

# Swan Falls Forecast Tool

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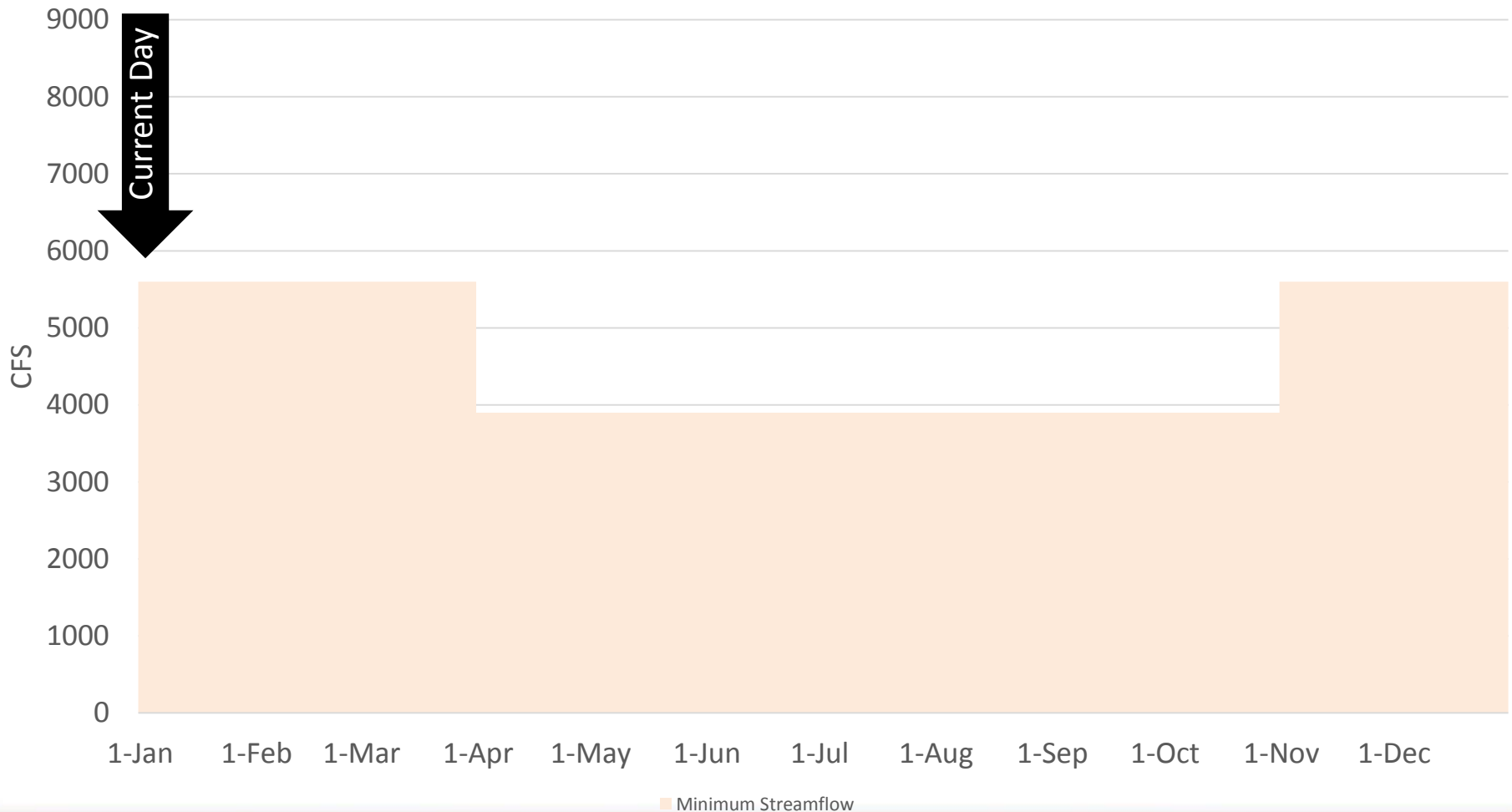


# Outline

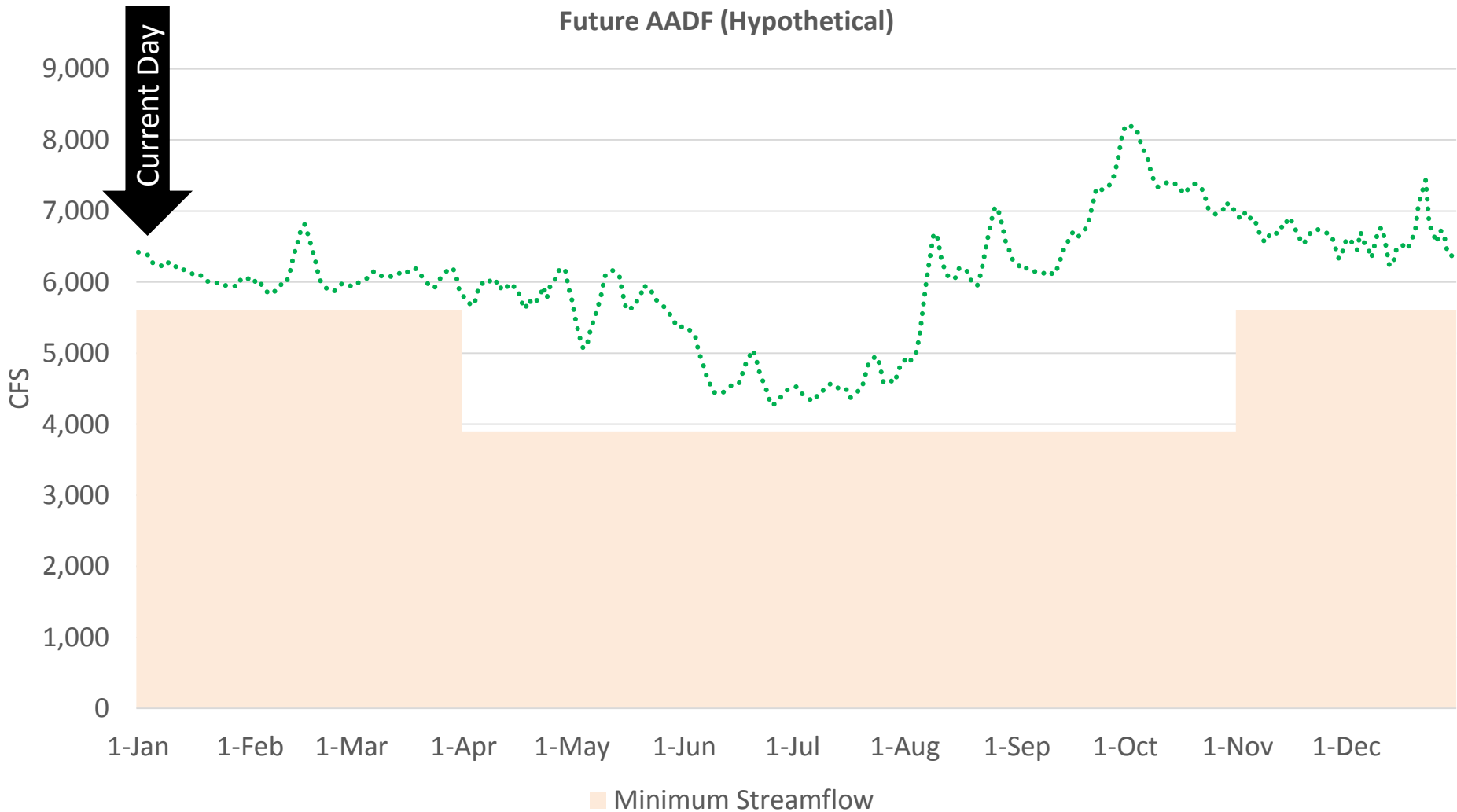
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- Forecast Components
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  2. Consumptive Demand
  3. Tributary and Return Flow
- Validation Results (2003 – 2016)
  - Preliminary
- January Forecast 2017
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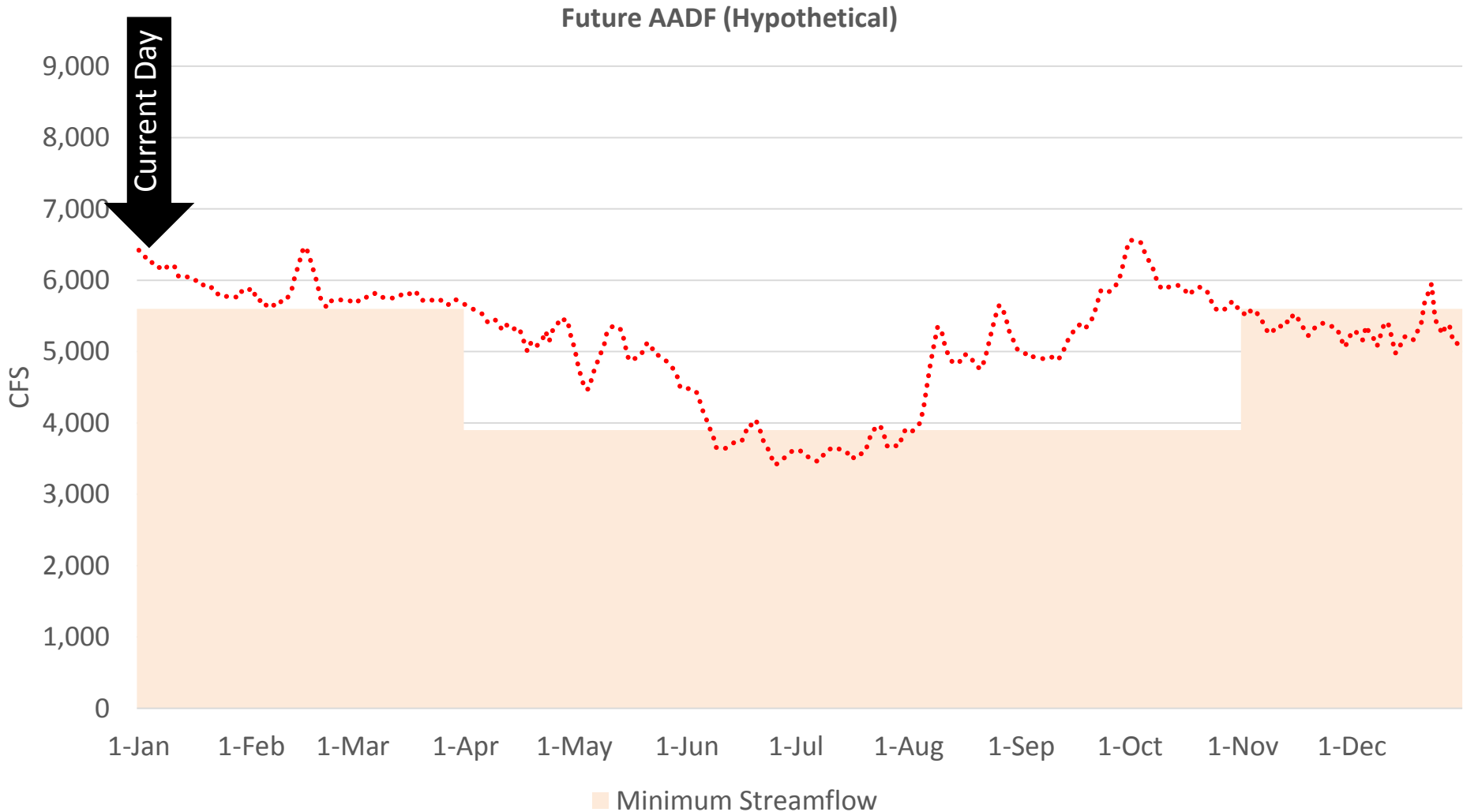
Future AADF (Hypothetical)



