

Colorado Climate Center – *WATF Climate Update*

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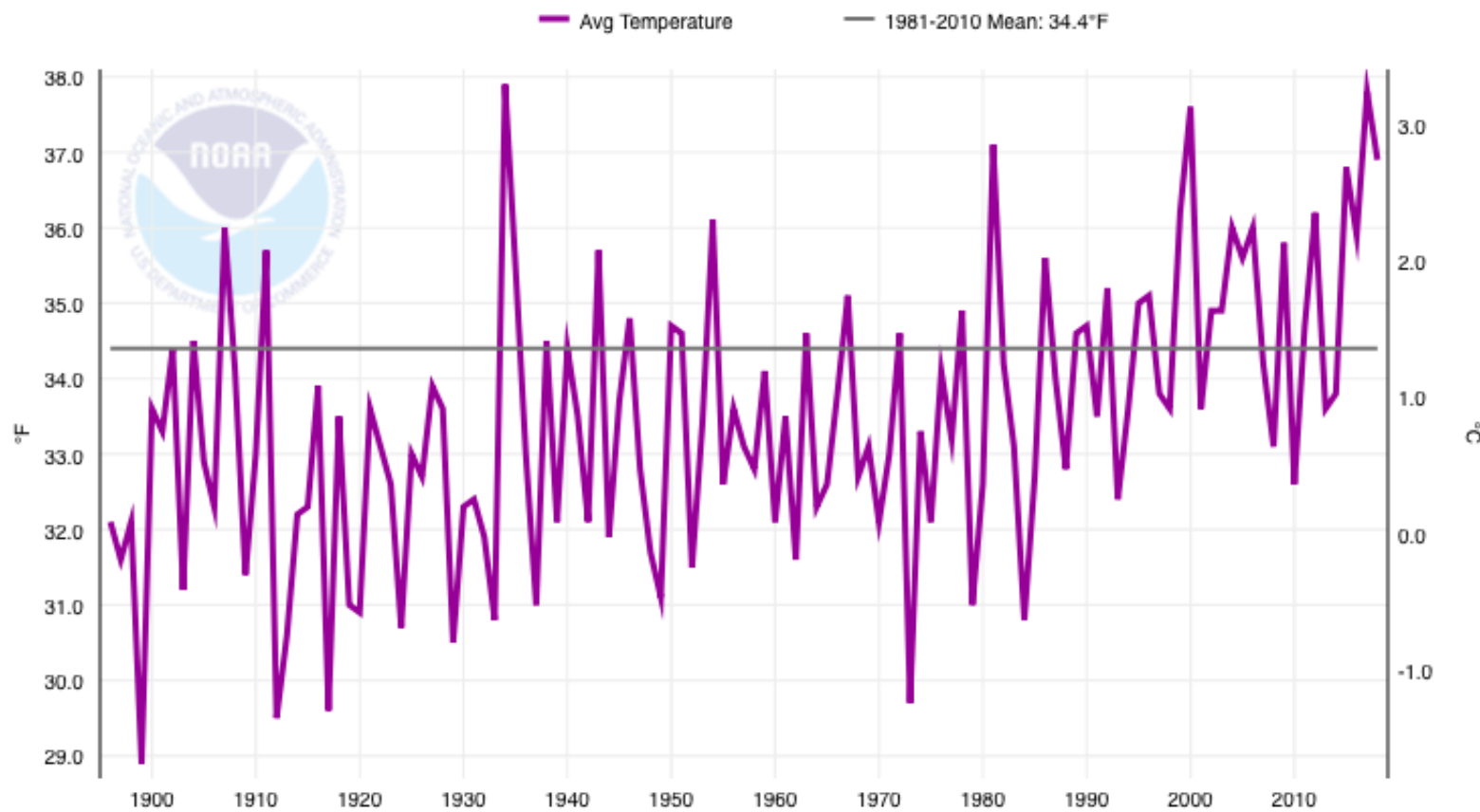


Water Year 2018 – Temperature

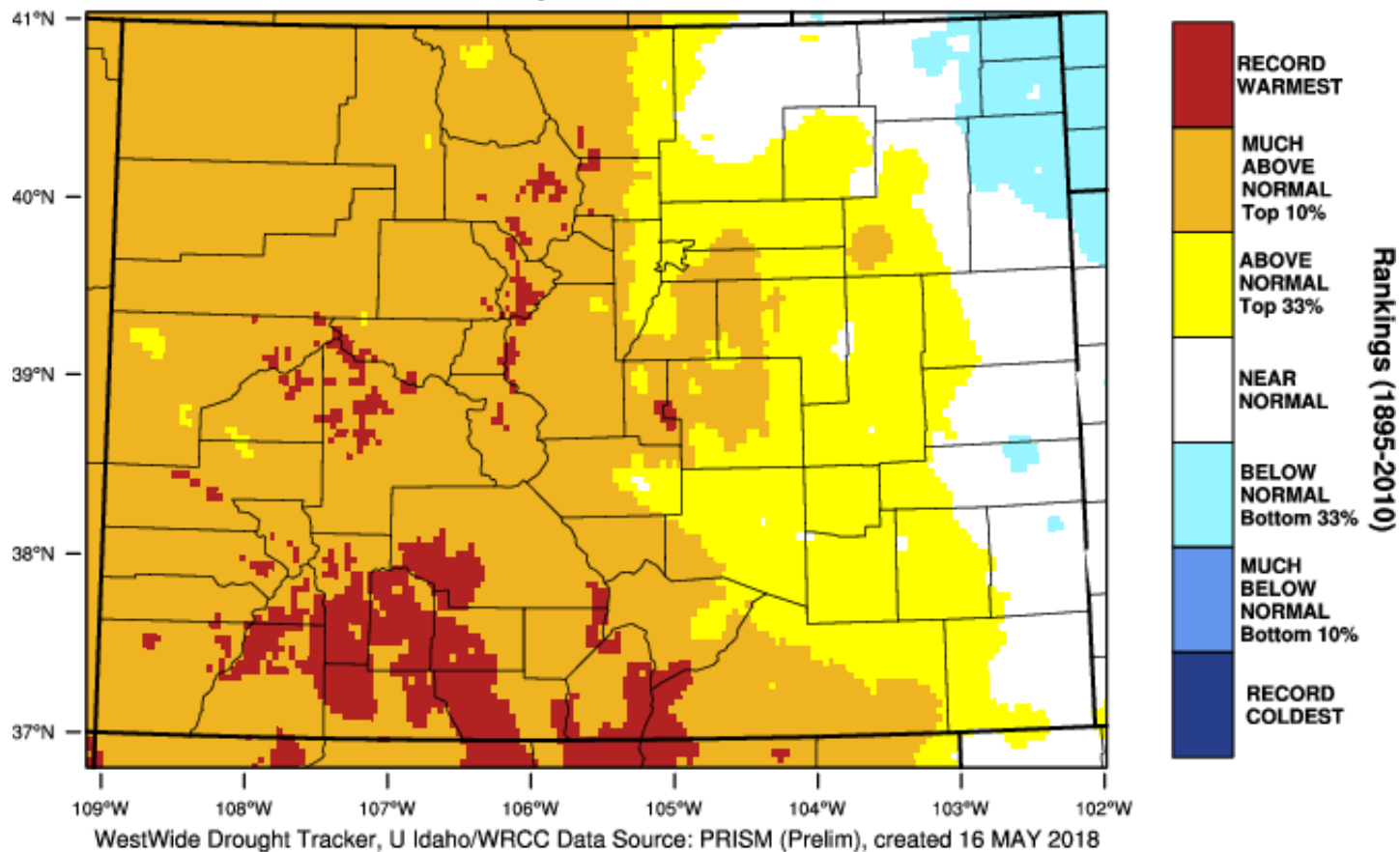


5th Warmest in 123-year record - +3.5°F above 34.4°F average

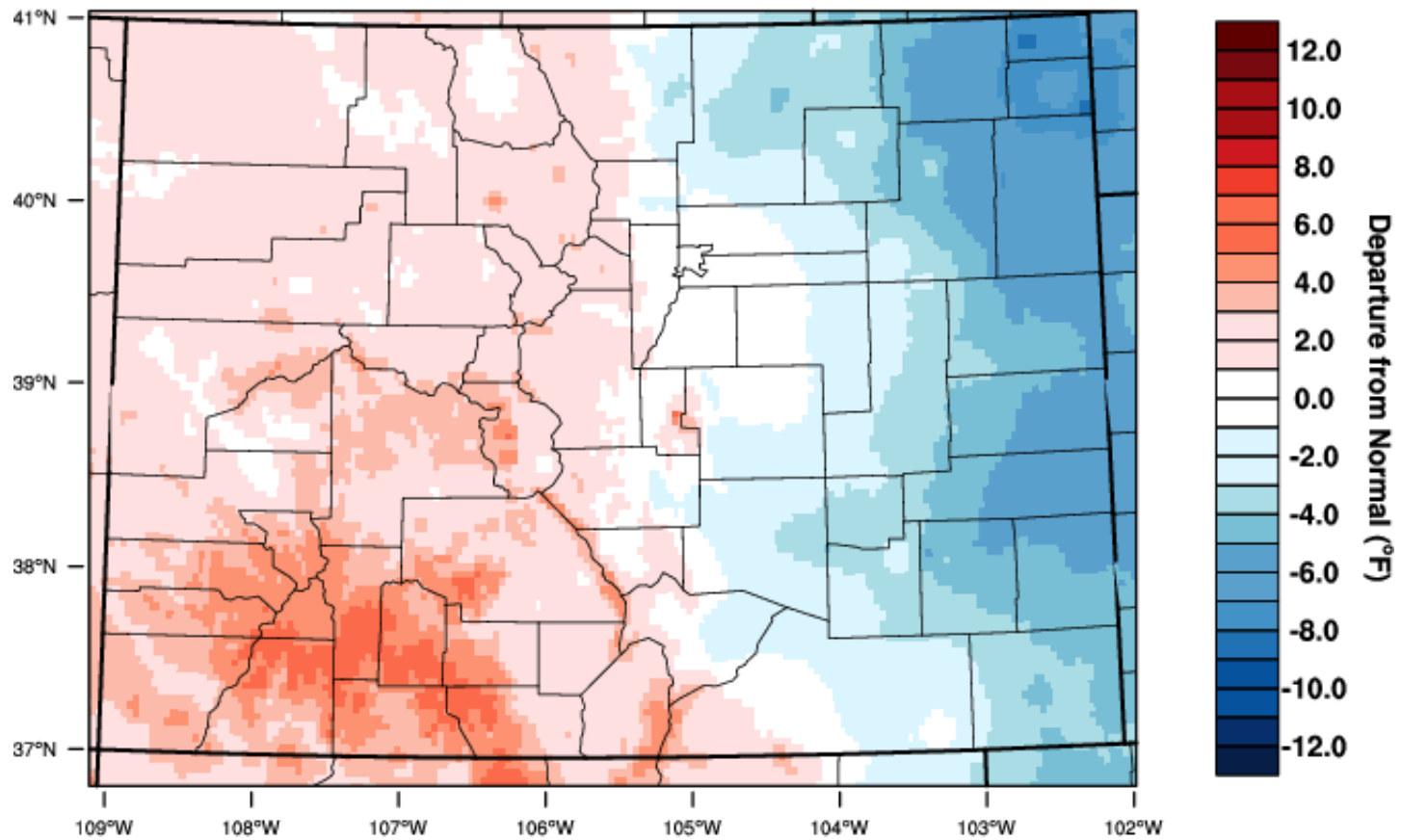
Colorado, Average Temperature, October-April



Colorado - Mean Temperature October-April 2018 Percentile



Colorado - Mean Temperature April 2018 Departure from 1981-2010 Normal



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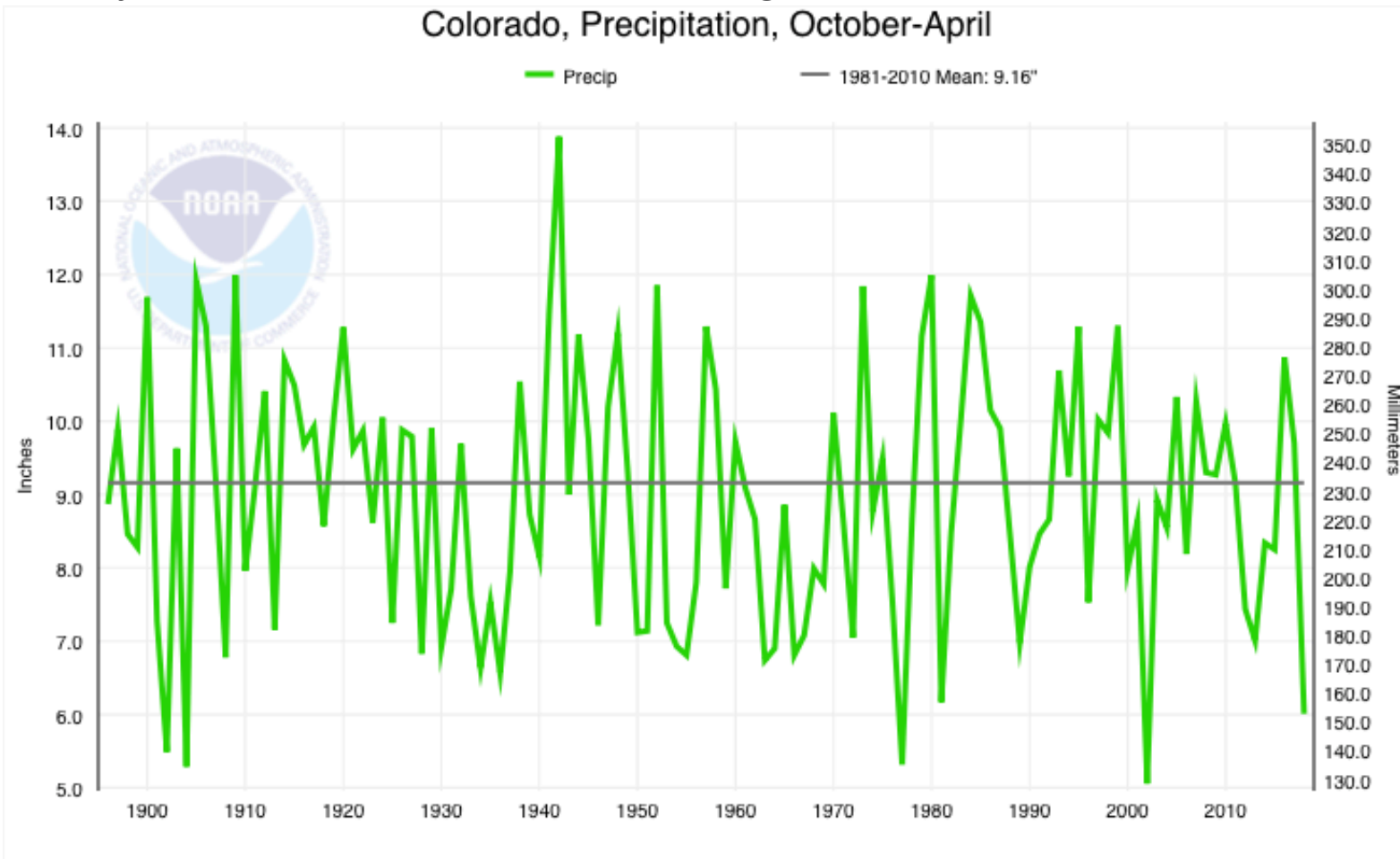




