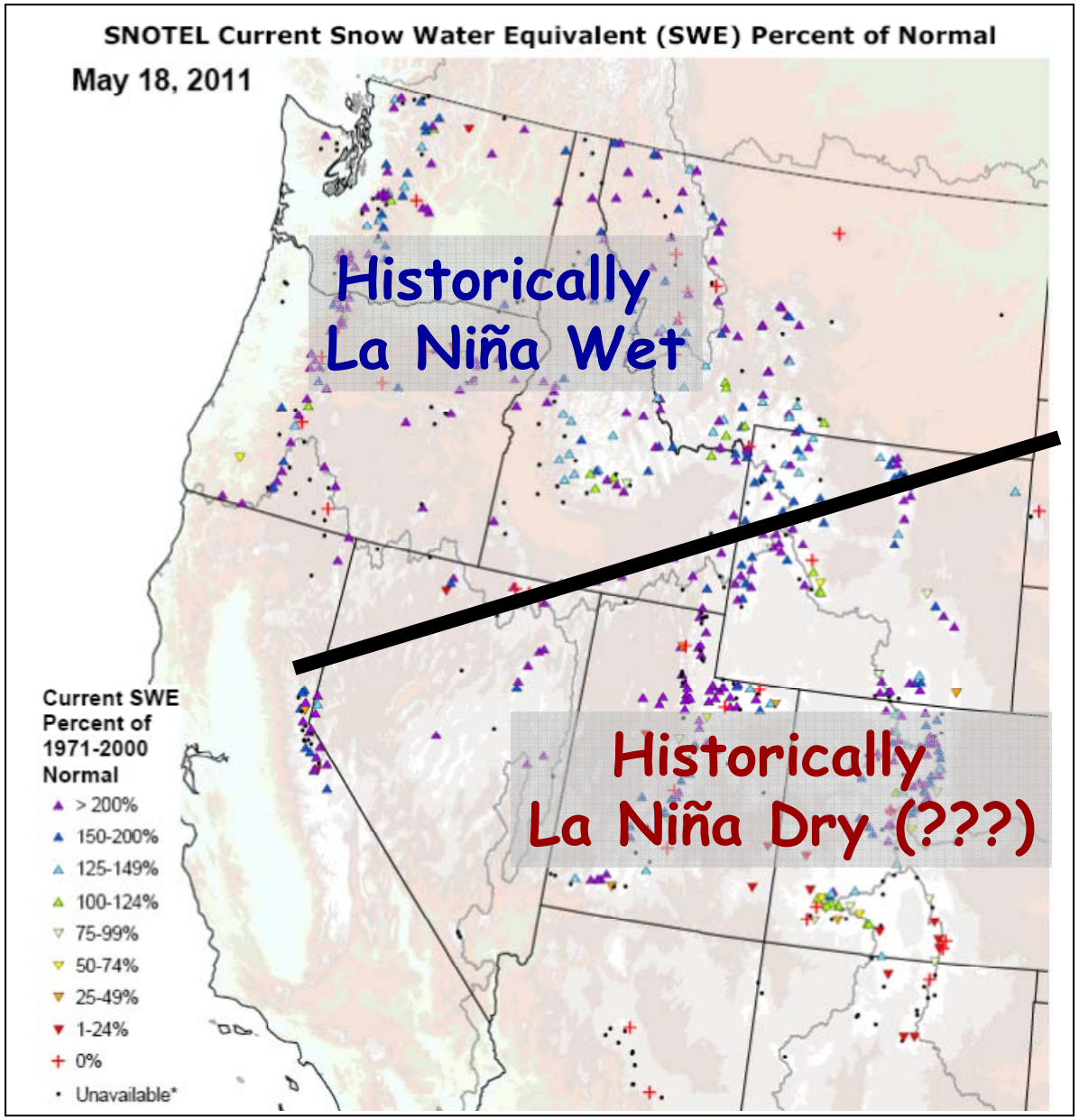