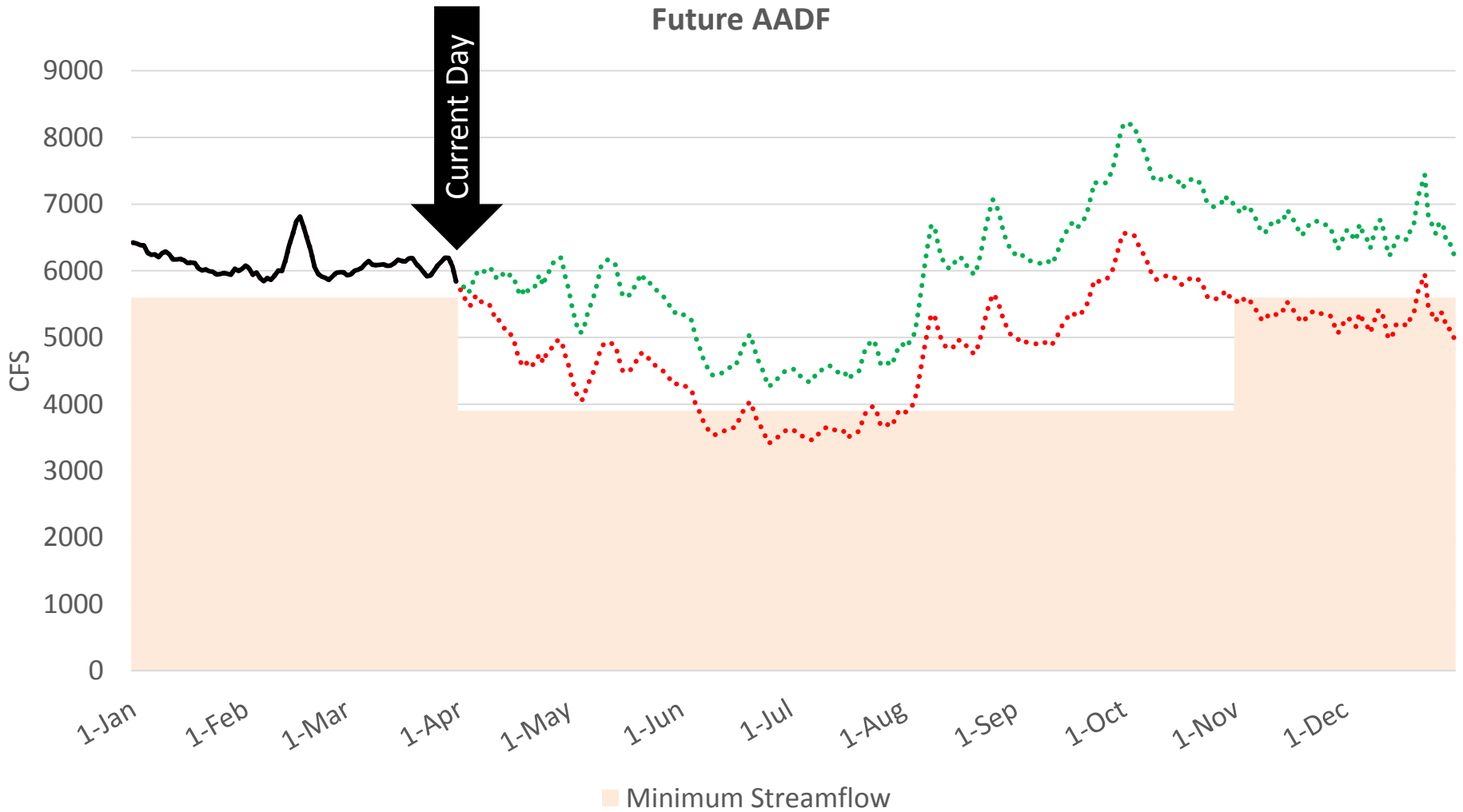
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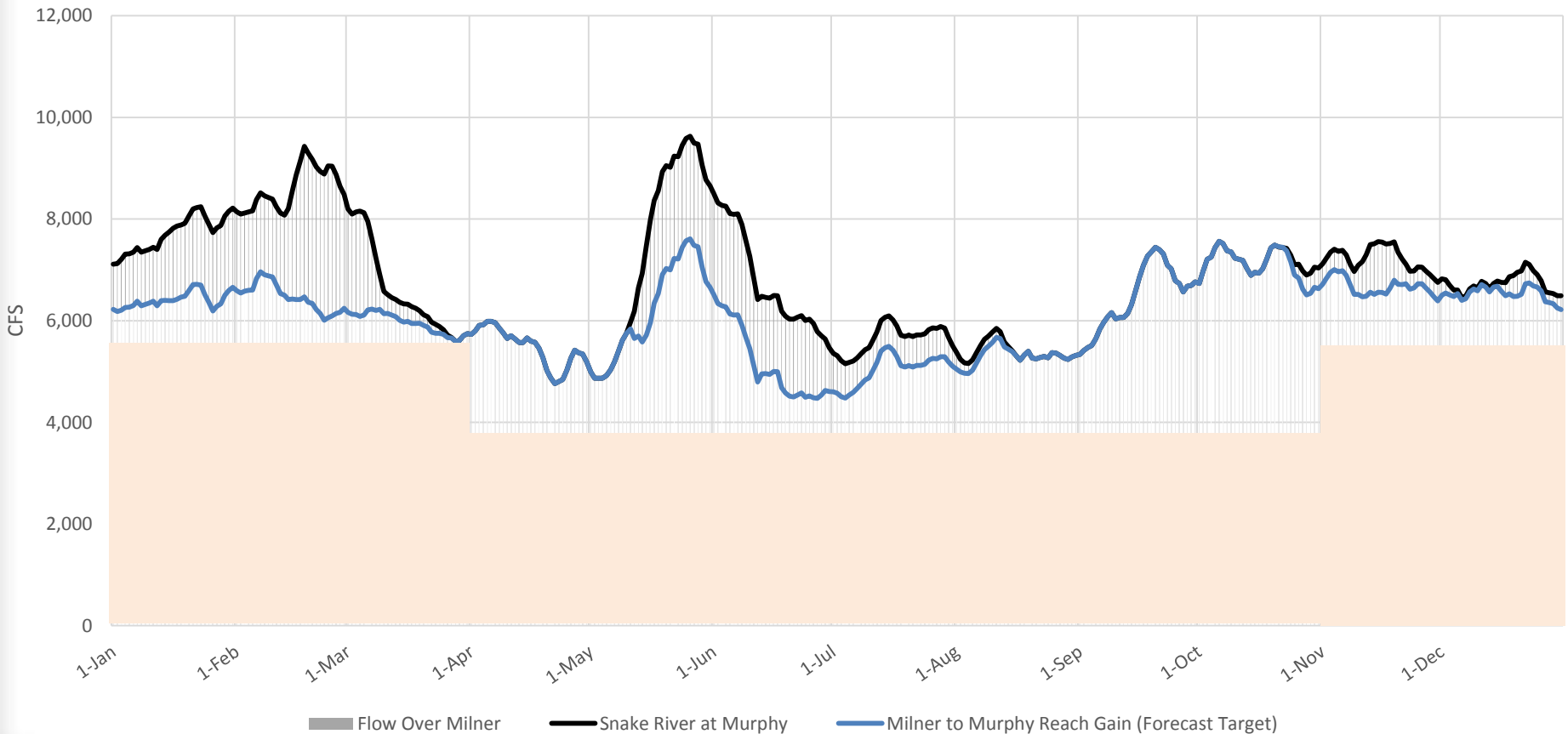


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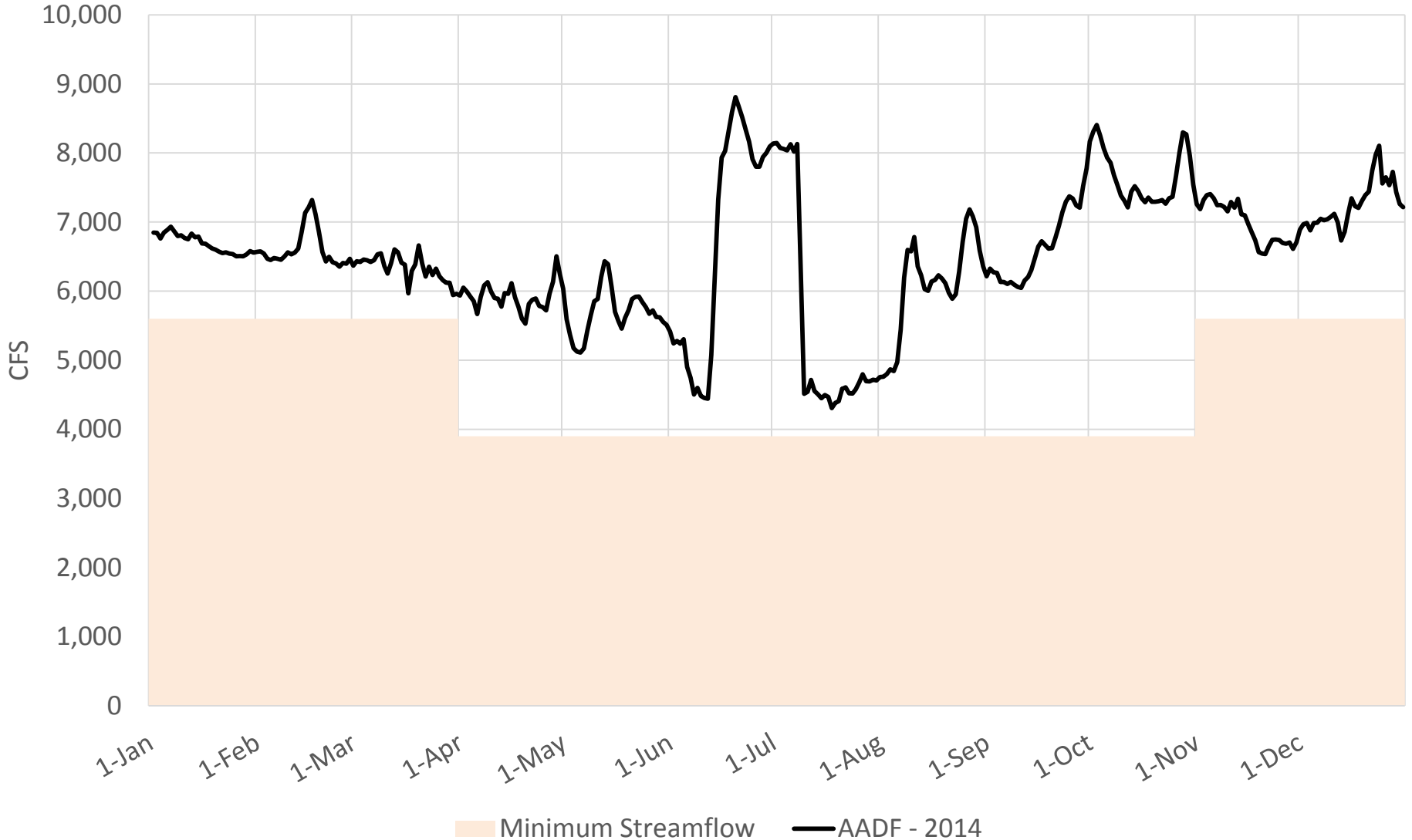
The Swan Falls Forecast Tool predicts the reach gain from Milner to Murphy. This is equivalent to the AADF when no flow is passing Milner.