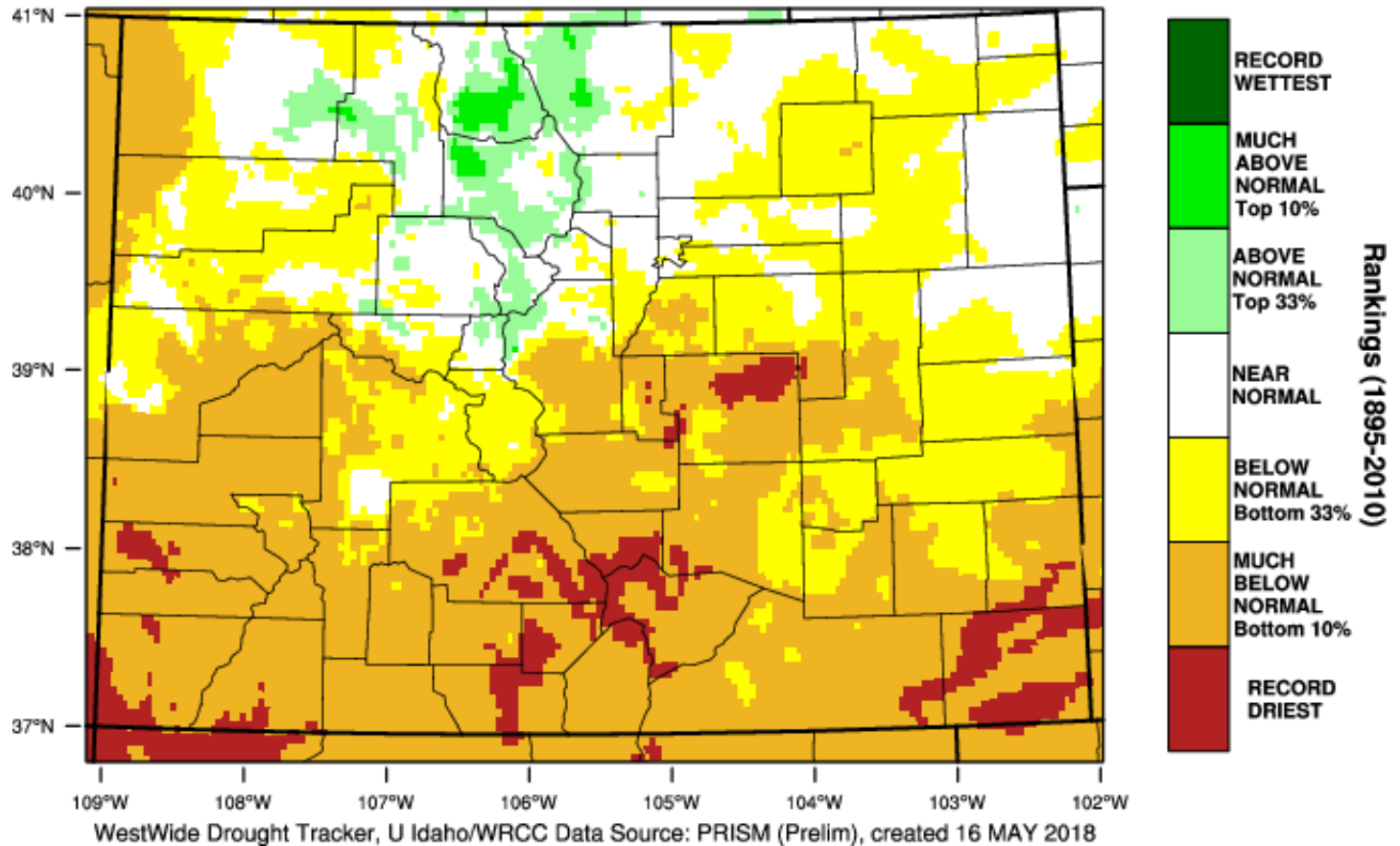
Water Year 2018 – Precipitation



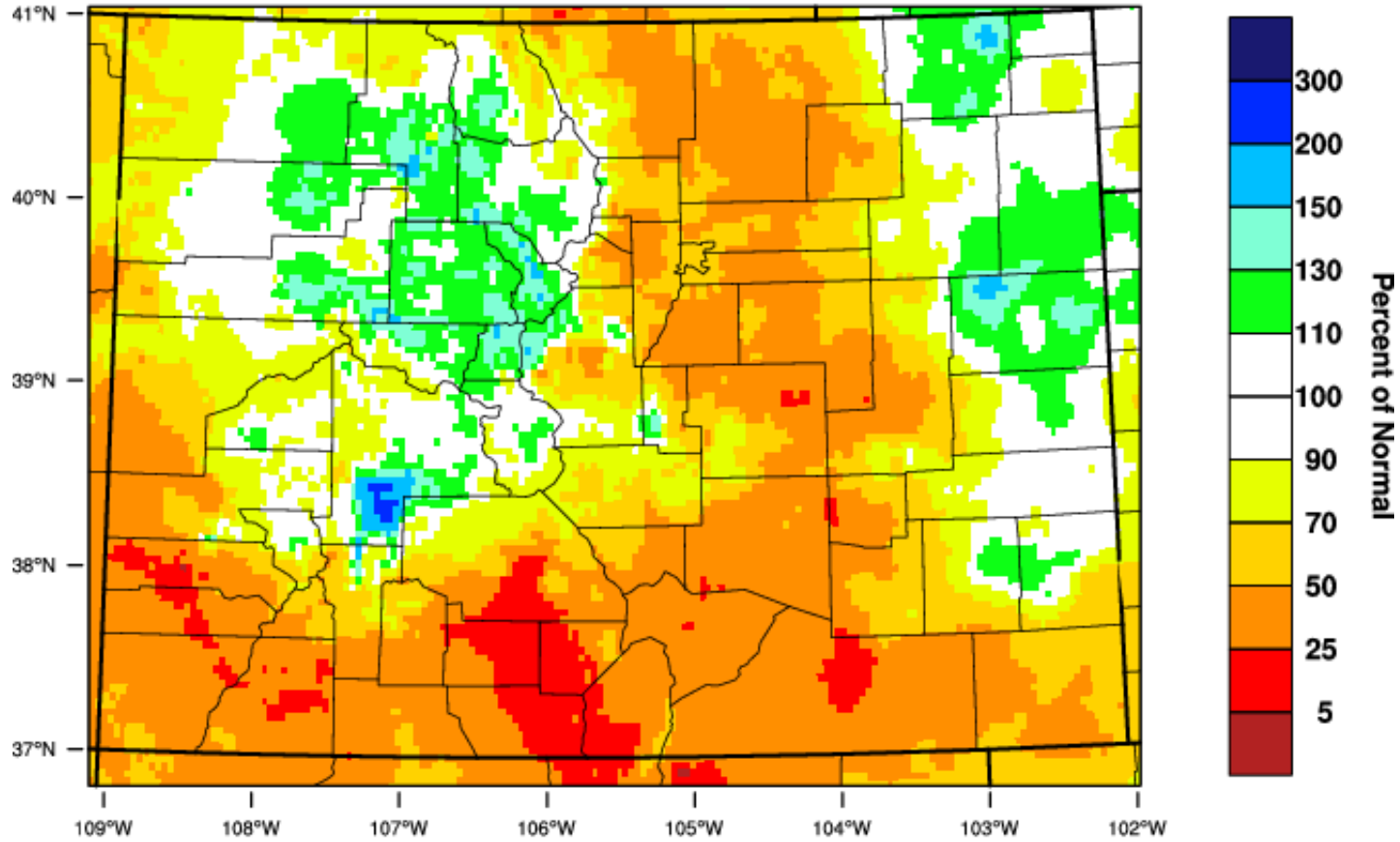
5th driest in 123-year record - -3.15" below 9.16" average



Colorado - Precipitation October-April 2018 Percentile



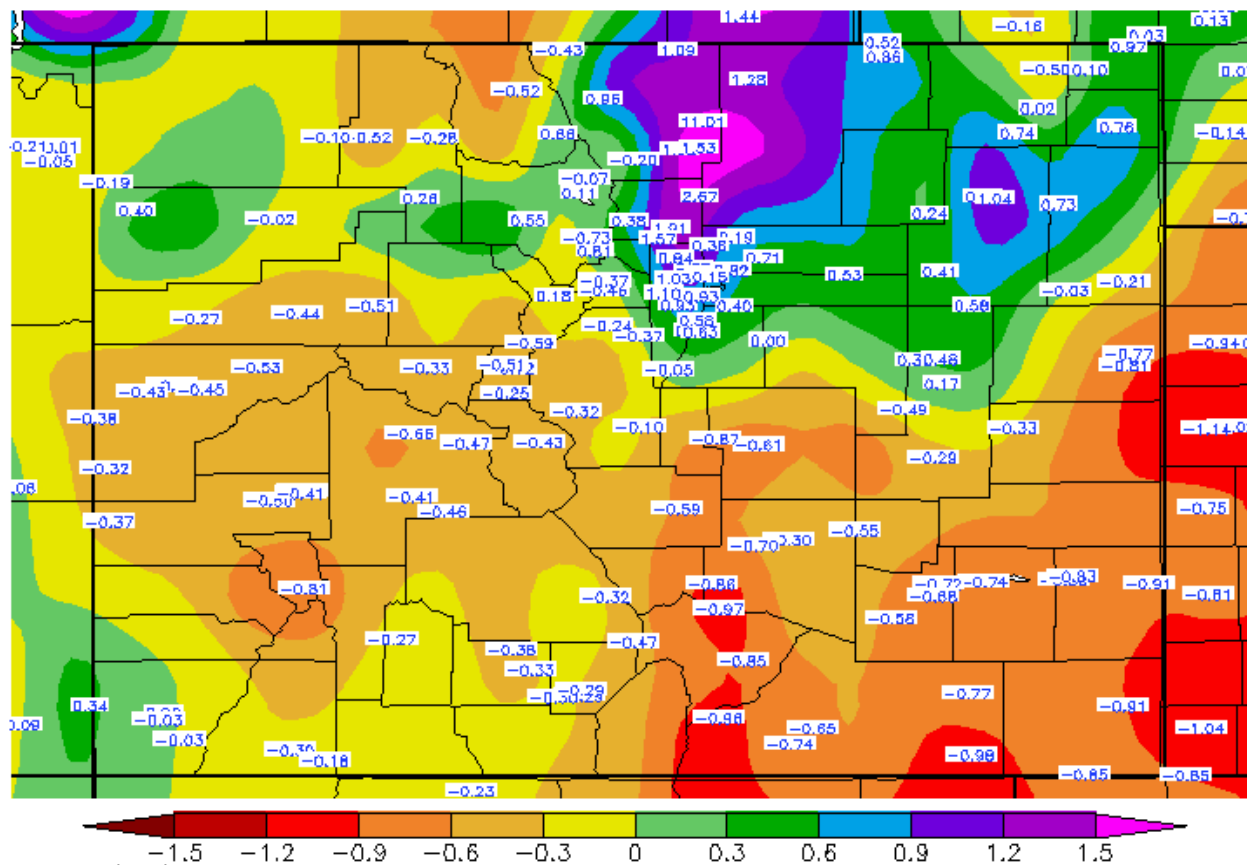
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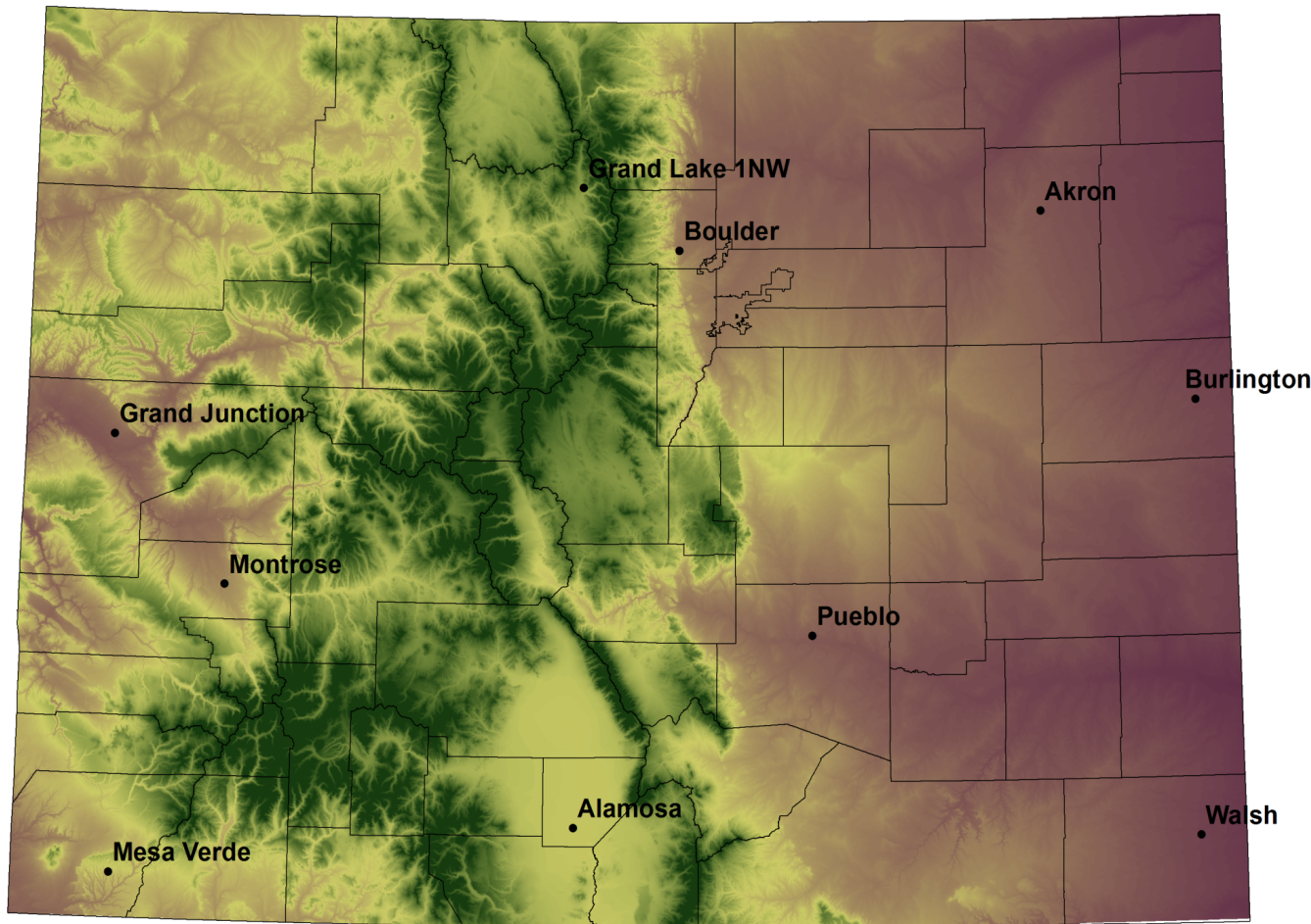
Precipitation Departure from Average (in.) 5/1/2018 – 5/14/2018



