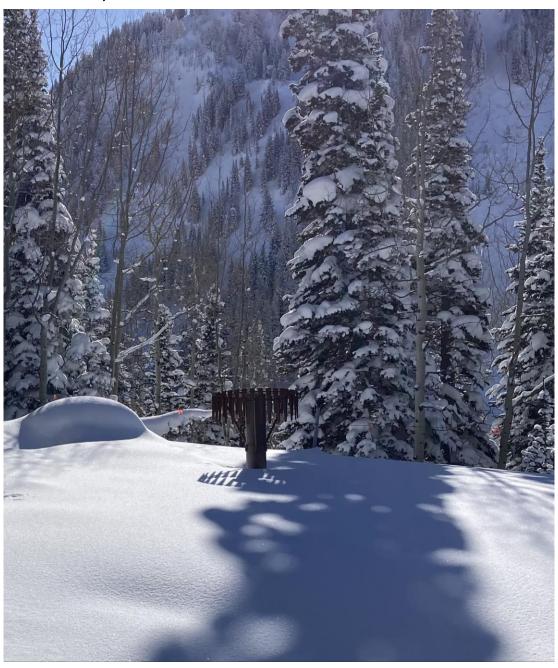


Utah Water Supply Outlook Report

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Snow almost to the top of the precipitation can at the Atwater SNOTEL site at Alta

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STATE OF UTAH GENERAL OUTLOOK March 1, 2023

SUMMARY

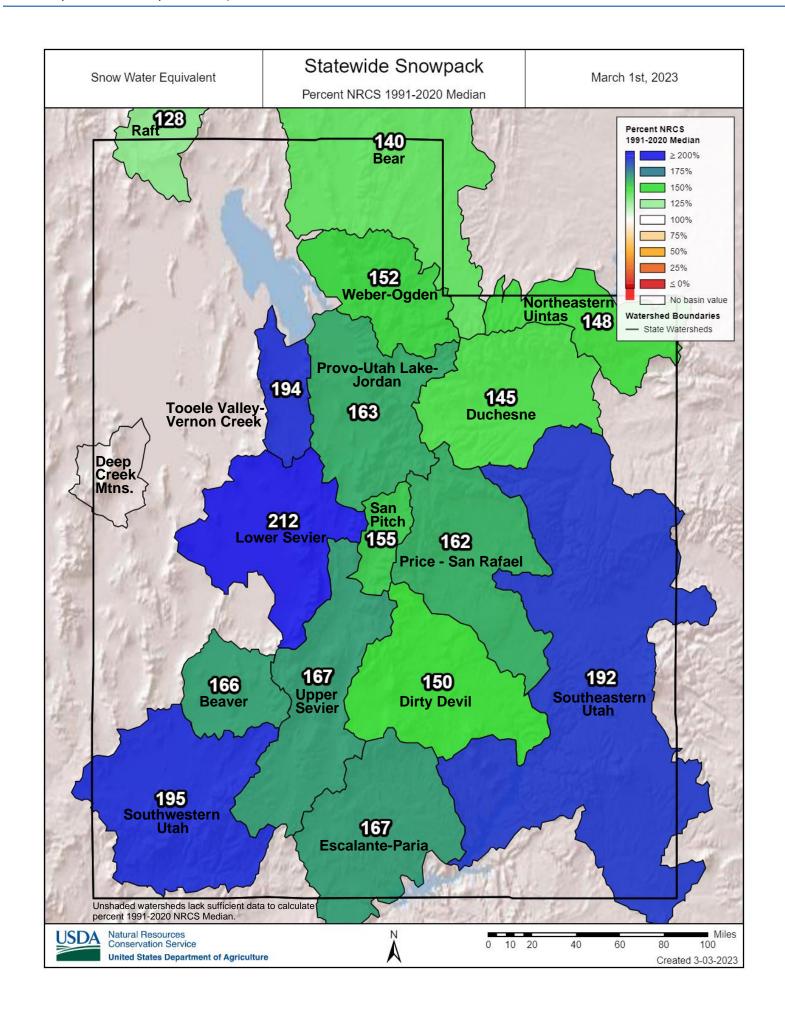
The snow keeps coming! We are now roughly one month from when Utah's snowpack typically peaks, and our conditions remain outstanding. Statewide, the snow water equivalent (SWE) measured at our SNOTEL sites was 161% of normal as of March 1st, with all major basins except the Raft above 140%. Utah surpassed its typical peak snowpack on January 18th, and the snow just keeps piling up! Statewide SWE projections suggest that Utah's snowpack may be as high as 150% of our typical peak by the end of the month. What a winter! Our statewide SWE continues to compare with some of our best snowpack seasons on record, including 1984, 2005, and 2011.

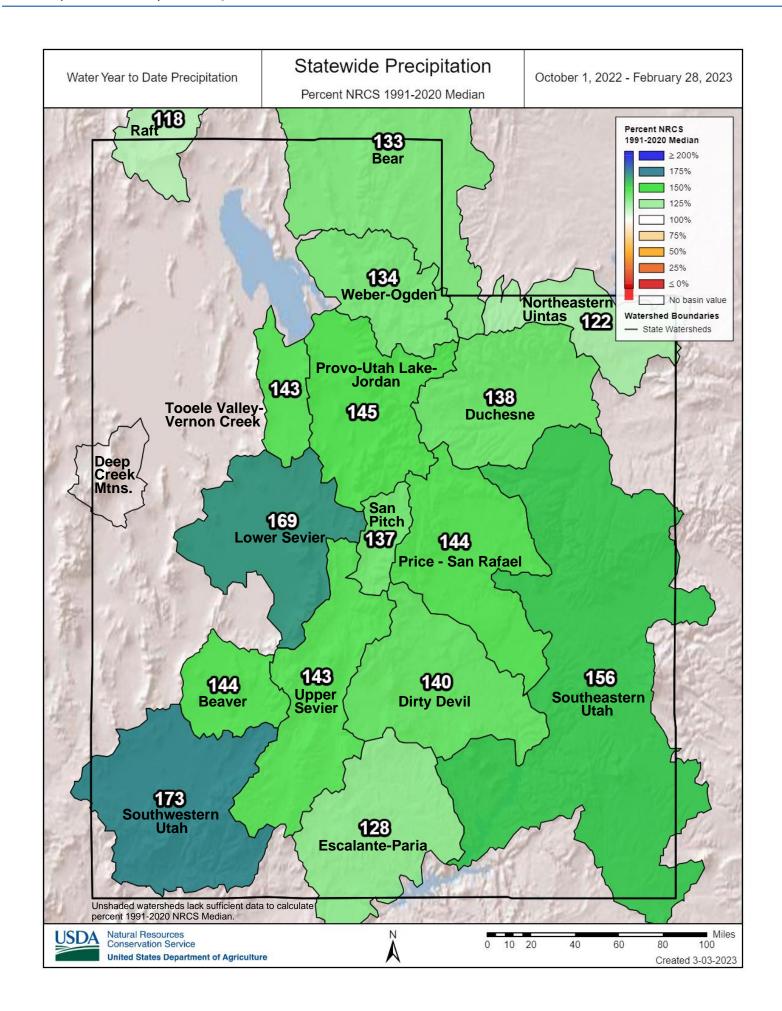
As noted in last month's report, new records for snow water equivalent are being set at Utah's SNOTEL sites. As of March 1st, 10 sites were reporting a record high amount of SWE compared with the last 30 years, and 7 more were second highest. The Vernon Creek SNOTEL at the south end of the Tooele watershed already has 231% of its typical peak snowpack! Four other SNOTEL sites also have around double the amount of snow that they would have at their typical peak. The vast majority of Utah's 137 SNOTEL sites are at (or above) the 85th percentile for SWE compared to their period of record, with 31 in the top five percent.

February precipitation in Utah was above normal at 123%, bringing the water-year-to-date precipitation to 139% of normal. All of Utah's major watersheds remain above 115% of normal precipitation for the 2023 water year. Statewide soil moisture is above normal at 56% of saturation, which bodes well for our snowmelt runoff efficiency. Utah's reservoir storage is currently at 51% of capacity, down 2% from this time last year. While many small to medium-size reservoirs will fill, some of Utah's largest (e.g. Sevier Bridge Reservoir and Bear Lake) most likely will not, and of course the water levels in both Lake Powell and the Great Salt Lake remain critically low. Utahns will need to continue to conserve water to help make progress replenishing our storage systems.

As noted last month, NRCS streamflow forecasts for April to July snowmelt runoff volume are based mainly on observed SWE and precipitation at Utah's SNOTEL sites. March 1 forecasts are very high, with >200% of normal flow forecast for many locations. As we round the corner on winter and head towards early spring, our confidence in these water supply forecasts increases. There continues to be excellent agreement between our forecasts and those provided by the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center (NOAA). Overlap in CBRFC and NRCS forecasts lends confidence considering the different methodological approaches used. Both can be viewed on the new <u>Forecast Comparison page</u> which is intended to be a one-stop landing page for water managers to find snowmelt runoff forecasts from both agencies for any location in Utah and compare the values.

Surface Water Supply Indices (SWSI) for Utah basins combine our current reservoir levels with the additional volume of water anticipated for each watershed based on these March 1 streamflow forecasts. Some areas of the state with significant ground to make up (due to large amounts of depleted reservoir storage) continue to have low SWSI values, such as the Provo basin. Other areas have much higher SWSI values, such as the Moab which is above the 90th percentile. All but four of Utah's basins have SWSI values above the 50th percentile, suggesting that those basins will have favorable amounts of surface water supplies compared with previous observations. Please refer to the SWSI table provided on page 5 of this report for further details.





March 1, 2023 | Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI)

Basin or Region	Reservoir Storage¹ (KAF)²	Apr-July Forecast (KAF) ²	Forecast + Storage (KAF) ²	SWSI ³	Percentile⁴ (%)	Similar Years
Bear	414.4	136.0	550.4	-1.33	34	[2010, 2016]
Woodruff Narrows	13.5	149.0	162.5	1.39	67	[2016, 2019]
Little Bear	9.6	64.0	73.6	2.34	78	[1995, 1999]
Ogden	47.8	176.0	223.8	1.7	70	[1995, 2019]
Weber	235.9	435.0	670.9	1.52	68	[1996, 2019]
Provo	773.2	130.0	903.2	-2.78	17	[2003, 2005]
Western Uintas	172.3	75.0	247.3	1.14	64	[1997, 2001]
Eastern Uintas	26.8	157.0	183.8	2.08	75	[1987, 2001]
Blacks Fork	10.3	95.0	105.3	1.12	63	[2010, 2015]
Smiths Fork	6.4	30.0	36.4	1.93	73	[1996, 2005]
Price	15.8	70.0	85.8	2.08	75	[1995, 2006]
Joes Valley	30.1	69.0	99.1	0.95	61	[2008, 2009]
Ferron Creek	8.4	45.0	53.4	1.33	66	[1985, 1999]
Moab	1.8	8.0	9.8	3.49	92	[2005, 2016]
Upper Sevier	39.5	103.0	142.5	0.95	61	[1986, 2020]
San Pitch	0.9	19.8	20.7	-0.57	43	[2001, 2020]
Lower Sevier	48.2	120.0	168.2	-1.14	36	[1990, 2020]
Beaver River	7.1	42.0	49.1	2.08	75	[1982, 1999]
Virgin River	32.2	123.4	155.6	2.34	78	[2010, 2019]

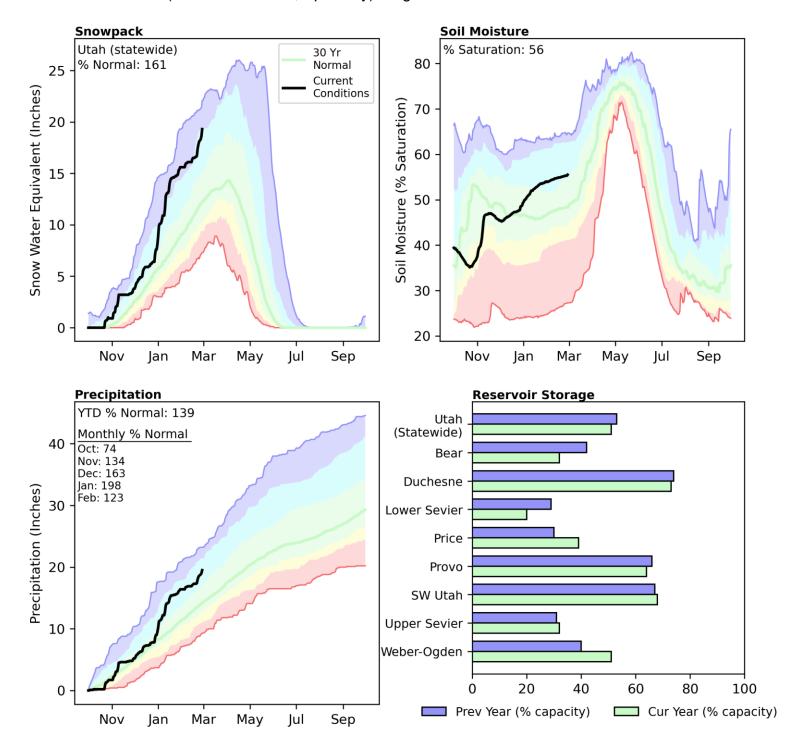
¹ End of Month Reservoir Storage; ² KAF, Thousand Acre-Feet; ³ SWSI, Surface Water Supply Index; ⁴ Threshold for coloring: >75% Green, <25% Red

What is a Surface Water Supply Index?

The Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) is a predictive indicator of total surface water availability within a watershed for the spring and summer water use seasons. The index is calculated by combining pre-runoff reservoir storage (carryover) with forecasts of spring and summer streamflow which are based on current snowpack and other hydrologic variables. SWSI values are scaled from +4.1 (abundant supply) to -4.1 (extremely dry) with a value of zero (0) indicating median water supply as compared to historical analysis. SWSI's are calculated in this fashion to be consistent with other hydroclimatic indicators such as the Palmer Drought Index and the Precipitation index. See Appendix A for details on forecast points and reservoirs used in SWSI calculations.

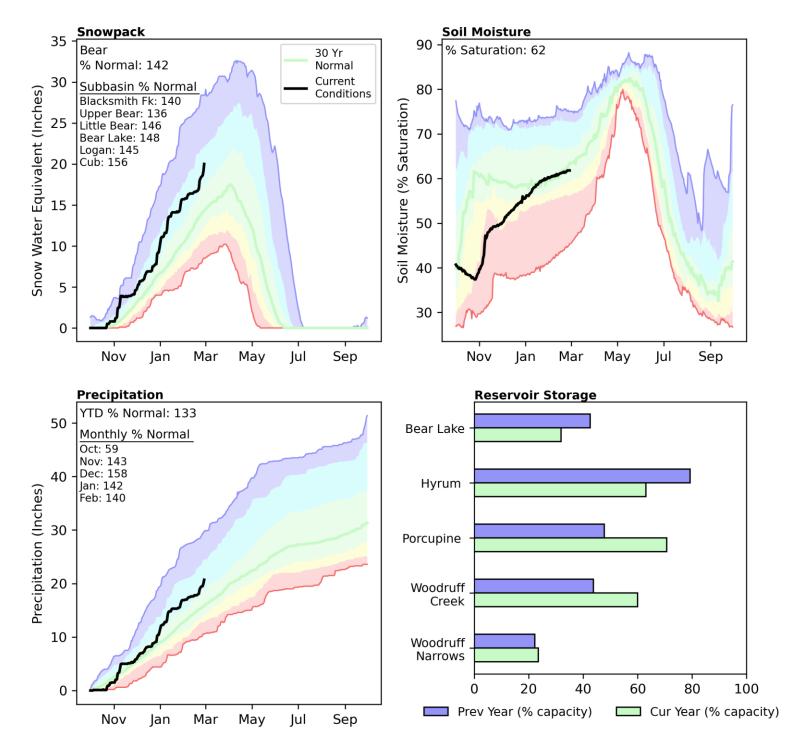
The Utah Snow Survey has also chosen to display the SWSI value as well as a PERCENT CHANCE OF NON-EXCEEDANCE. While this is a cumbersome name, it has a simple application. It can be best thought of as a scale of 1 to 99 with 1 being the drought of record (driest possible conditions) and 99 being the flood of record (wettest possible conditions) and a value of 50 representing average conditions. This rating scale is a percentile rating as well, for example a SWSI of 75% means that this years water supply is greater than 75% of all historical events and that only 25% of the time has it been exceeded. Conversely a SWSI of 10% means that 90% of historical events have been greater than this one and that only 10% have had less total water supply. This scale is comparable between basins: a SWSI of 50% means the same relative ranking on watershed A as it does on watershed B, which may not be strictly true of the +4 to -4 scale.

