

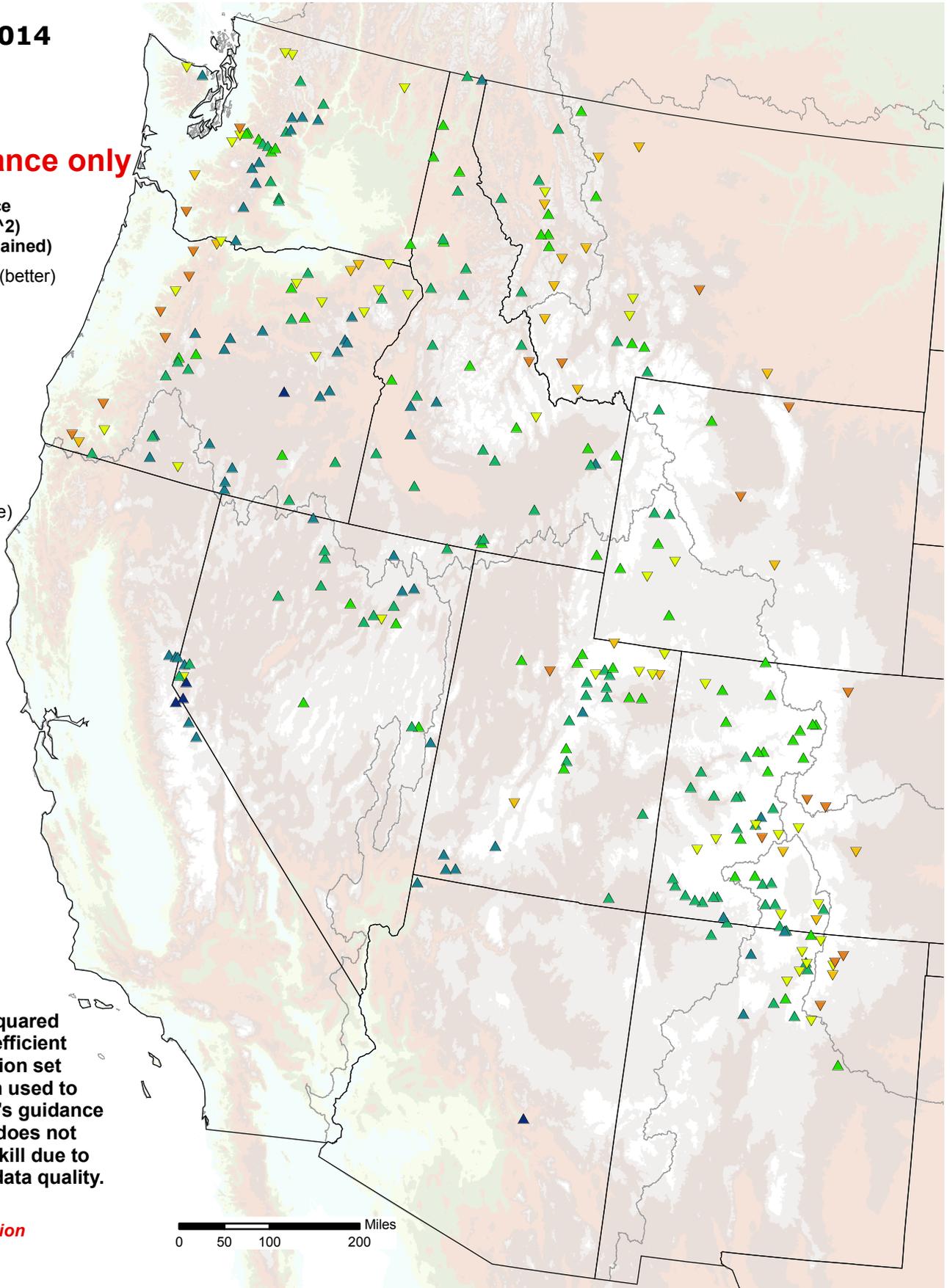
# Current Guidance Forecast Skill Percent of Variance Explained

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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.

*Provisional Data  
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