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NWS Cooperative Stations for WATF

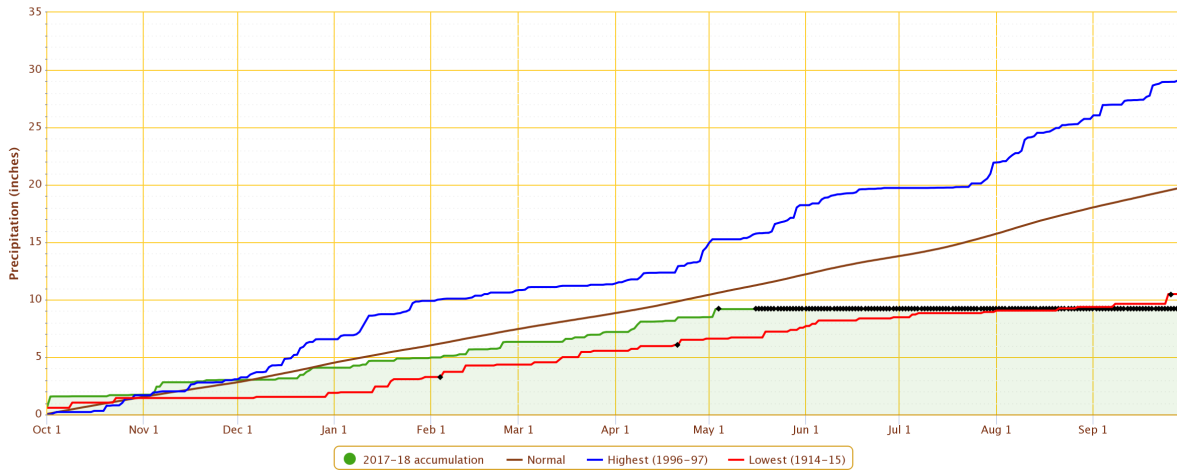


Water Year 2018 – Station Updates



Accumulated Precipitation – GRAND LAKE 1 NW, CO

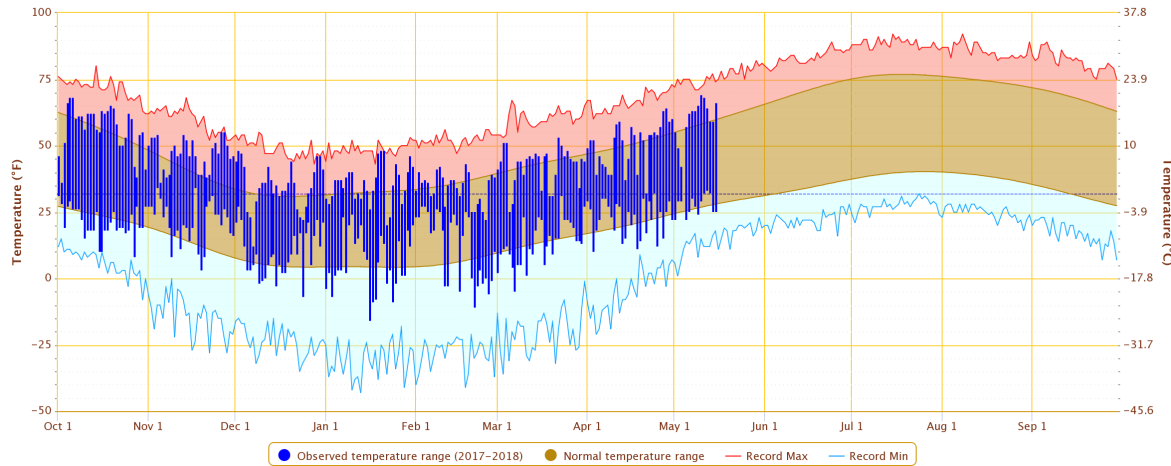
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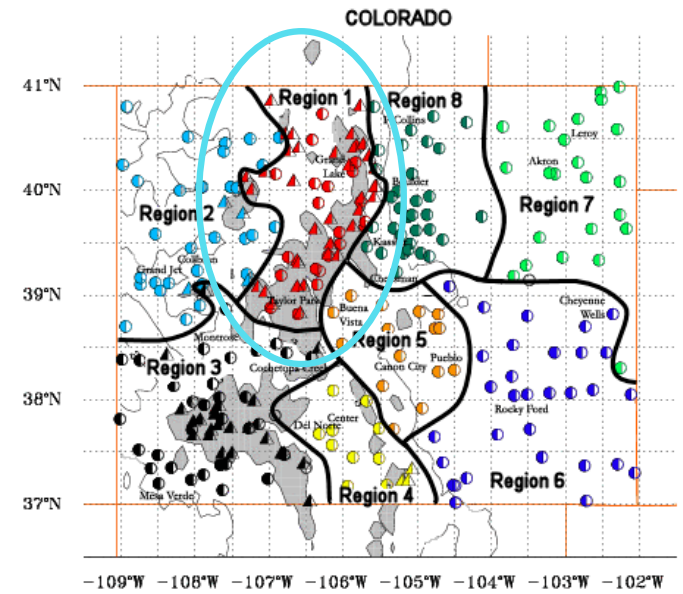
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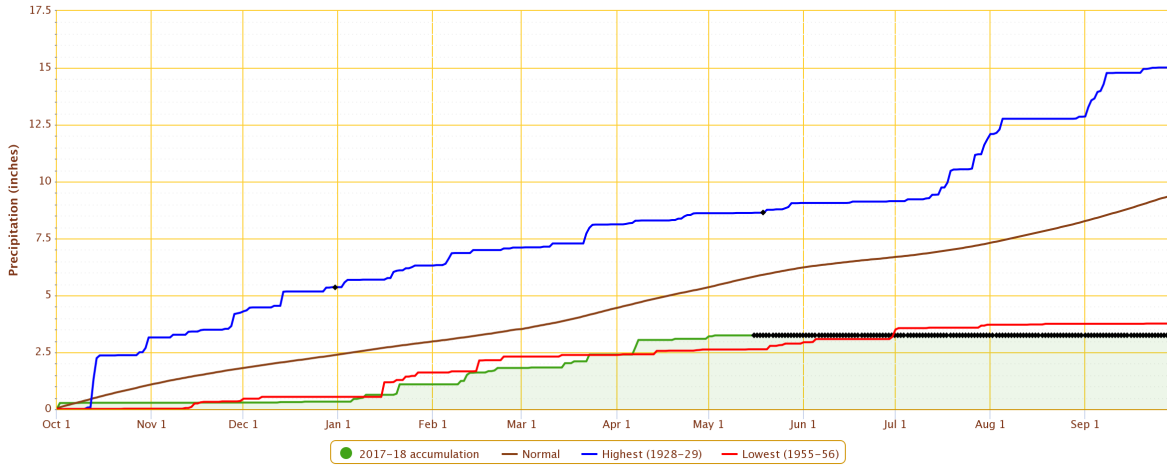


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Accumulated Precipitation – GRAND JUNCTION WALKER FIELD, CO

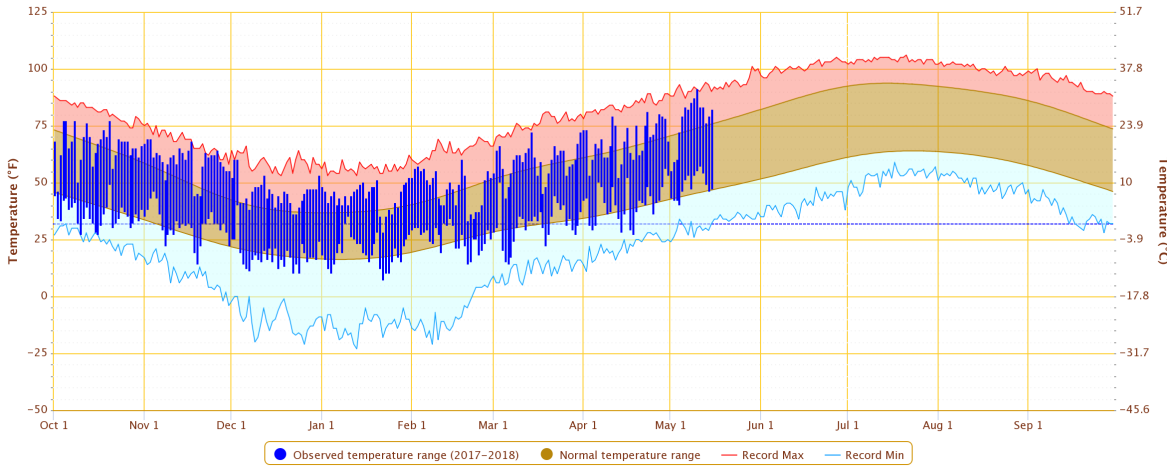
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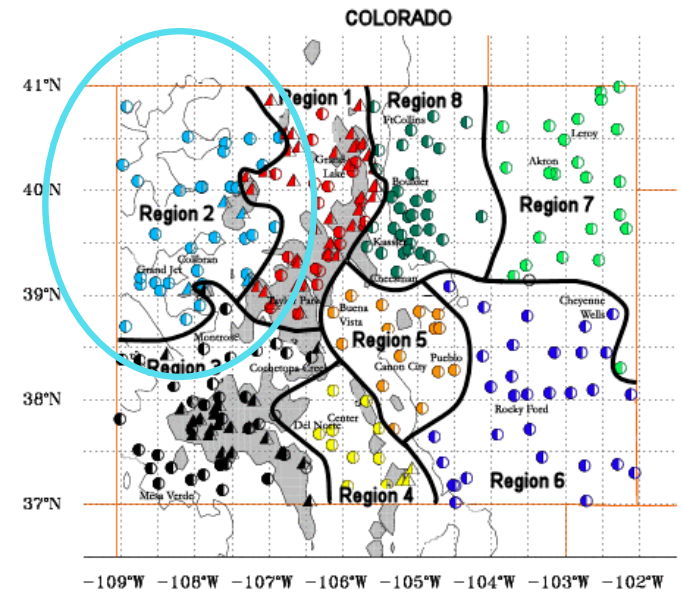
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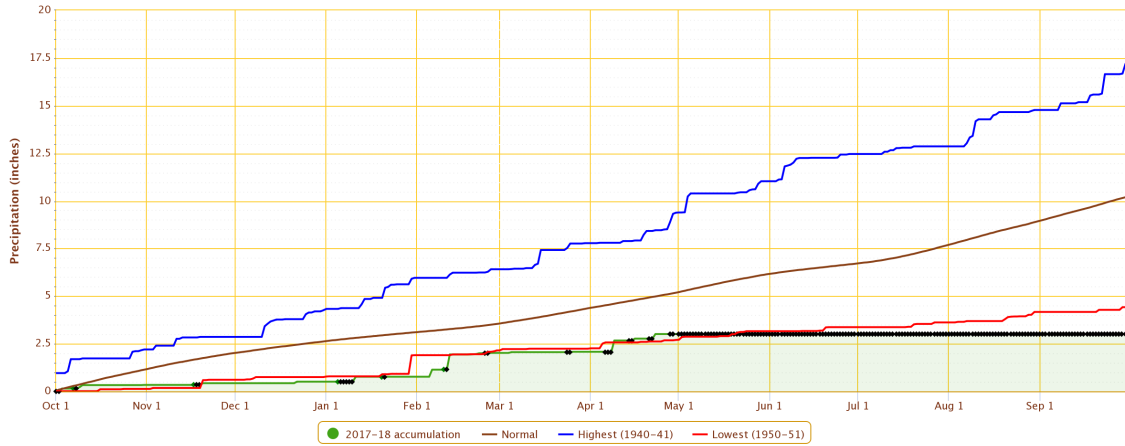