$Q_{\text{Murphy}}$  and the Milner to Murphy Reach Gain

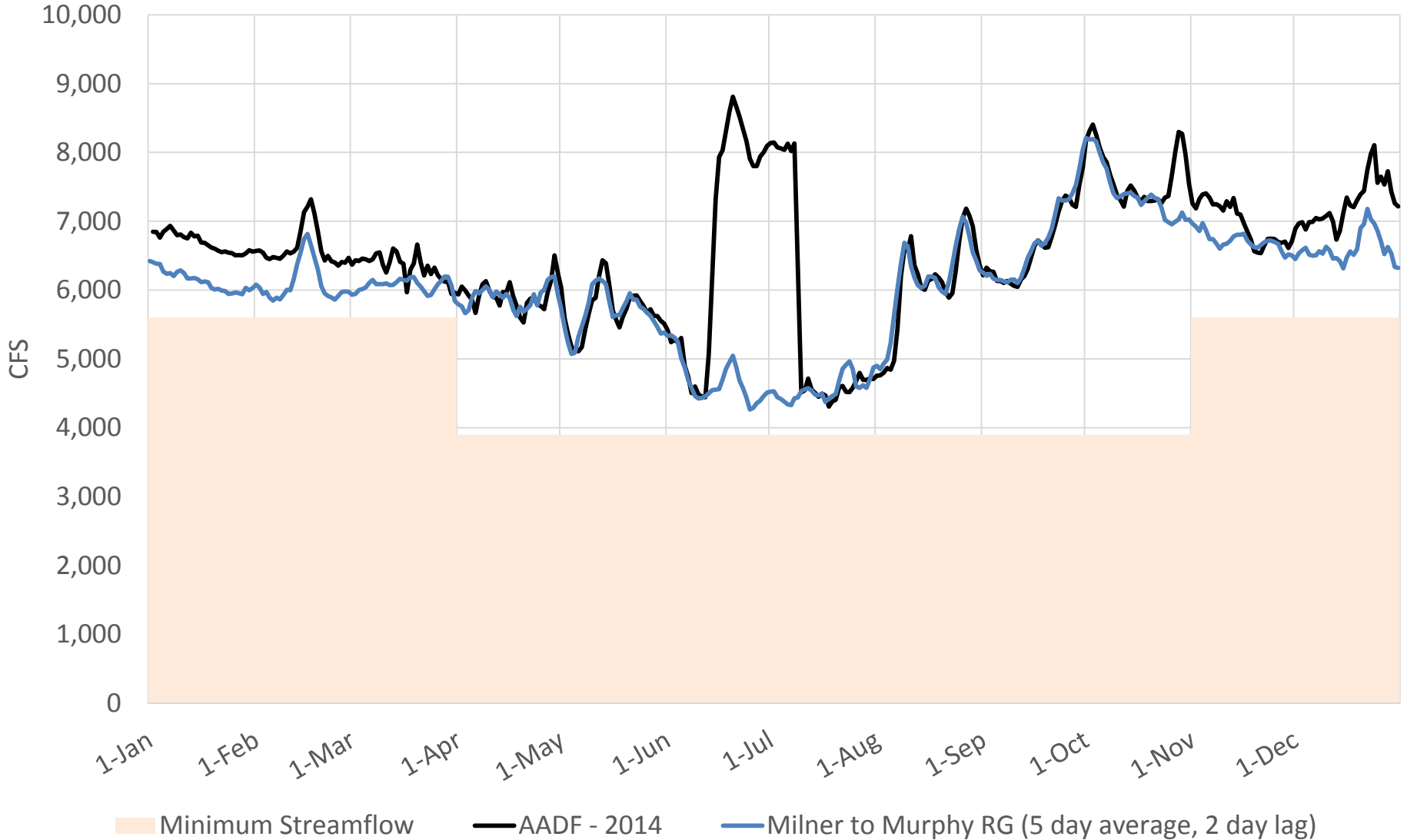




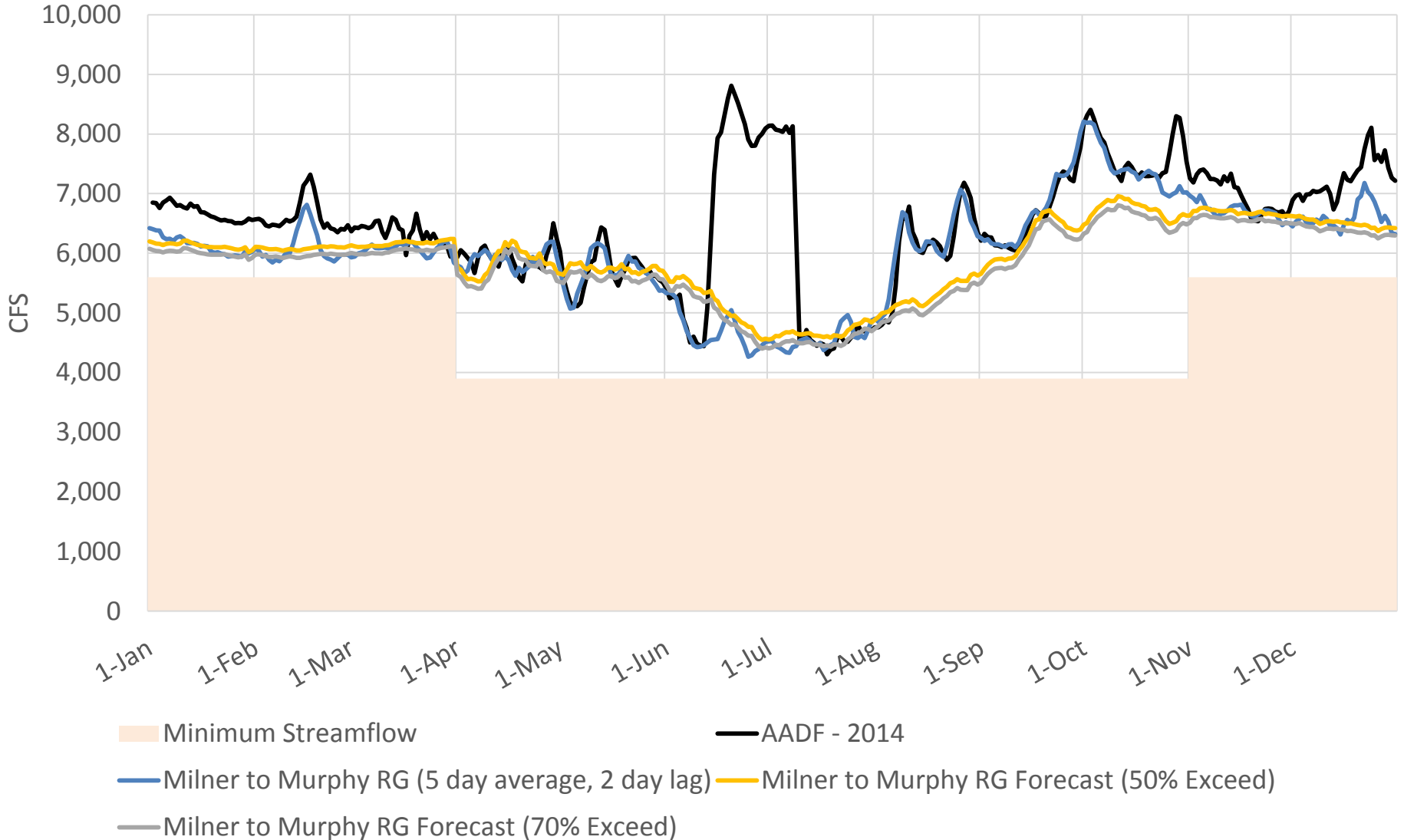
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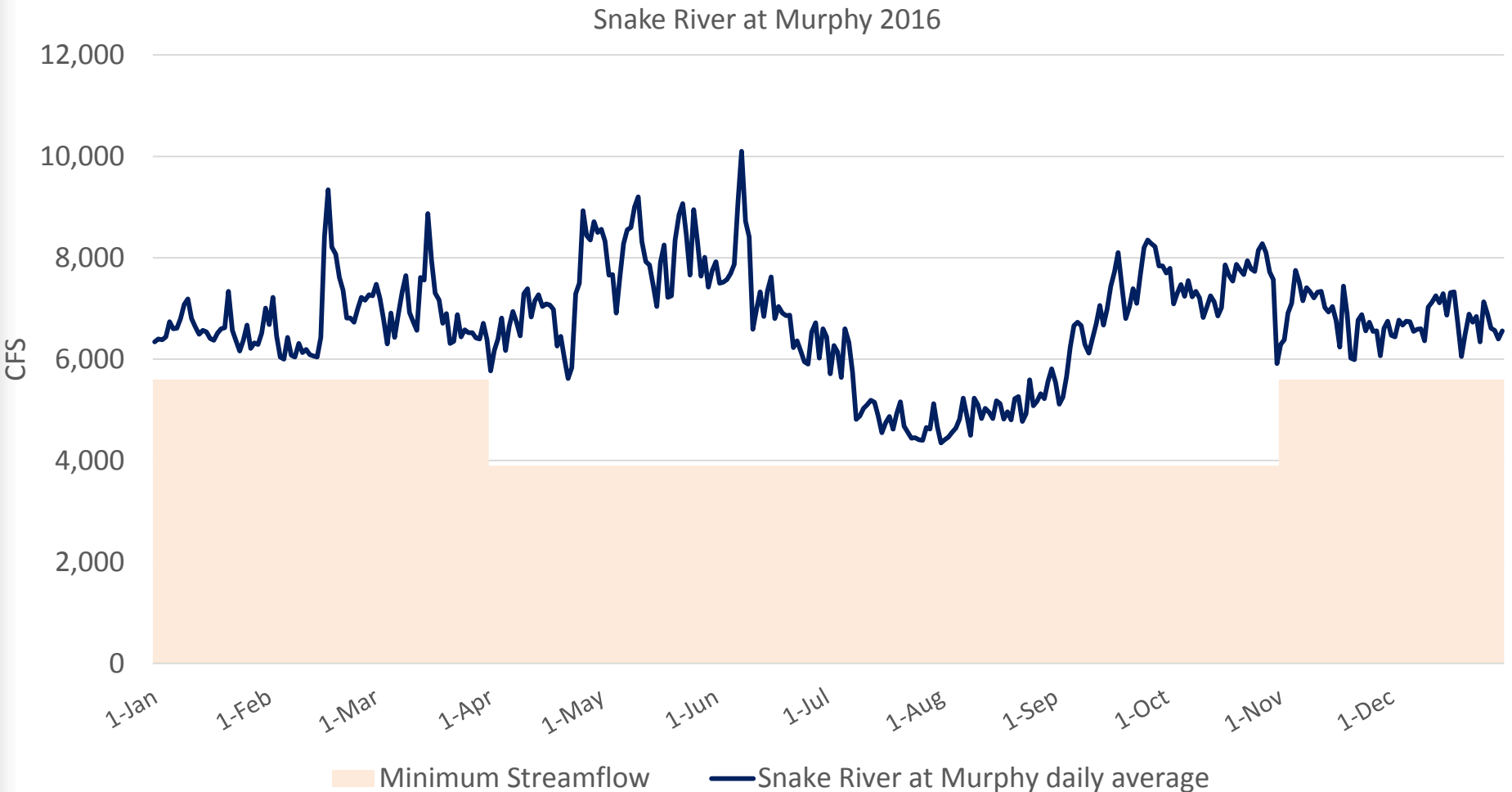
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## II. Forecast Components