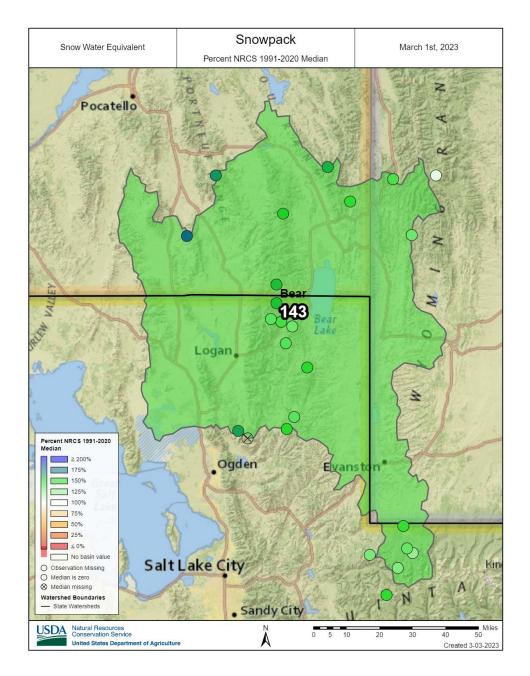
Snowpack in Utah (statewide) is well above normal at 161% of median, compared to 83% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was above normal at 123%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 139% of median. Soil moisture is at 56% saturation compared to 54% saturation last year. Statewide, reservoir storage is 51% of capacity, compared to 53% last year¹. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 88% to 510% of normal.

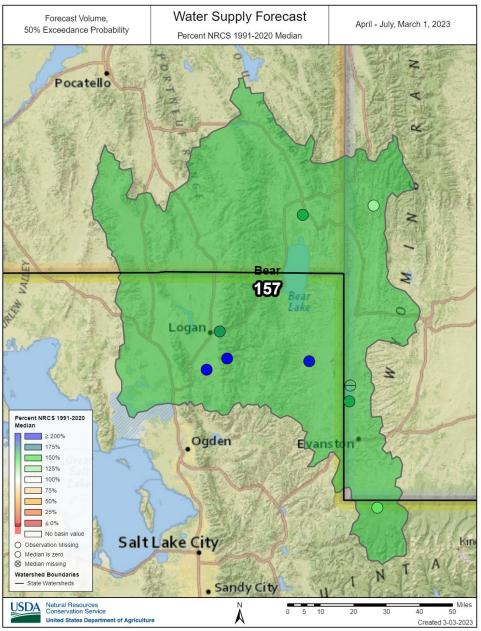


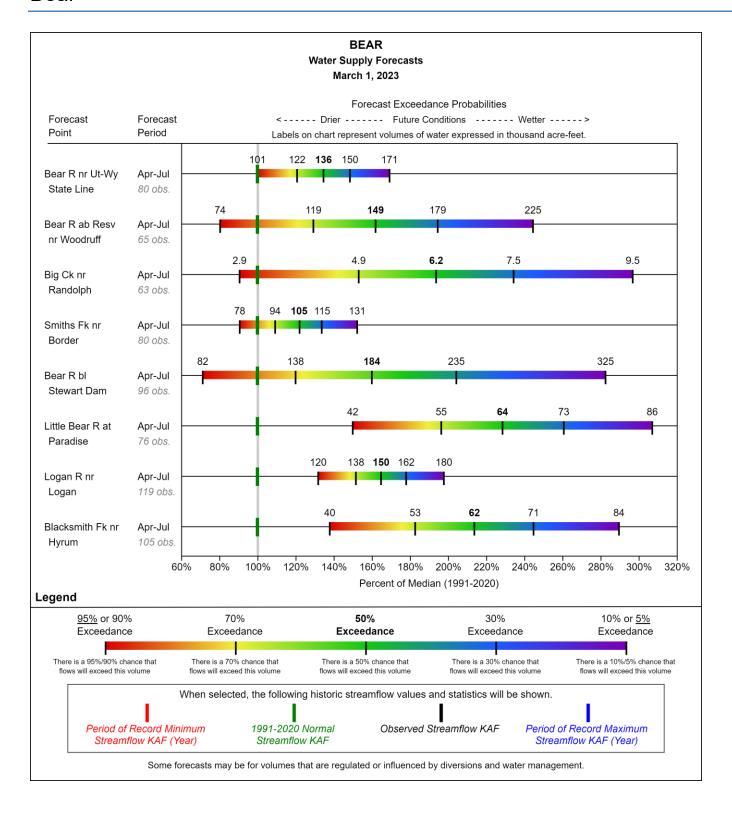
¹Statewide reservoir percentages exclude Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge Reservoirs.

Snowpack in the Bear River Basin is well above normal at 142% of median, compared to 79% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was well above normal at 140%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 133% of median. Soil moisture is at 62% saturation compared to 66% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 32% of capacity, compared to 42% last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 122% to 229% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentiles are 34% for the Bear, 78% for the Little Bear, and 67% for Woodruff Narrows.

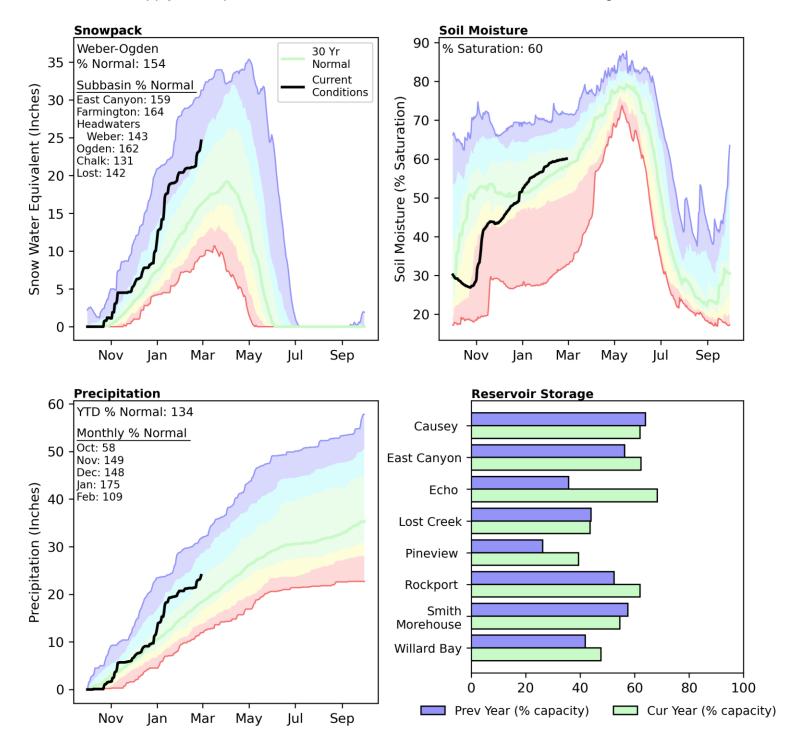


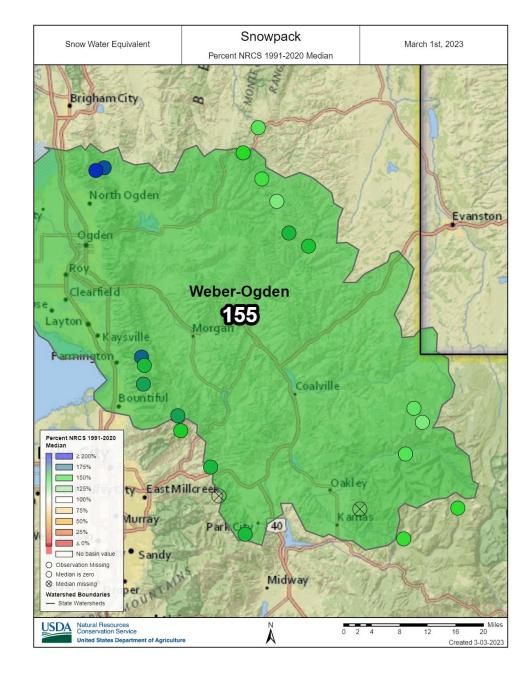


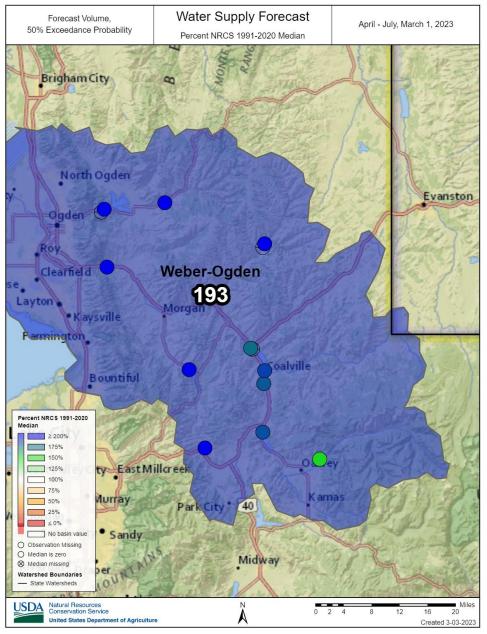


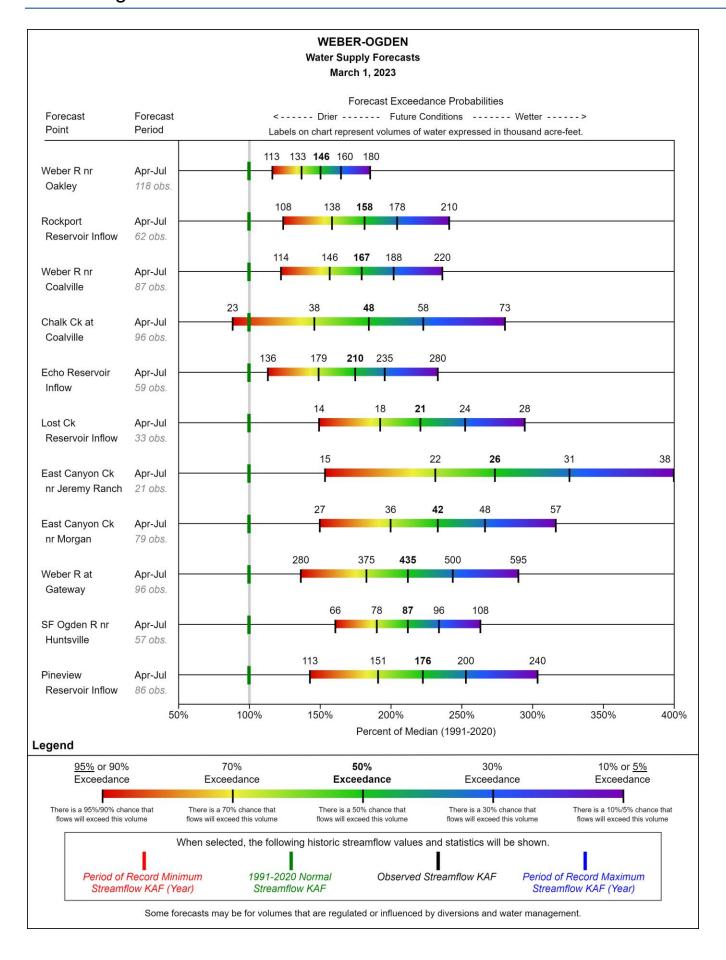


Snowpack in the Weber and Ogden River Basins is well above normal at 154% of median, compared to 73% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was about normal at 109%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 134% of median. Soil moisture is at 60% saturation compared to 63% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 51% of capacity, compared to 40% last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 151% to 274% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentiles are 68% for the Weber, and 70% for the Ogden.

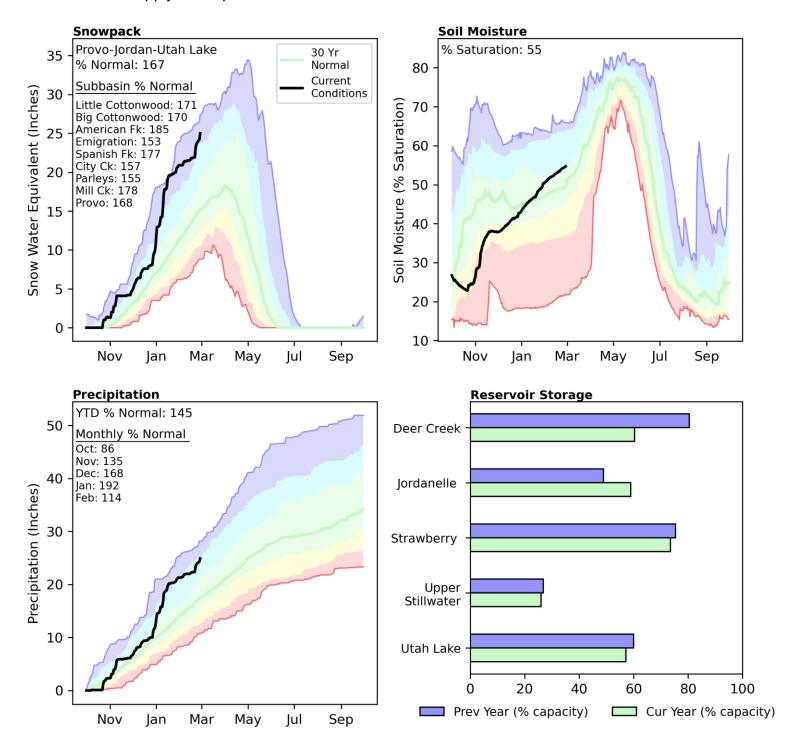


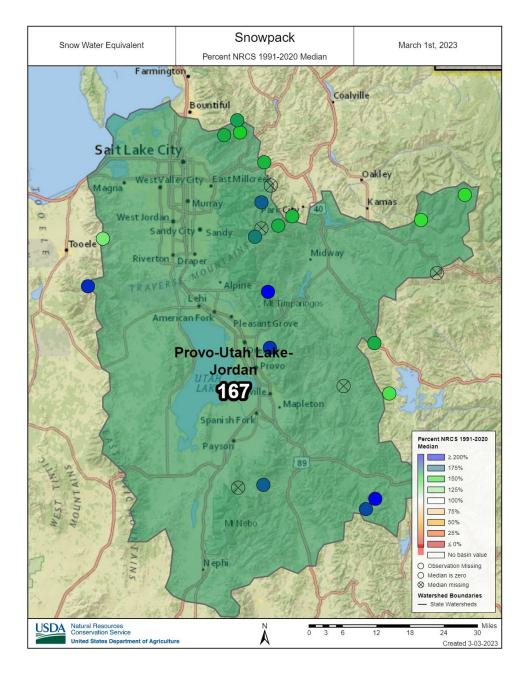


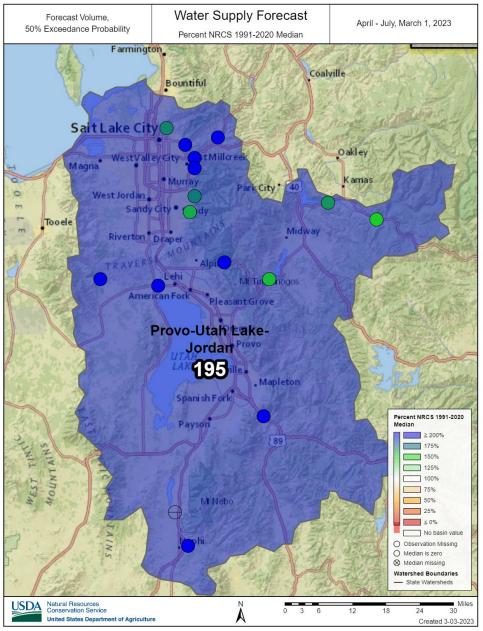


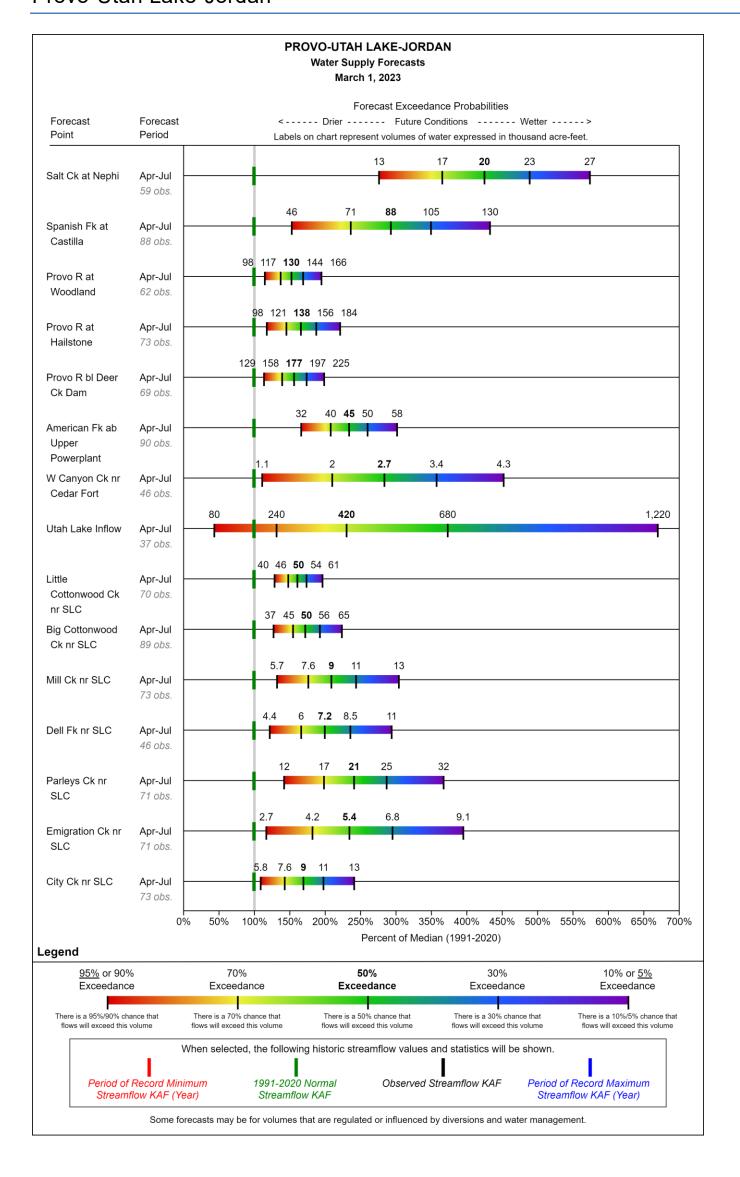


Snowpack in the Provo and Jordan River Basins is well above normal at 167% of median, compared to 76% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was above normal at 114%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 145% of median. Soil moisture is at 55% saturation compared to 58% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 64% of capacity, compared to 66% last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 153% to 426% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentile is 17% for the Provo.

