

Bear River Basin
Advisory Group Meeting
May 22, 2014

**Water Resources Data System
(WRDS)
Services & Products**

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Water Resources Data System

Water Resources Data System (WRDS)



- 💧 Who we are
- 💧 What we do
- 💧 Existing Product Updates

WHO is WRDS?

- Serves as the technical services/advisory branch of the Wyoming Water Development Office (WWDO).
- Funded by the WWDC and housed within the Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering at the University of Wyoming.
- The Wyoming State Climate Office (SCO) and Wyoming Water Library are branches of WRDS, and together serving as a primary clearinghouse of hydrological and climatological data for the State of Wyoming.
- Provides a variety of services ranging from the development of enhanced drought-monitoring products (in association with NIDIS) to the online dissemination of water resources publications.
- Supports a variety of stakeholder groups by assisting in the development of the State Water Plan and helping to coordinate long-term monitoring efforts throughout the region.



Water Resources Data System

Goals:

- Compile key resources from multiple providers in a central location
- Archive and distribute unique datasets
- Independent broker of credible water and climate data

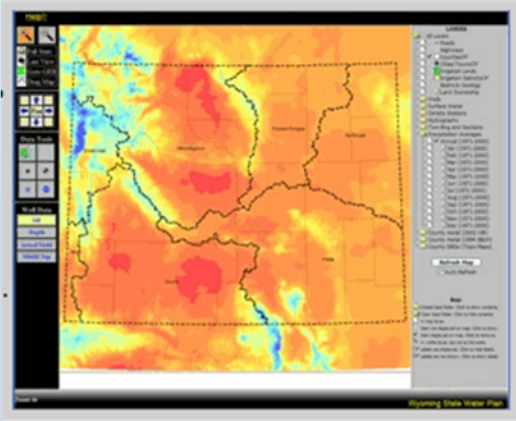
Services:

- Fill >300 requests for water and climate data annually
- Data related to “real world” applications in the state
- Provide datasets that are not easily accessed via the web, or on problems that require specialized analysis or expertise



Examples of What WRDS DOES:

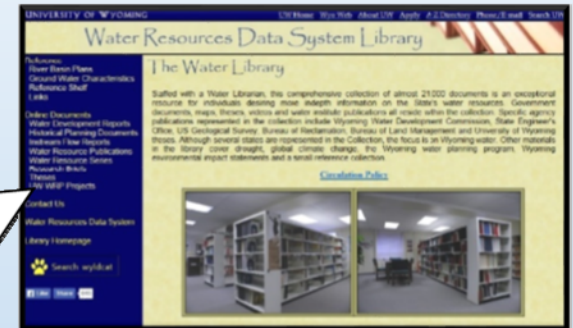
GIS Web Mapping
(SCO)



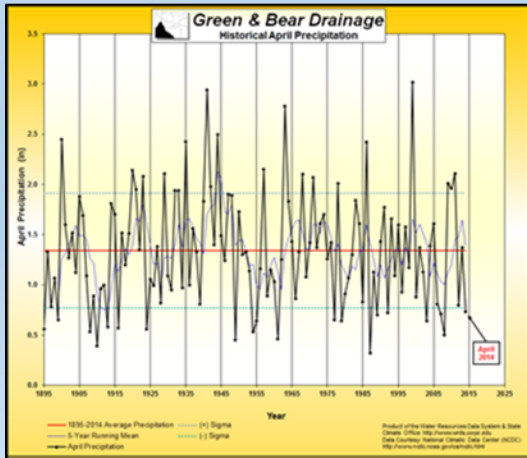
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WY Water Library



