



# AGENDA

## IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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### Upper Snake River Advisory Committee Meeting No. 2-26

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

10:00 a.m. (MST)

**Brad Little**  
Governor

**Jeff Raybould**  
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At Large

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**Brian Olmstead**  
Twin Falls  
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**Marcus Gibbs**  
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**Patrick McMahon**  
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At Large

**Meeting Location(s):**

BOISE  
Water Center  
Conf. Room 602B  
322 E. Front St.

IDAHO FALLS  
Eastern Regional Office  
Main Conference Room  
900 N. Skyline Dr.

or

VIDEO conference via Zoom is available upon following the Zoom link login process, contact [Neal.Farmer@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:Neal.Farmer@idwr.idaho.gov) for questions or issues in advance of the meeting start time. The purpose of this meeting is to present updated water operations information and data (i.e.-reservoir storage, pool levels & releases; river flow rates, diversion locations and rates; snowpack runoff status & predictions; weather predictions; etc.) for primarily the Upper Snake River Basin System.

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1. Introductions and Attendance
  2. Weather Forecast (NOAA)
  3. Snow Pack / Streamflow Forecasts (NRCS)
  4. Water Supply / Operations Update (USBR)
  5. Reservoir / River Operations (Idaho Power)
  6. Water District 01 Briefing
  7. IWRB Managed Recharge Operations
  8. New Business
  9. Adjourn

Committee Member: Brian Olmstead

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# Upper Snake Advisory Committee

Mid Winter Conditions and Outlook

Presenter: Mark Dallon

Weather Forecast Office

Pocatello, ID

Thursday, February 12





# Precipitation

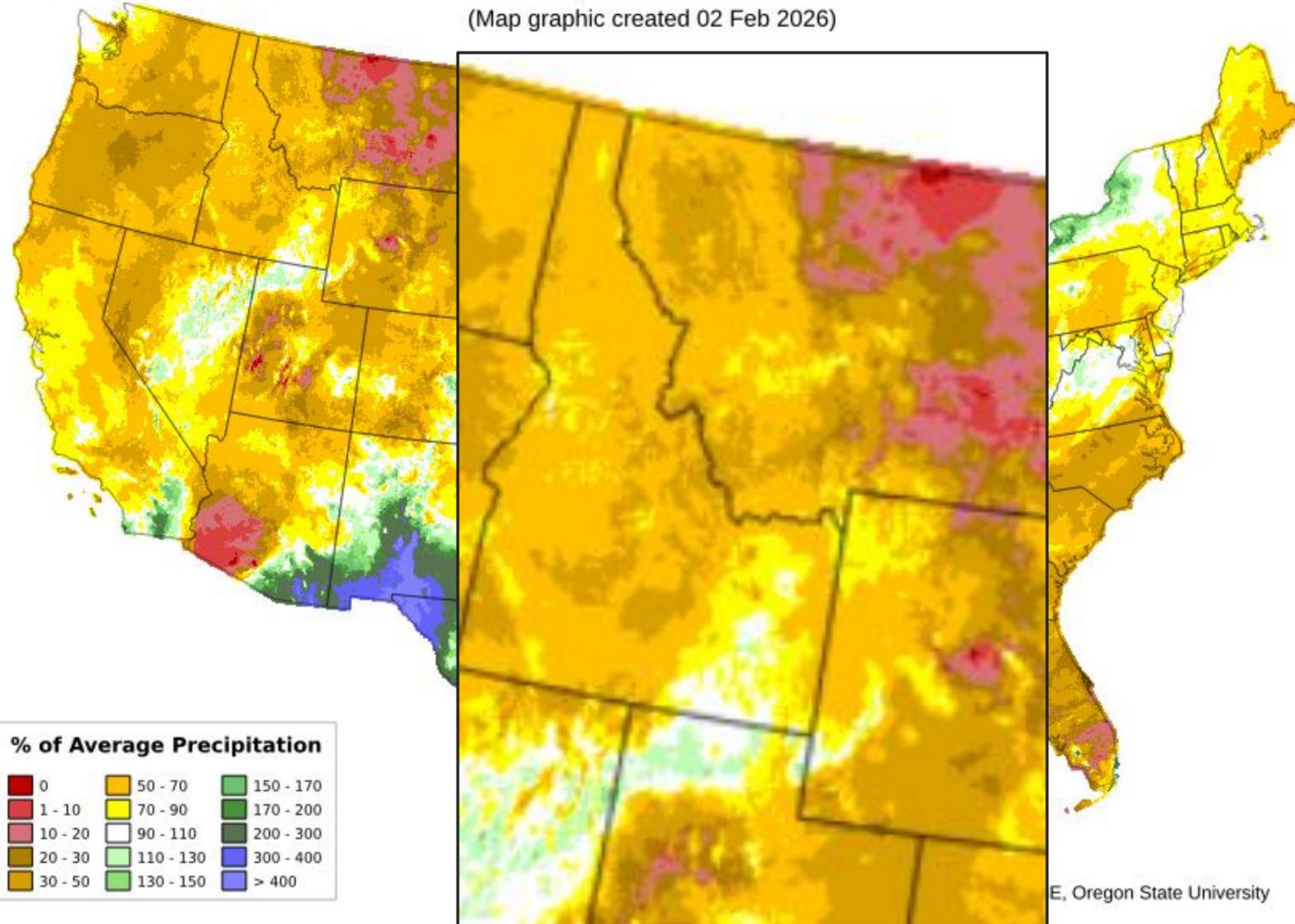
## Jan 2026

Total Precipitation Anomaly: Jan 2026

Period ending 7 AM EST 31 Jan 2026

Base period: 1991 - 2020

(Map graphic created 02 Feb 2026)



E, Oregon State University

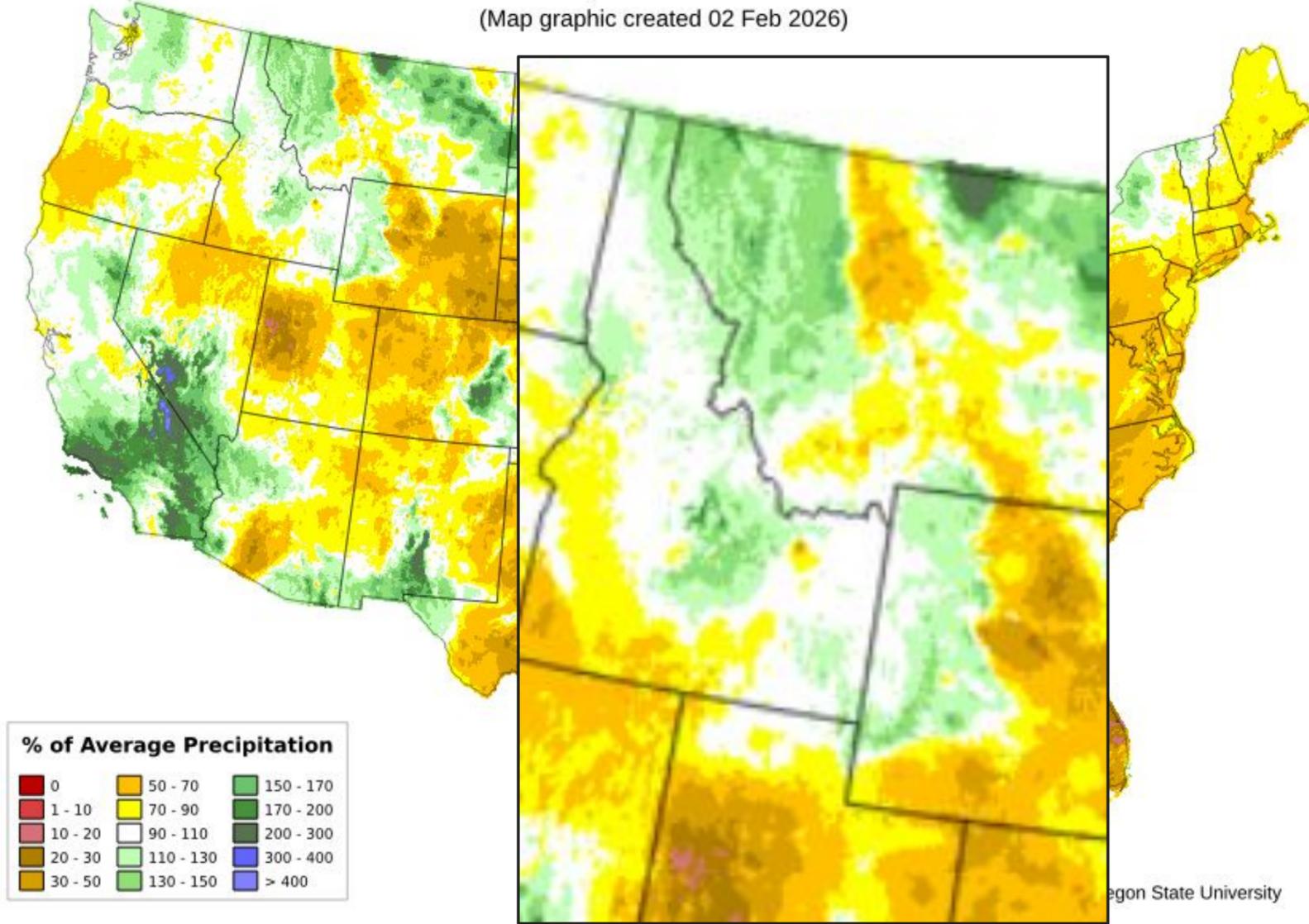
## Nov 2025 - Jan 2026

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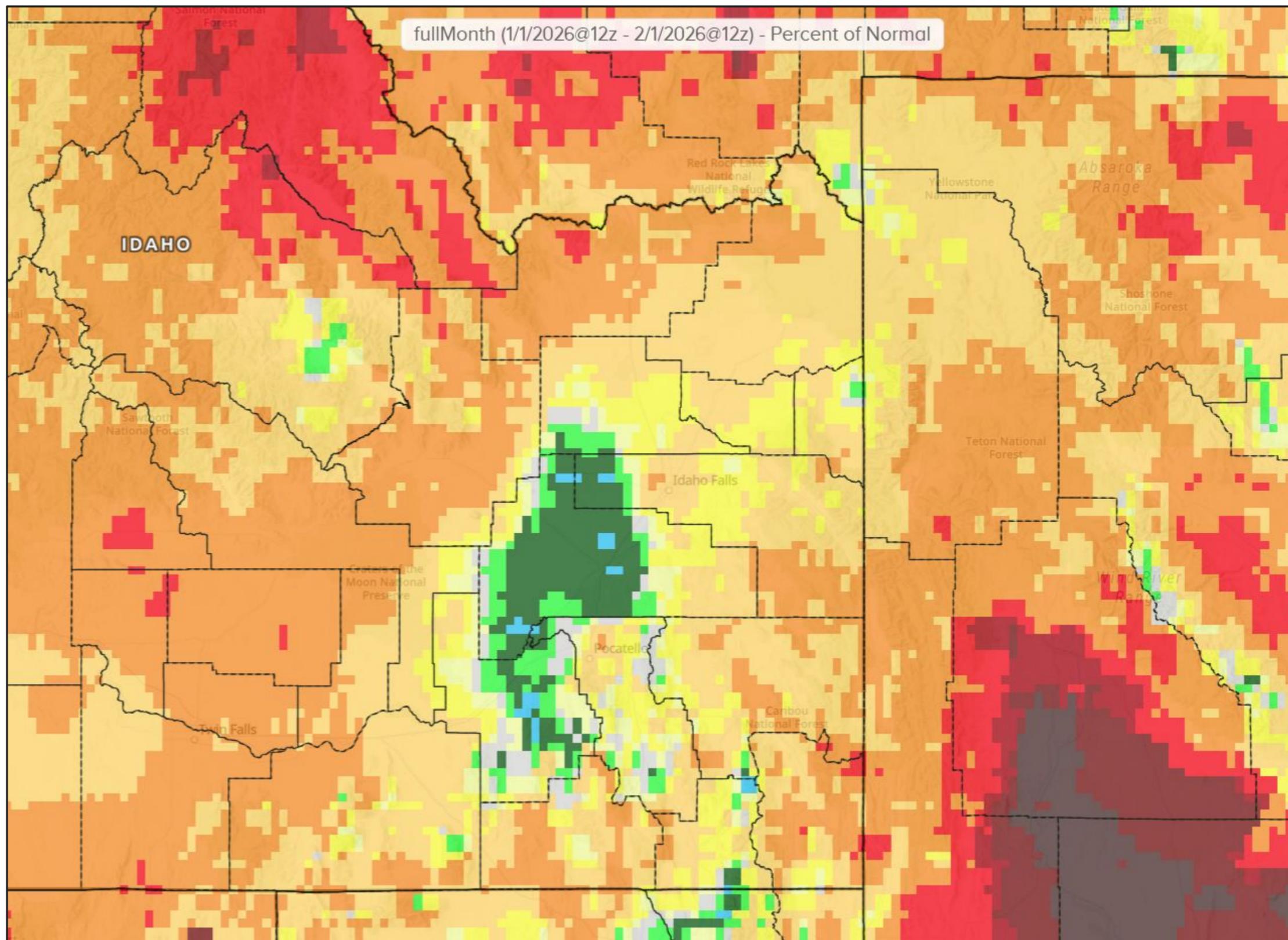


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# Precipitation - January

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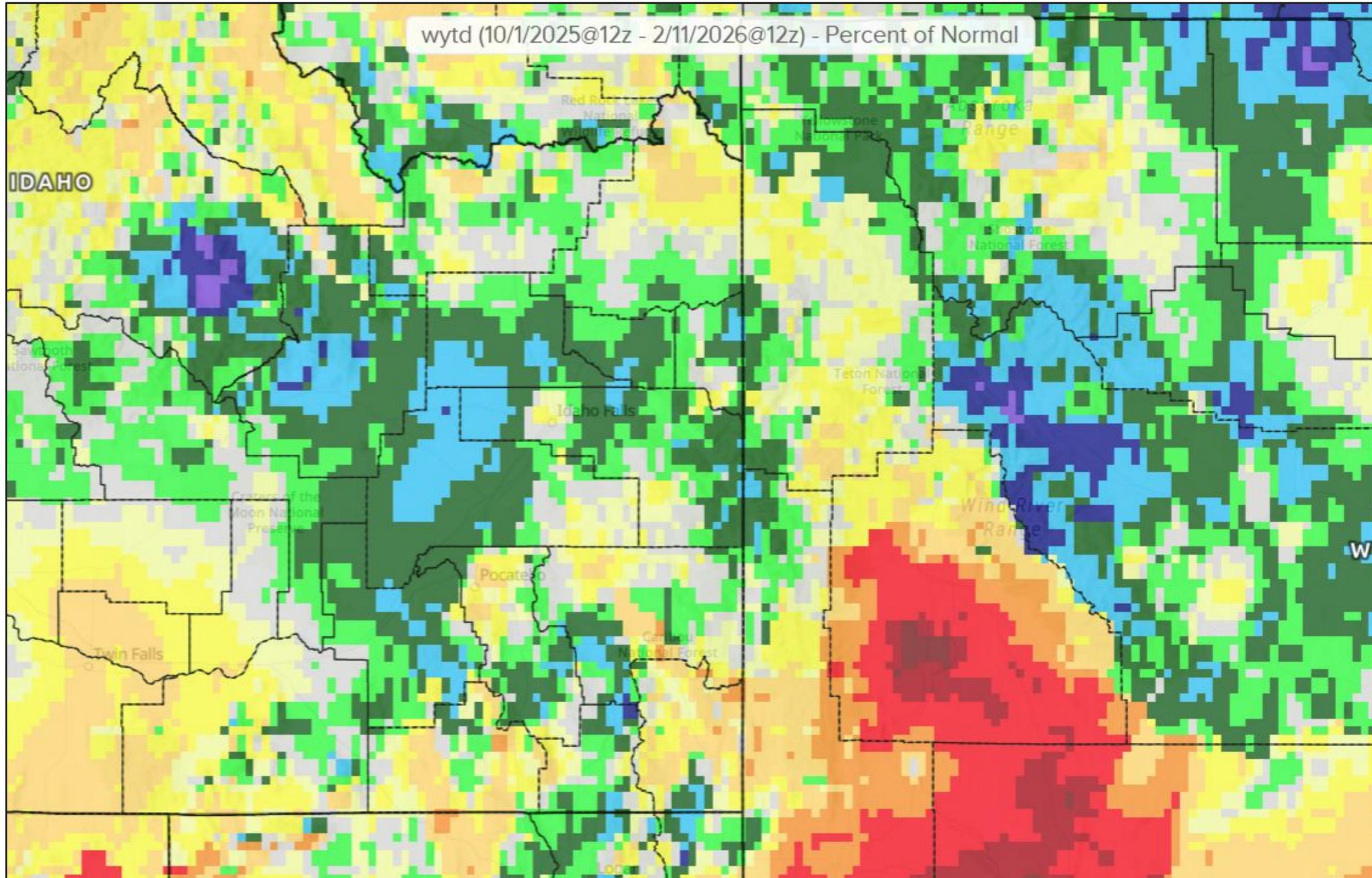
RAINFALL (percentage)

- Greater than or equal to 600
- 400 to 600
- 300 to 400
- 200 to 300
- 150 to 200
- 125 to 150
- 110 to 125
- 100 to 110
- 90 to 100
- 75 to 90
- 50 to 75
- 25 to 50
- 10 to 25
- 5 to 10
- 0.01 to 5
- Less than 0.01
- Missing data



# Precipitation - Water Year to date

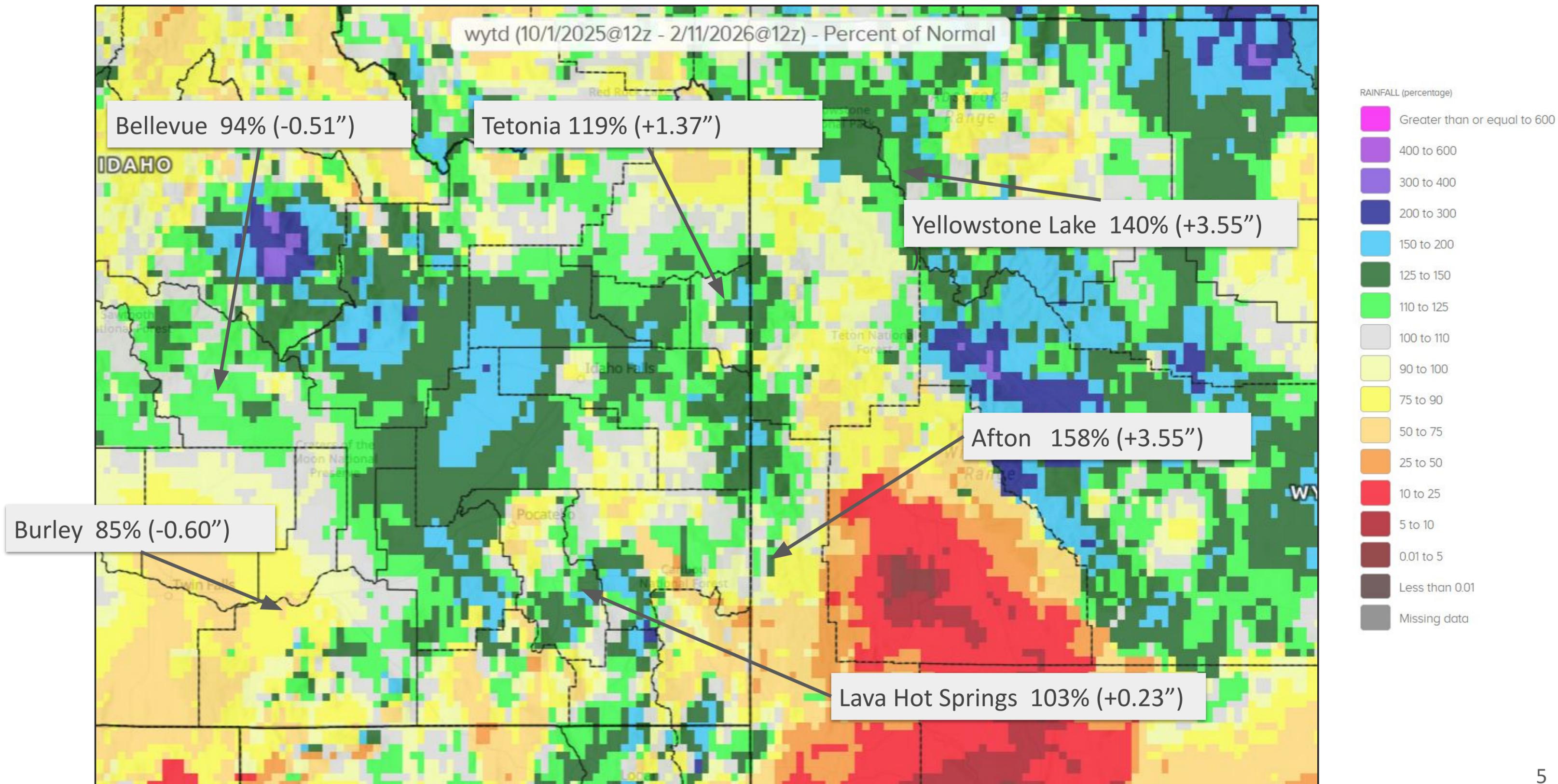
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Accumulated Precipitation - BELLEVUE, ID

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Accumulated Precipitation - YELLOWSTONE LAKE, WY

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Accumulated Precipitation - Burley Area, ID (ThreadEx)

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Accumulated Precipitation - TETONIA EXPERIMENT STN, ID

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Accumulated Precipitation - LAVA HOT SPRINGS, ID

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Accumulated Precipitation - AFTON, WY

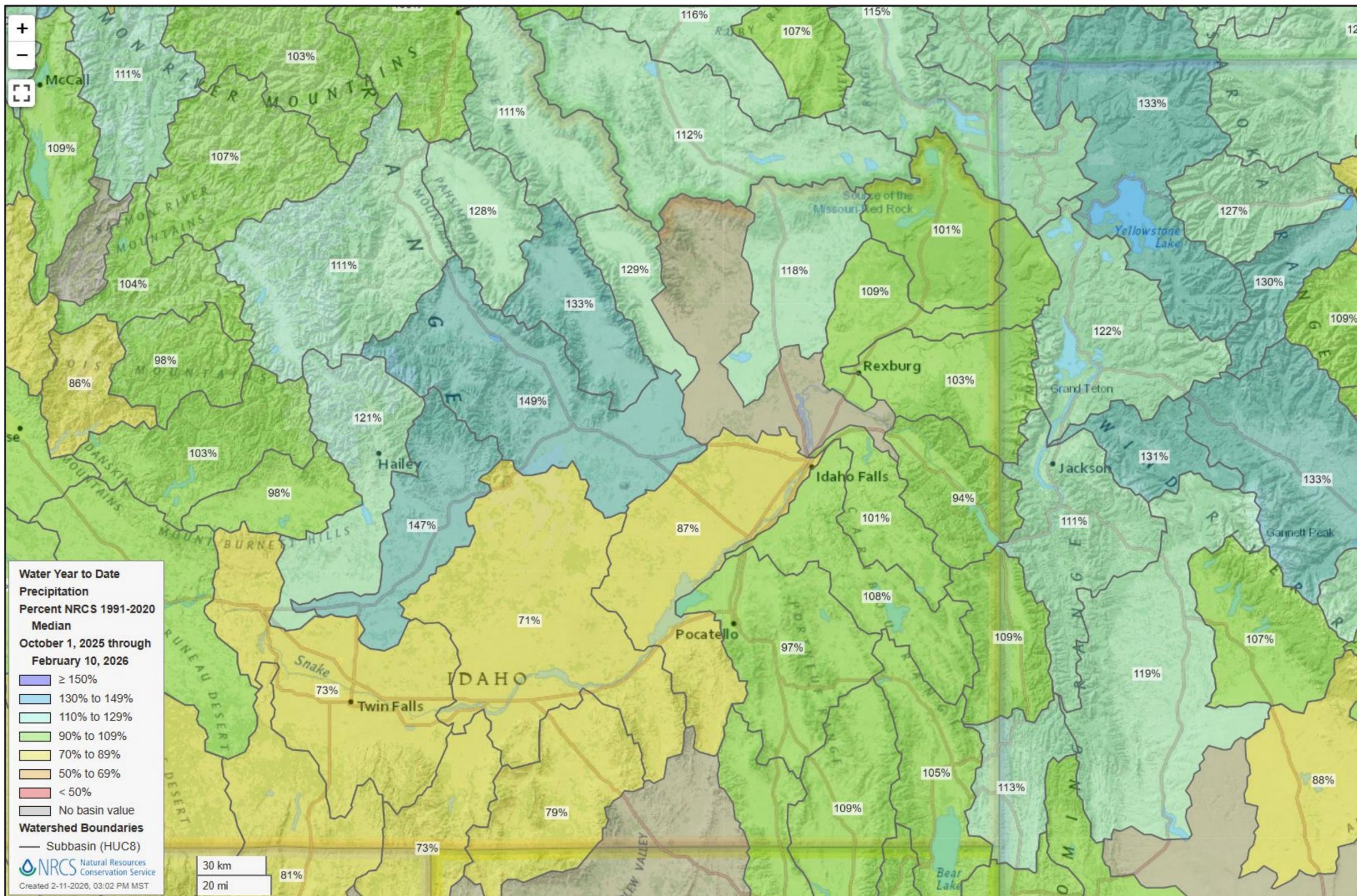
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# Total Precip - Water Year to date

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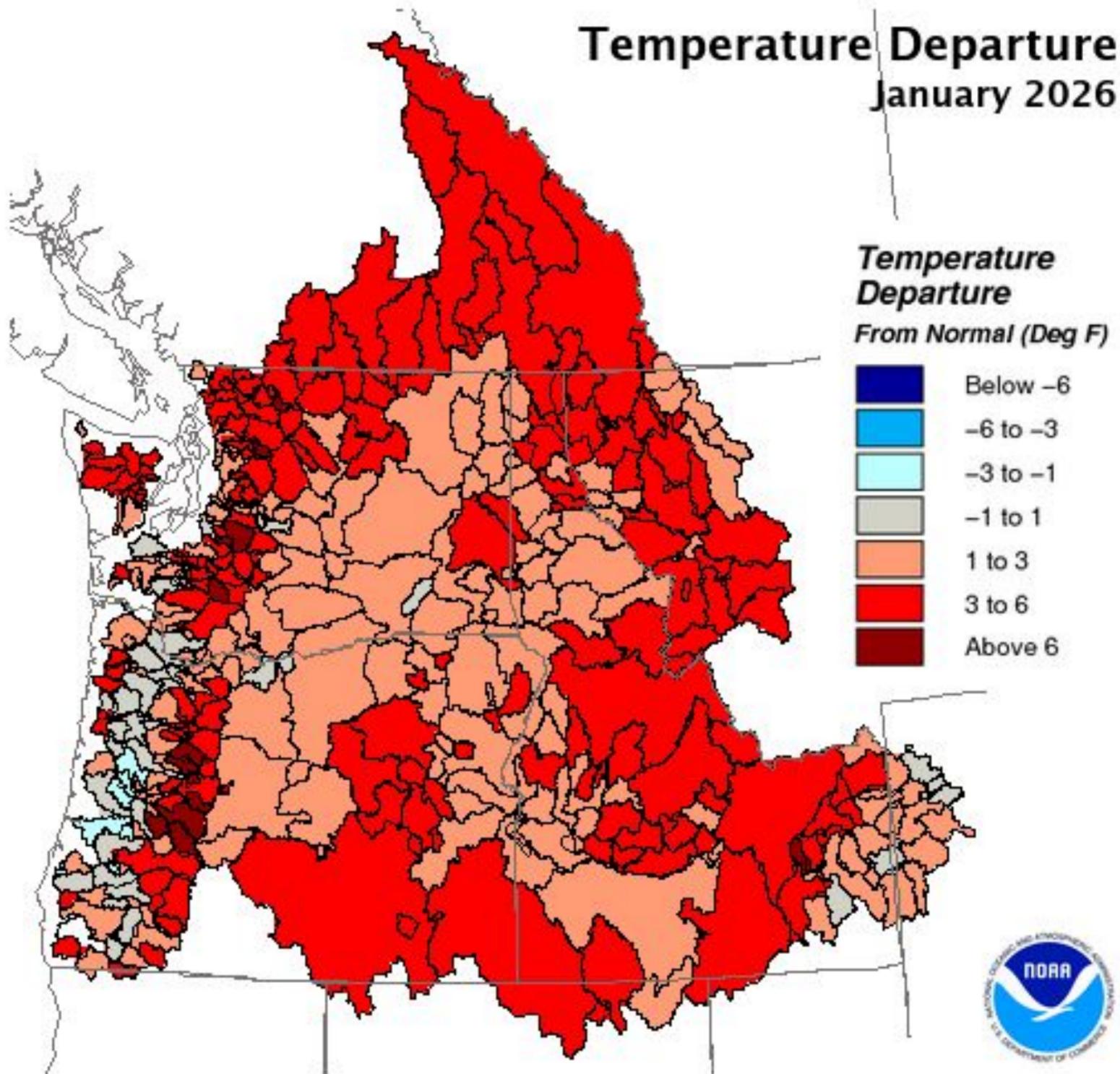




# Temperature - Departure from Ave

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## Temperature Departure January 2026

