HUP Meeting
2021 Wrap Up
2022 Outlook

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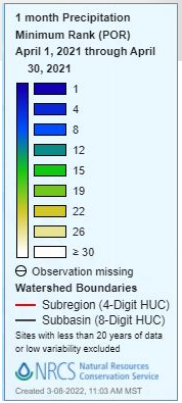
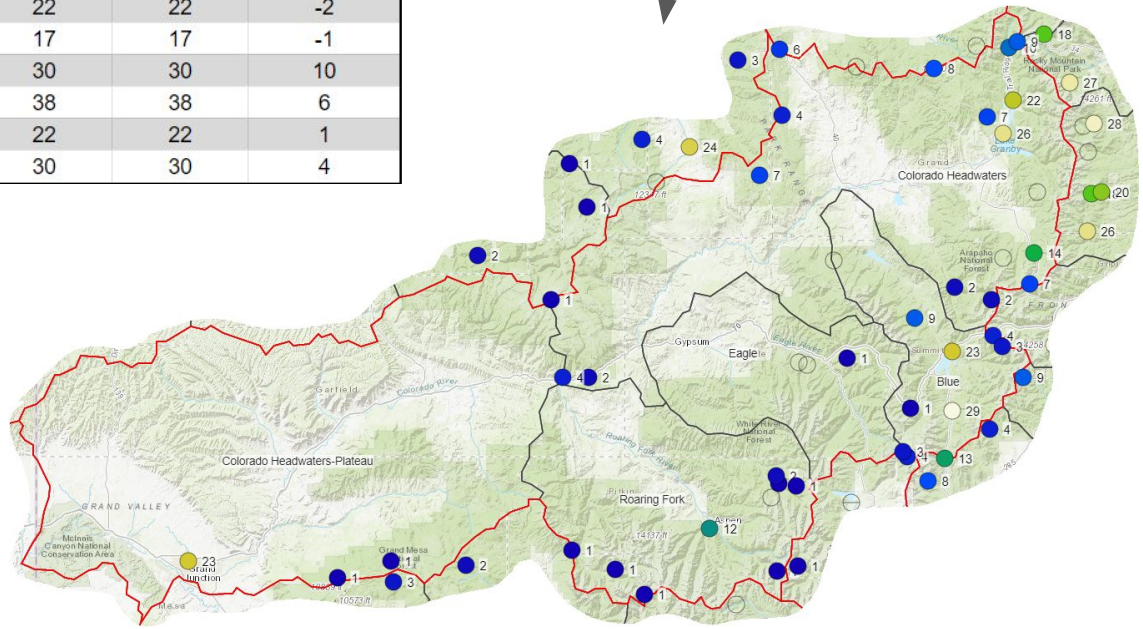
Upper Colorado River Mainstem/Headwaters Water Year 2021 Water Supply Review

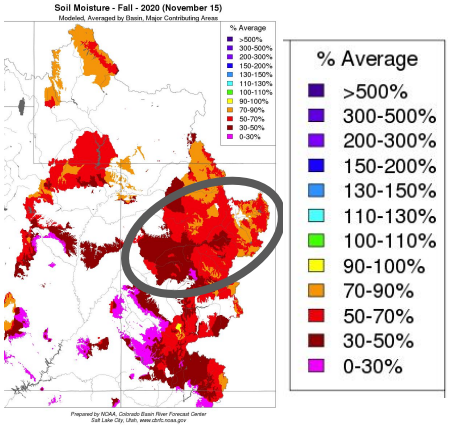
Location	April-July Observation (kaf)	1981-2020 Rank (1=Lowest)	CBRFC Water Supply Forecast Error (%)		
			Mar1	Apr1	May1
Granby	159	8	4	4	1
Willow Creek	32	12	-3	-6	0
Fraser	17	15	-12	-9	-15
Williams Fork	61	4	3	3	-5
Dillon	96	5	13	13	-8
Green Mountain	163	5	10	10	-8
Wolford	24	4	38	25	4
Kremmling	528	5	10	10	-2
Eagle-Gypsum	164	3	22	22	-2
Dotsero	775	5	17	17	-1
Ruedi	77	3	30	30	10
Roaring Fork-Glenwood	341	3	38	38	6
Colorado-Glenwood	1148	3	22	22	1
Cameo	1158	3	30	30	4

April 2021 precipitation was bottom 5 driest at many SNOTEL stations.

