

Utah Climate and Water Report

February, 2013



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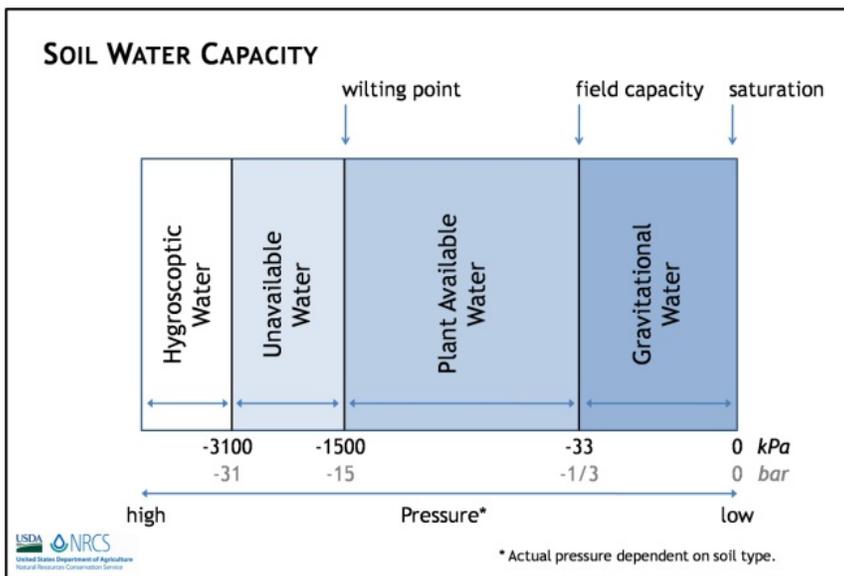
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Climate and Water Information

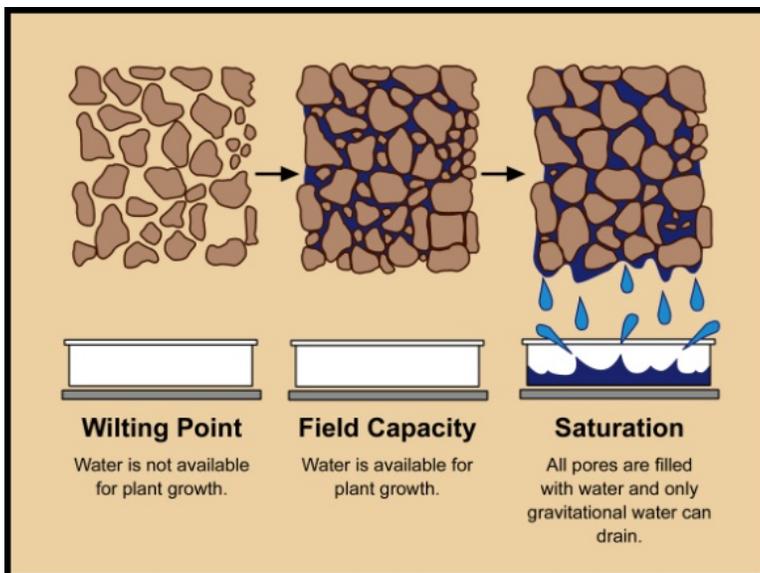
Soil Climate Analysis Network

Soil Climate Analysis Network (SCAN) stations are primarily located on low- to mid-elevation, agriculturally important landscapes that maintain representative soils. Elevations range from 3,000 to 7,000 ft. The SCAN network provides real-time soil moisture and temperature data coupled with additional climate information for use in natural resource planning, drought assessment, water resource management, and resource inventory. Stations are situated on non-irrigated, native soils, are remotely located, and collect hourly atmospheric and soils data that are available to the public online.

In order to summarize SCAN data, the 35 sites in Utah are grouped by climate divisions (North Central, Northern Mountains, Uintah Basin, Southeast, South Central, Dixie, and Western).



Explanation of soil water capacity definitions. Field capacity (FC) and wilting point (WP) are calculated in the laboratory for each soil horizon. The amount of water held between field capacity and wilting point is plant available.



Visual explanation of soil water capacity definitions.

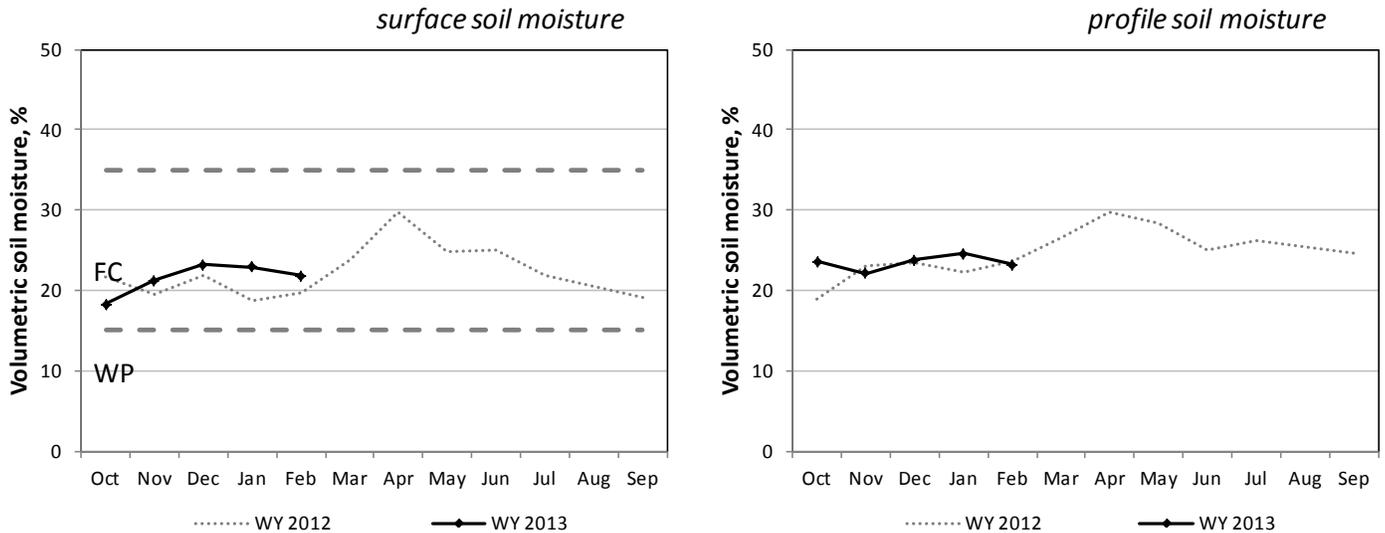
North Central

Soil Climate Analysis Network (SCAN)

Site name	Precip to Date*	Monthly Precip	Soil Moisture					Soil Temperature				
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	<i>in.</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>volume %</i>					<i>°F</i>				
NORTH CENTRAL												
Blue Creek	3.5	0.6	25	24	22	20	16	32	33	34	36	40
Cache Junction	6.2	1.1	16	17	27	31	28	30	31	30	33	38
Grantsville	3.4	0.6	13	19	25	25	32	33	36	40		

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North Central



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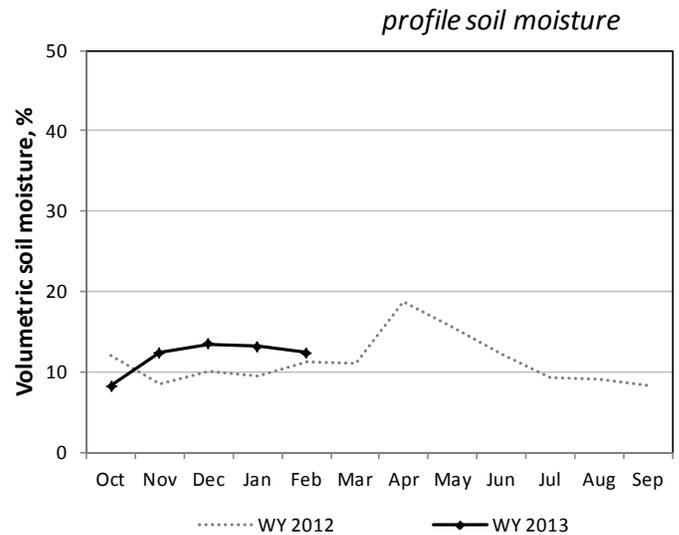
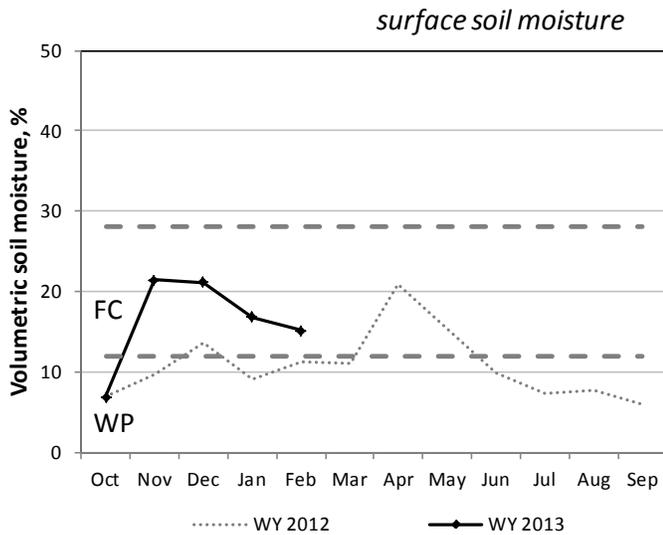
Northern Mountains

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	<i>in.</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>volume %</i>					<i>°F</i>				
NORTHERN MOUNTAINS												
Chicken Ridge	4.6	0.0	9	12	15	18	11	31	32	32	34	36
Buffalo Jump	4.0	0.2	7	10	10	7	-	29	30	30	32	-
Morgan	7.5	0.9	23	23	24	13	8	32	32	32	33	33

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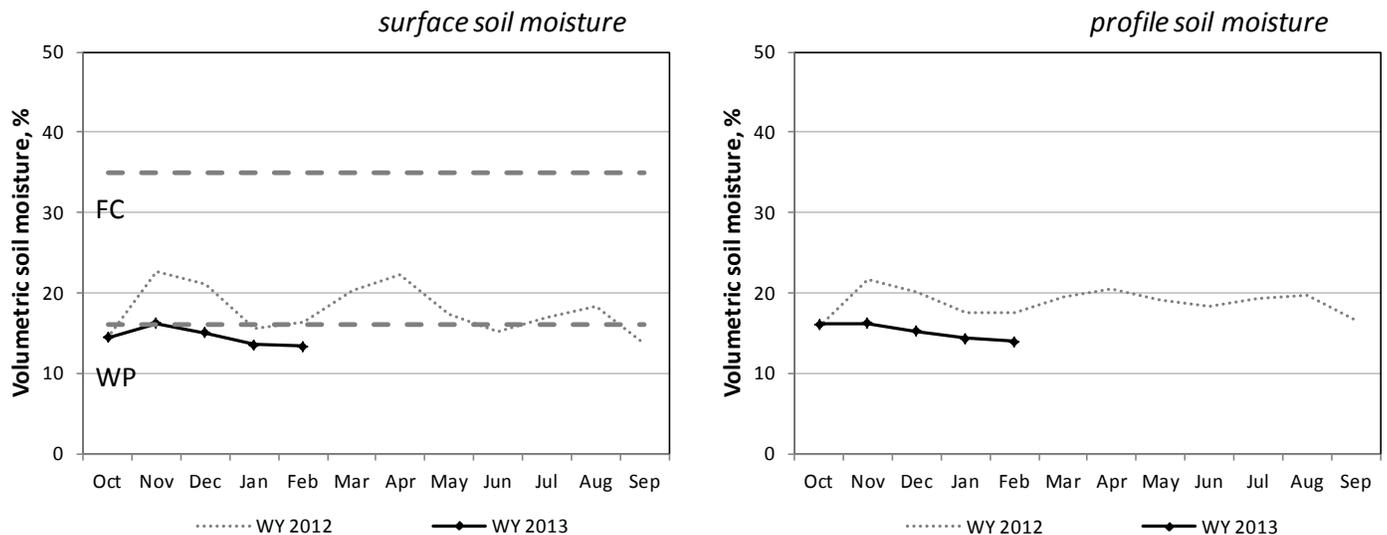
Uintah Basin

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	<i>in.</i>	<i>in.</i>	<i>volume %</i>					<i>°F</i>				
UINTAH BASIN												
Mountain Home	2.0	0.2	14	18	20	17	9	31	32	32	35	37
Little Red Fox	1.2	0.2	4	10	15	19	20	26	30	30	32	35
Split Mountain	2.2	0.5	6	16	11	10	10	27	28	28	32	35

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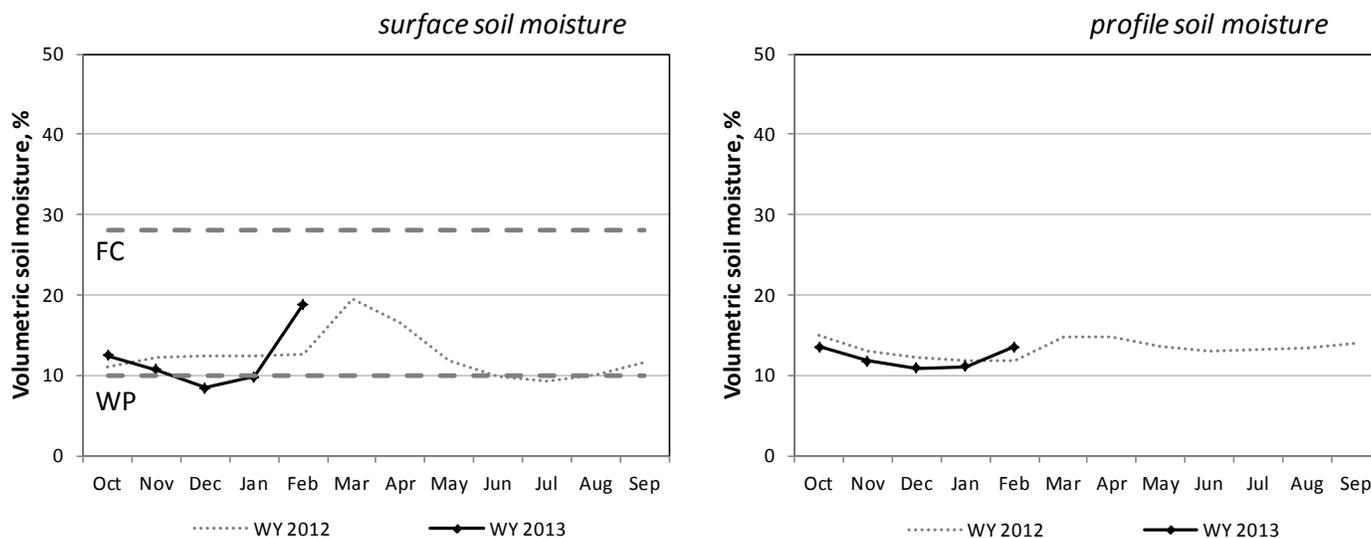
Southeast

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		<i>in.</i>	<i>volume %</i>					<i>°F</i>				
SOUTHEAST												
Price	2.2	0.6	4	7	18	13	16	29	30	30	33	36
Green River	1.3	0.6	15	14	14	3	7	32	31	31	33	36
Harm's Way	2.2	1.2	16	2	26	12	5	33	32	33	36	40
West Summit	1.9	1.1	20	23	12	13	16	32	32	33	34	37
Eastland	2.5	1.4	27	25	21	20	19	33	33	34	36	39
Alkali Mesa	3.1	1.9	23	29	31	15	11	32	32	32	35	37
McCracken Mesa	3.3	1.9	21	27	26	13	11	33	35	35	37	41

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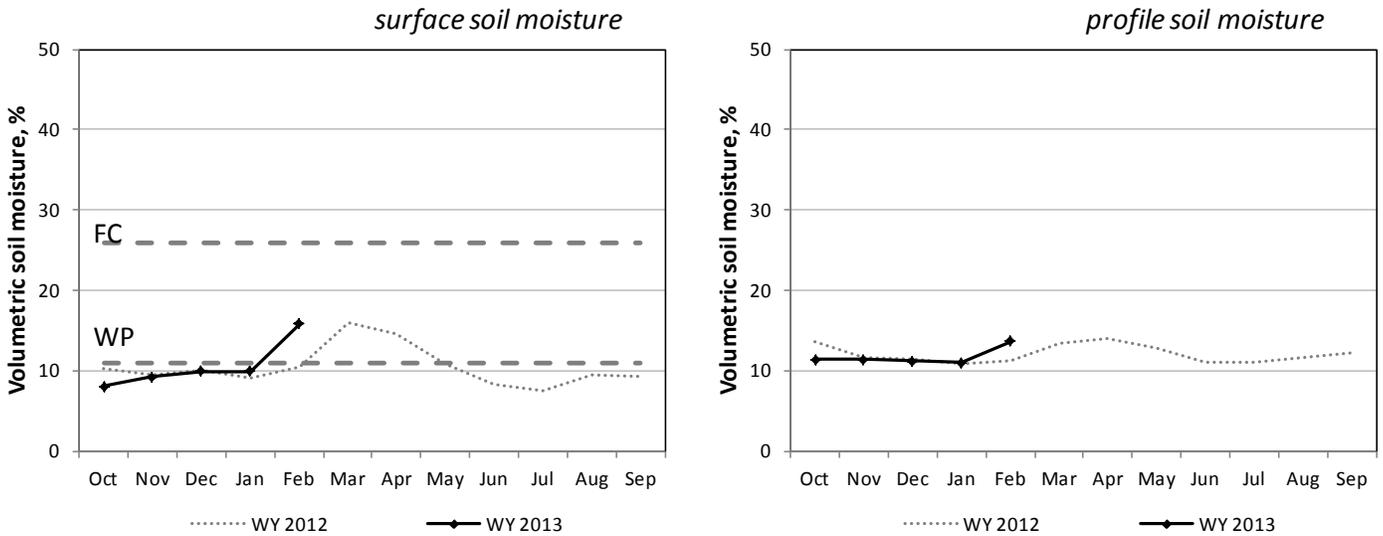
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SOUTH CENTRAL												
Nephi	3.5	0.7	31	33	30	7	0	32	32	33	36	40
Ephraim	3.1	0.7	18	22	29	16	32	32	32	33	34	39
Holden	3.4	0.6	11	12	11	15	11	32	32	32	33	39
Milford	2.7	0.6	32	31	26	24	15	32	32	33	36	41
Manderfield	4.1	1.0	17	26	25	22	8	32	32	32	35	38
Circleville	1.2	0.5	13	4	5	7	7	31	30	31	35	
Panguitch	1.8	0.6	17	26	12	18	29	31	32	32	34	38
Cave Valley	6.8	1.3	1	5	7	6	8	32	32	32	34	36
Vermillion	3.4	1.2	0	9	9	10	7	32	32	34	35	38
Spooky	2.0	0.6	6	8	3	10	0	32	32	33	36	39

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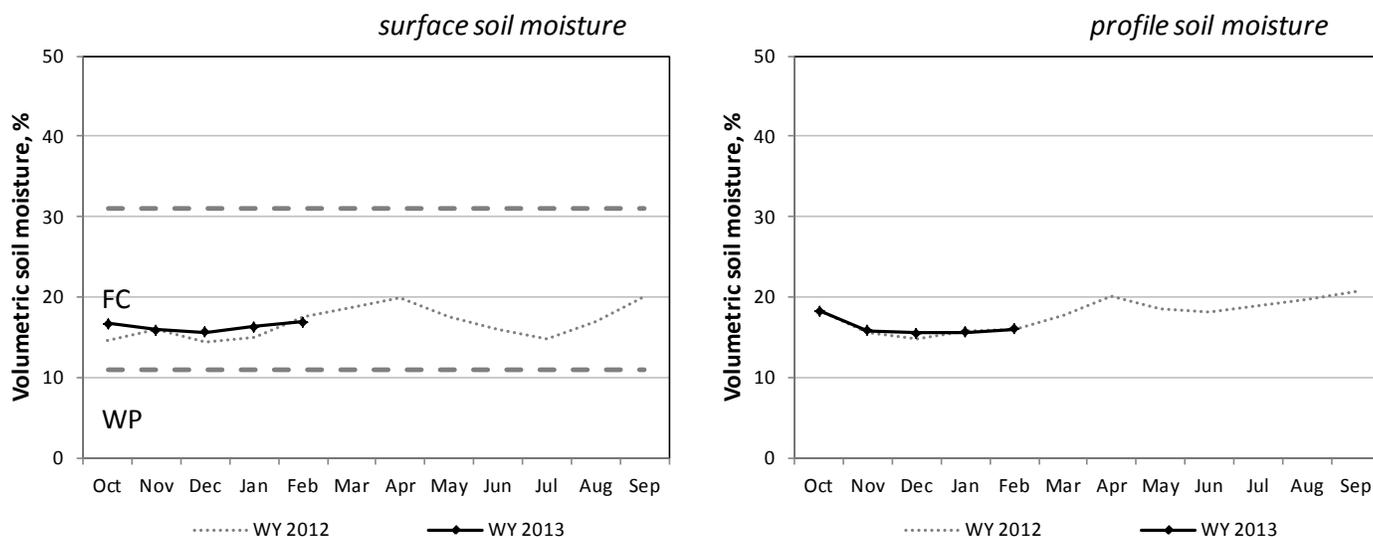
Western and Dixie

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WESTERN												
Grouse Creek	3.5	0.6	14	16	11	14	15	33	33	35	37	40
Park Valley	2.5	0.7	2	6	13	27	24	31	30	31	34	38
Goshute	2.7	0.6	17	25	43	34	26	31	32	32	33	38
Dugway												
Tule Valley	2.3	0.4	15	13	18	21	8	30	31	32	33	37
Hal's Canyon	1.0	0.3	7	17	12	9	8	32	32	32	34	38
Enterprise	2.7	0.5	27	33	35	13	14	31	31	32	33	38
DIXIE												
Sand Hollow	2.7	1.0	4	6	6	8	0	34	38	40	42	46

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Western & Dixie



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Utah Climate and Water Report

The purpose of the Climate and Water Report is to provide a snapshot of current and immediate past climatic conditions and other information useful to agricultural and water user interests in Utah. The report utilizes data from several sources that represent specific parameters (streamflow data from the United States Geological Survey, reservoir data from the Bureau of Reclamation, and other sources), geography including high elevation United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Snowpack Telemetry (SNOTEL) data, and agriculturally important data from the USDA-NRCS Soil Climate Analysis Network (SCAN). Data on precipitation, soil moisture, soil temperature, reservoir storage, and streamflow are analyzed and presented. These data analyses can be used to increase irrigation efficiency and agricultural production. As with all data and analyses, there are limitations due to data quality, quantity, and spatial application.