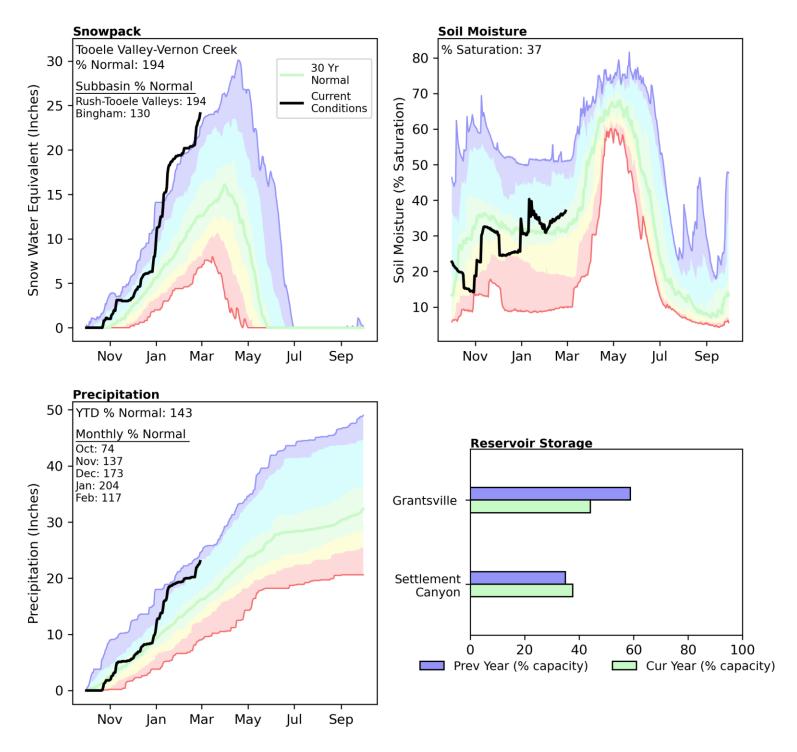


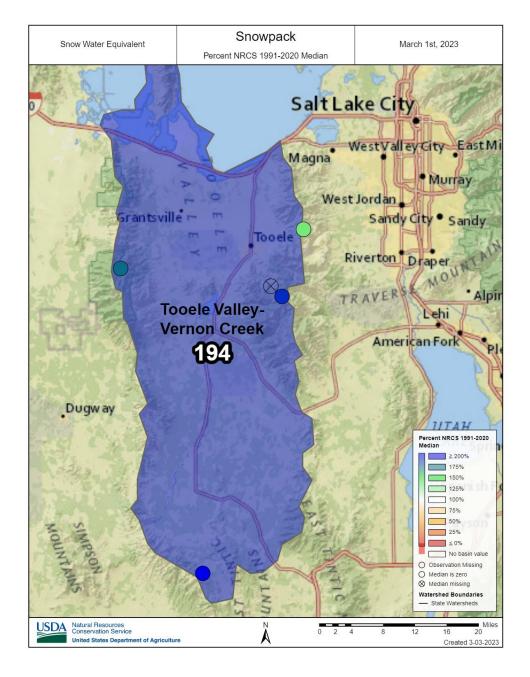


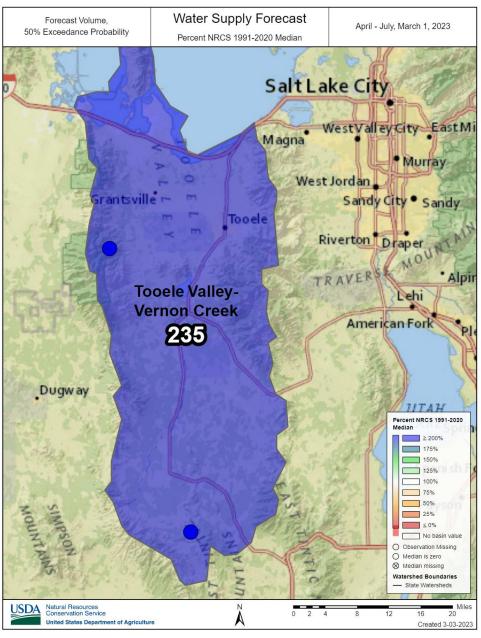




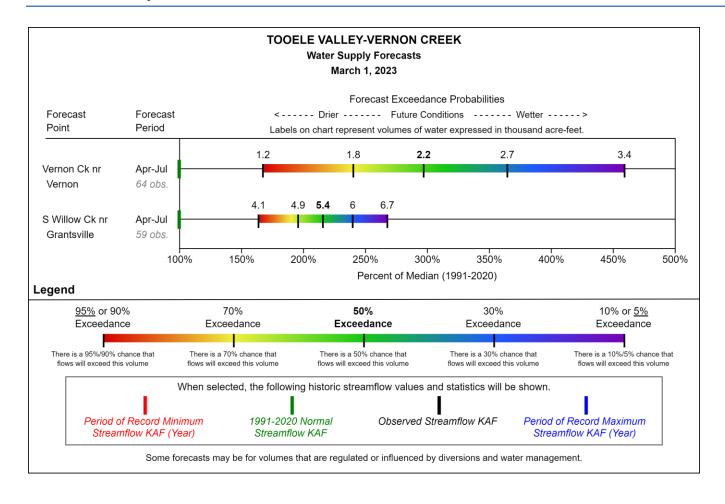
Snowpack in the Tooele Valley and West Desert Region is well above normal at 194% of median, compared to 63% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was above normal at 117%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 143% of median. Soil moisture is at 37% saturation compared to 30% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 42% of capacity, compared to 53% last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 167% to 297% of normal.



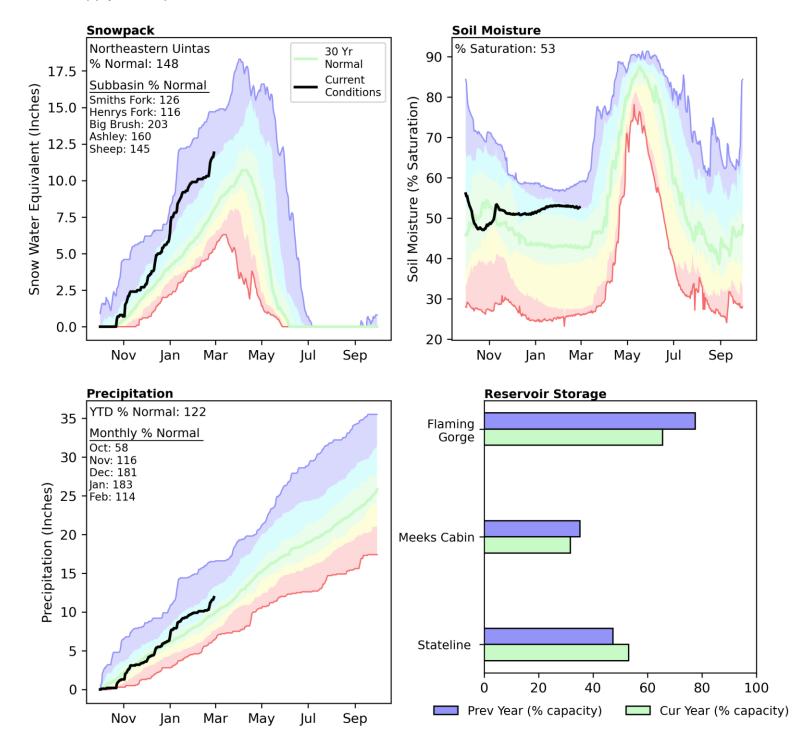


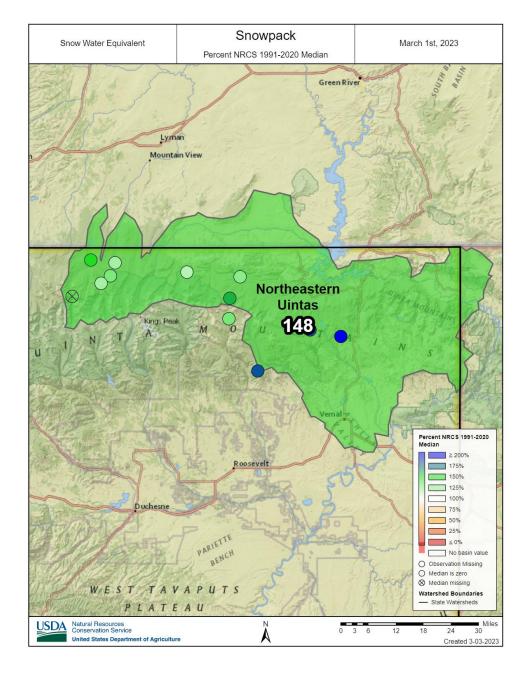


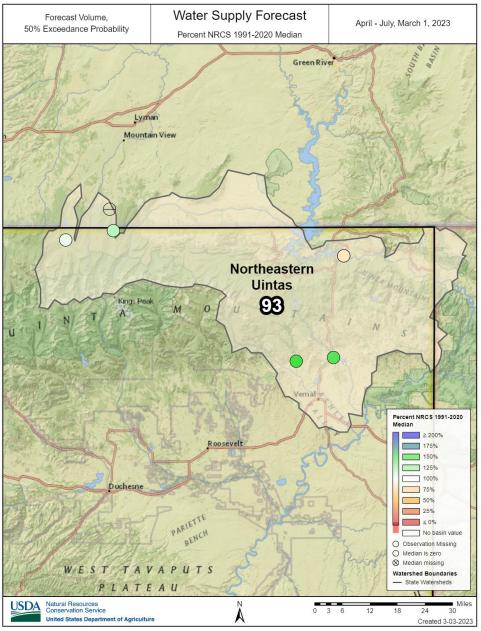
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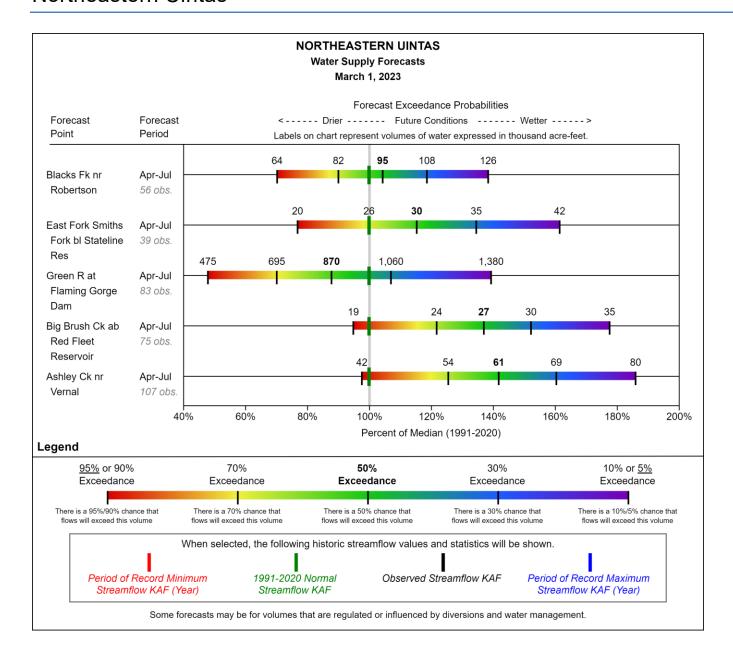
Snowpack in the Northeastern Uintas is well above normal at 148% of median, compared to 90% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was above normal at 114%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 122% of median. Soil moisture is at 53% saturation compared to 47% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 65% of capacity, compared to 77% last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 88% to 142% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentiles are 63% for the Blacks Fork, and 73% for the Smiths Fork.