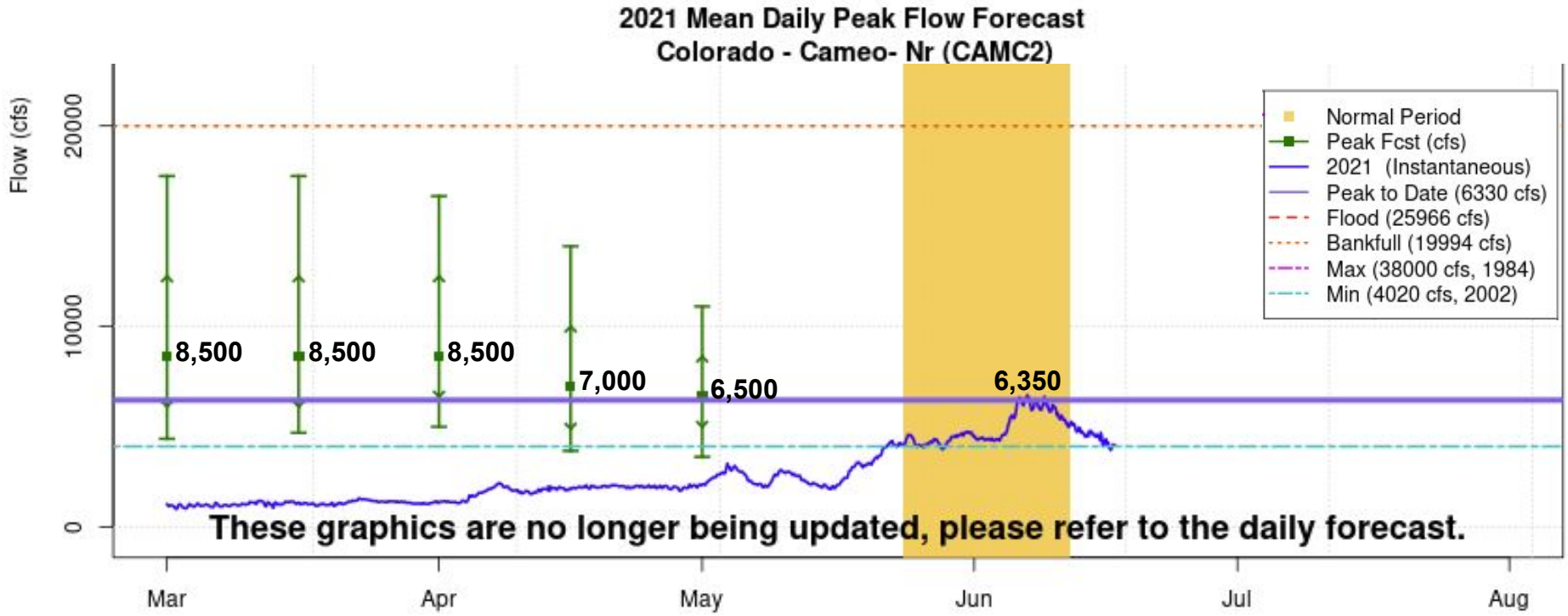




Near/record dry soil moisture conditions decreased early season runoff efficiency.



2021 Cameo Peak Flow Forecast Verification



Monsoon: July-September Precipitation

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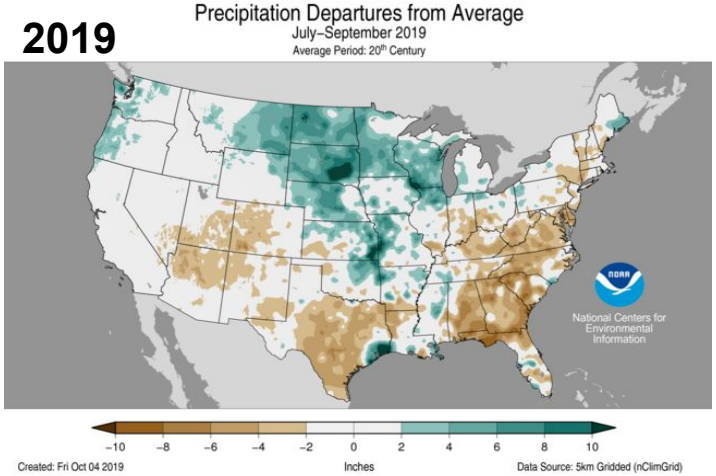

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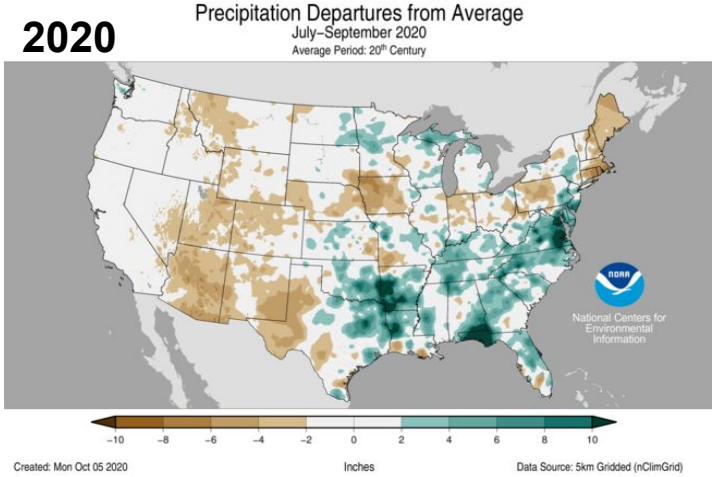
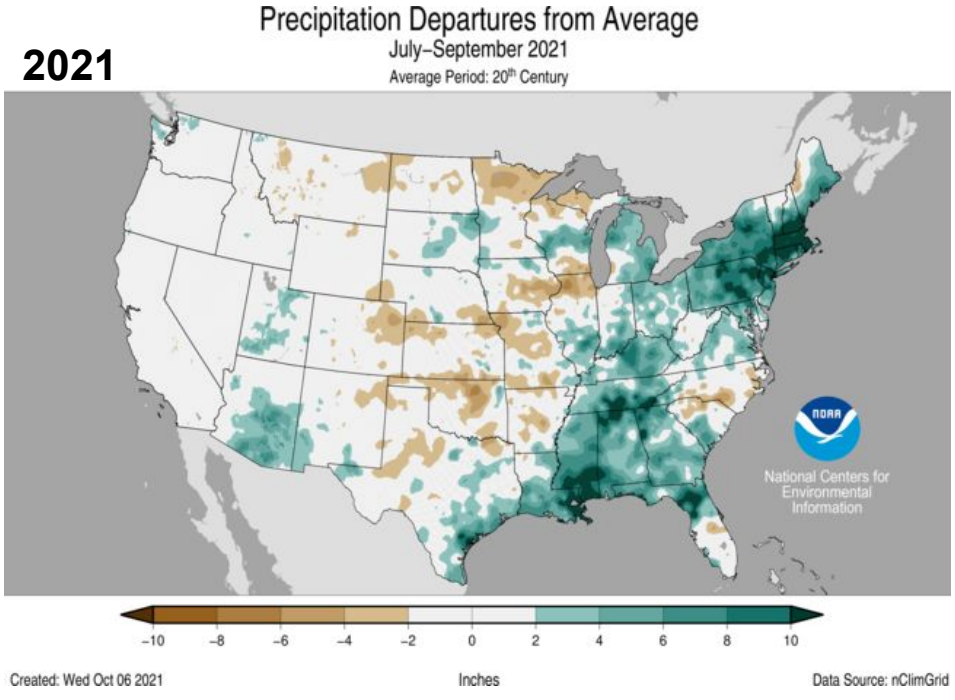