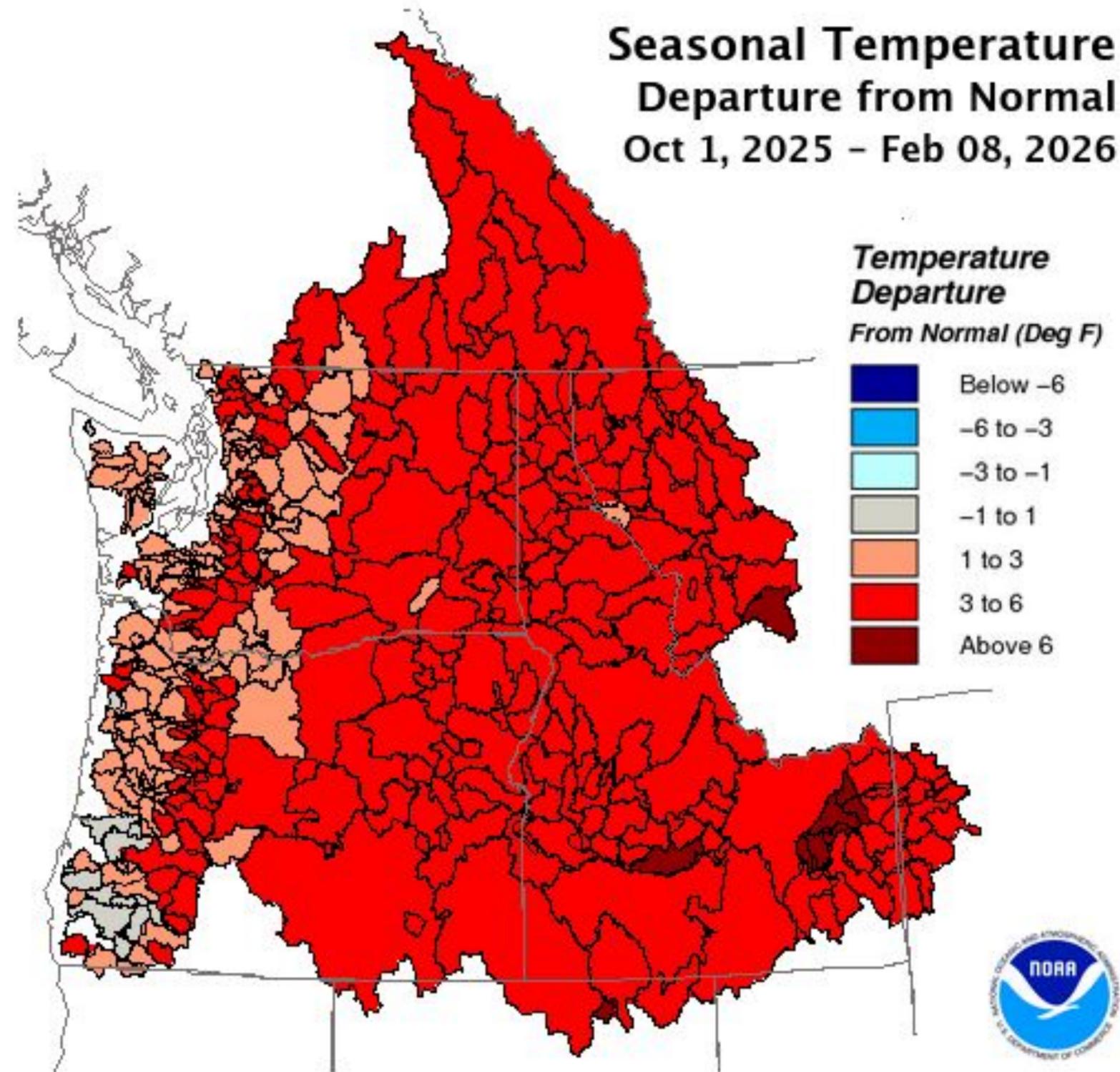


Creation Time: Sunday, Feb 1, 2026

Northwest River Forecast Center



## Seasonal Temperature Departure from Normal Oct 1, 2025 - Feb 08, 2026



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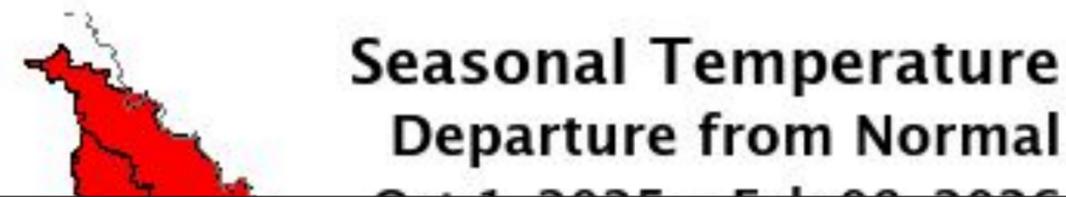
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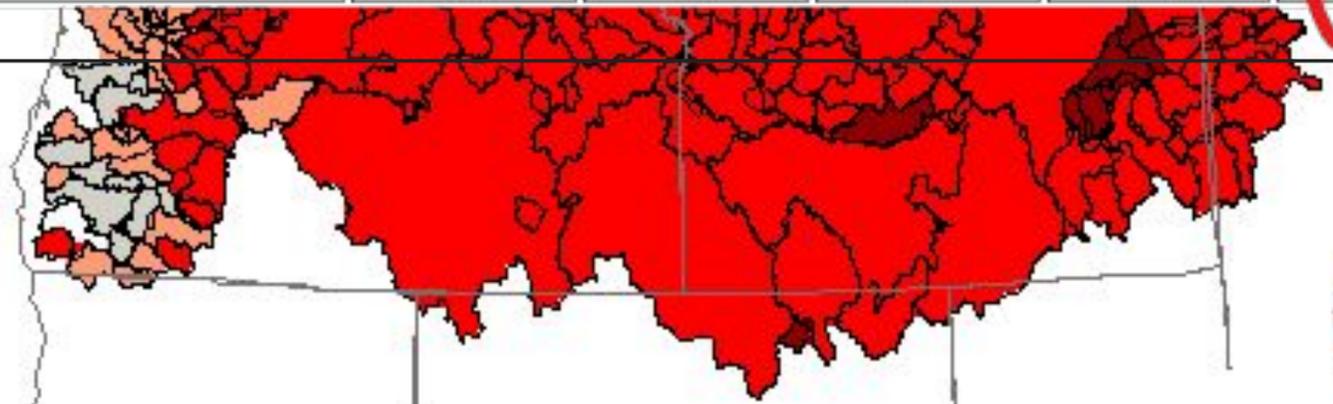
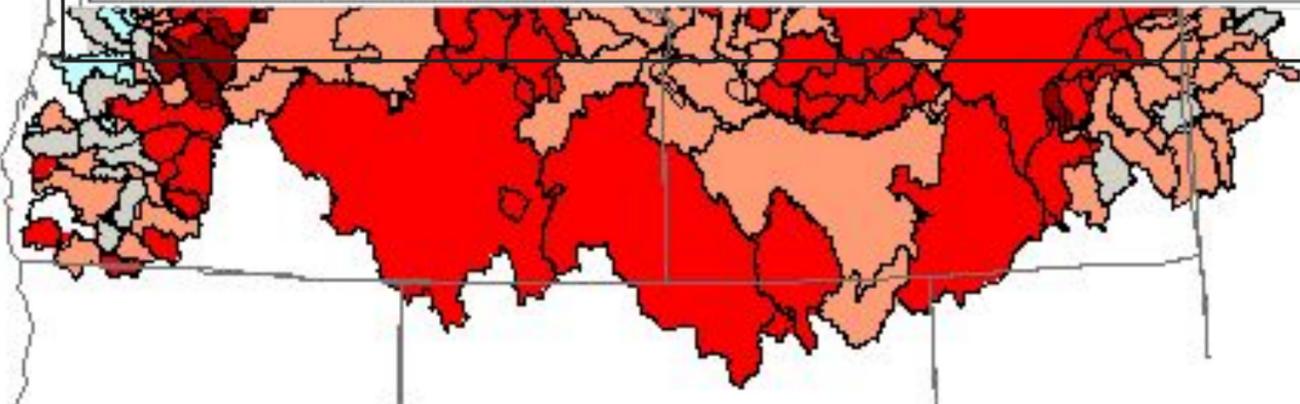
Temperature Departure  
January 2026

Seasonal Temperature  
Departure from Normal

October 1, 2025 through February 11, 2026  
Monthly Temperature Table (Deg F)  
Deviations from normal based on 1991-2020 average

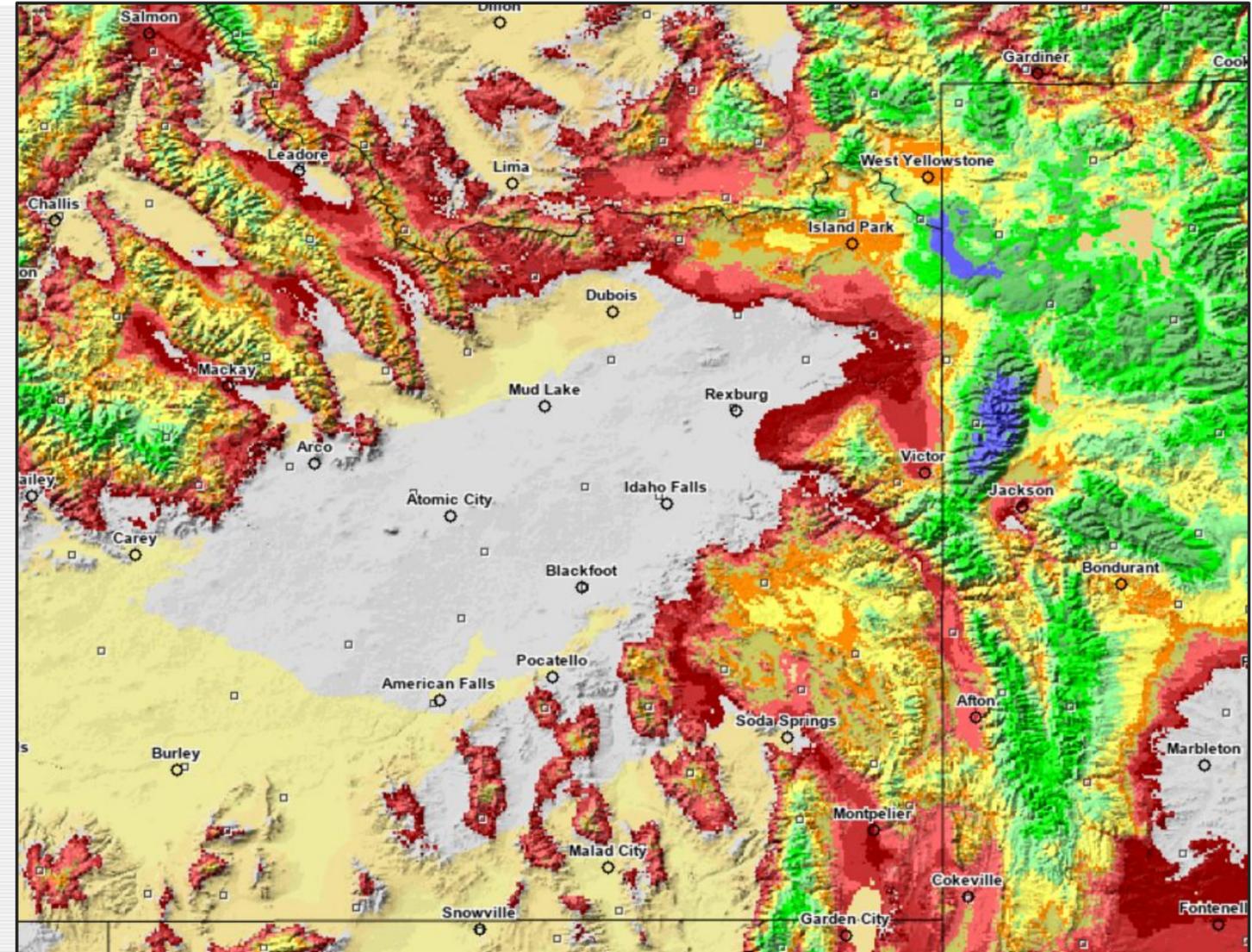
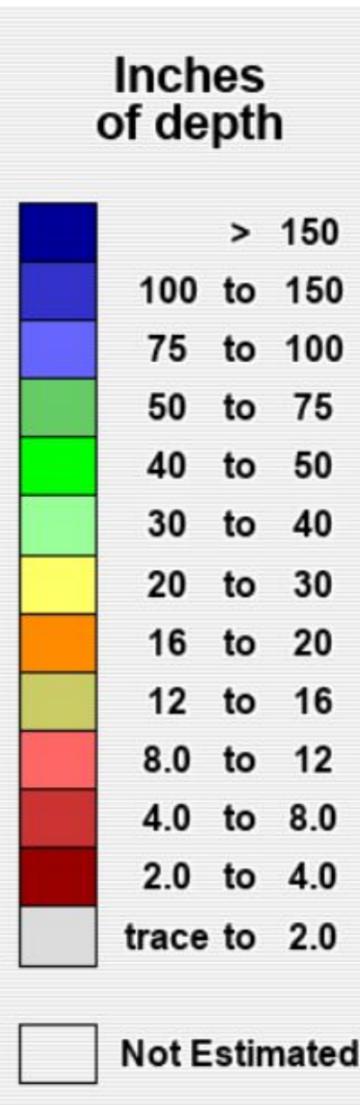
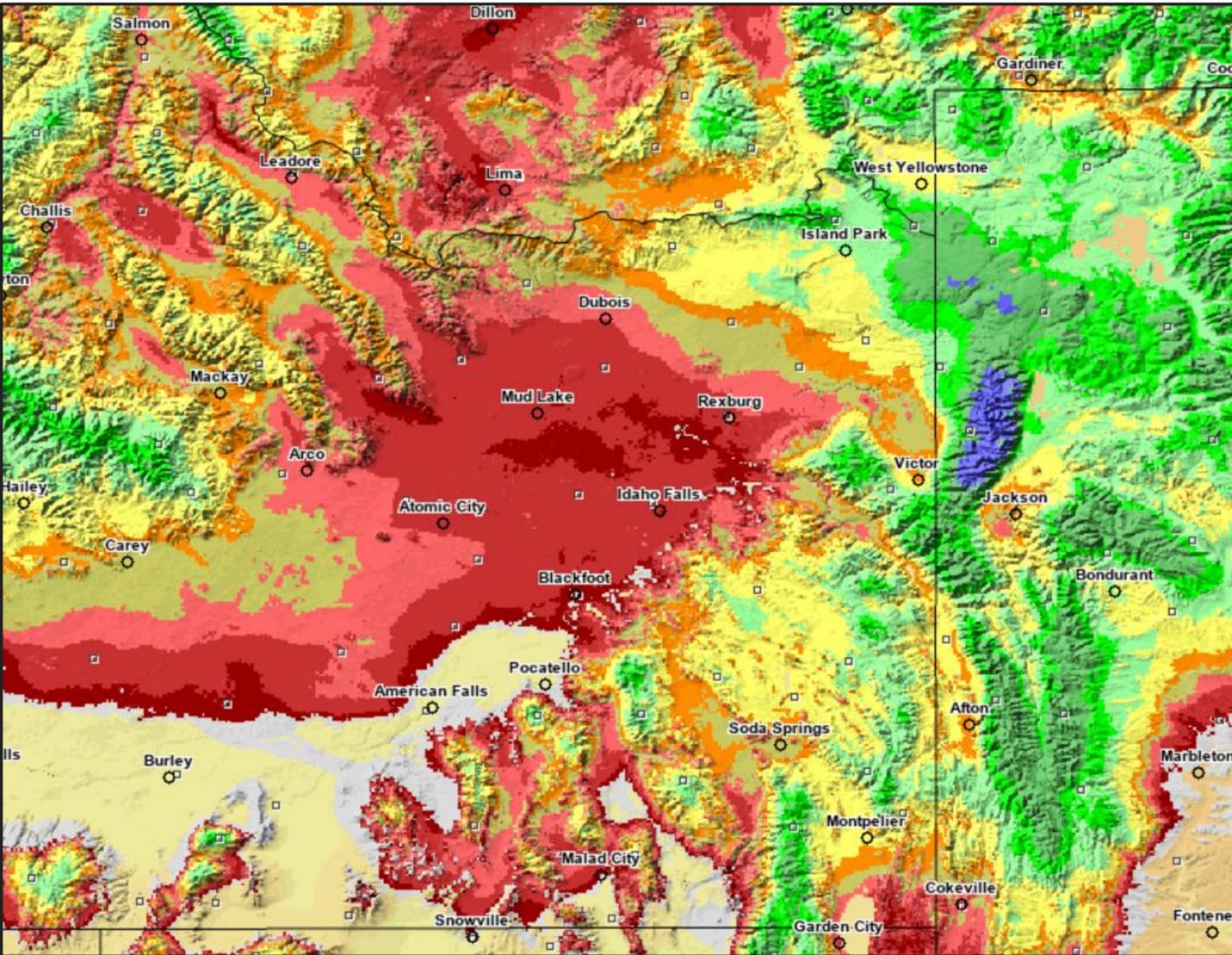
## Snake River

DIVISION NAME	Current Month	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Henrys Fork River Basin	11.1	-0.5	7.4	10.3	3.7
Upper Snake Tributaries	9.1	-1.0	6.3	9.3	1.7
Upper Snake River Basin abv American Falls Dam	10.4	-0.7	7.0	10.6	3.5
Middle Snake Tributaries	9.8	-0.7	6.8	10.2	4.1



Feb 11, 2025

Feb 11, 2026



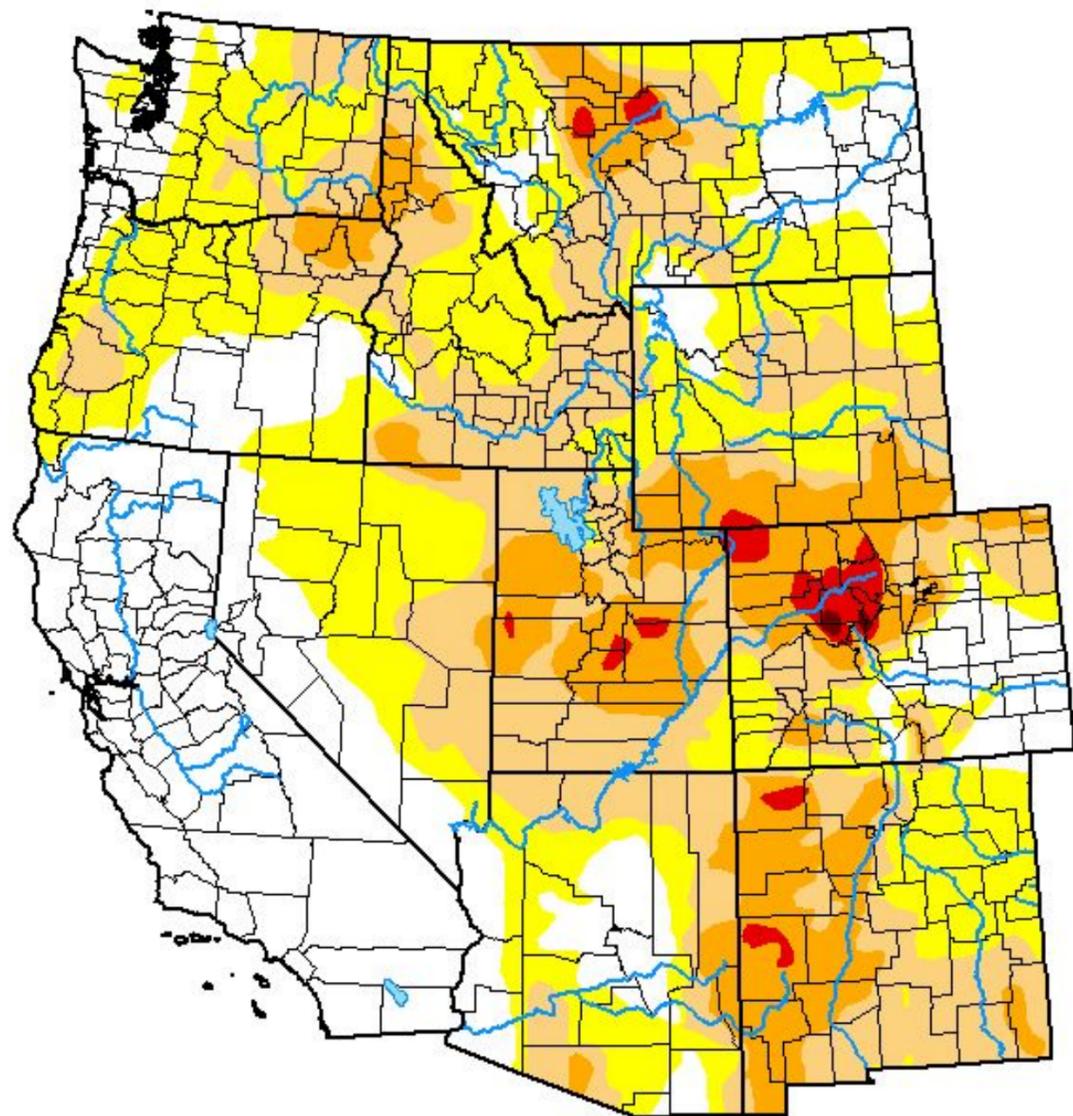


# Drought Status - Current

## U.S. Drought Monitor West

**February 10, 2026**  
(Released Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

## U.S. Drought Monitor Idaho



**Intensity:**

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

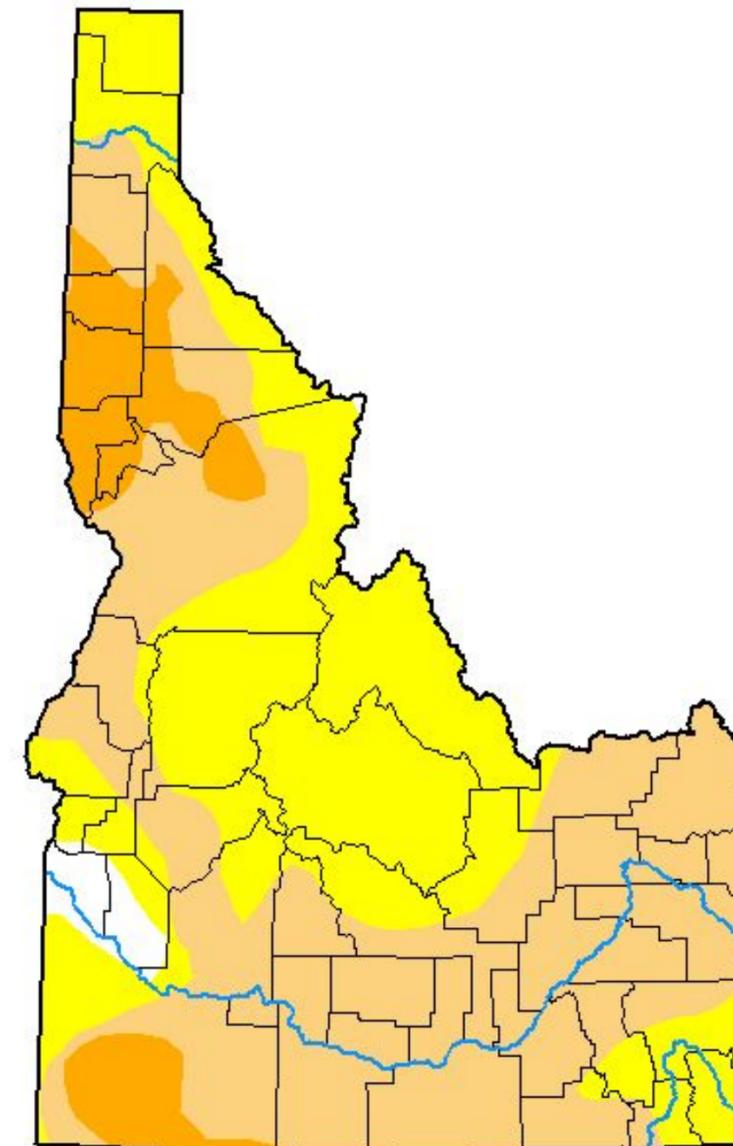
*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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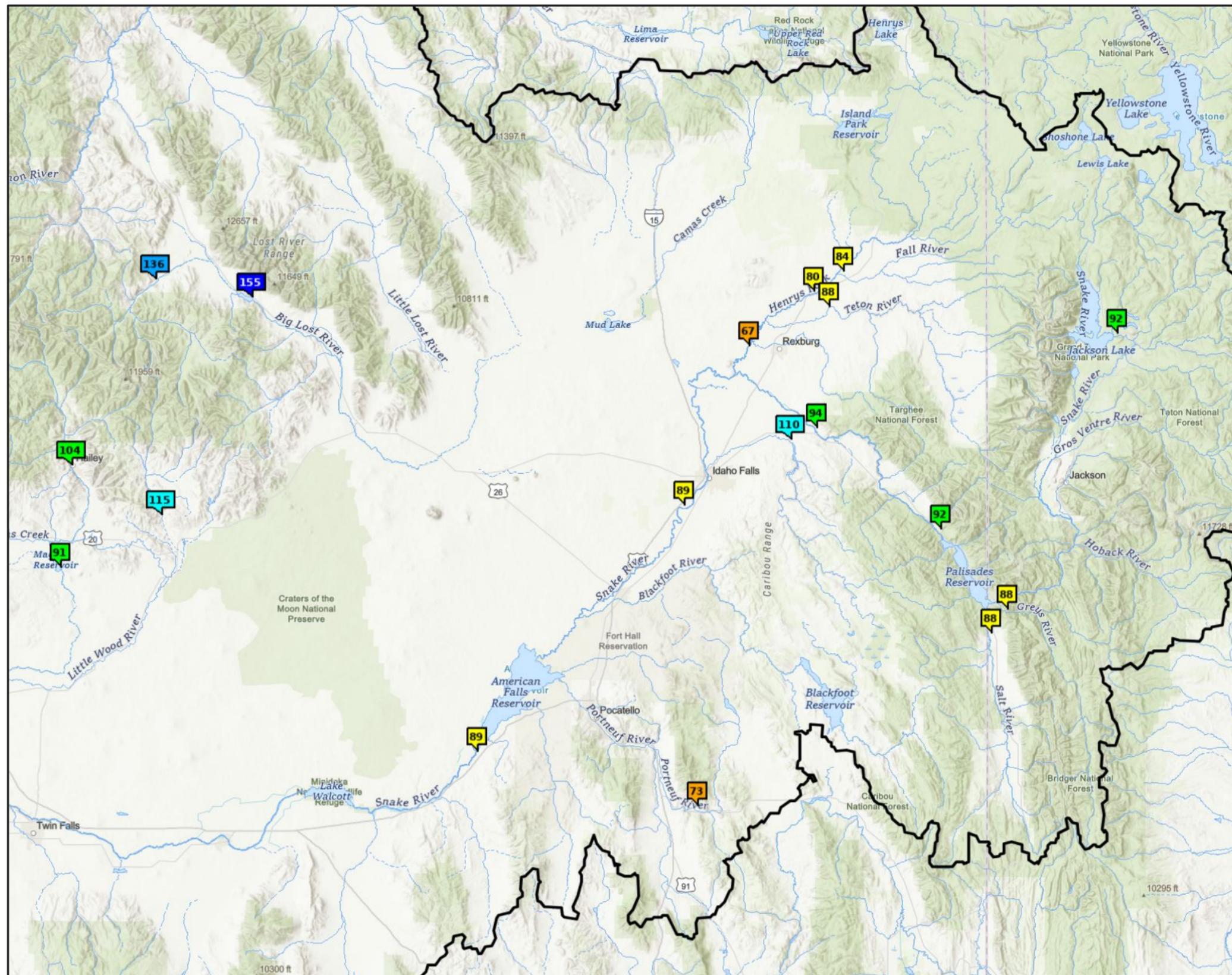


# Water Supply Forecast (% of Average)

## Water Supply Forecast

Period: APR-SEP  
(% Normal)

- No Normal, No data
- < 25
- 25-50
- 50-75
- 75-90
- 90-110
- 110-125
- 125-150
- 150-175
- > 175





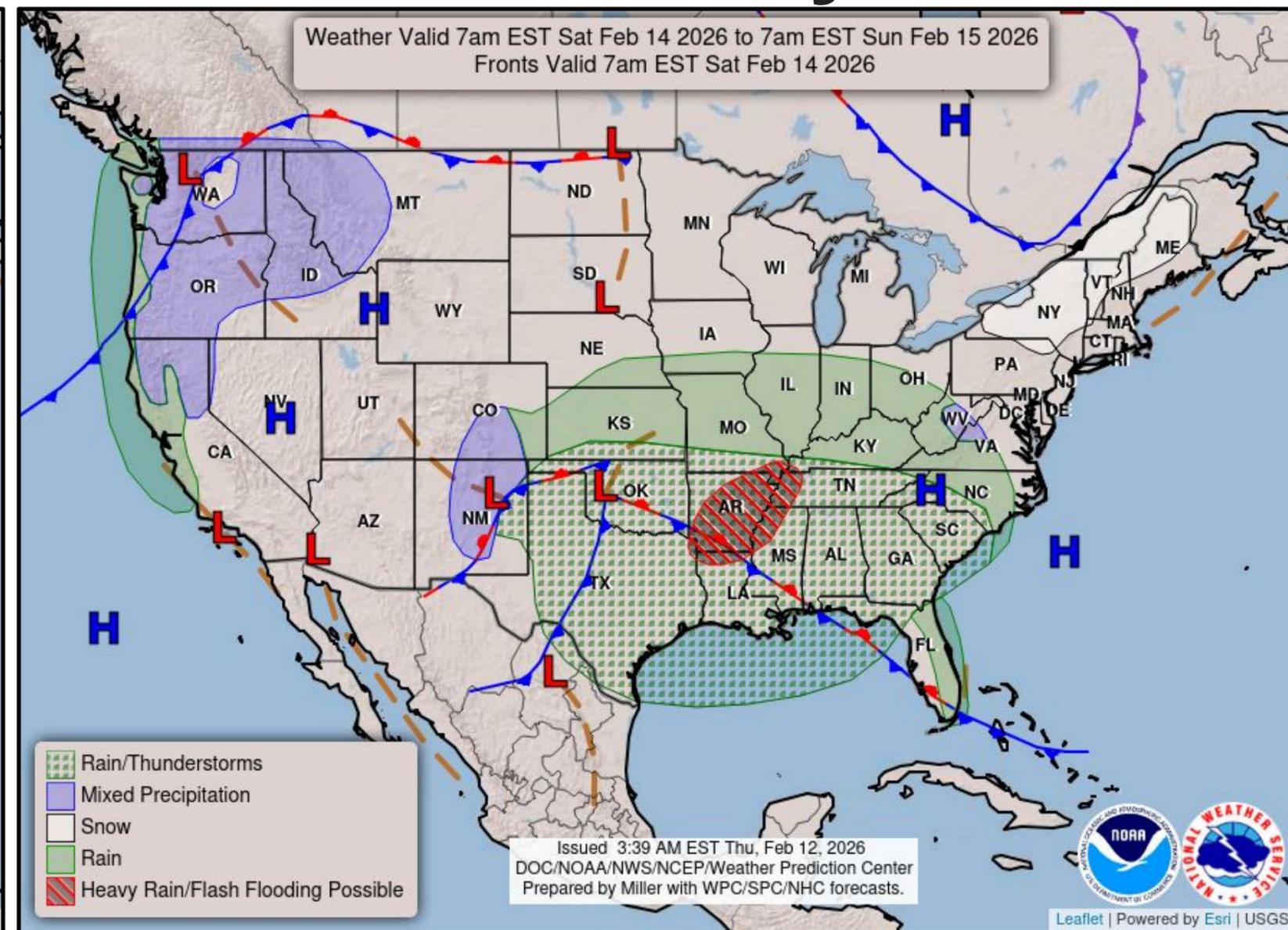
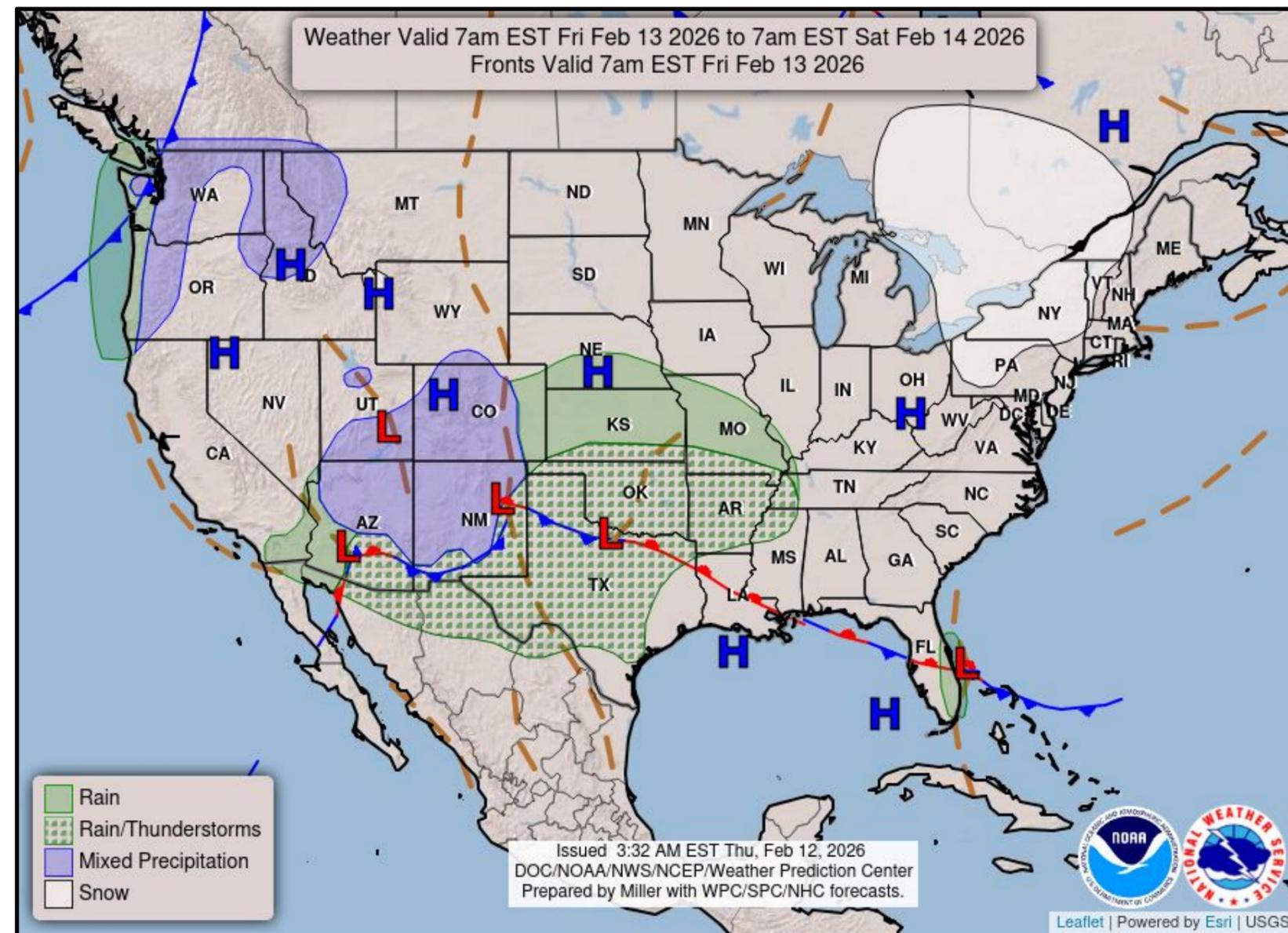
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# Looking Ahead: Short & Long Term Forecast



## Tomorrow

## Saturday





# Short Term Forecast

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## High Elevation Forecast (Teton Pass)

Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Washington's Birthday
<b>High: 31 °F</b>	<b>Low: 21 °F</b>	<b>High: 28 °F</b>	<b>Low: 19 °F</b>	<b>High: 30 °F</b>	<b>Low: 24 °F</b>	<b>High: 32 °F</b>	<b>Low: 24 °F</b>	<b>High: 31 °F</b>
Chance Snow Showers and Patchy Fog	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Snow Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Slight Chance Snow Showers	Chance Snow Showers	Chance Snow Showers	Snow Showers