State Climate Office
(SCO) Products




State Water Plan & WWDC
Publications and Products

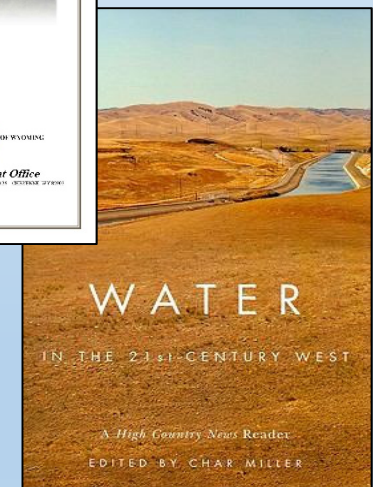
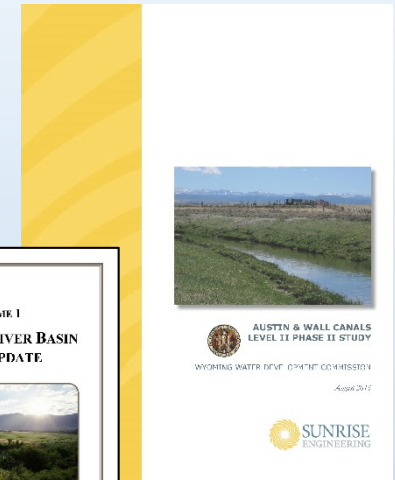
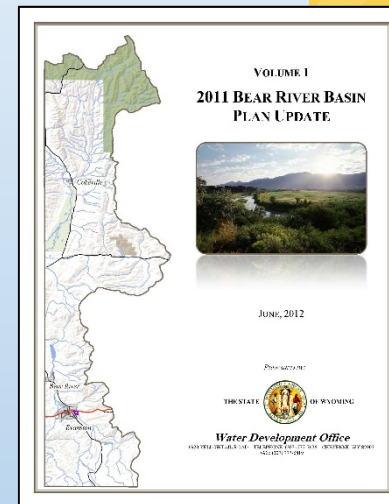
WY CoCoRaHS



Wyoming Water Library

<http://library.wrds.uwyo.edu>

- Government Documents
- Maps
- Water Institute publications
- Specific agency publications
 - (examples: WWDO, SEO, WSGS, USGS, BLM, UW)
- Topics included in the library collection
 - Drought
 - Global Climate Variability
 - WY Water Planning Program
 - WY Environmental Impact Statements
 - Reference Collection 



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Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow (CoCoRaHS)



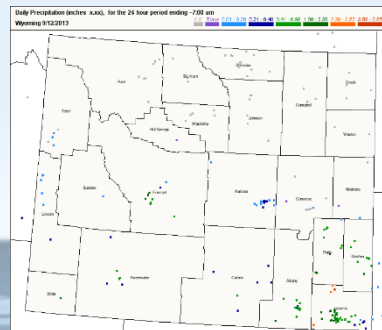
“Because every drop counts”

For more information please visit :

<http://www.cocorahs.org>
<http://www.wrds.uwyo.edu>



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Water Resources Data System

State Climate Office

Offers links to websites that host both water and climatological data for the state of Wyoming.

- Water Resources Data System (WRDS)
- Wyoming Water Library
- Wyoming State Water Plan
- WyGISC GIS Data
- USGS Stream Flow – WaterWatch
- Wyoming CoCoRaHS
- Snotel Plots and Snotel vs River Stage Charts
- WY Water Resources Center (WWRC) Archives
- Cooperative Data Posting

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Federal Agencies

[National Weather Service, Cheyenne, WY](#)

- Climatic Data/Analyses
- Hydrologic Data/Forecasts

[Natural Resources Conservation Service, Casper, WY](#)

- Basin Snowpacks and Streamflow Forecasts

[US Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Research Station, Laramie, WY](#)

- Wind Blown Snow as a Water Resource
- Blizzards and Snowdrift Control

State Agencies

[Wyoming State Engineer's Office, Cheyenne, WY](#)

- Minutes of the Monthly Water Forum Meetings

[Wyoming State Geological Survey, Laramie, WY](#)

- [Powder River Basin IMS](#)
- [Earthquakes in Wyoming](#)
- [Wyoming Landslides](#)
- [Geohydrologic Expansion of WRDS in the Little Snake River Basin](#)
- [Wyoming Earthquake Database](#)
- [Wyoming Landslides \(coverages and maps\)](#)
- [3D Interactive Images: Landscapes and Landslides](#) NEW

[Wyoming Water Development Commission, Cheyenne, WY](#)

- State Water Plan Information
- Legislative Reports
- 2000 Water System Survey Report
- 1999 Irrigation System Survey Report
- Water Management & Conservation Assistance Program Information
- Operating Criteria, Application Information

[Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality - Water Quality Division, Cheyenne, WY](#)

- Wyoming's Wellhead Protection Guidance Document
- Wyoming's Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP)

Cooperative Data Posting

Through the use of its website,
WRDS/SCO
disseminates Wyoming water
resource information from State
and Federal Agencies to its
users.



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PRISM Climate Data Server

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Latitude: Longitude:

Locate point of interest and click on the map to set a marker

Red rectangle is the PRISM model grid cell containing your point.

Click the "[Click here to retrieve data](#)" link that will appear.

The data retrieval screen will open in a new tab or window.