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Utah Hydrologic Summary

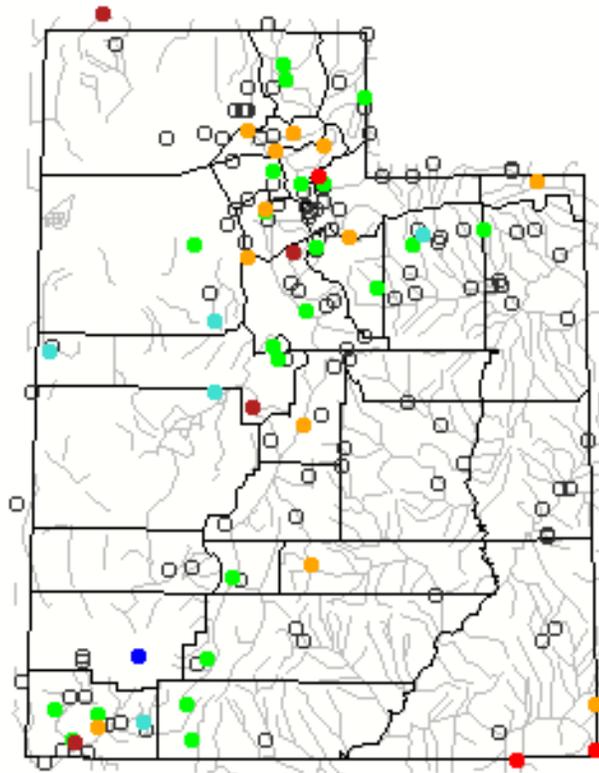
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Current Conditions

Soil moisture conditions are much below normal in southeastern Utah and near normal in most other areas. January precipitation was below to much below normal across the state (58%-87%). Snow packs across the state are below to near average. Reservoir storage is 21% less than last year statewide. Runoff is expected to be below to near average. Water supply conditions are overall below to near average across the state.

Current Utah Streamflow - Courtesy US Geological Survey

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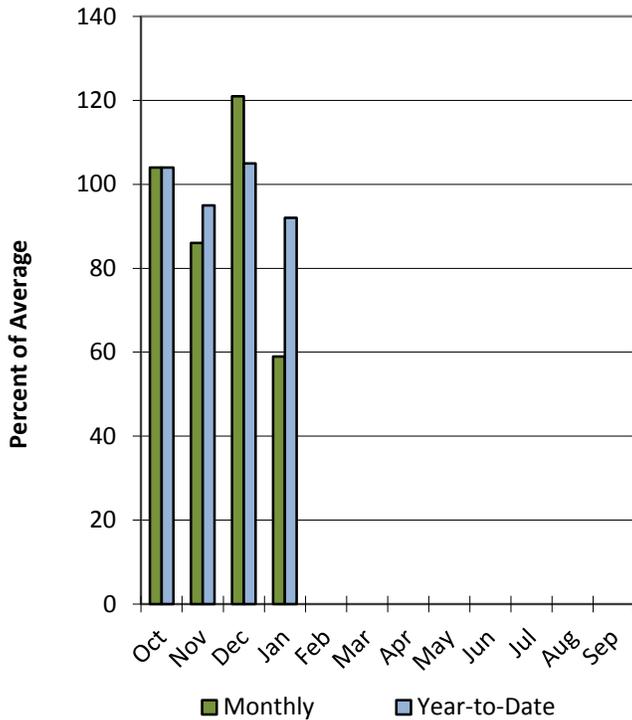
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Low	<10 Much below normal	10-24 Below normal	25-75 Normal	76-90 Above normal	>90 Much above normal	High	Not ranked

Bear River Basin

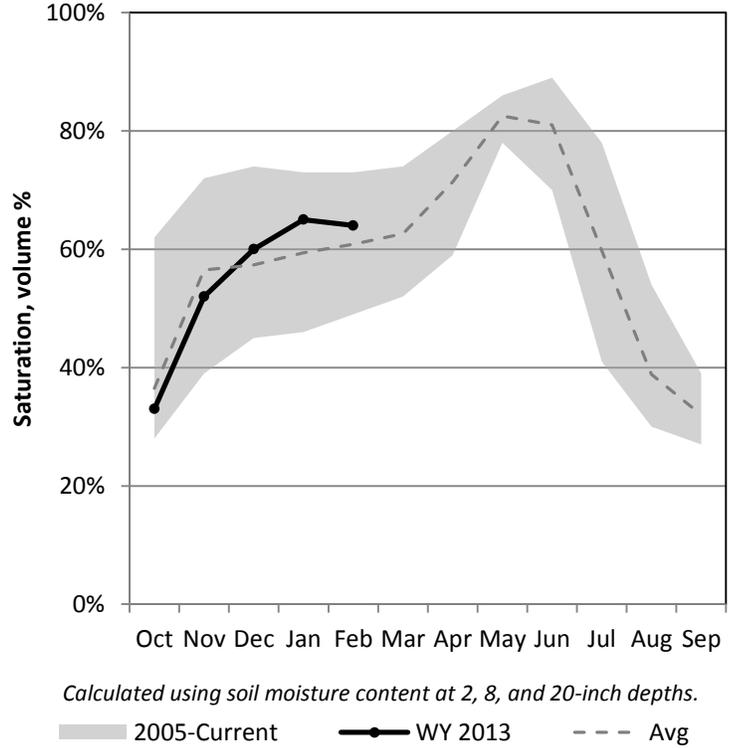
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Precipitation in January was much below average at 59%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 92% of average. Soil moisture is at 64% compared to 52% last year. Reservoir storage is at 65% of capacity, compared to 84% last year. The water availability index for the Bear River is 50%.

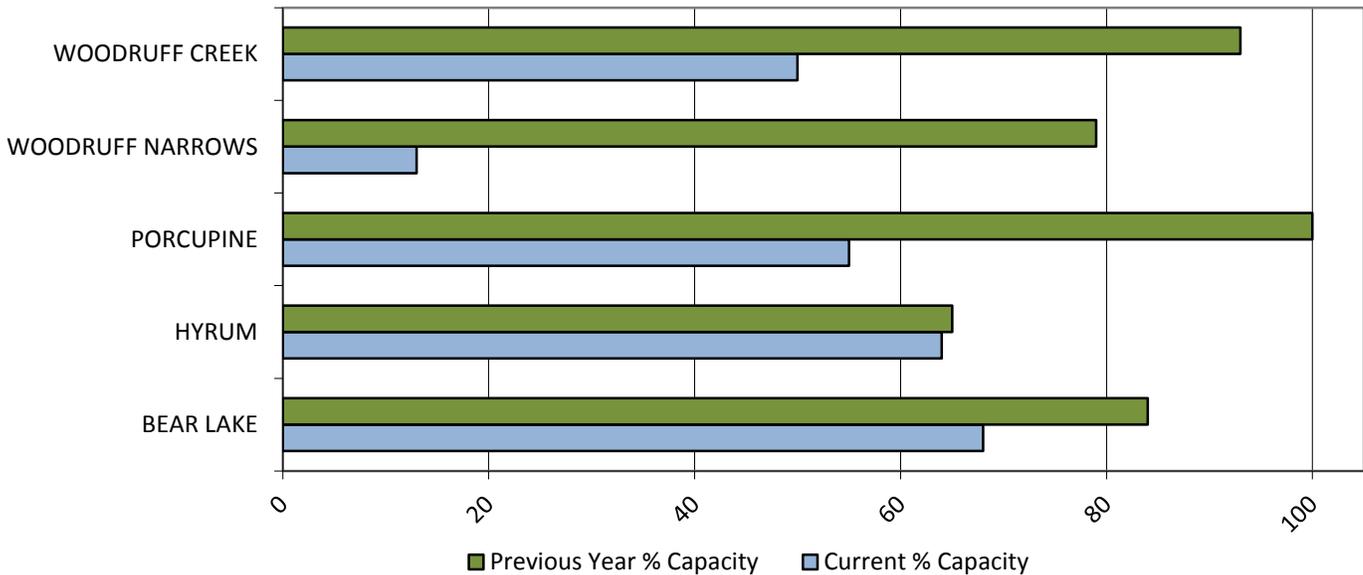
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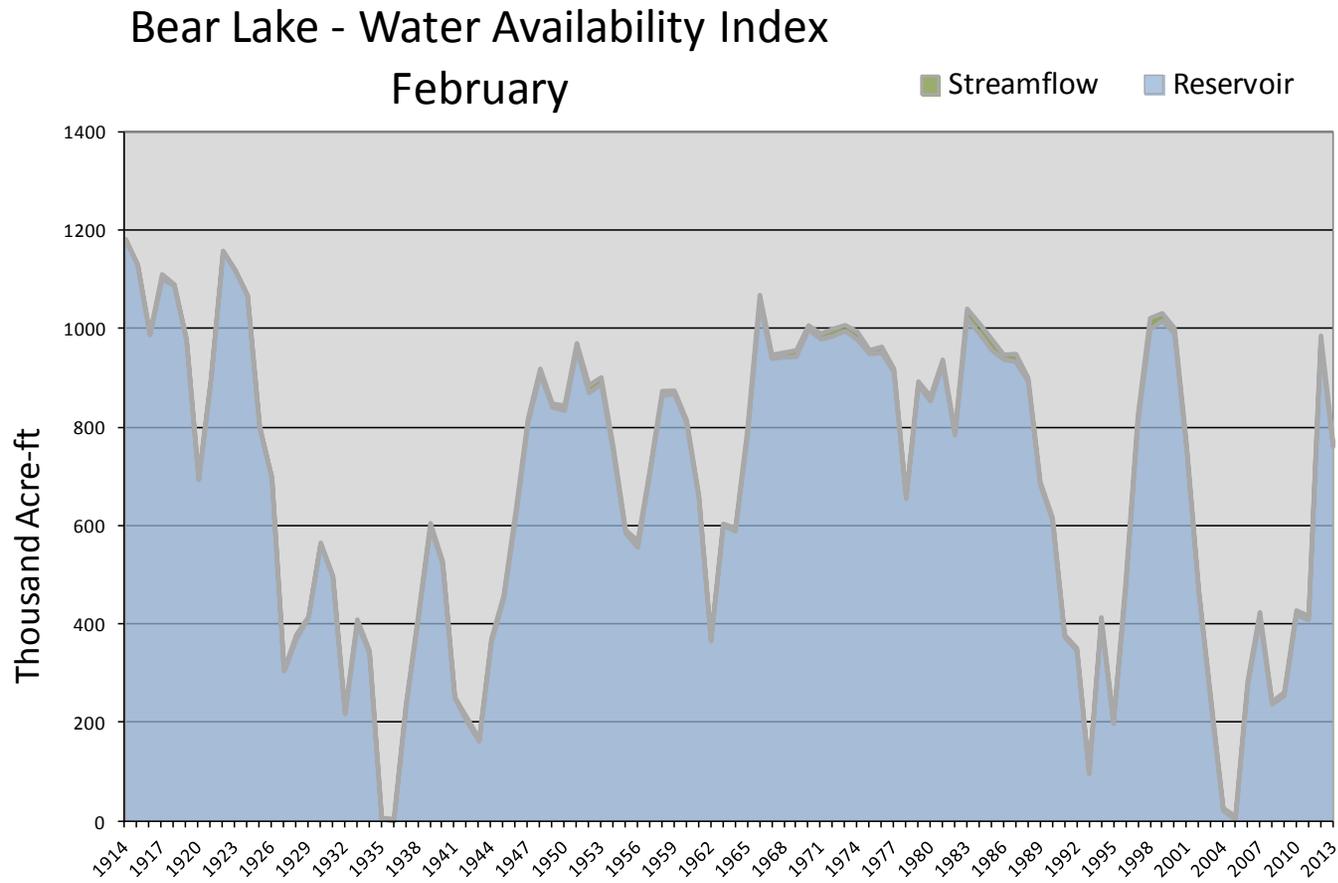


Reservoir Storage



February 1, 2013		Water Availability Index				
Basin or Region	January EOM* Bear Lake	January accumulated inflow to Bear Lake (<i>observed</i>)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI [#]	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	KAF [^]	KAF	KAF		%	
Bear River	761	8.6	770	0.04	50	54, 01, 82, 65

*EOM, end of month; [#] WAI, water availability index; [^]KAF, thousand acre-feet.

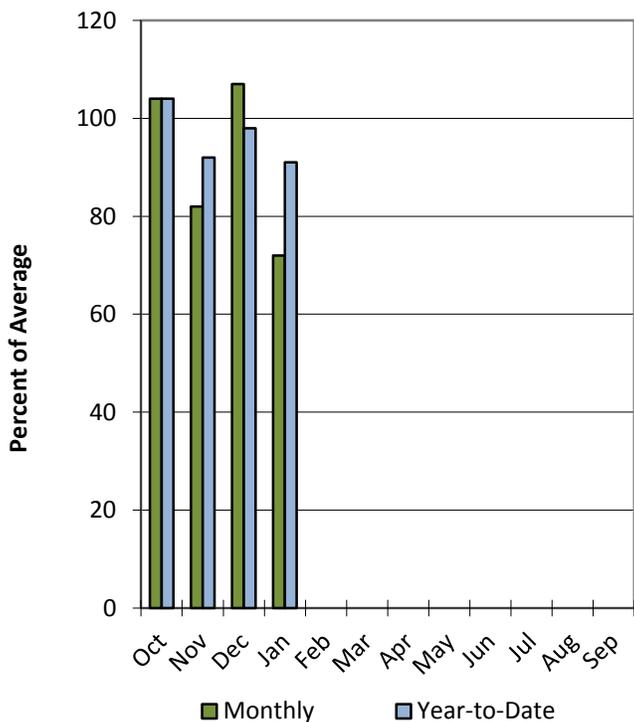


Weber & Ogden River Basins

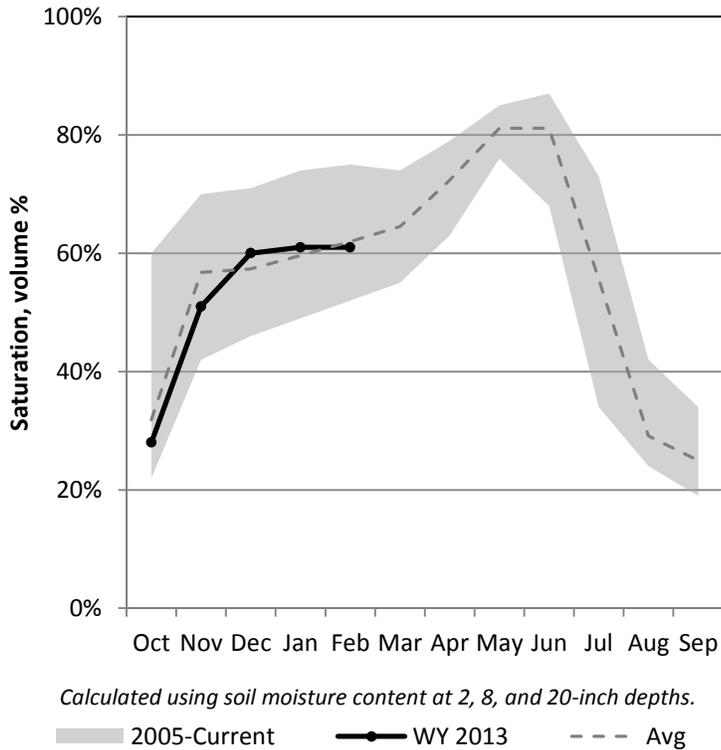
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Precipitation in January was below average at 72%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 91% of average. Soil moisture is at 61% compared to 54% last year. Reservoir storage is at 43% of capacity, compared to 71% last year. The water availability index for the Ogden River is 38% and 22% for the Weber River.