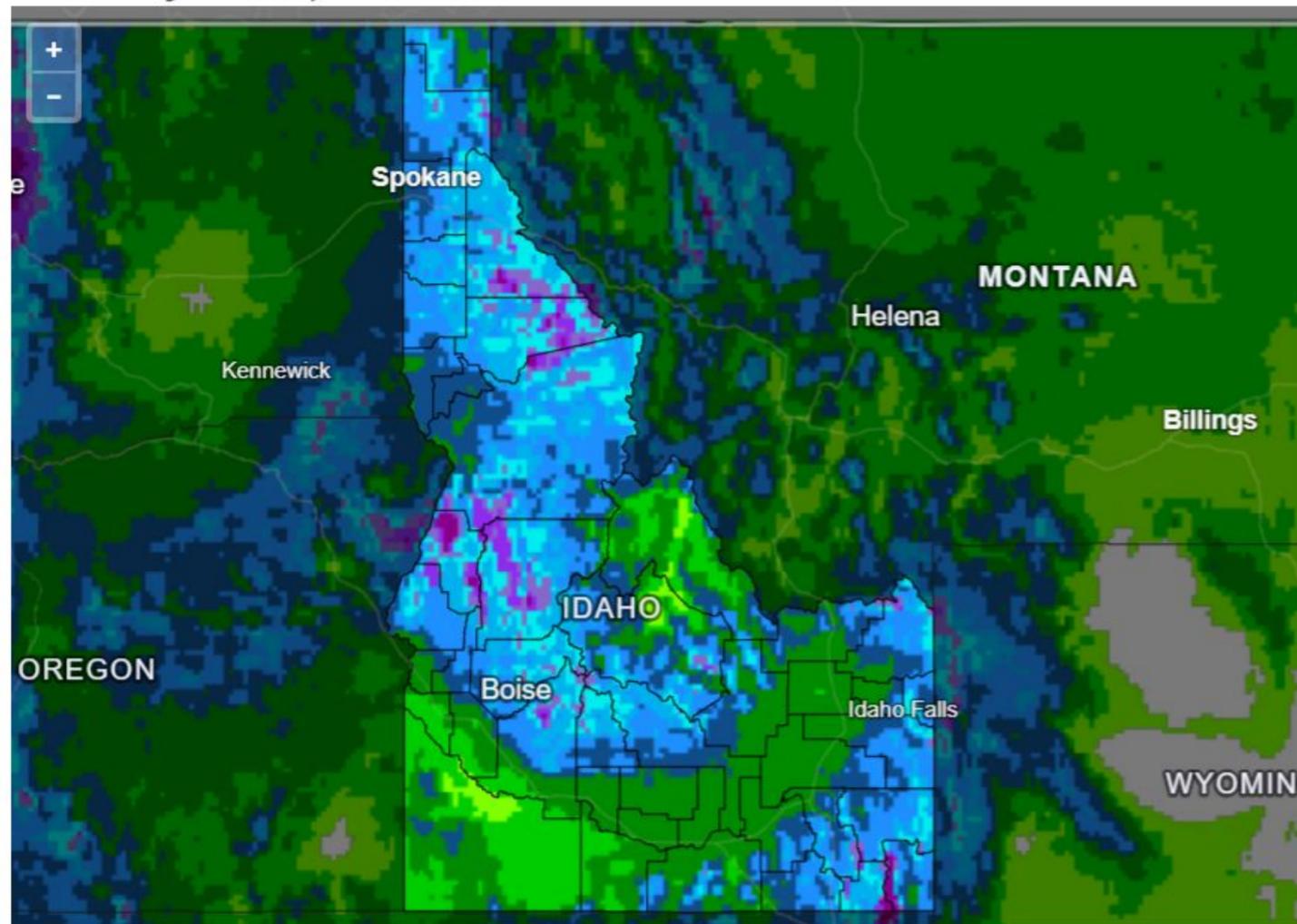
## Low Elevation Forecast (Pocatello)

**Now until 12:00pm Thu**  
20%  
**Dense Fog Advisory**

[Click here for hazard details and duration](#)

Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night
<b>High: 42 °F</b>	<b>Low: 30 °F</b>	<b>High: 42 °F</b>	<b>Low: 28 °F</b>	<b>High: 51 °F</b>	<b>Low: 30 °F</b>	<b>High: 51 °F</b>	<b>Low: 32 °F</b>
Slight Chance Showers and Patchy Dense Fog then Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Decreasing Clouds	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

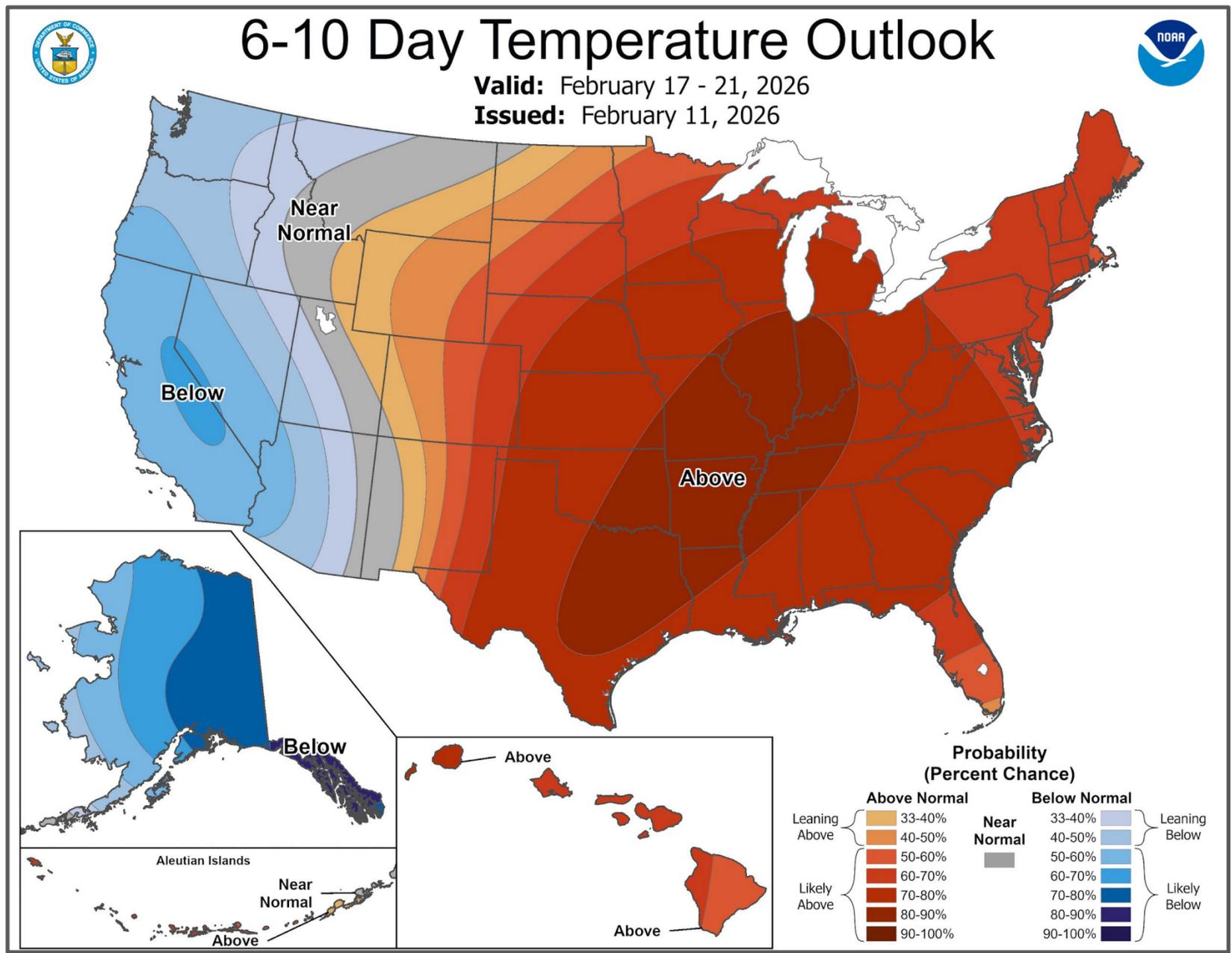
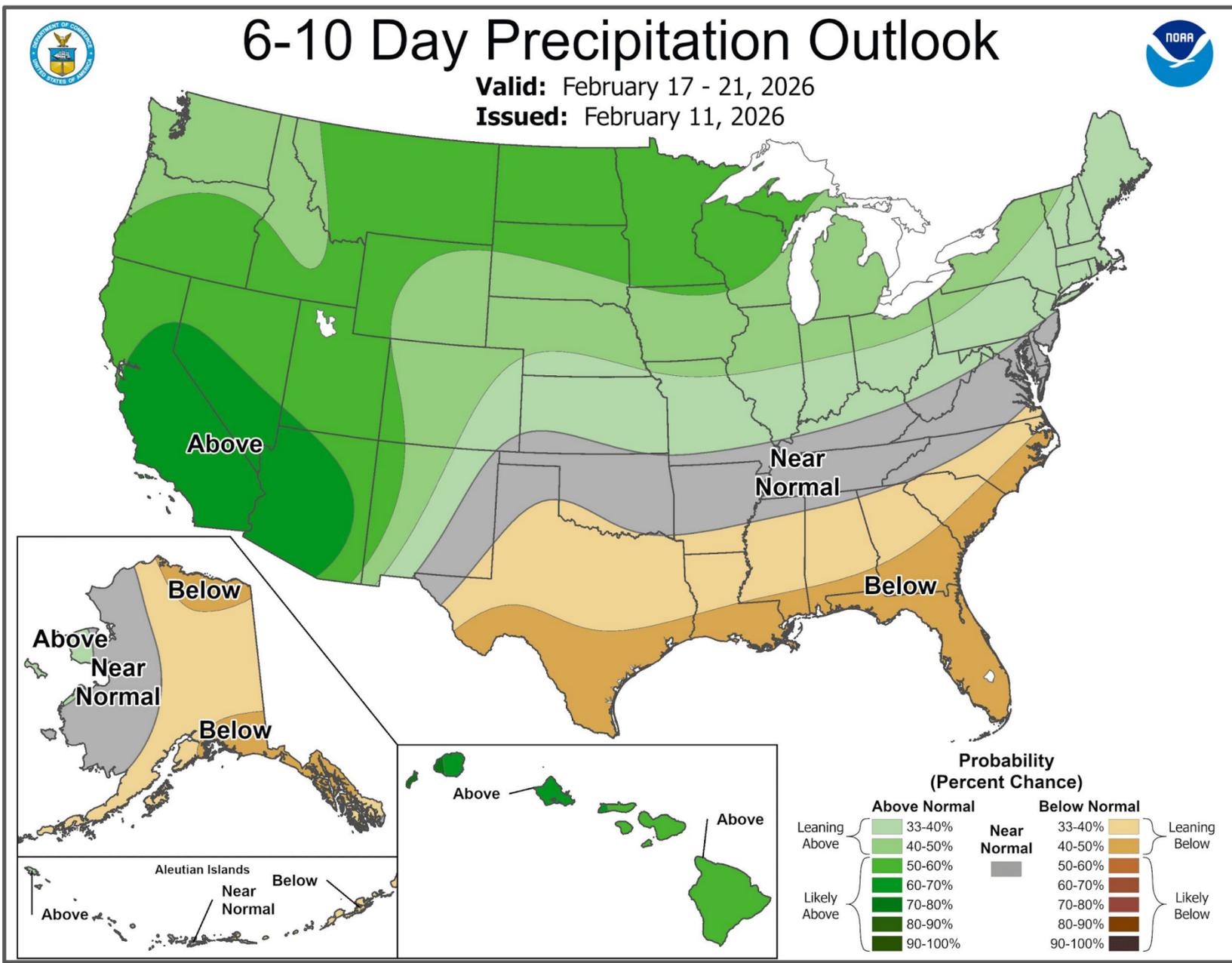
## 7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for February 12-19, 2026



Valley Locations     $\frac{1}{4}'' - \frac{1}{2}''$   
 Mid Elevations     $\frac{1}{2}'' - 1''$   
 Mountains         $1 \frac{1}{4}'' - 2 \frac{1}{2}''$

Predicted Inches of Precipitation

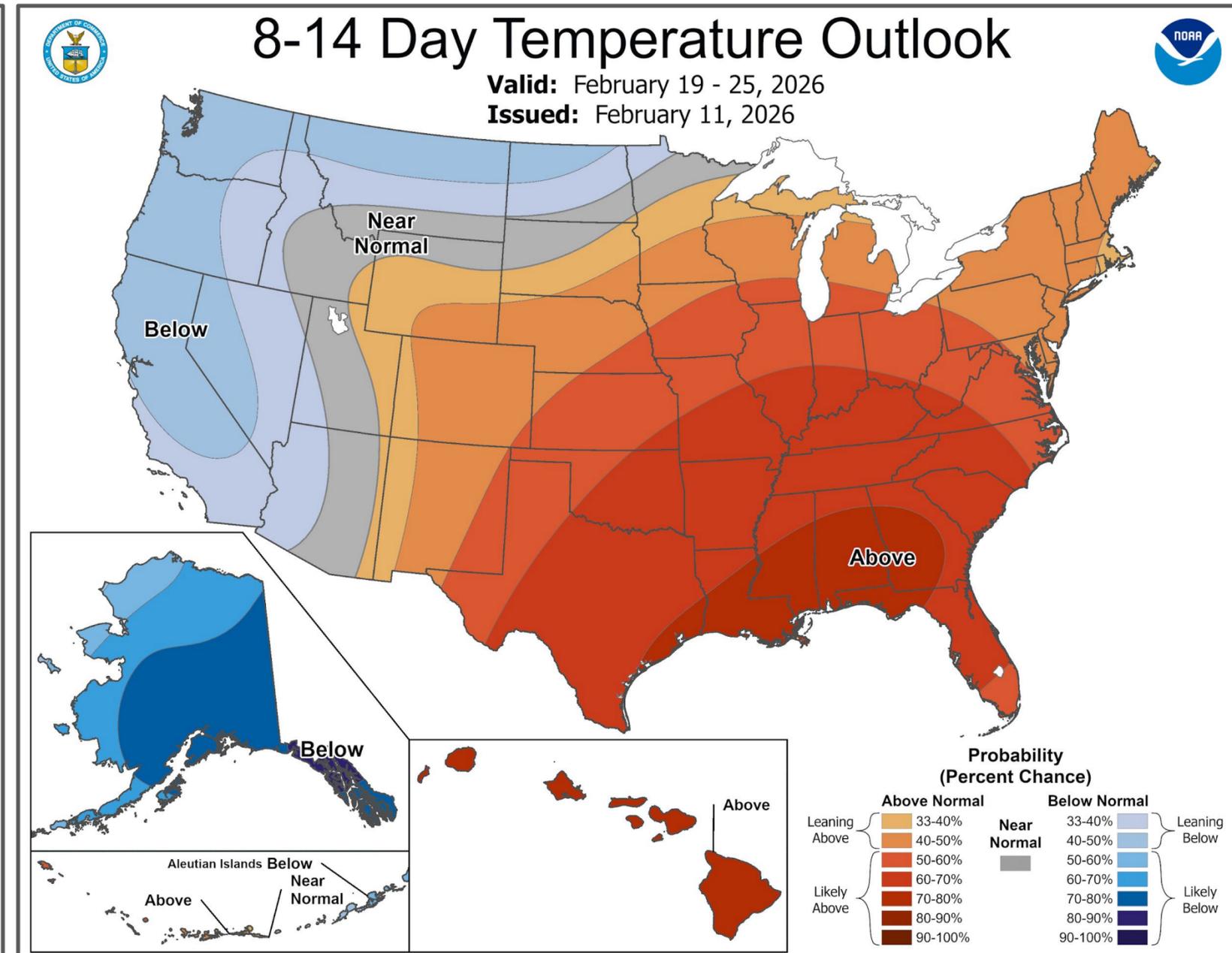
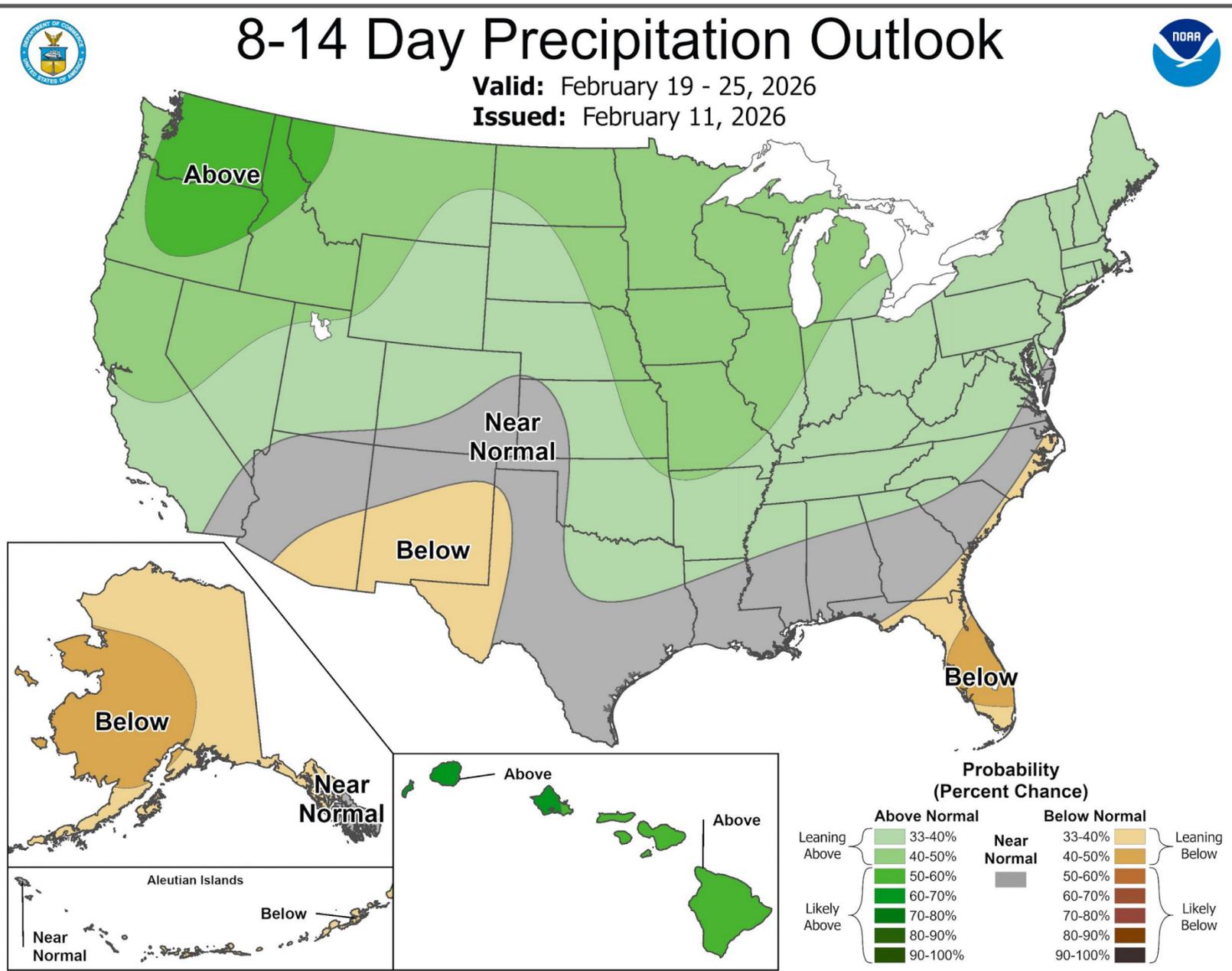






# 1-2 Week Outlook

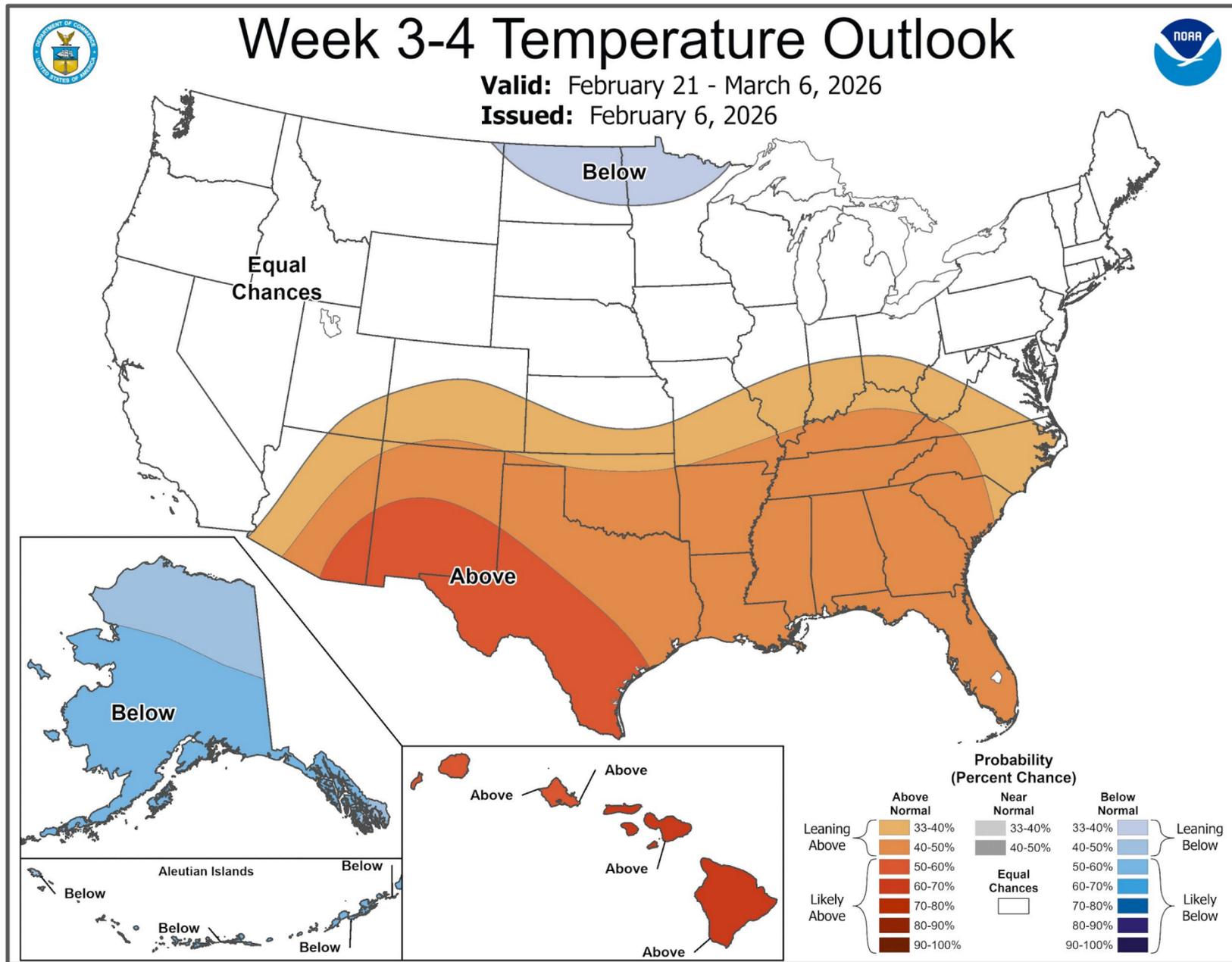
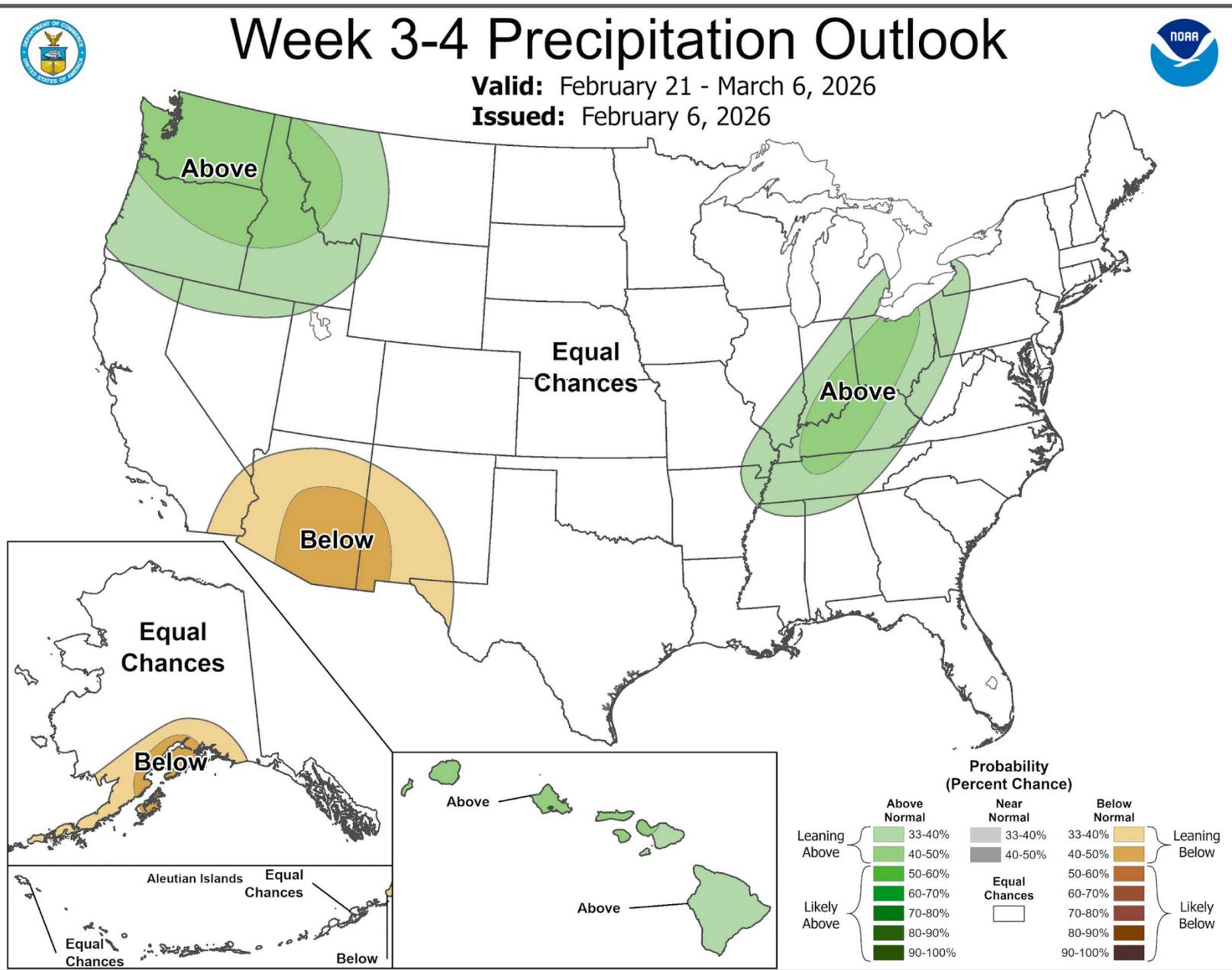
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# 1 Month Outlook

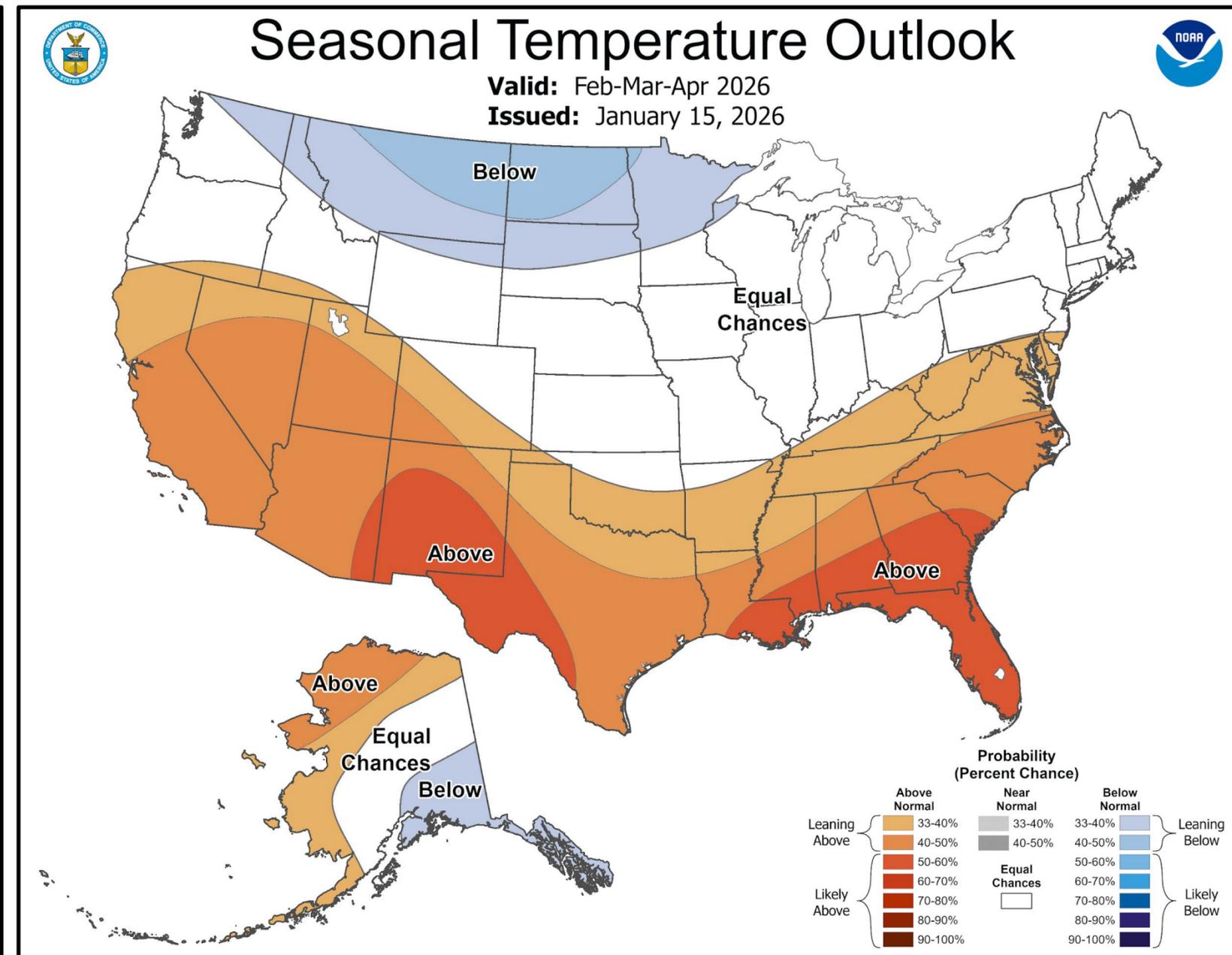
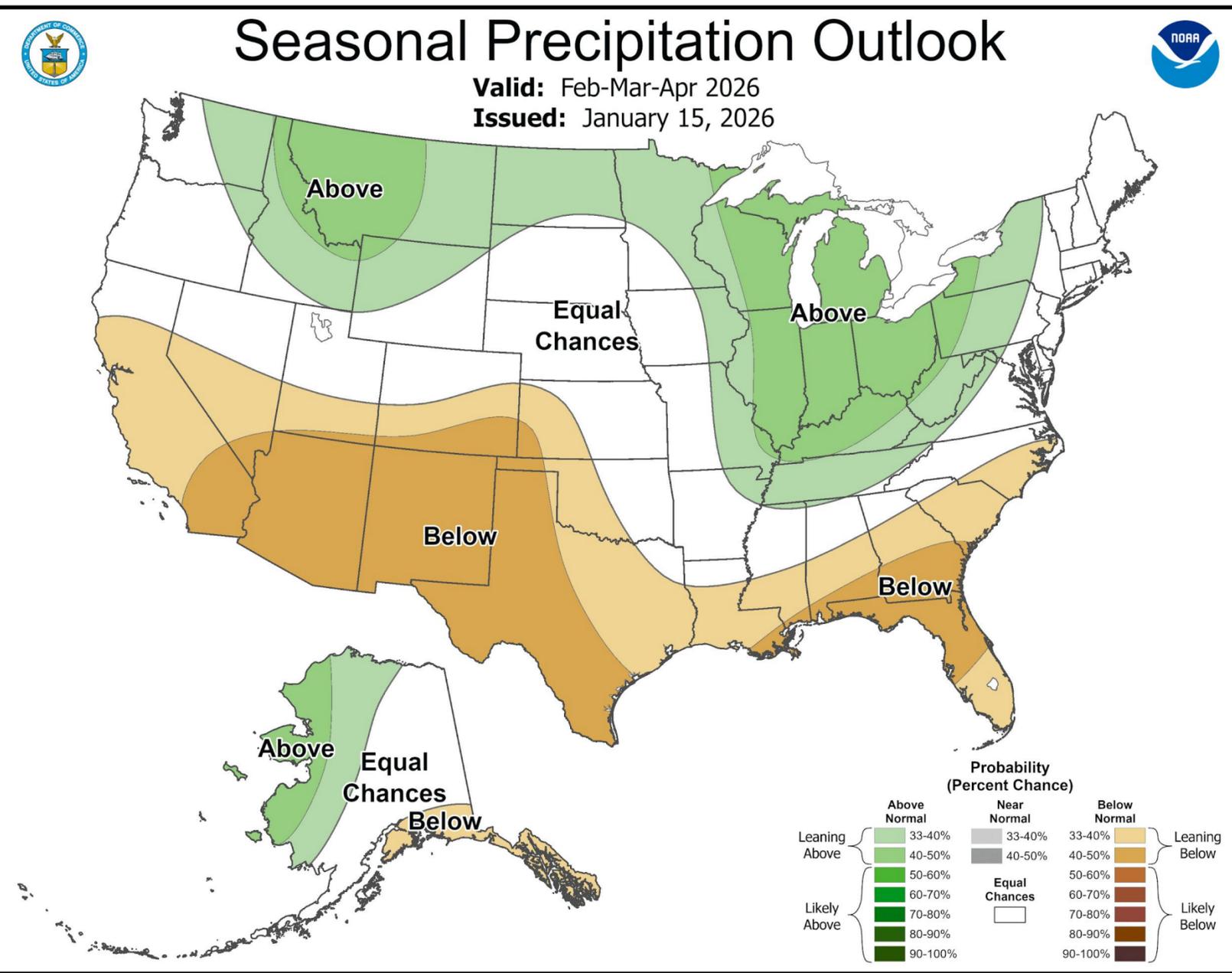
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# Three-Month Seasonal Outlook