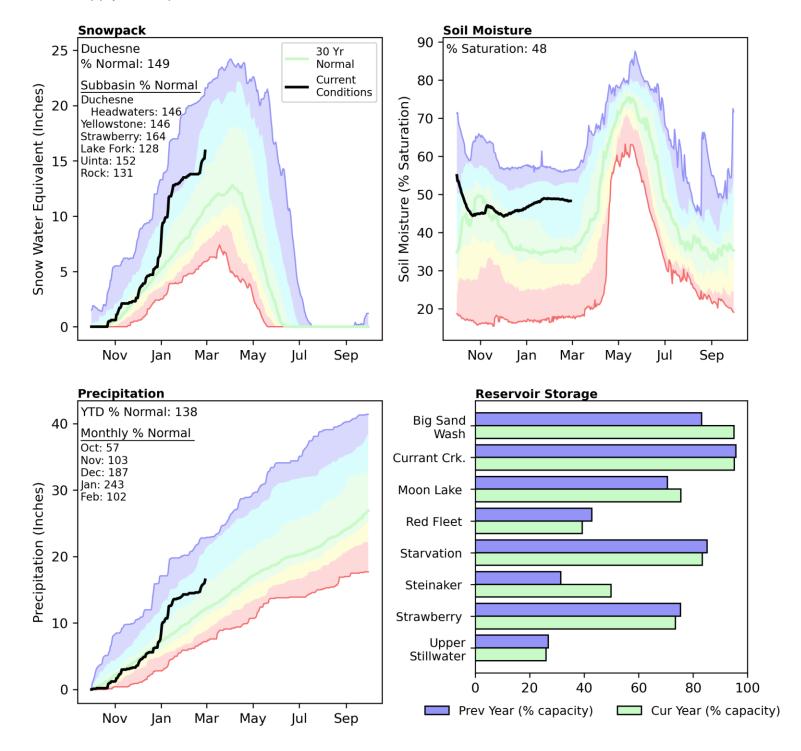


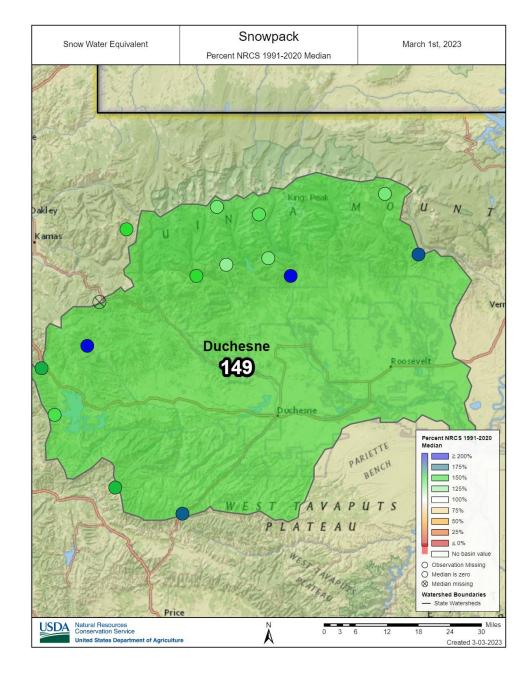


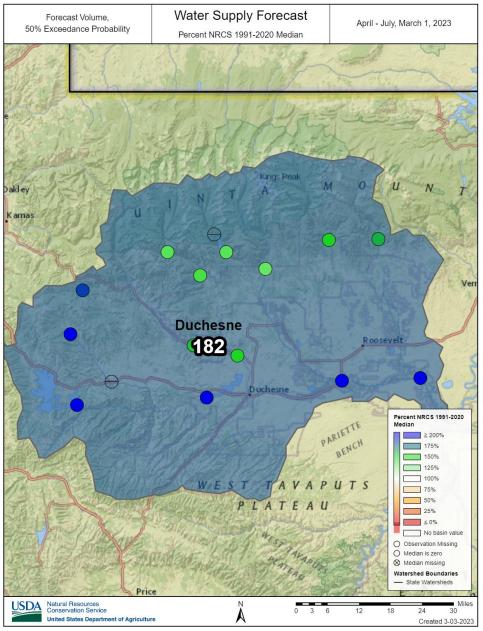
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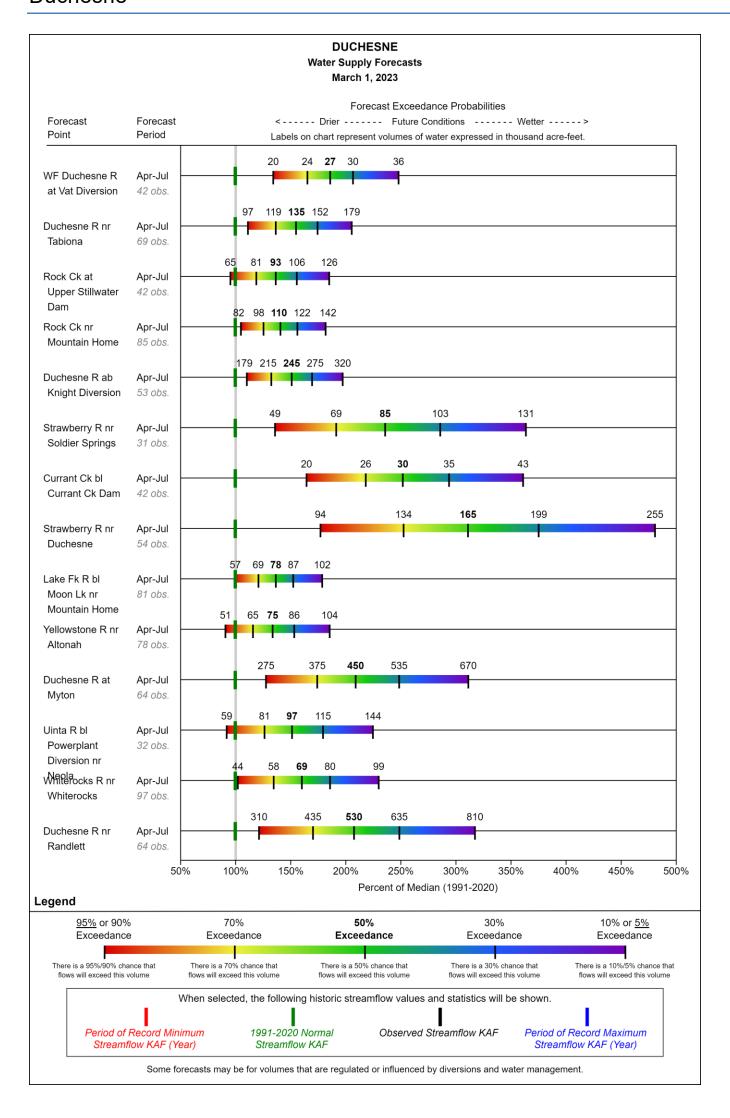


Snowpack in the Duchesne River Basin is well above normal at 149% of median, compared to 91% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was about normal at 102%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 138% of median. Soil moisture is at 48% saturation compared to 48% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 73% of capacity, compared to 74% last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 134% to 311% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentiles are 64% for the Western Uintas, and 75% for the Eastern Uintas.

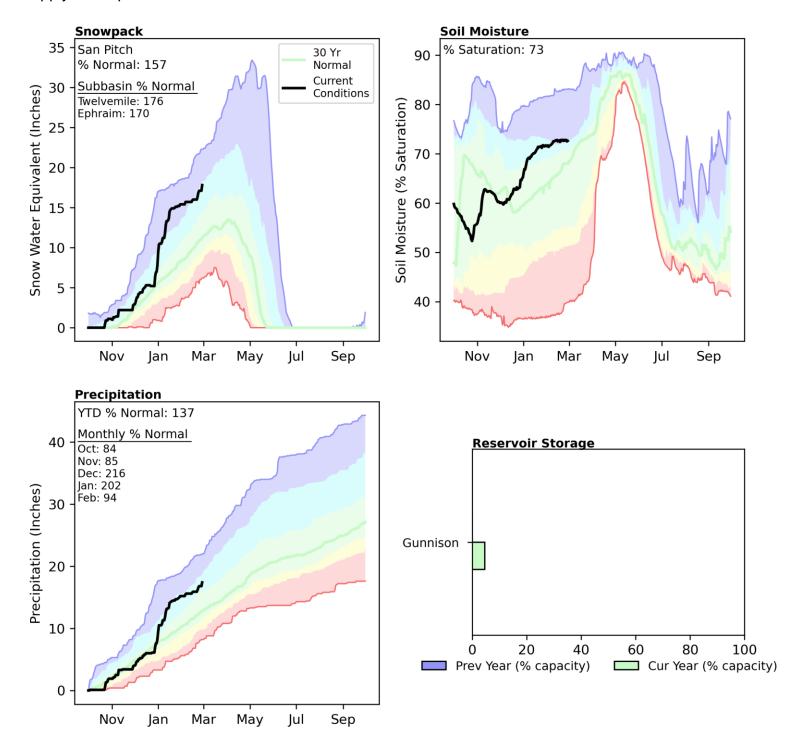


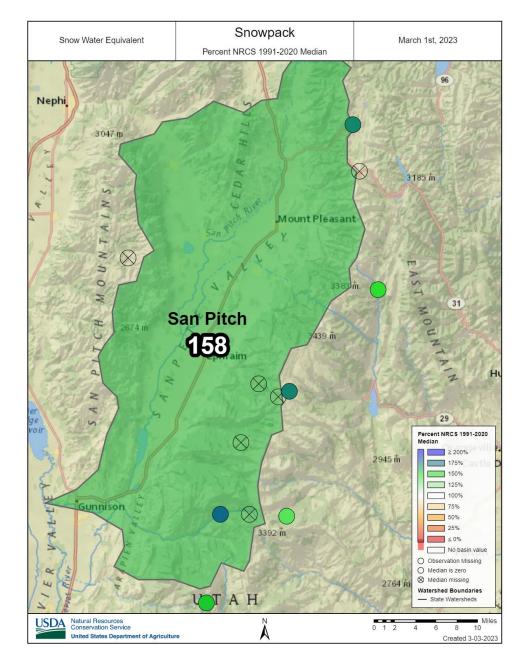


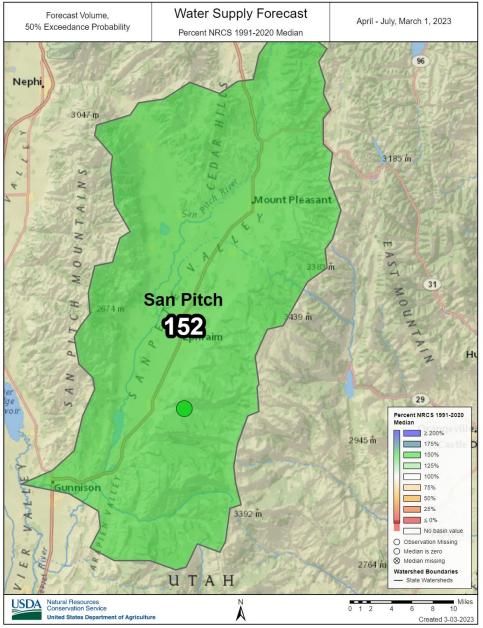




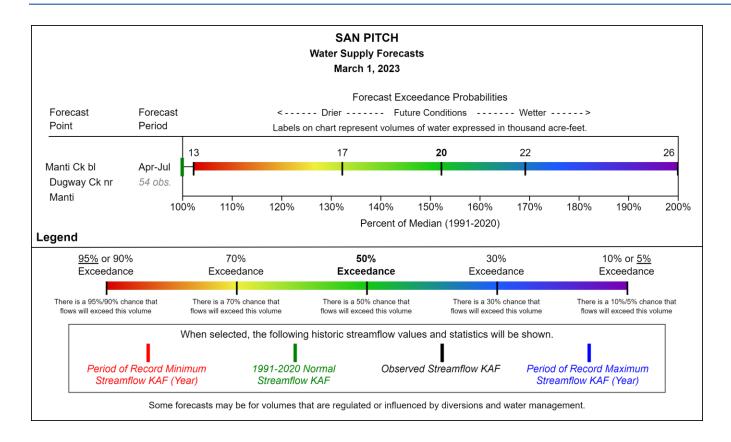
Snowpack in the San Pitch River Basin is well above normal at 157% of median, compared to 81% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was about normal at 94%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 137% of median. Soil moisture is at 73% saturation compared to 71% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 4% of capacity, compared to 0% last year. The forecast streamflow volume (50% exceedence, April-July) for Manti Creek is 152% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentile is 43% for the San Pitch.



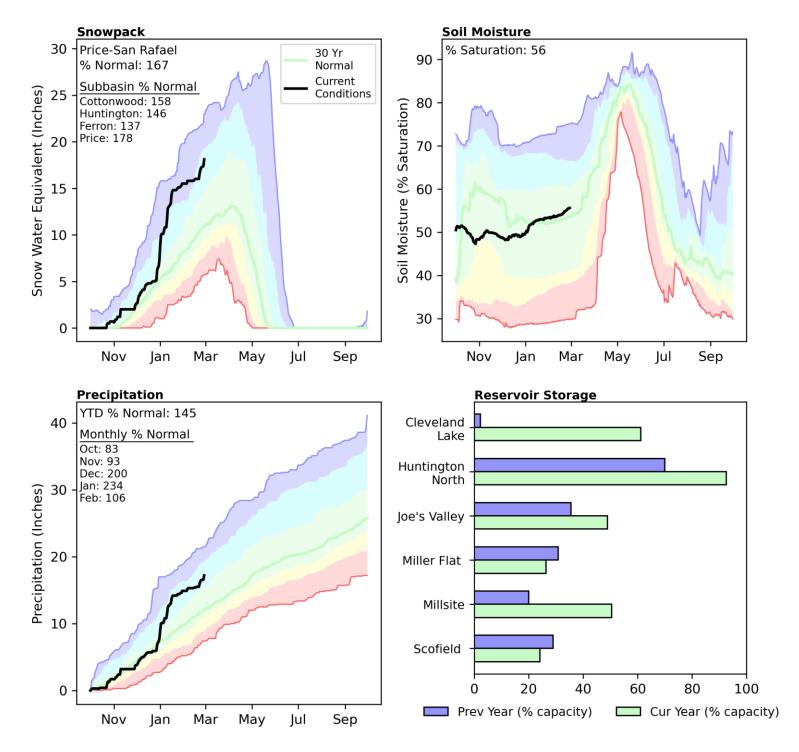


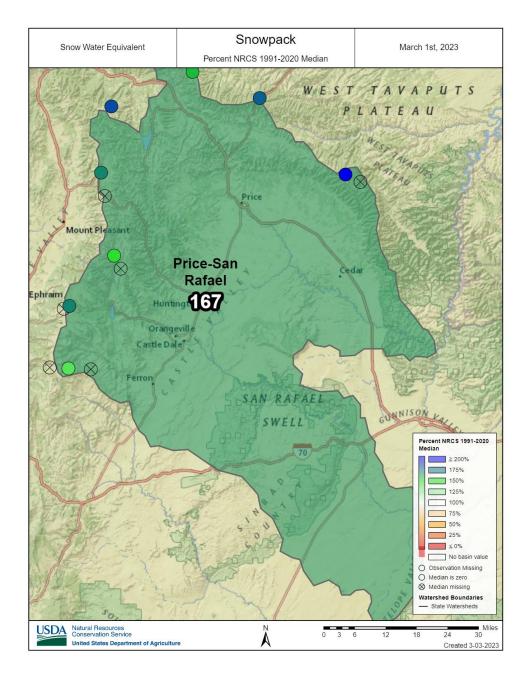


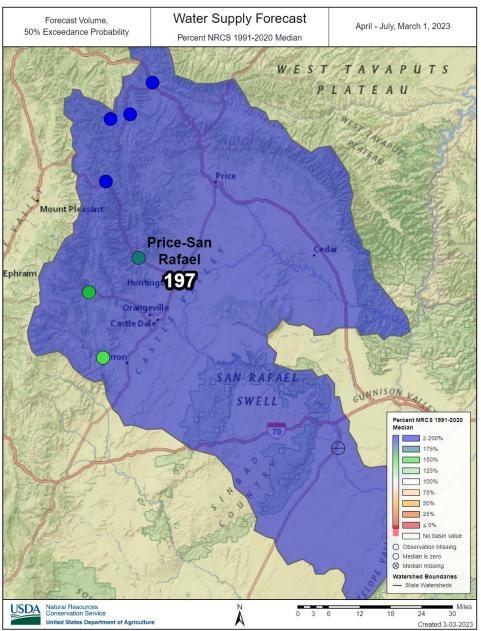
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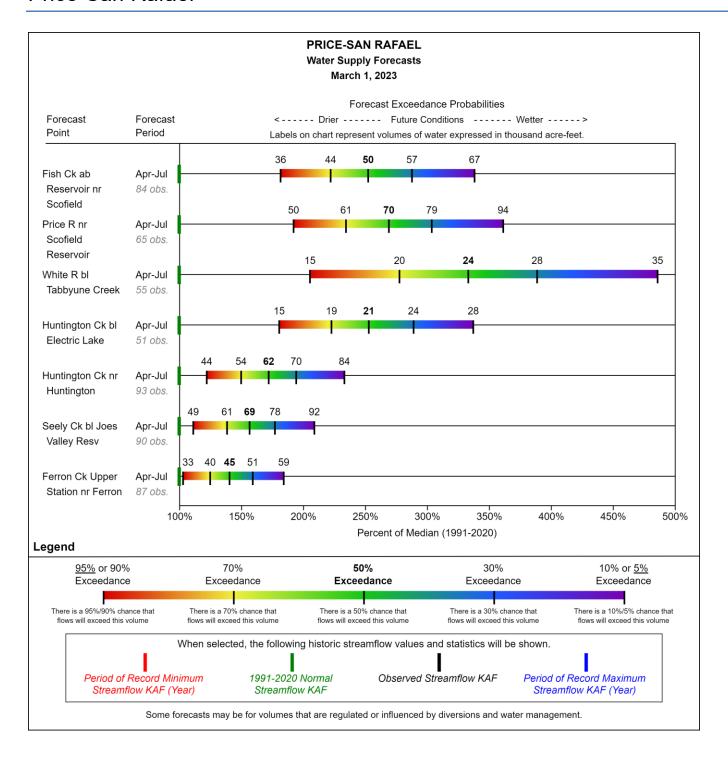


Snowpack in the Price and San Rafael River Basins is well above normal at 167% of median, compared to 86% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was about normal at 106%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 145% of median. Soil moisture is at 56% saturation compared to 61% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 39% of capacity, compared to 30% last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 141% to 333% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentiles are 75% for the Price, 61% for Joes Valley, and 66% for Ferron Creek.