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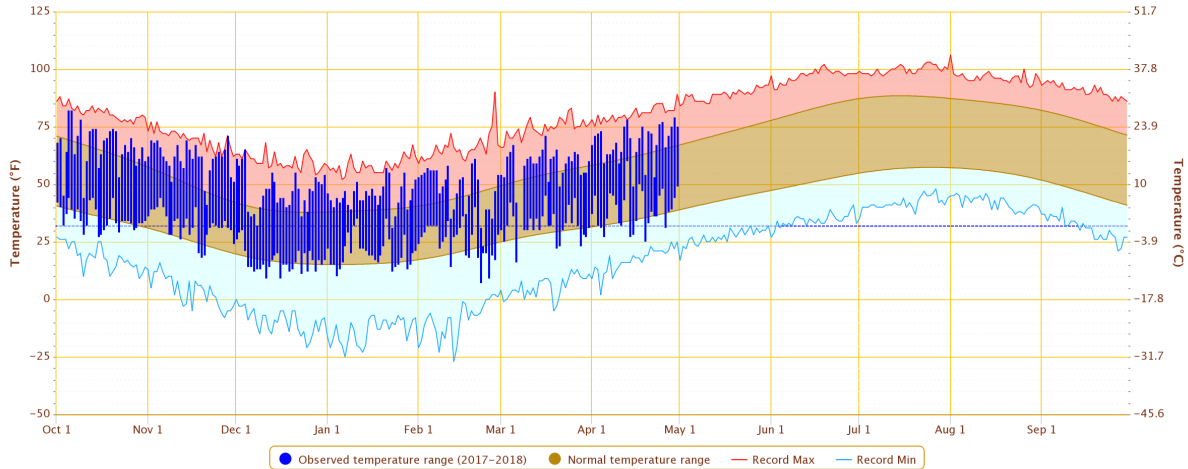
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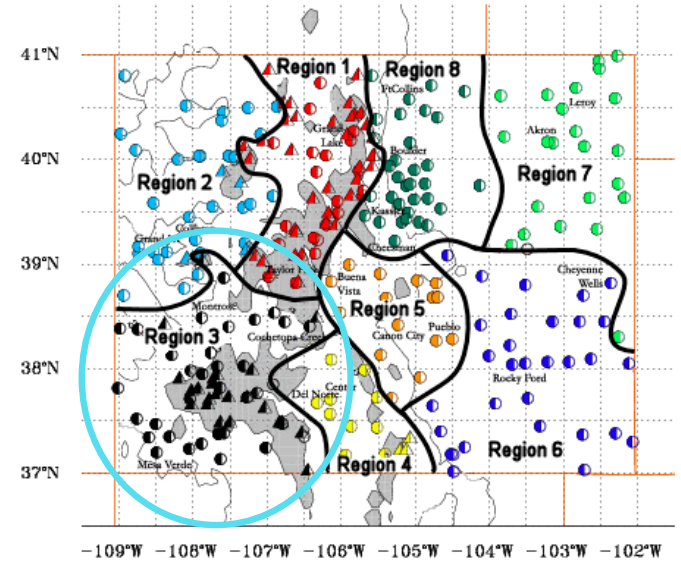
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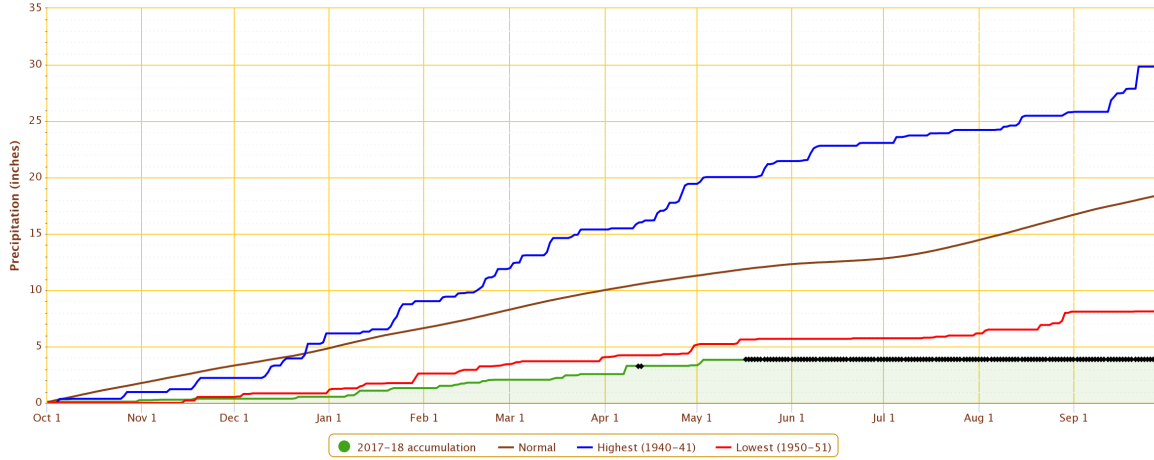
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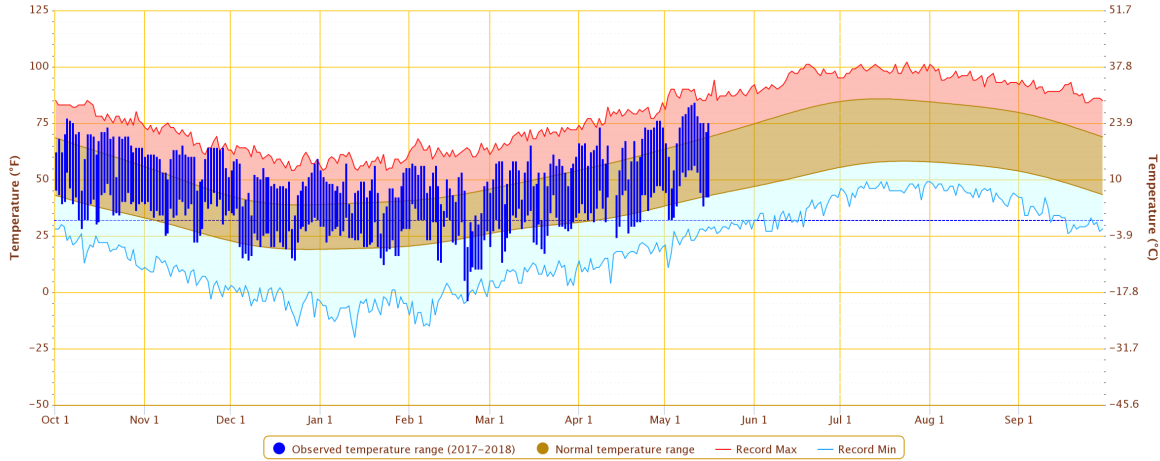
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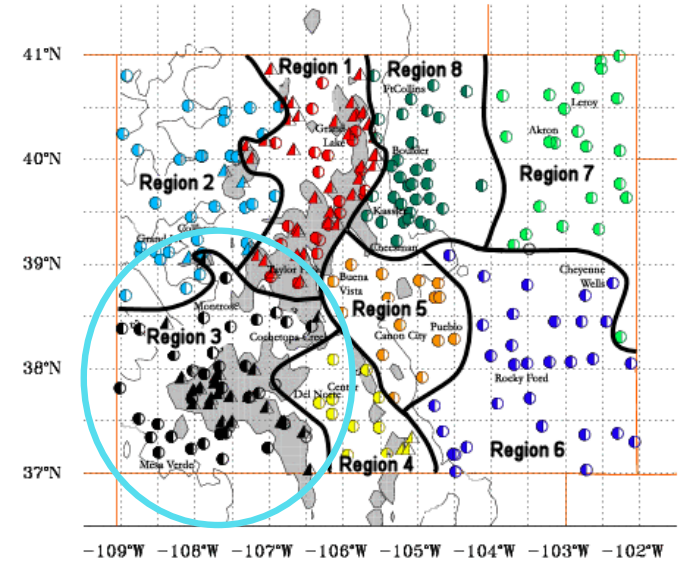


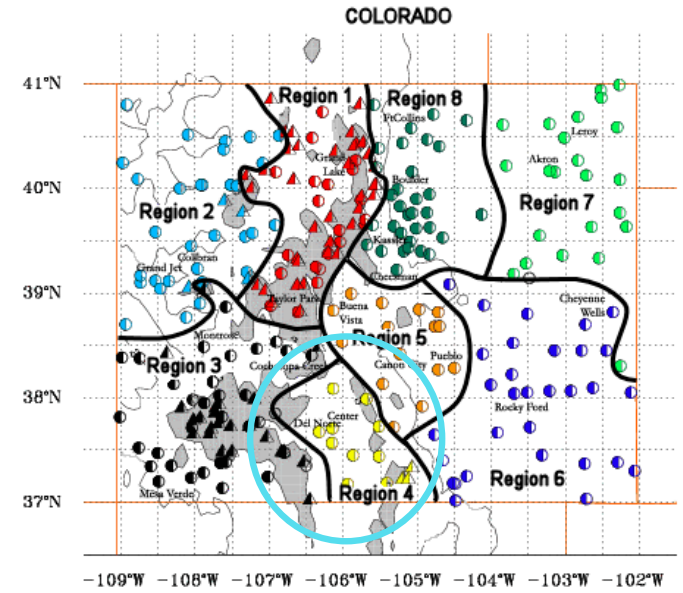
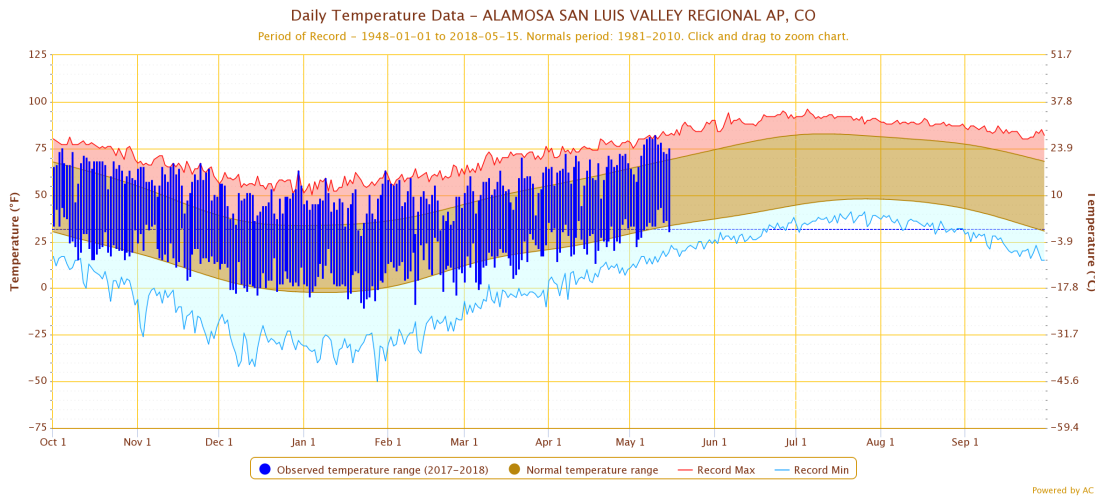
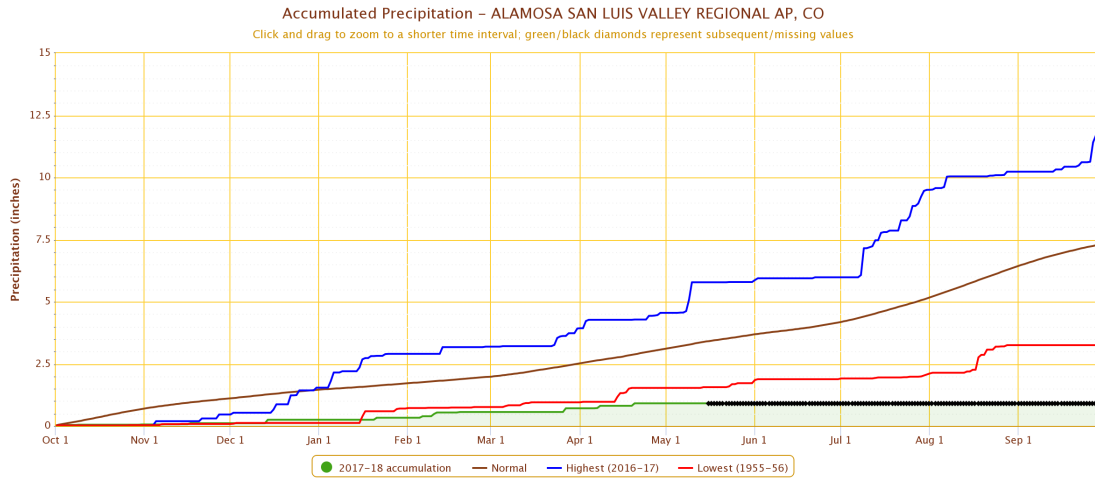
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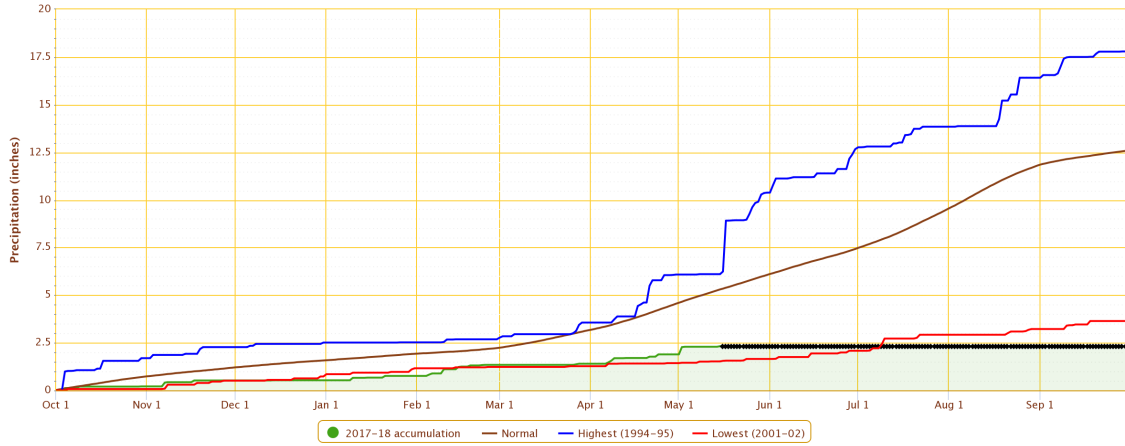
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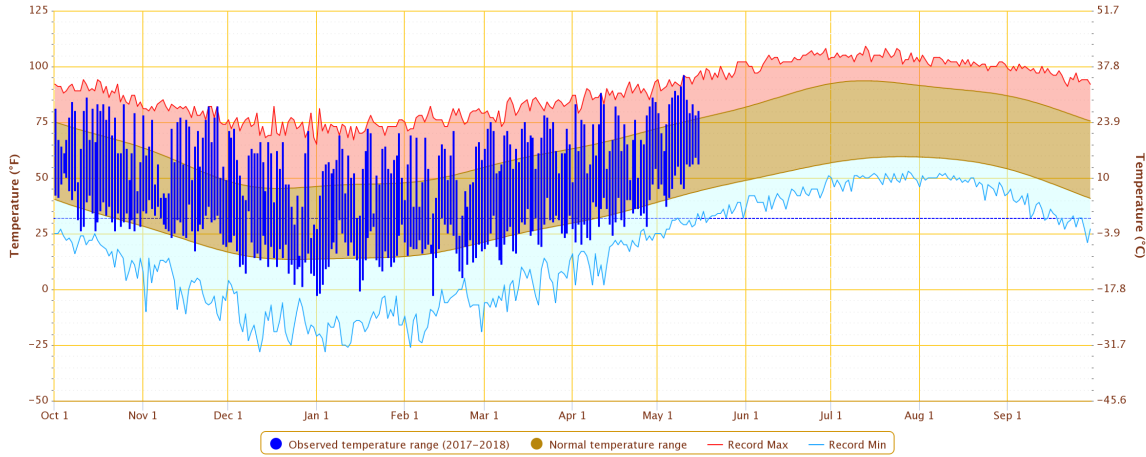
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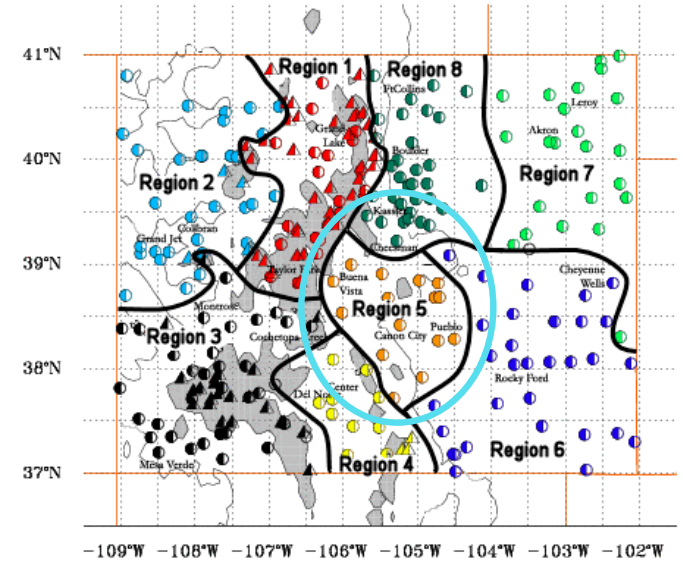
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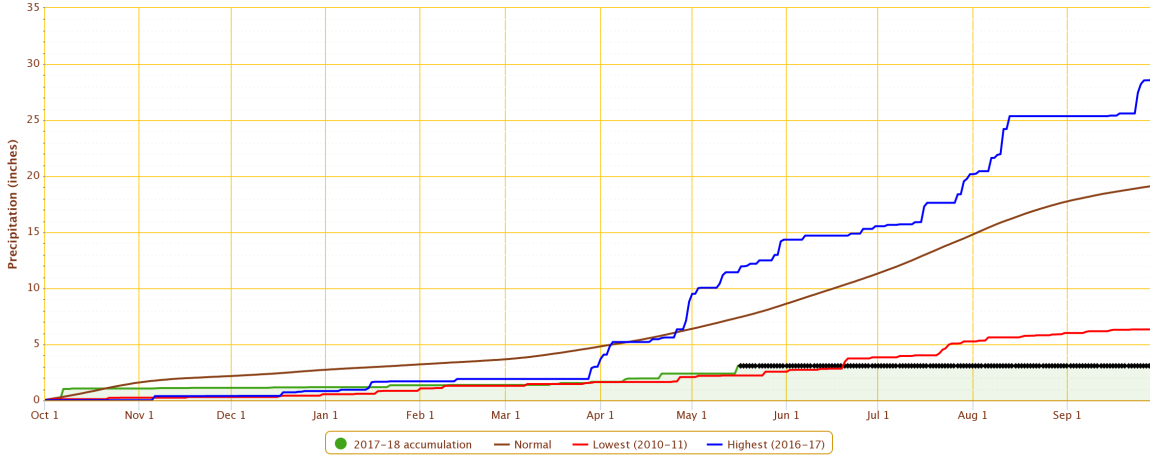