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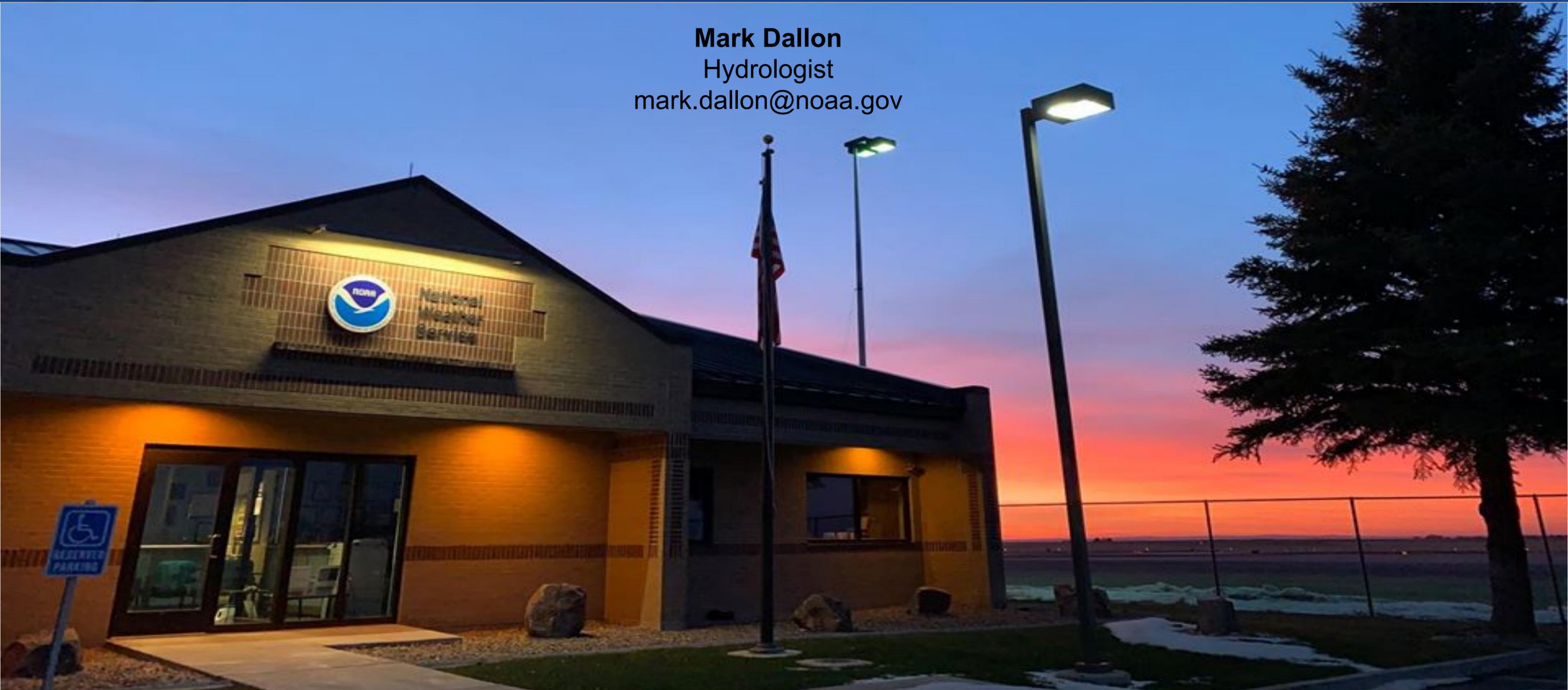




# Questions?

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# Snowpack & Water Supply Update

*Upper Snake River Advisory Meeting– February 12, 2026*

FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION  
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## Looking west towards the Tetons from Moose, WY

Grand Teton National Park - ©SeeJH.com 01/07/2026 07:53:52 AM



**January 8, 2026**

Snowpack in headwaters = 132% of normal

an's in Grand Teton National Park - ©SeeJH.com 02/11/2026 02:48:06 PM

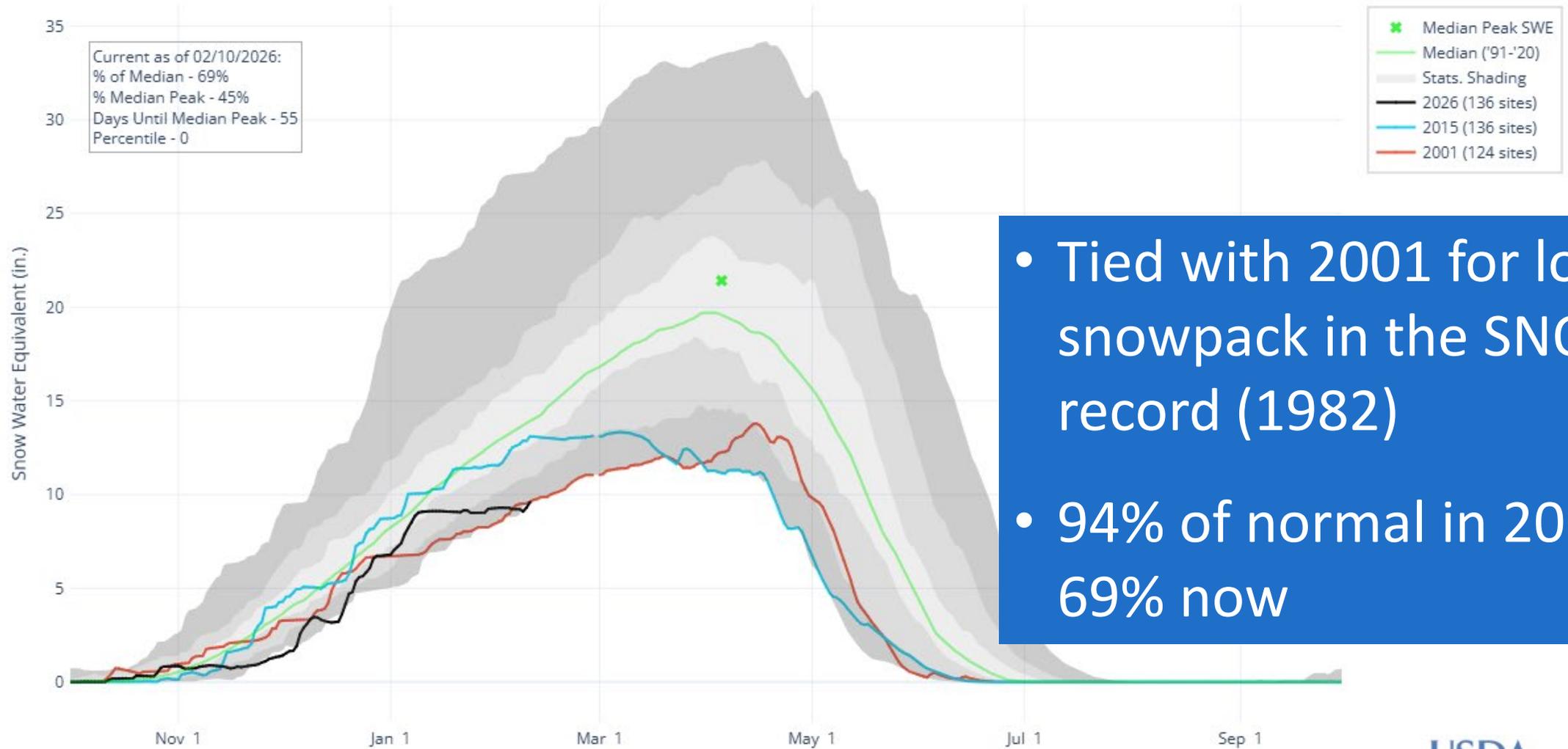


**February 11, 2026**

Snowpack in headwaters = 93% of normal

# Record low snowpack in Idaho

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN STATE OF IDAHO



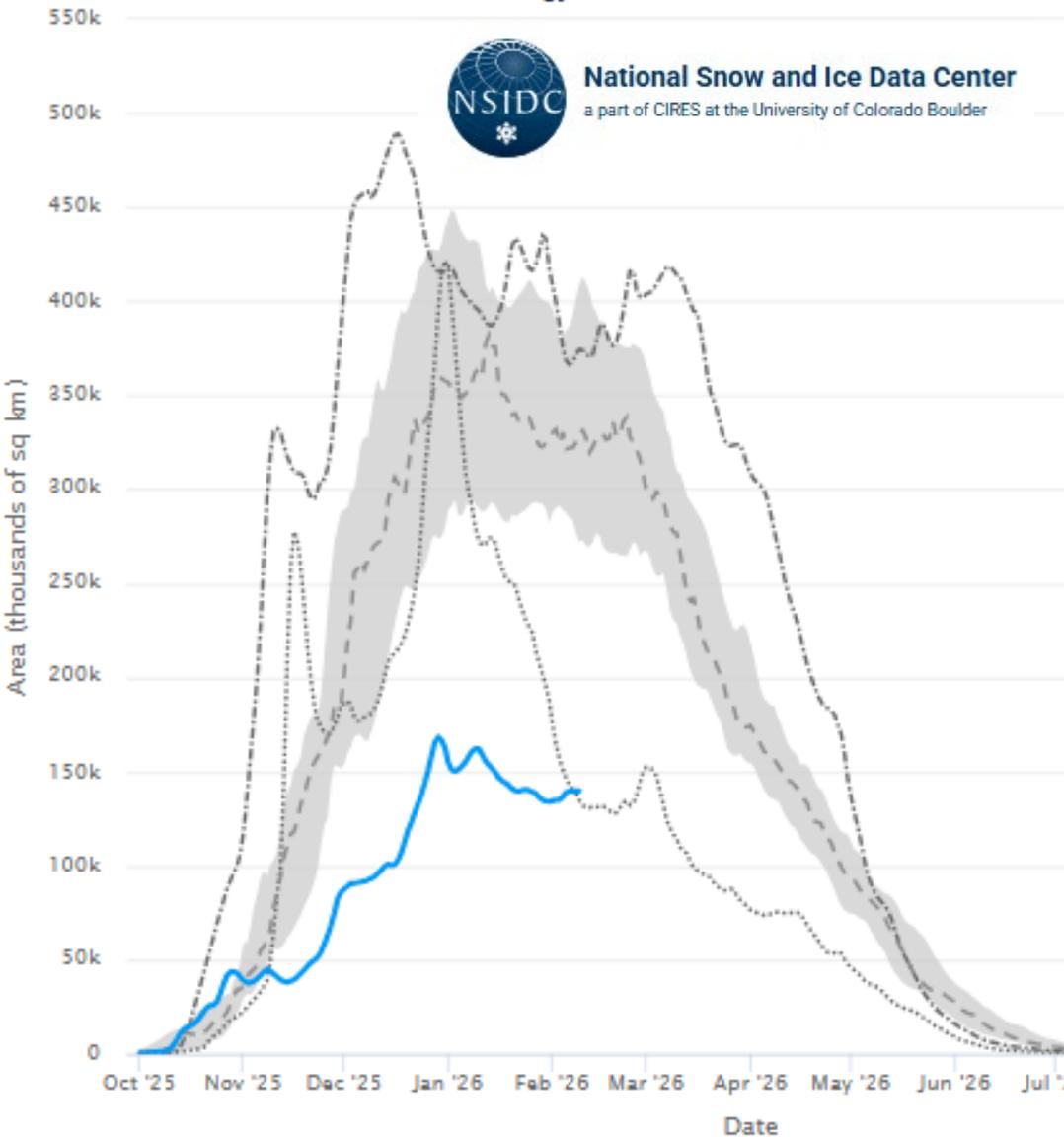
- Tied with 2001 for lowest snowpack in the SNOTEL record (1982)
- 94% of normal in 2015 vs 69% now

# Total Snow Cover Area Pacific Northwest as of 2026-02-09

Climatology calculated over 2001 to 2025



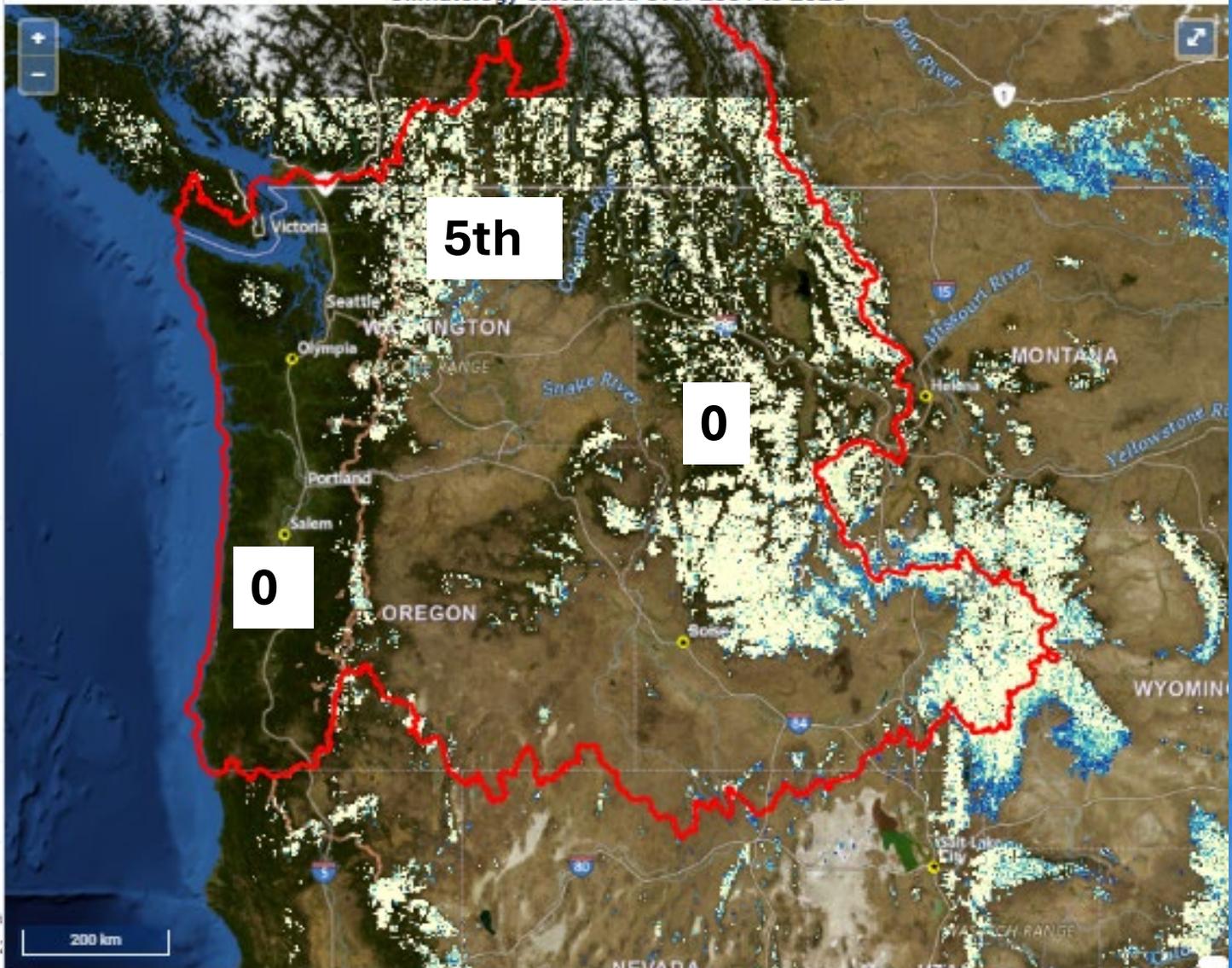
National Snow and Ice Data Center  
a part of CIRES at the University of Colorado Boulder



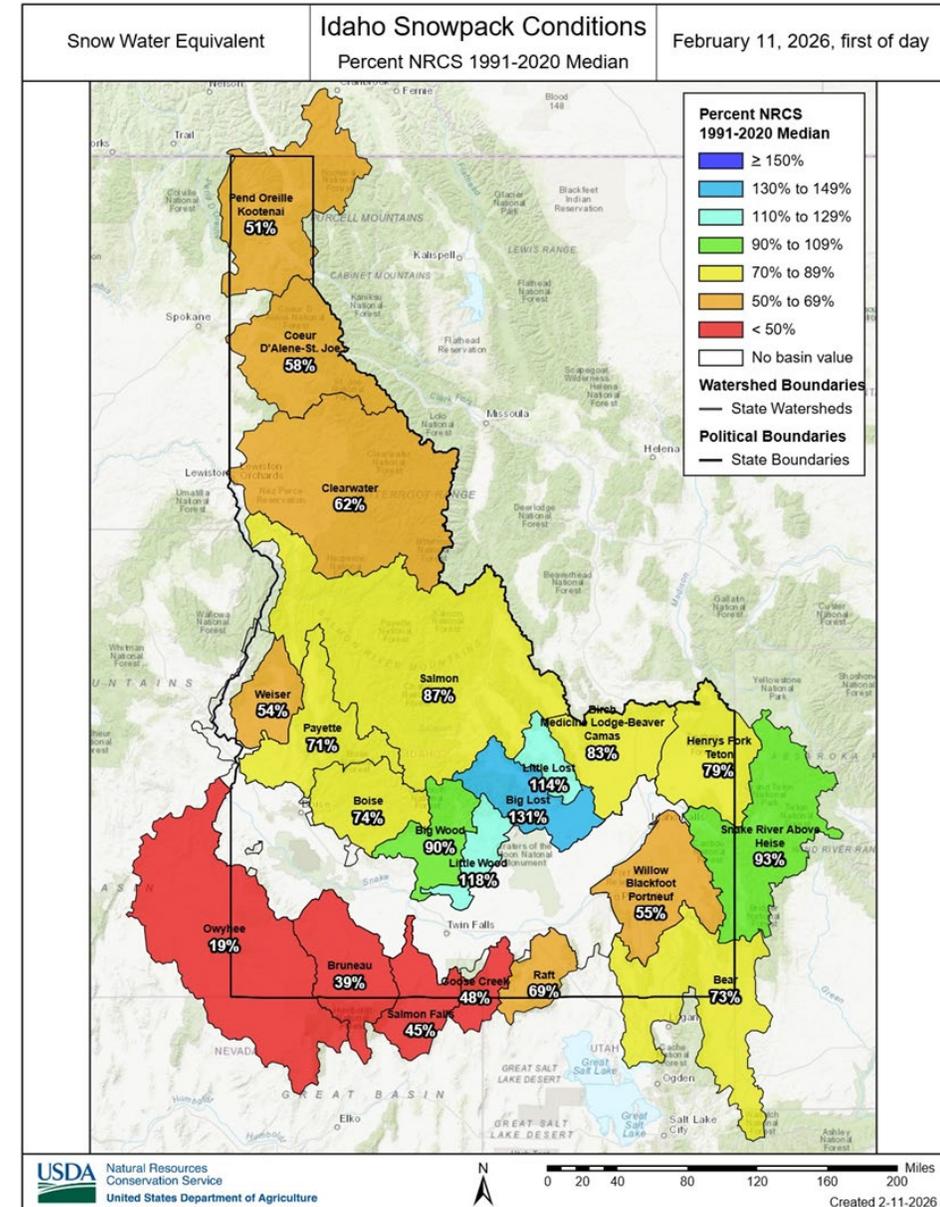
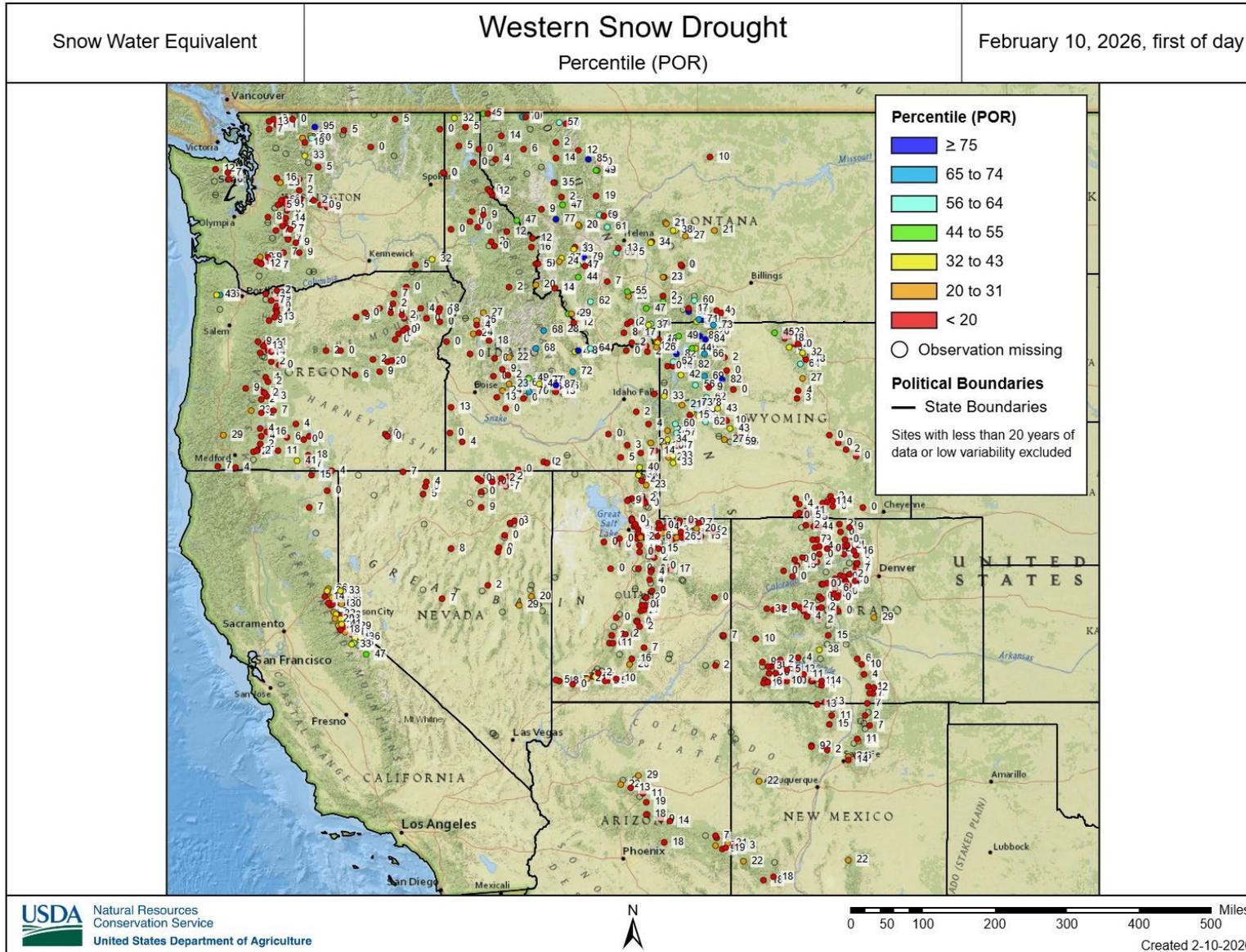
— Year to date  
 - - Median  
 · · · Maximum (2023)  
 - · - Minimum (2015)