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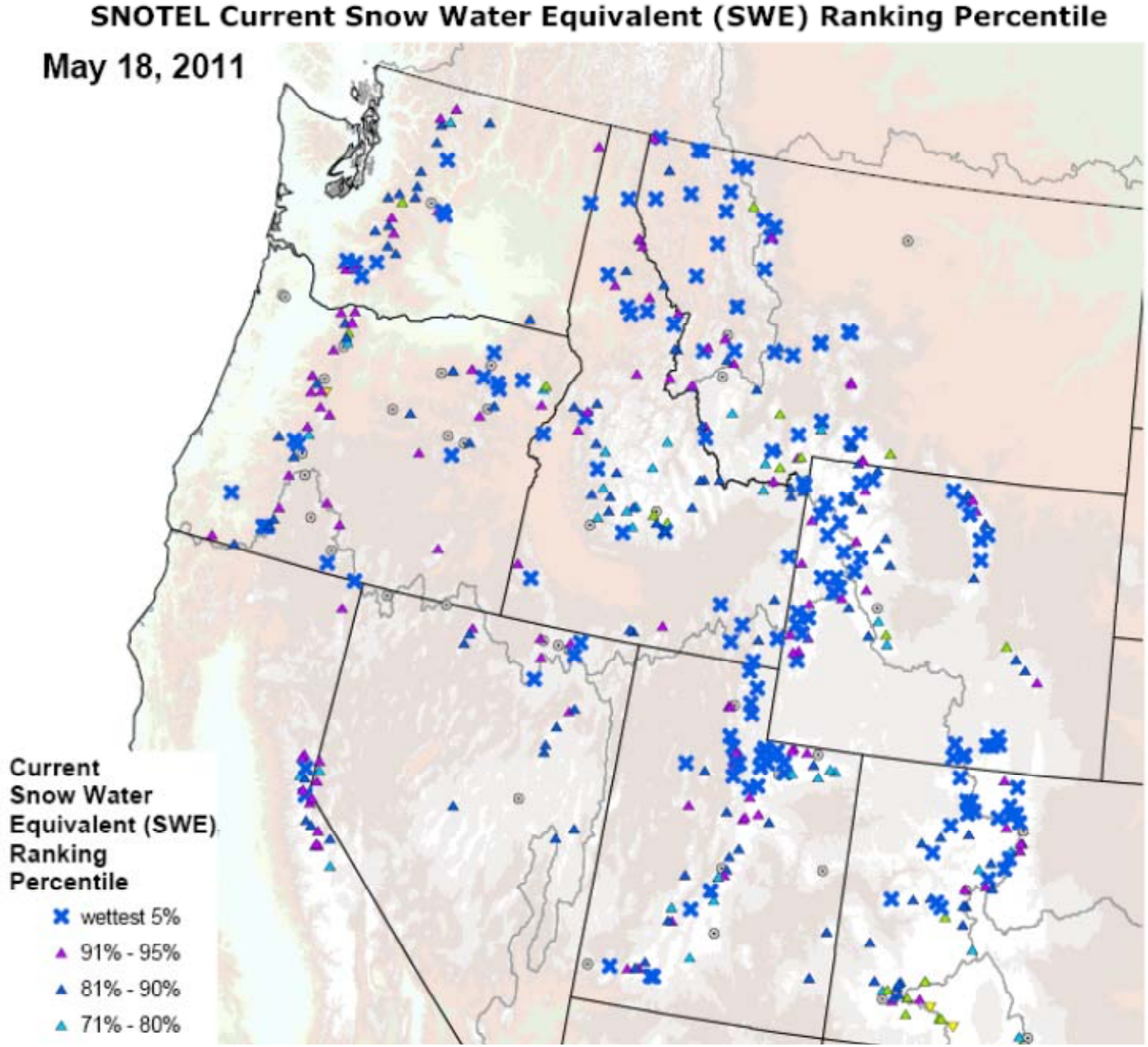