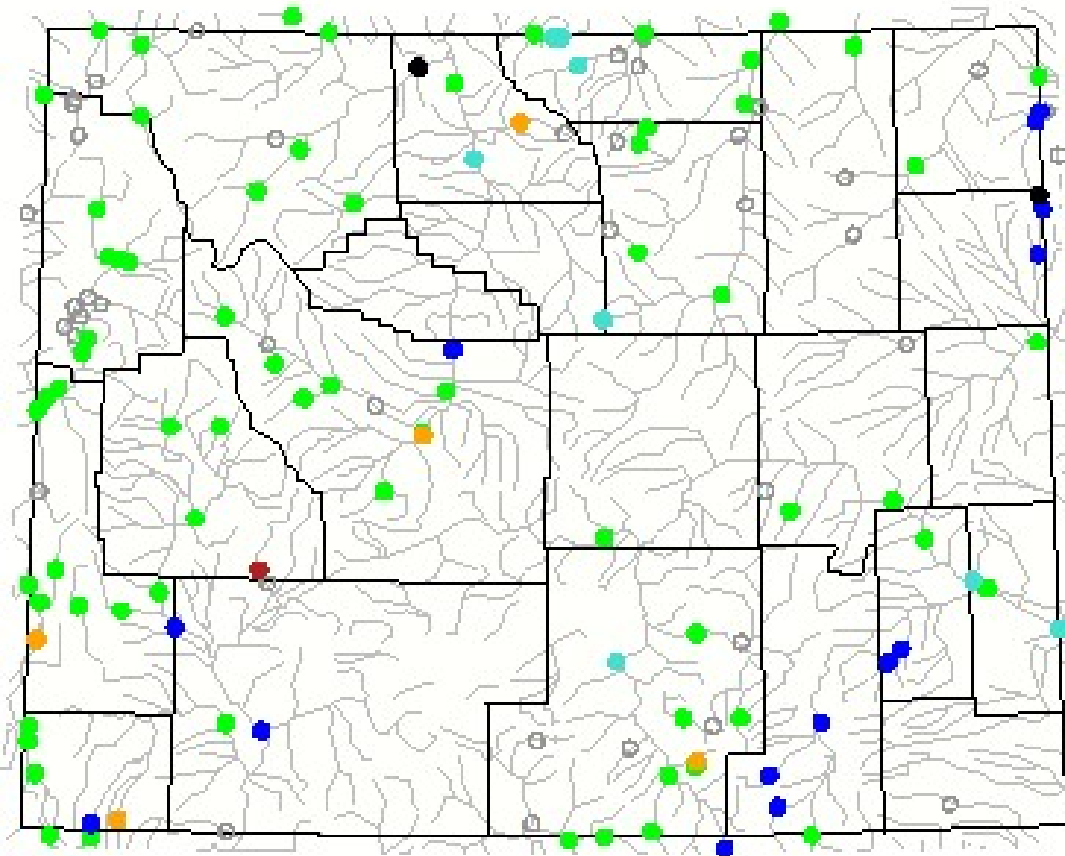
Questions? Comments?
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Retrieve monthly and annual data for mean, maximum, minimum and dew point temperature as well as monthly and annual precipitation for the period 1895-2012. Also, dates of first and last frosts are available for the period 1960-2001. The preceding data are available for the continental US. Data are Copyright © 2012, **PRISM Climate Group, Oregon State University**, <http://www.prismclimate.org> Created 2012 and NRCS National Water and Climate Center, <http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov>