# Snow Cover Percent Pacific Northwest as of 2026-02-09

Climatology calculated over 2001 to 2025



# Pervasive snow drought in the West

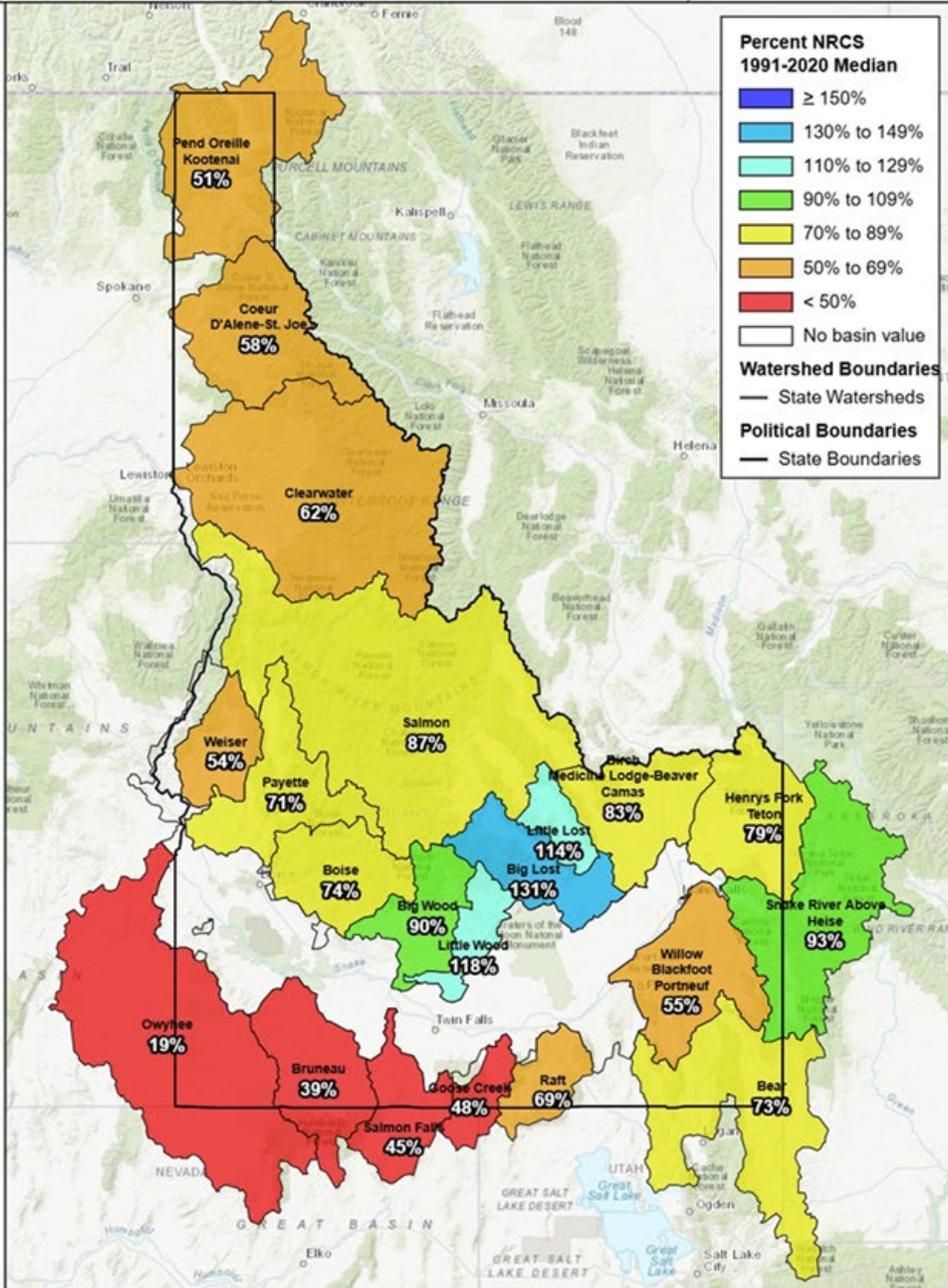


Snow Water Equivalent

# Idaho Snowpack Conditions

February 11, 2026, first of day

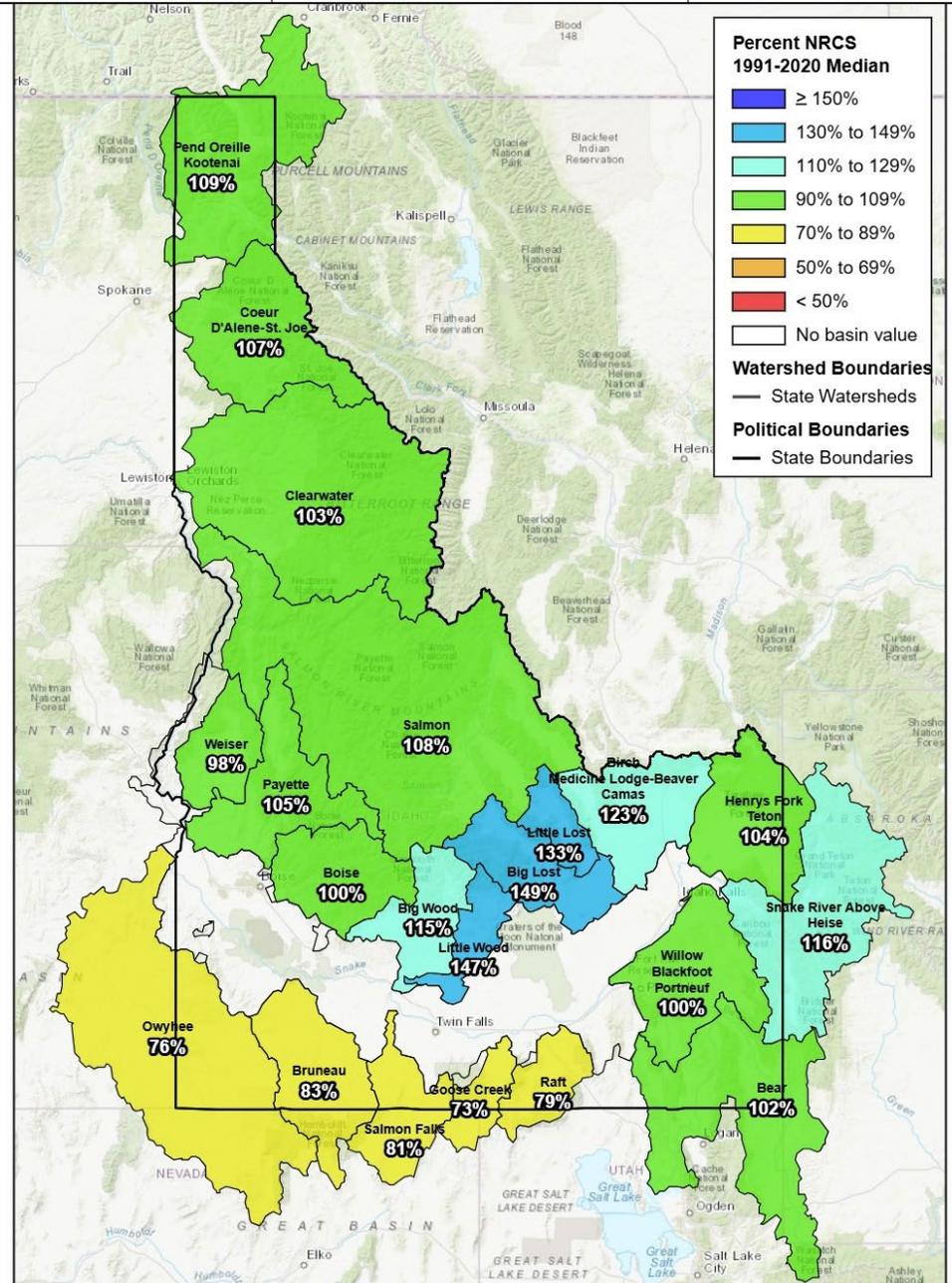
Percent NRCS 1991-2020 Median



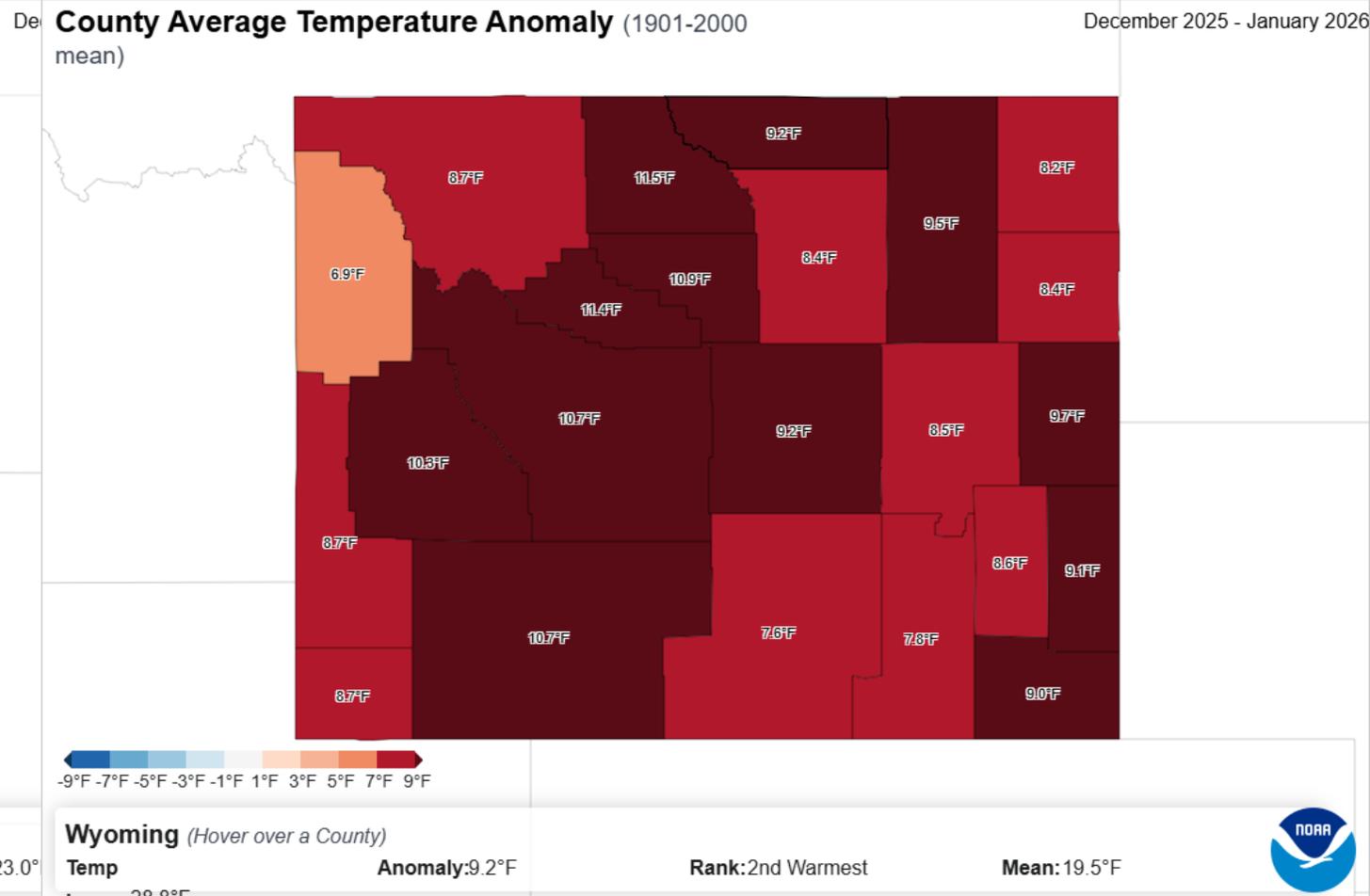
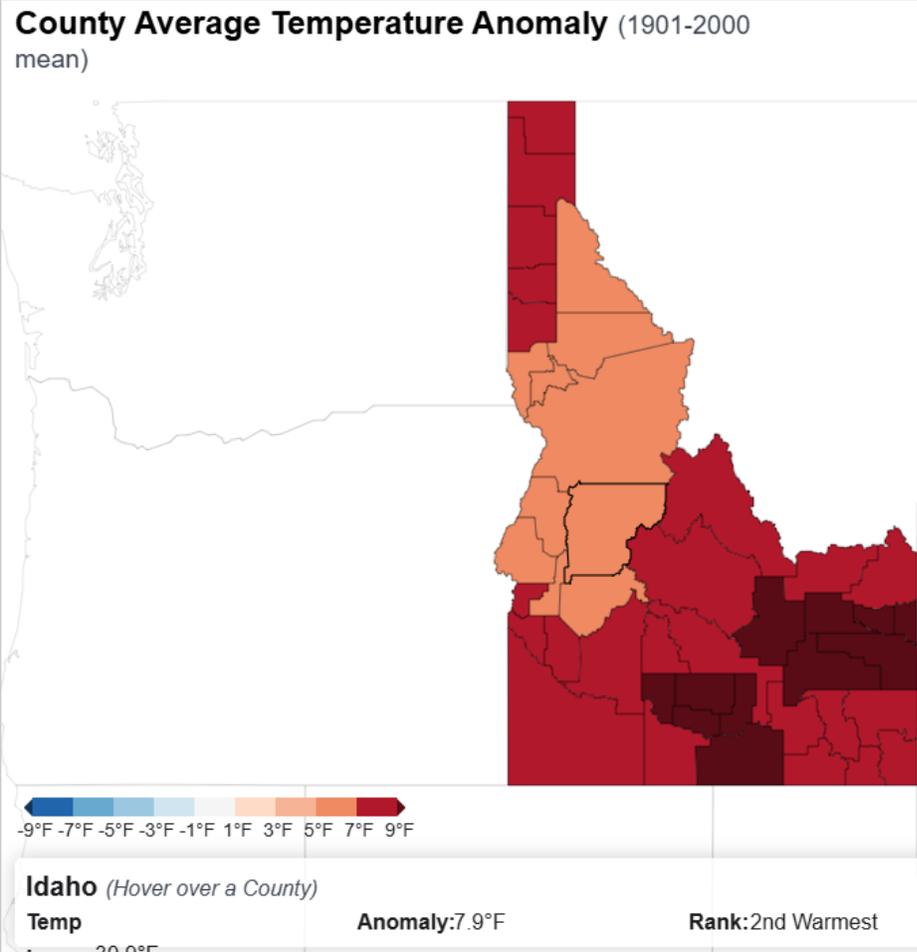
Water Year to Date Precipitation

Percent NRCS 1991-2020 Median

October 1, 2025 - February 10, 2026



# Temperature Anomaly: Dec. to Jan.



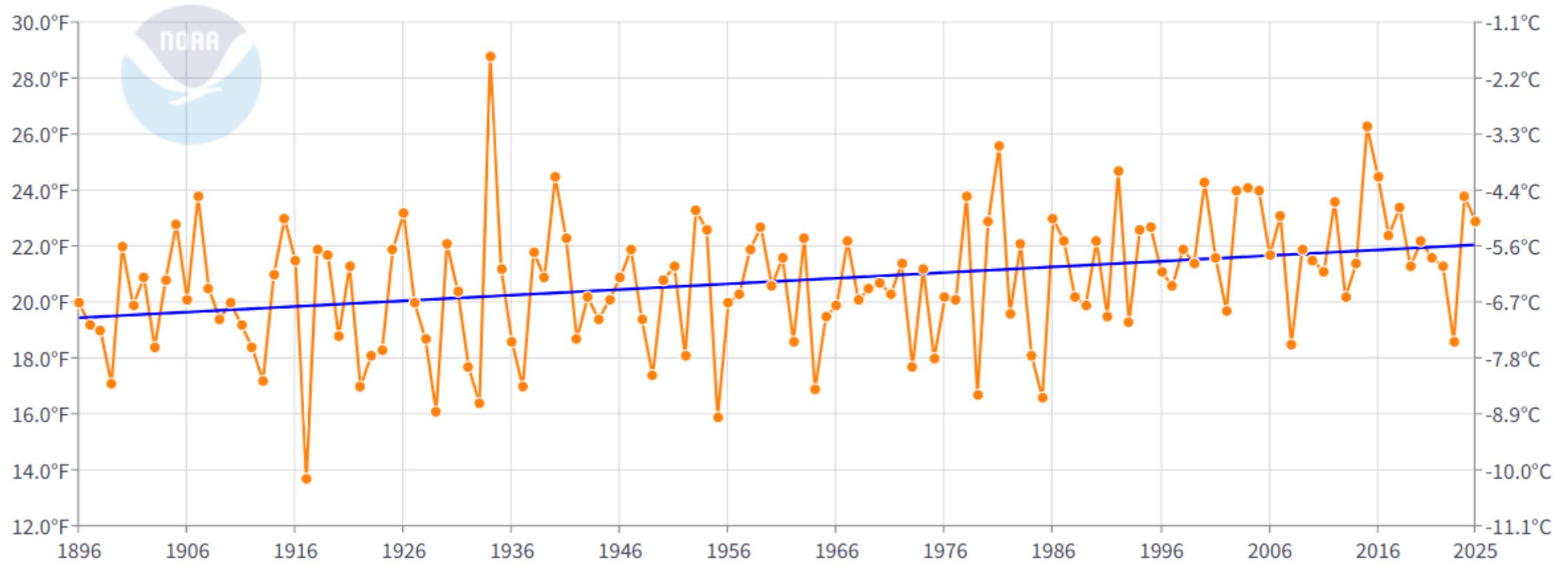
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## Teton County, Wyoming Average Temperature

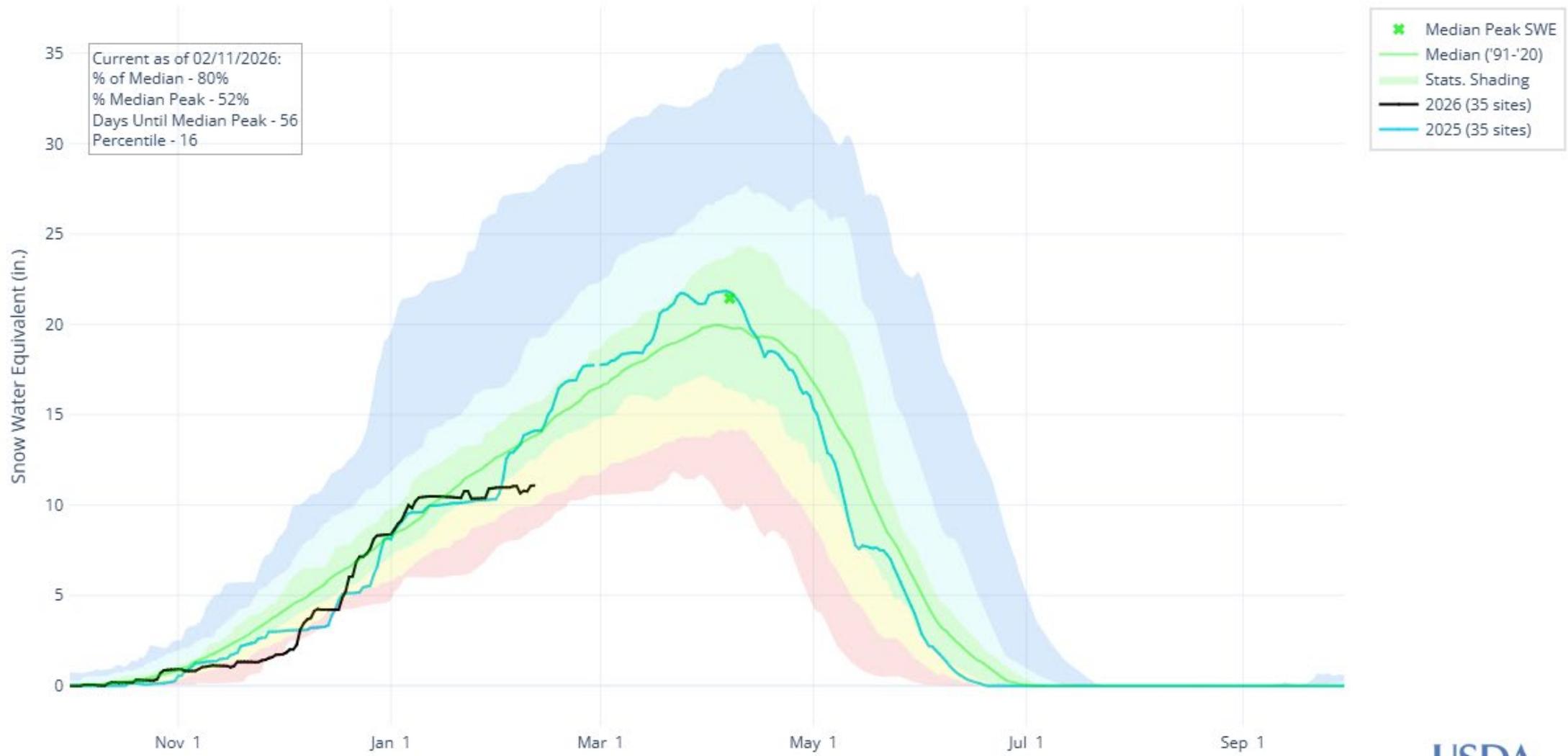
December-April

1896-2025 Trend  
(+0.2°F/Decade)



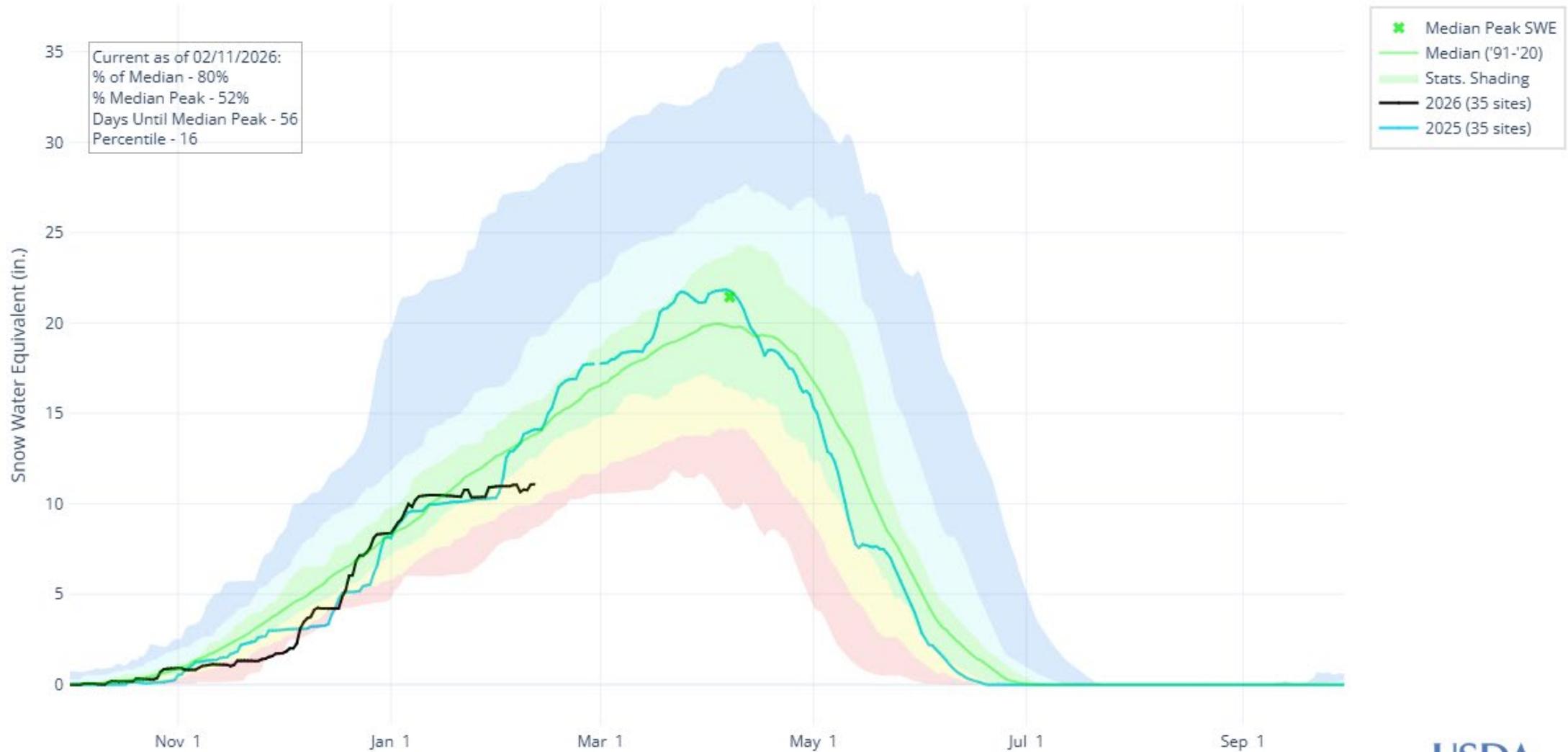
# SWE above Milner is 80% of normal

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN SNAKE AB MILNER



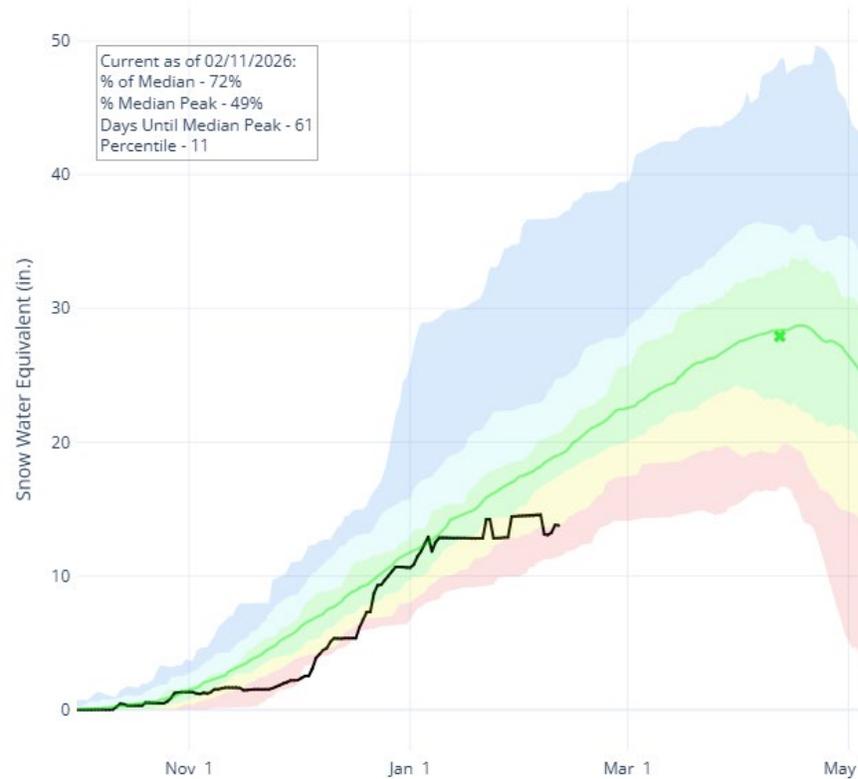
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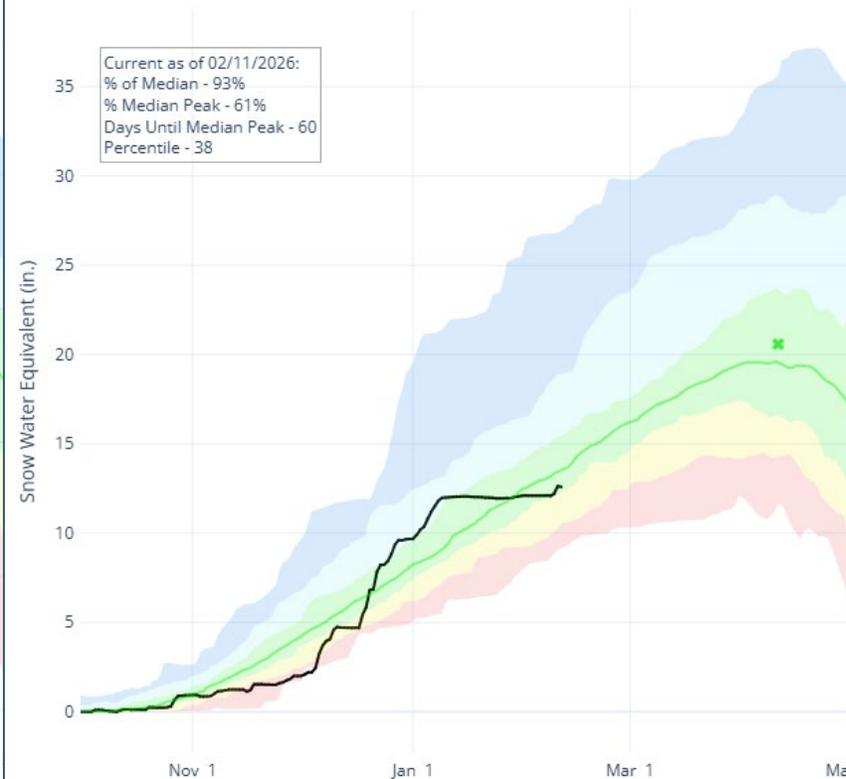


# Basin-wide snowpack conditions

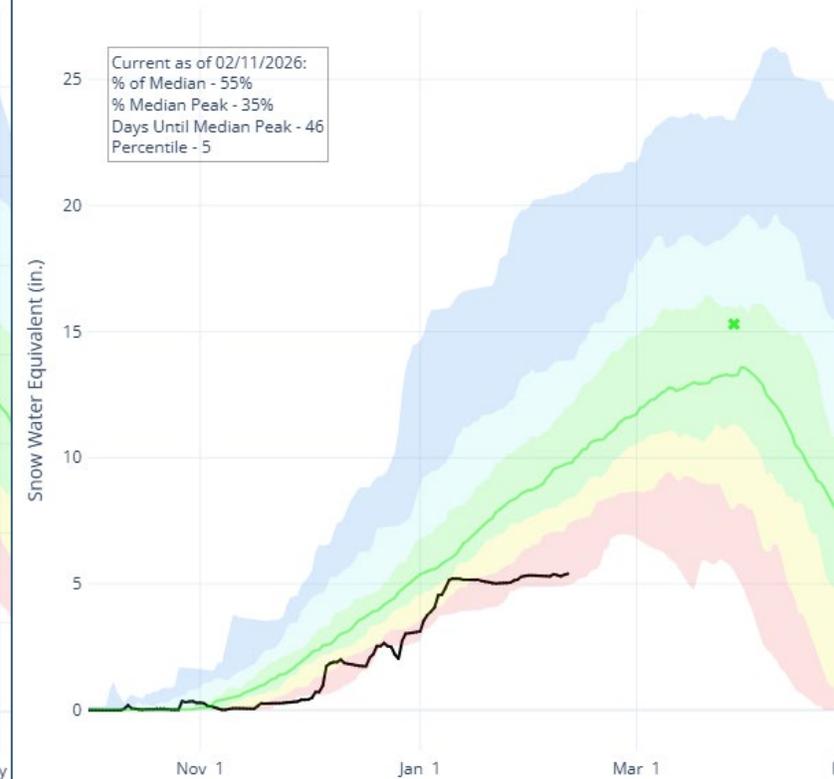
SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN HENRYS FORK-TETON



SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN SNAKE RIVER ABOVE HEISE



SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN WILLOW-BLACKFOOT-PORTNEUF



## Henrys Fork-Teton

SWE = 72%  
 11<sup>th</sup> percentile

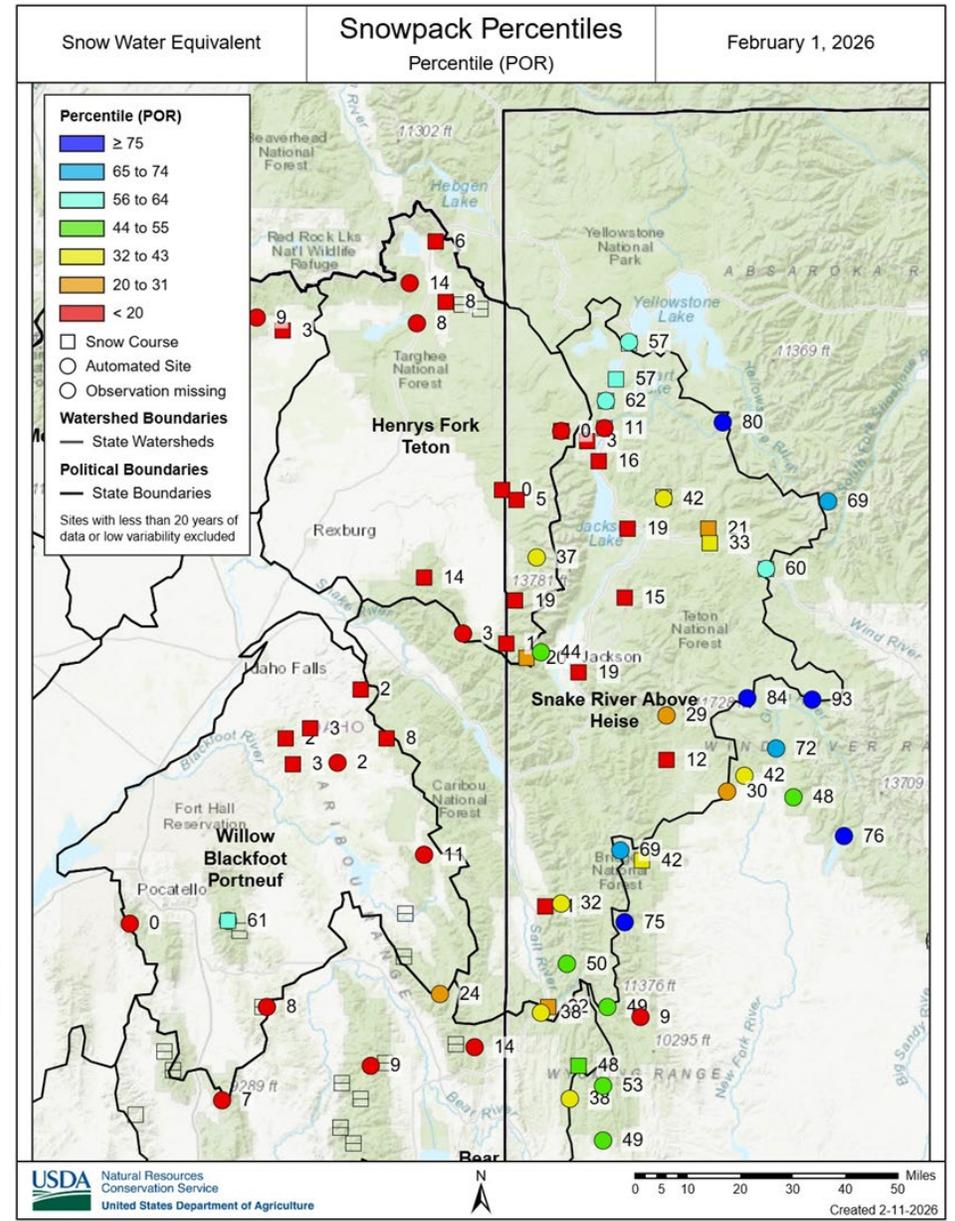
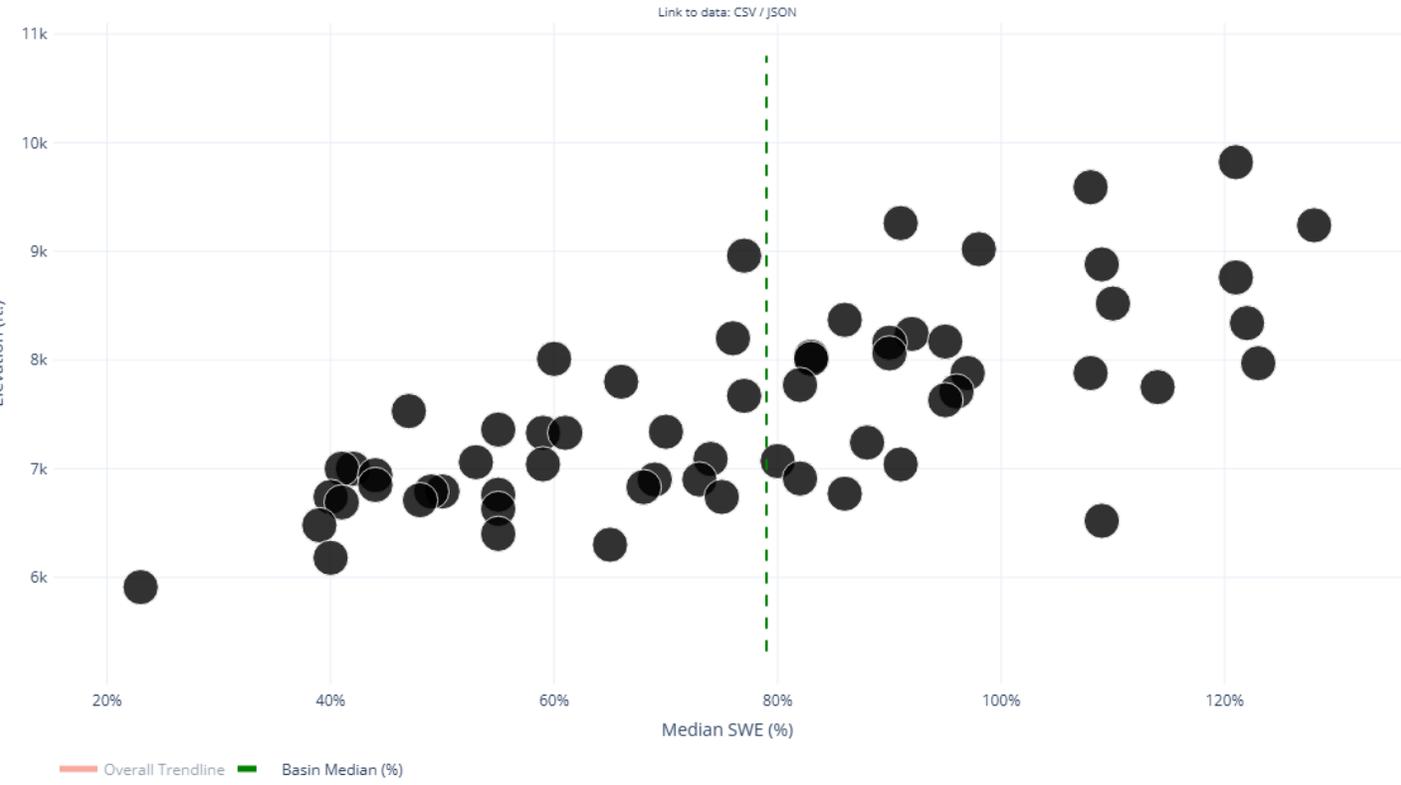
## Headwaters

SWE = 93%  
 38<sup>th</sup> percentile

## WBP

SWE = 55%  
 5<sup>th</sup> percentile

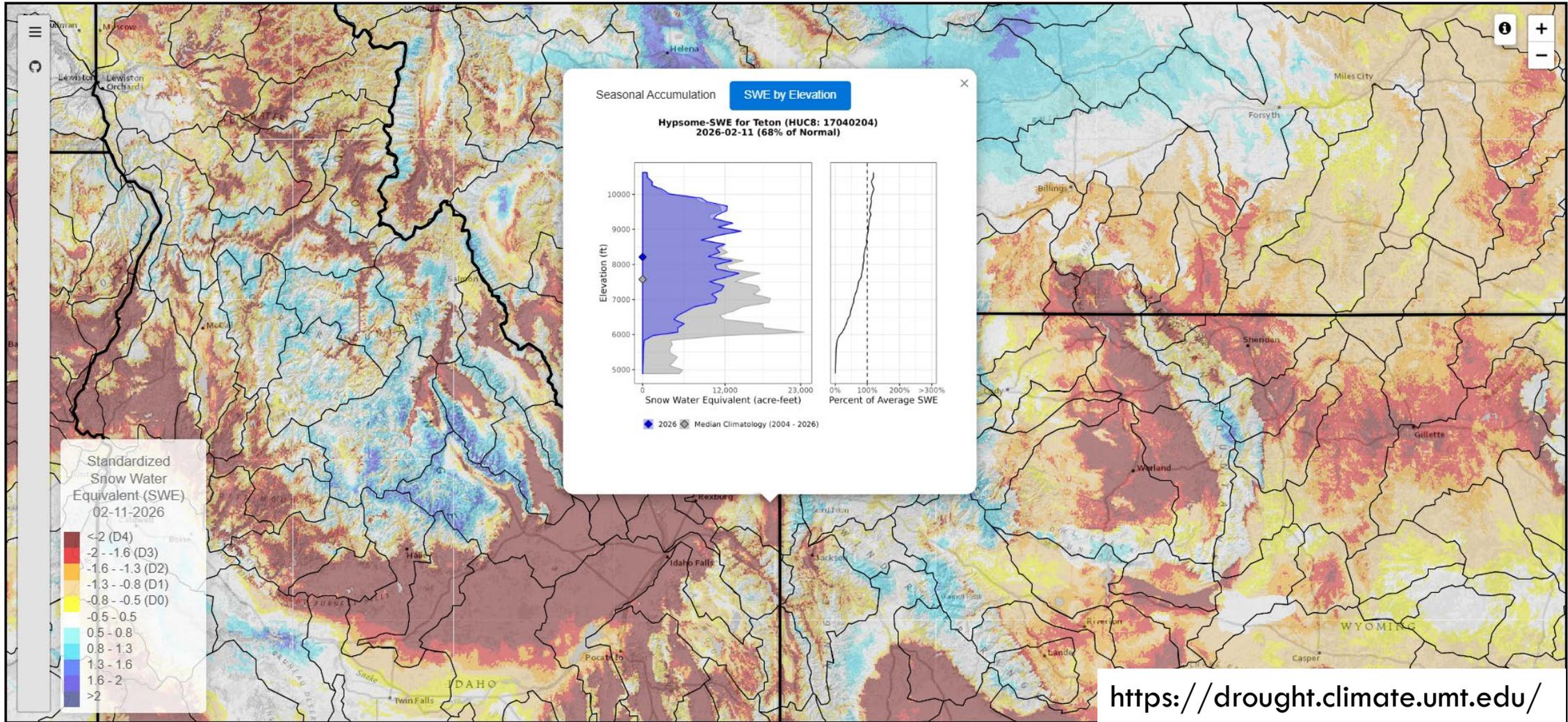
SNOWPACK BY ELEVATION IN SNAKE AB MILNER FEBRUARY 1, 2026