The 2021 monsoon season was much wetter than recent years.

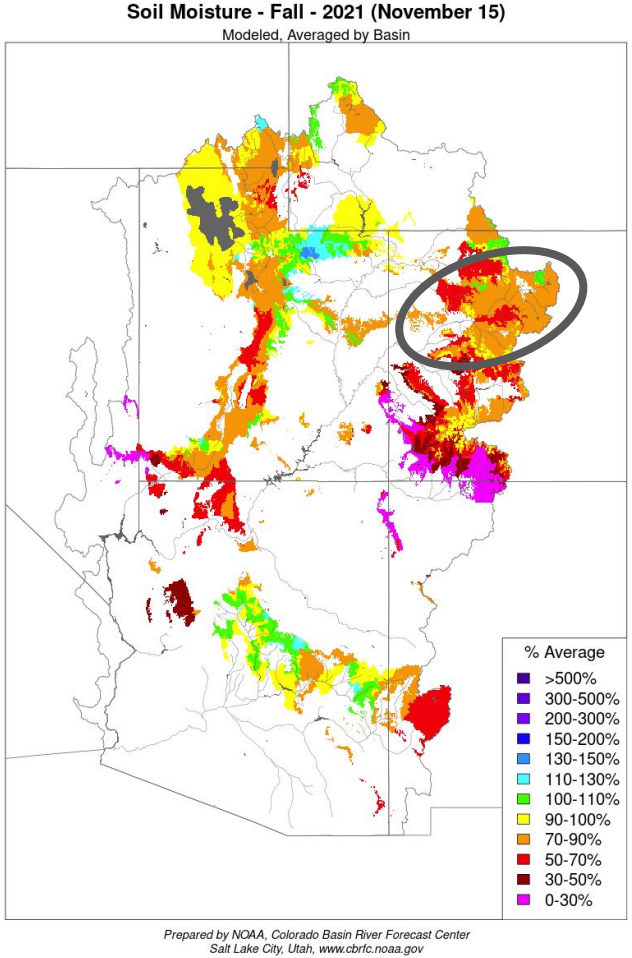
The precipitation eased irrigation demand and benefited important fish reaches across the region.

There were numerous rainfall events around the Cameo/Palisade area.