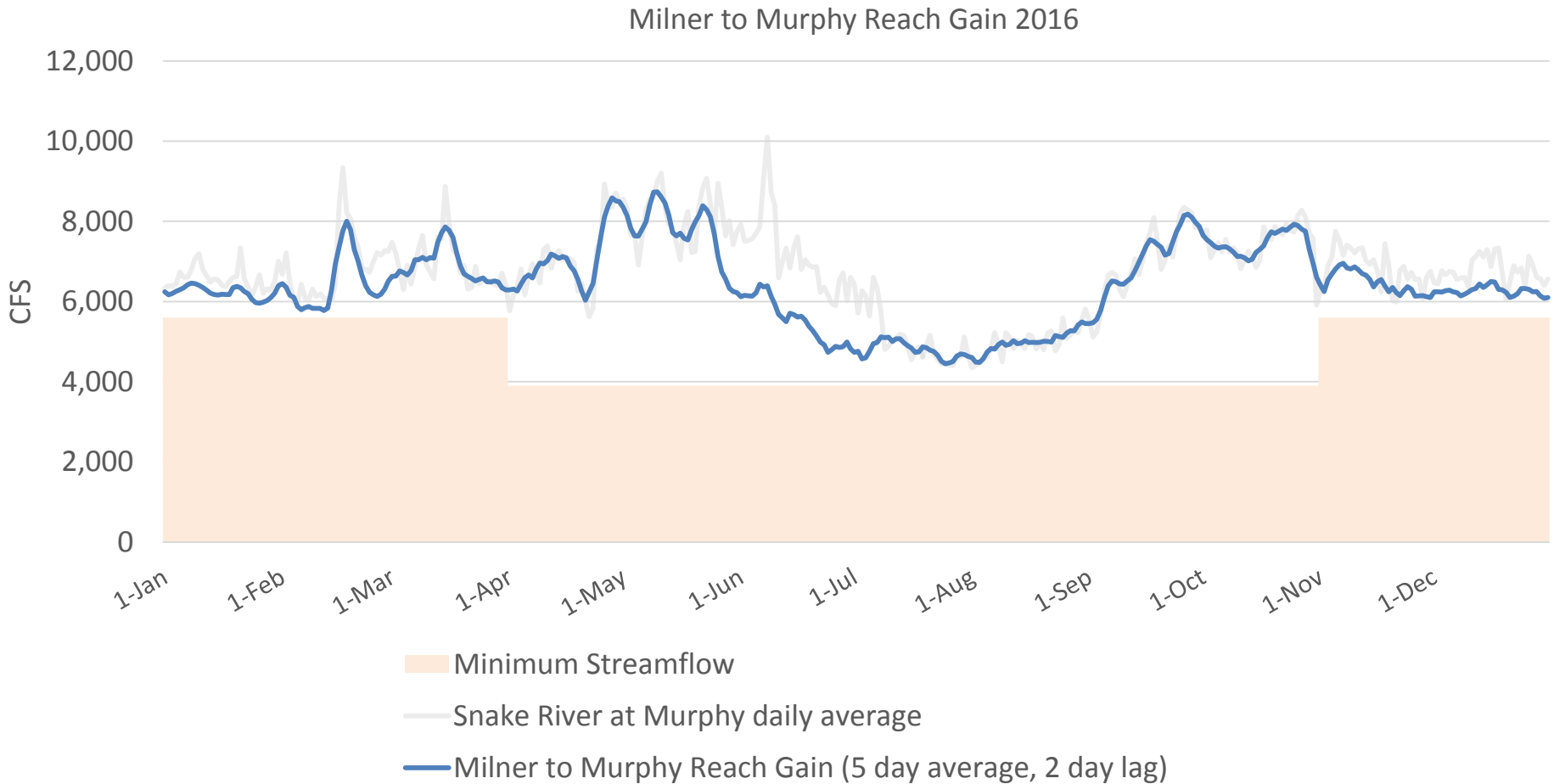
- Overview via hydrograph
- Components
  1. Kimberly to King Hill ESPA discharge
  2. Consumptive Demand
  3. Tributary and Return Flow

$$Q_{\text{Snake River at Murphy}} = Q_{\text{Snake River at Milner}} + Q_{\text{ESPA}} - ET_{\text{Crop}} + Q_{\text{Trib \& Returns}}$$

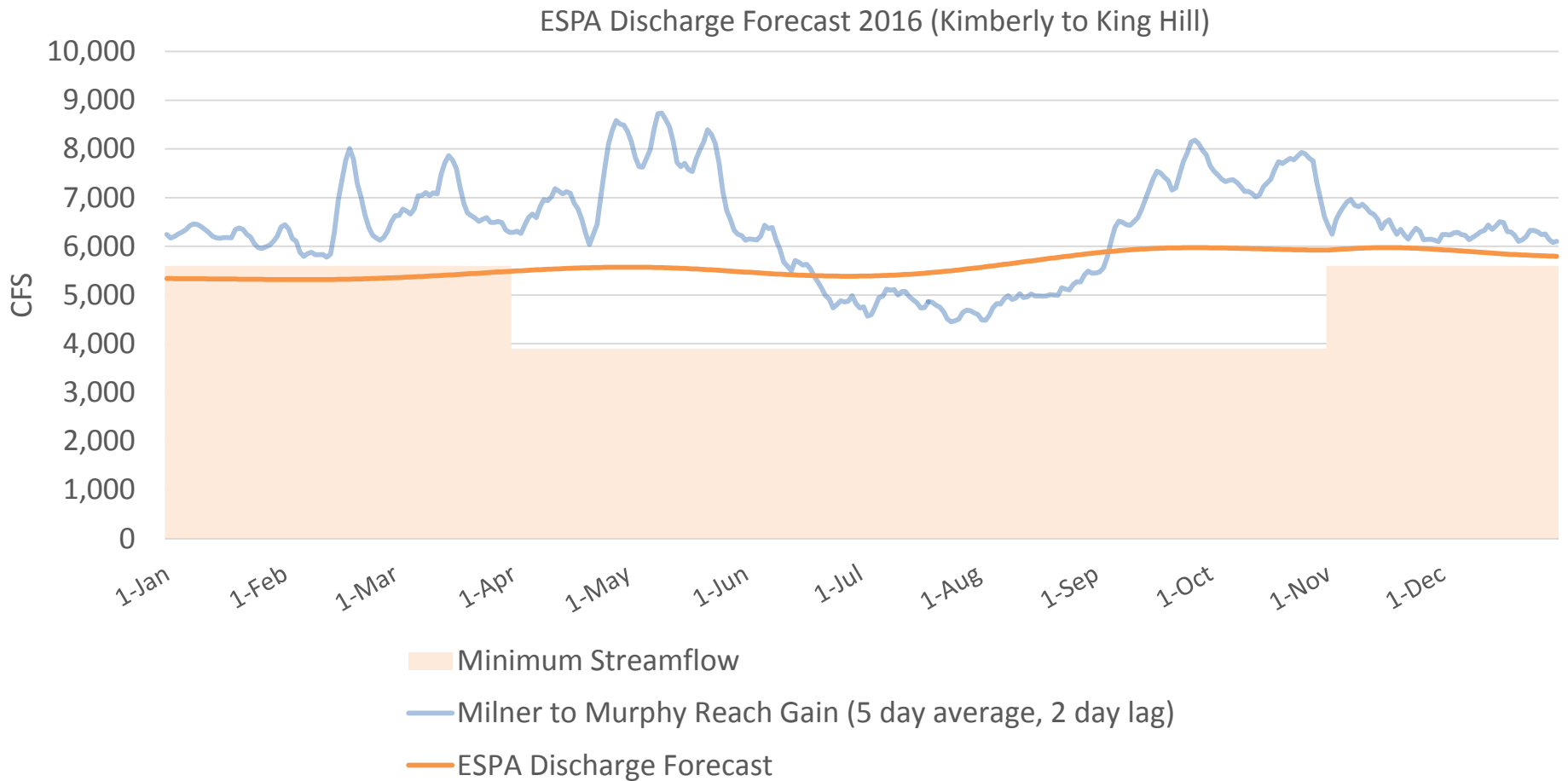


$$Q_{\text{Snake River at Murphy}} - Q_{\text{Snake River at Milner}} = Q_{\text{ESPA}} - ET_{\text{Crop}} + Q_{\text{Trib \& Returns}}$$