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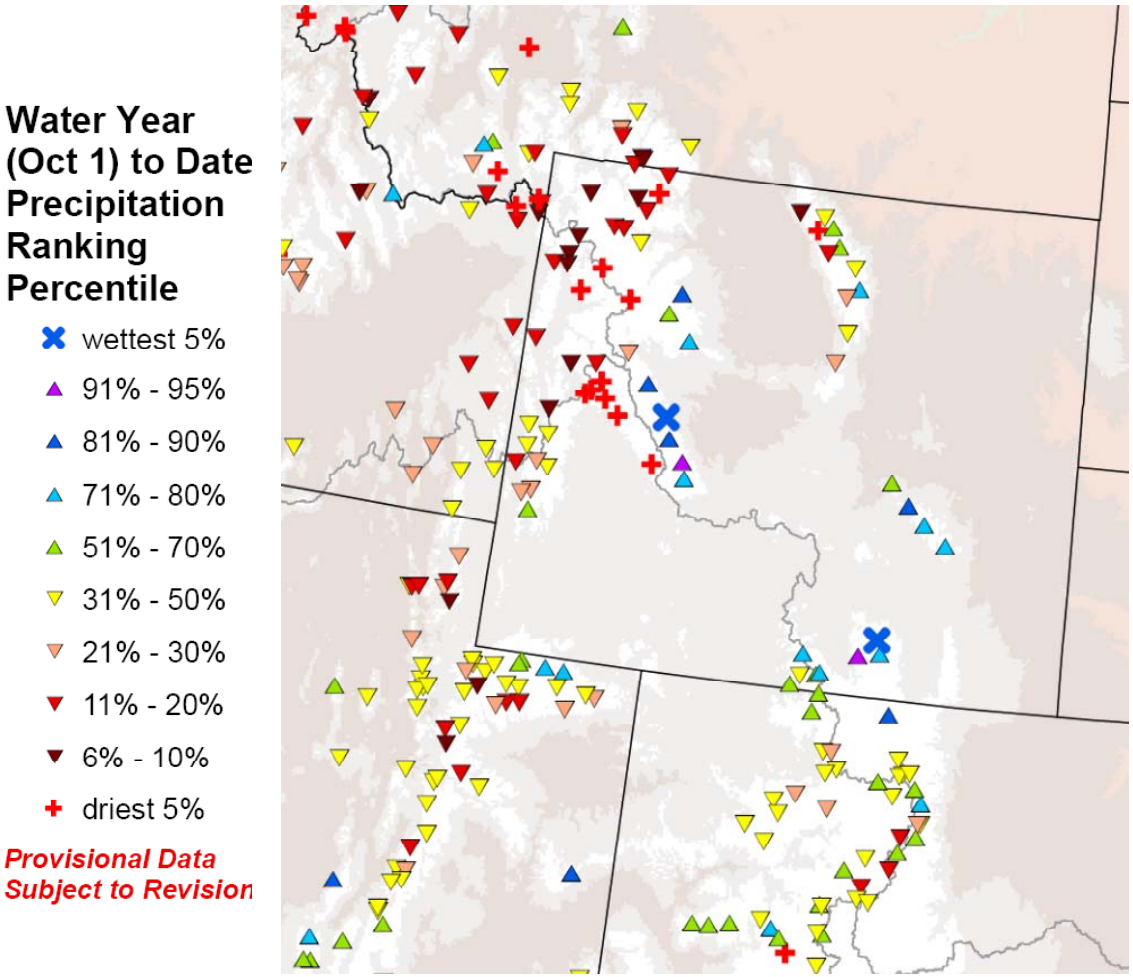
Water Year Precipitation through May 2010:
Many Western Wyoming Sites Rank in Lowest 5%



Courtesy NRCS National Water and Climate Center
http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/