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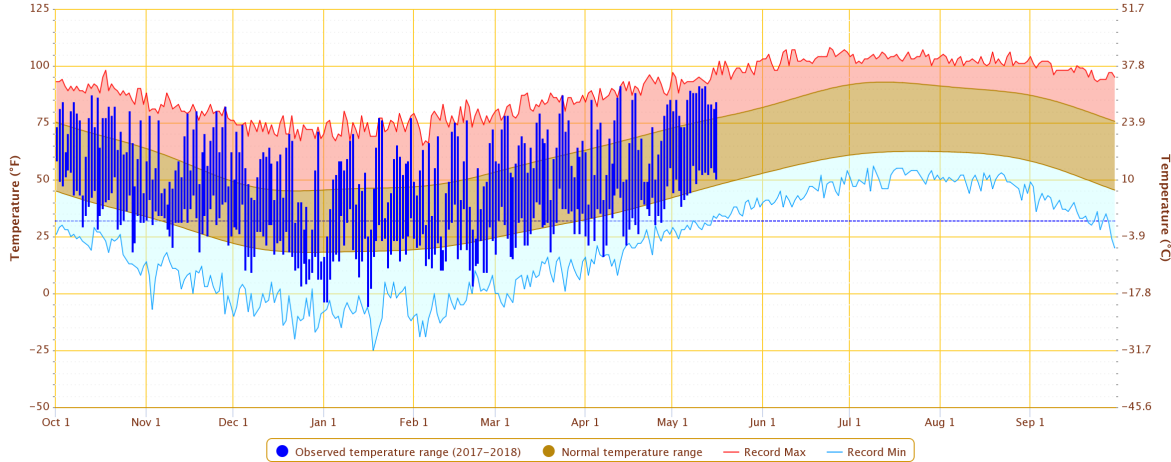
Accumulated Precipitation – WALSH 1 W, CO
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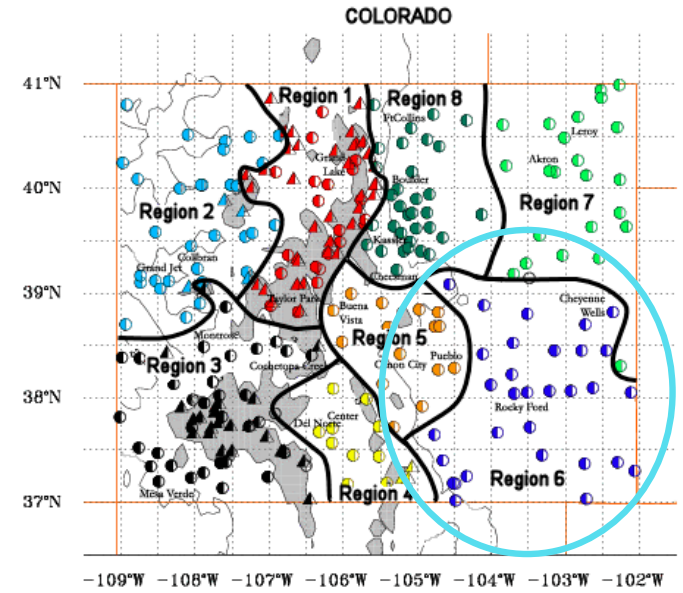
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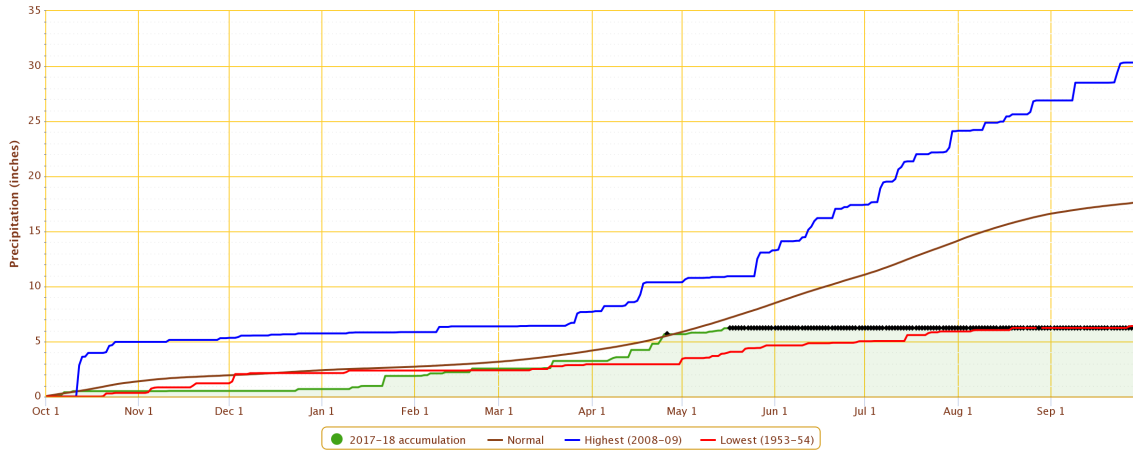


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Accumulated Precipitation – BURLINGTON, CO

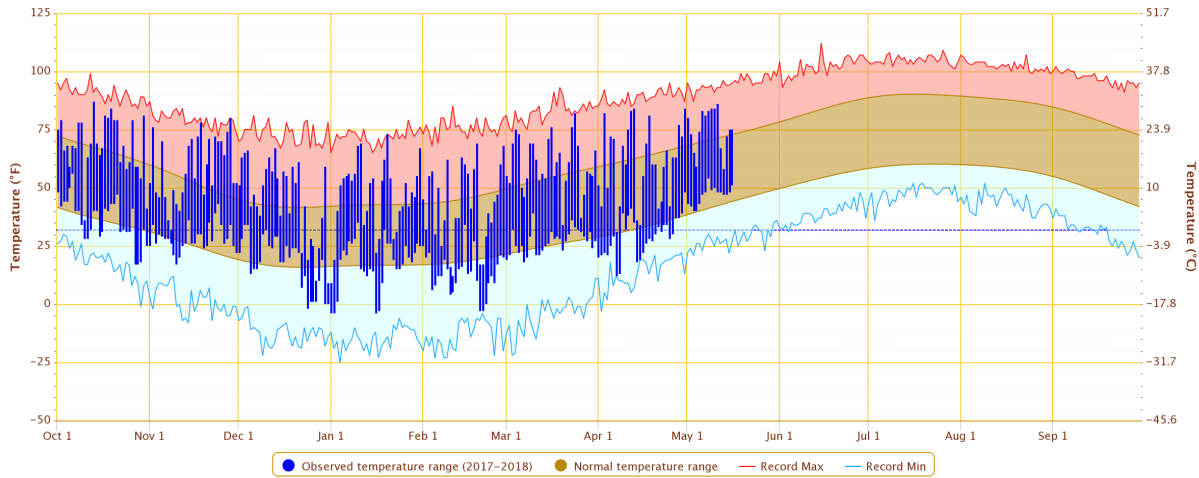
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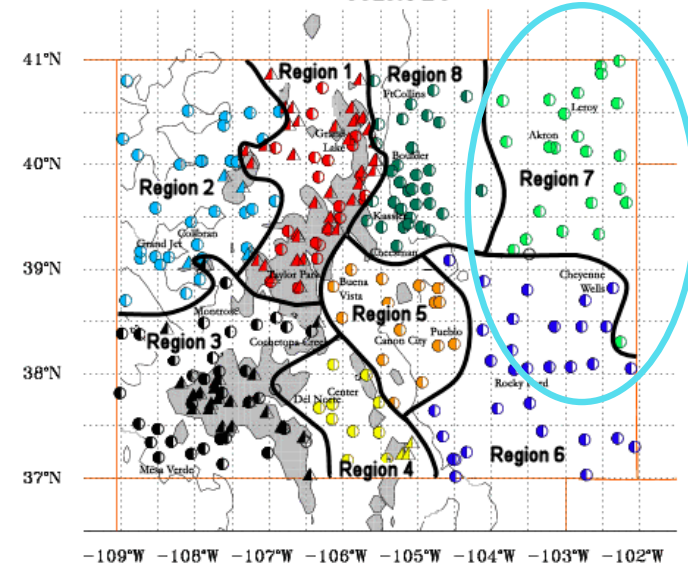
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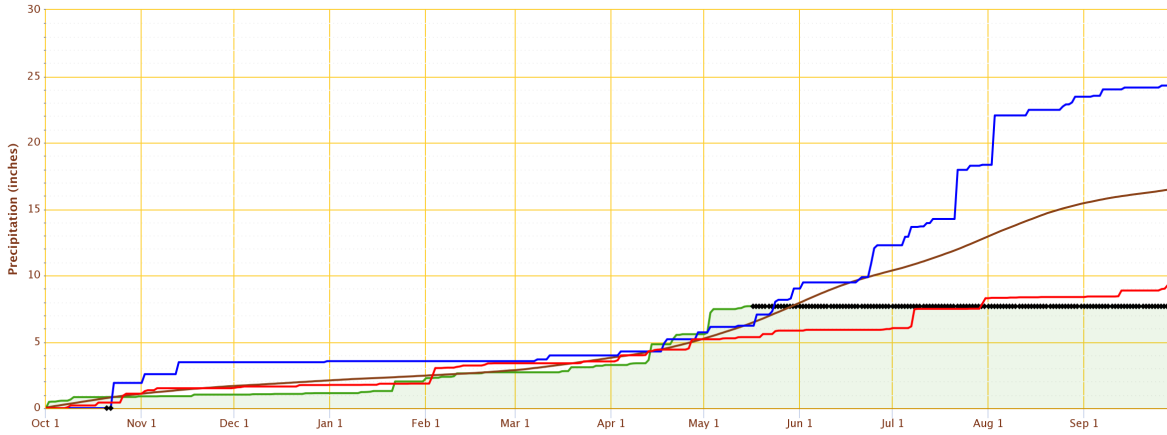
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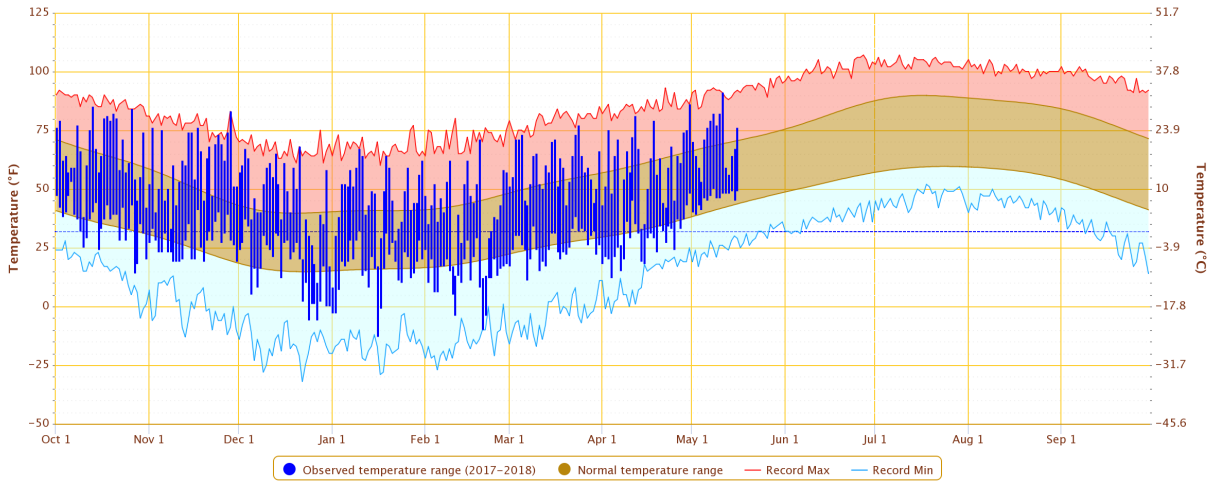
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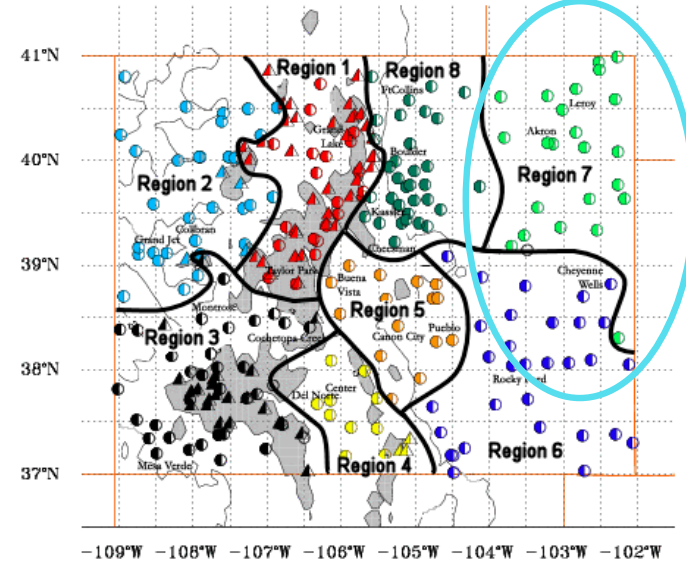
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● Observed temperature range (2017-2018) ● Normal temperature range — Record Max — Record Min