Wyoming Streamflow

Saturday, May 17, 2014 17:20ET



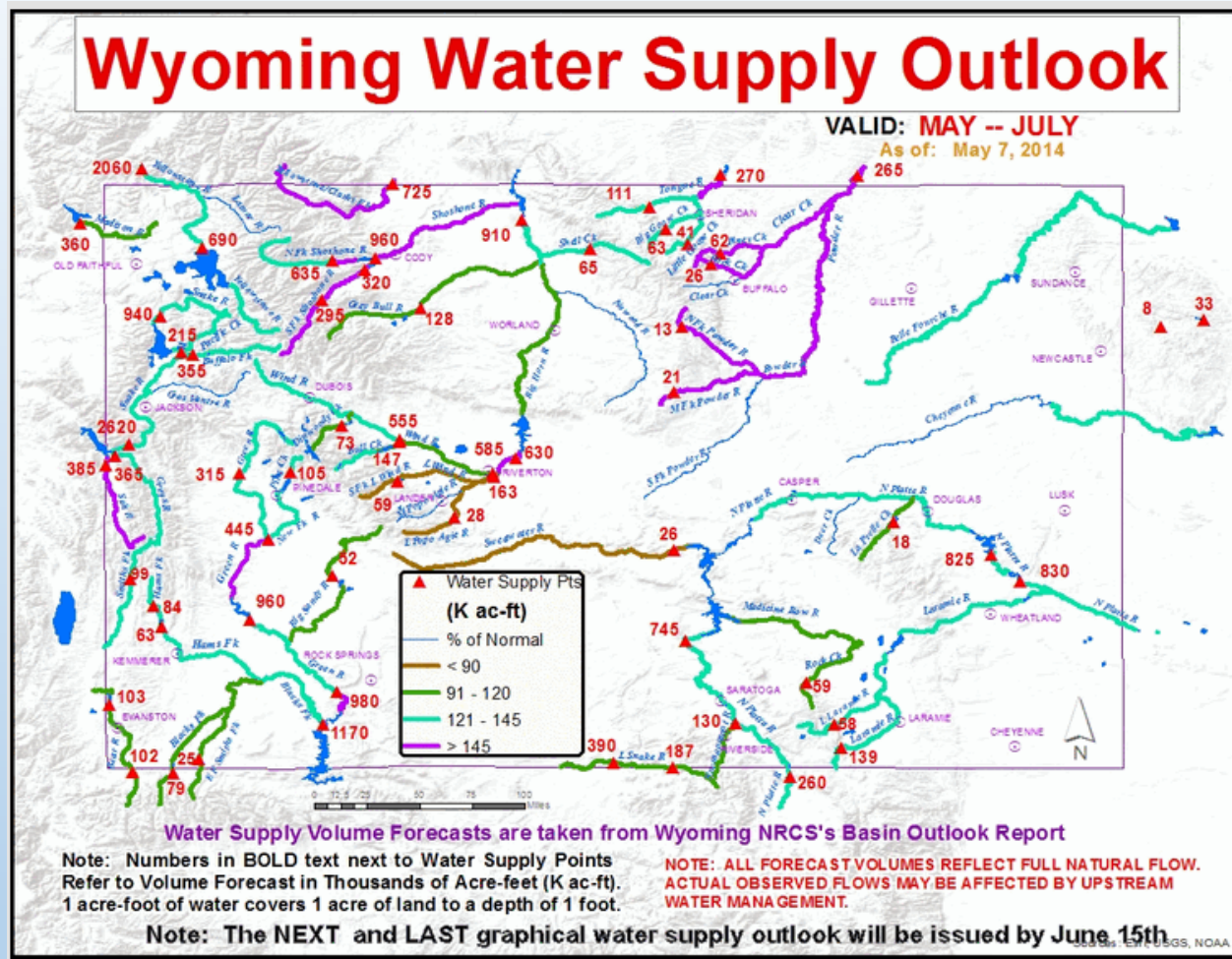
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Wyoming Water Supply Outlook (May-June 2014)



This page is a joint effort between the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Water Resources Data System (WRDS) for the State of Wyoming.

GIS Map Servers

WRDS and the SCO have taken the opportunity to make water and climate data available using customized ArcIMS (**IMS=Internet Map Services**). These customized applications allow users to examine numerous aspects of Wyoming water and climate simultaneously. This approach provides “one stop shopping” for access to important sources of data and information.

These efforts are funded by the WWDO, and these tools will be a key component of updates to the State Water Plan.



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Wyoming Water and Climate Map Server

(Developed with funding from the Wyoming Water Development Commission)

The screenshot displays the Wyoming Water and Climate Map Server interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: **Help**, **Climate**, **Surface Water**, and **Groundwater**. The main map area shows a detailed view of Wyoming with various data layers overlaid, including water bodies and hydrography. The interface includes navigation tools on the left, a layers panel on the right, and a key at the bottom right.

Navigation Tools:

- Full State
- Last View
- Drag Map
- Data Tools: Avg PPT, Zoom In, Zoom Out, Home, Refresh
- Publications
- Well Data: Off, Depth, Actual Yield, MWBZ Top

LAYERS Panel:

- All Layers
- Roads
- Highways
- Counties
- Cities/Towns
- Irrigated Lands
- Points of Diversion
- Irrigation Districts
- Bedrock Geology
- Land Ownership
- Wells
- Surface Water
- Climate Stations
- Hydrography
 - Basin Boundaries
 - Streams/Rivers
 - Water Bodies
 - 6th Level HUC
 - 4th Level HUC
- Twn-Rng and Sections
- Consumptive Use
- Precipitation Averages
- County Aerial (2002 CIR)
- County Aerial (1994 B&W)
- County DRGs (Topo Maps)

Key:

- Closed data folder. Click to show contents.
- Open data folder. Click to hide contents.
- A map layer.
- Item not displayed on map. Click to show.
- Item displayed on map. Click to remove.
- A visible layer, but not at this scale.