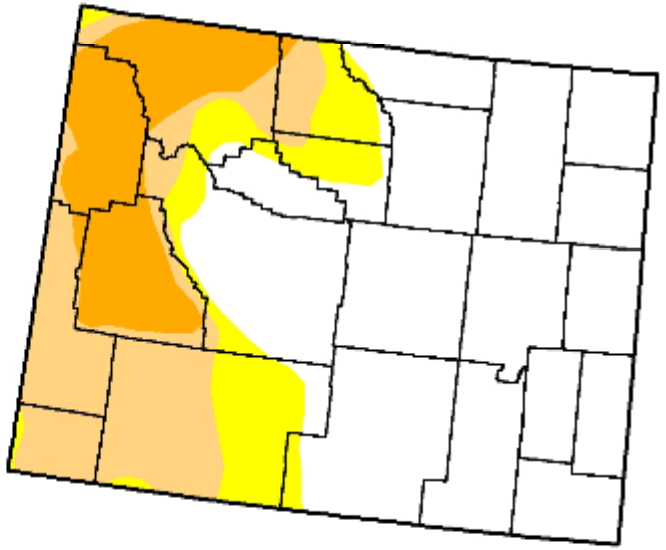
U.S. Drought Monitor

Wyoming

May 25, 2010
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	59.8	40.2	29.6	12.5	0.0	0.0
Last Week (05/18/2010 map)	56.6	43.4	31.7	15.5	0.0	0.0
3 Months Ago (03/02/2010 map)	25.7	74.3	29.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Start of Calendar Year (01/05/2010 map)	79.3	20.7	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Start of Water Year (10/06/2009 map)	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
One Year Ago (05/26/2009 map)	86.2	13.8	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.0



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements

http://drought.unl.edu/dm

Released Thursday, May 27, 2010

Author: Eric Luebehusen, U.S. Department of Agriculture

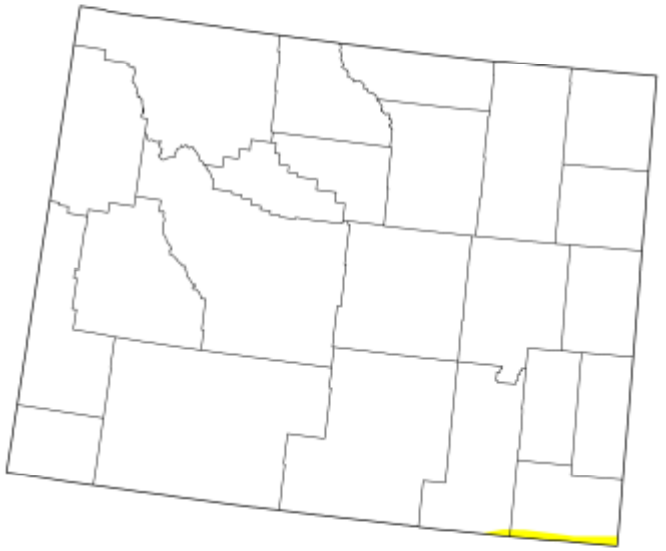
U.S. Drought Monitor

Wyoming

May 10, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	99.67	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (05/03/2011 map)	99.67	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (02/08/2011 map)	71.37	28.63	1.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	63.16	36.84	4.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	32.23	67.77	8.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago (05/04/2010 map)	28.26	71.74	36.77	15.66	0.00	0.00