# Snowpack by elevation tool (modeled)

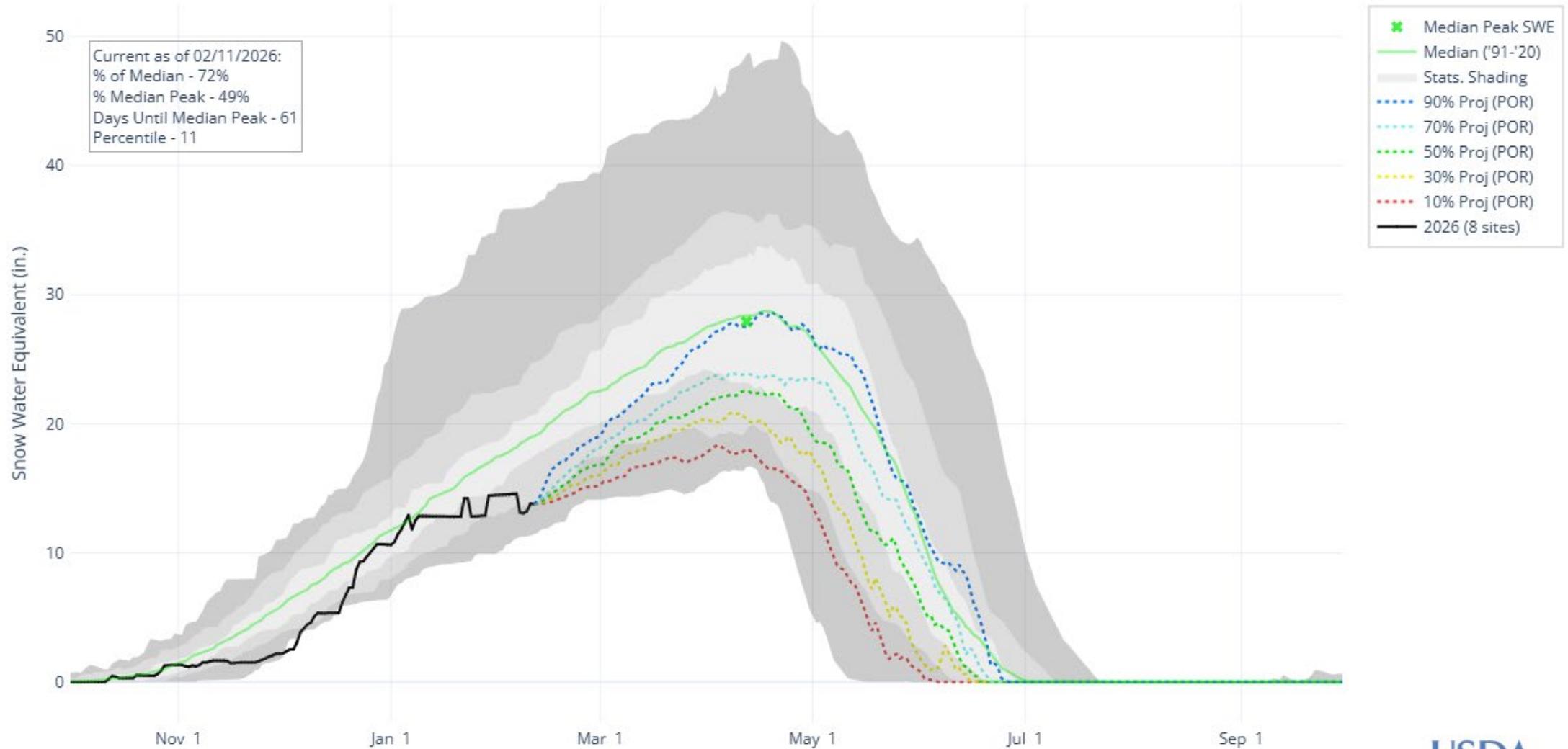
Standardized SWE for 02-11-2026



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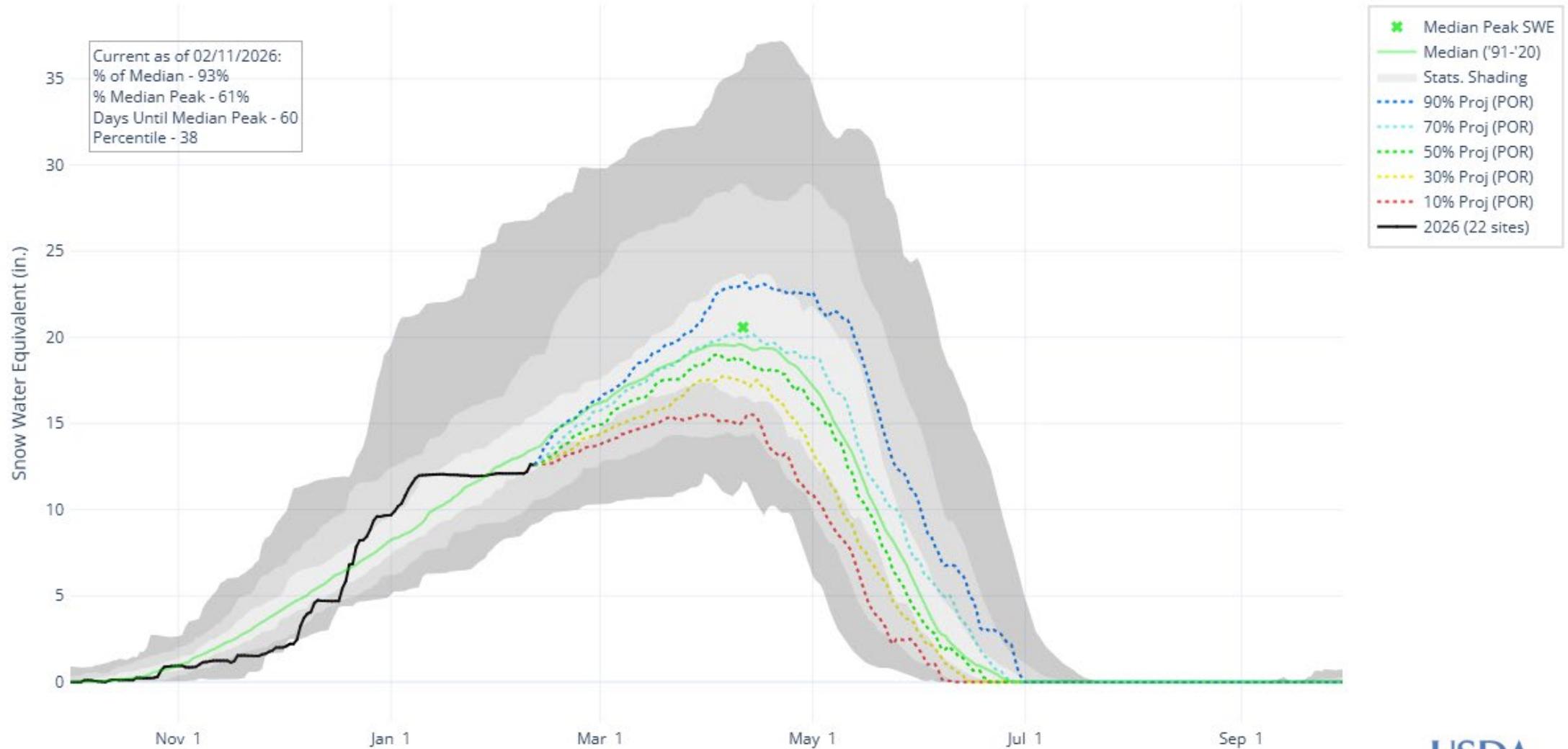
# Potential snowpack conditions on April 1

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT PROJECTION IN HENRYS FORK-TETON



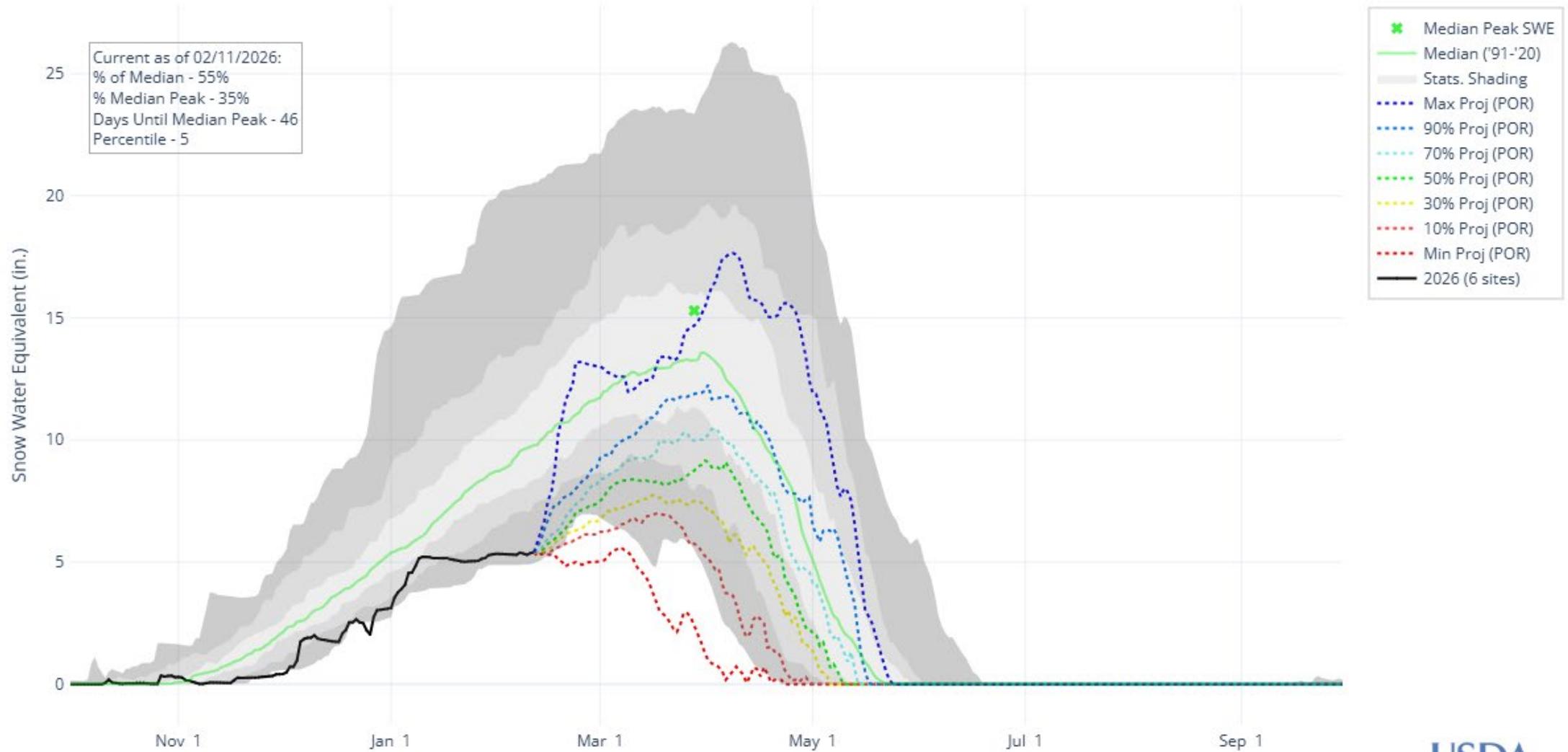
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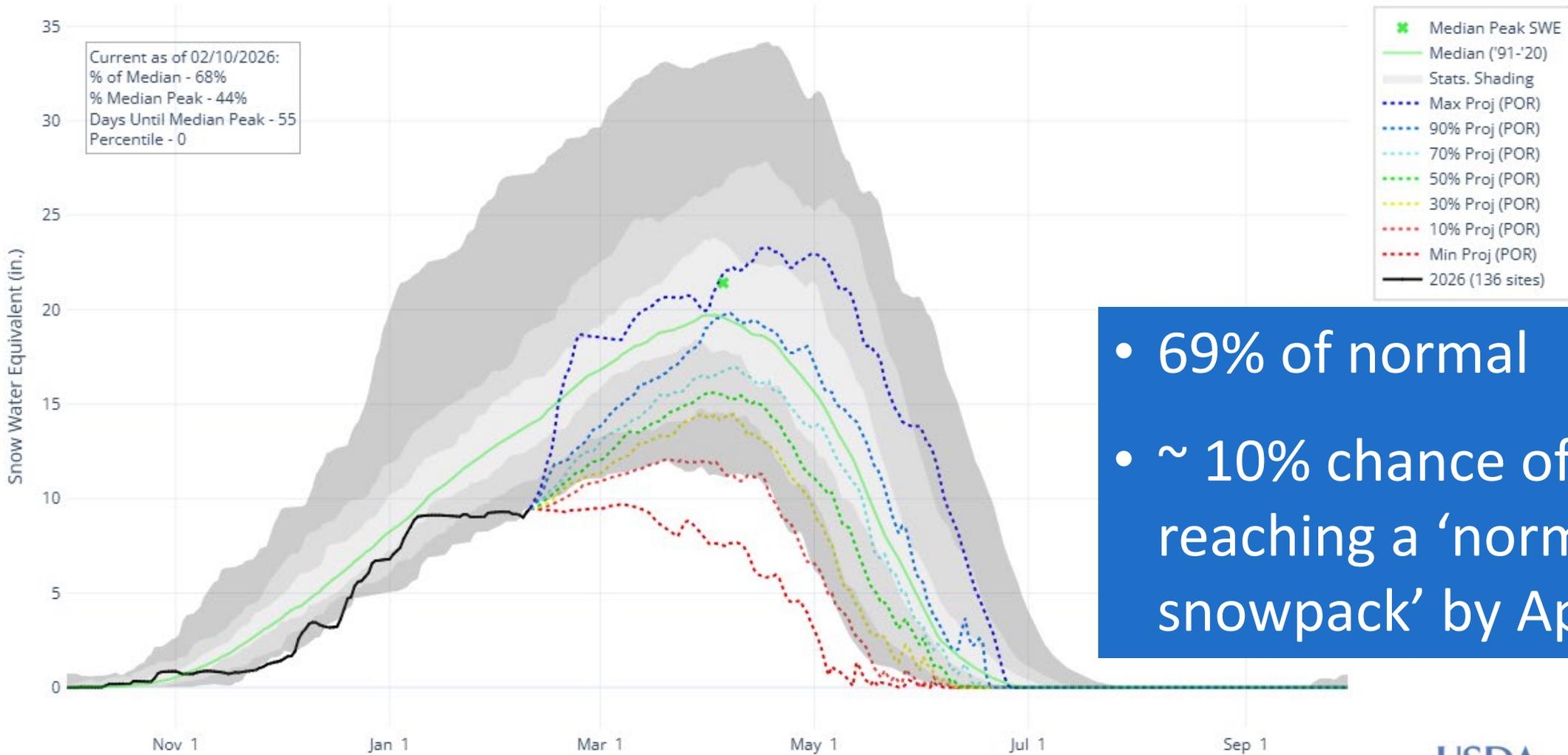
# Potential snowpack conditions on April 1

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT PROJECTION IN WILLOW-BLACKFOOT-PORTNEUF



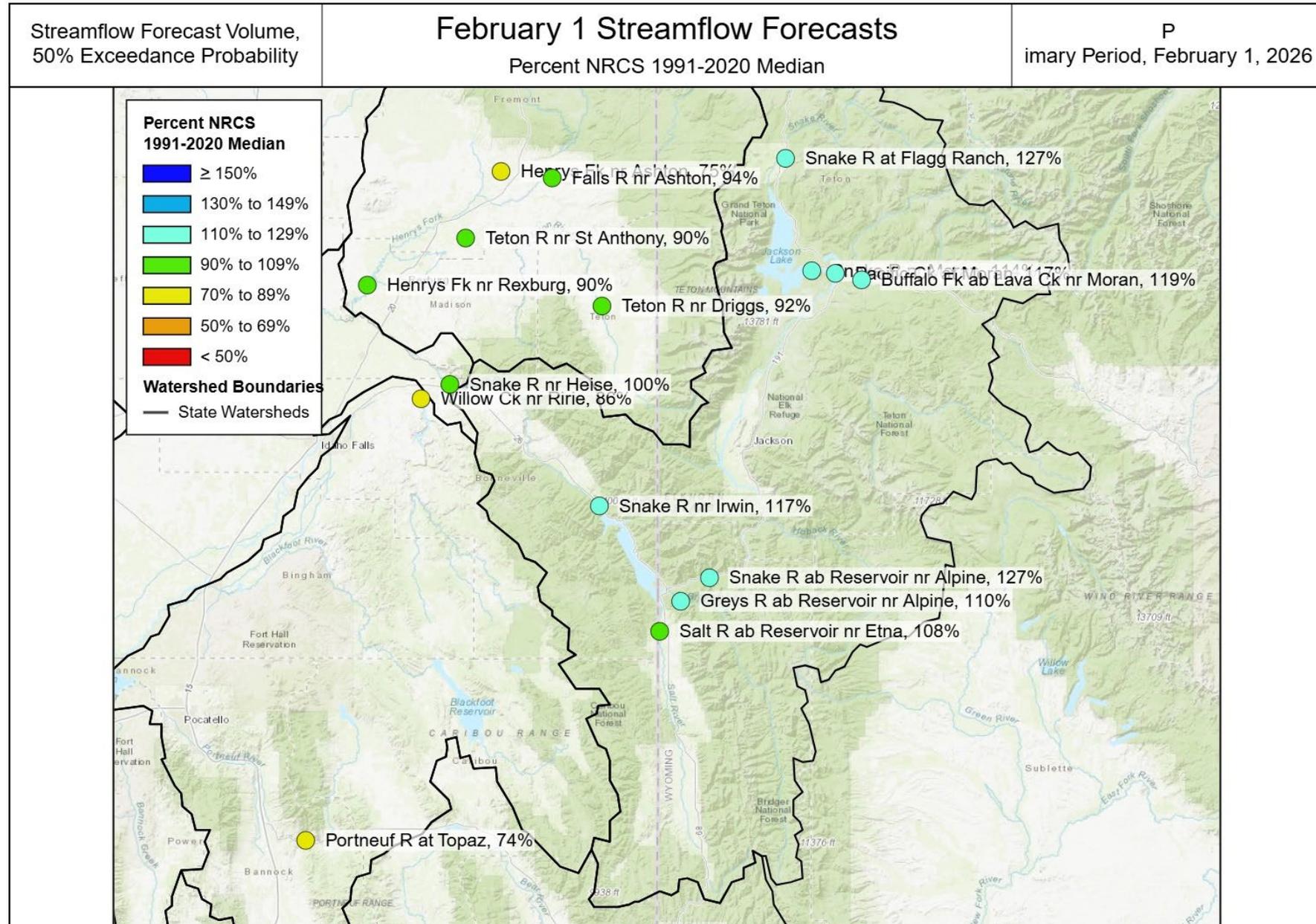
# Potential April 1 Snowpack Conditions

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT PROJECTION IN STATE OF IDAHO



- 69% of normal
- ~ 10% chance of reaching a 'normal snowpack' by April 1

# Streamflow Forecasts on February 1



# Forecast Evolution | NWCC Seasonal Volume Forecast Evolution Plots

BASIN FORECAST PLOTS

FORECAST EVOLUTION PLOTS

Alaska

Alaska

## Forecast Evolution

Snake R nr Heise  
WY2026 APR-SEP



Official Forecasts

- High
- 30%
- 50%
- 70%
- Low

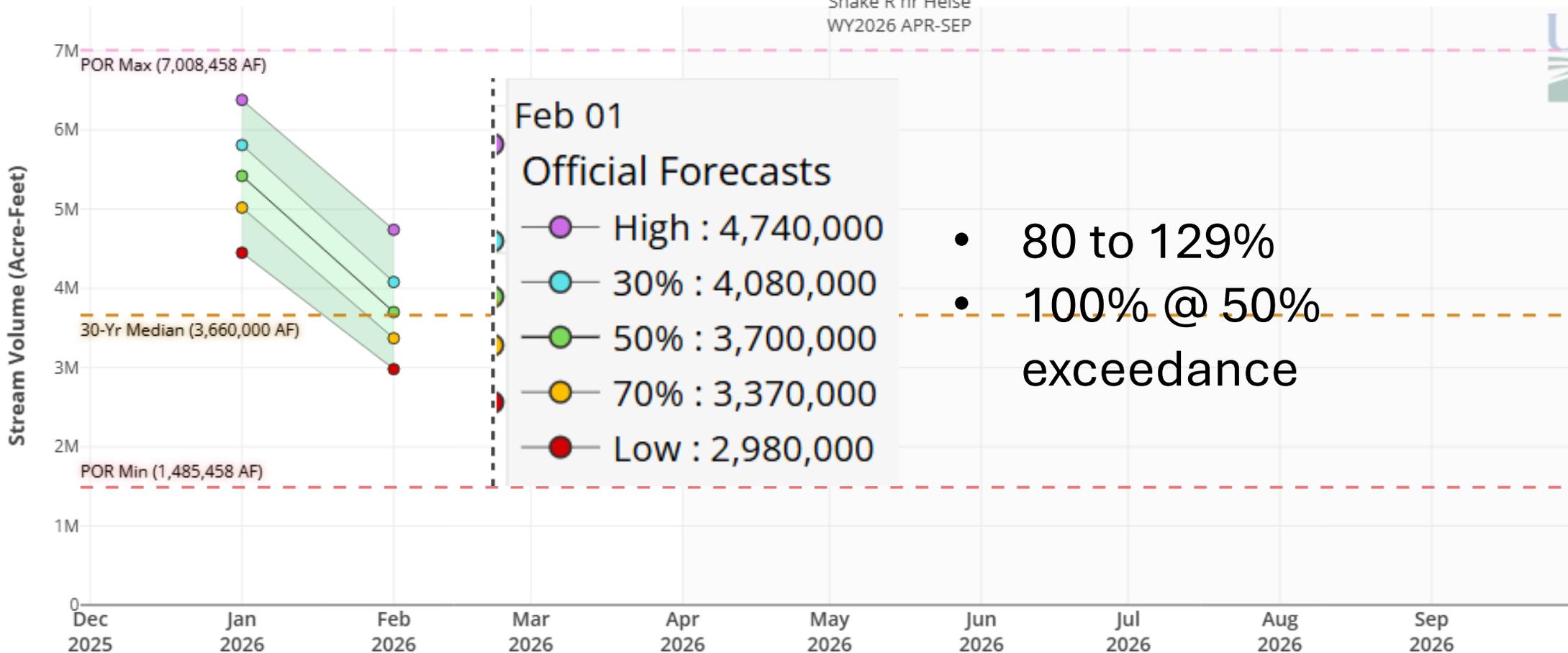
Observed

30-Yr Median

30-Yr Average

POR Min

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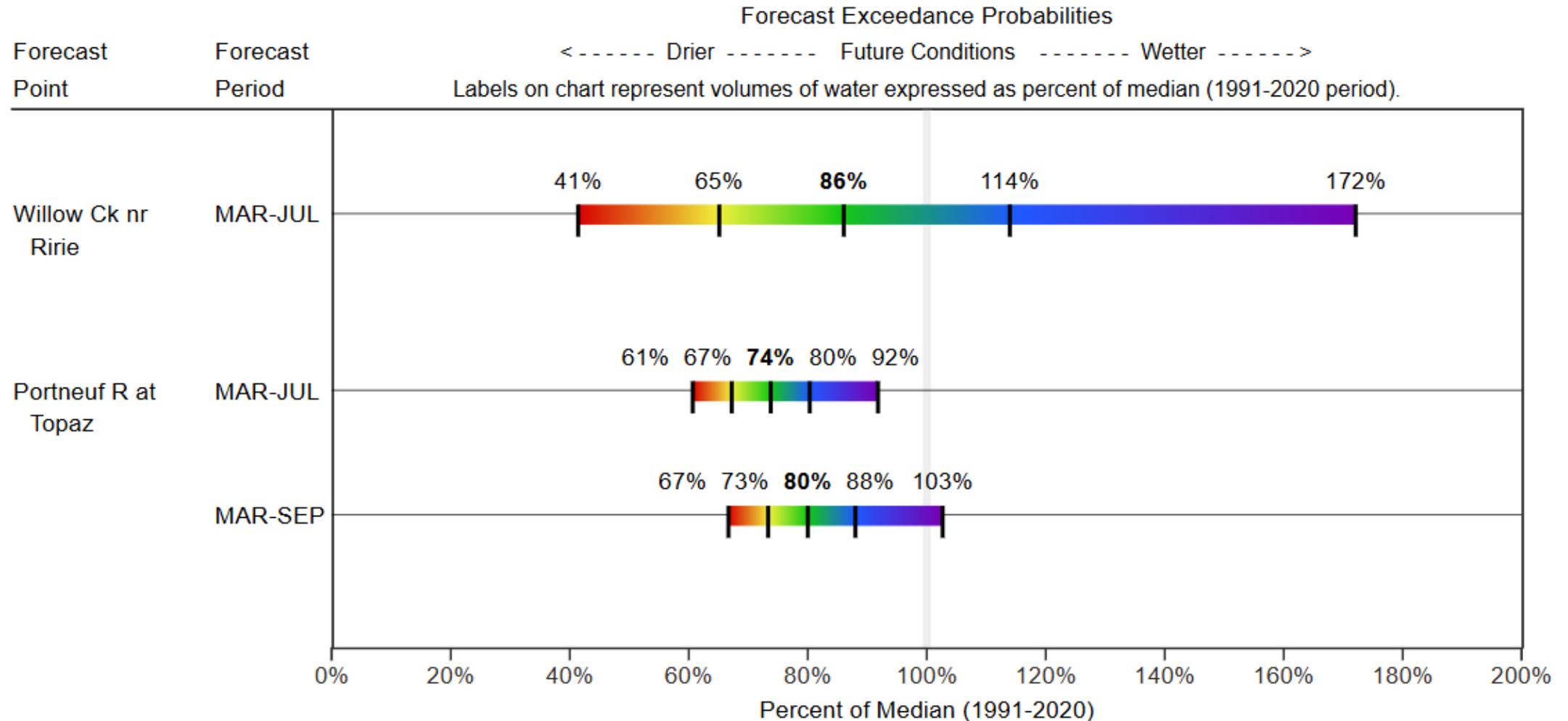


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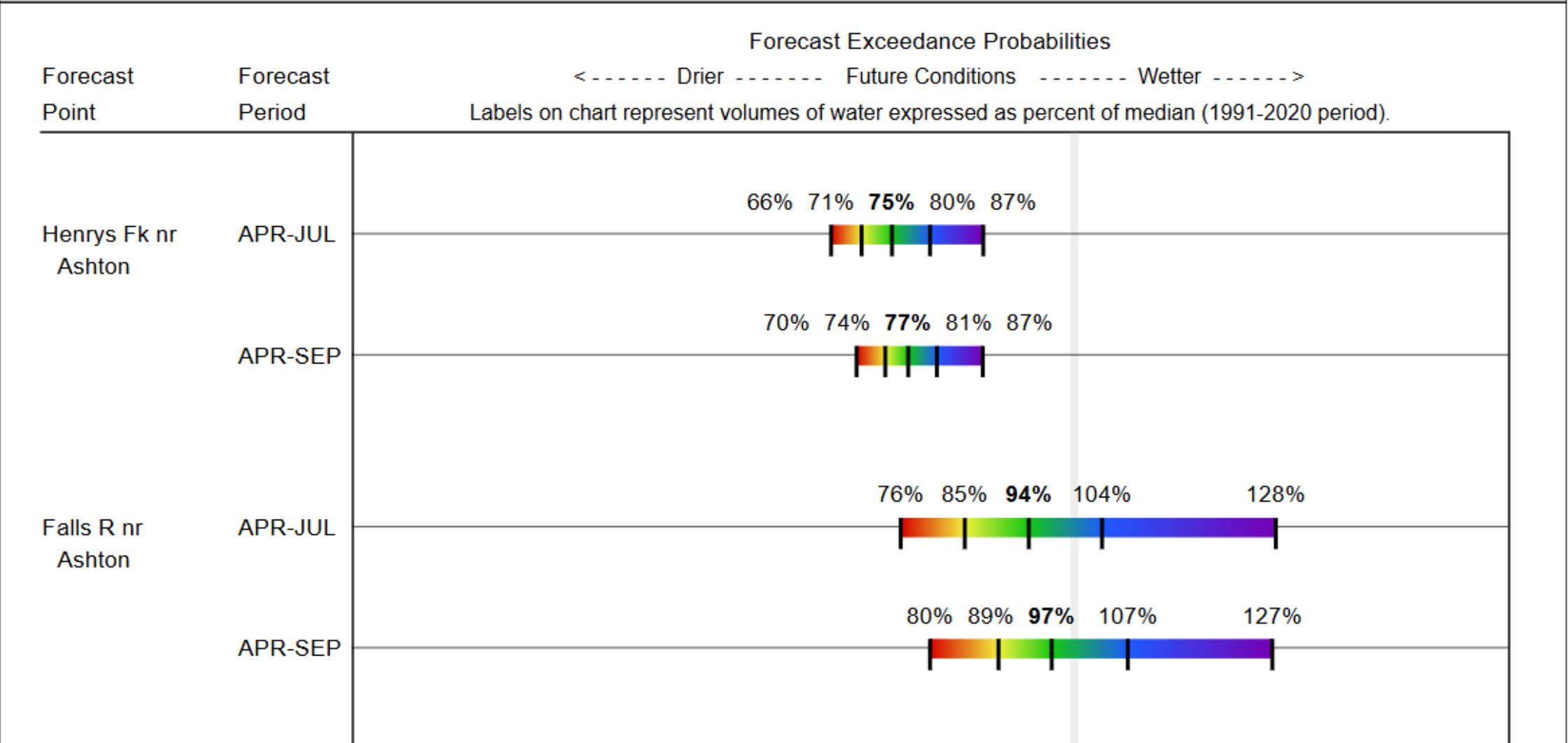
## WILLOW-BLACKFOOT-PORTNEUF

### Water Supply Forecasts

February 1, 2026



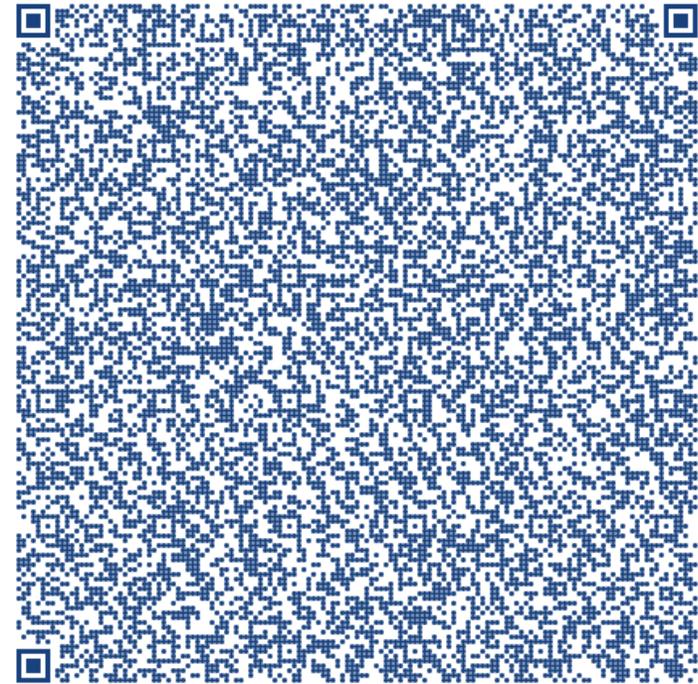
## HENRYS FORK-TETON Water Supply Forecasts February 1, 2026