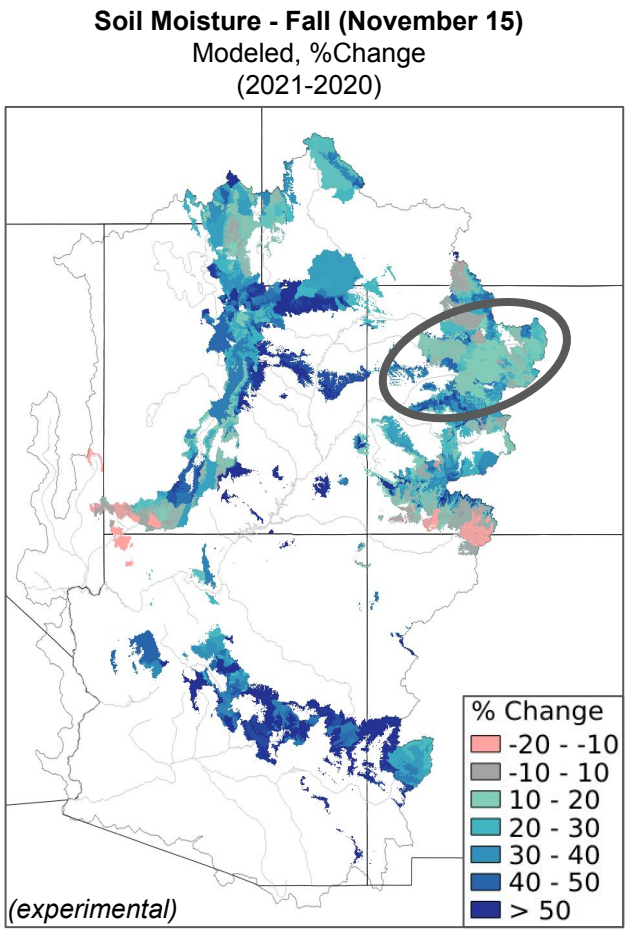
2021



Fall Model Soil Moisture Conditions: 2020 vs. 2021



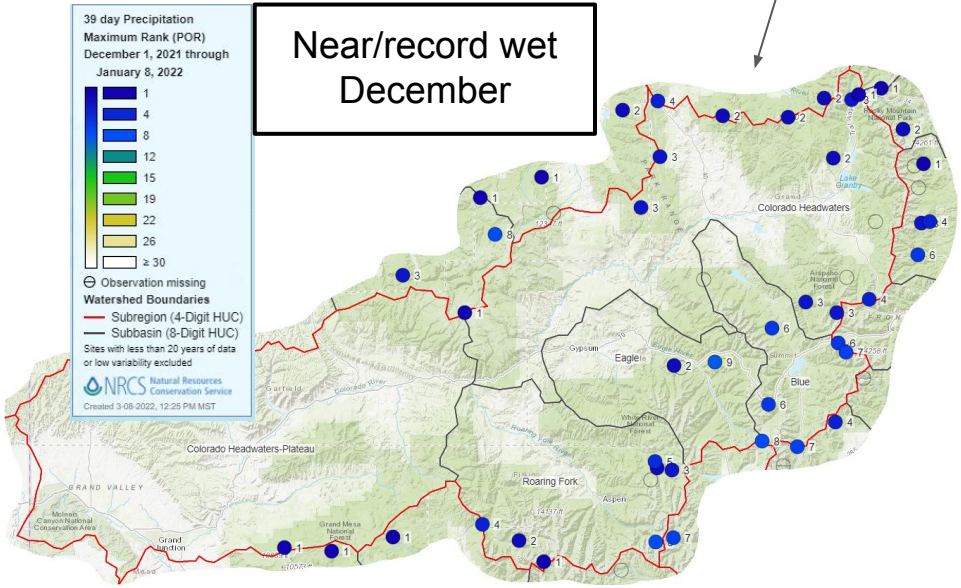
CBRFC model soil moisture conditions are improved from their record/near record dry levels a year ago but remain below to well below normal across many of the major runoff producing areas, notably western Colorado.



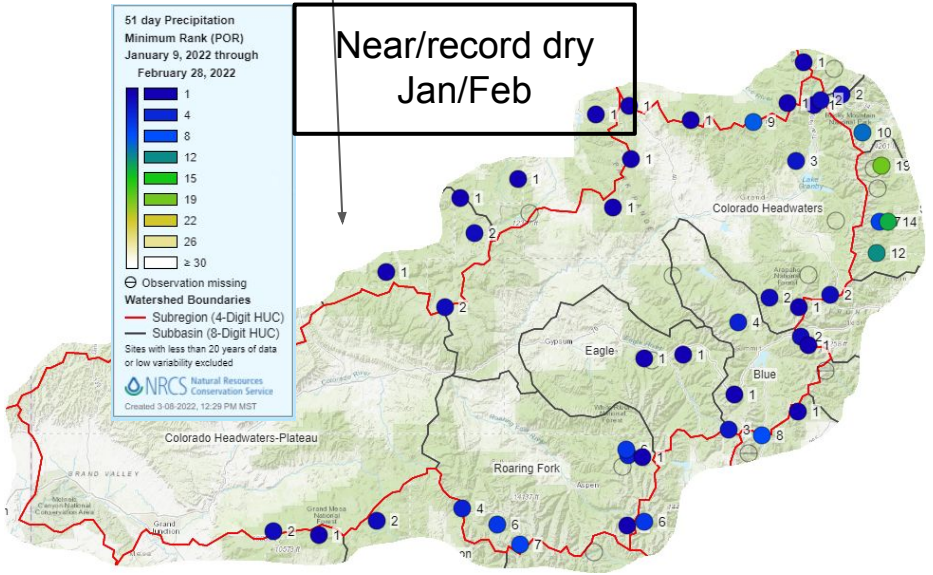
Upper Colorado Mainstem/Headwaters: Water Year 2022 Precipitation Summary

Basin	Water Year 2022 Monthly Precipitation (%Average)					WY (%Avg)
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Oct-Feb
CO Headwaters (No Blue)	92	68	144	101	61	93
Blue	112	79	142	94	59	98
Eagle	110	71	170	78	63	98
Roaring Fork	99	65	231	52	75	104
Entire Basin Above Cameo	103	66	186	75	65	99