Milner to Murphy Reach Gain

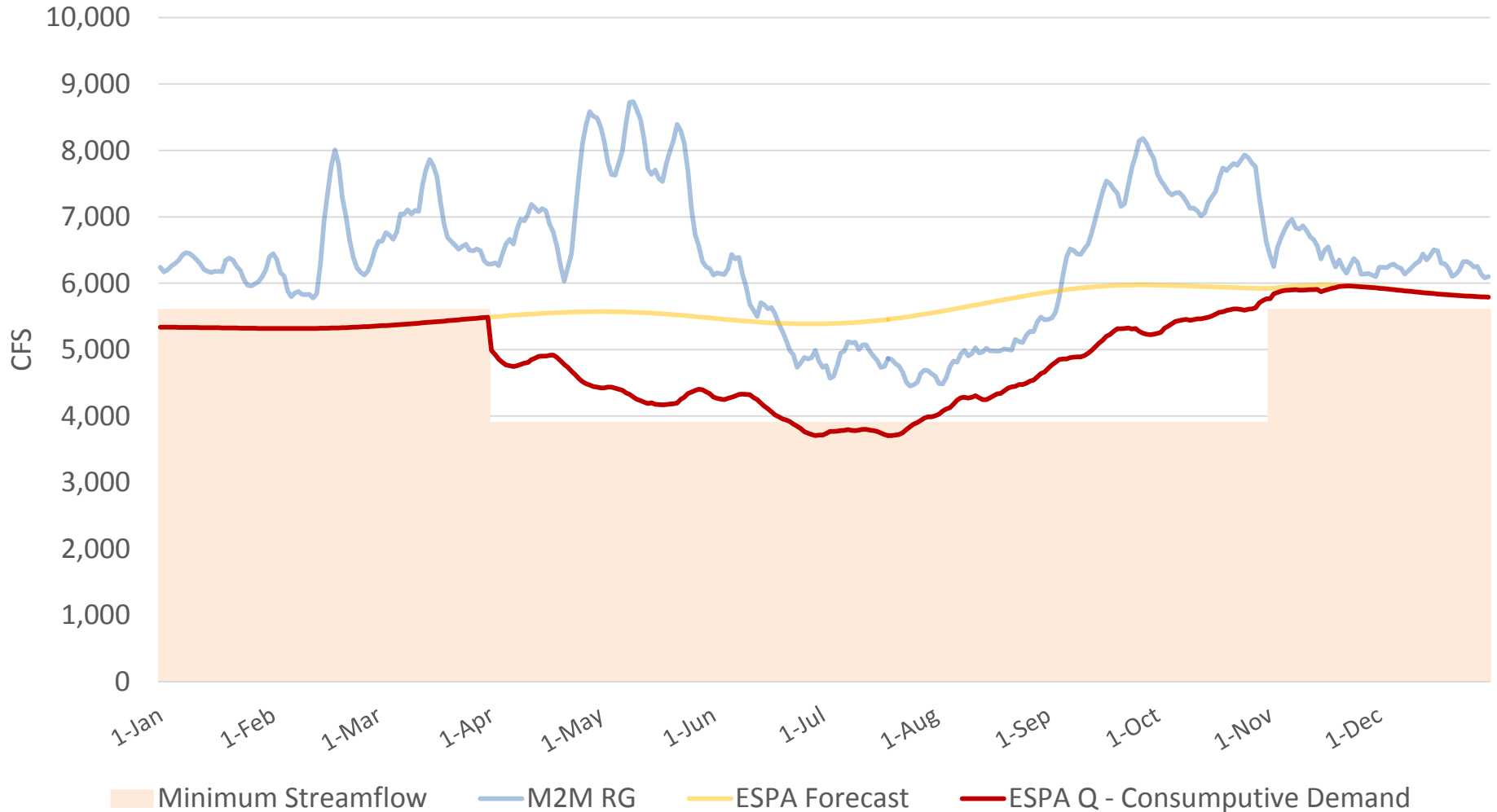


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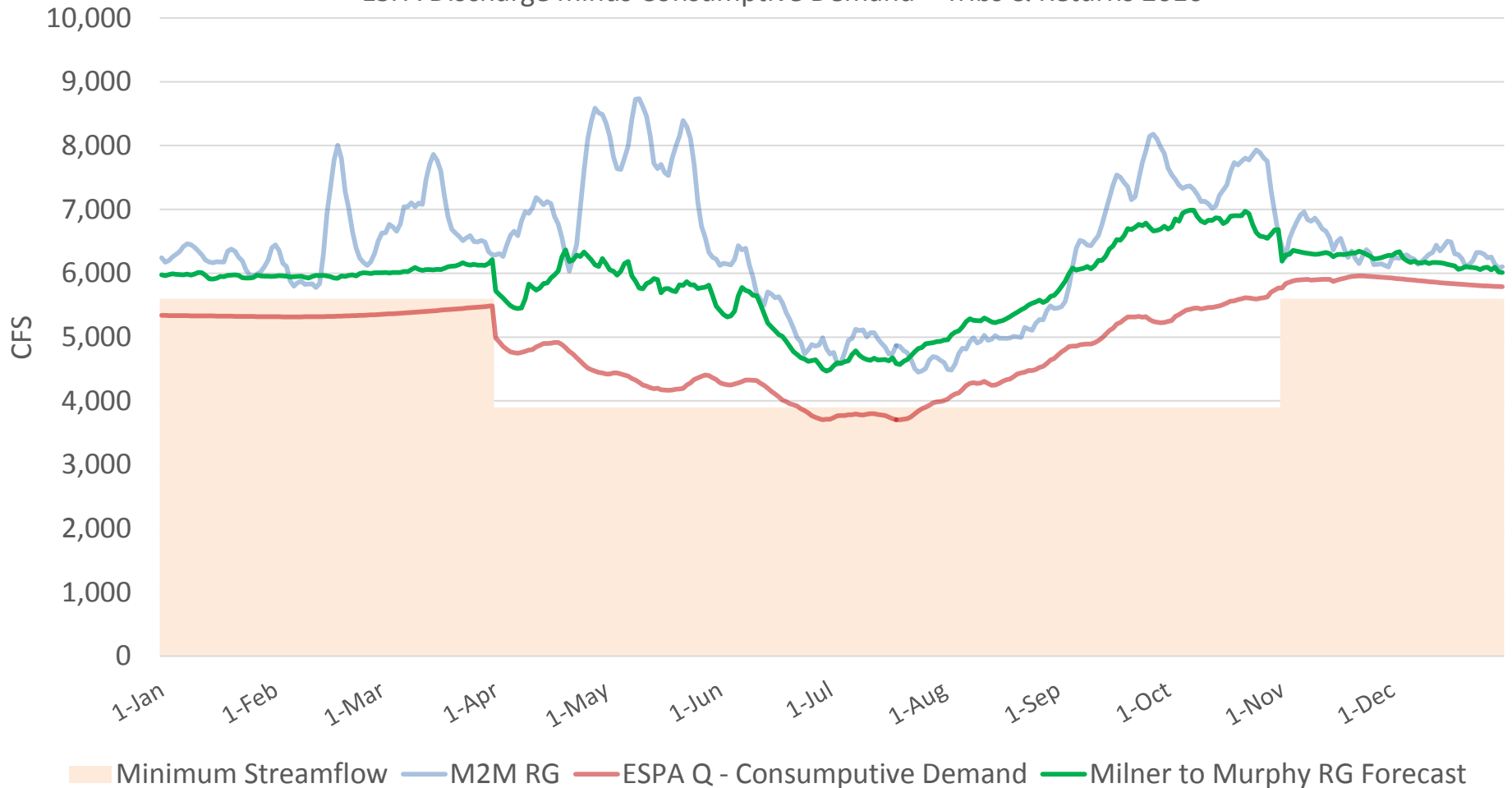
ESPA Discharge minus Consumptive Demand 2016



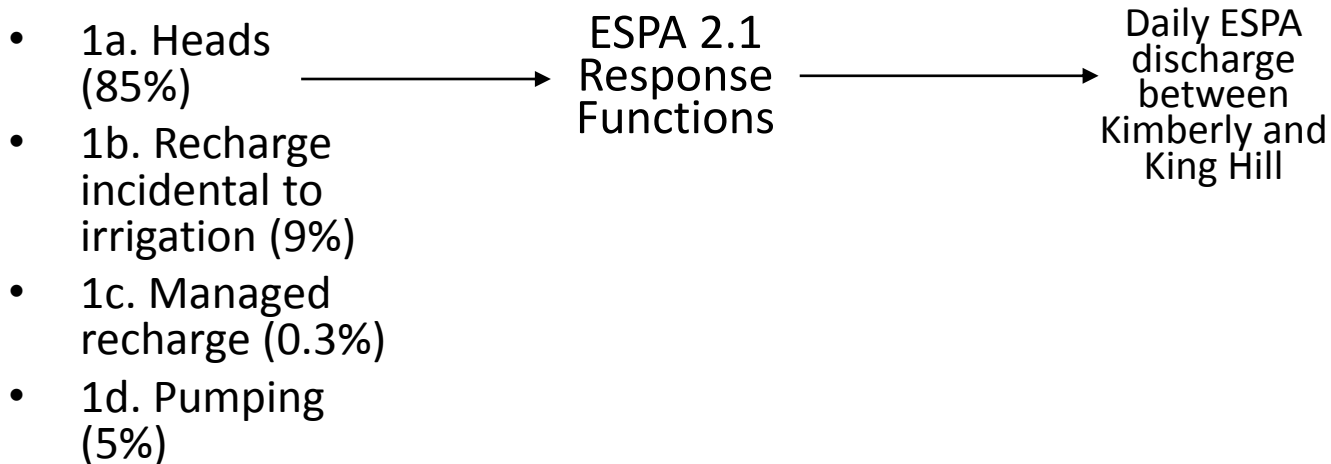


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## Aquifer Discharge Component to Murphy Flow



# Response Functions

- Response functions describe proportion of a recharge or discharge event (expressed as a rate) that results in changes to the collective gains of the Kimberly to King Hill reach of the Snake River.

# 1a. Starting Heads

**Data Entry:** DWR enters depth to water data from fall synoptic for January forecast; spring synoptic for April forecast

## **What does the tool do? January forecast example:**

1. Determines the difference in aquifer head between November 2008 and the forecast year.
2. Interpolates those measured head differences to each ESPAM2.1 model grid cell in the southwest portion of the Snake River Plain aquifer (column 100 and less).
3. Multiplies the interpolated head times a set, representing monthly timesteps, of predetermined head response functions to estimate the contribution of each cell to future discharge of the Kimberly to King Hill reach.
4. Sums the products determined in step 3 to determine the forecasted difference in gains from 2008-09.
5. Adds the values from step 4 to the simulated Kimberly to King Hill gain recession determined from November 2008 heads with no subsequent aquifer recharge and discharge to forecast the effect of the November heads on Kimberly to King Hill gains in the following 12 months.

## 1b. Incidental Recharge

Forecast annual diversions at 3 irrigation entities:

- Northside Canal Company (IESW032)
- American Falls Reservoir District 2 (IESW058)
- Gooding-Richfield (IESW059)

General form of statistical models that predict season-total diversion:

$$DIV_t = \alpha + \beta_1 \times SWSI_t + \beta_2 \times STOR_t + \phi [DIV_{t-1} - (\alpha + \beta_1 \times SWSI_{t-1} + \beta_2 \times STOR_{t-1})] + \varepsilon$$

$DIV_t$  = total diversion for year  $t$

$SWSI_t$  = Surface Water Supply Index for year  $t$  at time of forecast

$STOR_t$  = Reservoir storage content for year  $t$  at time of forecast

$\alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2$  = regression coefficients

$\phi$  = first-order autocorrelation coefficient

$\varepsilon$  = normally distributed random error

- The storage term appeared only in predictive models for Northside.
- Numerical values of coefficients varied across irrigation entities and between January and April forecasts.
- Values for  $\phi$  ranged from 0.4 for AFRD2 April forecast to 0.7 for Northside January forecast.
- Nash-Sutcliffe model efficiencies ranged from 0.48 for AFRD2 and Northside January predictions to 0.91 for Gooding-Richfield April prediction.