## Idaho Snow Survey webpage



## Interactive conditions map



Email: [Erin.Whorton@usda.gov](mailto:Erin.Whorton@usda.gov)



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RECLAMATION

# February 2026 Upper Snake Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: February 12, 2026

Presenter: Brian Stevens



## Current Conditions

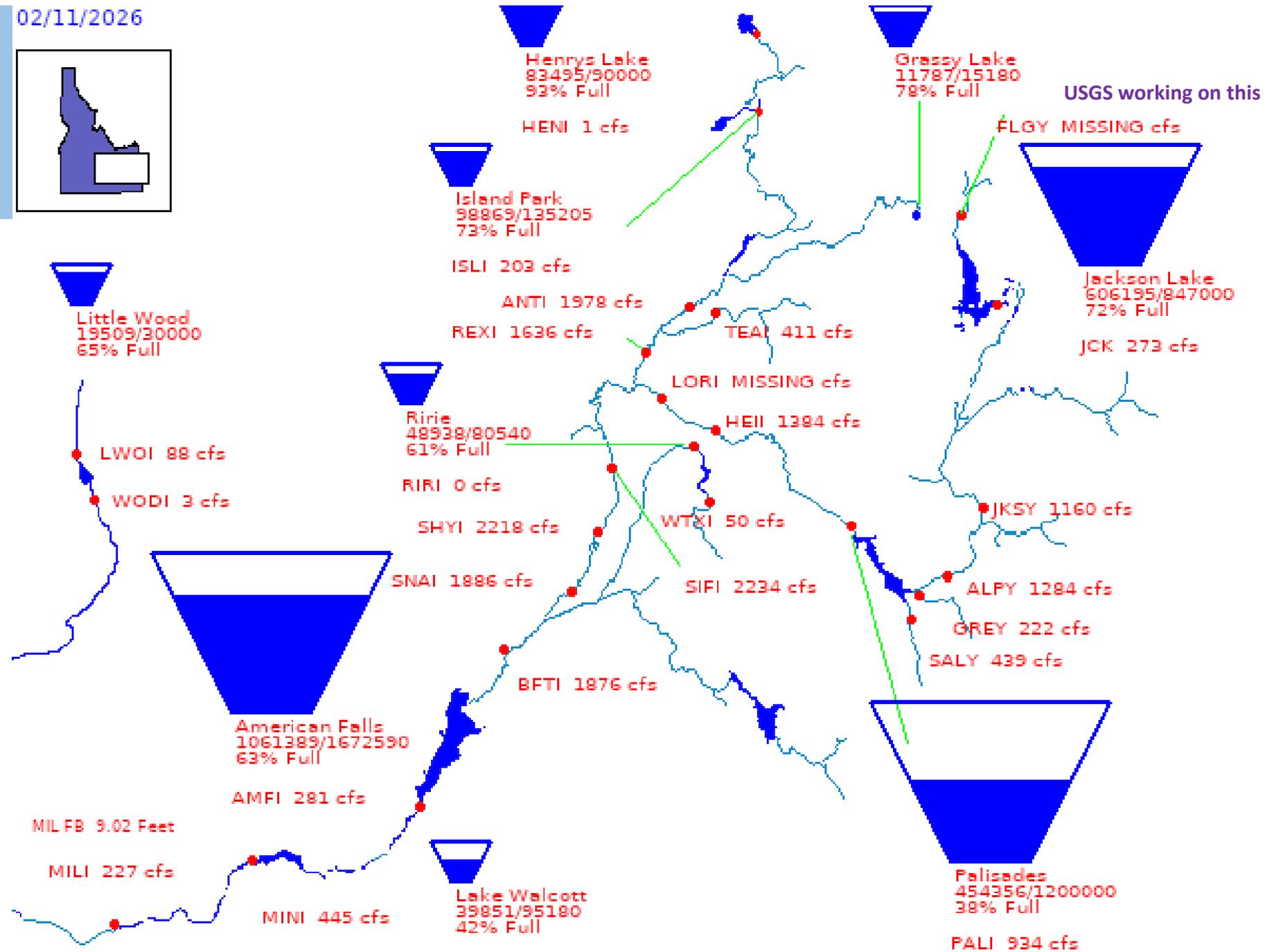
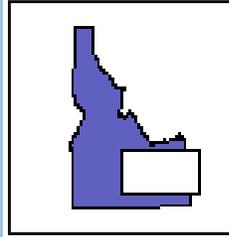
2.32 MAF in storage

57% full

89% of 91'-20' Average

542 KAF lower than last year

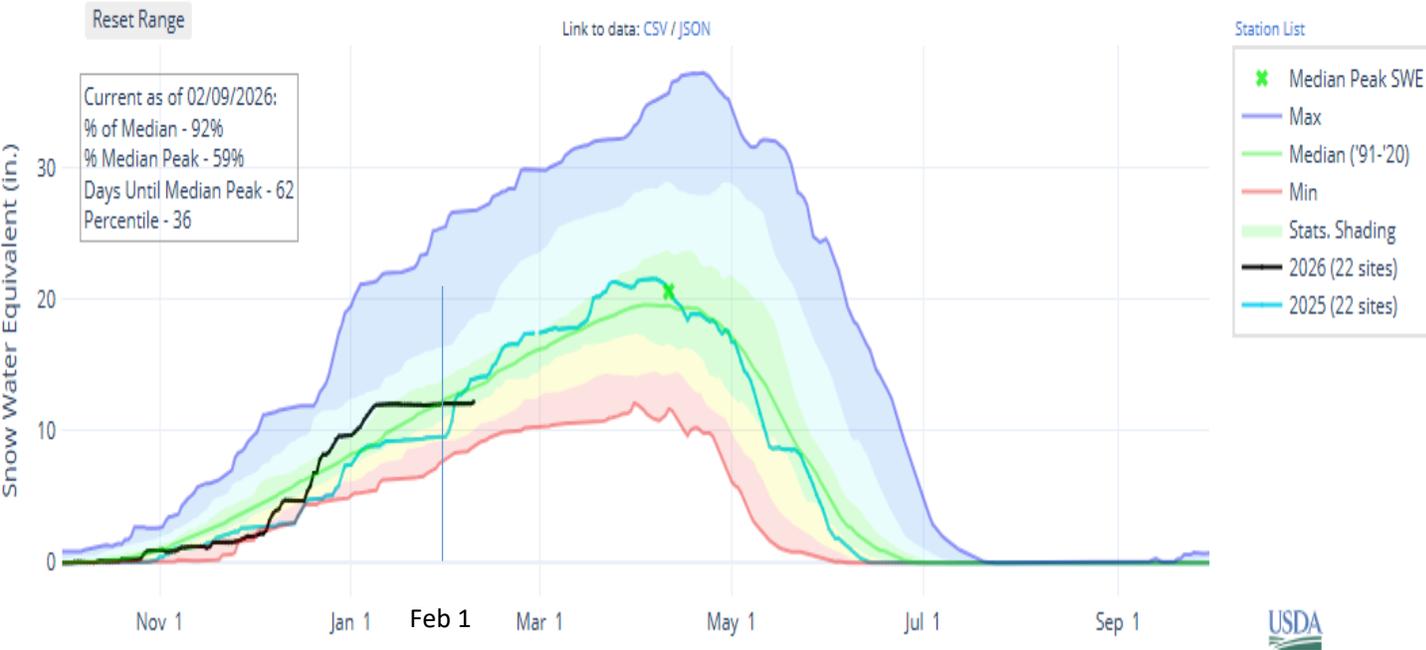
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# Runoff Outlook

## SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN SNAKE HEADWATERS ABOVE HEISE



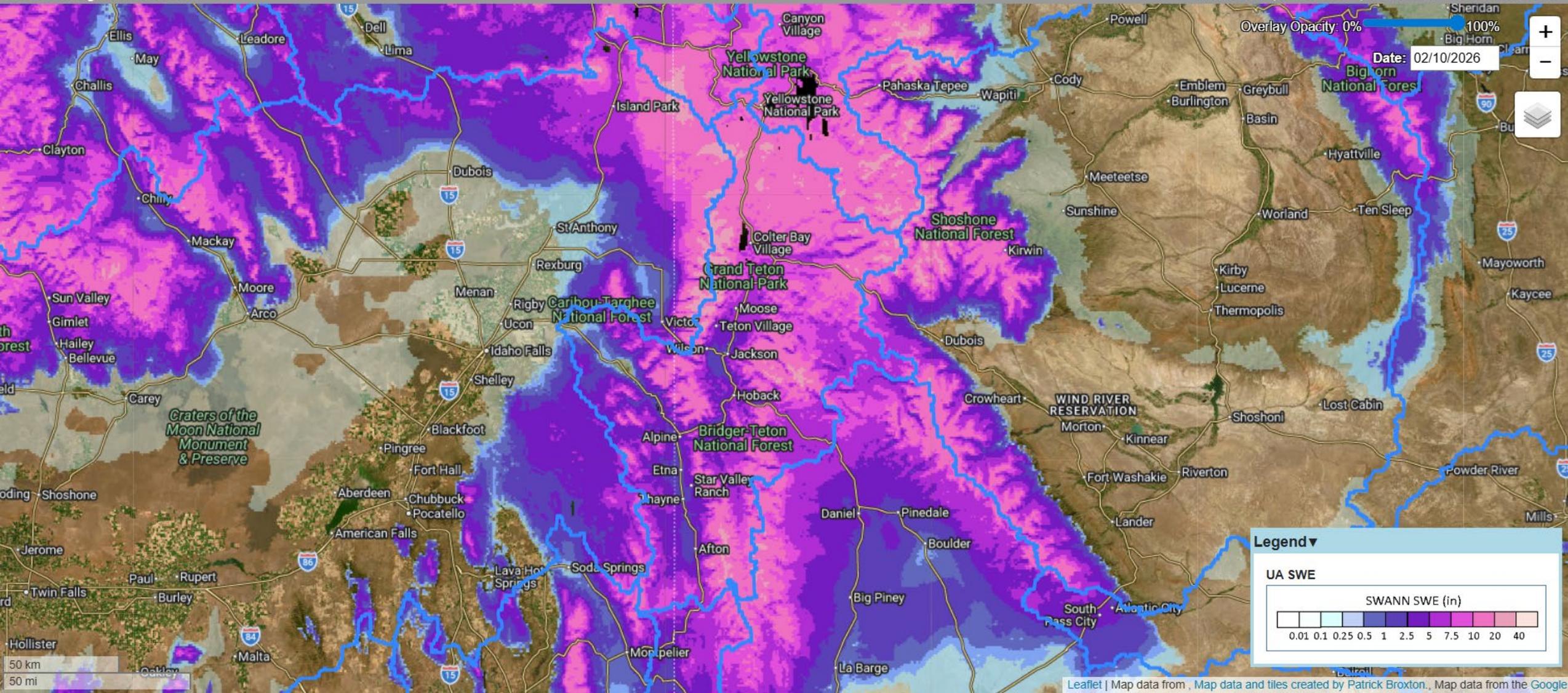
## CURRENT MONTHLY FORECAST SUMMARY FEB 1, 2026

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST PERIOD	1991-2020 AVERAGE (KAF)	FORECAST (KAF)	PERCENT NORMAL
*** HEISE	FEB-JUL	3681	3730	101%
JACKSON LAKE	FEB-JUL	834	872	105%
ISLAND PARK	FEB-JUL	256	192	75%
TETON	FEB-JUL	401	363	91%
*** RIRIE	FEB-JUN	63	51	81%
*** LITTLE WOOD	FEB-JUL	85	92	108%

\* Coordinated with USACE

**HEI forecast decrease of 14% since Jan 1**



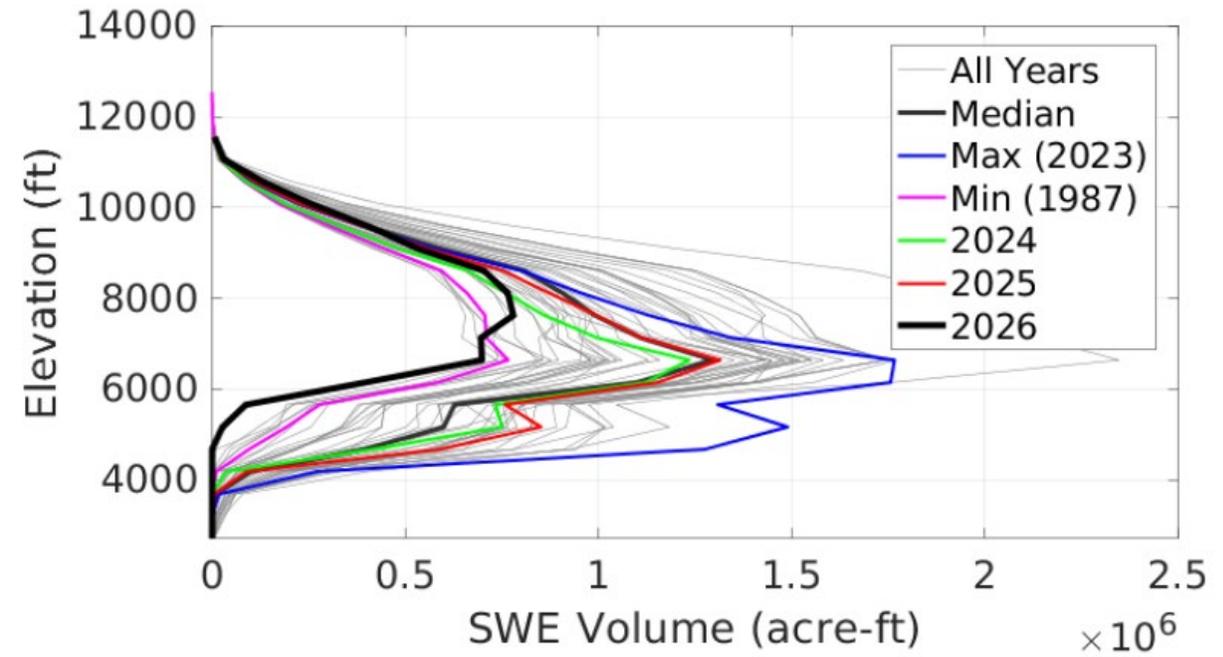


<https://snowview.arizona.edu>

UA/SWANN dataset integrates SNOTEL/COOP in-situ measurements with modeled gridded data

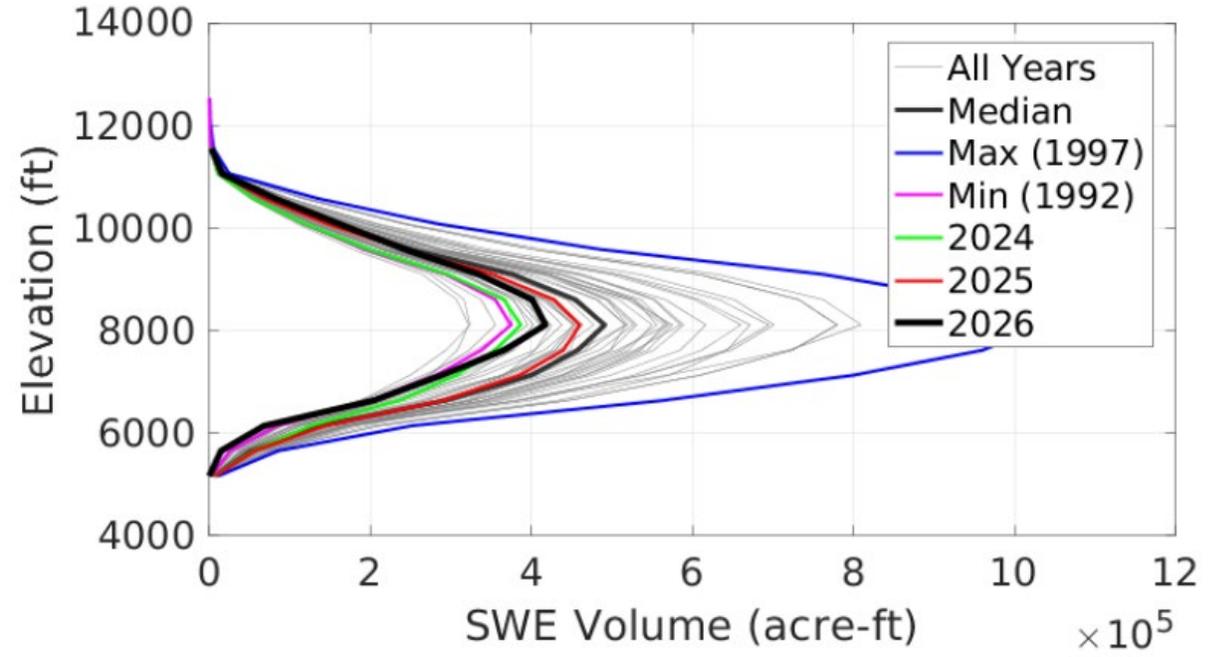
From 2/10/2026

### Snake River Basin upstream of King Hill



### Snake River Basin upstream of Heise

2026 estimate=1215 KAF, ~235 KAF less than 2025



**SNAKE - AT MILNER (MIL1)  
Forecasts for Water Year 2026**

**Natural Forecast**

ESP with 10 Days QPF Ensemble: 2026-02-10 Issued: 2026-02-10

Forecast Period	Forecasts Are in KAF				30 Year Average (1991-2020)
	90 %	50 %	% Average	10 %	
APR-SEP	4702	5758	93	6829	6169
APR-JUL	3999	4822	92	5775	5259
JAN-SEP	5763	6750	94	7185	
JAN-JUL	5064	5829	93	6843	6276
OCT-SEP	6727	7714	93	8837	8271

**Experimental**

HEFS with 15 days EQPF Ensemble: 2026-02-10 Issued: 2026-02-10

APR-SEP	4519	5675	92	6810	6169
APR-JUL	3840	4649	88	5842	5259
JAN-SEP	5593	6626	92	7849	7185
JAN-JUL	4893	5638	90	6827	6276
OCT-SEP	6557	7590	92	8812	8271

**Reference**

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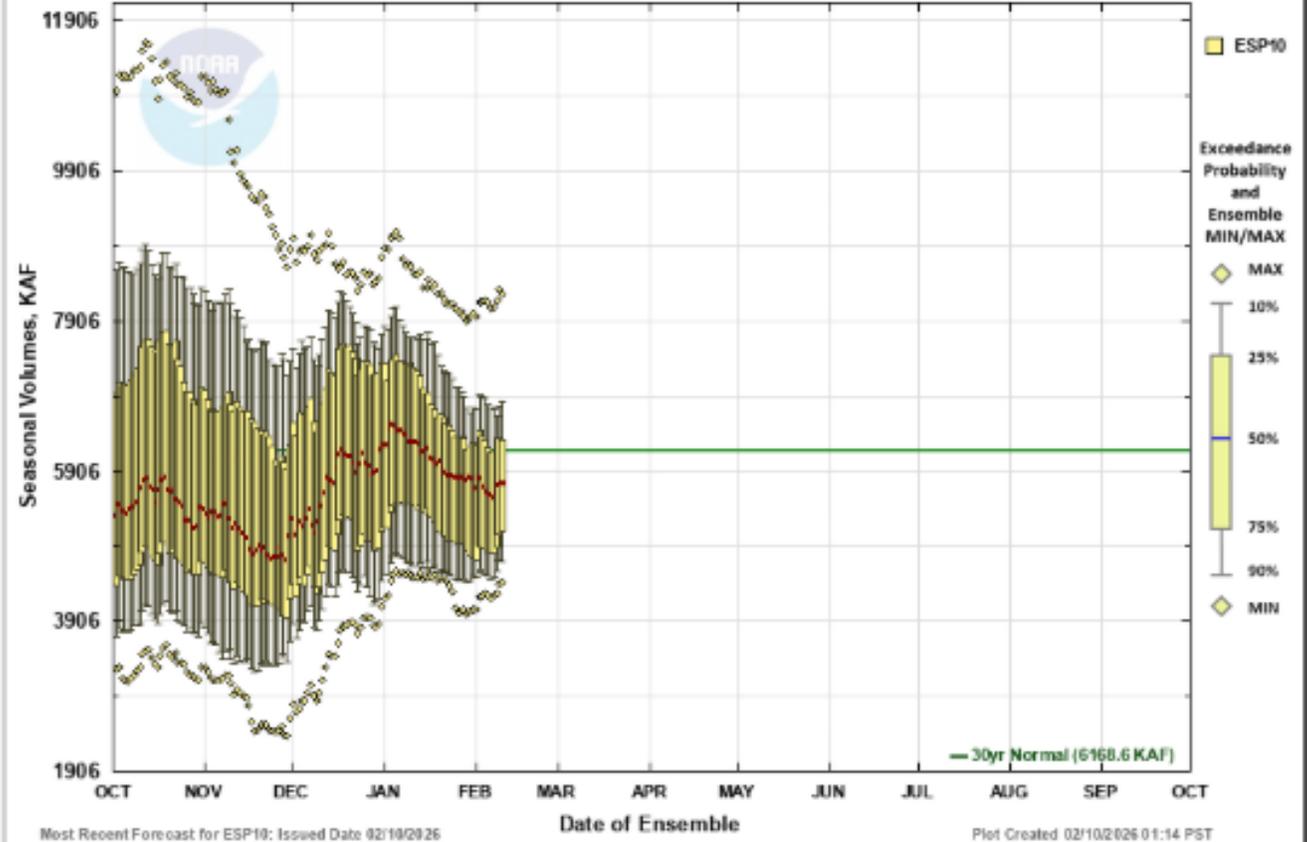
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APR-JUL	3787	4730	90	5710	5259
JAN-SEP	5535	6791	95	7790	7185
JAN-JUL	4850	5767	92	6767	6276
OCT-SEP	6499	7754	94	8753	8271

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**Natural Volume Forecasts**

SNAKE - AT MILNER

Period APR to SEP -- Water Year 2026

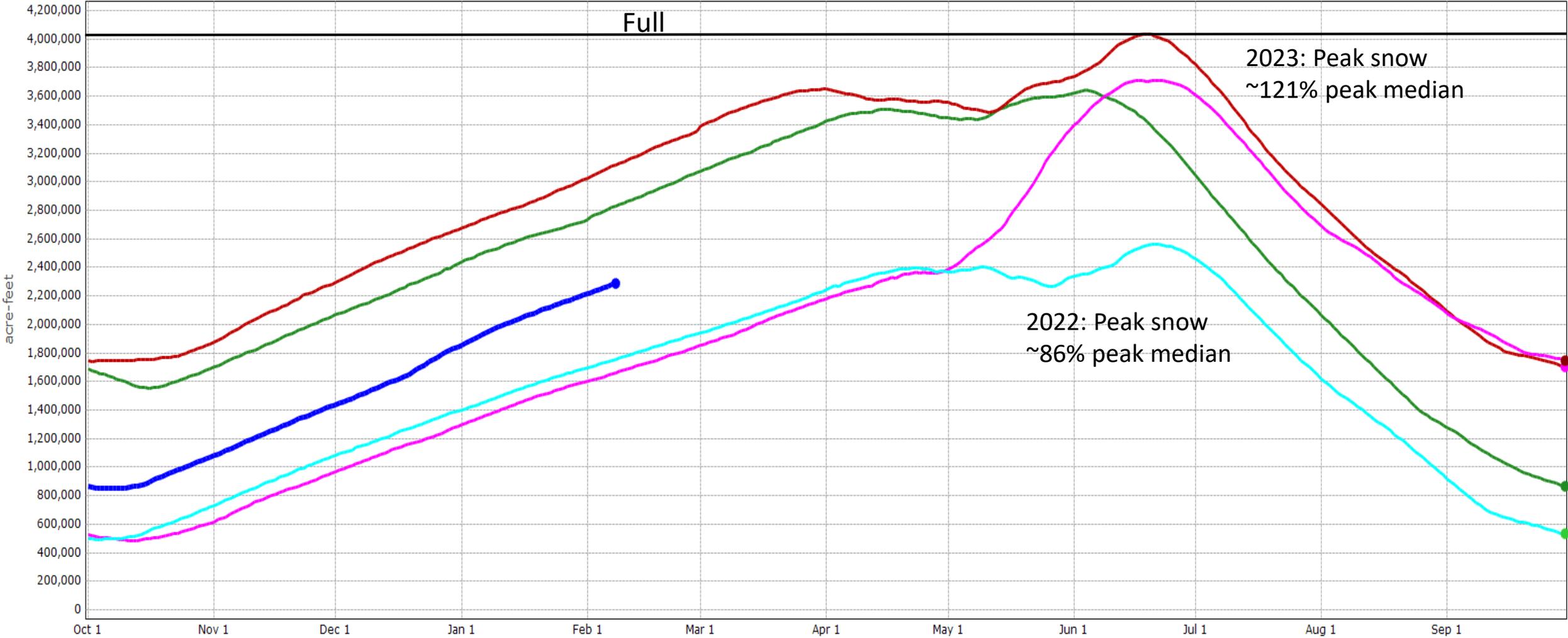


Max Scale
  Scale To Data
  Scale To Last 45 Days
  Show Min/Max Ensemble Volume
  Show Tooltips Help

# System Outlook

Federal Reservoir System Storage (SNASYS)

■ 2026 ■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023 ■ 2022

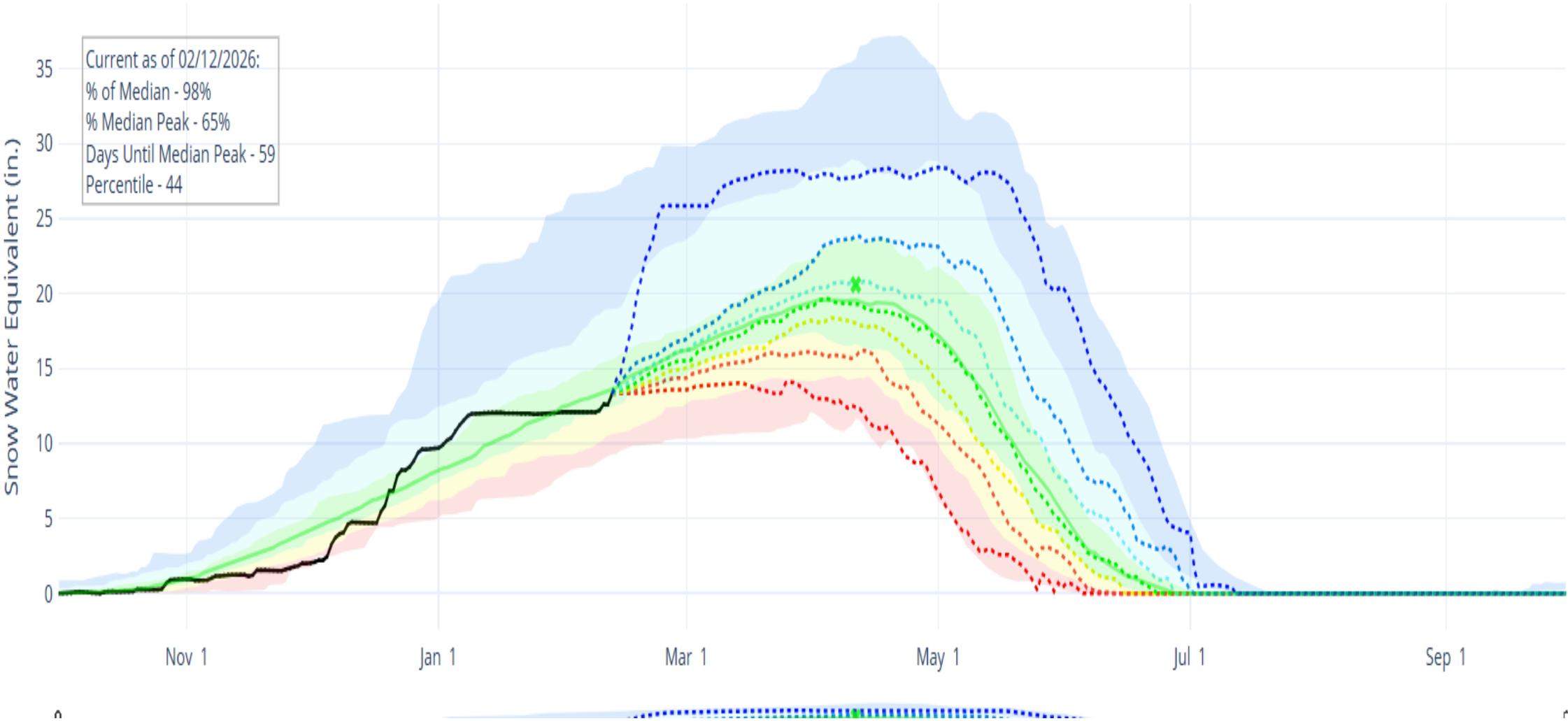


Reset Range

[Link to data: CSV / JSON](#)

[Station List](#)

Current as of 02/12/2026:  
% of Median - 98%  
% Median Peak - 65%  
Days Until Median Peak - 59  
Percentile - 44



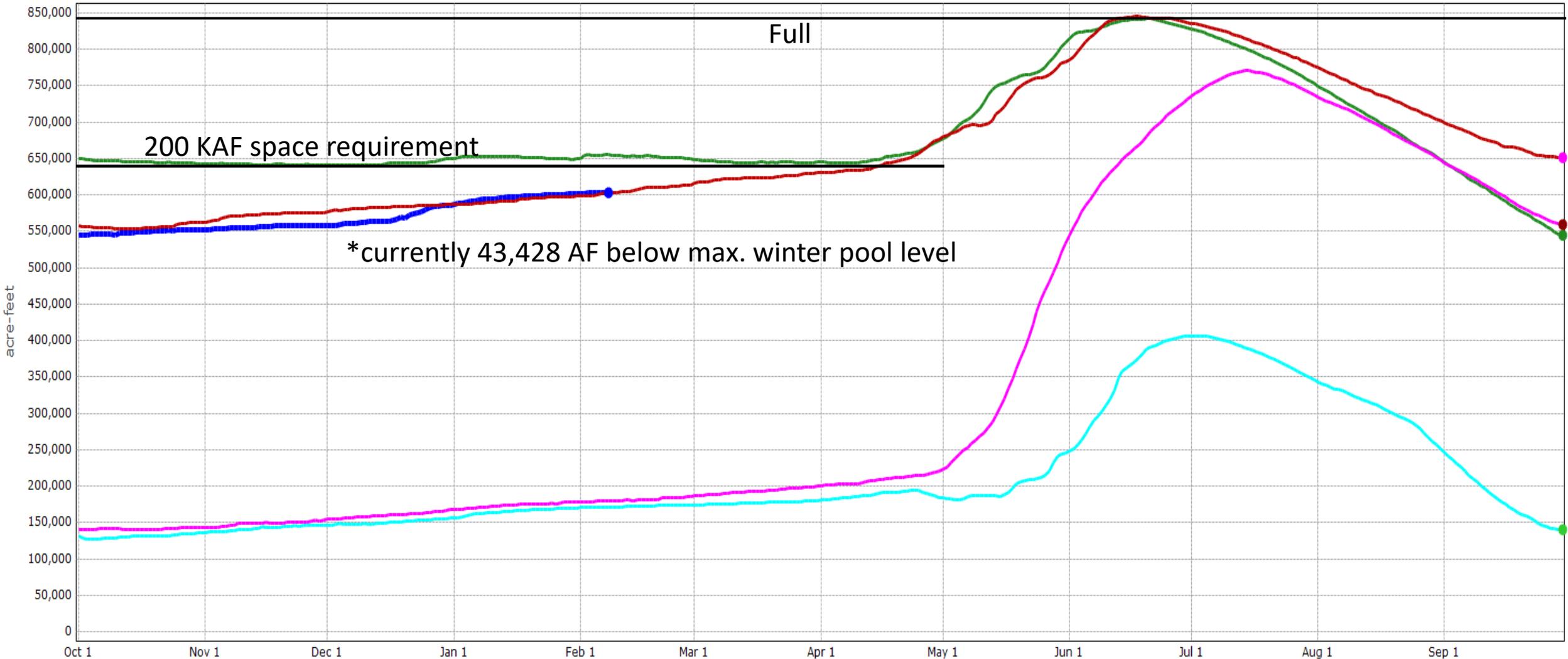
- ✱ Median Peak SWE
- Median (POR)
- Median ('91-'20)
- Max
- Stats. Shading
- Min
- Max Proj (POR)
- 90% Proj (POR)
- 70% Proj (POR)
- 50% Proj (POR)
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- 10% Proj (POR)
- Min Proj (POR)
- 2026 (22 sites)
- 2025 (22 sites)
- 2024 (22 sites)



