Current Guidance Forecast Skill Percent of Variance Explained

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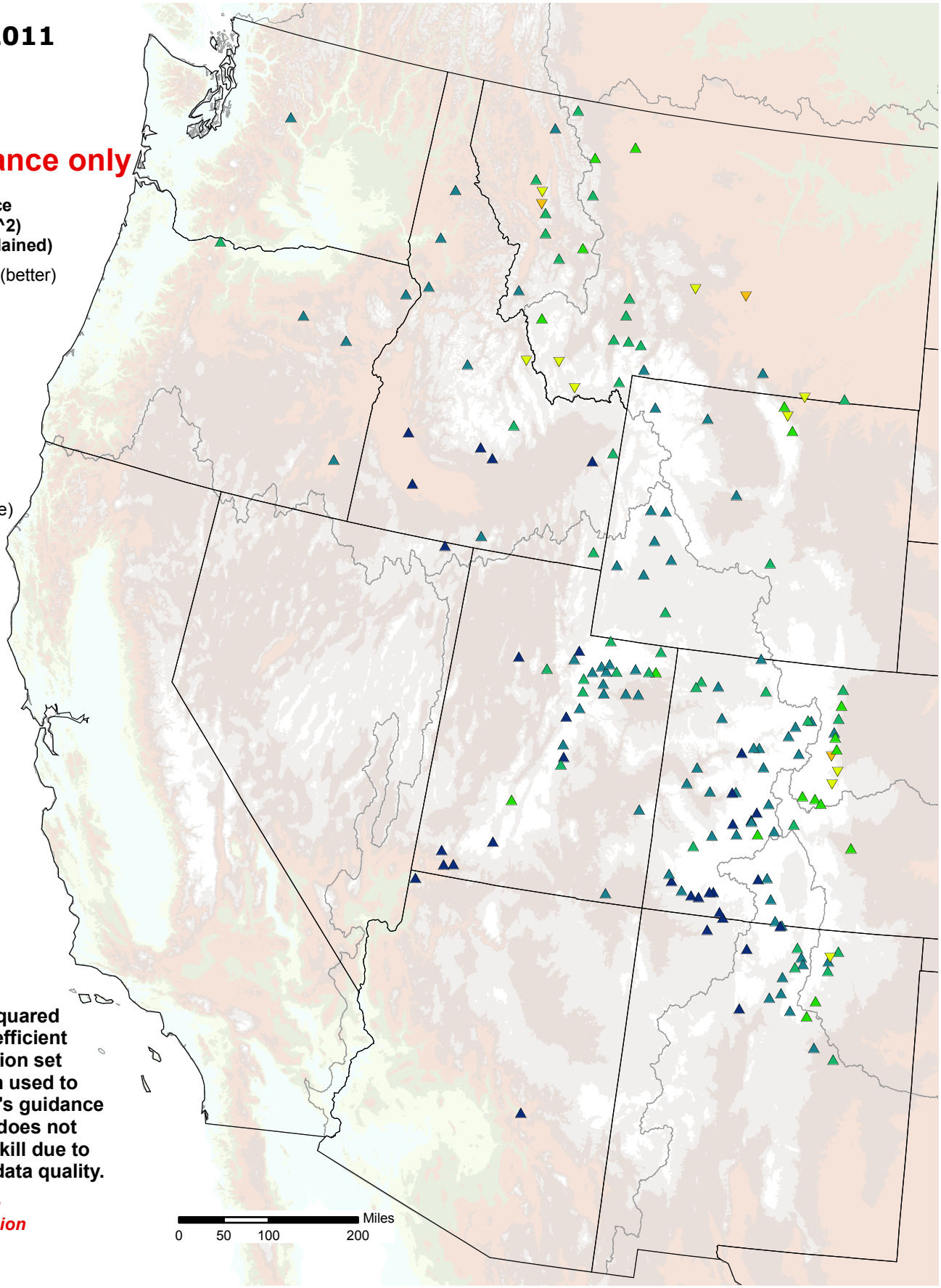

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Current Guidance Forecast Skill (r^2) (% variance explained)

- 91% - 100% (better)
- 81% - 90%
- 71% - 80%
- 61% - 70%
- 51% - 60%
- 41% - 50%
- 31% - 40%
- < 30% (worse)

"Skill" is the squared correlation coefficient for the calibration set of the equation used to produce today's guidance forecast. This does not consider low skill due to poor realtime data quality.

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