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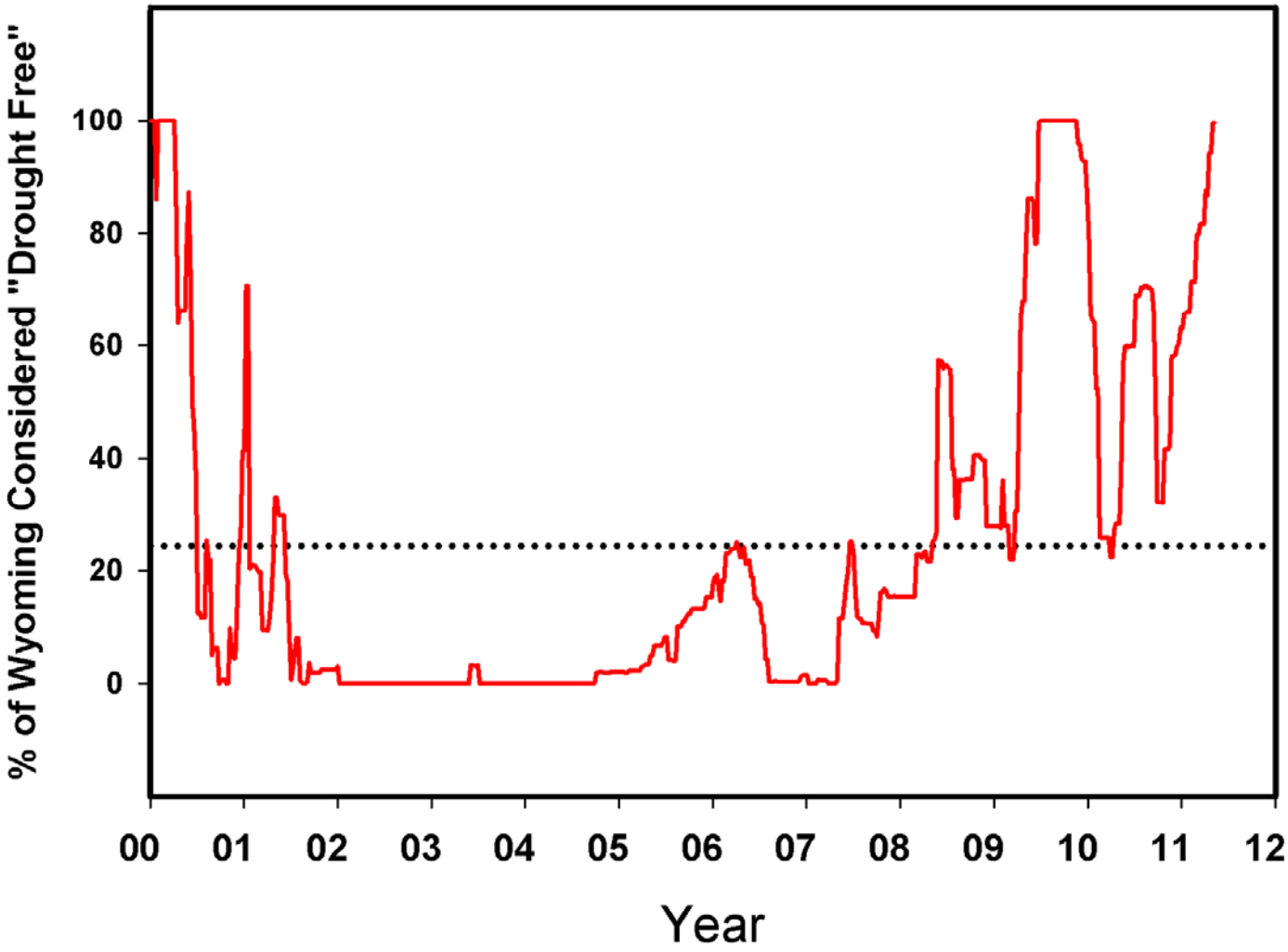