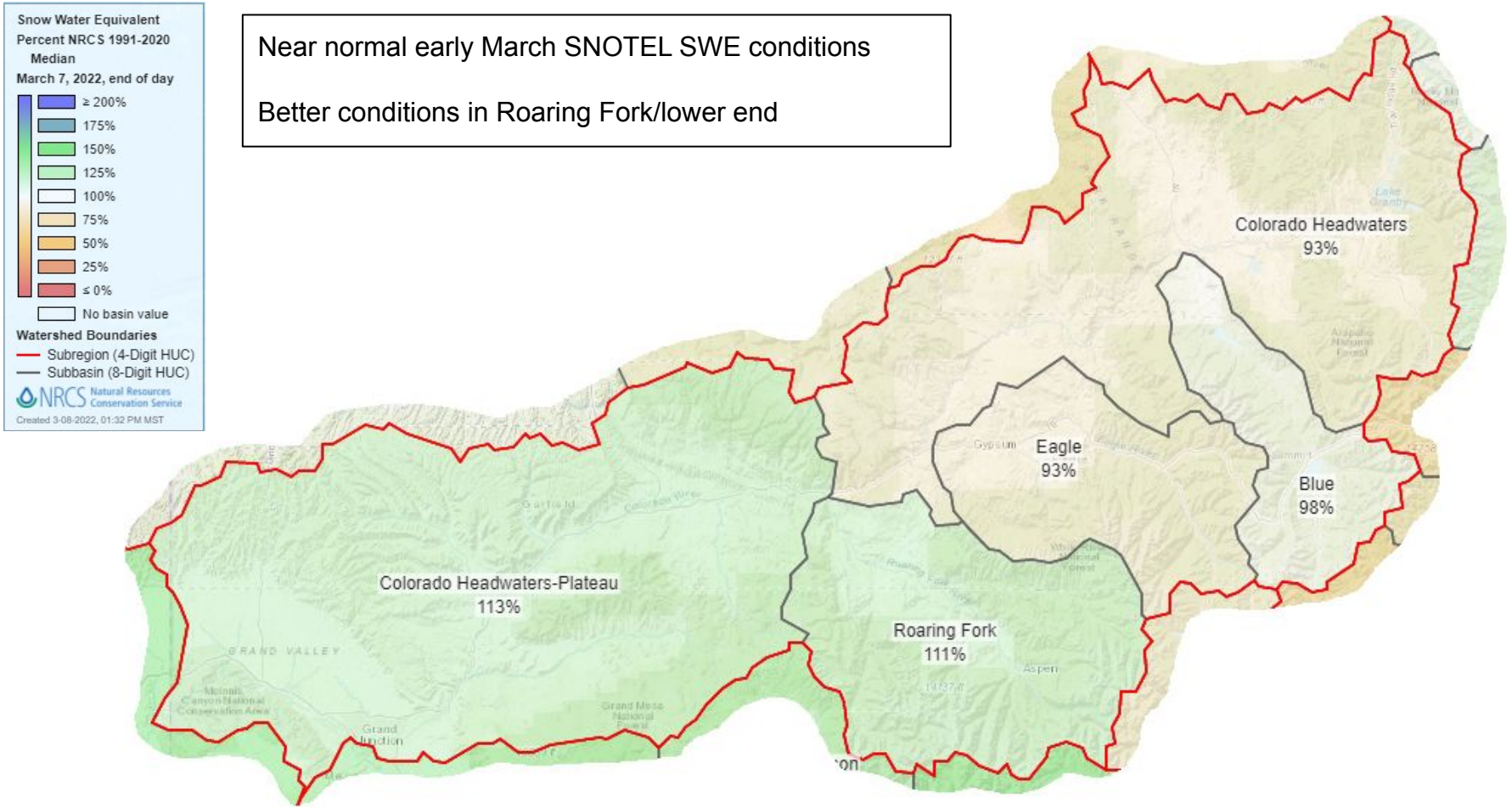
Near/record wet December



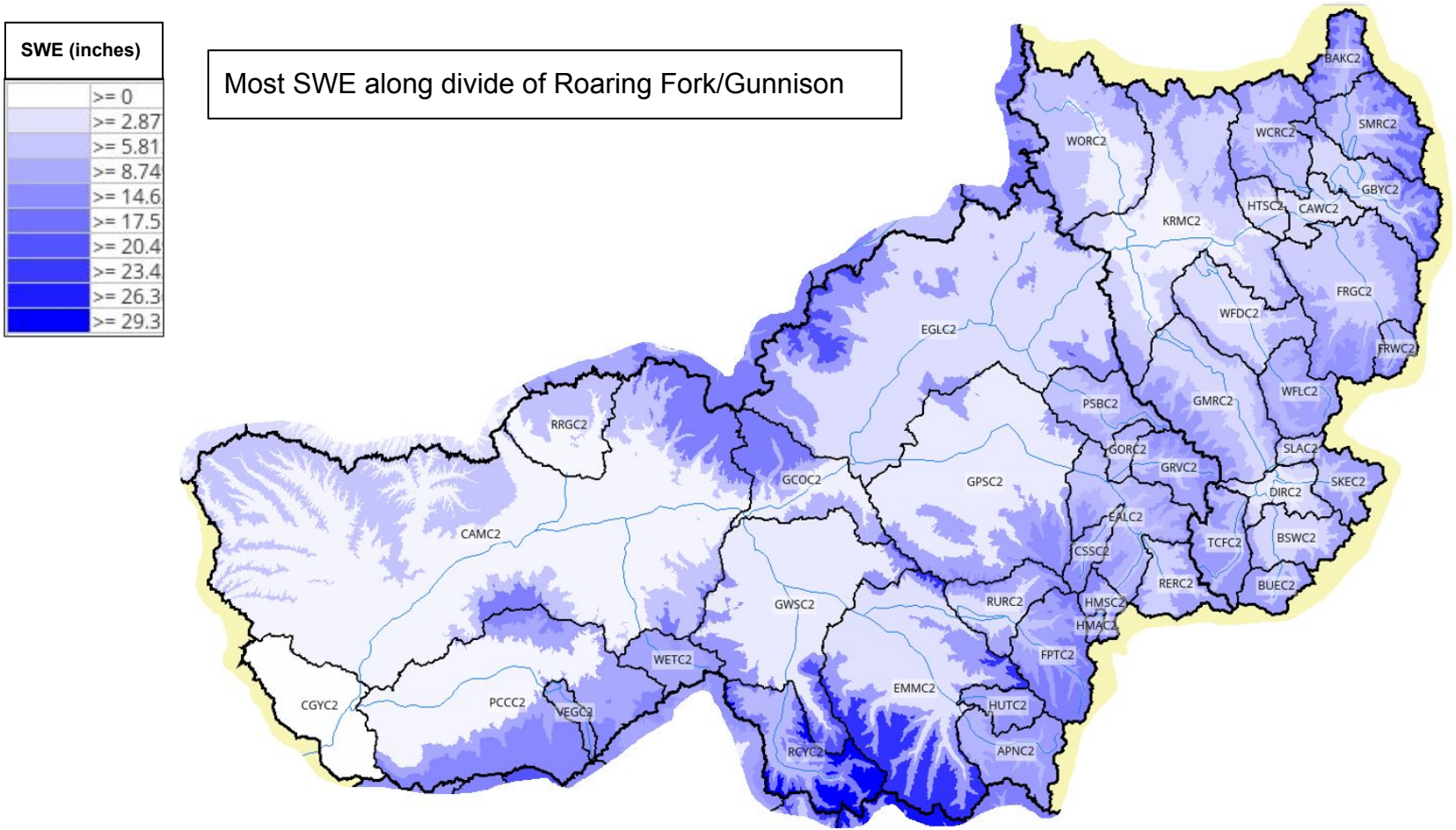
Near/record dry Jan/Feb



March 8 NRCS SNOTEL SWE Conditions (%Normal)