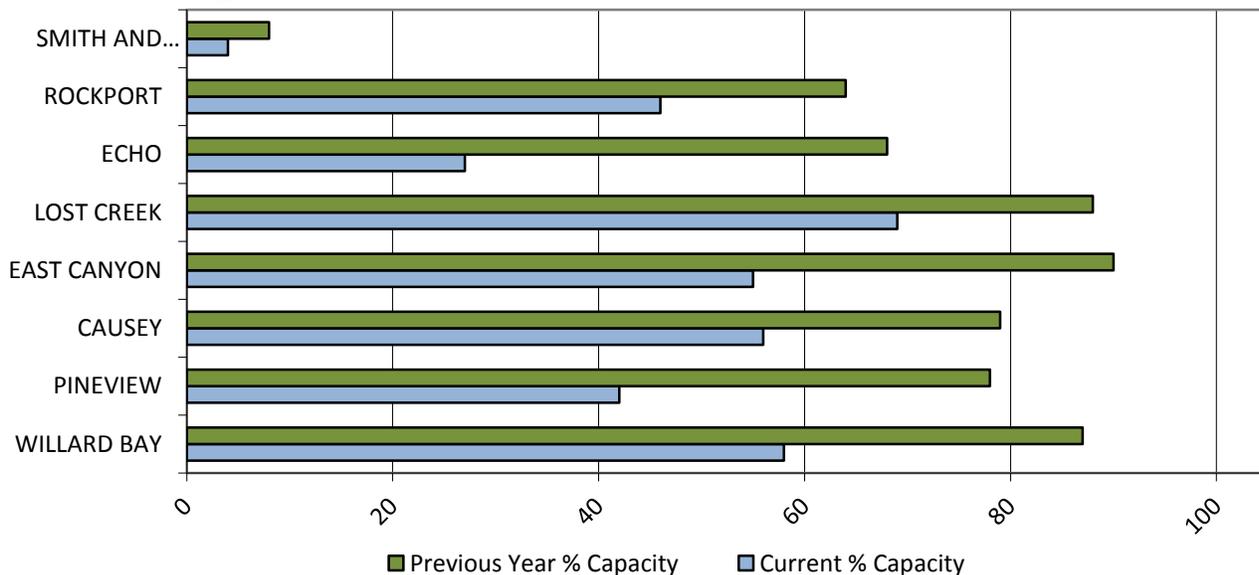
Precipitation



Soil Moisture

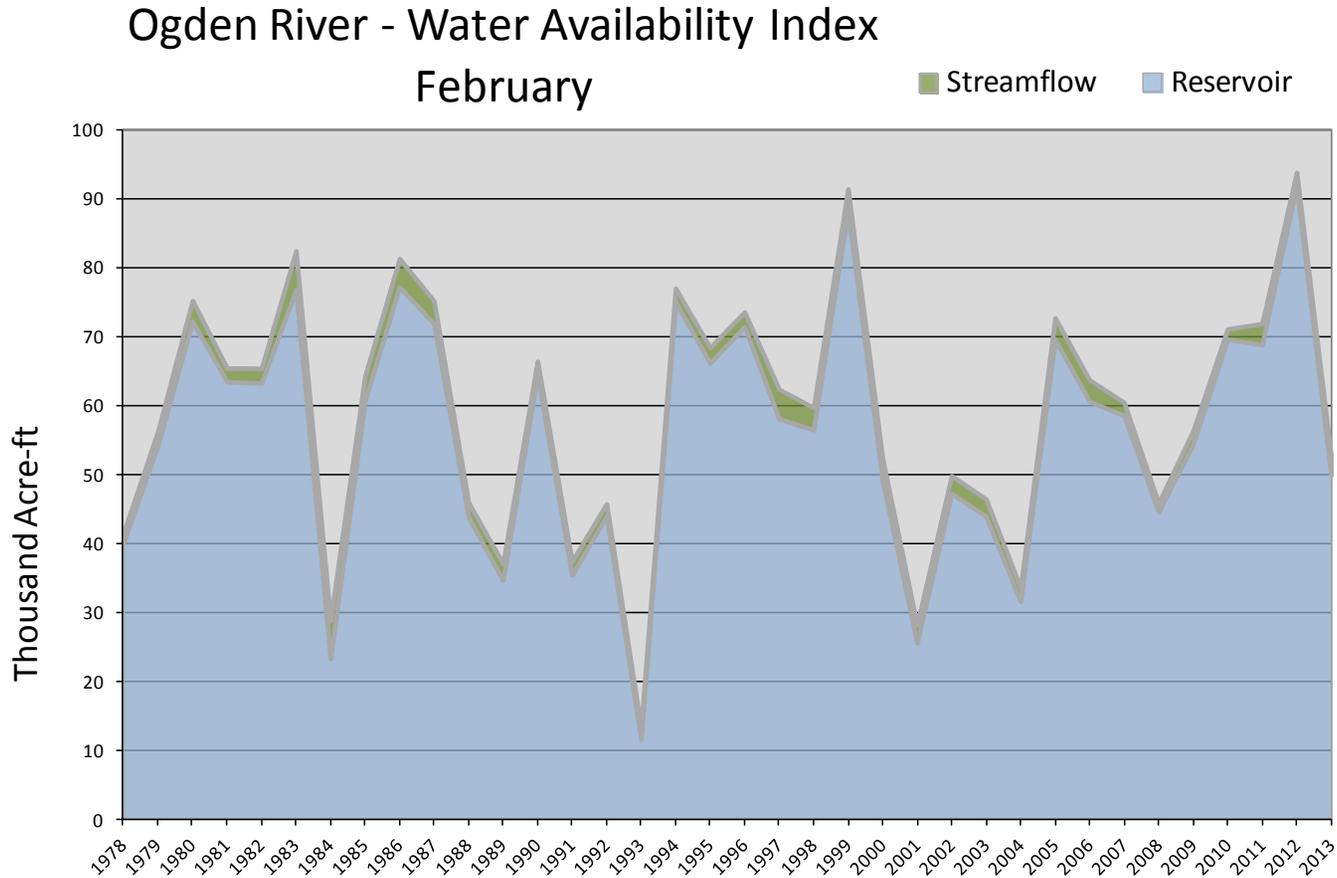


Reservoir Storage



February 1, 2013	Water Availability Index					
Basin or Region	January EOM* Pine View & Causey	January accumulated flow at South Fork Ogden (<i>observed</i>)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI#	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	KAF^	KAF	KAF		%	
Ogden River	49.9	2.8	52.7	-1.01	38	02, 00, 79, 09

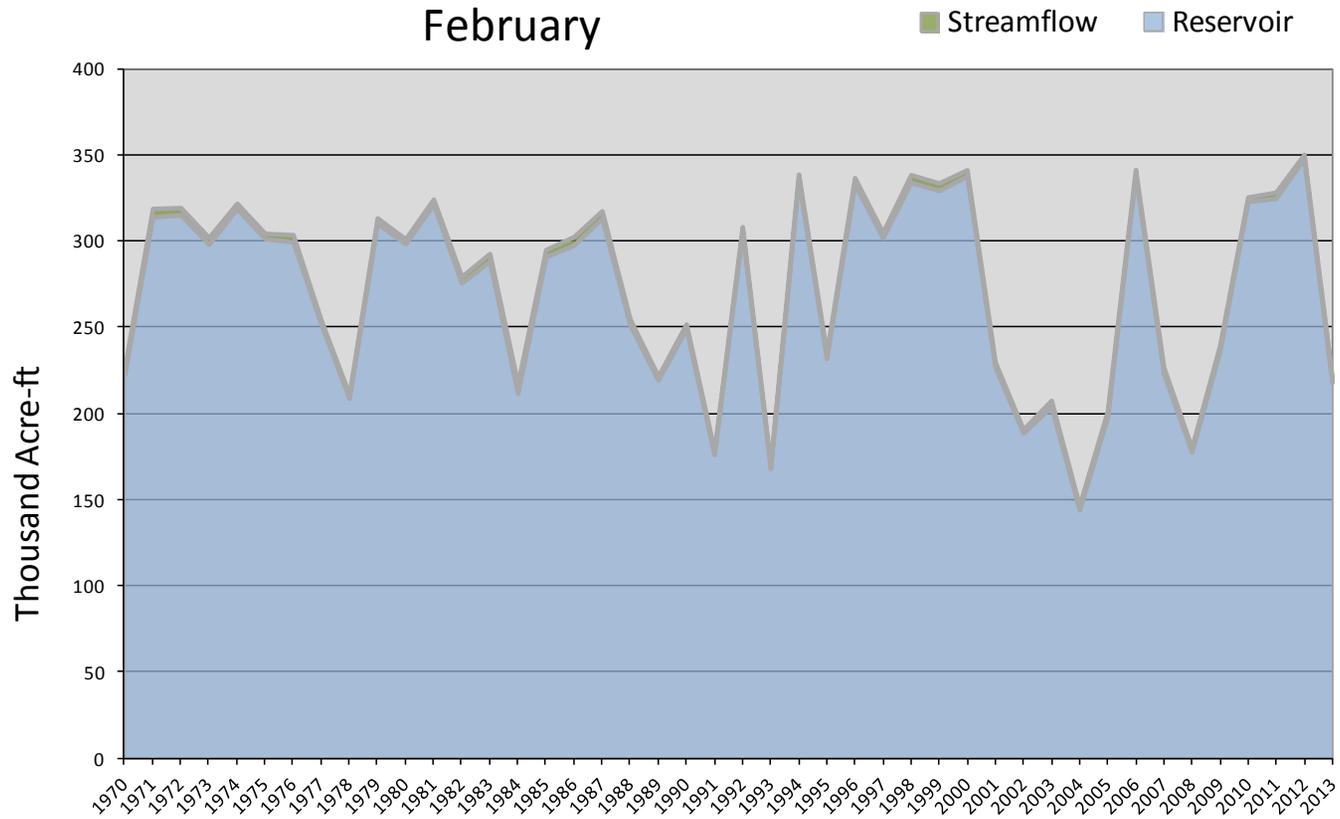
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February 1, 2013	Water Availability Index					
Basin or Region	January EOM* Reservoirs	January accumulated flow at Weber near Oakley (<i>observed</i>)	Reservoirs + Streamflow	WAI#	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	KAF^	KAF	KAF		%	
Weber River	218	3.0	221	-2.31	22	78, 84, 89, 70

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Weber River - Water Availability Index
February

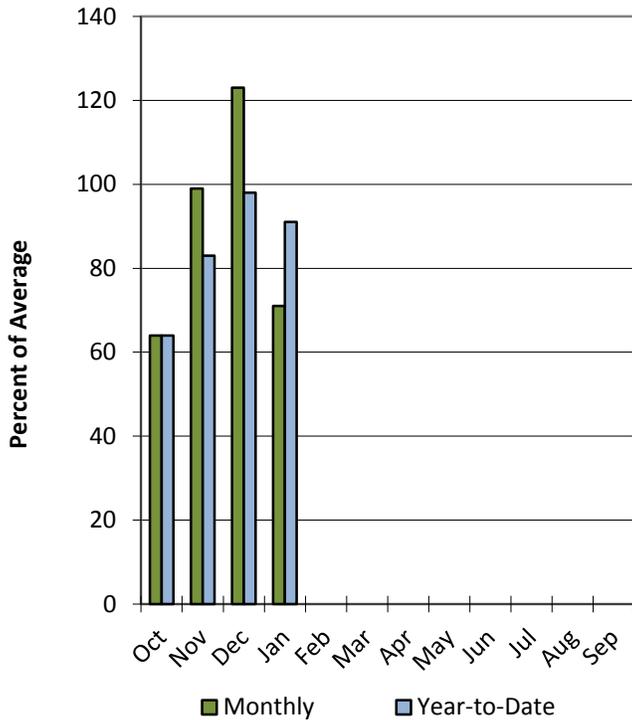


Provo & Jordan River Basins

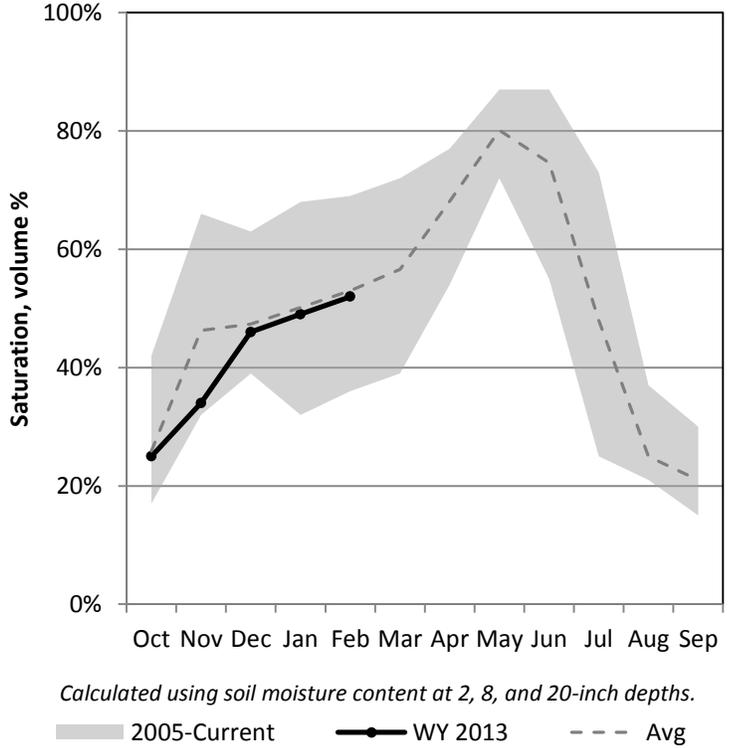
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Precipitation in January was below average at 71%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 91% of average. Soil moisture is at 52% compared to 39% last year. Reservoir storage is at 77% of capacity, compared to 93% last year. The water availability index for the Provo River is 21%.

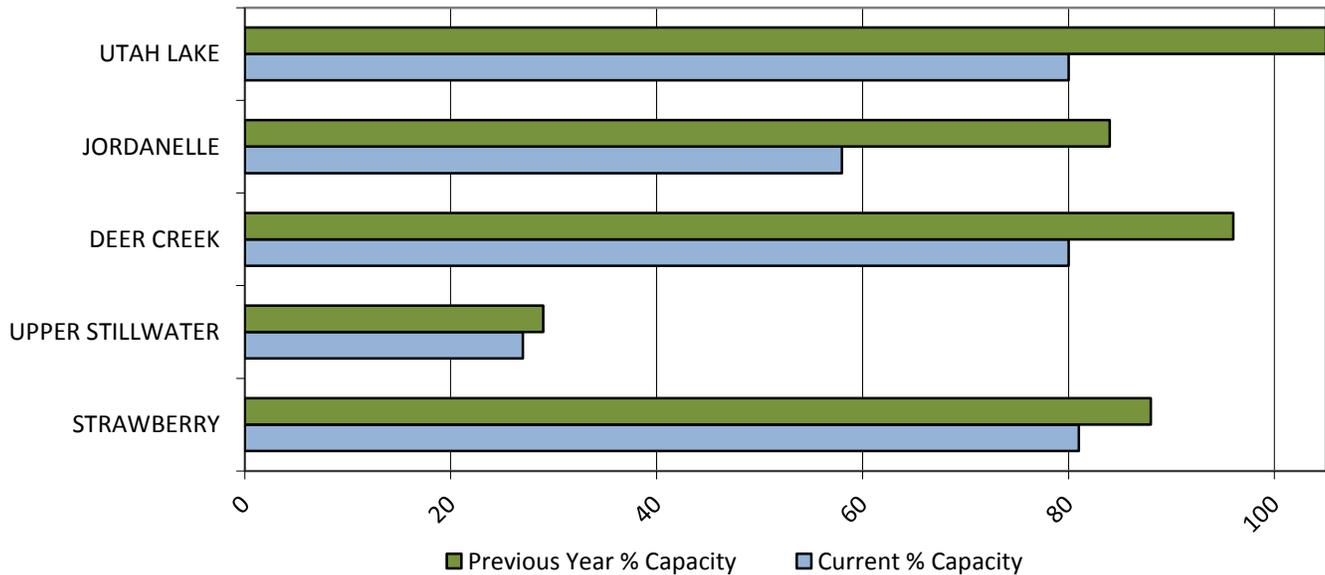
Precipitation



Soil Moisture

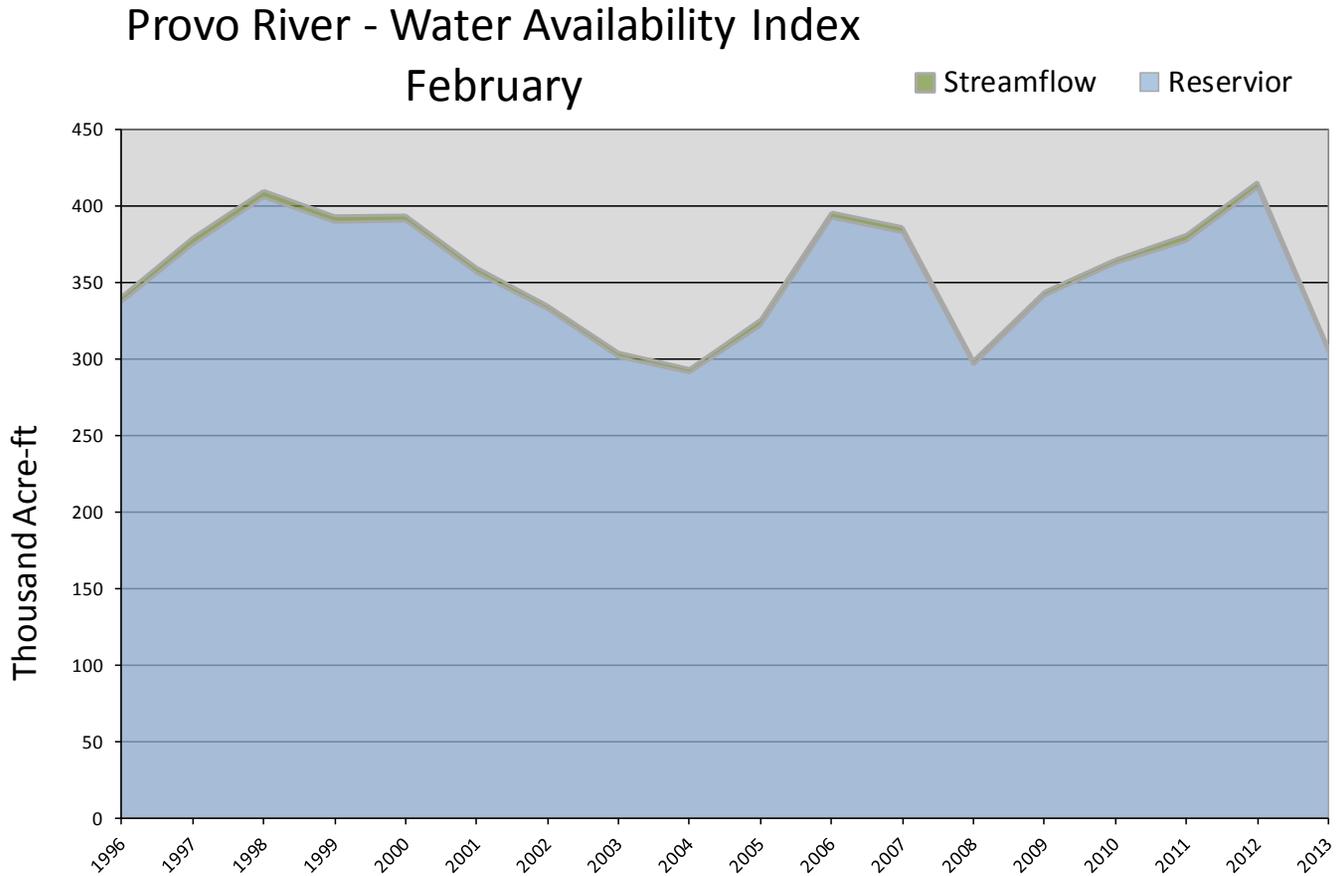


Reservoir Storage



February 1, 2013		Water Availability Index				
Basin or Region	January EOM* Deer Creek, Jordanelle	January accumulated flow Provo River at Woodland (<i>observed</i>)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI [#]	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	KAF [^]	KAF	KAF		%	
Provo	305	2.8	307	-2.41	21	08,03,05,02

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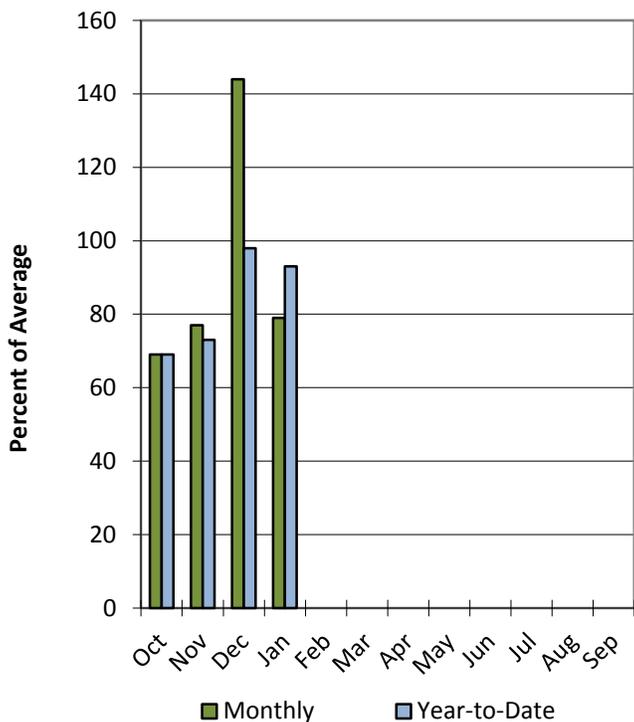


Tooele & Vernon Creek Basins

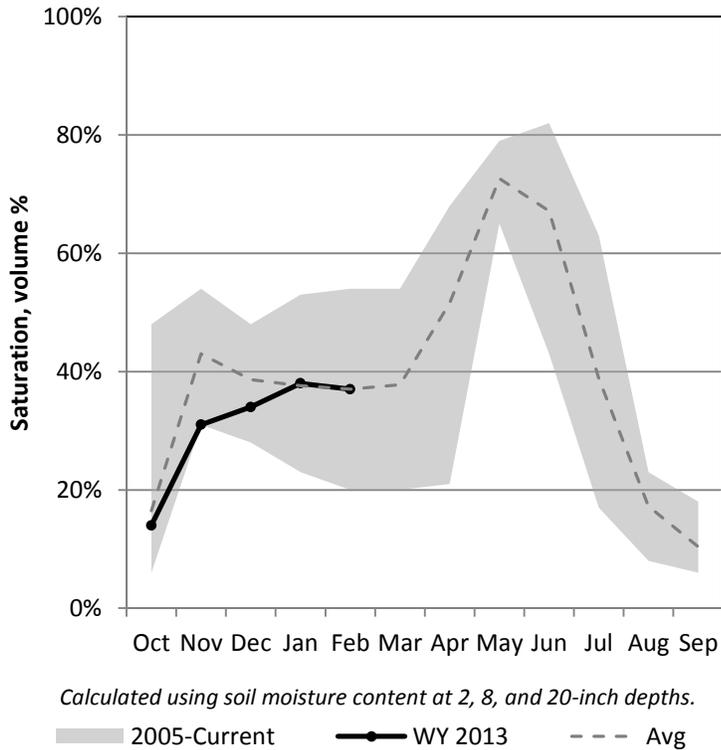
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Precipitation in January was below average at 79%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 93% of average. Soil moisture is at 37% compared to 24% last year. Reservoir storage is at 27% of capacity, compared to 76% last year.