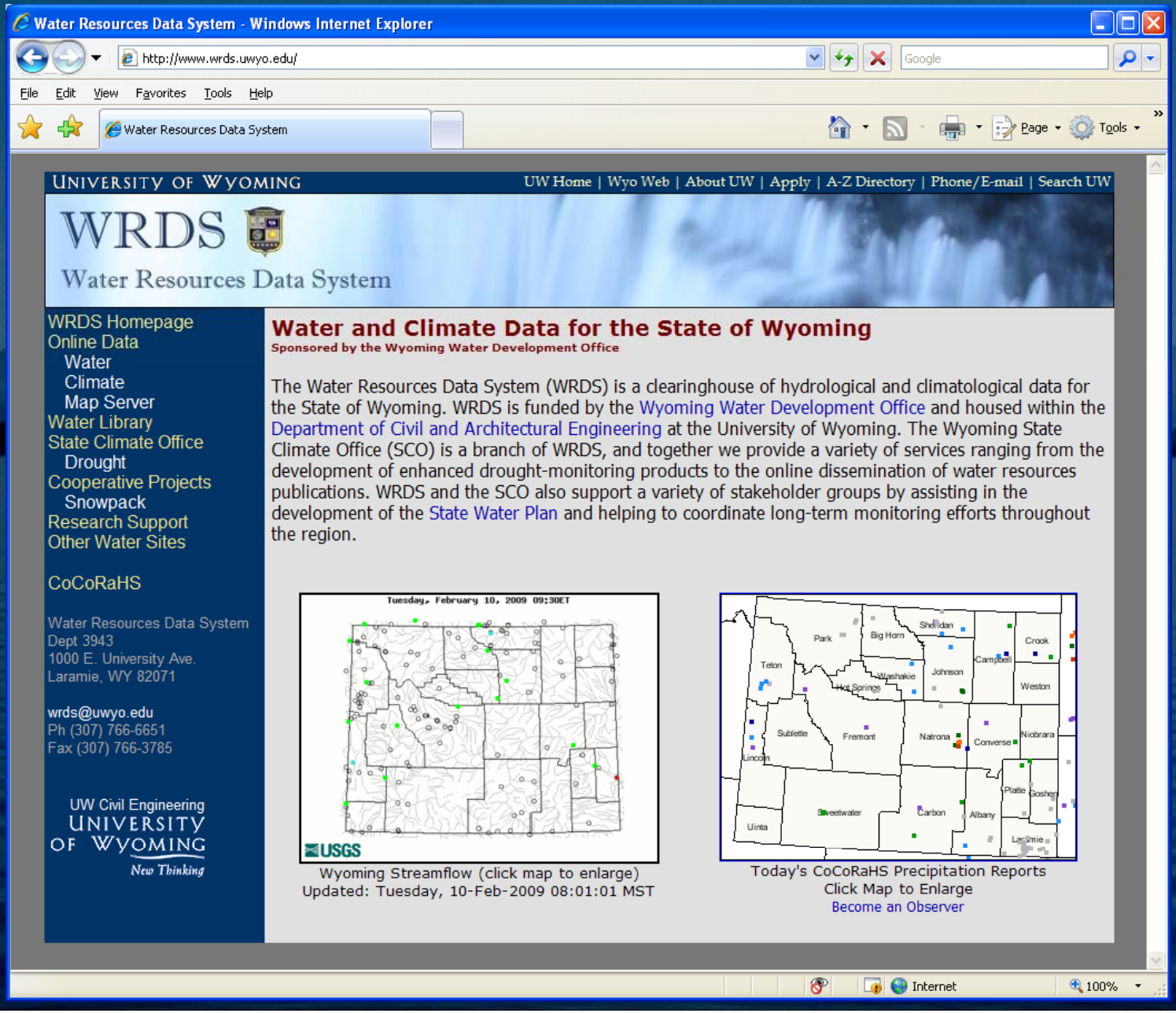
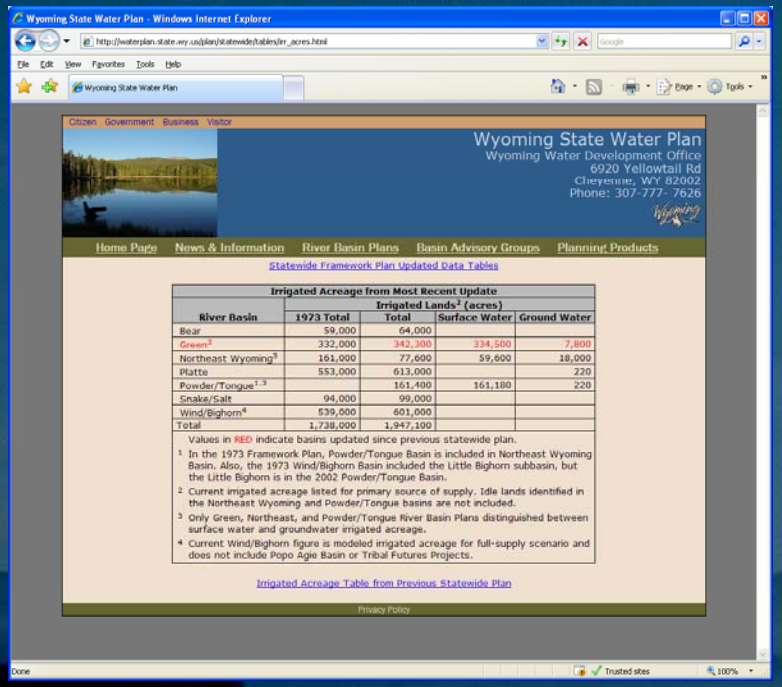
"Drought Free" Area By Year: 2000-2011