## 1b. Incidental Recharge Continued

- Tool calculates canal seepage and the on-farm component of recharge – same process as ESPAM 2.1
- The tool multiplies aquifer recharge estimates by corresponding recharge response functions to estimate future Kimberly to King Hill reach gains.

## 1c. Pumping

- Used average monthly 2001 through 2010 net consumptive groundwater use (the crop irrigation requirement, or CIR) for IEGW501, 507, 508, and 509
- The tool multiplies these aquifer stresses by corresponding response functions, weighted by irrigated area in each model cell, to estimate future Kimberly to King Hill reach gains/losses.



## 1d. Managed Recharge

- User enters entity recharge volume in acre-feet
- The tool multiplies aquifer recharge volumes by corresponding recharge response functions to estimate future Kimberly to King Hill reach gains.



## 2. Consumptive Demand

### **Consumptive Use Assumption:**

The forecast tool uses crop demand to determine consumptive use instead of calculating consumption by calculation of diversion – return. We assume that any excess diversions will return to the river and that by tracking consumptive demand we can estimate river withdrawals for agricultural use between Milner and Murphy.

### **Consumptive Use Model** (Grandview Agrimet Station, 1993-2016)

- Two layer soil moisture model
- Crop water demand uses Reference ET & dual crop coefficient method
- Assumed crop is mature alfalfa (does capture springtime conditions)
- Assumes pivot irrigation

### **Consumptive Use:** 5 Categorizations

- Currently the average consumptive use of the highest demand years is assumed (2007, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016)
- Max Consumptive Use ( $\approx$ 1800 cfs)

## 3. Return Flow Components

### Tributaries

- Bruneau River
  - Data record 1909 - 2017
- Malad River
  - Data record 1916 - 2017
- Salmon Falls Creek
  - Data record 1970 - 2017
- Rock Creek
  - Data record 1992 - 2017

### Returns

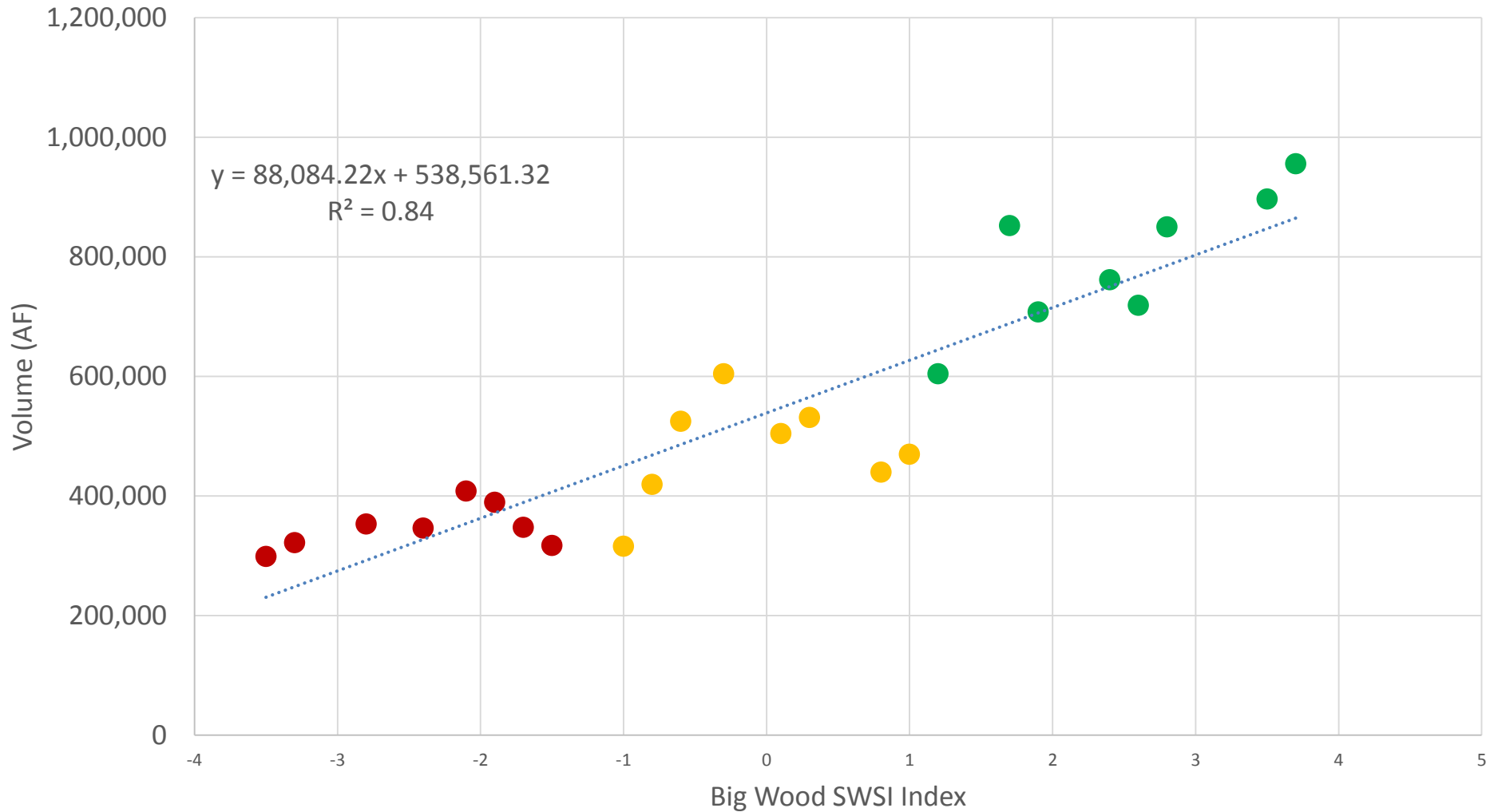
- Northside Canal Company
  - 11 sites in group
  - Data record 2002 – 2015
  - Observed and scaled data (2002 – 2007)
- Twin Falls Canal Company
  - 9 sites in group
  - Observed data (2007 – 2016),  
observed and scaled data (2002 – 2007),  
statistical data (1993 – 2002)

### Milner to Kimberly Gain

- Constructed Hydrograph

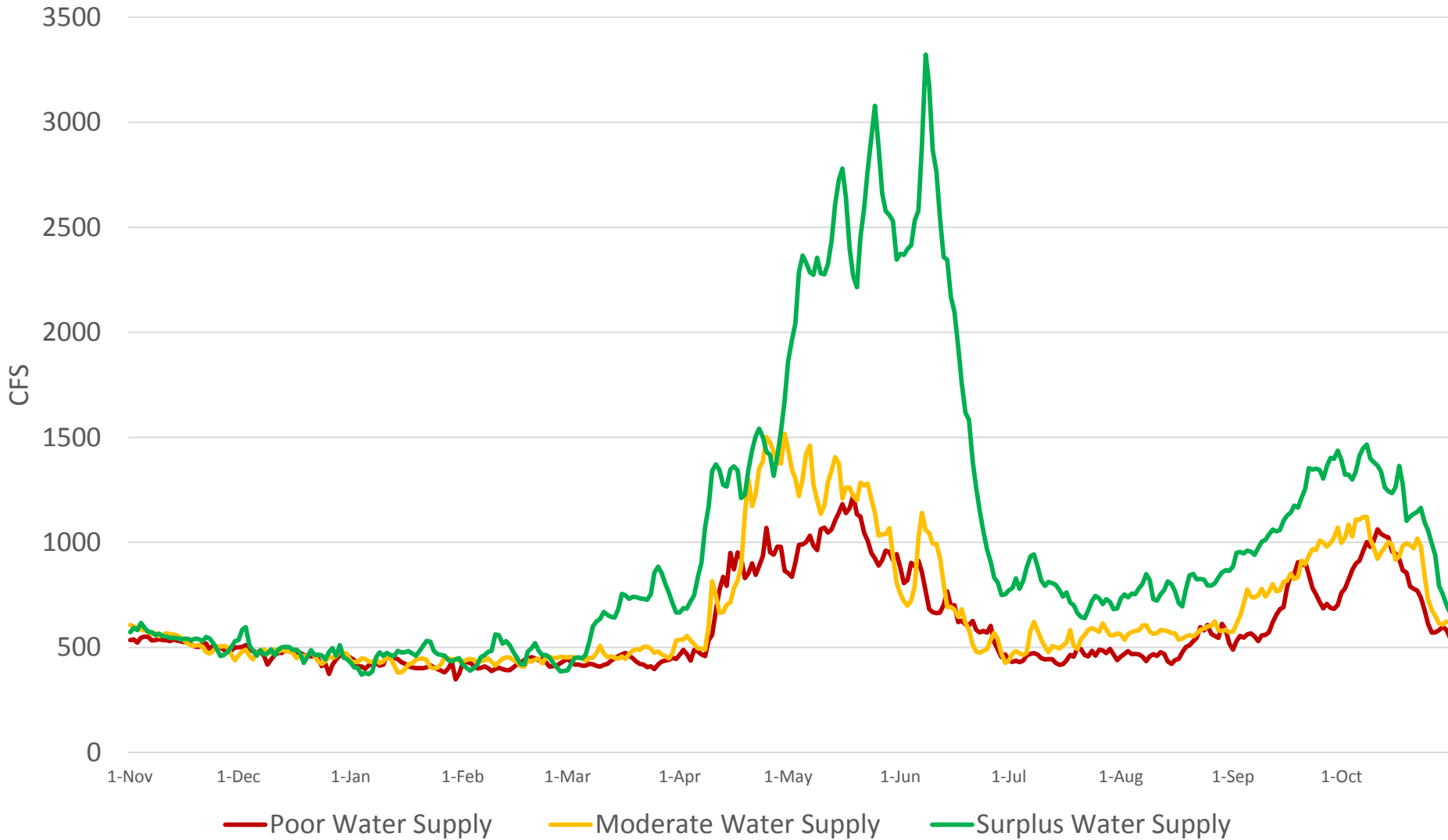
Trib & Return Component = (Tlibs + TFCC) + NSCC + Milner to Kimberly Gain