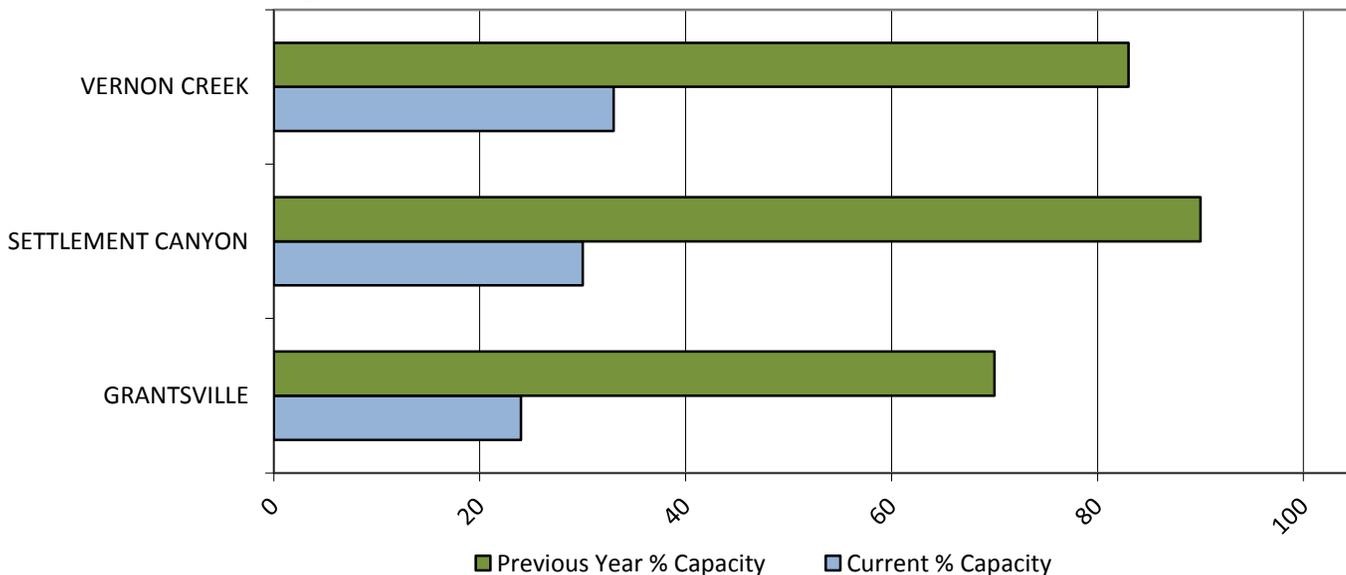
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Soil Moisture



Reservoir Storage

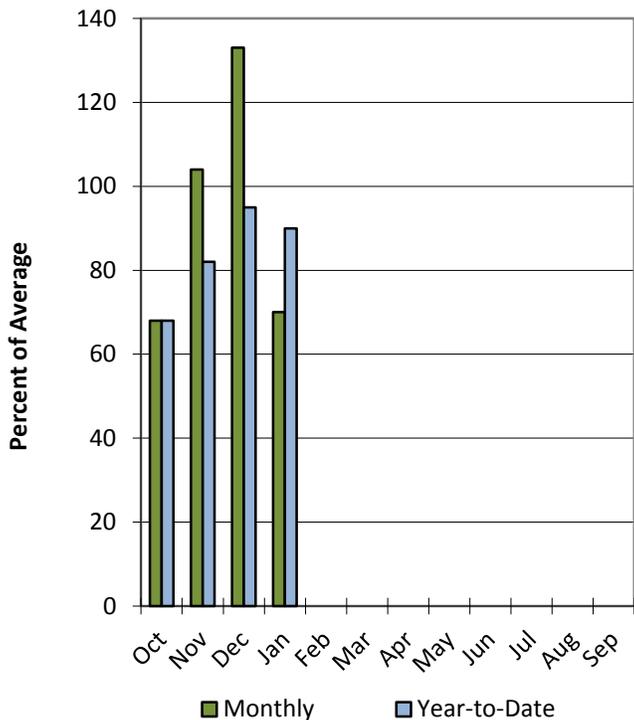


Northeastern Uintah Basin

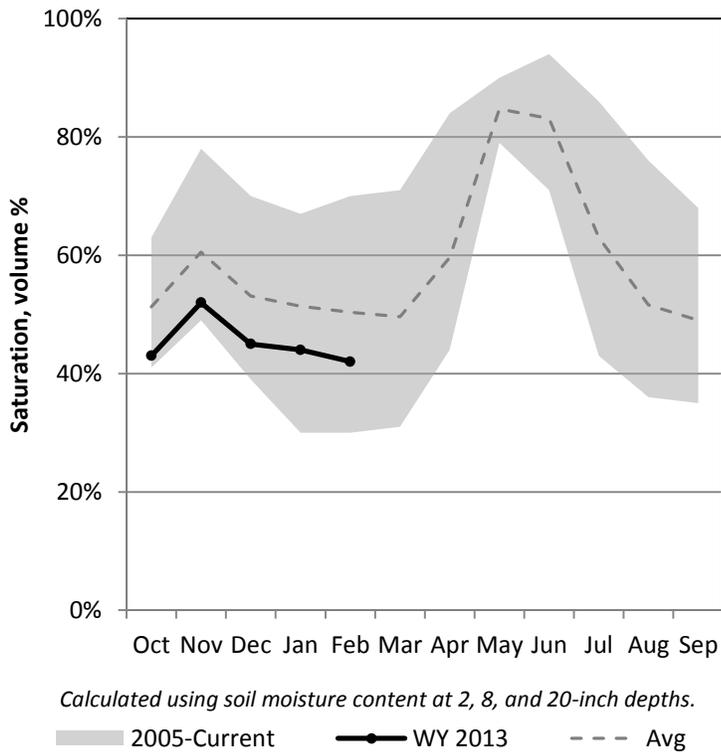
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Precipitation in January was below average at 70%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 90% of average. Soil moisture is at 42% compared to 61% last year. Reservoir storage is at 79% of capacity, compared to 89% last year.

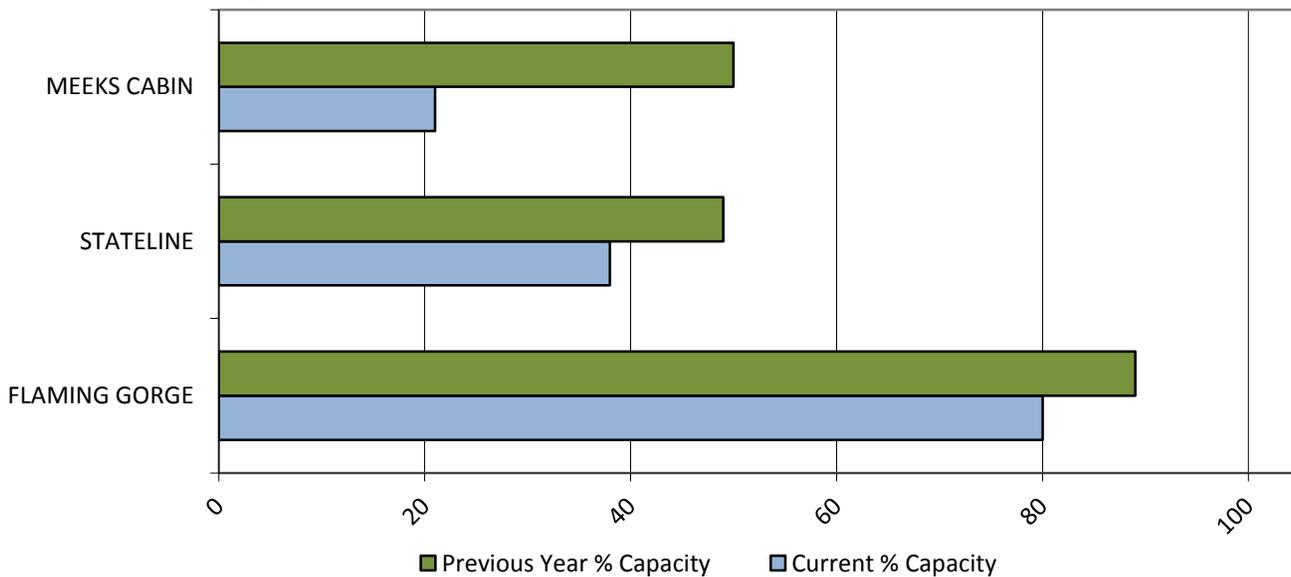
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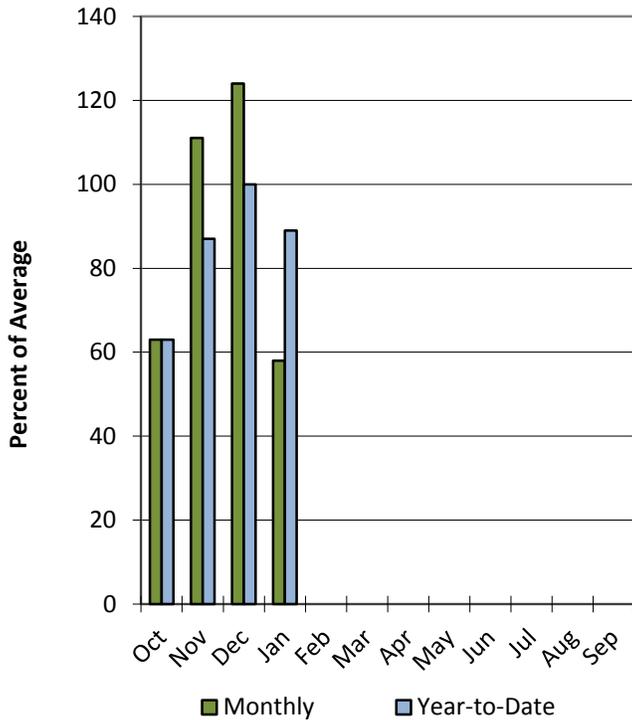


Duchesne River Basin

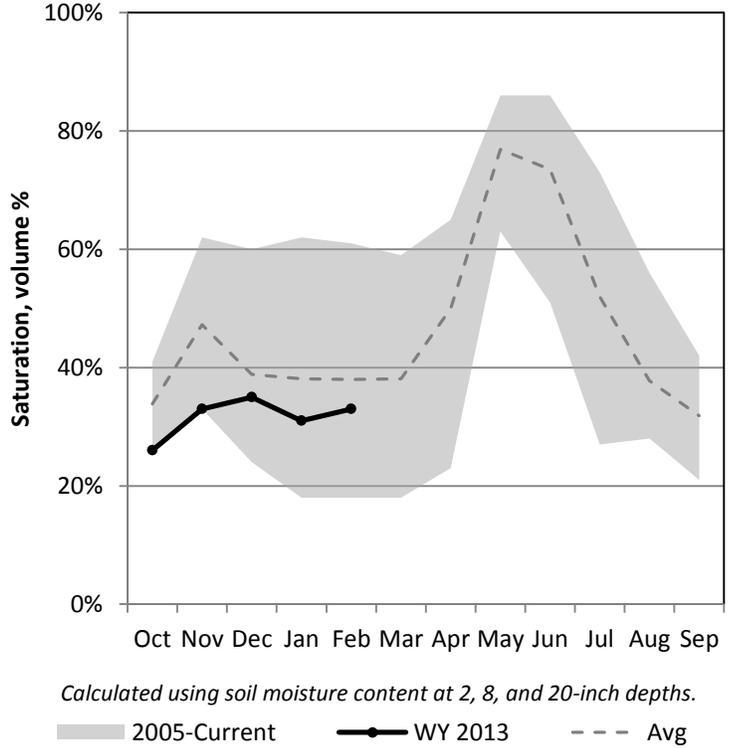
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Precipitation in January was much below average at 58%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 89% of average. Soil moisture is at 33% compared to 30% last year. Reservoir storage is at 76% of capacity, compared to 87% last year. The water availability index for the Western Uintahs is 18% and 14% for the Eastern Uintahs.

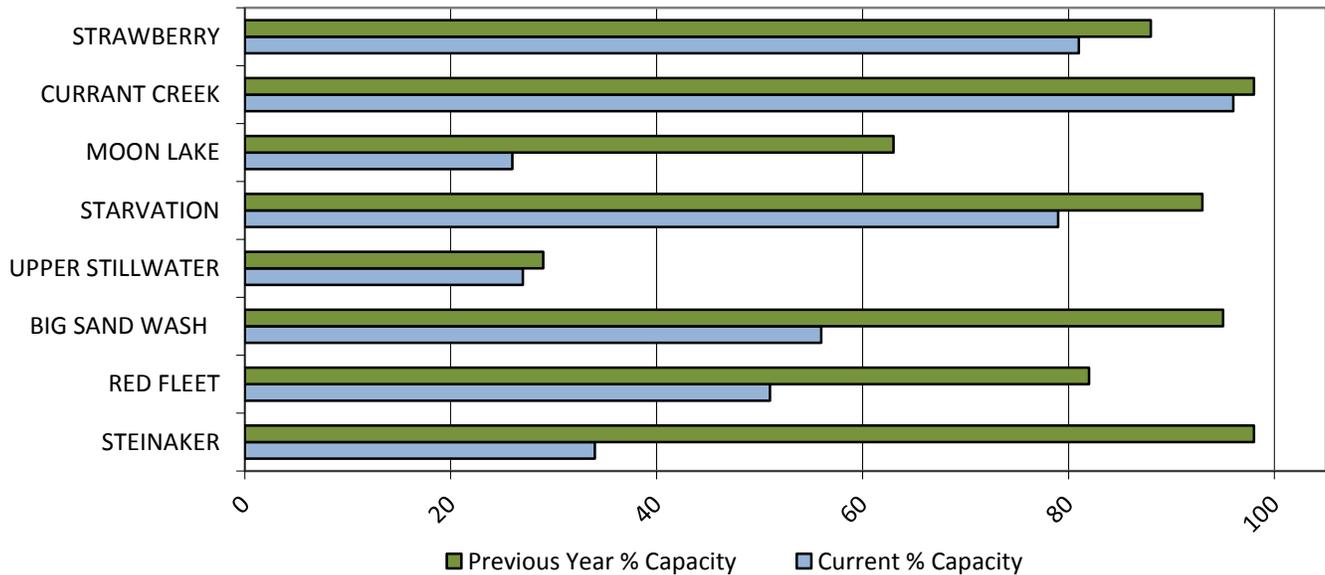
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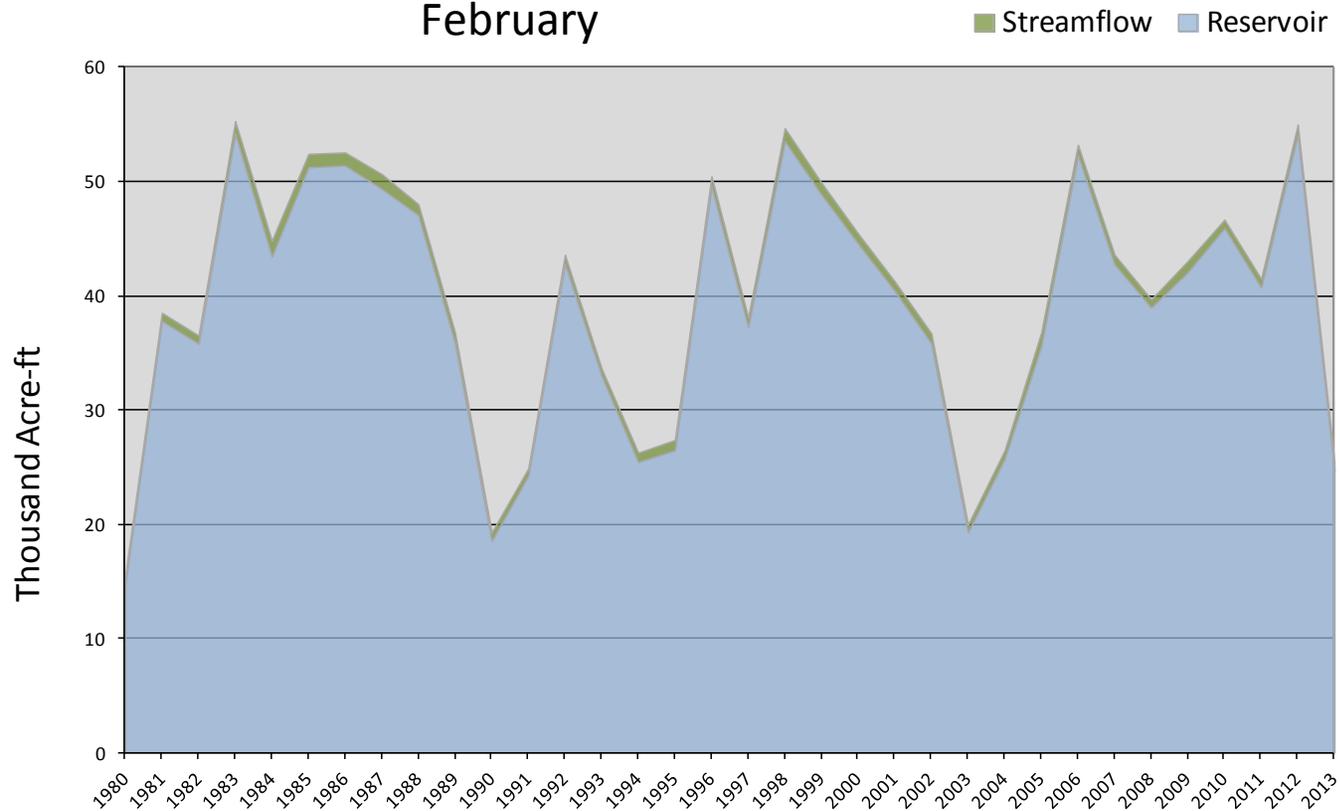
Reservoir Storage