Bottom Bar: Zoom In, Wyoming State Water Plan

Updates on
Existing Products

Monday Morning Snow Report

Wyoming – NRCS

Report #30

Monday Morning Snow Report

May 19th, 2014

This is the 30th Monday Snow Report for the 2014 Water Year. Last year at this time the state median fell to 57% with a low of 17% and a high of 85% of median. This year the state median rose to 164% with a low of 117% and a high of 205% of median. See the table and map below for more information. The map may differ slightly from the table depending on the stations reporting & date.

For those of you with INTERNET access, this report and map showing SWE percentages for the state can be found at: <http://www.wrds.uwyo.edu/wrds/nrcs/nrcs.html>. Median info at: http://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/normals/median_average.htm

SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT (SWE) AS PERCENT OF MEDIAN - The following table shows the percent of median for 3 recent dates, and then the percent of median a year ago along with its preceding week in the last 2 columns. SWE percent of medians are for Wyoming basins. The median is based on reporting SNOTEL sites in a basin, and does not include manually measured snow courses. Medians are computed using the period 1981 through 2010.

| DRAINAGE BASIN | 5/19/2014 | 5/12/2014 | 5/5/2014 | 5/19/2013 | 5/12/2013 |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| SNAKE RIVER | 160 | 153 | 144 | 58 | 73 |
| MADISON | 146 | 139 | 130* | 48 | 73 |
| YELLOWSTONE | 157 | 160 | 154 | 61 | 75 |
| WIND RIVER | 148 | 135 | 115 | 45 | 80 |
| BIGHORN BASIN | 174 | 153 | 145 | 59 | 92 |
| SHOSHONE RIVER | 149 | 153 | 145 | 62 | 81 |
| POWDER | 198 | 161 | 156 | 58 | 105 |
| TONGUE | 192 | 153 | 144 | 53 | 86 |
| BELLE FOURCHE | * | * | * | * | * |
| CHEYENNE | * | * | * | * | * |
| UPPER N. PLATTE | 151 | 131 | 117 | 71 | 85 |
| SWEETWATER | 117 | 98 | 81 | 19 | 54 |
| LOWER N. PLATTE | 328* | 177 | 130 | 17 | 79 |
| LARAMIE | 173 | 154 | 131 | 75 | 101 |
| S. PLATTE | 167 | 162 | 145 | 85 | 102 |
| LITTLE SNAKE RIVER | 136 | 157 | 100 | 58 | 70 |
| UPPER GREEN | 205 | 174 | 163 | 49 | 66 |
| LOWER GREEN | 143 | 152 | 115 | 61 | 97 |
| UPPER BEAR | 126 | 119 | 89 | 37 | 61 |
| Weighted State Average | 164 | 152 | 132 | 57 | 85 |

red = down blue = up green = same * data is suspect

For more information, contact: Lee Hackleman or Ken Von Buettner (307) 233-6744, 6743 NRCS Snow Surveys 100 East B St., Room 3124 Casper, WY 82601