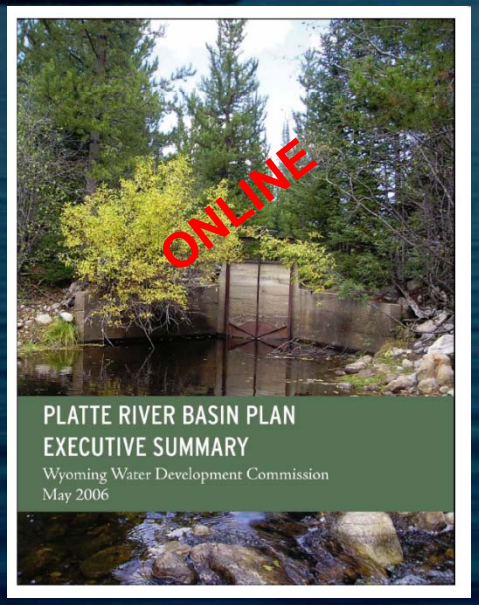


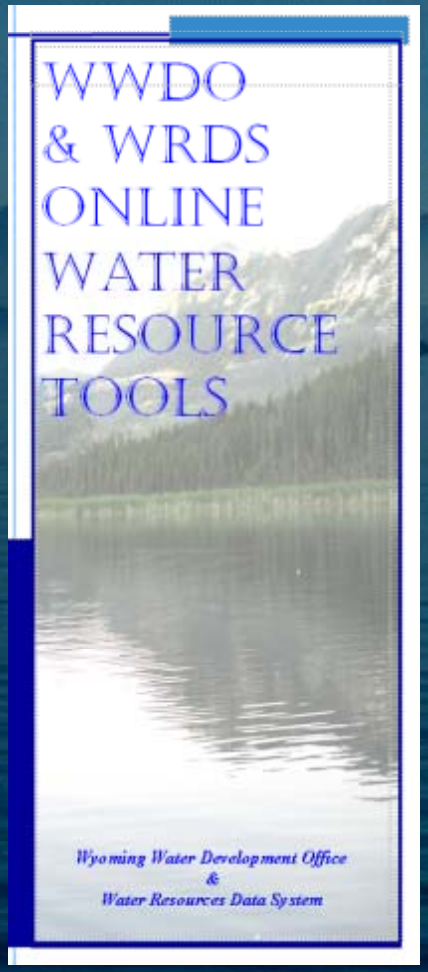
Online Resources

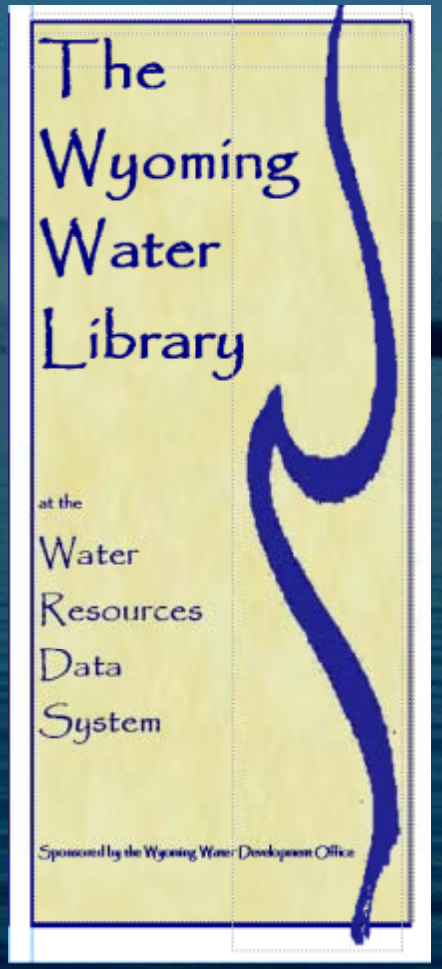


Other Resources to Support Planning and Policy Related to Drought and Climate Change









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http://www.wrds.uwyo.edu/sco/climate_office.html