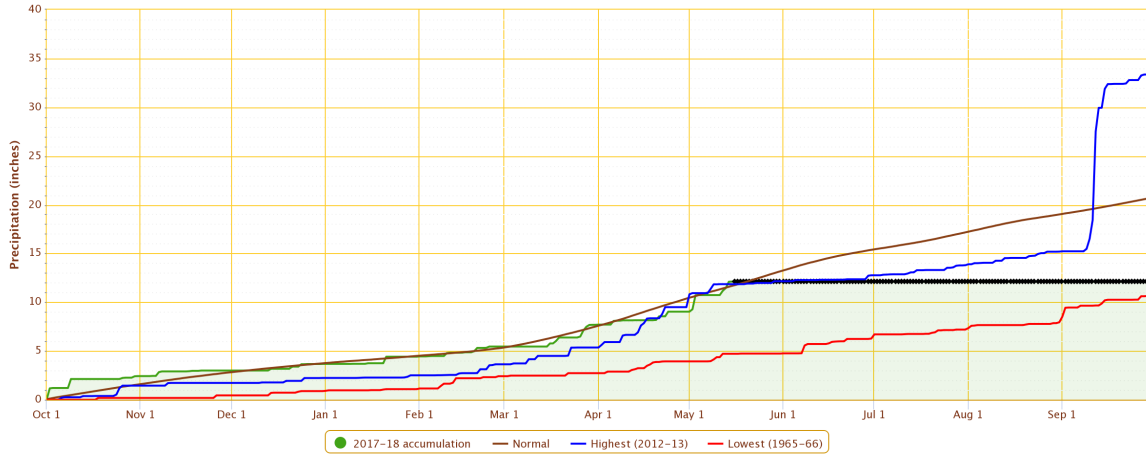
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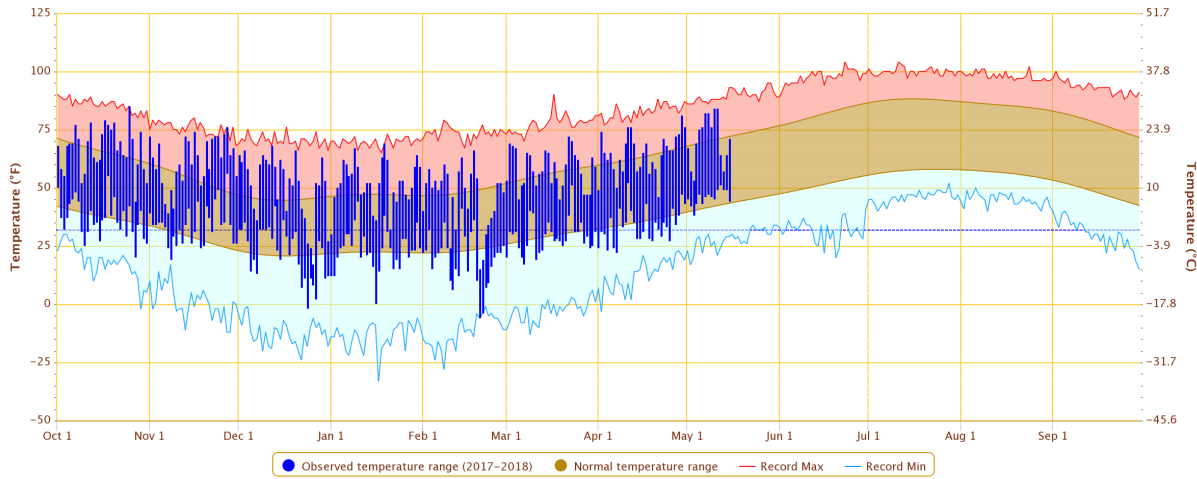
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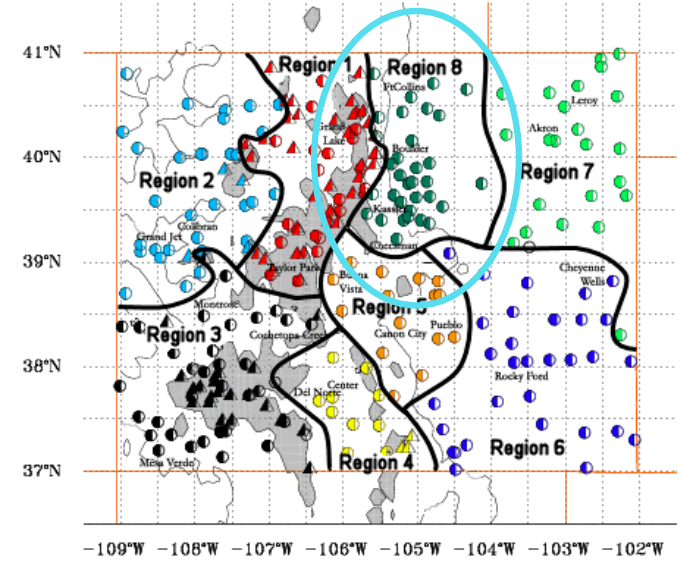
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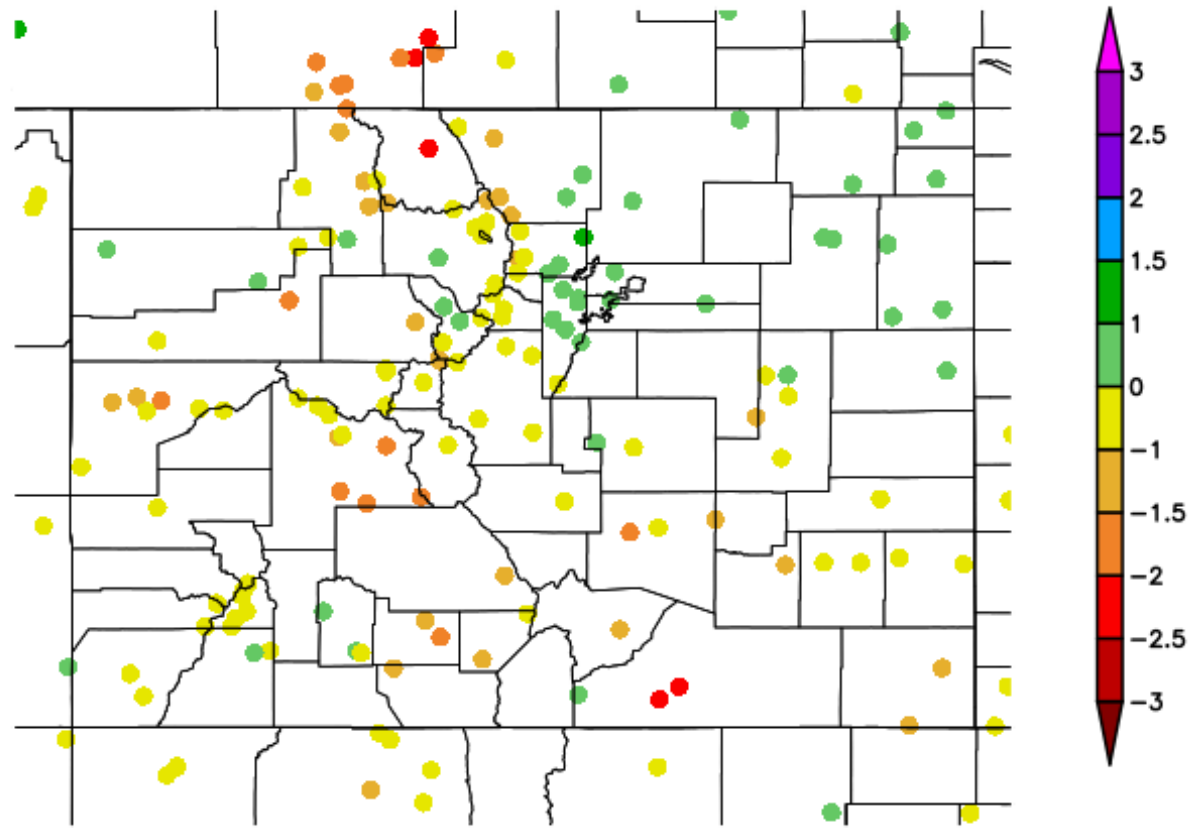




Colorado Drought



30 Day SPI
4/15/2018 - 5/14/2018



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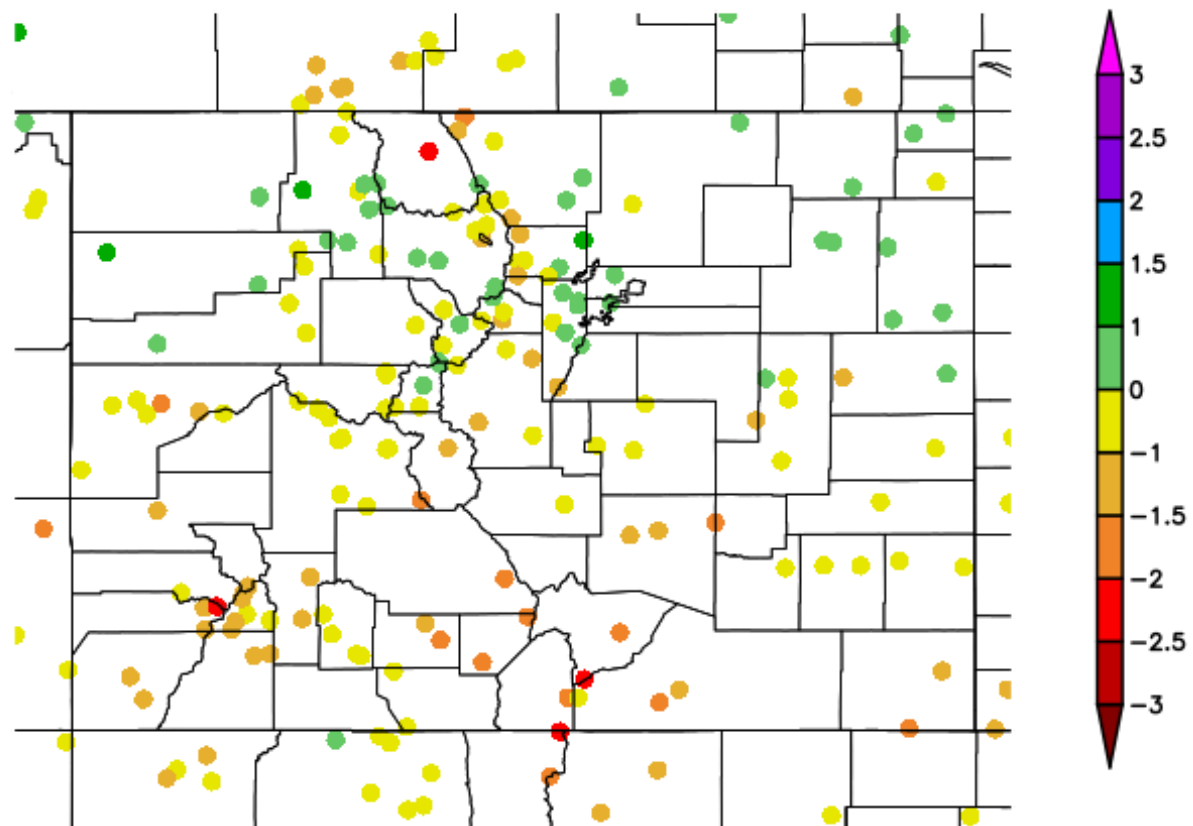
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90 Day SPI 2/15/2018 – 5/15/2018