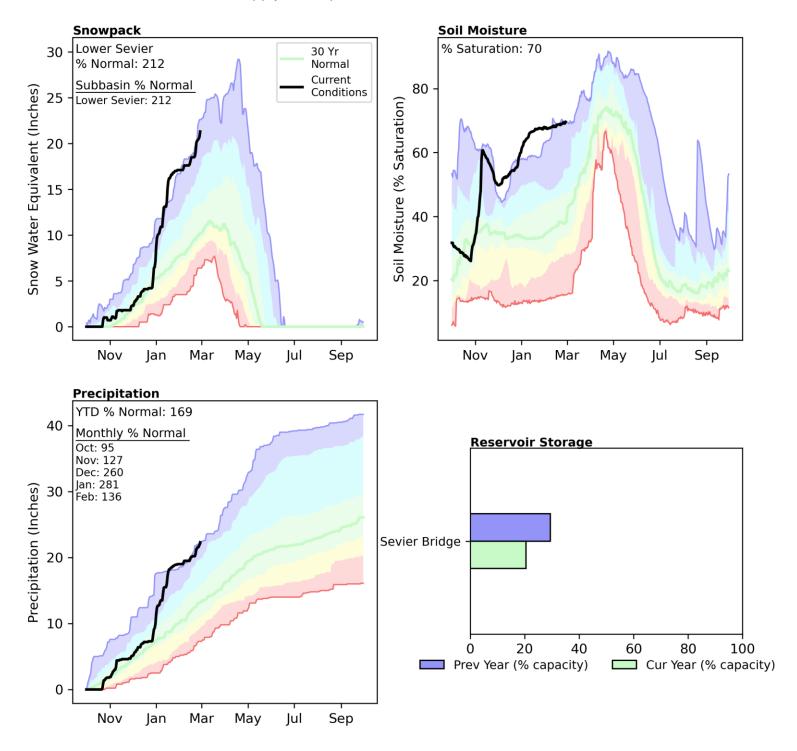


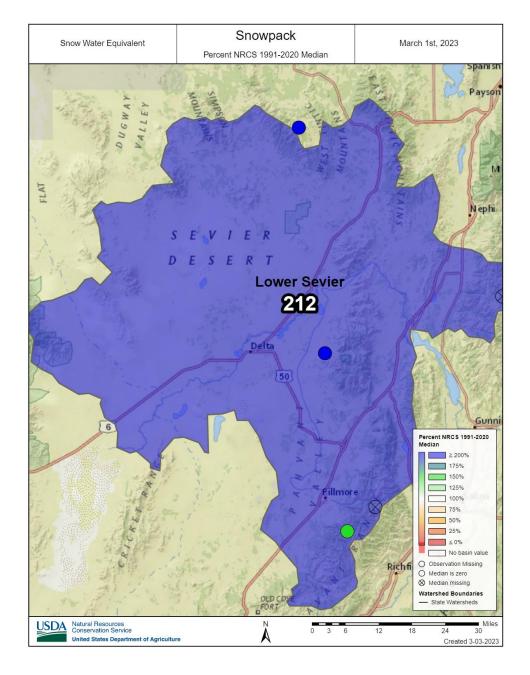


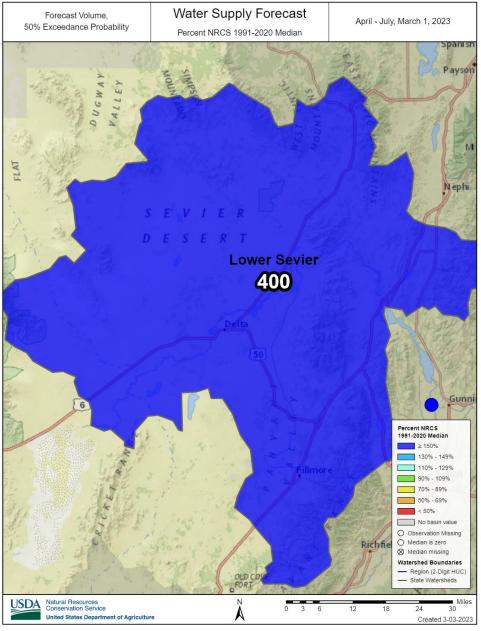




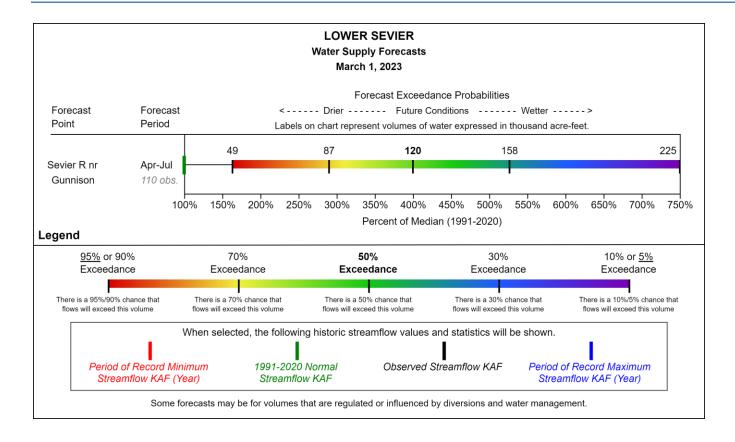
Snowpack in the Lower Sevier River Basin is well above normal at 212% of median, compared to 85% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was well above normal at 136%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 169% of median. Soil moisture is at 70% saturation compared to 46% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 20% of capacity, compared to 29% last year. Forecast streamflow volume (50% exceedence, April-July) for the Sevier River near Gunnison is 400% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentile is 36% for the Lower Sevier.



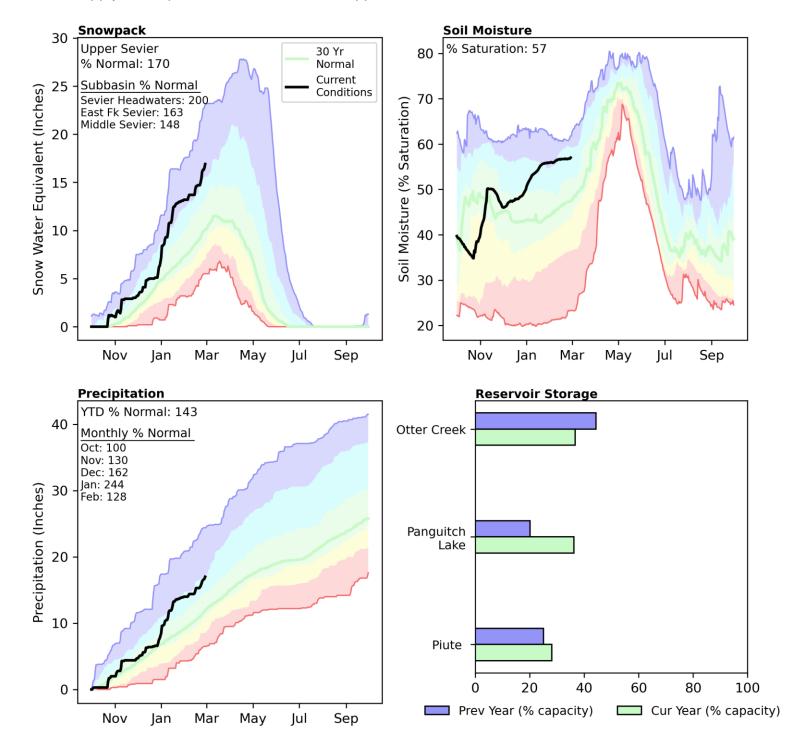


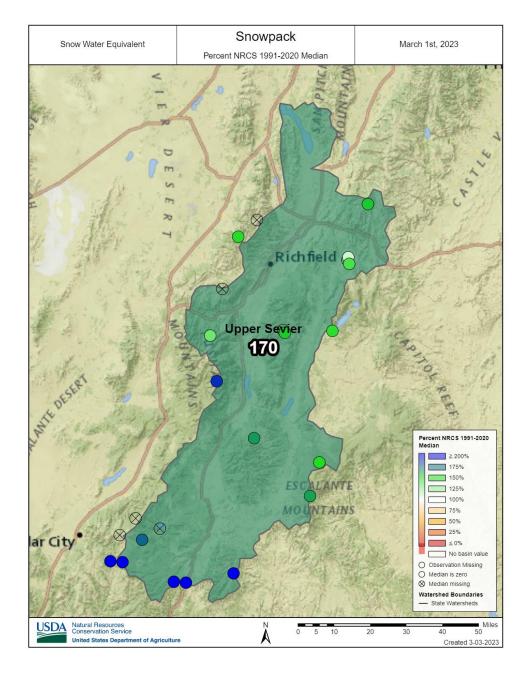


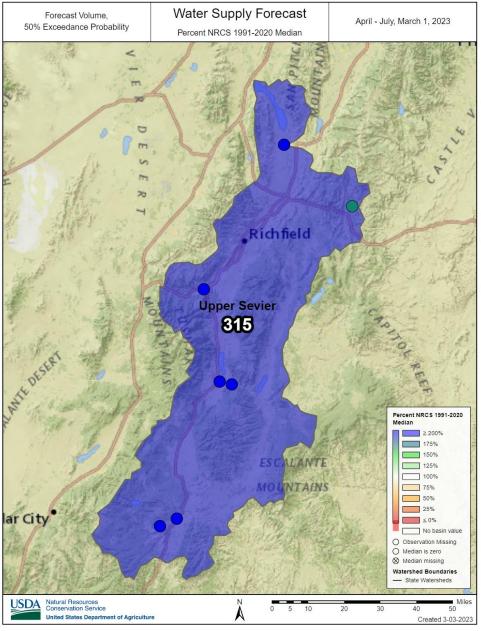
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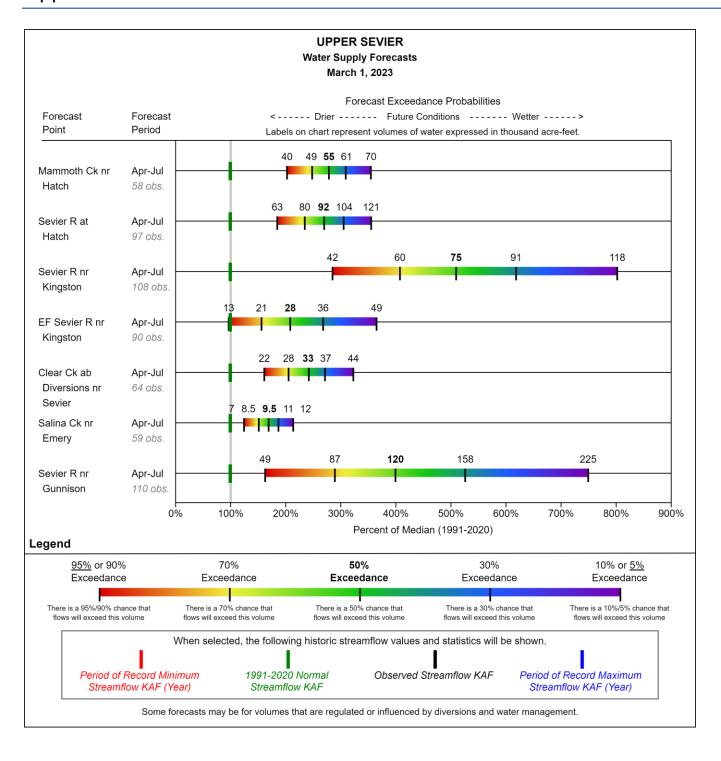


Snowpack in the Upper Sevier River Basin is well above normal at 170% of median, compared to 96% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was above normal at 128%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 143% of median. Soil moisture is at 57% saturation compared to 47% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 32% of capacity, compared to 31% last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 170% to 510% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentile is 61% for the Upper Sevier.

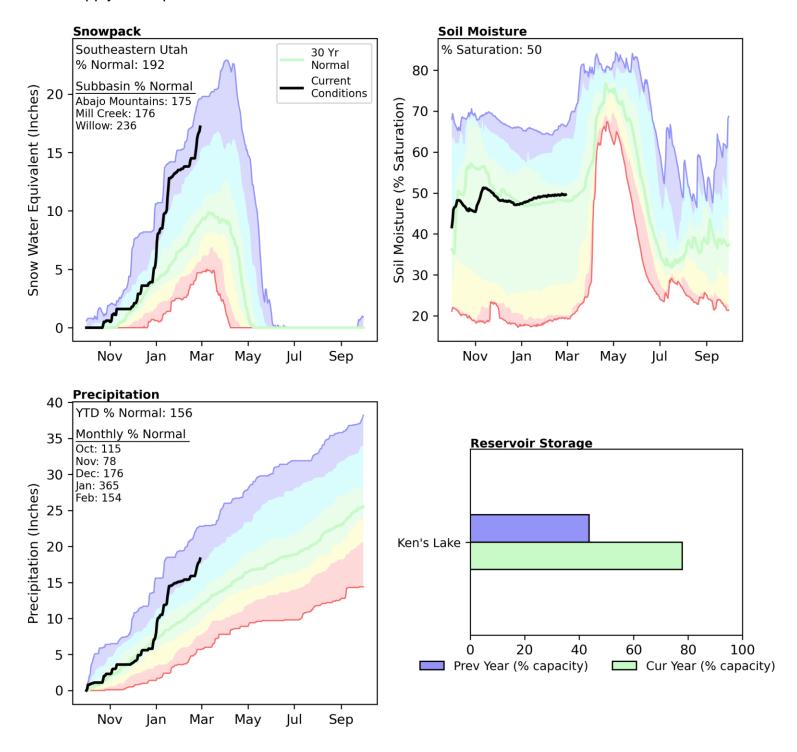


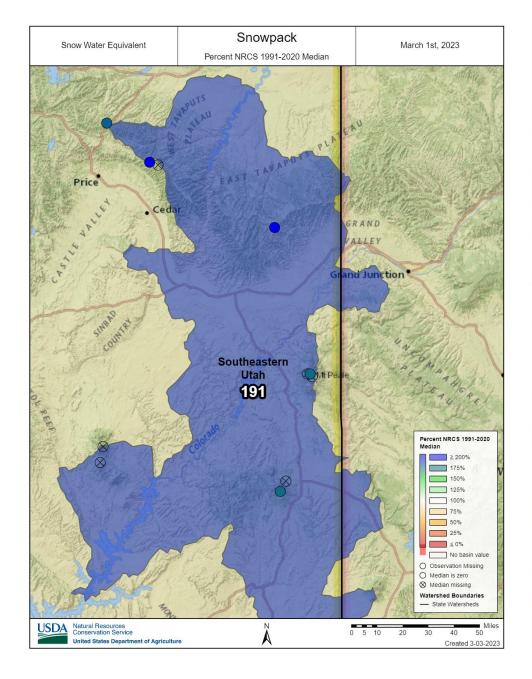


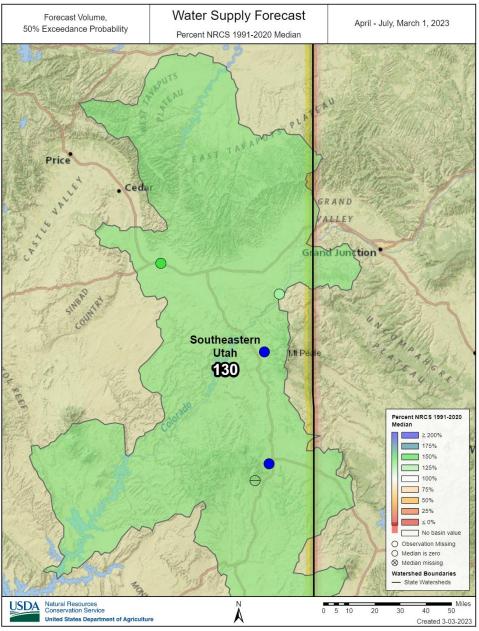




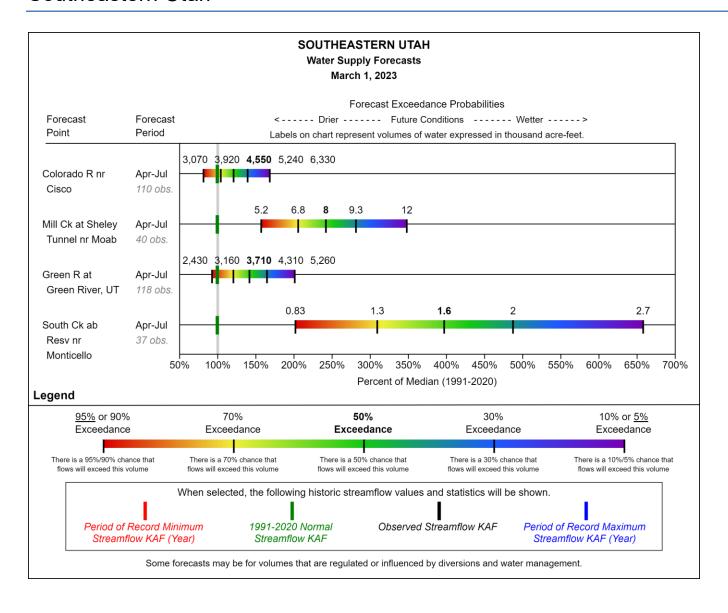
Snowpack in Southeastern Utah is well above normal at 192% of median, compared to 91% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was well above normal at 154%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 156% of median. Soil moisture is at 50% saturation compared to 51% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 77% of capacity, compared to 43% last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 121% to 398% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentile is 92% for Moab.