March 8 CBRFC Model SWE Conditions

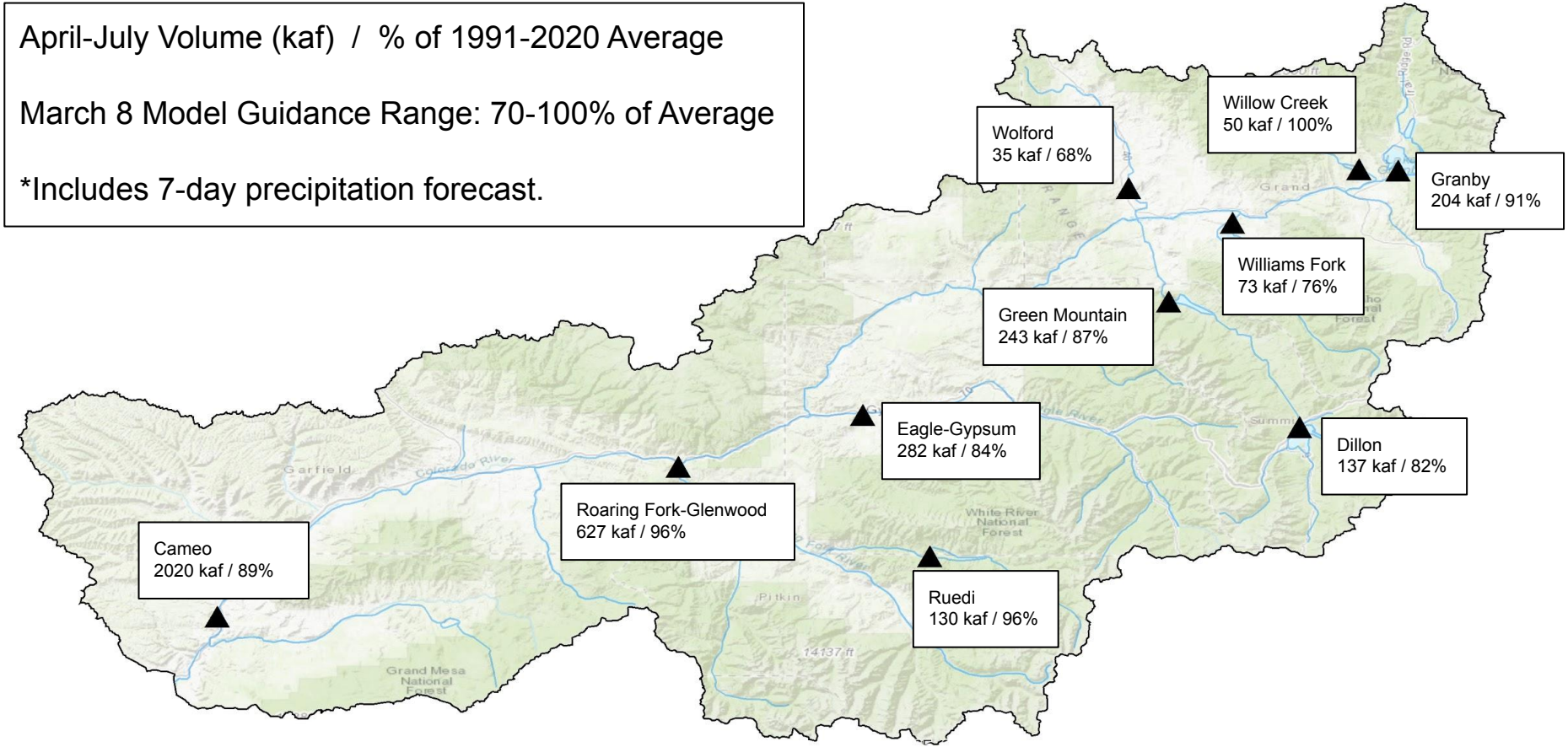


March 8 CBRFC Water Supply Guidance

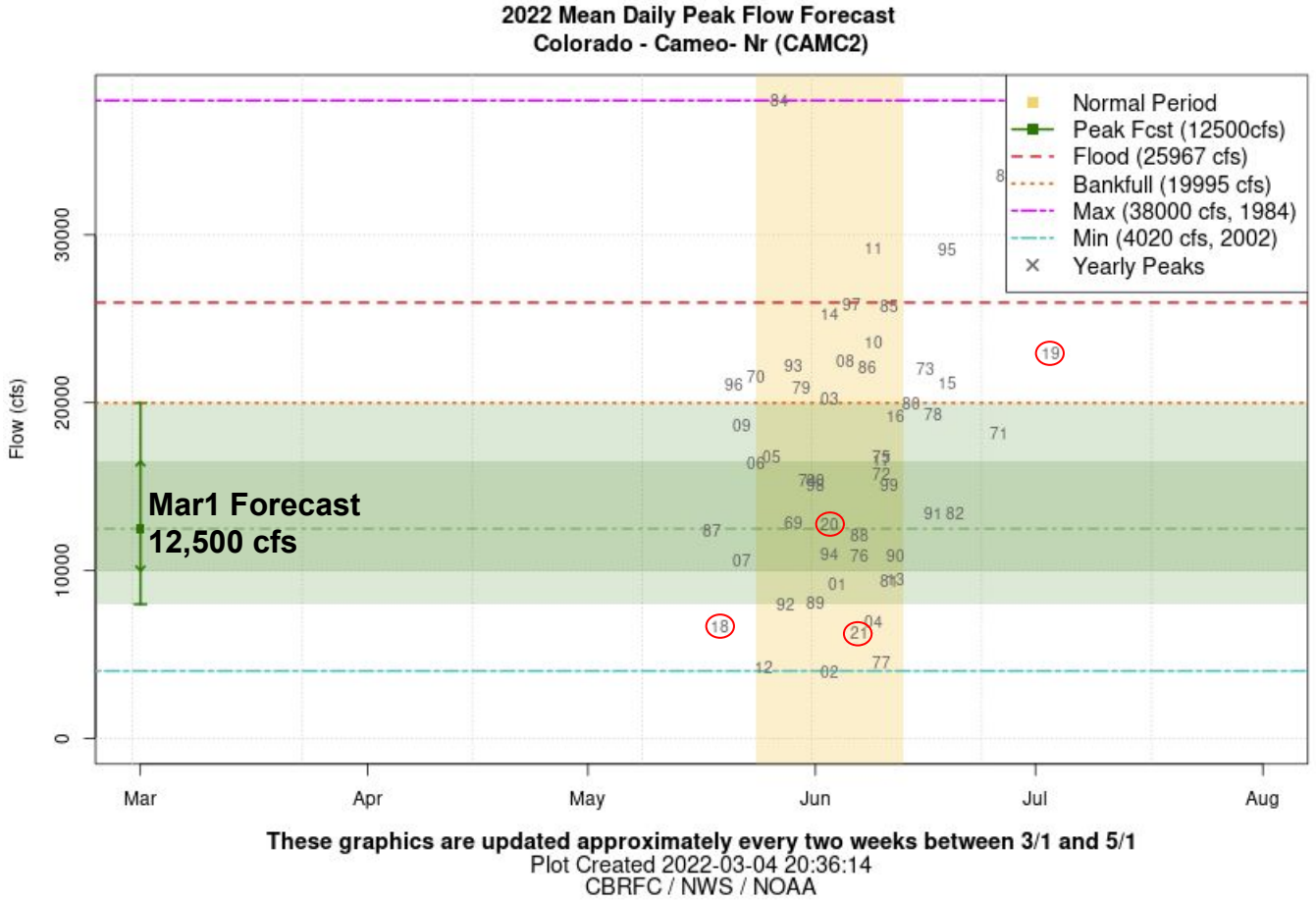
April-July Volume (kaf) / % of 1991-2020 Average

March 8 Model Guidance Range: 70-100% of Average

*Includes 7-day precipitation forecast.