## April - September Trib Runoff + TFCC Return Volume

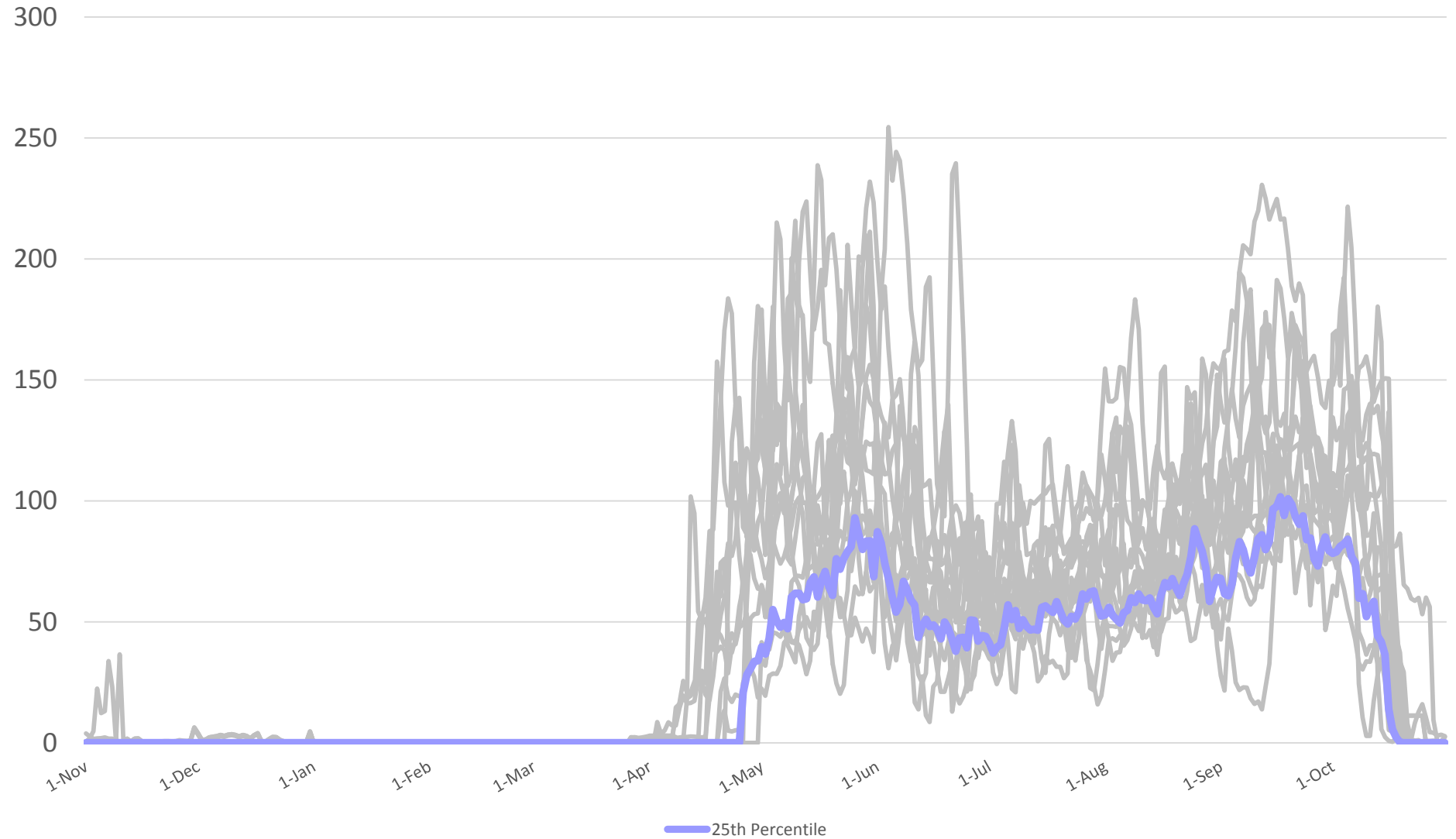


● Poor Water Supply   
 ● Moderate Water Supply   
 ● Surplus Water Supply   
 ..... Linear (SWSI vs. April -Sept Volume)

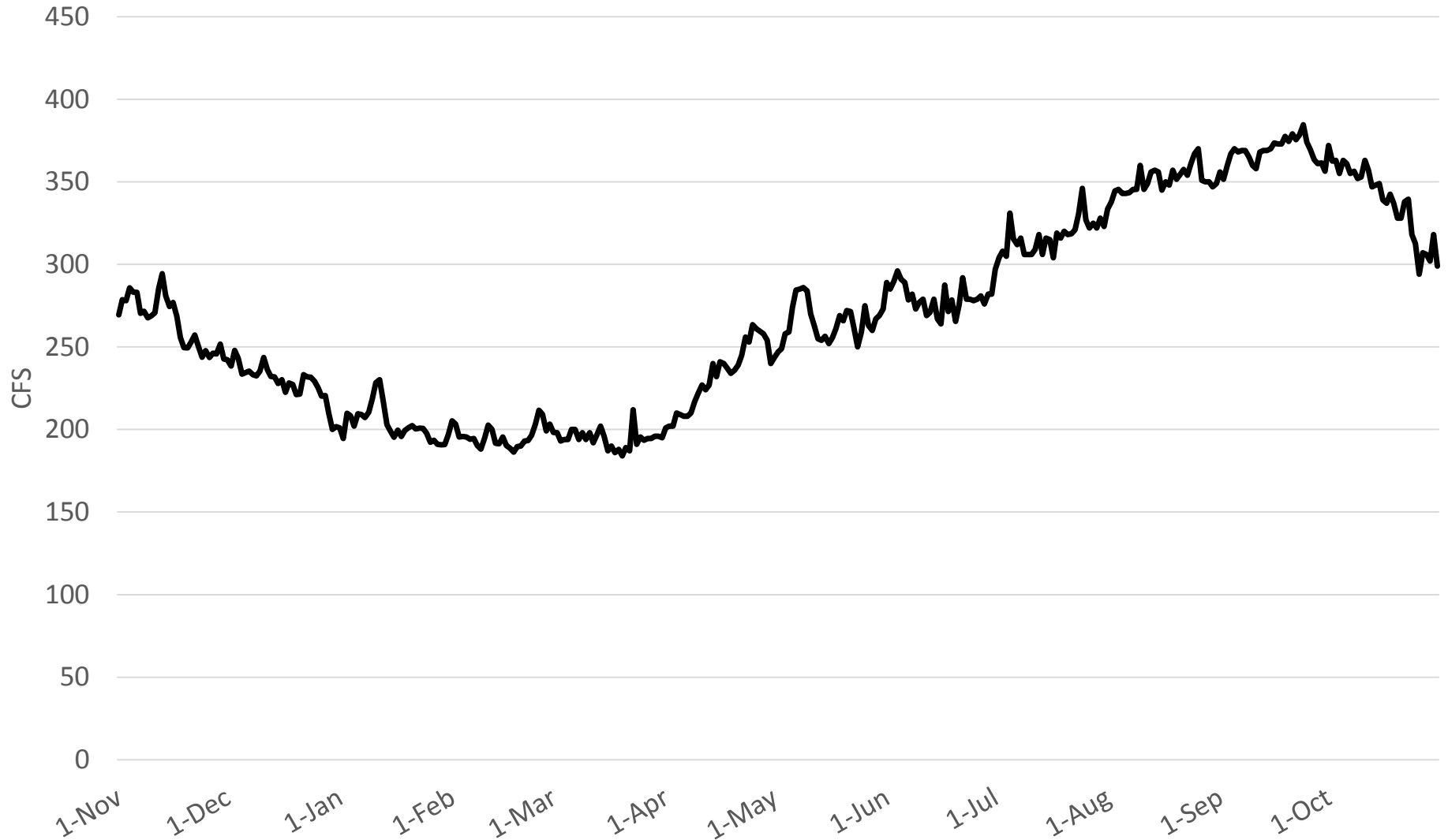
## Tributary and TFCC Return Hydrograph Projection