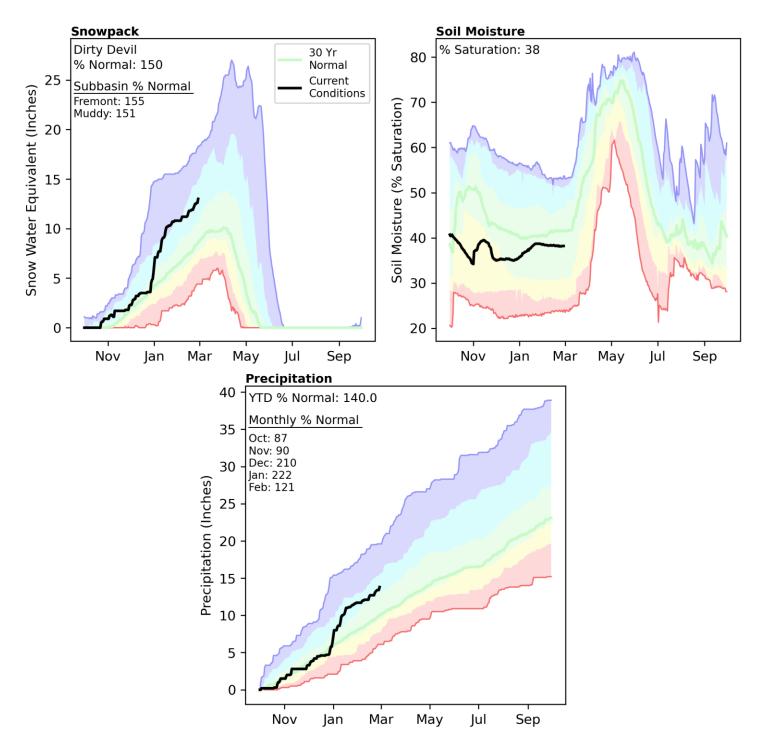


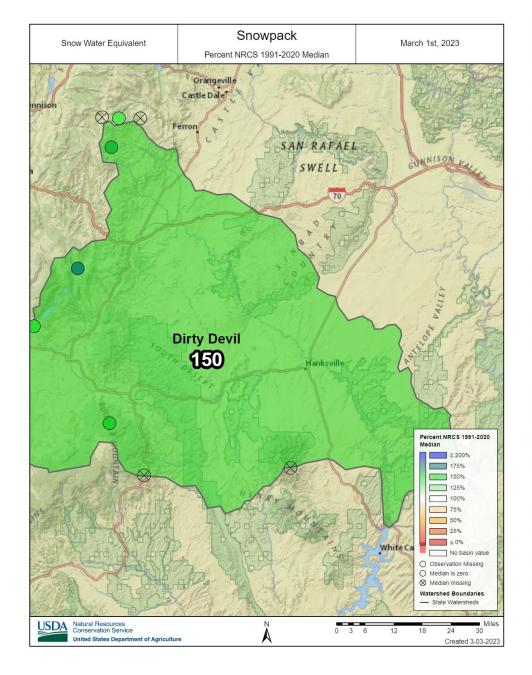


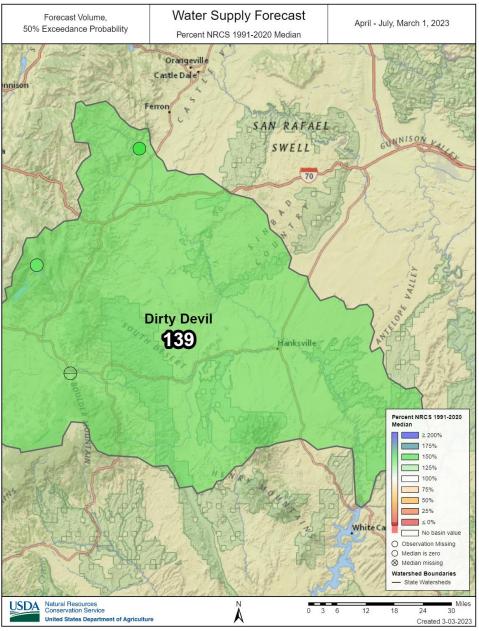
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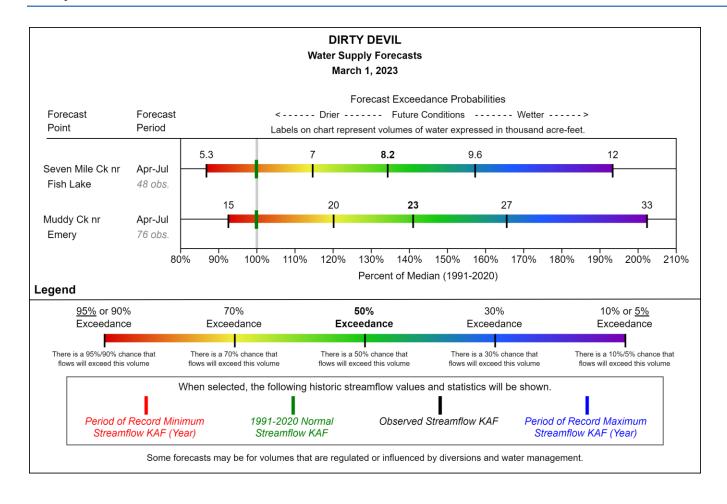


Snowpack in the Dirty Devil River Basin is well above normal at 150% of median, compared to 90% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was above normal at 121%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 140% of median. Soil moisture is at 38% saturation compared to 43% saturation last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 134% to 141% of normal.

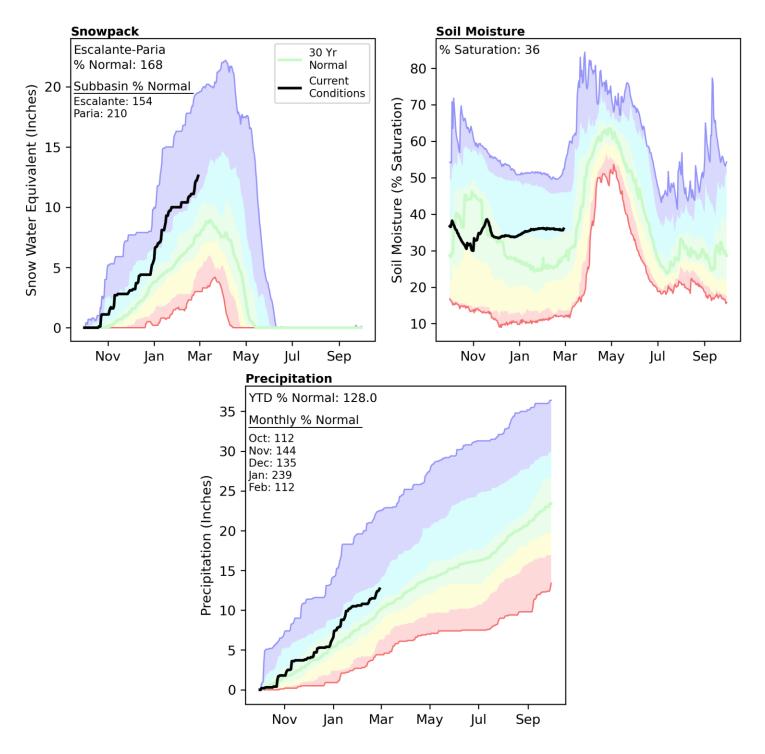


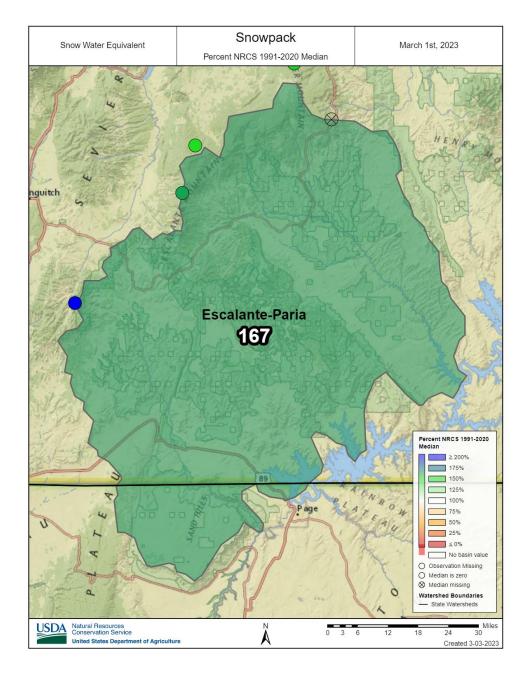


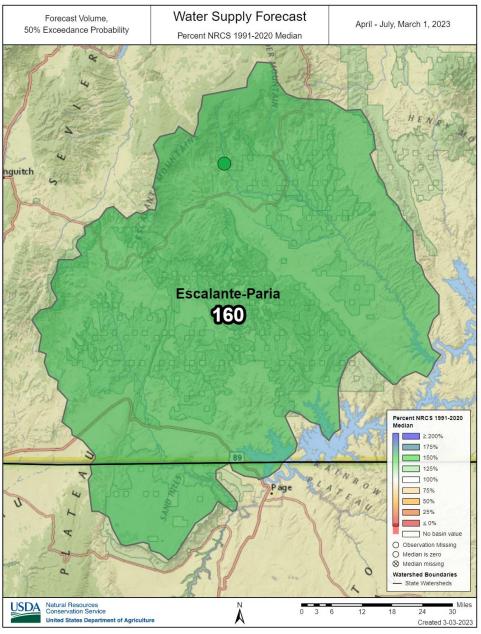




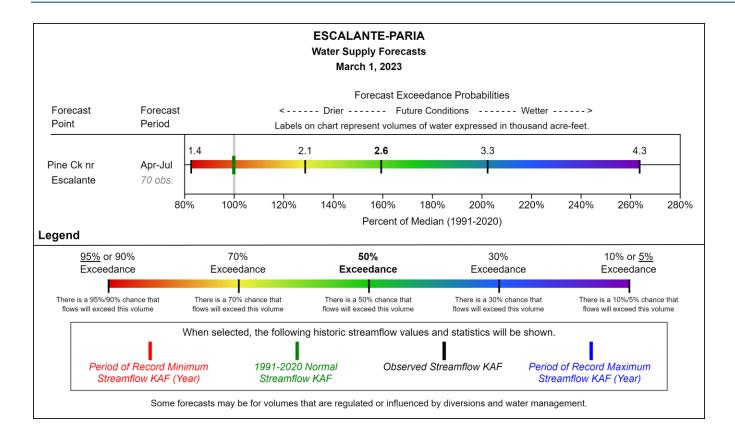
Snowpack in the Escalante and Paria River Basins is well above normal at 168% of median, compared to 91% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was above normal at 112%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 128% of median. Soil moisture is at 36% saturation compared to 28% saturation last year. The forecast streamflow volume (50% exceedence, April-July) for Pine Creek is 160% of normal.



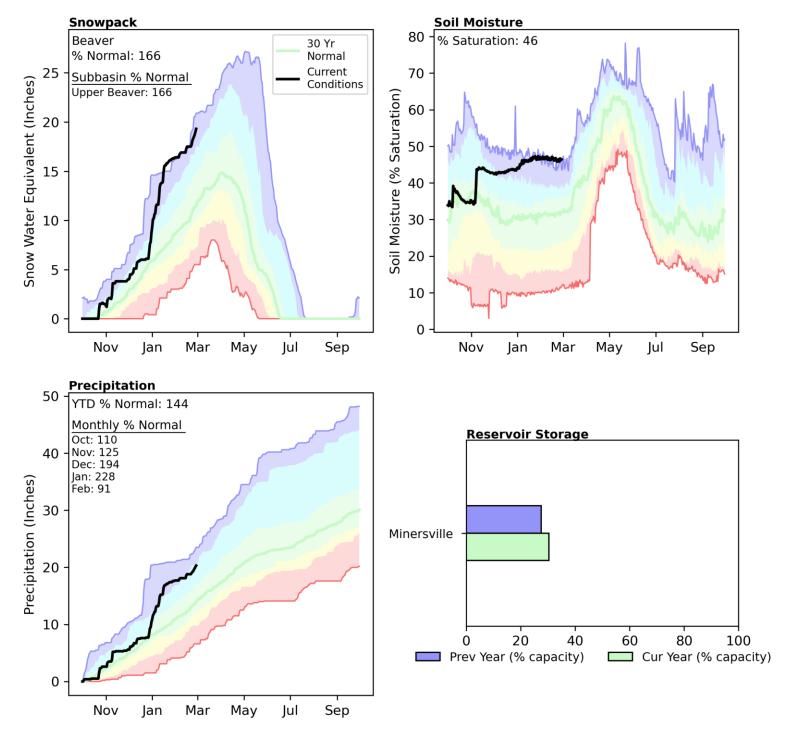


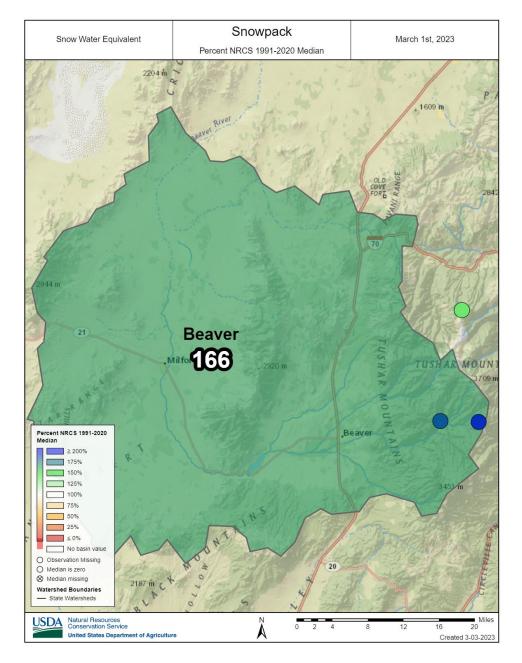


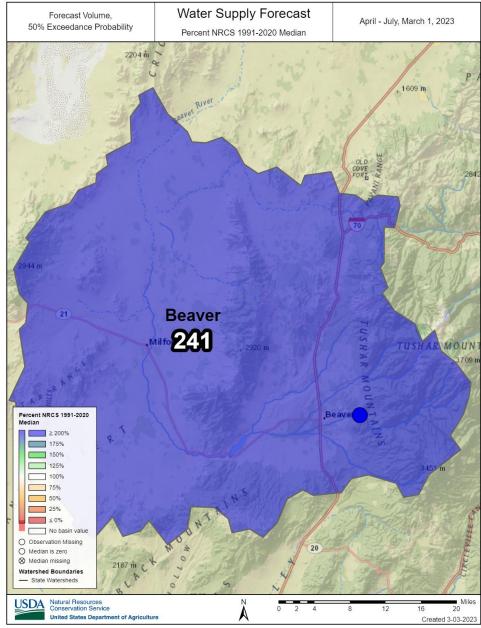
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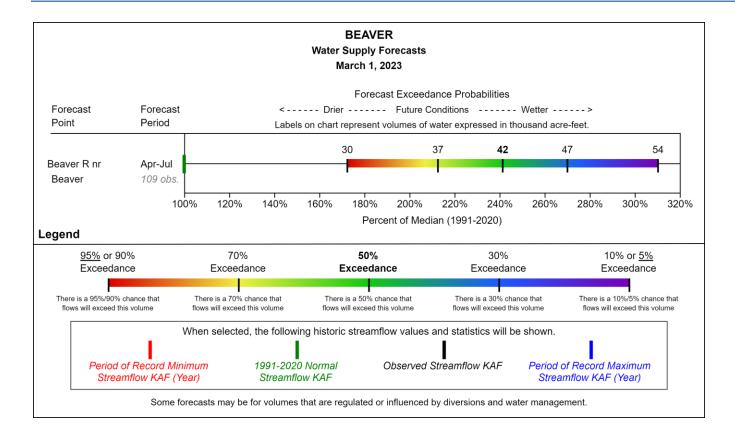


Snowpack in the Beaver River Basin is well above normal at 166% of median, compared to 113% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was about normal at 91%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 144% of median. Soil moisture is at 46% saturation compared to 38% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 30% of capacity, compared to 27% last year. The forecast streamflow volume (50% exceedence, April-July) for the Beaver River is 241% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentile is 75% for the Beaver River.