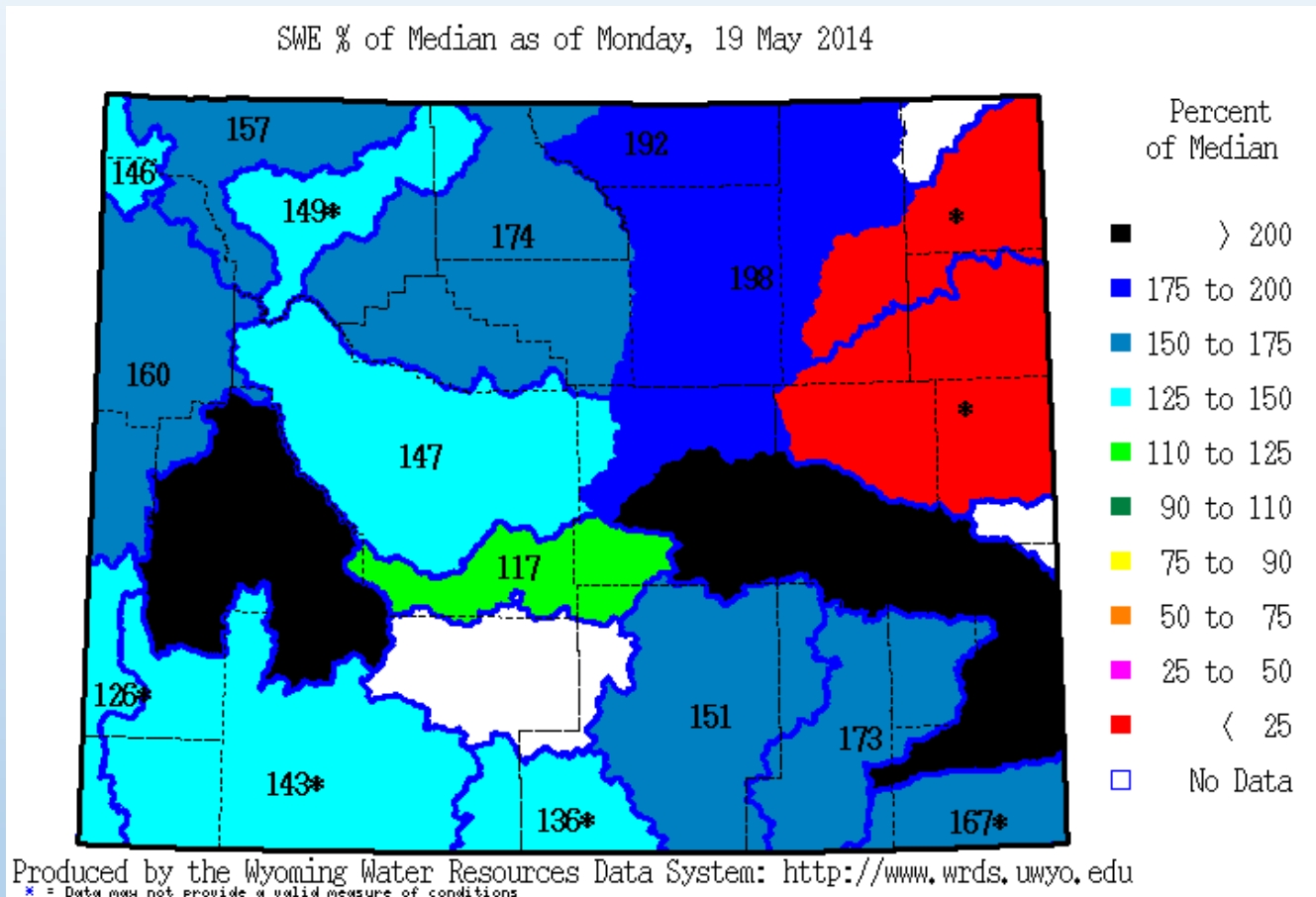
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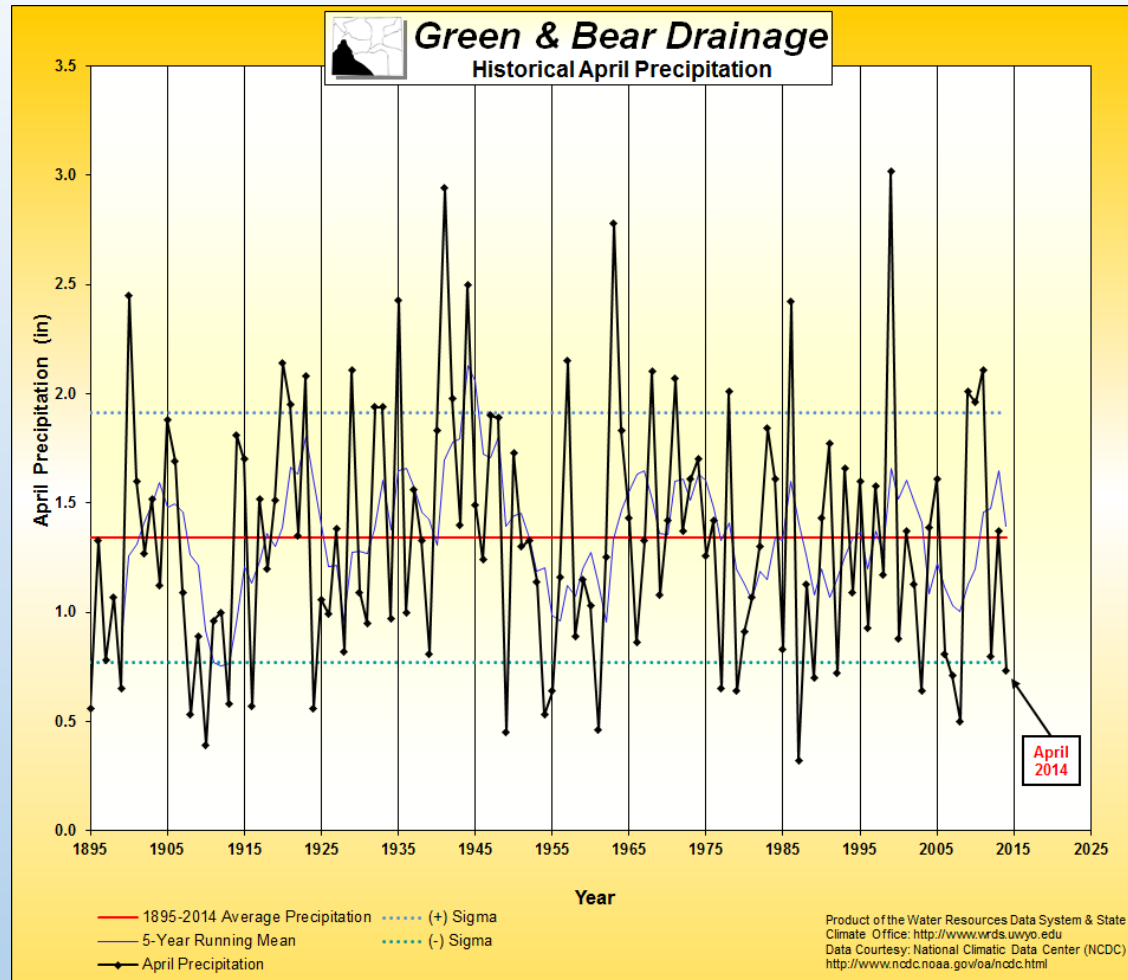
% of Median Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) by Wyoming Basin