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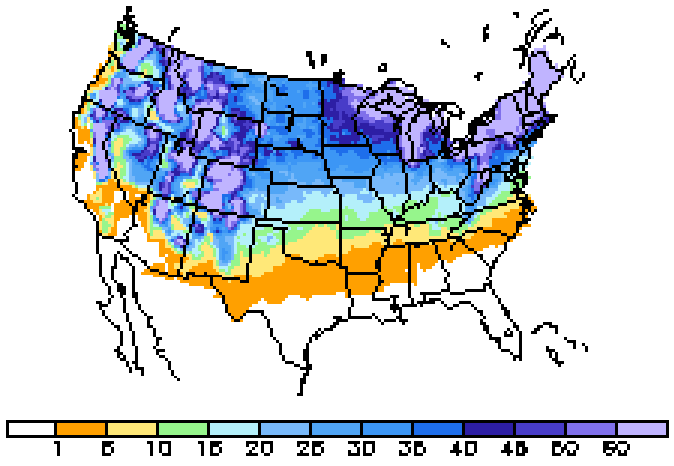
Snowfall (Inches; 1948–2006)

November thru March

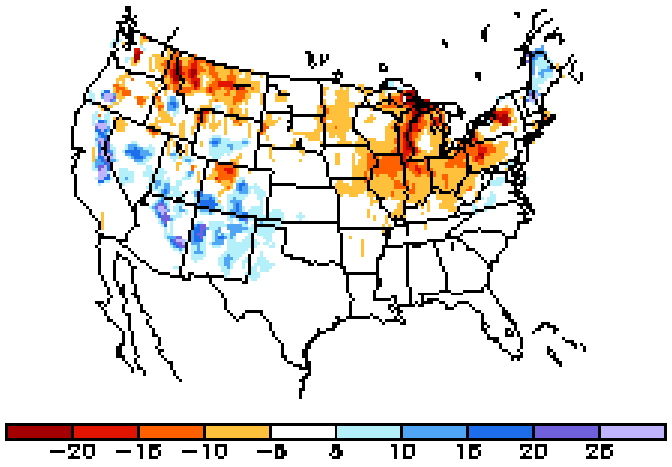
10 El Nino Years *
11 La Nina Years *
38 Neutral Years

* Moderate & Strong events only

Neutral Year Mean



El Nino mean – Neutral mean



La Nina mean – Neutral mean