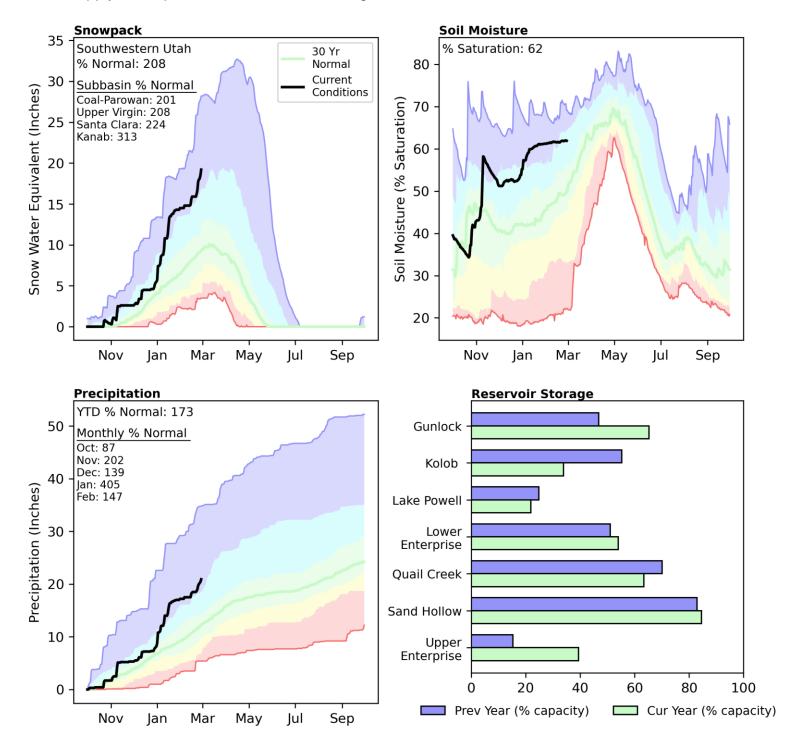


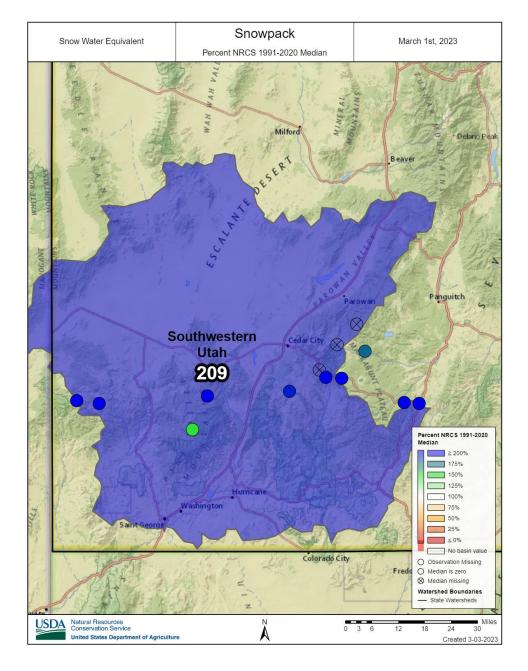


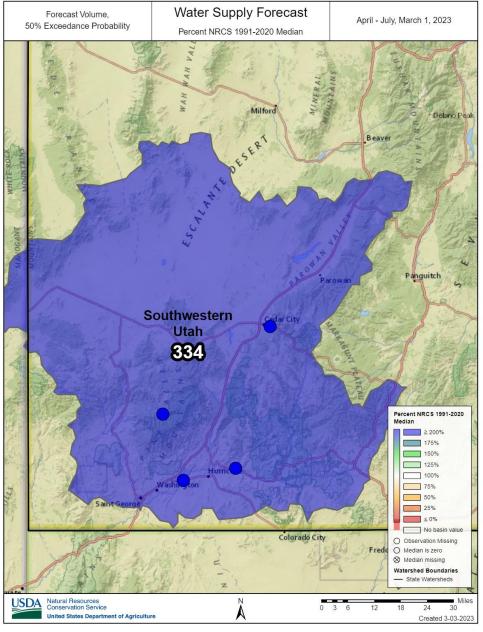




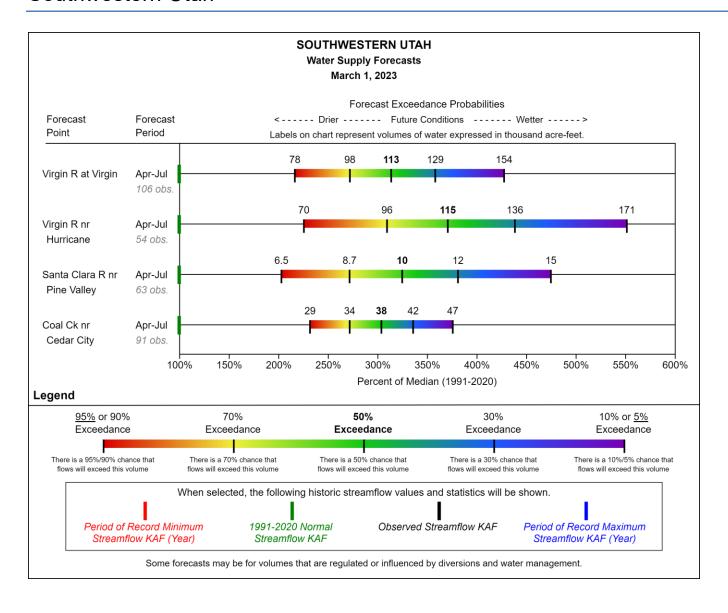
Snowpack in Southwestern Utah is well above normal at 208% of median, compared to 100% at this time last year. Precipitation in February was well above normal at 147%, which brings the seasonal accumulation (October-February) to 173% of median. Soil moisture is at 62% saturation compared to 52% saturation last year. Reservoir storage is 22% of capacity, compared to 25% last year. Forecast streamflow volumes (50% exceedence, April-July) range from 304% to 371% of normal. The Surface Water Supply Index percentile is 78% for the Virgin River.







Southwestern Utah



March 1, 2023 | Utah Reservoir Summary

Watershed/Region	Current Storage (Basinwide KAF)	Reservoir Capacity (Basinwide KAF)	Last Yr % Capacity (Basinwide)	This Yr % Capacity (Basinwide)
Utah (Statewide)	2825	5465	53	51
Utah (Statewide) Incl. Flaming G. & Lk. Powell	10602	33536	35	31
Bear	447	1389	42	32
Weber-Ogden	283	547	40	51
Northeastern Uintas	2500	3852	76	64
Tooele Valley	1	4	53	42
Duchesne	1024	1379	75	74
Provo	773	1334	59	57
San Pitch	0	20	0	4
Price	62	158	30	39
Upper Sevier	95	382	30	25
Southeast UT	1	2	43	77
Beaver	7	23	27	30
Southwest Utah	81	118	67	68

Red (green) shading indicates >5% decrease (increase) in % capacity from this time last year.

Reservoir	Current Storage (KAF)	Reservoir Capacity (KAF)	Last Yr % Capacity	This Yr % Capacity
Bear Lake	414	1302	42	31
Big Sand Wash Reservoir	24	25	83	95
Causey Reservoir	4	7	63	62
Cleveland Lake	3	5	2	61
Currant Creek Reservoir	14	15	95	95
Deer Creek Reservoir	90	149	80	60
East Canyon Reservoir	30	49	56	62
Echo Reservoir	50	73	35	68
Flaming Gorge Reservoir	2457	3749	77	65
Grantsville Reservoir	1	3	58	44
Gunlock	6	10	46	65
Gunnison Reservoir	0	20	0	4
Huntington North Reservoir	3	4	69	92
Hyrum Reservoir	9	15	79	63
Joes Valley Reservoir	30	61	35	48
Jordanelle Reservoir	185	314	48	58
Ken's Lake	1	2	43	77
Kolob Reservoir	1	5	55	33
Lake Powell	5319	24322	24	21
Lost Creek Reservoir	9	22	44	43
Lower Enterprise	1	2	51	54
Meeks Cabin Reservoir	10	32	35	31
Miller Flat Reservoir	1	5	30	26
Millsite	8	16	20	50
Minersville Reservoir	7	23	27	30
Moon Lake Reservoir	27	35	70	75
Otter Creek Reservoir	19	52	44	36
Panguitch Lake	8	22	20	36
Pineview Reservoir	43	110	26	39
Piute Reservoir	20	71	25	28
Porcupine Reservoir	7	11	47	70
Quail Creek	25	40	70	63
Red Fleet Reservoir	10	25	42	39
Rockport Reservoir	37	60	52	61
Sand Hollow Reservoir	42	50	82	84
Scofield Reservoir	15	65	28	24
Settlement Canyon Reservoir	0	1	34	37
Sevier Bridge Reservoir	48	236	29	20
Smith and Morehouse	4	8	57	54
Starvation Reservoir	136	164	85	83
Stateline Reservoir	6	12	47	53
Steinaker Reservoir	16	33	31	49
Strawberry Reservoir	813	1105	75	73
Upper Enterprise	3	10	15	39
Upper Stillwater Reservoir	8	32	26	25
Utah Lake	497	870	60	57
Willard Bay	102	215	41	47
Woodruff Creek	2	4	43	60
Woodruff Narrows Reservoir	13	57	22	23
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Streamflow Forecast Summary: March 1, 2023 (Medians based On 1991-2020 reference period)

		F			abilities For Ris ume will exceed		ent			
Raft	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)		
Dunn Ck nr Park Valley										
	APR-JUL	2.7	3.5	4	167%	4.5	5.3	2.4		

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	[Forecast Exceedance Probabilities For Risk Assessment Chance that actual volume will exceed forecast						
Bear	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)
Smiths Fk nr Border								
	APR-JUL	78	94	105	122%	115	131	86
	APR-SEP	91	109	121	121%	133	151	100
Logan R nr Logan								
	APR-JUL	120	138	150	165%	162	180	91
Big Ck nr Randolph								
	APR-JUL	2.9	4.9	6.2	194%	7.5	9.5	3.2
Blacksmith Fk nr Hyrum								
	APR-JUL	40	53	62	214%	71	84	29
Bear R bl Stewart Dam								
	MAR-JUL	111	168	215	171%	265	350	126
	MAR-SEP	112	174	225	162%	280	375	139
	APR-JUL	82	138	184	160%	235	325	115
	APR-SEP	84	144	194	159%	250	350	122
Little Bear at Paradise								
	APR-JUL	42	55	64	229%	73	86	28
Bear R ab Resv nr Woo	druff							
	APR-JUL	74	119	149	162%	179	225	92
	APR-SEP	80	128	160	162%	192	240	99
Bear R nr UT-WY State	Line							
	APR-JUL	101	122	136	135%	150	171	101
	APR-SEP	110	133	149	131%	165	188	114

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Weber-Ogden	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)	
Weber R nr Coalville									
Walan Dat Oata	APR-JUL	114	146	167	180%	188	220	93	
Weber R at Gateway	APR-JUL	280	375	435	212%	500	595	205	
Rockport Reservoir Inflo	W								
	APR-JUL	108	138	158	182%	178	210	87	
Pineview Reservoir Inflo	W								
	APR-JUL	113	151	176	223%	200	240	79	
Chalk Ck at Coalville				4.0	40=0/				
Last Ole Dasames's Inflam	APR-JUL	23	38	48	185%	58	73	26	
Lost Ck Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	14.2	18.3	21	221%	24	28	9.5	

SF Ogden R nr Huntsvi	lle							
	APR-JUL	66	78	87	212%	96	108	41
Weber R nr Oakley								
	APR-JUL	113	133	146	151%	160	180	97
Echo Reservoir Inflow								
	APR-JUL	136	179	210	175%	235	280	120
East Canyon Ck nr Jere	emy Ranch							
	APR-JUL	14.6	22	26	274%	31	38	9.5
East Canyon Ck nr Mor	gan							
	APR-JUL	27	36	42	233%	48	57	18

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Northeastern Uintas	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)	
Ashley Ck nr Vernal									
	APR-JUL	42	54	61	142%	69	80	43	
Flaming Gorge Resvr Lo	cal BI Fonten	elle ²							
Big Brush Ck ab Red Fle	eet Reservoir APR-JUL	18.7	24	27	137%	30	35	19.7	
Flaming Gorge Reservo	ir Inflow ²								
	APR-JUL	475	695	870	88%	1060	1380	990	
Blacks Fk nr Robertson									
	APR-JUL	64	82	95	104%	108	126	91	
Stateline Reservoir Inflo	w^2								
	APR-JUL	20	26	30	115%	35	42	26	

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Tooele Valley-Vernon Creek	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)		
Vernon Ck nr Vernon										
	APR-JUL	1.24	1.78	2.2	297%	2.7	3.4	0.74		
S Willow Ck nr Grantsvil	le									
	APR-JUL	4.1	4.9	5.4	216%	6	6.7	2.5		

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Duchesne	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)
Currant Ck Reservoir	Inflow ²							
	APR-JUL	19.6	26	30	252%	35	43	11.9
Lake Fk R bl Moon Lk	nr Mountain Ho	me ²						
	APR-JUL	57	69	78	137%	87	102	57
Duchesne R nr Randle	ett ²							
	APR-JUL	310	435	530	208%	635	810	255

Duchesne R nr Tabiona	2							
	APR-JUL	97	119	135	155%	152	179	87
Duchesne R at Myton ²								
	APR-JUL	275	375	450	209%	535	670	215
Duchesne R ab Knight [Diversion ²							
-	APR-JUL	179	215	245	151%	275	320	162
Uinta R bl Powerplant D	iversion nr Ned	ola						
	APR-JUL	59	81	97	152%	115	144	64
WF Duchesne R at VAT	Diversion ²							
	APR-JUL	19.5	24	27	186%	30	36	14.5
Yellowstone R nr Altona	ah							
	APR-JUL	51	65	75	134%	86	104	56
Strawberry R nr Soldier	Springs ²							
	APR-JUL	49	69	85	236%	103	131	36
Rock Ck nr Mountain Ho	ome ²							
	APR-JUL	82	98	110	141%	122	142	78
Whiterocks R nr Whitero	ocks							
	APR-JUL	44	58	69	160%	80	99	43
Upper Stillwater Reserv	oir Inflow ²							
	APR-JUL	65	81	93	137%	106	126	68
Strawberry R nr Duches	sne ²							
	APR-JUL	94	134	165	311%	199	255	53

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Provo-Utah Lake- Jordan	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)
Big Cottonwood Ck nr S	SLC							
	APR-JUL	37	45	50	172%	56	65	29
Mill Ck nr SLC								
	APR-JUL	5.7	7.6	9	209%	10.5	13.1	4.3
American Fk ab Upper	Powerplant							
• •	APR-JUL	32	40	45	234%	50	58	19.2
City Ck nr SLC								
,	APR-JUL	5.8	7.6	9	170%	10.5	12.8	5.3
Salt Ck at Nephi								
	APR-JUL	13	17.2	20	426%	23	27	4.7
Utah Lake Inflow								
Starr Larte Irmen	APR-JUL	80	240	420	231%	680	1220	182
Emigration Ck nr SLC	711 11 002	00	210	120	20170	000	1220	102
Emigration of the OLO	APR-JUL	2.7	4.2	5.4	235%	6.8	9.1	2.3
Parleys Ck nr SLC	AIROOL	2.1	7.2	5.4	20070	0.0	5.1	2.0
I alleys OK III OLO	APR-JUL	12.4	17.3	21	241%	25	32	8.7
Little Cottonwood Ck nr		12.4	17.5	21	24170	25	32	0.7
Little Cottonwood Ck III	APR-JUL	40	46	50	161%	54	61	31
Provo R bl Deer Ck Dar		40	40	30	10176	34	01	31
Plovo R bi Deel CR Dai	APR-JUL	129	158	177	157%	197	225	113
Provo R at Hailstone	APR-JUL	129	130	177	137 70	197	223	113
Provo R at Hallstone	ADD IIII	00	101	120	1660/	156	101	02
Drawa D at Was diam.	APR-JUL	98	121	138	166%	156	184	83
Provo R at Woodland	ADD IIII	00	447	400	4500/	4.4.4	400	0.5
Dall El an Ol O	APR-JUL	98	117	130	153%	144	166	85
Dell Fk nr SLC	4 D.D. 11 11		•	7.0	0000/	0.5	40.0	0.0
W 0 0' 0 '	APR-JUL	4.4	6	7.2	200%	8.5	10.6	3.6
W Canyon Ck nr Cedar		4.00	•	0.7	00.40/	0.4	4.0	0.05
0 1 5 10 10 1111	APR-JUL	1.06	2	2.7	284%	3.4	4.3	0.95
Spanish Fk at Castilla								
	APR-JUL	46	71	88	293%	105	130	30

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		Forecast Exceedance Probabilities For Risk Assessment Chance that actual volume will exceed forecast						
Lower Sevier	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)
Sevier R nr Gunnison	APR-JUL	49	87	120	400%	158	225	30

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		F	30yr Median (KAF)								
San Pitch	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)									
Manti Ck bl Dugway Ck nr Manti											
	APR-JUL	13.3	13.3 17.2 19.8 152% 22 26								

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Price-San Rafael	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)	
Joes Valley Reservoir Inflow ²									
	APR-JUL	49	61	69	157%	78	92	44	
Price R nr Scofield Res	ervoir ²								
	APR-JUL	50	61	70	269%	79	94	26	
Ferron Ck (Upper Station	on) nr Ferron								
	APR-JUL	33	40	45	141%	51	59	32	
Electric Lake Inflow ²									
	APR-JUL	15	18.5	21	253%	24	28	8.3	
Huntington Ck nr Huntir	ngton ²								
-	APR-JUL	44	54	62	172%	70	84	36	
White R bl Tabbyune C	reek								
	APR-JUL	14.8	20	24	333%	28	35	7.2	
Fish Ck ab Reservoir no	r Scofield								
	APR-JUL	36	44	50	253%	57	67	19.8	

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Upper Sevier	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)
Mammoth Ck nr Hatch	APR-JUL	40	49	55	279%	61	70	19.7
Sevier R nr Kingston	APR-JUL	42	60	75	510%	91	118	14.7

EF Sevier R nr Kingsto	n							
	APR-JUL	13	21	28	209%	36	49	13.4
Sevier R at Hatch								
	APR-JUL	63	80	92	271%	104	121	34
Clear Ck ab Diversions	nr Sevier							
	APR-JUL	22	28	33	243%	37	44	13.6
Salina Ck nr Emery								
	APR-JUL	7	8.5	9.5	170%	10.5	12	5.6
Sevier R nr Gunnison								
	APR-JUL	49	87	120	400%	158	225	30