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	KAF [^]	KAF	KAF		%	
Eastern Uintah	24.7	0.8	25.5	-2.98	14	03, 91, 94, 04

**EOM, end of month; # WAI, water availability index; ^KAF, thousand acre-feet.*

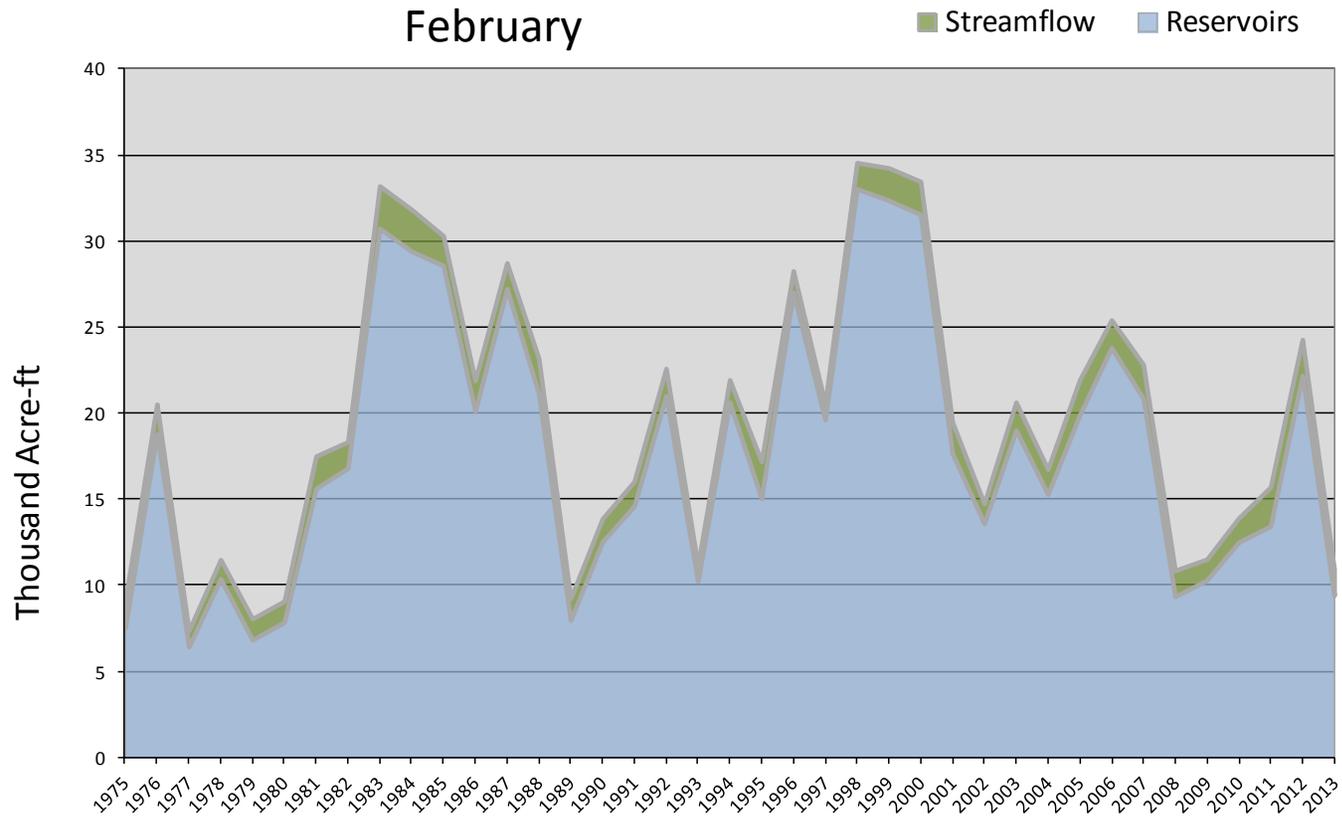
Eastern Uintah - Water Availability Index
February



February 1, 2013		Water Availability Index				
Basin or Region	January EOM* Moon Lake	January accumulated flow Lake Fork Creek above Moon Lake (<i>observed</i>)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI [#]	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	<i>KAF</i> [^]	<i>KAF</i>	<i>KAF</i>		%	
Moon Lake	9.4	1.5	10.9	-2.71	18	89, 08, 93, 78

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Moon Lake - Water Availability Index
February

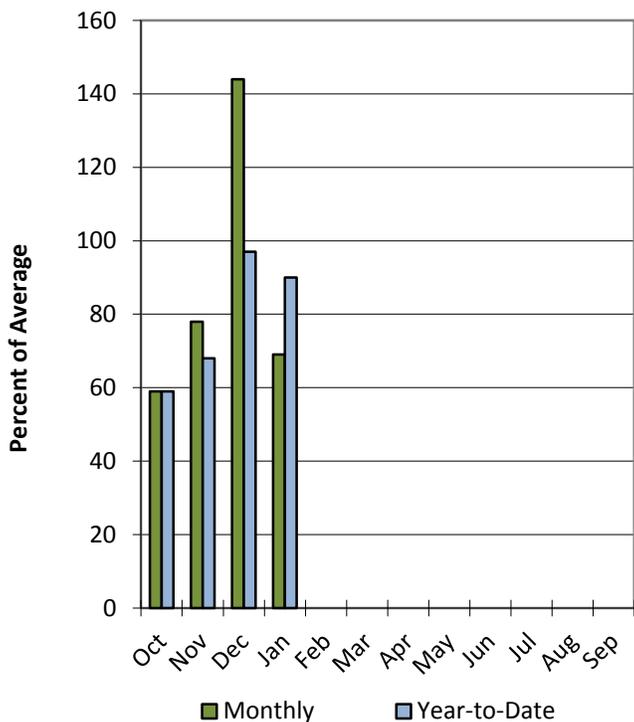


Price & San Rafael Basins

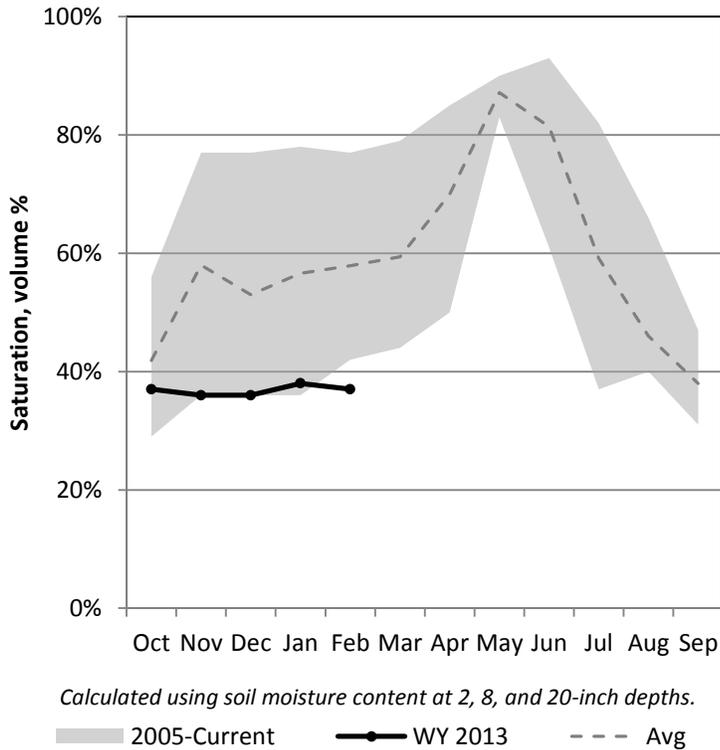
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Precipitation in January was much below average at 69%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 90% of average. Soil moisture is at 37% compared to 53% last year. Reservoir storage is at 49% of capacity, compared to 77% last year. The water availability index for the Price River is 45%, and 31% for Joe's Valley.

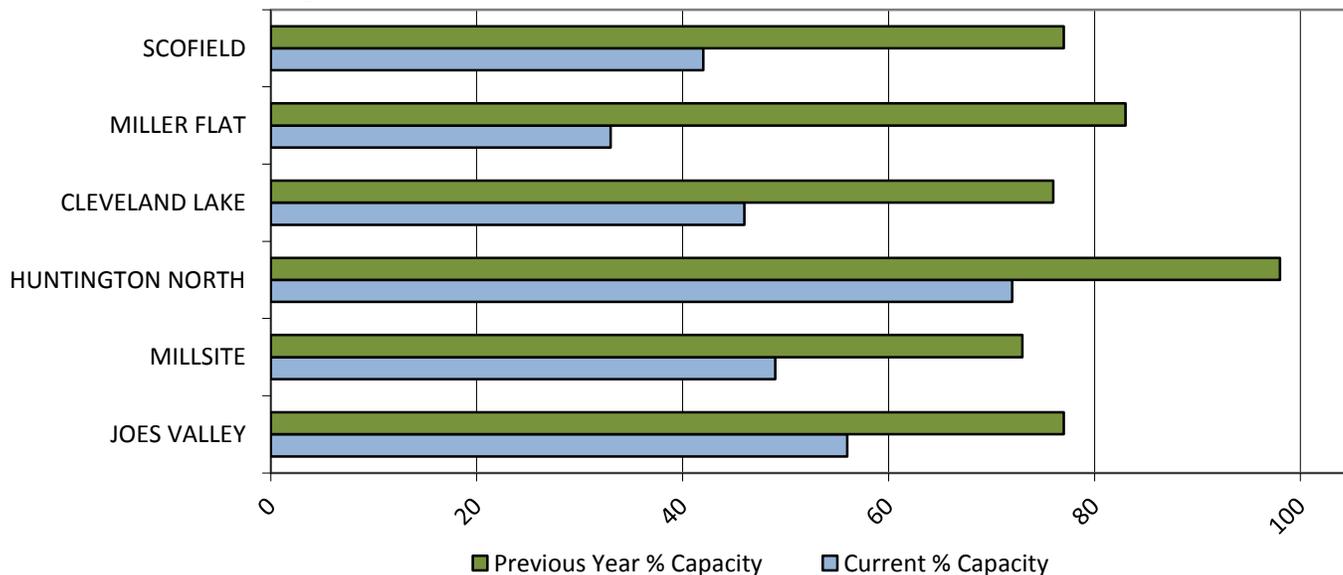
Precipitation



Soil Moisture



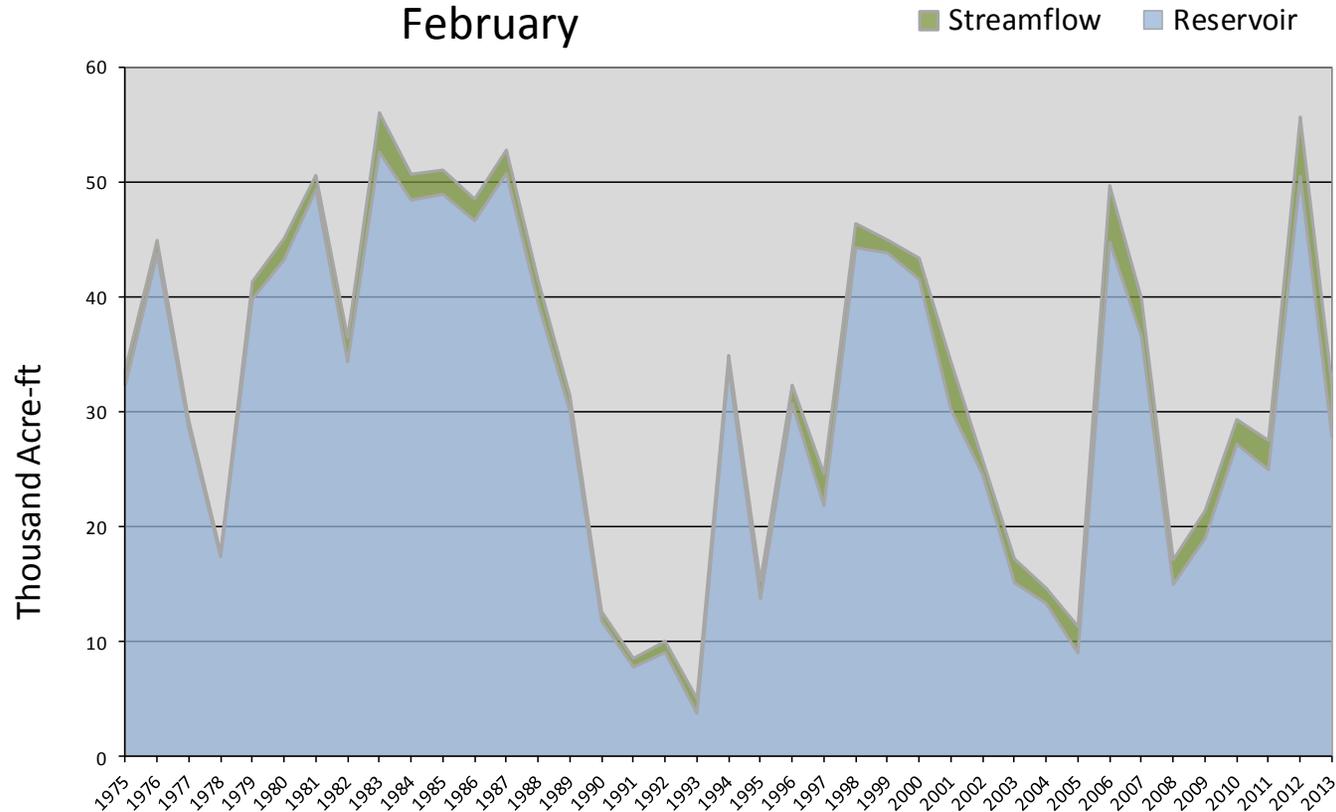
Reservoir Storage



February 1, 2013		Water Availability Index				
Basin or Region	January EOM* Scofield	January accumulated inflow to Scofield (calculated)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI#	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	KAF^	KAF	KAF		%	
Price River	27.8	4.4	32.2	-0.42	45	10, 89, 96, 75

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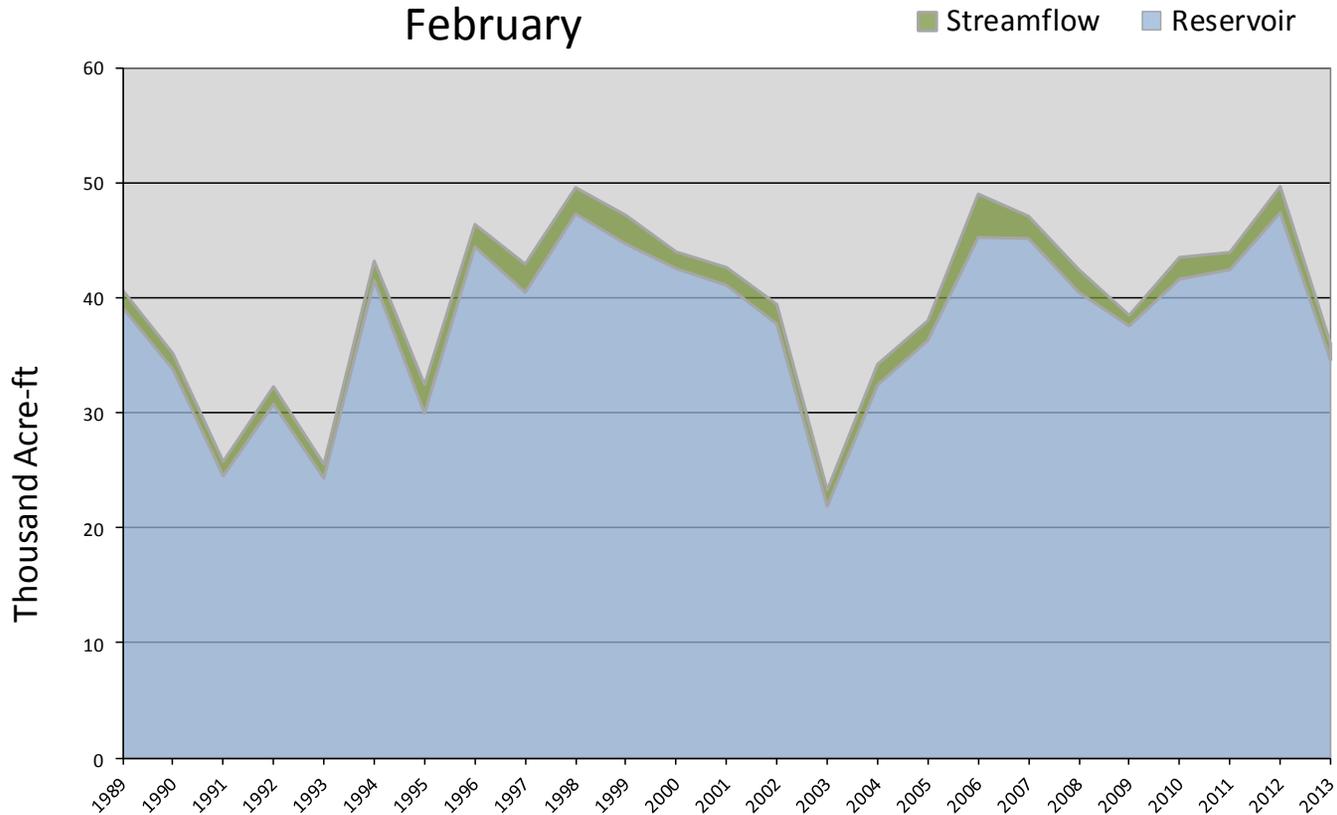
Price River - Water Availability Index
February



February 1, 2013		Water Availability Index				
Basin or Region	January EOM* Joe's Valley	January accumulated inflow to Joe's Valley (calculated)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI [#]	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	KAF [^]	KAF	KAF		%	
Joe's Valley	34.6	1.4	36.0	-1.60	31	04, 90, 05, 09

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Joe's Valley - Water Availability Index
February

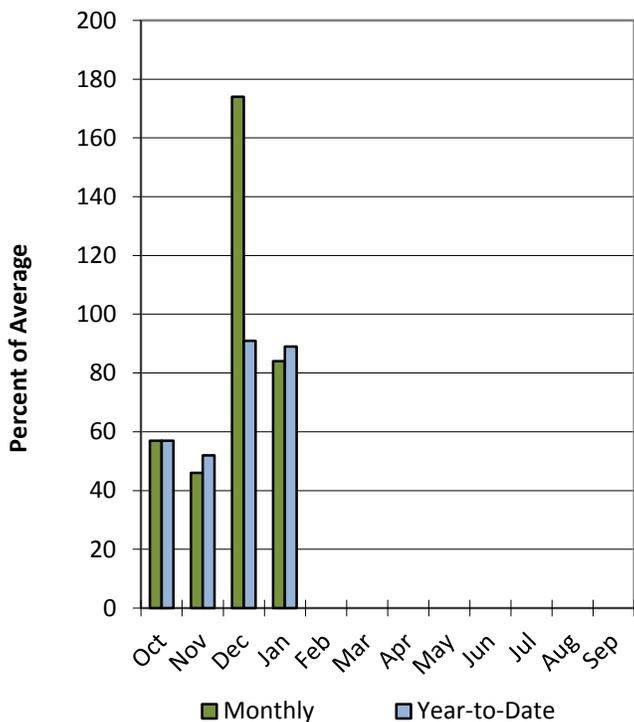


Southeastern Utah Basin

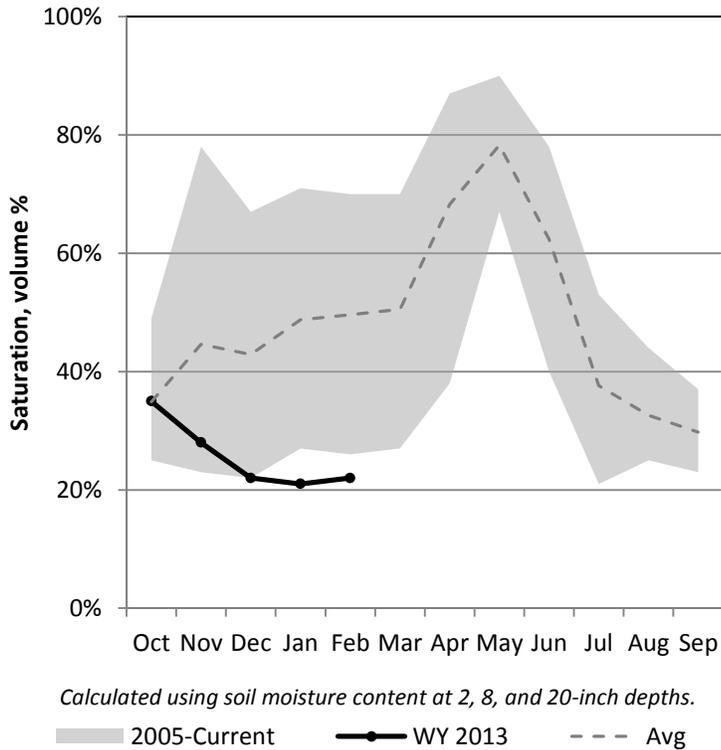
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Precipitation in January was below average at 84%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 89% of average. Soil moisture is at 22% compared to 51% last year. Reservoir storage is at 13% of capacity, compared to 78% last year. The water availability index for Moab is 4%.