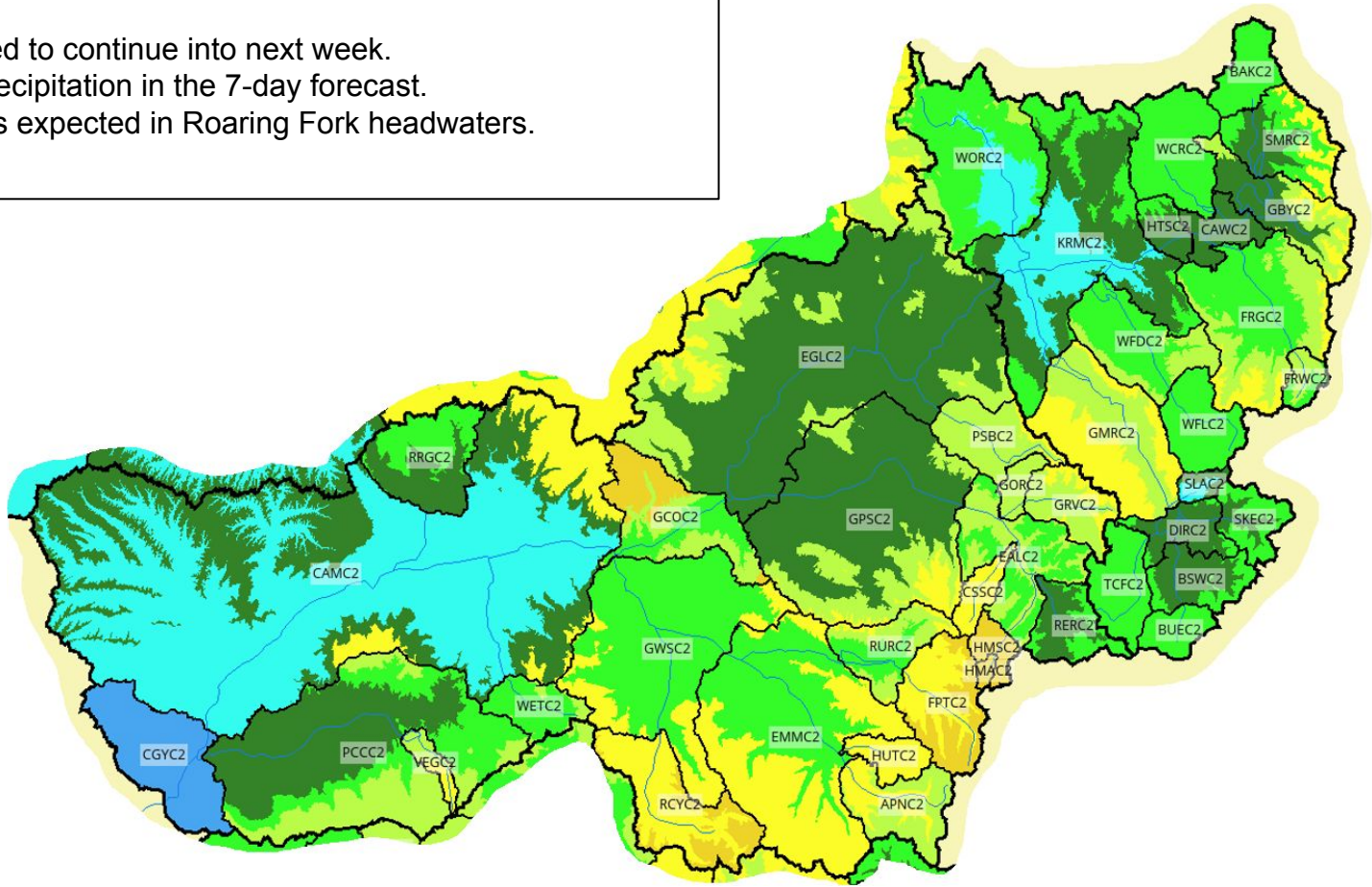
2022 Cameo Peak Flow Forecast



7-Day Forecast Precipitation Amounts and Weather Outlook

- Active weather expected to continue into next week.
- Up to 0.75 inches of precipitation in the 7-day forecast.
    - Highest amounts expected in Roaring Fork headwaters.

Precipitation (inches)
Zero
Trace
0.01 to 0.1
0.1 to 0.2
0.2 to 0.3
0.3 to 0.4
0.4 to 0.5
0.5 to 0.75
0.75 to 1
1 to 1.25
1.25 to 1.5
1.5 to 1.75
1.75 to 2
2 to 2.5
2.5 to 3
Above 3 Inches



March 8, 2022 Hydrologic Conditions Summary

- A wet monsoon season helped soil moisture conditions, which are improved from a year ago but soil moisture deficits are still out there, notably across much of western Colorado

- Snow conditions: 90-110% of normal

- April-July Water Supply Forecast Volumes: 70-100% of normal

- Cameo/CROS Peak Flow Forecast
  - 12,500 CFS (76% of 1991-2020 peak flow normal)
  - Higher peak flows expected compared to peak flows last year

- Weather Forecast
  - Active weather expected to continue into next week
  - Up to 0.75 inches of precipitation in the 7-day forecast
    - Highest amounts expected along the Roaring Fork/Gunnison divide

- Questions?
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