## Northside Returns



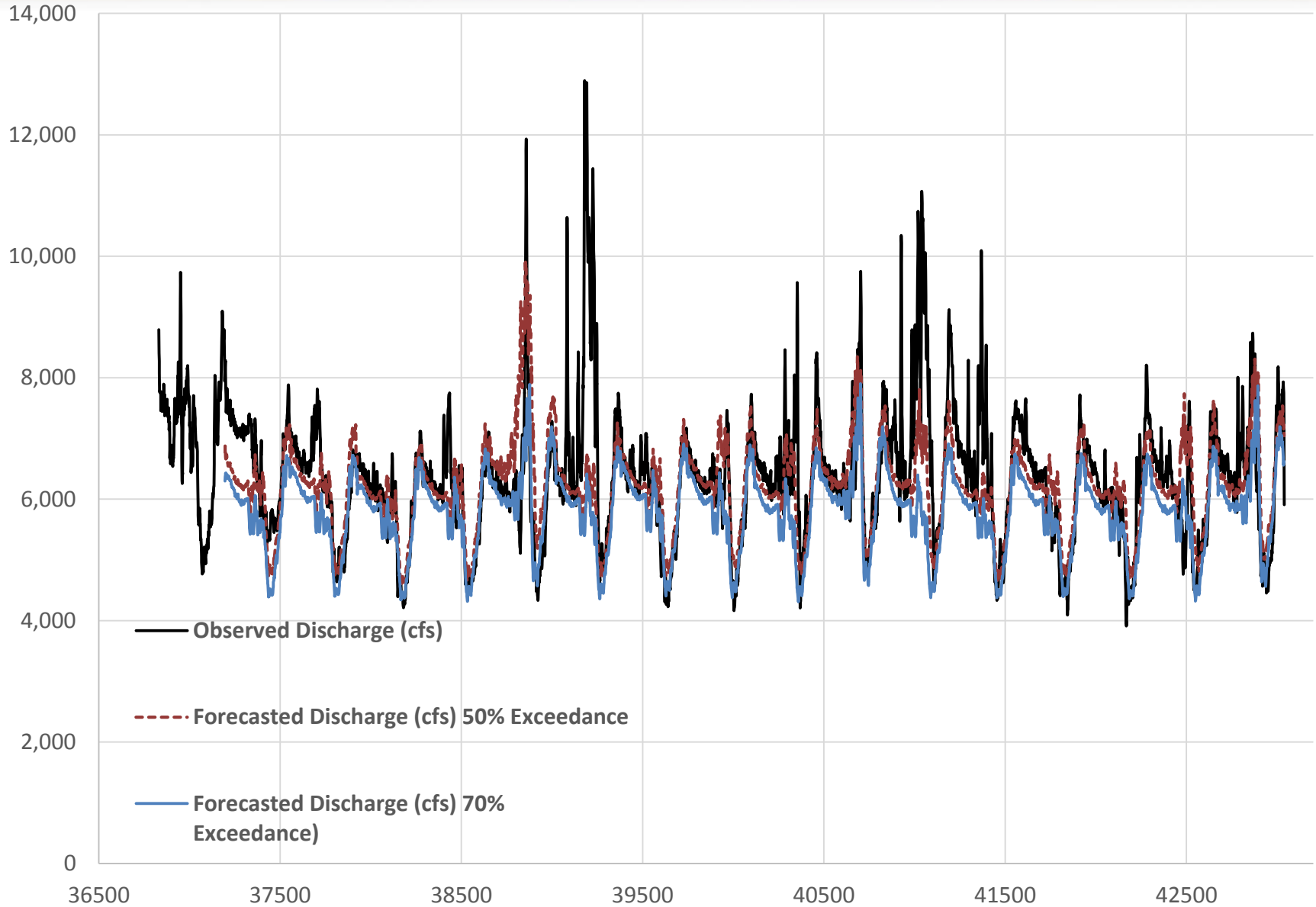
## Milner to Kimberly Gain Hydrograph



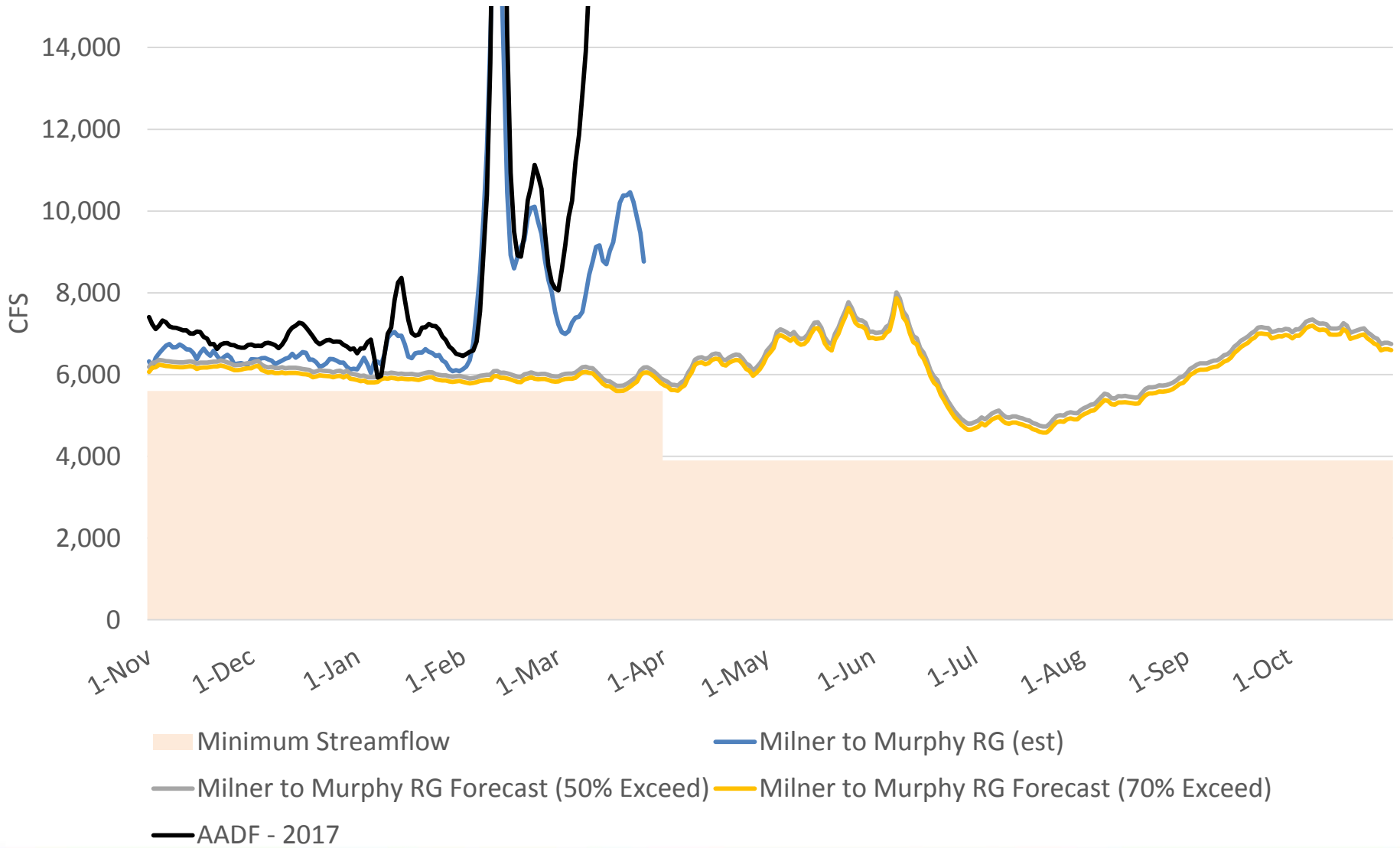




Milner to Swan Falls Reach Gain (cfs)



### 2017 Snake River at Murphy Forecast



# Challenges

## Technical

- Timing and magnitude of runoff
- Late March – early April consumptive use
  - Initiation of water demand variable
- Measured pumping data

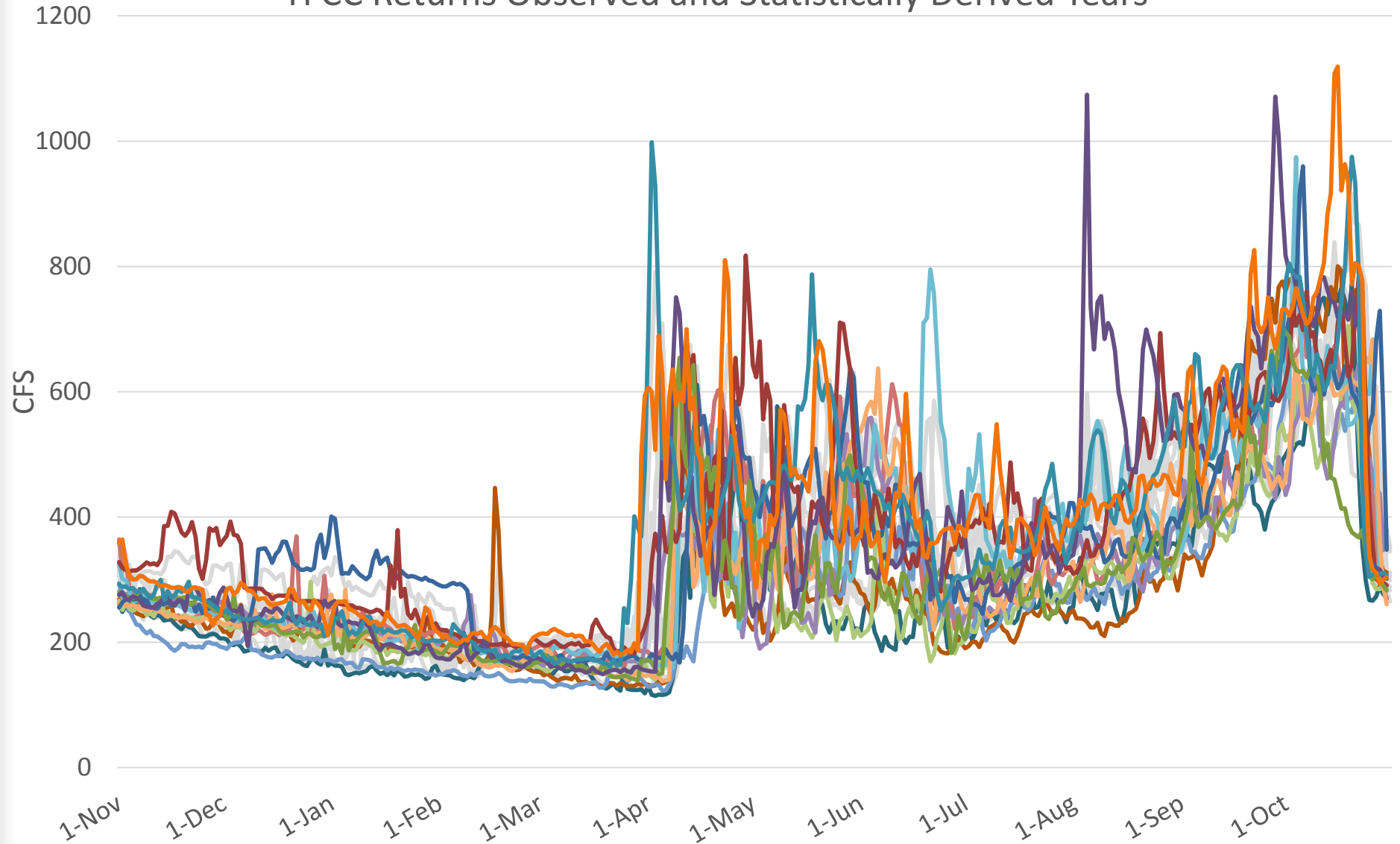
## Management

- Upper Snake Reservoir Operations (not including IPCo release)
  - Flow Aug timing variable
    - 2014: 6/13 – 7/7
    - 2015: 5/12 – 6/14
    - 2016: 5/23 – 6/20

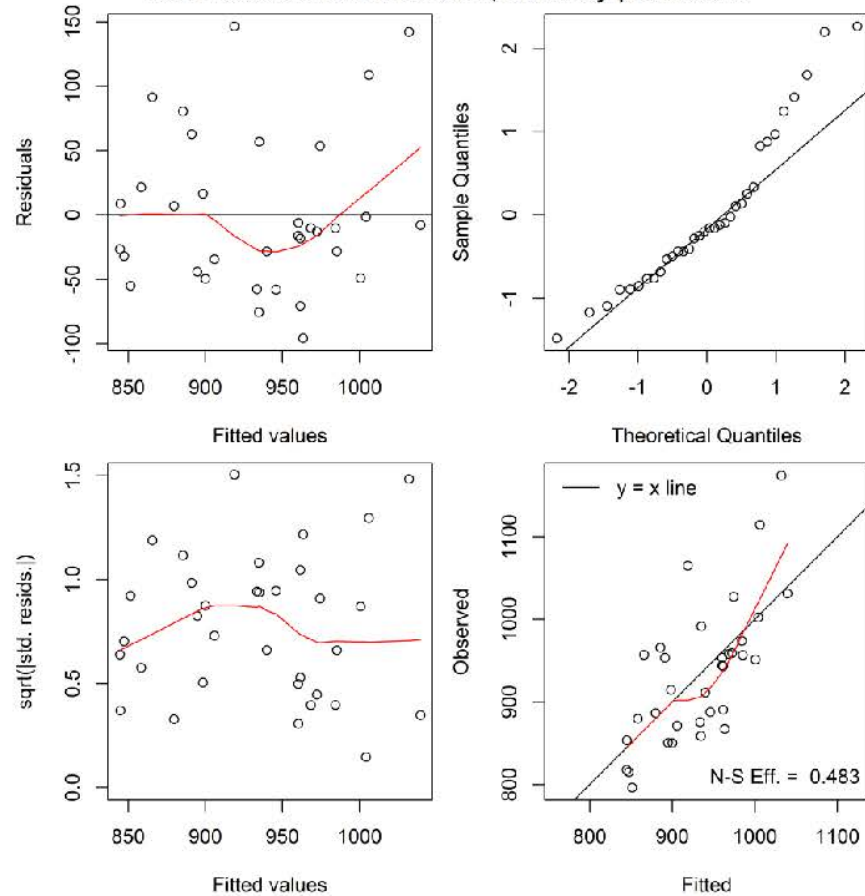
# Milner to Kimberly Gain

- Filtered Snake at Kimberly dataset WY1993 – 2016 to select dates with <10 cfs at Milner
- Resulted in limited daily dataset, data gap from 11/26 – 3/1
- Calculated median of Milner to Kimberly RG (5 day centered average) 1993 – 2016 to fill datagap.
- Subtracted difference of <10 cfs @Milner dataset and median dataset on 3/1 and carried offset back to Nov 1.
- Best estimate hydrograph entered into model (static values)

## TFCC Returns Observed and Statistically Derived Years



Northside annual diversion, January prediction



## Gooding-Richfield Annual diversion, April prediction