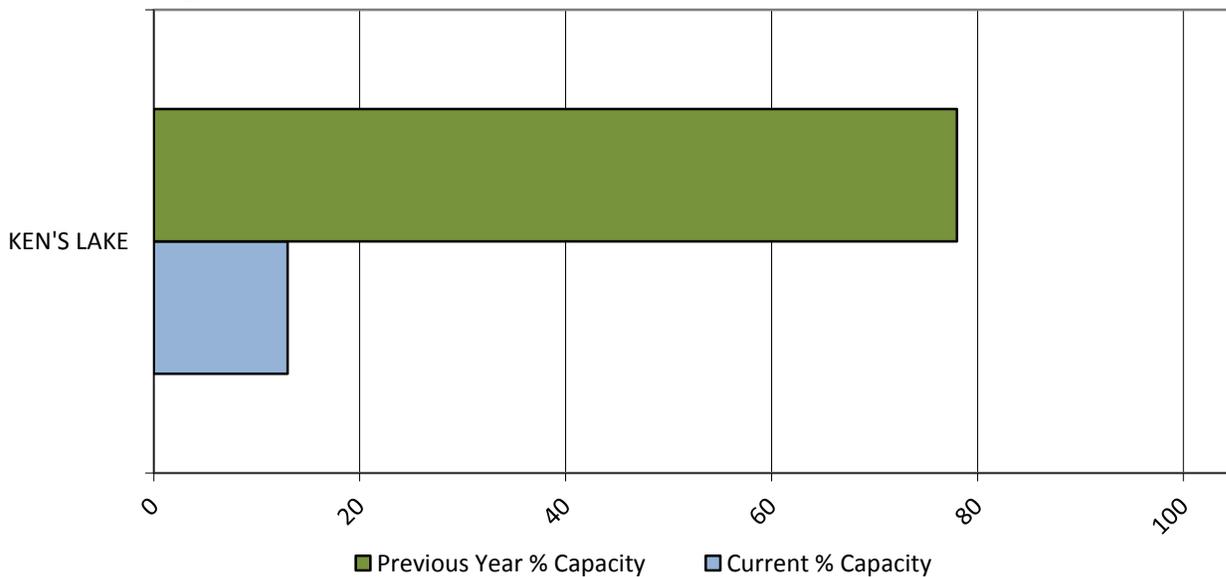
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Soil Moisture



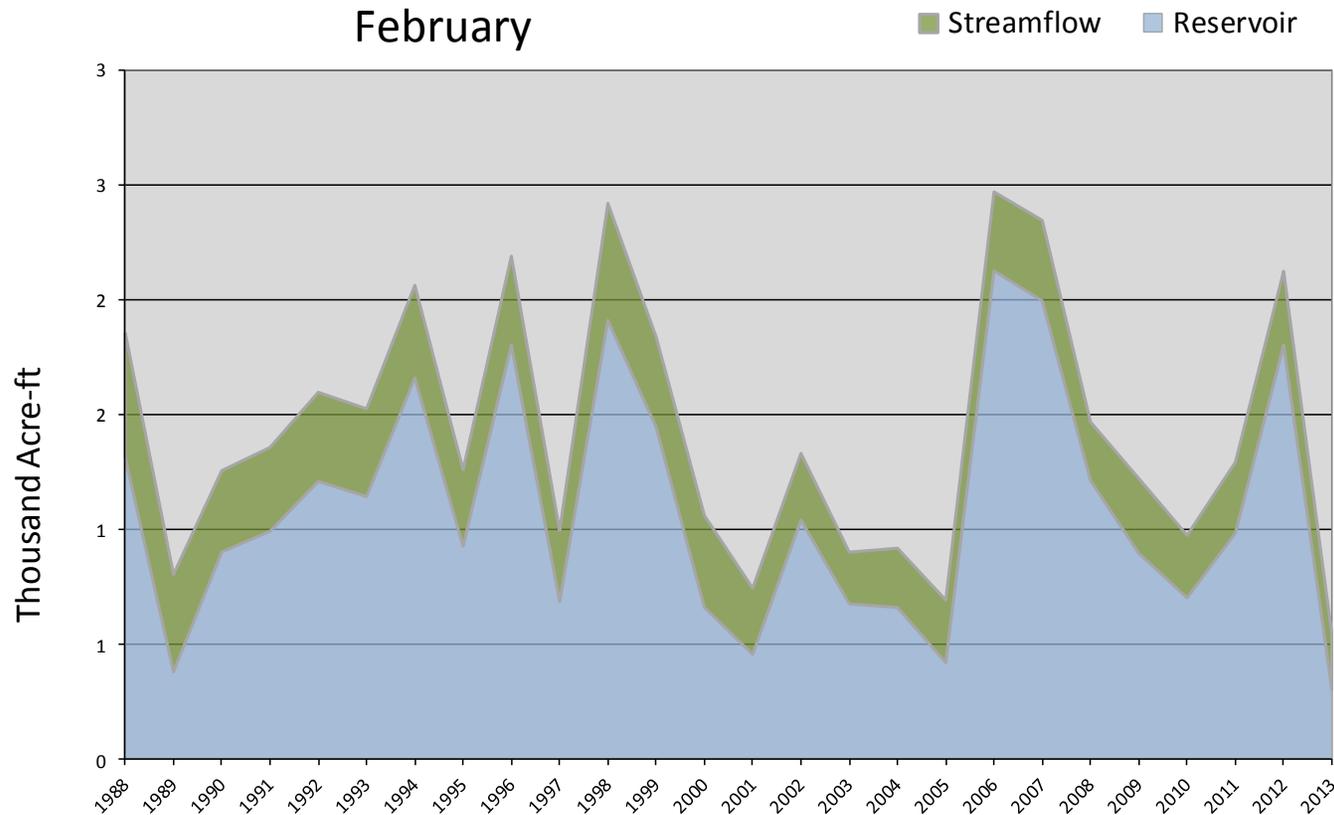
Reservoir Storage



February 1, 2013	Water Availability Index					
Basin or Region	January EOM* Ken's Lake Reservoir	January accumulated flow Mill Creek at Sheley (<i>observed</i>)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI [#]	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	<i>KAF</i> [^]	<i>KAF</i>	<i>KAF</i>		%	
Moab	0.3	0.2	0.5	-3.86	4	05, 01

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Moab - Water Availability Index
February

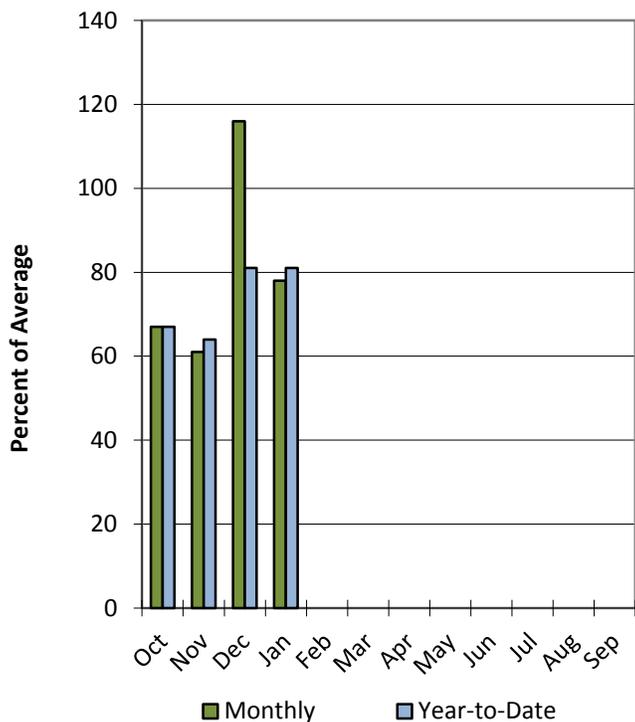


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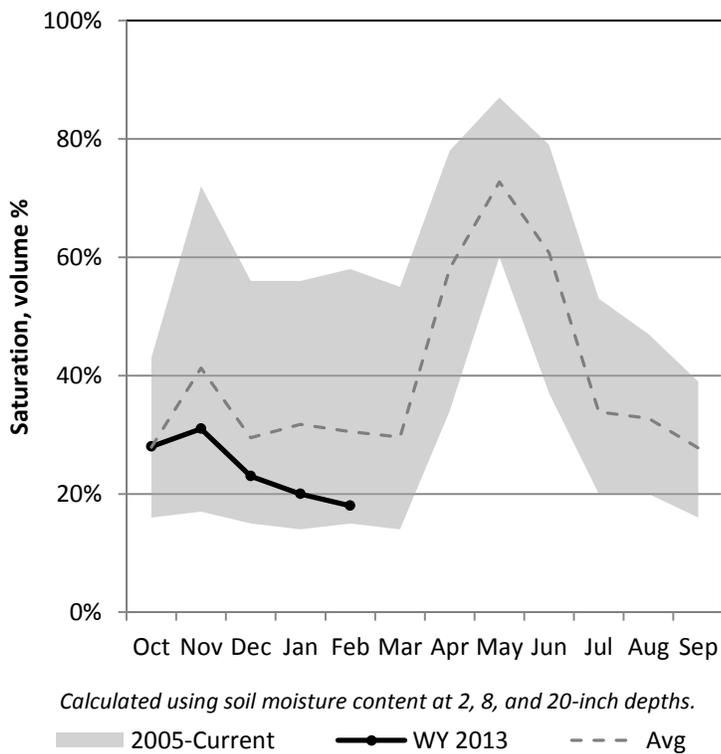
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Precipitation in January was below average at 78%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 81% of average. Soil moisture is at 18% compared to 20% last year.

Precipitation



Soil Moisture

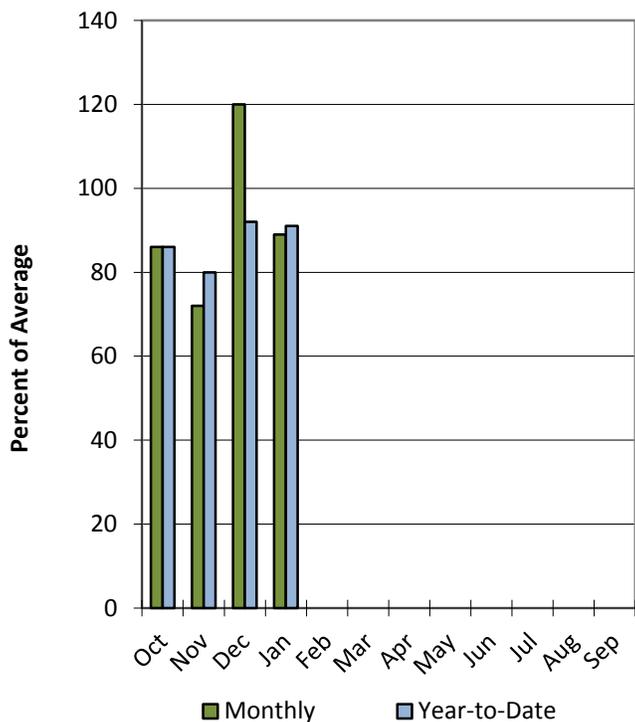


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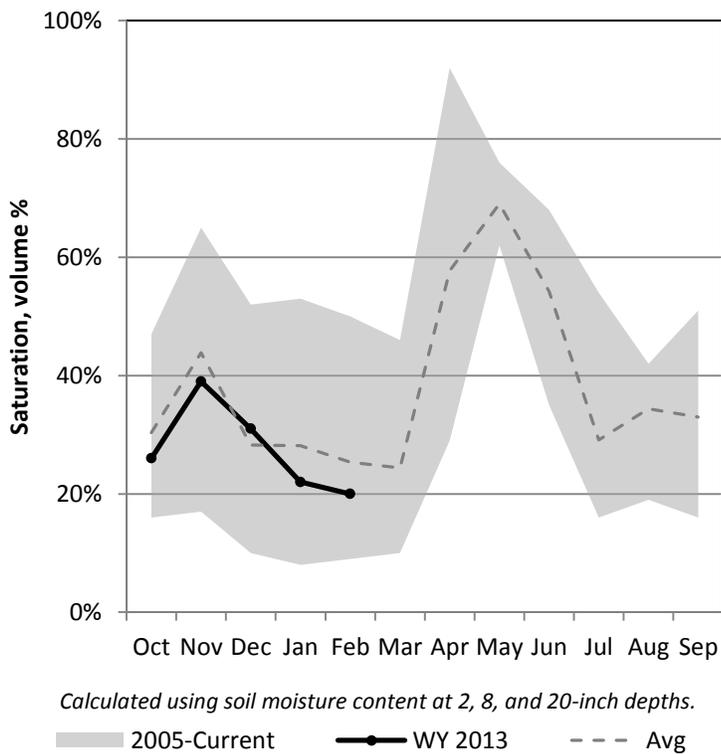
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Precipitation in January was below average at 89%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 91% of average. Soil moisture is at 20% compared to 31% last year.

Precipitation



Soil Moisture

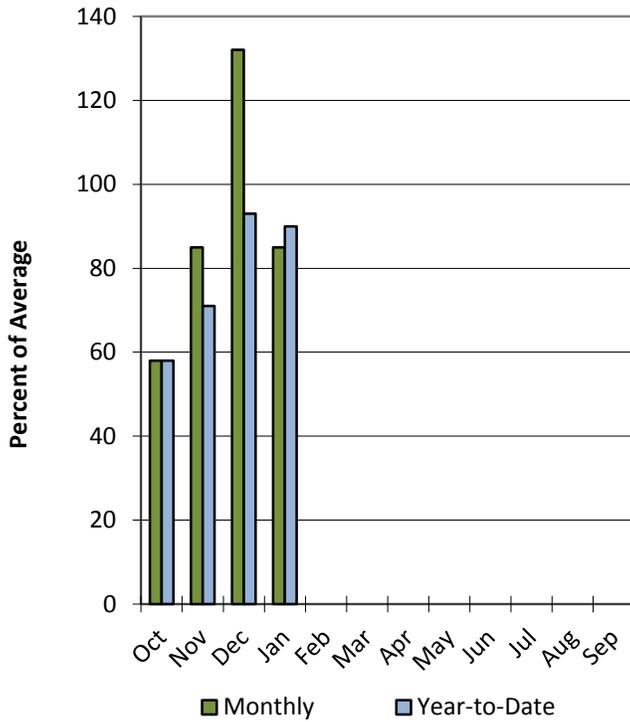


Upper Sevier River Basin

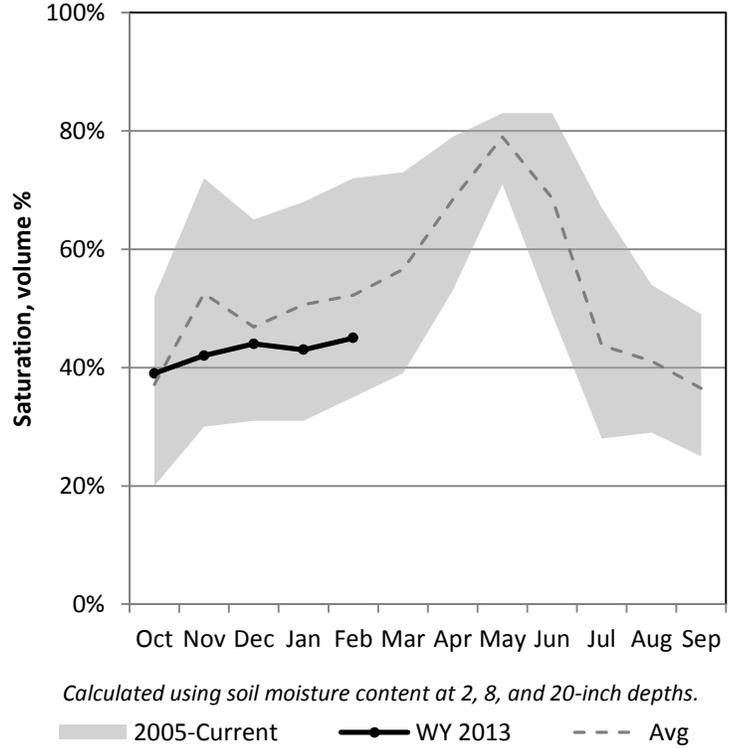
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Precipitation in January was below average at 85%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 90% of average. Soil moisture is at 45% compared to 50% last year. Reservoir storage is at 54% of capacity, compared to 77% last year. The water availability index for the Upper Sevier is 49%.