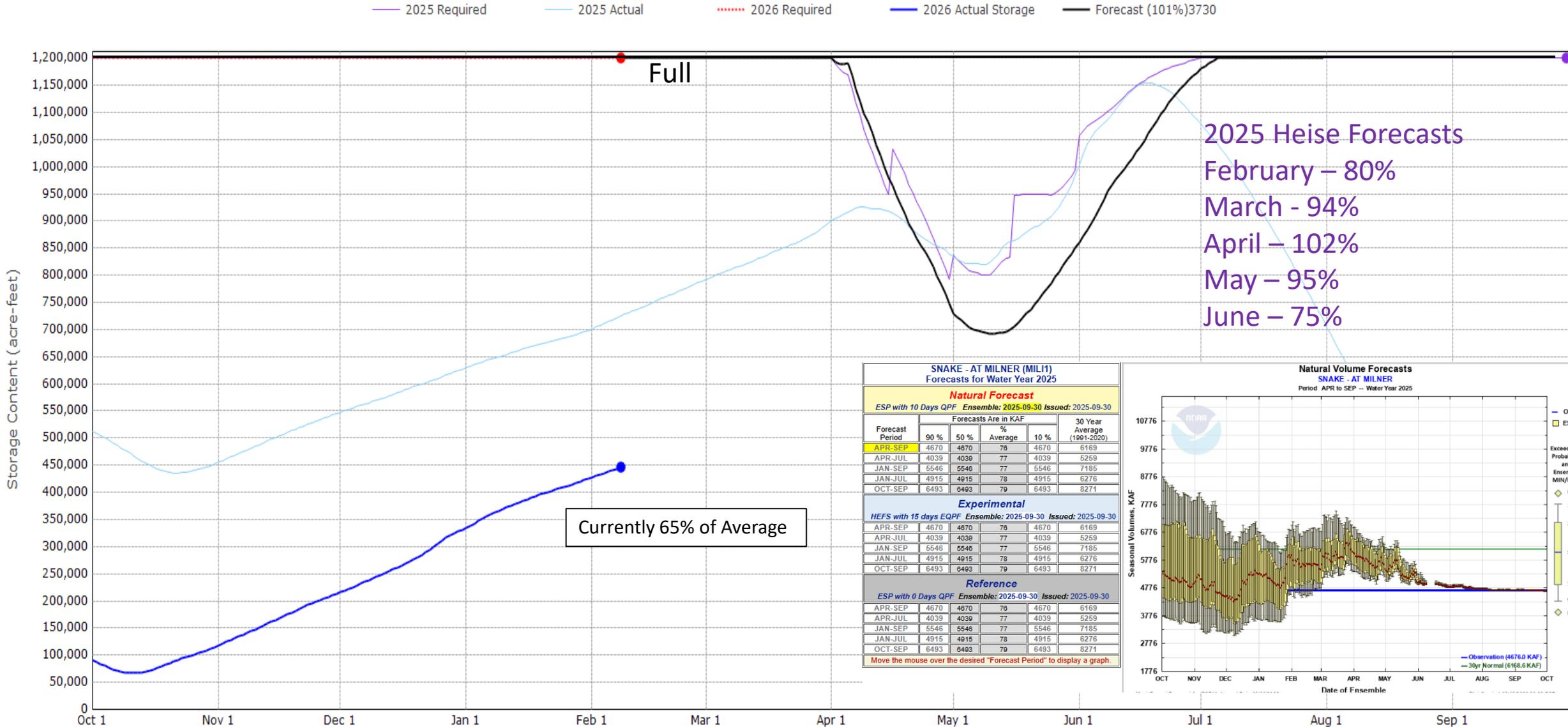
# Jackson Lake Outlook

Jackson Lake Storage

■ 2026 ■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023 ■ 2022



# Palisades Outlook



**SNAKE - AT MILNER (MIL1)  
Forecasts for Water Year 2025**

**Natural Forecast**  
ESP with 10 Days QPF Ensemble: 2025-09-30 Issued: 2025-09-30

Forecast Period	Forecasts Are in KAF				30 Year Average (1991-2020)
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JAN-SEP	5546	5546	77	5546	7185
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OCT-SEP	6493	6493	79	6493	8271

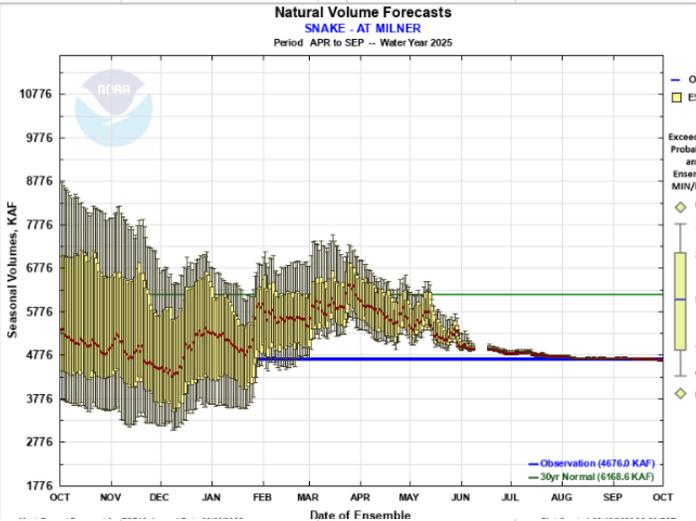
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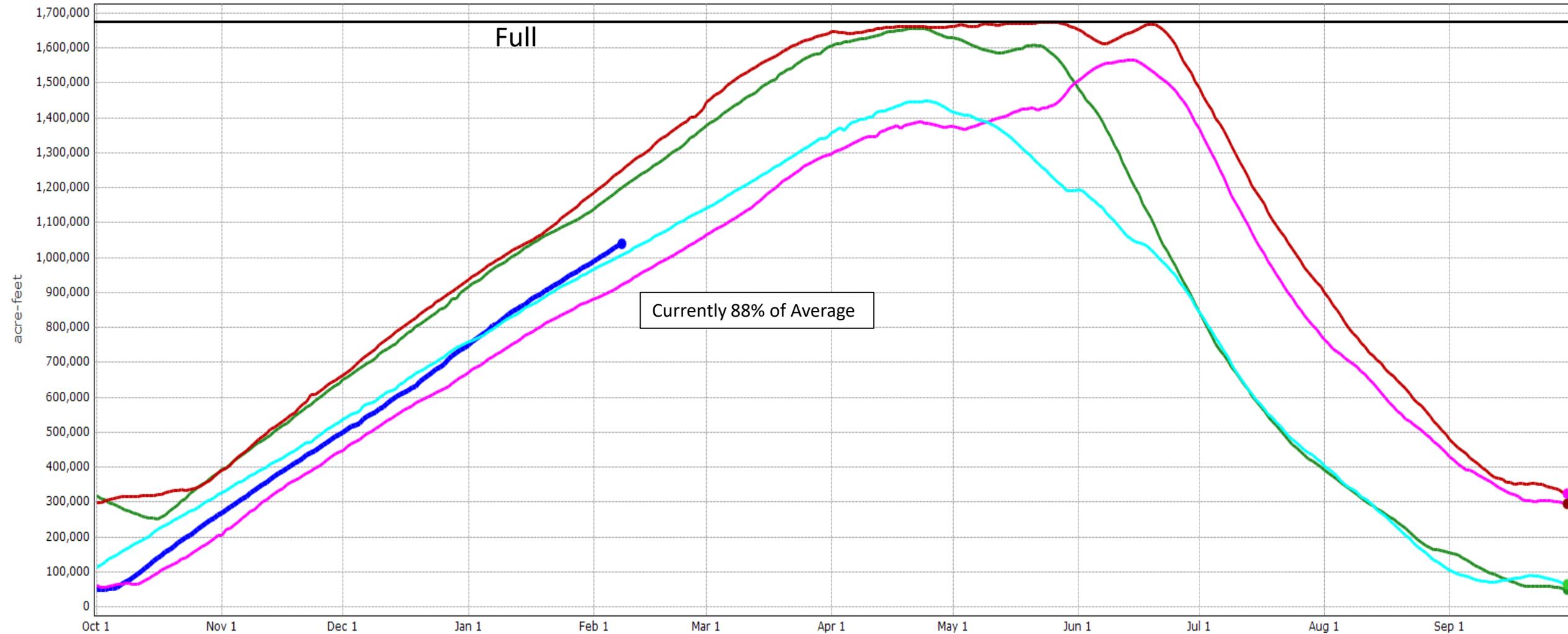
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# American Falls Outlook

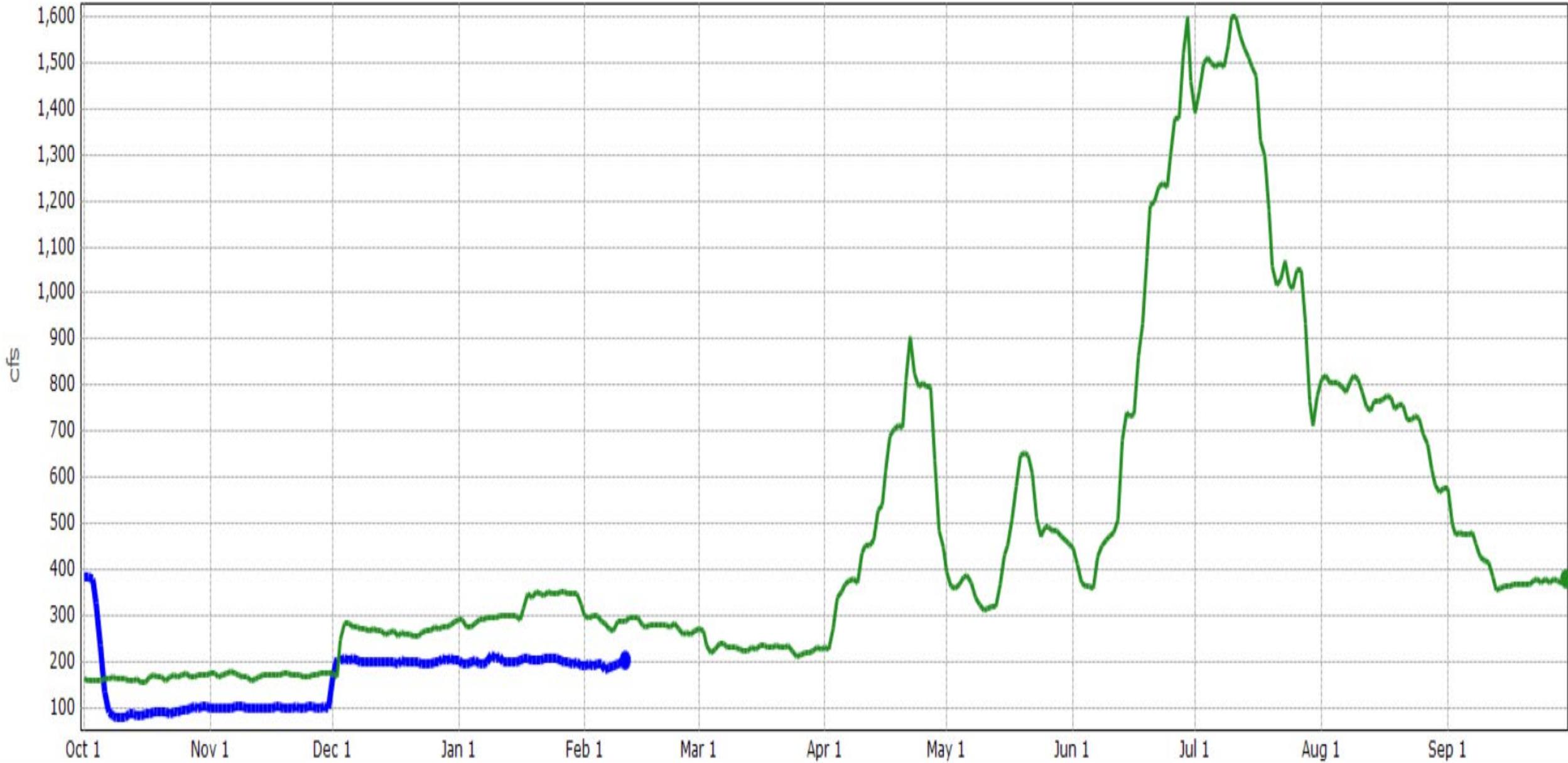
American Falls Reservoir

■ 2026 ■ 2025 ■ 2024 ■ 2023 ■ 2022



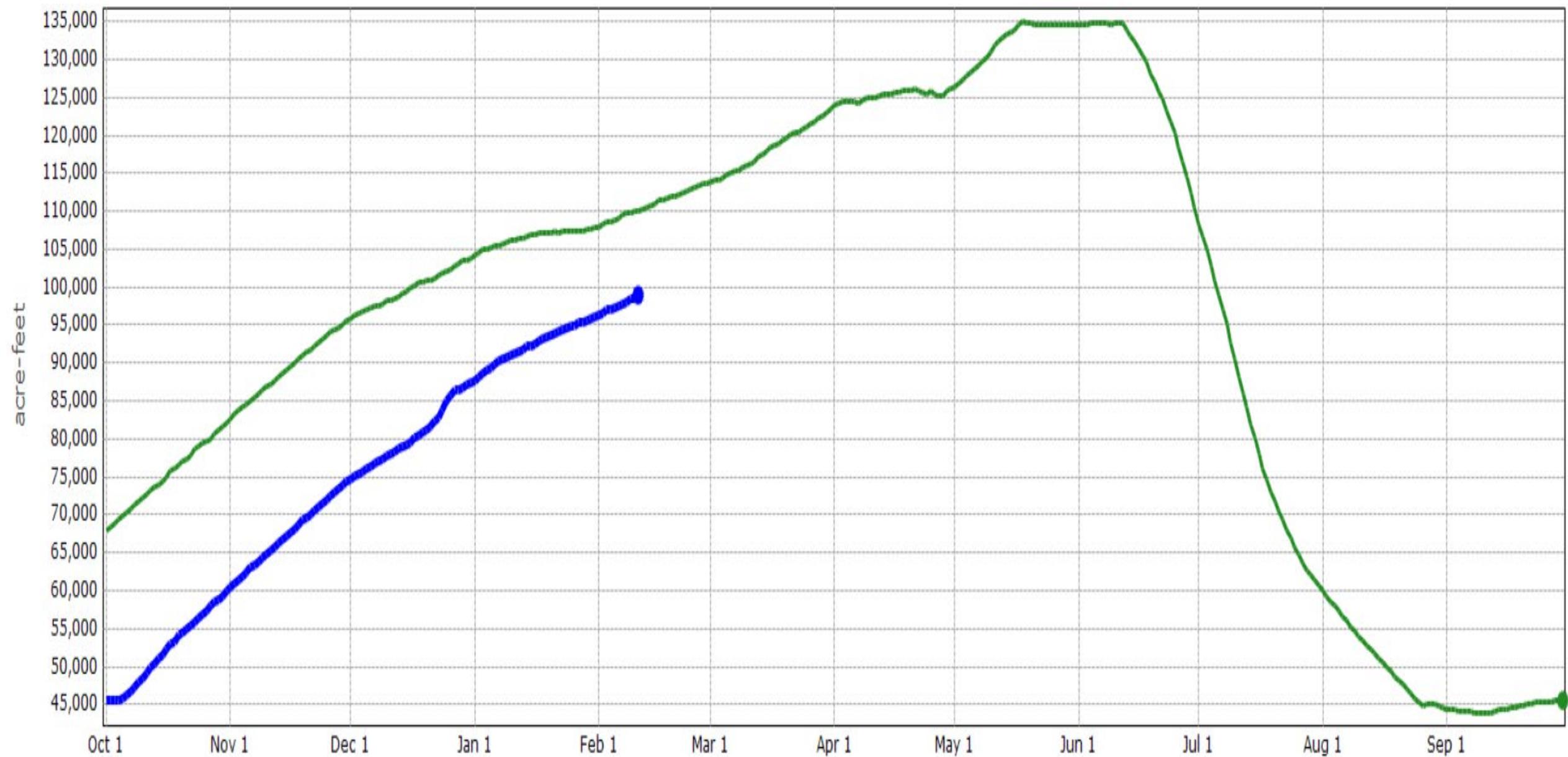
# Henrys Fork near Island Park, ID, Elevation: 6225 ft

■ 2026 ■ 2025



# Island Park Dam and Reservoir, ID, Elevation: 6302 ft

■ 2026 ■ 2025



# For More Information

## Snake River Area Office

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## Upper Snake Field Office

Mike Hilliard – Assistant Area Manager  
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Brian Stevens – Water Operations Supervisory Civil Engineer  
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## Snake River Operations Web Sites

Upper Snake water information site -

<http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/uppersnake/index.html>

USBR HydroMet - <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/>

Northwest River Forecast Center - <http://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/rfc/>

NRCS SNOTEL Data - <http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/>



# IWRB Managed Recharge Program

Upper Snake River Advisory Committee Meeting

Neal Farmer – Recharge Program

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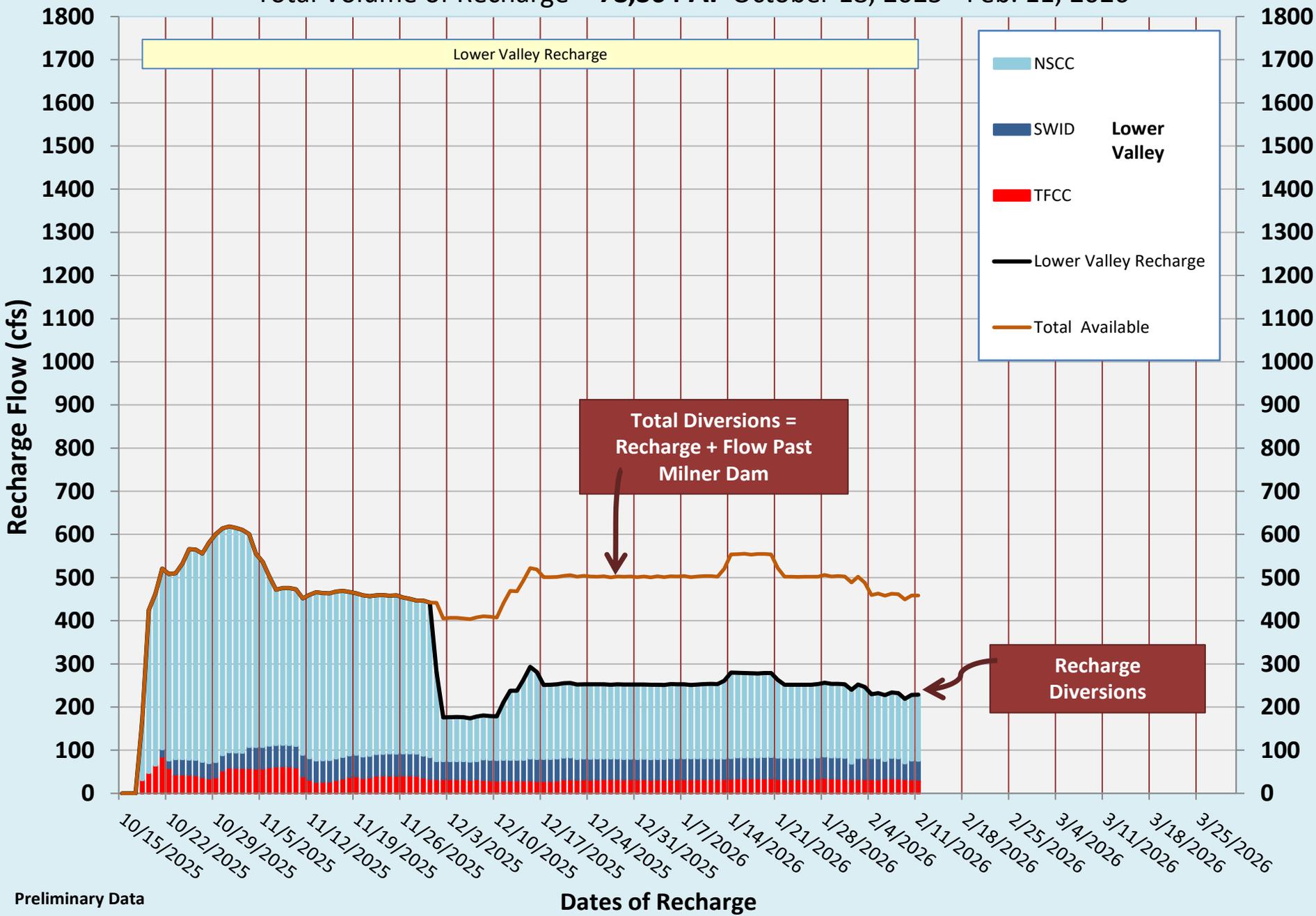
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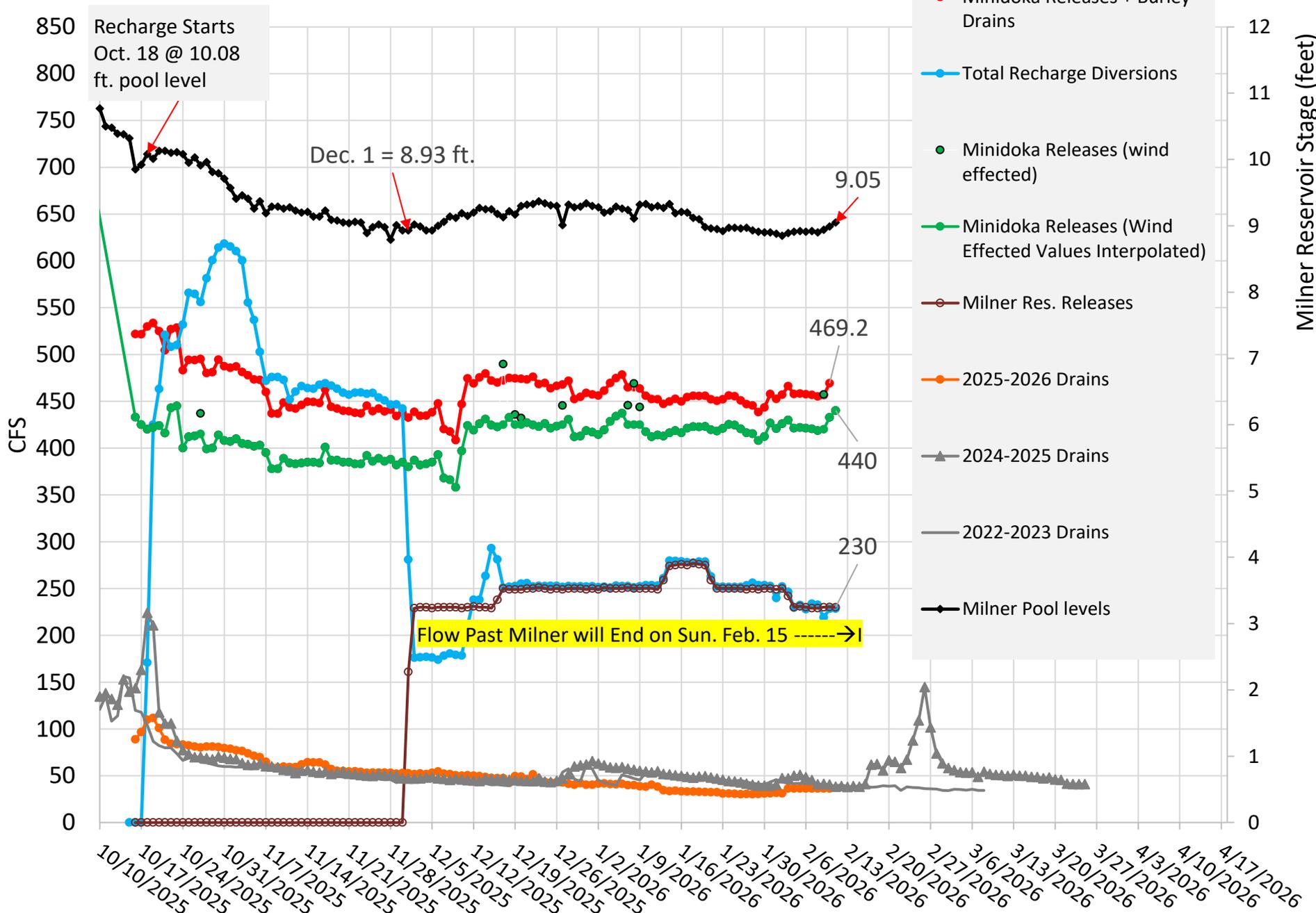
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# IWRB Natural Flow Recharge - 2025/2026 Season

Total Volume of Recharge = **78,364 AF** October 18, 2025 - Feb. 11, 2026



# Milner Reservoir Water Budget (provisional)

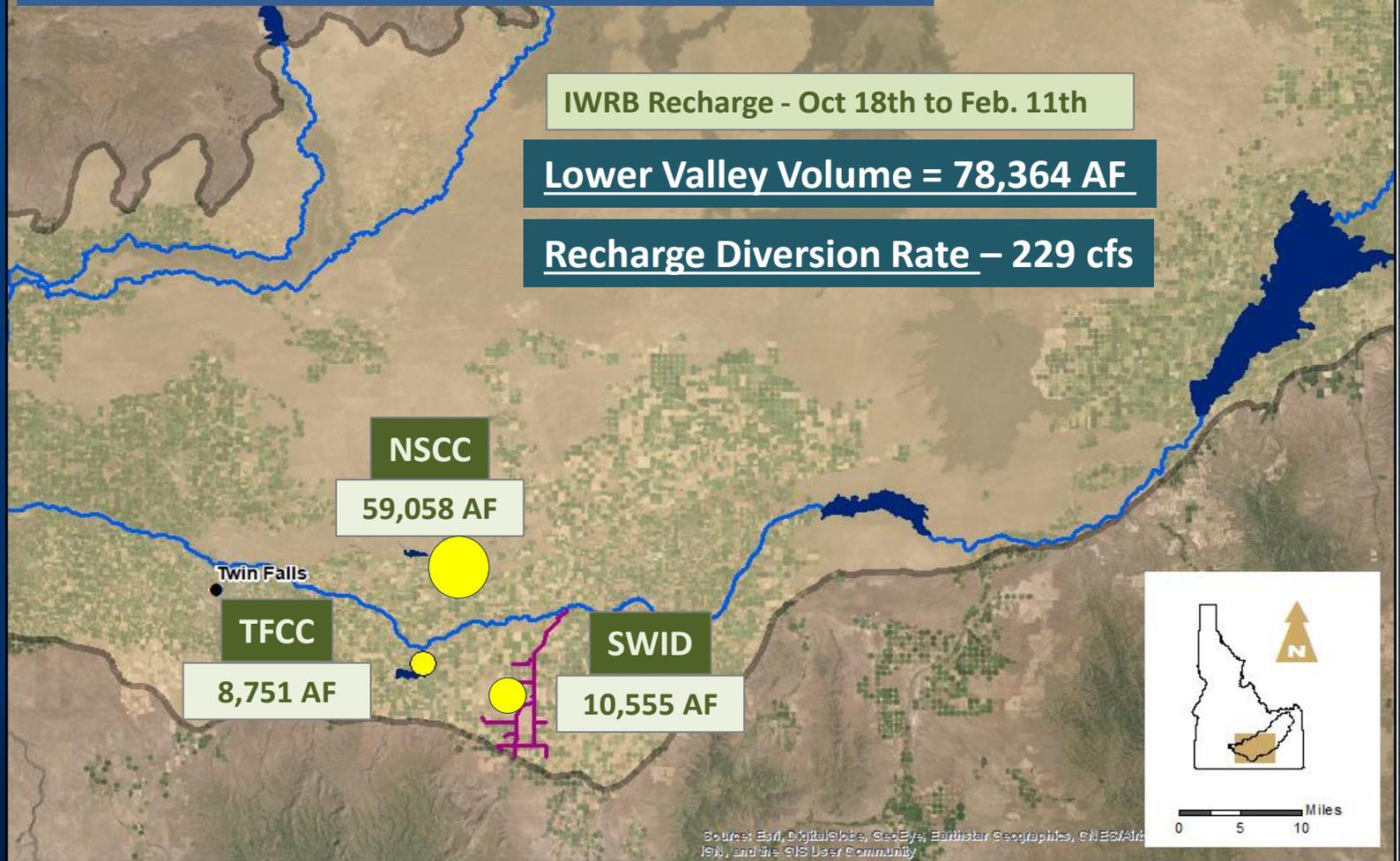


## Total Natural Flow Water Recharged 2025-2026 Season 78,364 AF

IWRB Recharge - Oct 18th to Feb. 11th

Lower Valley Volume = 78,364 AF

Recharge Diversion Rate – 229 cfs



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



Questions?





# AGENDA

## IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD

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### Upper Snake River Advisory Committee Meeting No. 2-26

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

10:00 a.m. (MST)

**Brad Little**  
Governor

**Jeff Raybould**  
Chairman  
St. Anthony  
At Large

**Jo Ann Cole-Hansen**  
Vice Chair  
Lewiston  
At Large

**Dean Stevenson**  
Secretary  
Paul  
District 3

**Dale Van Stone**  
Hope  
District 1

**Albert Barker**  
Boise  
District 2

**Brian Olmstead**  
Twin Falls  
At Large

**Marcus Gibbs**  
Grace  
District 4

**Patrick McMahon**  
Sun Valley  
At Large

**Meeting Location(s):**

BOISE  
Water Center  
Conf. Room 602B  
322 E. Front St.

IDAHO FALLS  
Eastern Regional Office  
Main Conference Room  
900 N. Skyline Dr.

or

VIDEO conference via Zoom is available upon following the Zoom link login process, contact [Neal.Farmer@idwr.idaho.gov](mailto:Neal.Farmer@idwr.idaho.gov) for questions or issues in advance of the meeting start time. The purpose of this meeting is to present updated water operations information and data (i.e.-reservoir storage, pool levels & releases; river flow rates, diversion locations and rates; snowpack runoff status & predictions; weather predictions; etc.) for primarily the Upper Snake River Basin System.

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1. Introductions and Attendance
  2. Weather Forecast (NOAA)
    - a. Mark Dallon provided a summary of the weather so far for the 2026 water year for the upper Snake River. He also provided and weather forecast for the remaining portion of the 2026 water year.
  3. Snow Pack / Streamflow Forecasts (NRCS)
    - a. Erin Whorton provided a summary of the current precipitation and snowpack. She also provided a forecast of the anticipated snowpack based on historical snow accumulation. Erin provided a summary of data sources for snowpack.
  4. Water Supply / Operations Update (USBR)
    - a. Brian Stevens provided an update on the current reservoir storage and river operations in the Snake River system. He also provided an update on the operations outlook.

5. Reservoir / River Operations (Idaho Power)

- a. Jennifer Cuhaciyen provided an update on Upper Snake River and Hells Canyon operations for power generation.

6. Water District 01 Briefing

- a. Craig Chandler provided information on current reservoir storage water rights satisfied and in priority on the Snake River. He provided information on which reservoir storage water rights will likely be satisfied. Craig discussed the IWRB diversion of natural flow for recharge and the Milner bypass for Idaho Power Company.

7. IWRB Managed Recharge Operations

- a. Neal Farmer provided a recap of the recharge that has occurred so far during the 2025-2026 recharge season in the Lower Valley.

8. New Business

- a. None

9. Adjourn

Committee Member: Brian Olmstead

Participants

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lyle swank	2/12/2026 10:05	2/12/2026 11:01	56	Yes	OK
Alan Kelsch	2/12/2026 10:05	2/12/2026 10:05	1	Yes	No Response
Alan Kelsch	2/12/2026 10:05	2/12/2026 11:01	56	Yes	OK
Brad Buttars	2/12/2026 10:06	2/12/2026 10:06	1	Yes	No Response
Brad Buttars	2/12/2026 10:06	2/12/2026 10:33	28	Yes	OK
Geisler, Ethan	2/12/2026 10:09	2/12/2026 10:09	1	Yes	No Response
Geisler, Ethan	2/12/2026 10:09	2/12/2026 11:01	52	Yes	OK
Harold Mohlman	2/12/2026 10:11	2/12/2026 10:11	1	Yes	No Response
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Cynthia Clark	2/12/2026 10:12	2/12/2026 10:13	1	No	No Response
Cynthia Clark	2/12/2026 10:13	2/12/2026 11:00	48	No	OK
Norm Semanko	2/12/2026 10:15	2/12/2026 10:50	35	Yes	No Response
Steve Stuebner	2/12/2026 10:36	2/12/2026 10:36	1	Yes	No Response
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Norm Semanko	2/12/2026 10:50	2/12/2026 10:50	1	Yes	No Response
Norm Semanko	2/12/2026 10:50	2/12/2026 11:01	11	Yes	No Response

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