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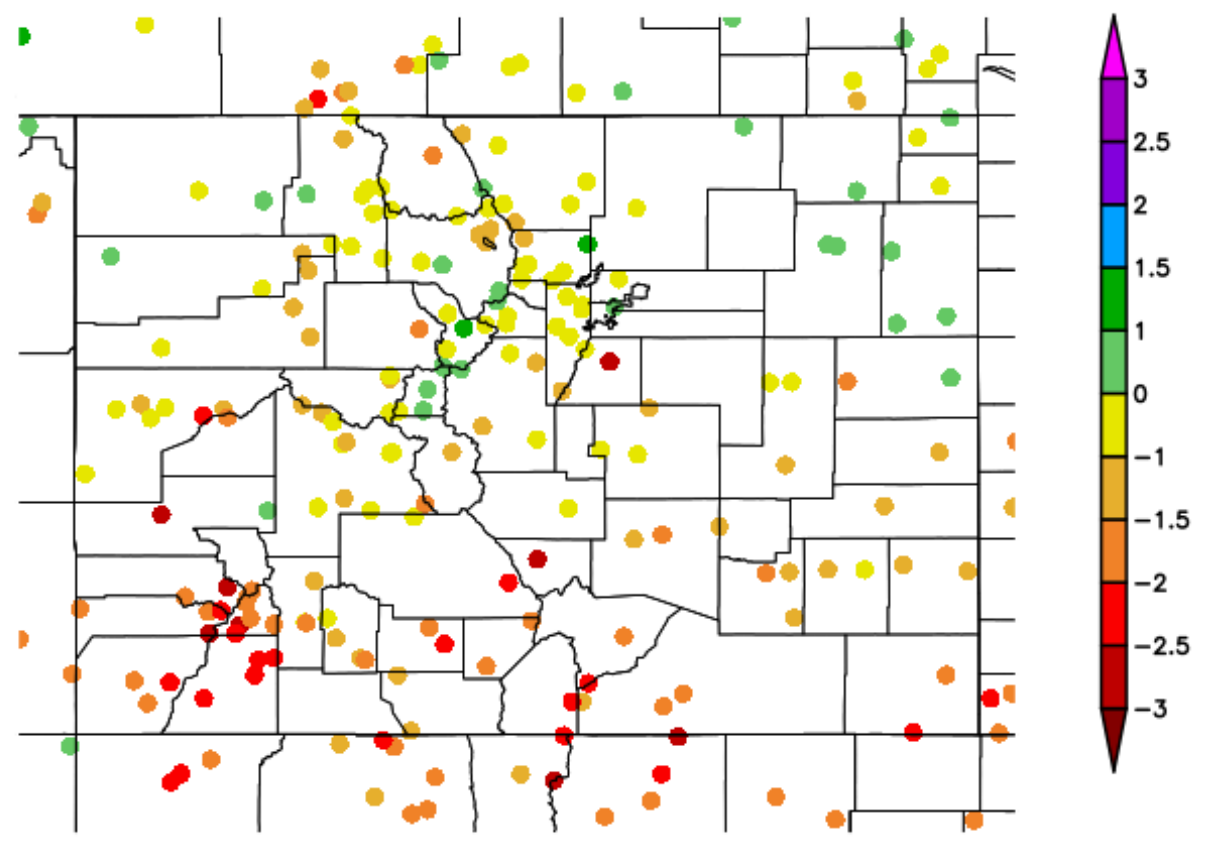
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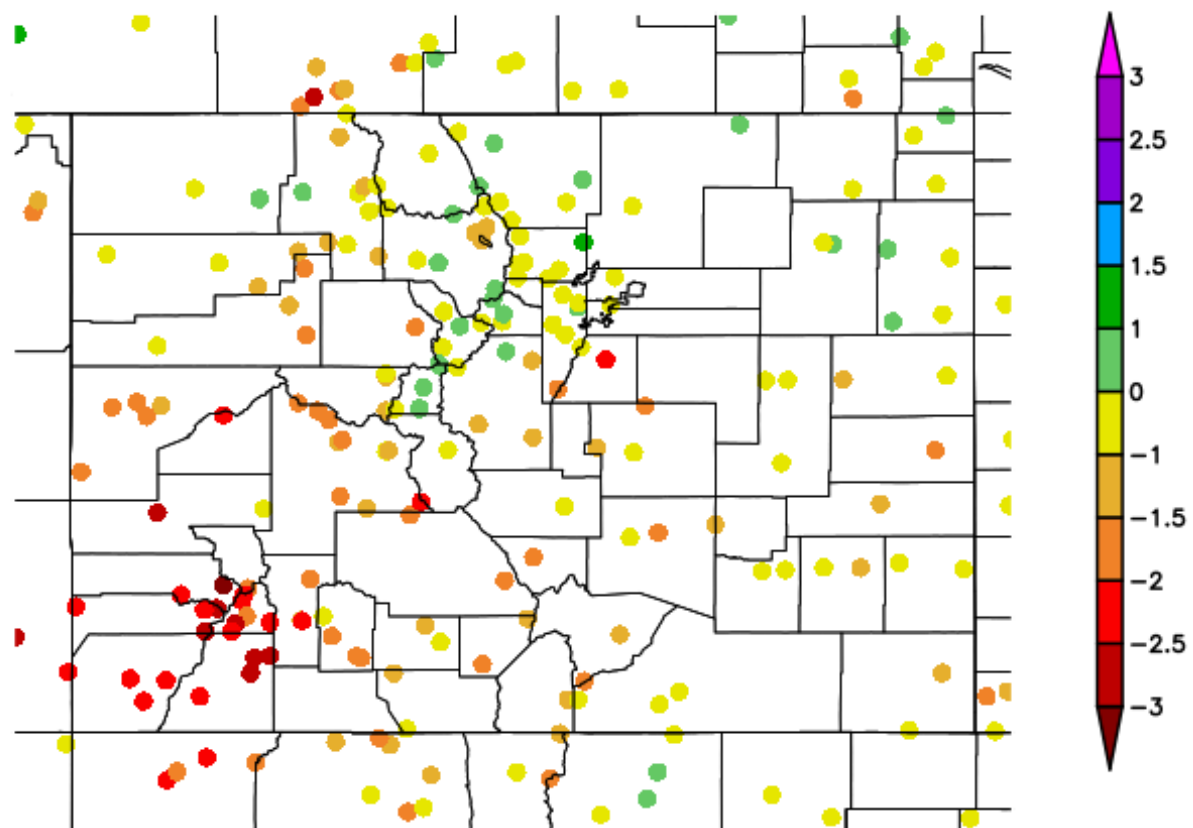
6 Month SPI 11/15/2017 - 5/14/2018



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9 Month SPI 8/16/2017 - 5/15/2018



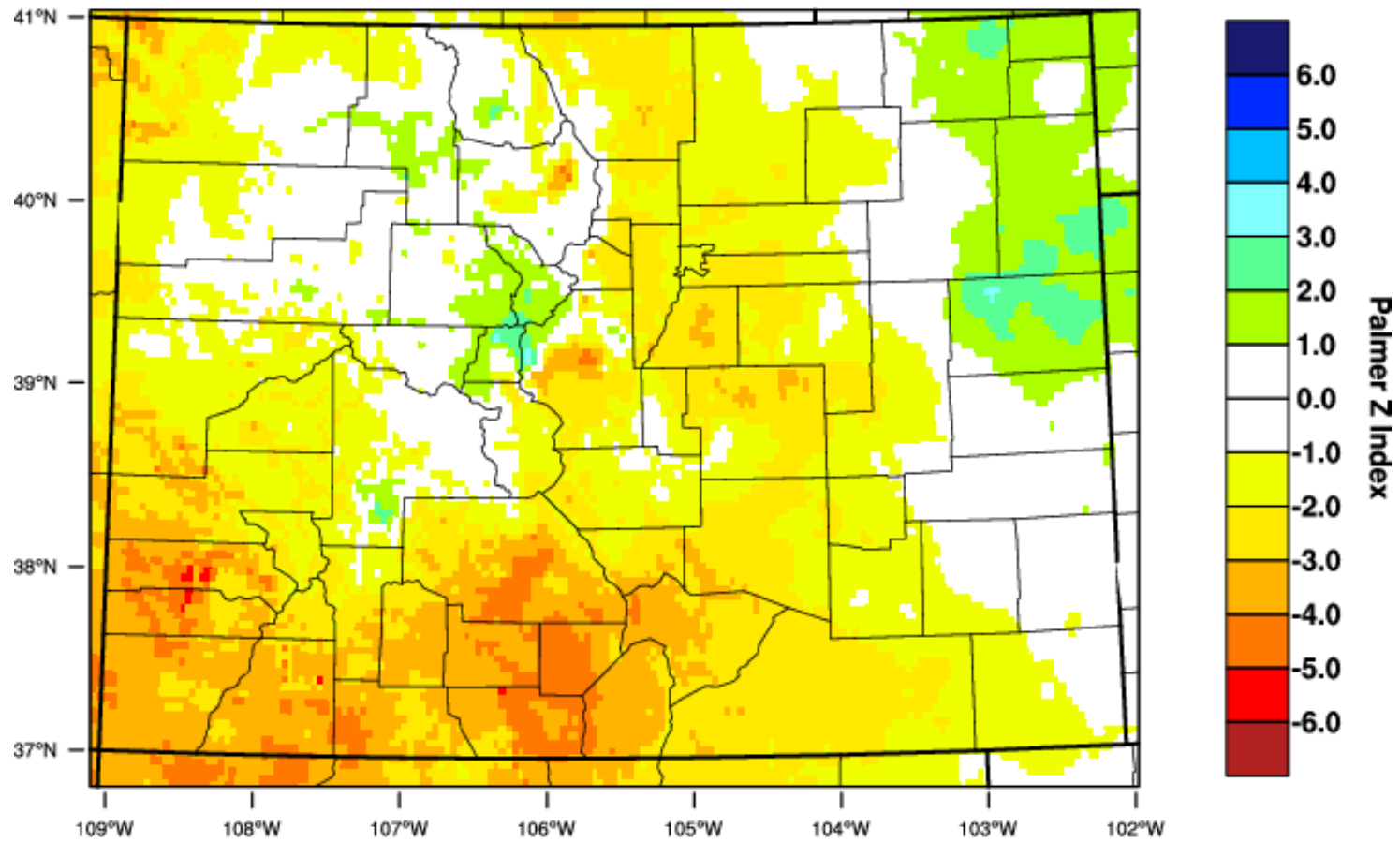
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Colorado - Palmer Z-Index

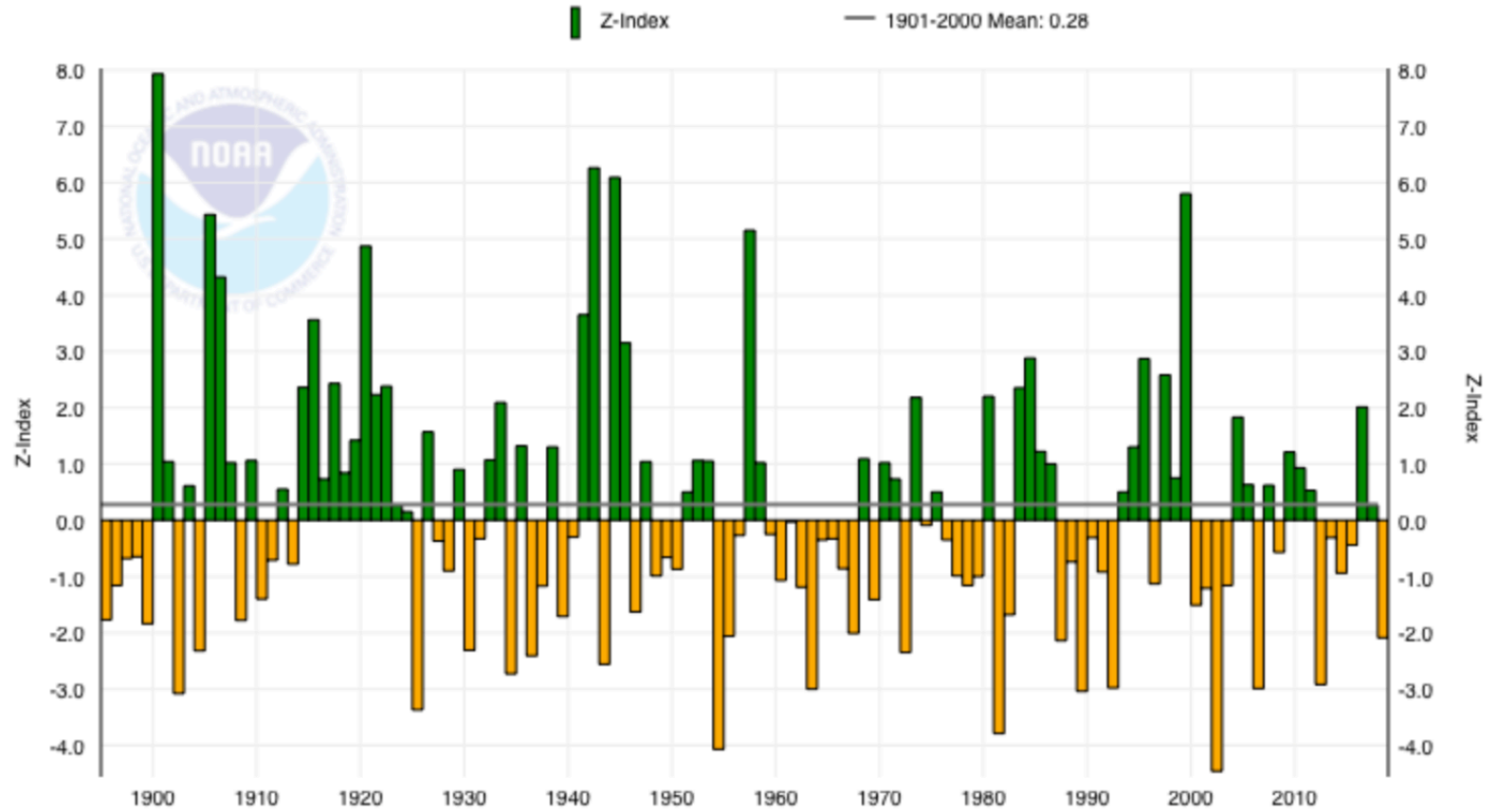
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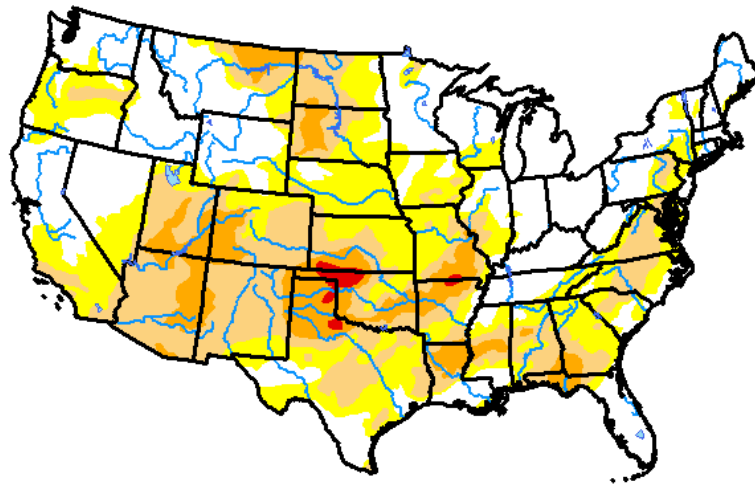