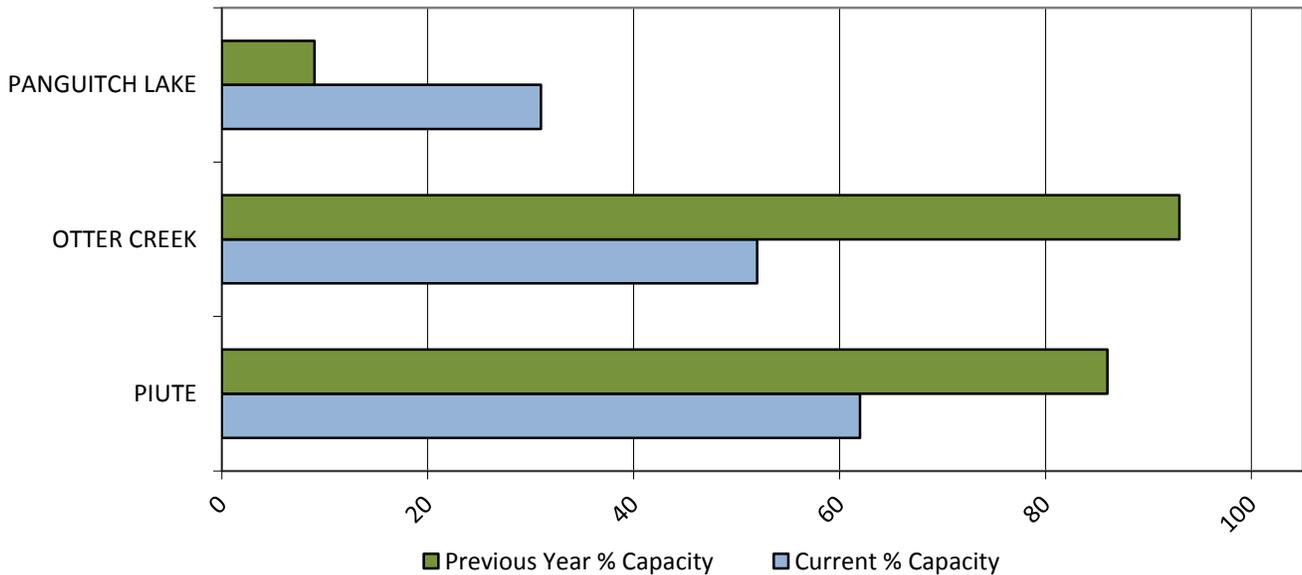
Precipitation



Soil Moisture



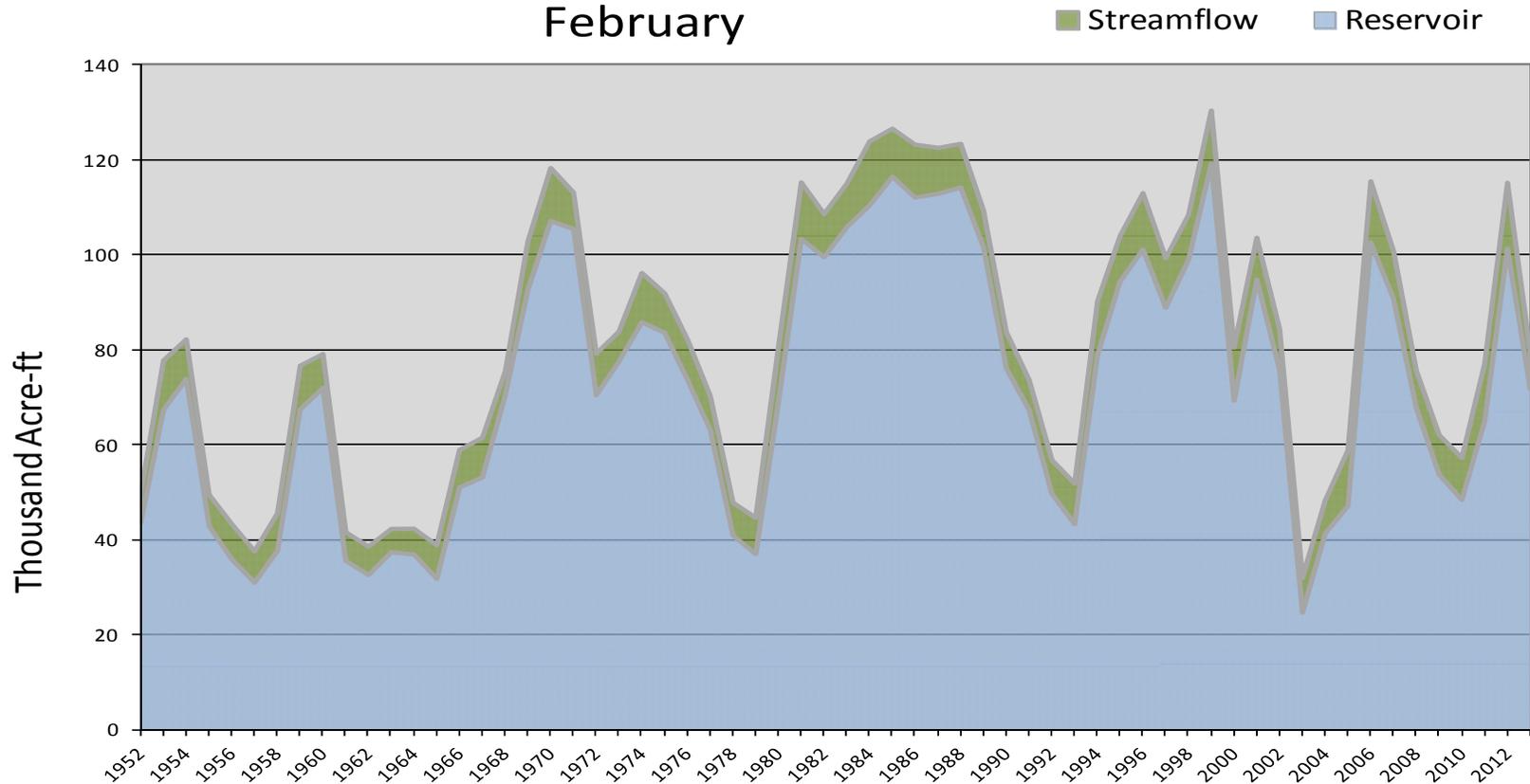
Reservoir Storage



February 1, 2013	Water Availability Index					
Basin or Region	January EOM* Otter Creek and Piute	January accumulated flow at Kingston (<i>observed</i>)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI [#]	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	<i>KAF</i> [^]	<i>KAF</i>	<i>KAF</i>		%	
Upper Sevier River	71.6	7.7	79.6	-0.07	49	60,72,00,80

*EOM, end of month; [#] WAI, water availability index; [^]KAF, thousand acre-feet.

Upper Sevier River - Water Availability Index February

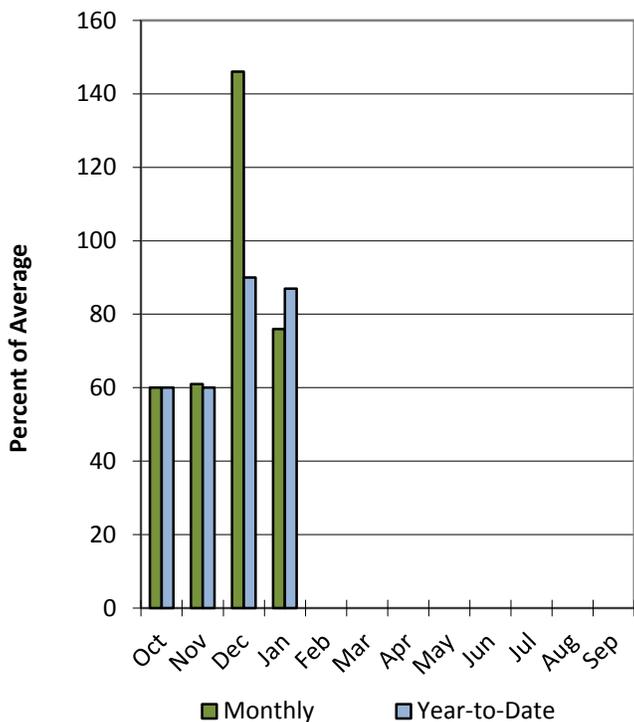


San Pitch River Basin

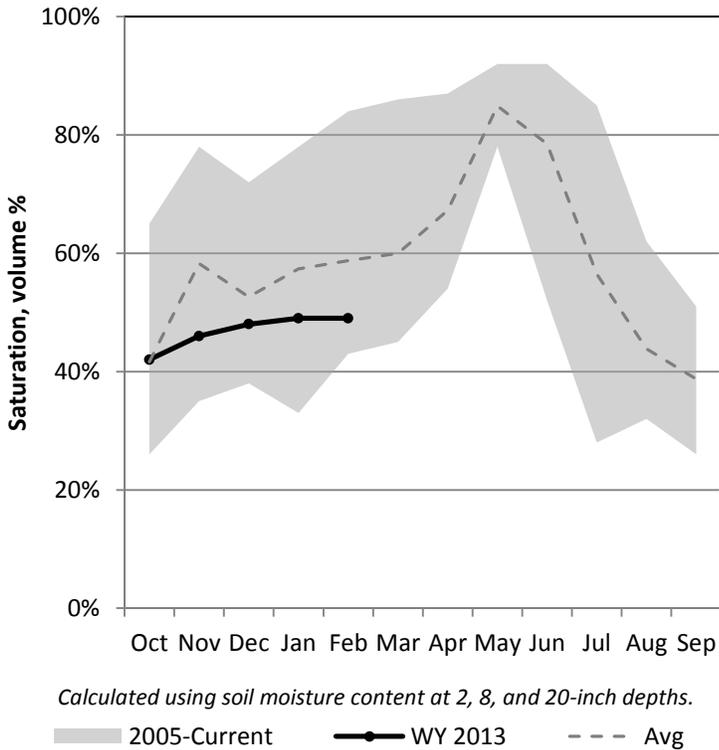
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Precipitation in January was below average at 76%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 87% of average. Soil Moisture is at 49% compared to 54% last year. Reservoir storage is at 2% of capacity, compared to 92% last year.

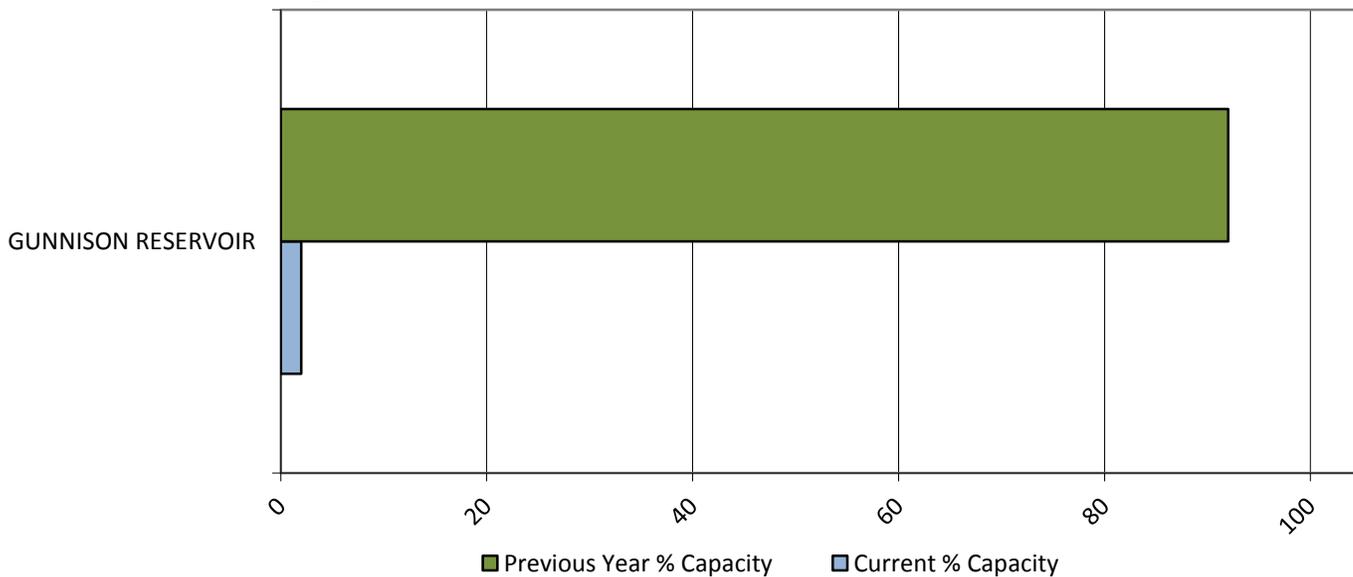
Precipitation



Soil Moisture



Reservoir Storage

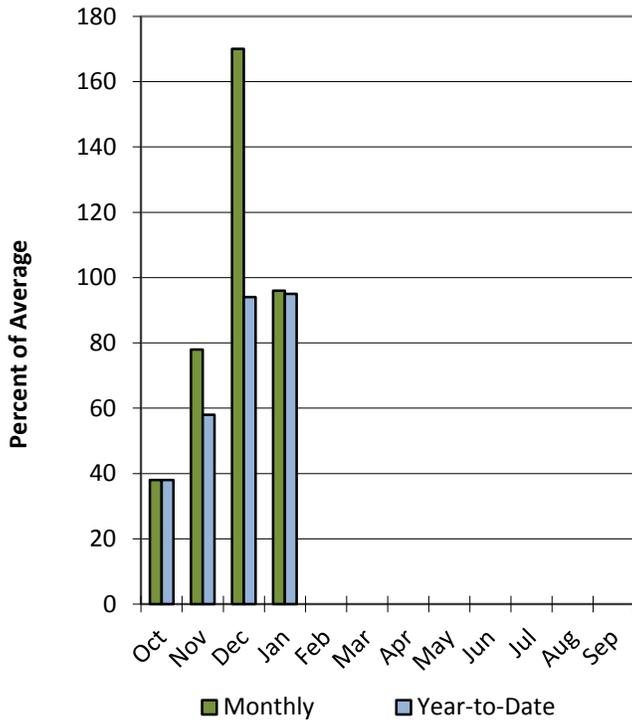


Lower Sevier River Basin

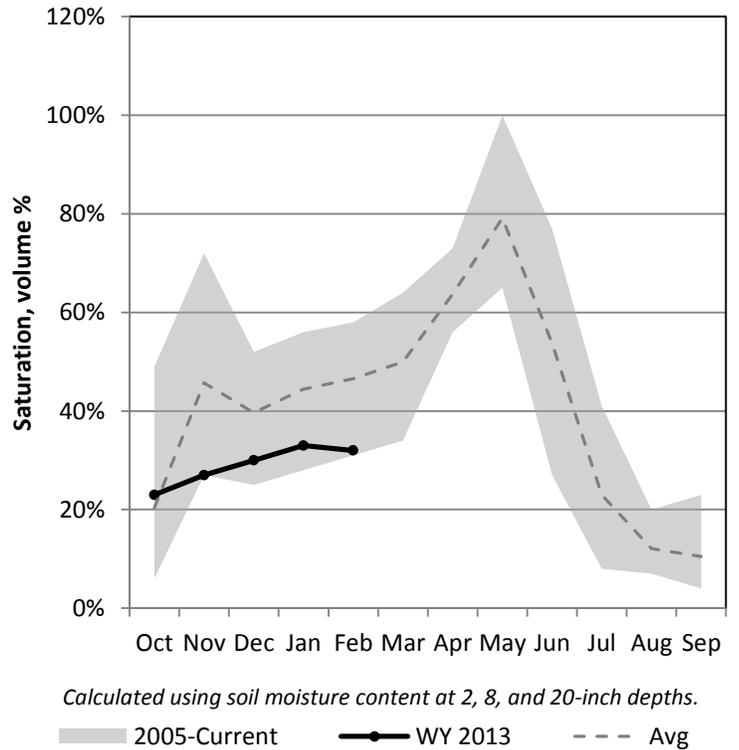
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Precipitation in January was near average at 96%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 95% of average. Soil moisture is at 32% compared to 38% last year. Reservoir storage is at 61% of capacity, compared to 96% last year. The water availability index for the Lower Sevier is 53%.

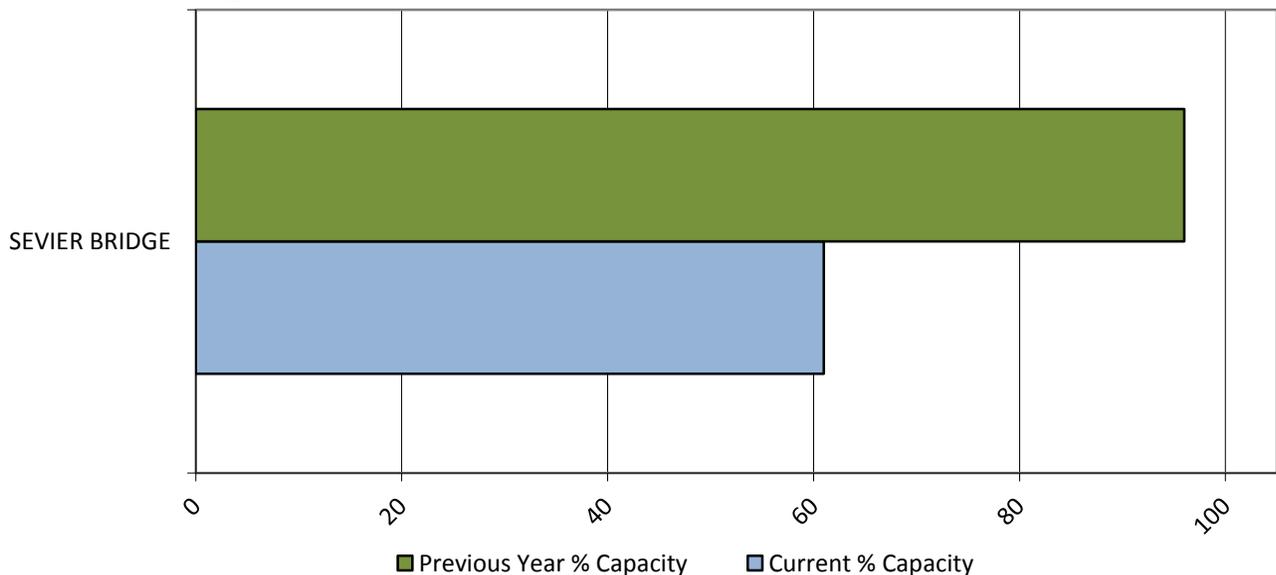
Precipitation



Soil Moisture



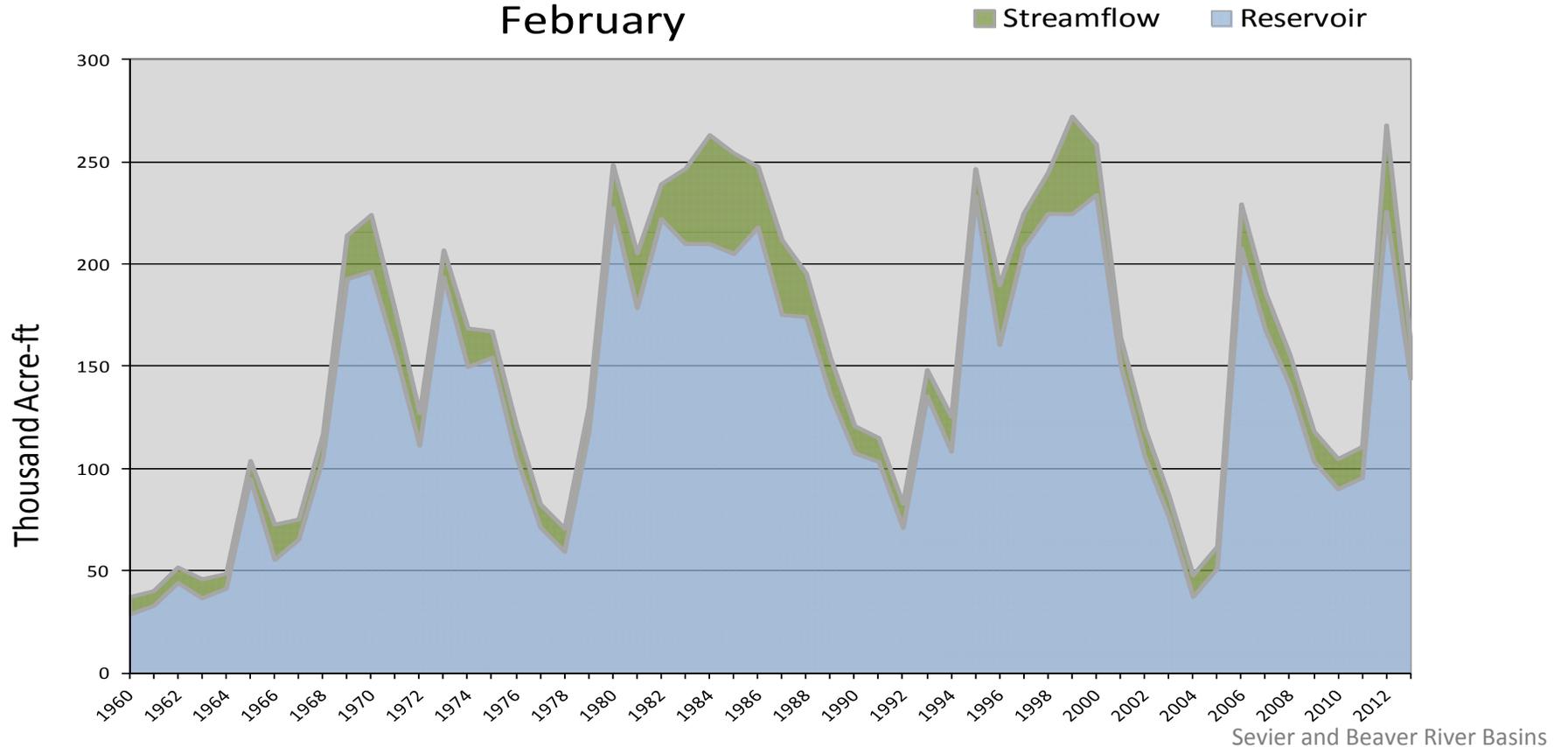
Reservoir Storage



February 1, 2013		Water Availability Index				
Basin or Region	January EOM* Sevier Bridge	January accumulated flow Sevier at Gunnison (<i>observed</i>)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI [#]	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	KAF [^]	KAF	KAF		%	
Lower Sevier River	144.2	18.2	162.4	0.23	53	89,08,01,75