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Southeastern Utah	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)		
Colorado R nr Cisco ²										
	APR-JUL	3070	3920	4550	121%	5240	6330	3750		
Green R at Green River	, UT ²									
	APR-JUL	2430	3160	3710	142%	4310	5260	2610		
Mill Ck at Sheley Tunne	l nr Moab									
	APR-JUL	5.2	6.8	8	242%	9.3	11.5	3.3		
South Ck ab Resv nr Mo	onticello									
	APR-JUL	0.83	1.27	1.63	398%	2	2.7	0.41		

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Dirty Devil	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)
Muddy Ck nr Emery								_
	APR-JUL	15.1	19.6	23	141%	27	33	16.3
Seven Mile Ck nr Fish	Lake							
	APR-JUL	5.3	7	8.2	134%	9.6	11.8	6.1

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	[Forecast Exceedance Probabilities For Risk Assessment Chance that actual volume will exceed forecast							
Beaver	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)	
Beaver R nr Beaver									
	APR-JUL	30	37	42	241%	47	54	17.4	

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Forecast Exceedance Probabilities For Risk Assessment Chance that actual volume will exceed forecast

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Southwestern Utah	Forecast Period	90% (KAF)	70% (KAF)	50% (KAF)	% Median	30% (KAF)	10% (KAF)	30yr Median (KAF)
Santa Clara R nr Pine V	'alley							
	APR-JUL	6.5	8.7	10.4	325%	12.2	15.2	3.2
Virgin R at Virgin								
	APR-JUL	78	98	113	314%	129	154	36
Coal Ck nr Cedar City								
•	APR-JUL	29	34	38	304%	42	47	12.5
Virgin R nr Hurricane								
	APR-JUL	70	96	115	371%	136	171	31

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Escalante-Paria	Forecast Period									
Pine Ck nr Escalante	APR-JUL	1.35	2.1	2.6	160%	3.3	4.3	1.63		

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		F	Forecast Exceedance Probabilities For Risk Assessment								
			Chance th	at actual vol	ume will exceed	d forecast					
State of Utah	Forecast	90%	70%	50%	% Median	30%	10%	30yr Median			
State of Staff	Period	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)	70 Median	(KAF)	(KAF)	(KAF)			
Green R at Green Rive	r, UT ²										
	APR-JUL	2430	3160	3710	142%	4310	5260	2610			
Smiths Fk nr Border											
	APR-JUL	78	94	105	122%	115	131	86			
	APR-SEP	91	109	121	121%	133	151	100			
Lake Fk R bl Moon Lk r	nr Mountain H	ome ²									
	APR-JUL	57	69	78	137%	87	102	57			
Sevier R nr Kingston											
_	APR-JUL	42	60	75	510%	91	118	14.7			
White R bl Tabbyune C	reek										
	APR-JUL	14.8	20	24	333%	28	35	7.2			
Seven Mile Ck nr Fish I	Lake										
	APR-JUL	5.3	7	8.2	134%	9.6	11.8	6.1			
Spanish Fk at Castilla											
	APR-JUL	46	71	88	293%	105	130	30			
Bear R bl Stewart Dam											
	MAR-JUL	111	168	215	171%	265	350	126			
	MAR-SEP	112	174	225	162%	280	375	139			
	APR-JUL	82	138	184	160%	235	325	115			
	APR-SEP	84	144	194	159%	250	350	122			
Weber R nr Oakley											
	APR-JUL	113	133	146	151%	160	180	97			
Provo R bl Deer Ck Da											
	APR-JUL	129	158	177	157%	197	225	113			
Weber R nr Coalville											
	APR-JUL	114	146	167	180%	188	220	93			
Uinta R bl Powerplant [
	APR-JUL	59	81	97	152%	115	144	64			
Emigration Ck nr SLC											
	APR-JUL	2.7	4.2	5.4	235%	6.8	9.1	2.3			

W Canyon Ck nr Cedar	Fort							
W Carryon Cit in Codar	APR-JUL	1.06	2	2.7	284%	3.4	4.3	0.95
Beaver R nr Beaver								
Currant Ck Reservoir Inf	APR-JUL	30	37	42	241%	47	54	17.4
Currant Ok Neservon III	APR-JUL	19.6	26	30	252%	35	43	11.9
Mill Ck nr SLC								
Drive Draw Coeffeld Deep	APR-JUL	5.7	7.6	9	209%	10.5	13.1	4.3
Price R nr Scofield Rese	ervoir APR-JUL	50	61	70	269%	79	94	26
S Willow Ck nr Grantsvi	lle							
Provo R at Woodland	APR-JUL	4.1	4.9	5.4	216%	6	6.7	2.5
FIOVO N at Woodiand	APR-JUL	98	117	130	153%	144	166	85
City Ck nr SLC				_				
ME Duchages Dat MAT	APR-JUL	5.8	7.6	9	170%	10.5	12.8	5.3
WF Duchesne R at VAT	APR-JUL	19.5	24	27	186%	30	36	14.5
Echo Reservoir Inflow								
Dinavian Dagamain lafta	APR-JUL	136	179	210	175%	235	280	120
Pineview Reservoir Inflo	w APR-JUL	113	151	176	223%	200	240	79
Rock Ck nr Mountain Ho								
	APR-JUL	82	98	110	141%	122	142	78
Electric Lake Inflow ²	APR-JUL	15	18.5	21	253%	24	28	8.3
Utah Lake Inflow	AI IX-JOL	13	10.5	21	20070	24	20	0.5
	APR-JUL	80	240	420	231%	680	1220	182
Parleys Ck nr SLC	APR-JUL	12.4	17.3	21	241%	25	32	8.7
Coal Ck nr Cedar City	AI IX-JOL	12.4	17.5	21	24170	23	32	0.7
	APR-JUL	29	34	38	304%	42	47	12.5
Whiterocks R nr Whitero	ocks APR-JUL	44	58	69	160%	80	99	43
Bear R nr UT-WY State		77	30	03	10070	00	33	43
	APR-JUL	101	122	136	135%	150	171	101
Courth Ole oh Doorena Ma	APR-SEP	110	133	149	131%	165	188	114
South Ck ab Resv nr Mo	APR-JUL	0.83	1.27	1.63	398%	2	2.7	0.41
Flaming Gorge Resvr Lo					000,0	_		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
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Virgin R nr Hurricane	APR-JUL	70	96	115	371%	136	171	31
Clear Ck ab Diversions		. 0	00		01.170	.00		0.
Dall Flare OLO	APR-JUL	22	28	33	243%	37	44	13.6
Dell Fk nr SLC	APR-JUL	4.4	6	7.2	200%	8.5	10.6	3.6
Blacks Fk nr Robertson								
American Flood Unner F	APR-JUL	64	82	95	104%	108	126	91
American Fk ab Upper F	APR-JUL	32	40	45	234%	50	58	19.2
Duchesne R nr Randlett		-						
	APR-JUL	310	435	530	208%	635	810	255
Duchesne R at Myton ²	APR-JUL	275	375	450	209%	535	670	215
EF Sevier R nr Kingston		213	373	430	20370	333	070	210
-	APR-JUL	13	21	28	209%	36	49	13.4
Ashley Ck nr Vernal	APR-JUL	42	54	61	142%	69	80	43
Virgin R at Virgin	71 17-10F	44	JH	Οī	1 4	Ua	00	43
	APR-JUL	78	98	113	314%	129	154	36
Sevier R at Hatch	APR-JUL	63	80	92	271%	104	121	34
	ALV-JOE	03	OU	34	∠/ I /0	104	141	34

Salt Ck at Nephi	ADD IIII	13	17.2	20	426%	23	27	4.7
Little Bear at Paradise	APR-JUL	13	17.2	20	420%	23	21	4.7
Big Ck nr Randolph	APR-JUL	42	55	64	229%	73	86	28
	APR-JUL	2.9	4.9	6.2	194%	7.5	9.5	3.2
Fish Ck ab Reservoir nr	Scofield APR-JUL	36	44	50	253%	57	67	19.8
Santa Clara R nr Pine Va	alley							
Weber R at Gateway	APR-JUL	6.5	8.7	10.4	325%	12.2	15.2	3.2
Mammoth Ck nr Hatch	APR-JUL	280	375	435	212%	500	595	205
	APR-JUL	40	49	55	279%	61	70	19.7
Pine Ck nr Escalante	APR-JUL	1.35	2.1	2.6	160%	3.3	4.3	1.63
Salina Ck nr Emery								
Dunn Ck nr Park Valley	APR-JUL	7	8.5	9.5	170%	10.5	12	5.6
·	APR-JUL	2.7	3.5	4	167%	4.5	5.3	2.4
Stateline Reservoir Inflo	w ⁻ APR-JUL	20	26	30	115%	35	42	26
Blacksmith Fk nr Hyrum	ADD IIII	40	5 0	CO	04.40/	74	0.4	20
East Canyon Ck nr Jerer	APR-JUL my Ranch	40	53	62	214%	71	84	29
Little Cottonwood Ck nr	APR-JUL	14.6	22	26	274%	31	38	9.5
	APR-JUL	40	46	50	161%	54	61	31
Muddy Ck nr Emery	APR-JUL	15.1	19.6	23	141%	27	33	16.3
Logan R nr Logan								
Ferron Ck (Upper Station	APR-JUL n) nr Ferron	120	138	150	165%	162	180	91
Duchagas Day Tabiana	APR-JUL	33	40	45	141%	51	59	32
Duchesne R nr Tabiona	APR-JUL	97	119	135	155%	152	179	87
Duchesne R ab Knight D		170	245	245	4540/	275	220	160
Lost Ck Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	179	215	245	151%	275	320	162
Colorado R nr Cisco ²	APR-JUL	14.2	18.3	21	221%	24	28	9.5
Colorado N III Cisco	APR-JUL	3070	3920	4550	121%	5240	6330	3750
Bear R ab Resv nr Wood		7.4	440	4.40	1000/	470	005	00
	APR-JUL APR-SEP	74	119	149	162% 162%	179	225	92
Provo R at Hailstone	APK-SEP	80	128	160	102%	192	240	99
	APR-JUL	98	121	138	166%	156	184	83
Strawberry R nr Duchesi		0.4	404	405	2440/	400	055	50
Manti Ck bl Dugway Ck ı	APR-JUL or Manti	94	134	165	311%	199	255	53
	APR-JUL	13.3	17.2	19.8	152%	22	26	13
Joes Valley Reservoir In	flow ² APR-JUL	49	61	69	157%	78	92	44
Big Cottonwood Ck nr Sl	LC							
Rockport Reservoir Inflo	APR-JUL w	37	45	50	172%	56	65	29
Pig Pruch Ck ob Bod Eld	APR-JUL	108	138	158	182%	178	210	87
Big Brush Ck ab Red Fle	APR-JUL	18.7	24	27	137%	30	35	19.7
Chalk Ck at Coalville	APR-JUL	23	38	48	185%	58	73	26
SF Ogden R nr Huntsvill	е							
	APR-JUL	66	78	87	212%	96	108	41

Strawberry R nr Soldier Springs ²							
APR-JUL	49	69	85	236%	103	131	36
Upper Stillwater Reservoir Inflow ²							
APR-JUL	65	81	93	137%	106	126	68
Huntington Ck nr Huntington ²							
APR-JUL	44	54	62	172%	70	84	36
Vernon Ck nr Vernon							
APR-JUL	1.24	1.78	2.2	297%	2.7	3.4	0.74
East Canyon Ck nr Morgan							
APR-JUL	27	36	42	233%	48	57	18
Mill Ck at Sheley Tunnel nr Moab							
APR-JUL	5.2	6.8	8	242%	9.3	11.5	3.3
Yellowstone R nr Altonah							
APR-JUL	51	65	75	134%	86	104	56
Sevier R nr Gunnison							
APR-JUL	49	87	120	400%	158	225	30
Flaming Gorge Reservoir Inflow ²							
APR-JUL	475	695	870	88%	1060	1380	990

 ^{90%} And 10% exceedance probabilities are actually 95% And 5%
 Forecasts are For unimpaired flows. Actual flow will be dependent On management of upstream reservoirs And diversions

Appendix A: Data used in SWSI Calculations

Watershed/	USGS Gauging	Reservoir(s)	Start Date
Region Bear	Station(s) Bear R nr Ut-Wy State Line	Bear Lake	1981
Woodruff Narrows	Bear R ab Resv nr Woodruff	Woodruff Narrows Reservoir	1986
Little Bear	Little Bear R at Paradise	Hyrum Reservoir	1993
Ogden	Pineview Reservoir Inflow	Pineview Reservoir, Causey Reservoir	1981
Weber	Weber R at Gateway	East Canyon Reservoir, Echo Reservoir, Lost Creek Reservoir, Rockport Reservoir, Smith And Morehouse Reservoir, Willard Bay	1981
Provo	Provo R at Woodland	Utah Lake, Deer Creek Reservoir, Jordanelle Reservoir	1995
Western Uintas	Yellowstone R nr Altonah	Starvation Reservoir, Moon Lake Reservoir, Upper Stillwater Reservoir	1981
Eastern Uintas	Big Brush Ck ab Red Fleet Reservoir, Ashley Ck nr Vernal, Whiterocks R nr Whiterocks	Red Fleet Reservoir, Steinaker Reservoir	1981
Blacks Fork	Blacks Fk nr Robertson	Meeks Cabin Reservoir	1984
Smiths Fork	East Fork Smiths Fork bl Stateline Res	Stateline Reservoir	1984
Price	Fish Ck ab Reservoir nr Scofield	Scofield Reservoir	1981
Joes Valley	Seely Ck bl Joes Valley Resv	Joes Valley Reservoir	1981
Ferron Creek	Ferron Ck Upper Station nr Ferron	Millsite	1981
Moab	Mill Ck at Sheley Tunnel nr Moab	Ken's Lake	1988
Upper Sevier	Sevier R nr Kingston, EF Sevier R nr Kingston	Piute Reservoir, Otter Creek Reservoir	1981
San Pitch	Manti Ck bl Dugway Ck nr Manti	Gunnison Reservoir	1981
Lower Sevier	Sevier R nr Gunnison	Sevier Bridge Reservoir	1981
Beaver River	Beaver R nr Beaver	Minersville Reservoir	1981
Virgin River	Virgin R at Virgin, Santa Clara R nr Pine Valley	Quail Creek, Gunlock	1993

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How forecasts are made

Most of the annual streamflow in the western United States originates as snowfall that has accumulated in the mountains during the winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Measurements of snow water equivalent at selected manual snowcourses and automated SNOTEL sites, along with precipitation, antecedent streamflow, and indices of the El Niño / Southern Oscillation are used in statistical and simulation models to prepare runoff forecasts. Unless otherwise specified, all forecasts are for flows that would occur naturally without any upstream influences.

Forecasts of any kind, of course, are not perfect. Streamflow forecast uncertainty arises from three primary sources: (1) uncertain knowledge of future weather conditions, (2) uncertainty in the forecasting procedure, and (3) errors in the data. The forecast, therefore, must be interpreted not as a single value but rather as a range of values with specific probabilities of occurrence. The middle of the range is expressed by the 50% exceedance probability forecast, for which there is a 50% chance that the actual flow will be above, and a 50% chance that the actual flow will be below, this value. To describe the expected range around this 50% value, four other forecasts are provided, two smaller values (90% and 70% exceedance probability) and two larger values (30%, and 10% exceedance probability). For example, there is a 90% chance that the actual flow will be more than the 90% exceedance probability forecast. The others can be interpreted similarly.

The wider the spread among these values, the more uncertain the forecast. As the season progresses, forecasts become more accurate, primarily because a greater portion of the future weather conditions become known; this is reflected by a narrowing of the range around the 50% exceedance probability forecast. Users should take this uncertainty into consideration when making operational decisions by selecting forecasts corresponding to the level of risk they are willing to assume about the amount of water to be expected. If users anticipate receiving a lesser supply of water, or if they wish to increase their chances of having an adequate supply of water for their operations, they may want to base their decisions on the 90% or 70% exceedance probability forecasts, or something in between. On the other hand, if users are concerned about receiving too much water (for example, threat of flooding), they may want to base their decisions on the 30% or 10% exceedance probability forecasts, or something in between. Regardless of the forecast value users choose for operations, they should be prepared to deal with either more or less water. (Users should remember that even if the 90% exceedance probability forecast is used, there is still a 10% chance of receiving less than this amount.) By using the exceedance probability information, users can easily determine the chances of receiving more or less water.

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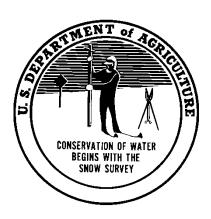
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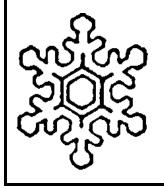
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