Colorado, Palmer Z-Index, April



U.S. Drought Monitor Continental U.S. (CONUS)

January 16, 2018
(Released Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.07	60.93	33.04	10.03	0.64	0.00
Last Week <i>01-09-2018</i>	42.20	57.80	32.07	8.70	0.46	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>10-17-2017</i>	62.25	37.75	12.48	2.98	0.82	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2018</i>	44.46	55.54	27.70	7.46	0.83	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	63.07	36.93	13.81	4.99	2.36	0.87
One Year Ago <i>01-17-2017</i>	60.50	39.50	19.26	6.77	2.39	0.11

Intensity:

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

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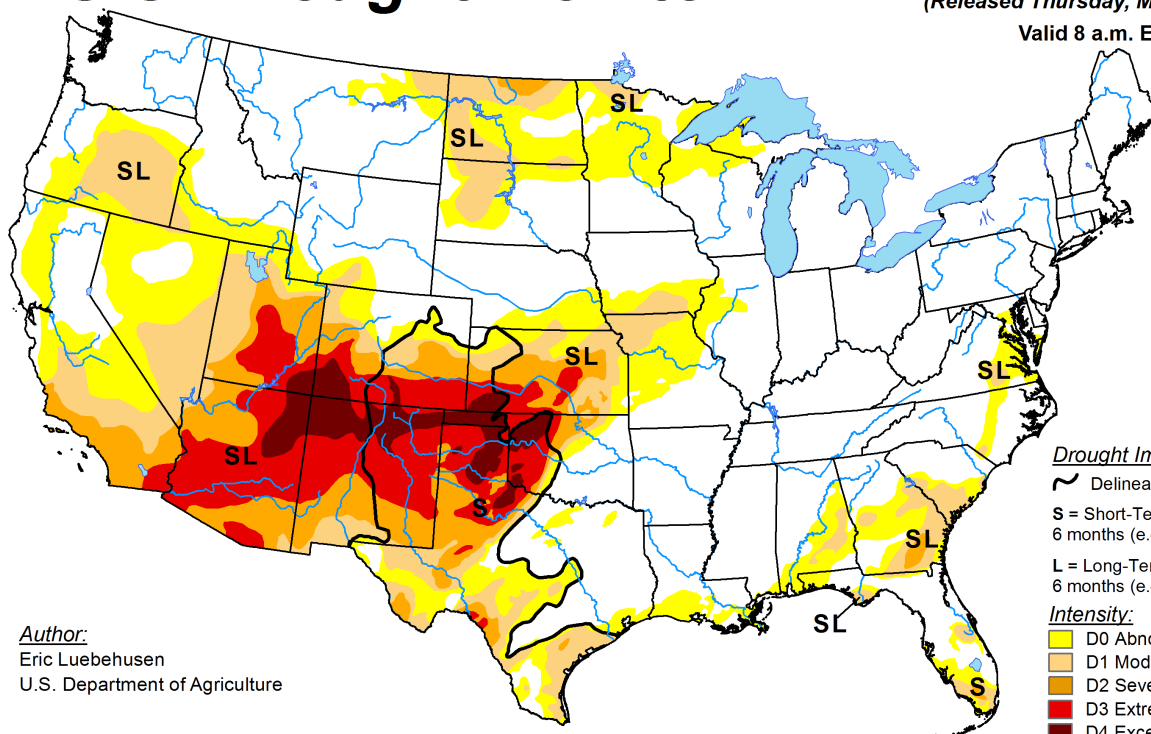


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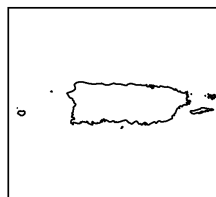
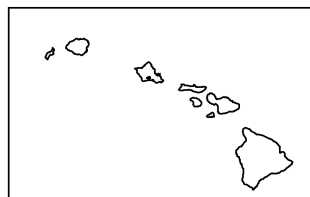
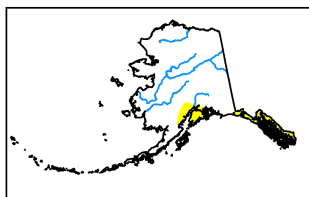
Drought Impact Types:

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

Intensity:

- Yellow: D0 Abnormally Dry
- Light Orange: D1 Moderate Drought
- Orange: D2 Severe Drought
- Red-Orange: D3 Extreme Drought
- Dark Red: D4 Exceptional Drought

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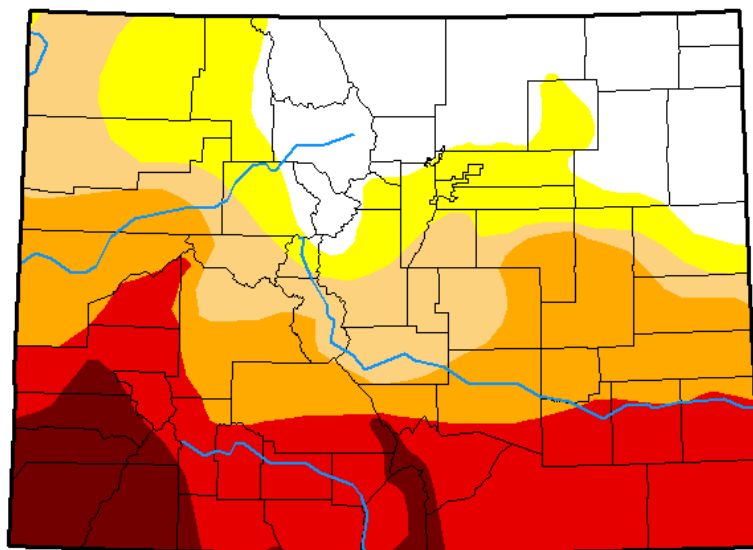


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	20.49	79.51	65.53	51.14	30.89	7.79
Last Week <i>05-08-2018</i>	18.02	81.98	67.98	51.57	30.89	7.40
3 Months Ago <i>02-13-2018</i>	8.59	91.41	71.18	33.51	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2018</i>	6.57	93.43	33.53	7.27	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2017</i>	67.63	32.37	3.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-16-2017</i>	81.26	18.74	0.41	0.00	0.00	0.00

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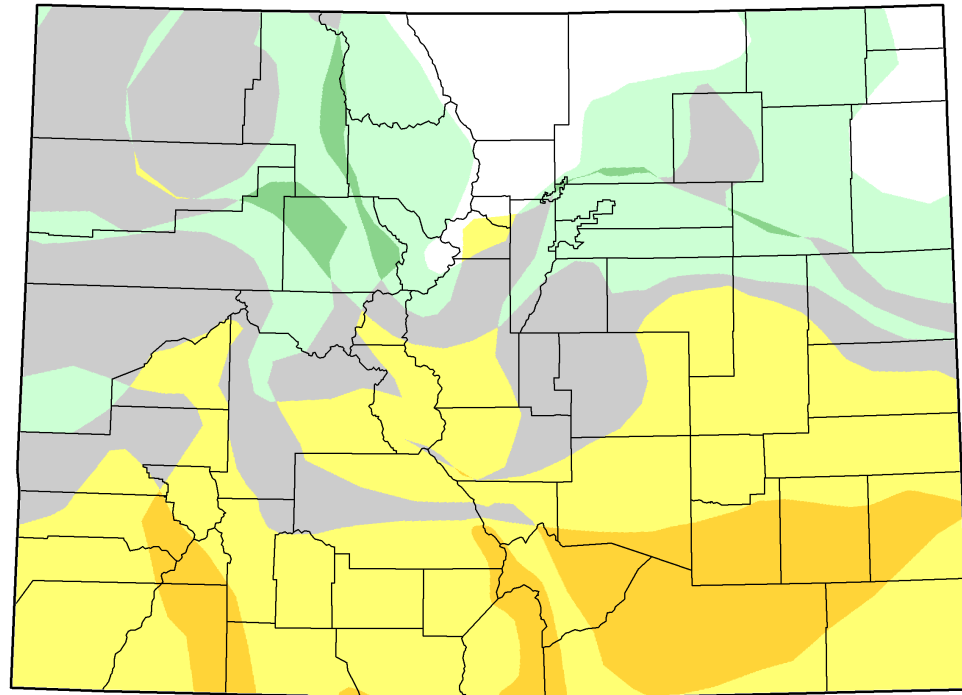
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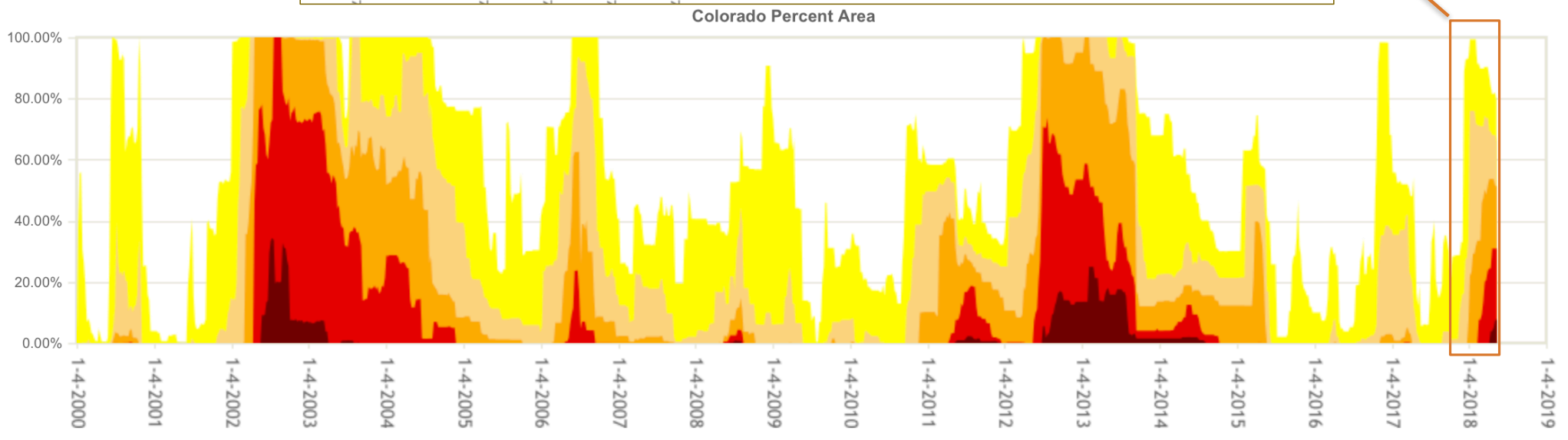
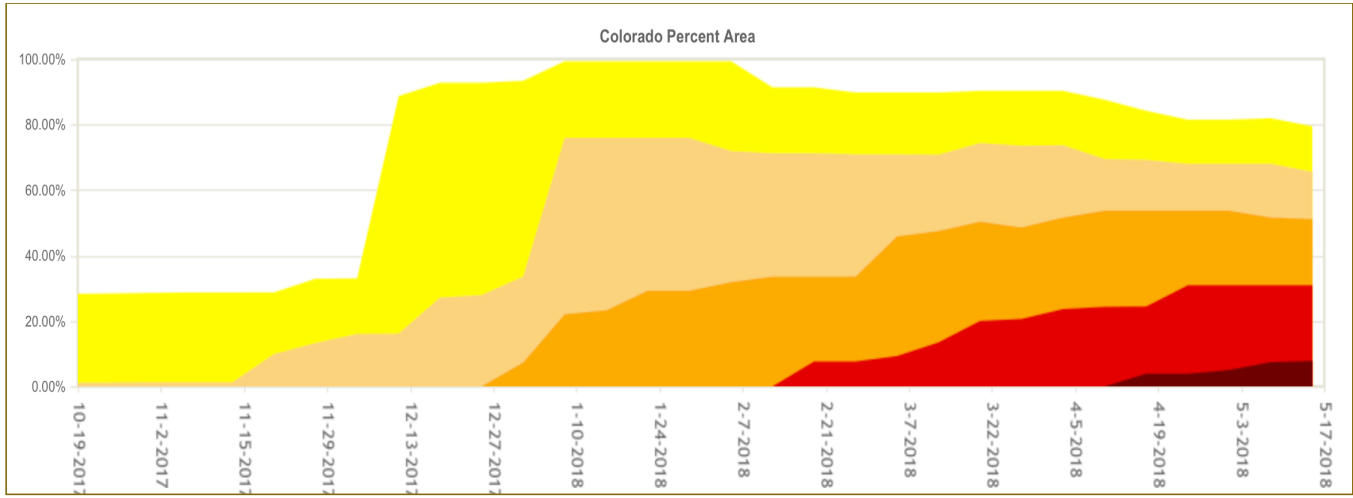
U.S. Drought Monitor Class Change - Colorado 3 Months



May 15, 2018
compared to
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