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Lower Sevier River - Water Availability Index February

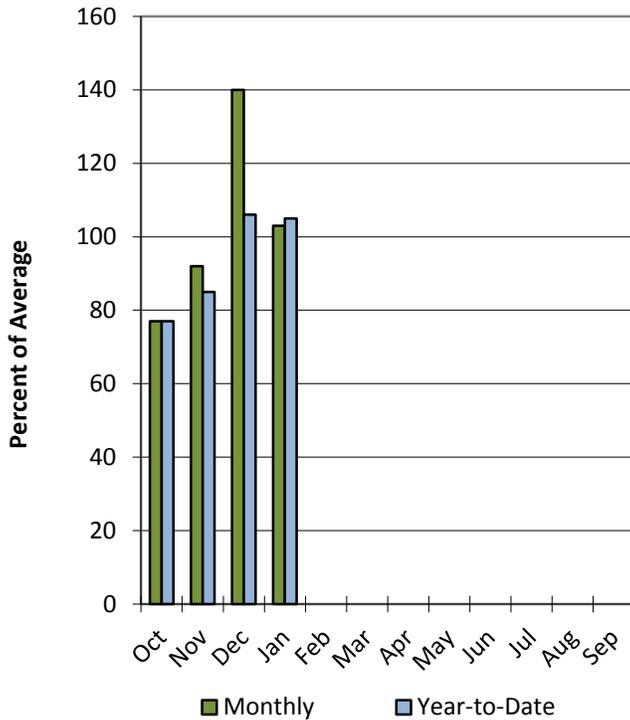


Beaver River Basin

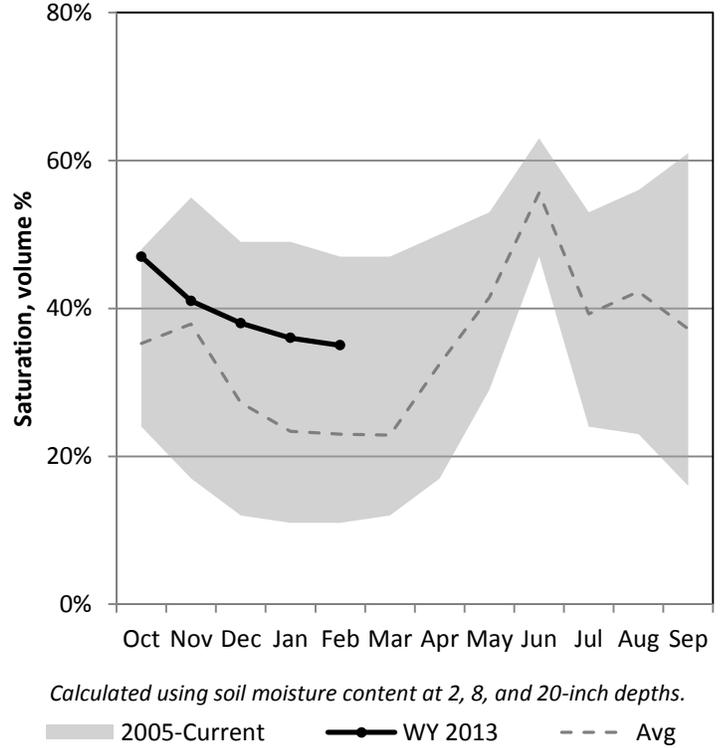
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Precipitation in January was near average at 103%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 105% of average. Soil moisture is at 35% compared to 25% last year. Reservoir storage is at 45% of capacity, compared to 100% last year. The water availability index for the Beaver River is 45%.

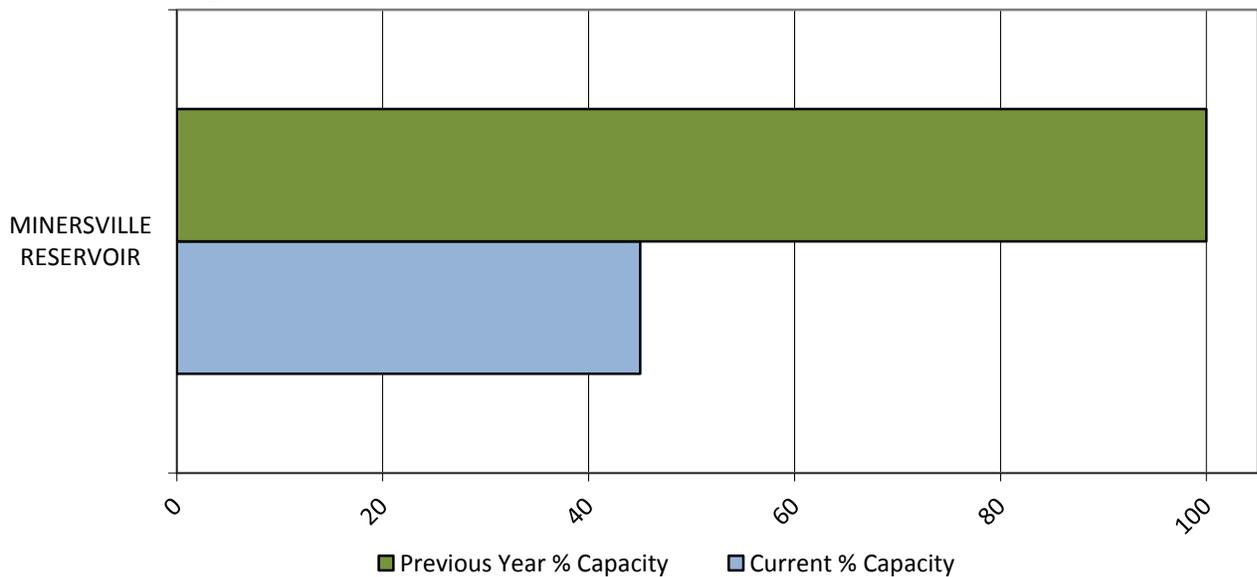
Precipitation



Soil Moisture

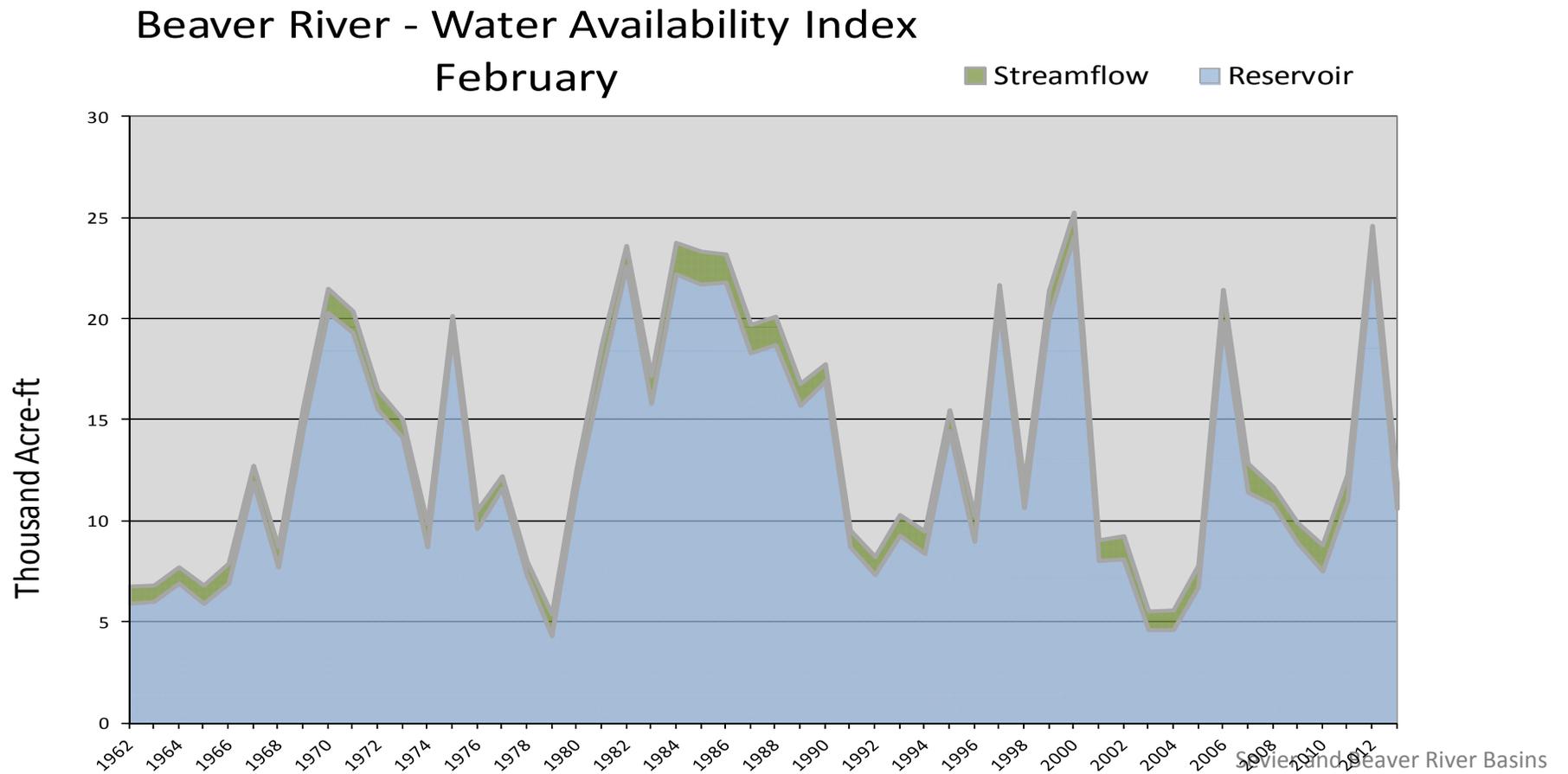


Reservoir Storage



February 1, 2013		Water Availability Index				
Basin or Region	January EOM* Minersville Reservoir	January accumulated flow Beaver River at Beaver (<i>observed</i>)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI [#]	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	KAF [^]	KAF	KAF		%	
Beaver	10.6	1.2	11.8	-0.39	45	76,08,98,77

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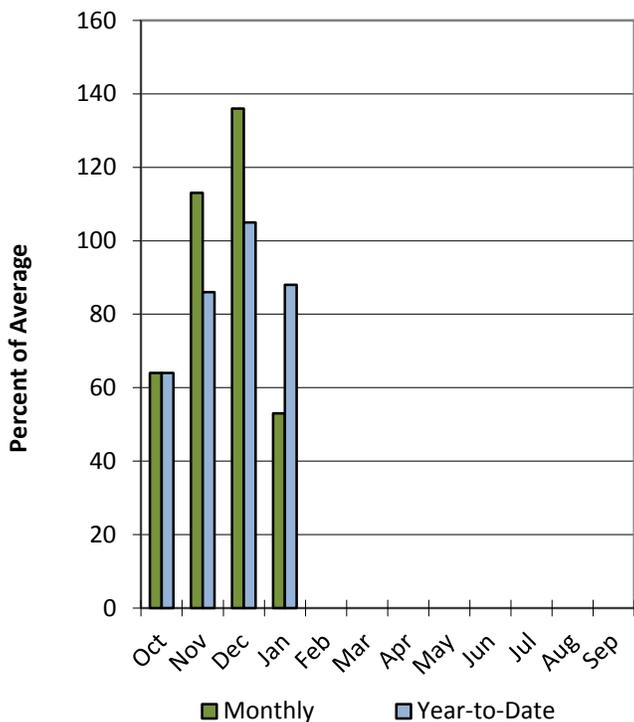


Southwestern Utah Basin

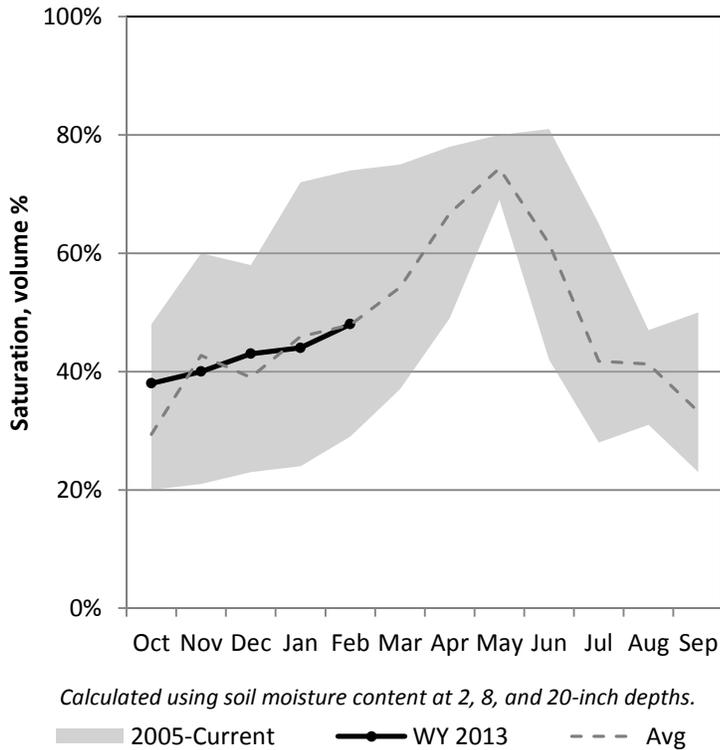
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Precipitation in January was much below average at 53%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (Oct-Jan) to 88% of average. Soil moisture is at 48% compared to 43% last year. Reservoir storage is at 50% of capacity, compared to 64% last year. The water availability index for the Virgin River is 27%.

Precipitation



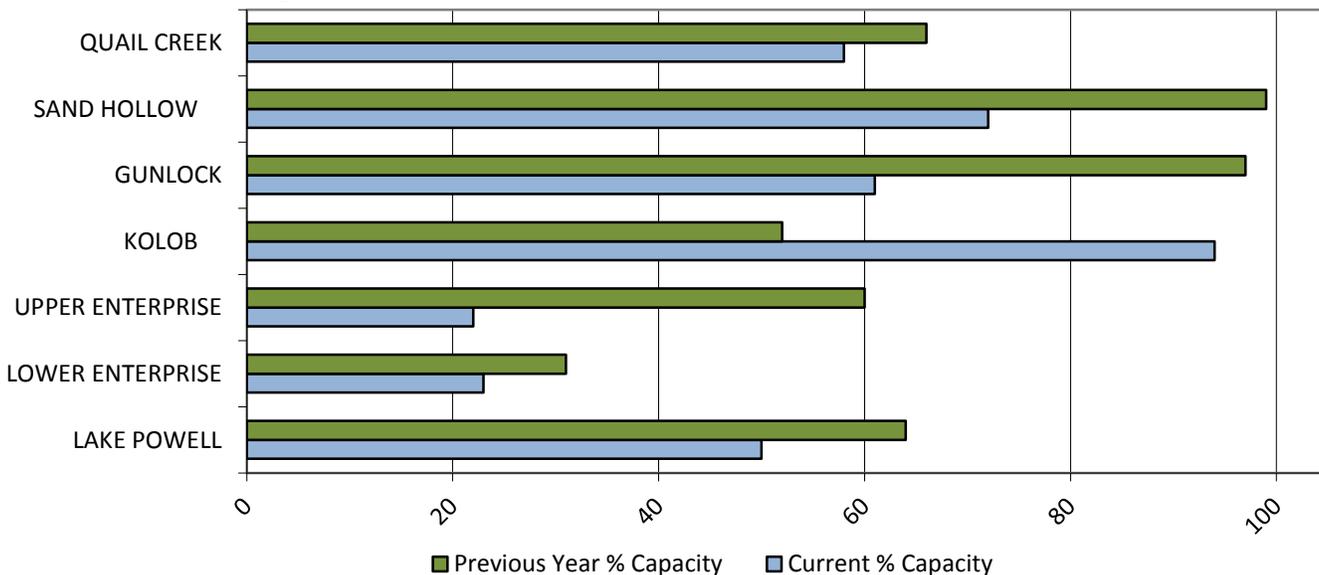
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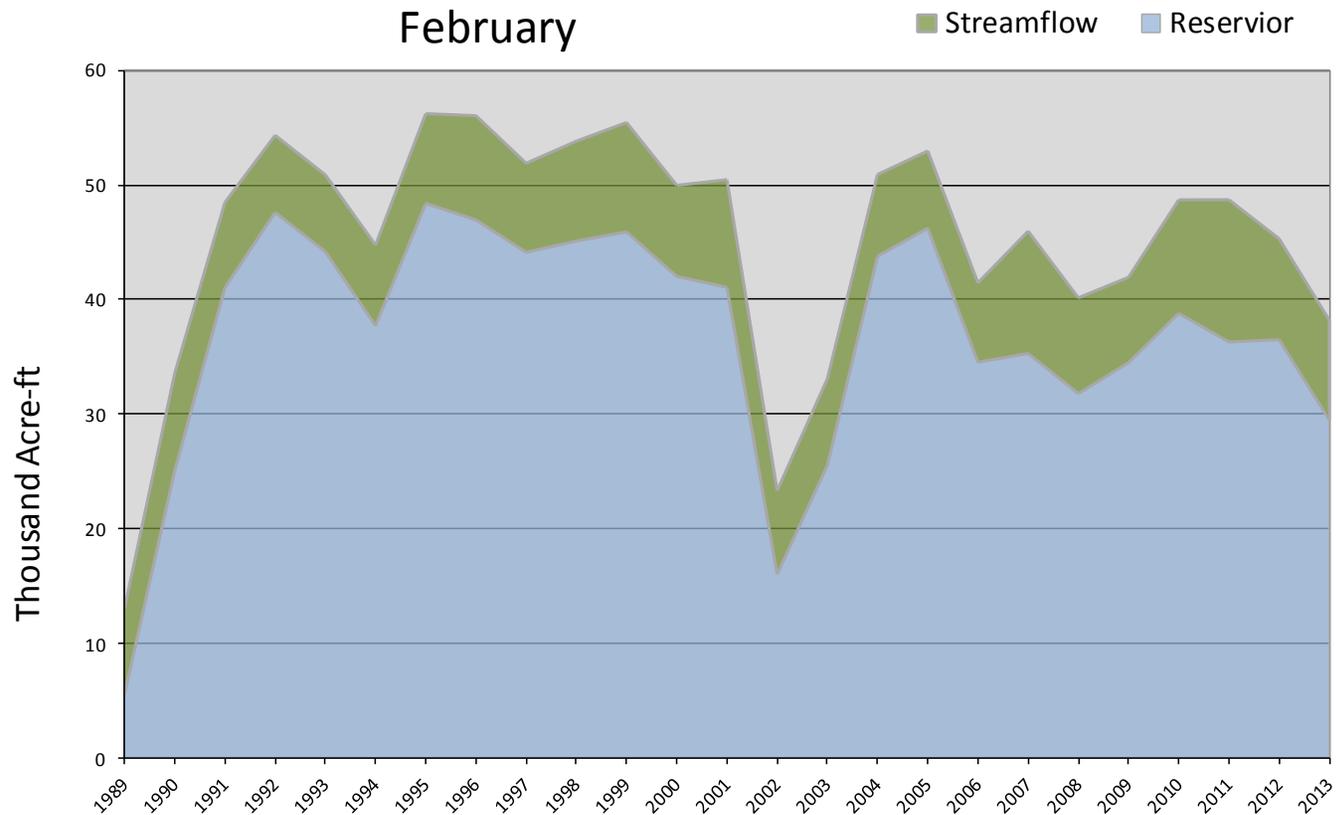
Reservoir Storage



February 1, 2013	Water Availability Index					
Basin or Region	January EOM* Reservoir	January accumulated flow Virgin and Santa Clara Rivers (<i>observed</i>)	Reservoir + Streamflow	WAI#	Percentile	Years with similar WAI
	KAF^	KAF	KAF		%	
Southwest	29.5	8.7	38.2	-1.92	27	08,09,94,07

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Southwest - Water Availability Index
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