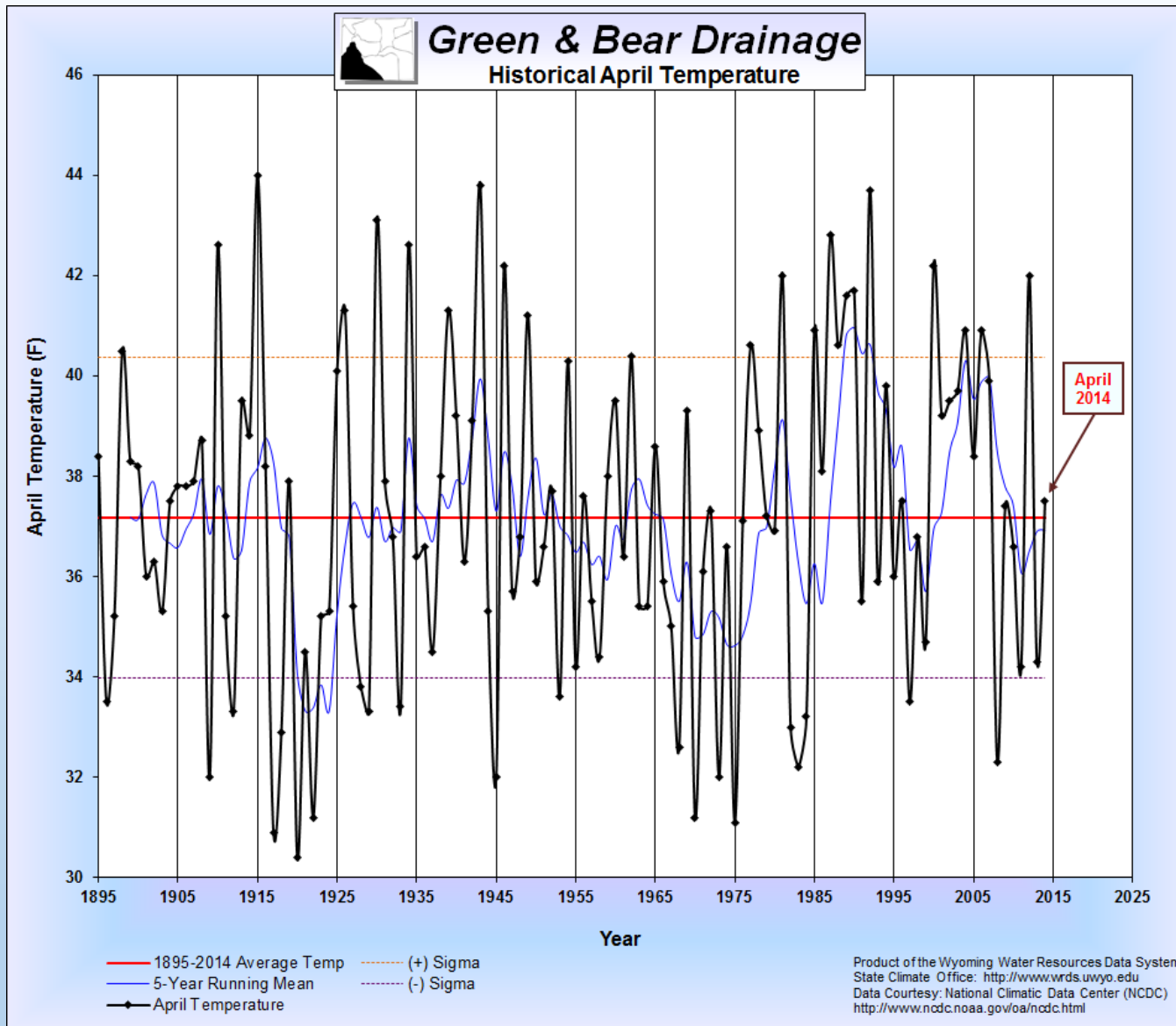
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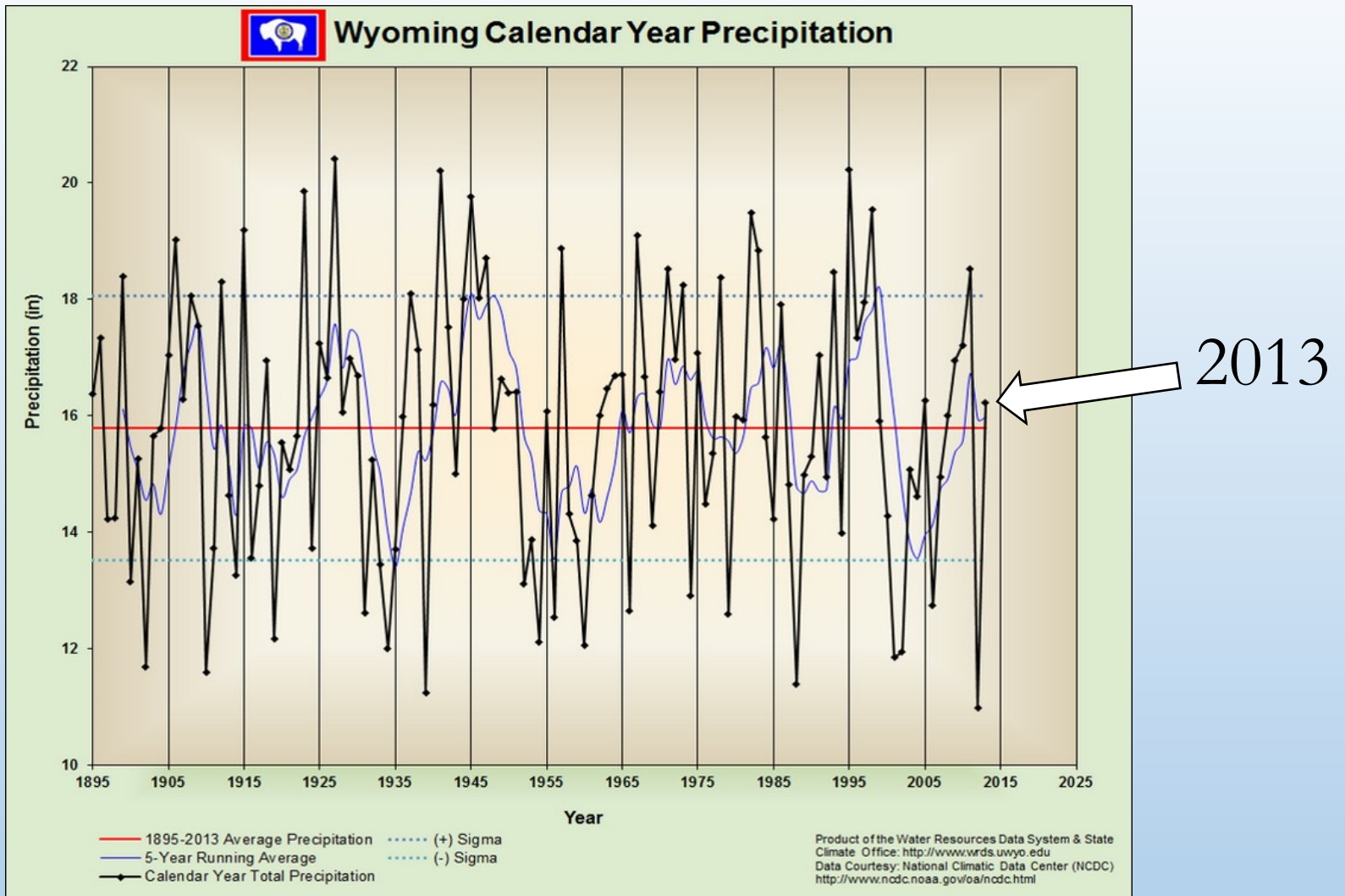
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State Climate Office - Products



Generated monthly, these graphs and their related data show monthly precipitation vs. the long-term mean and 5-year moving average precipitation totals (1895-present) for each Climate Division.

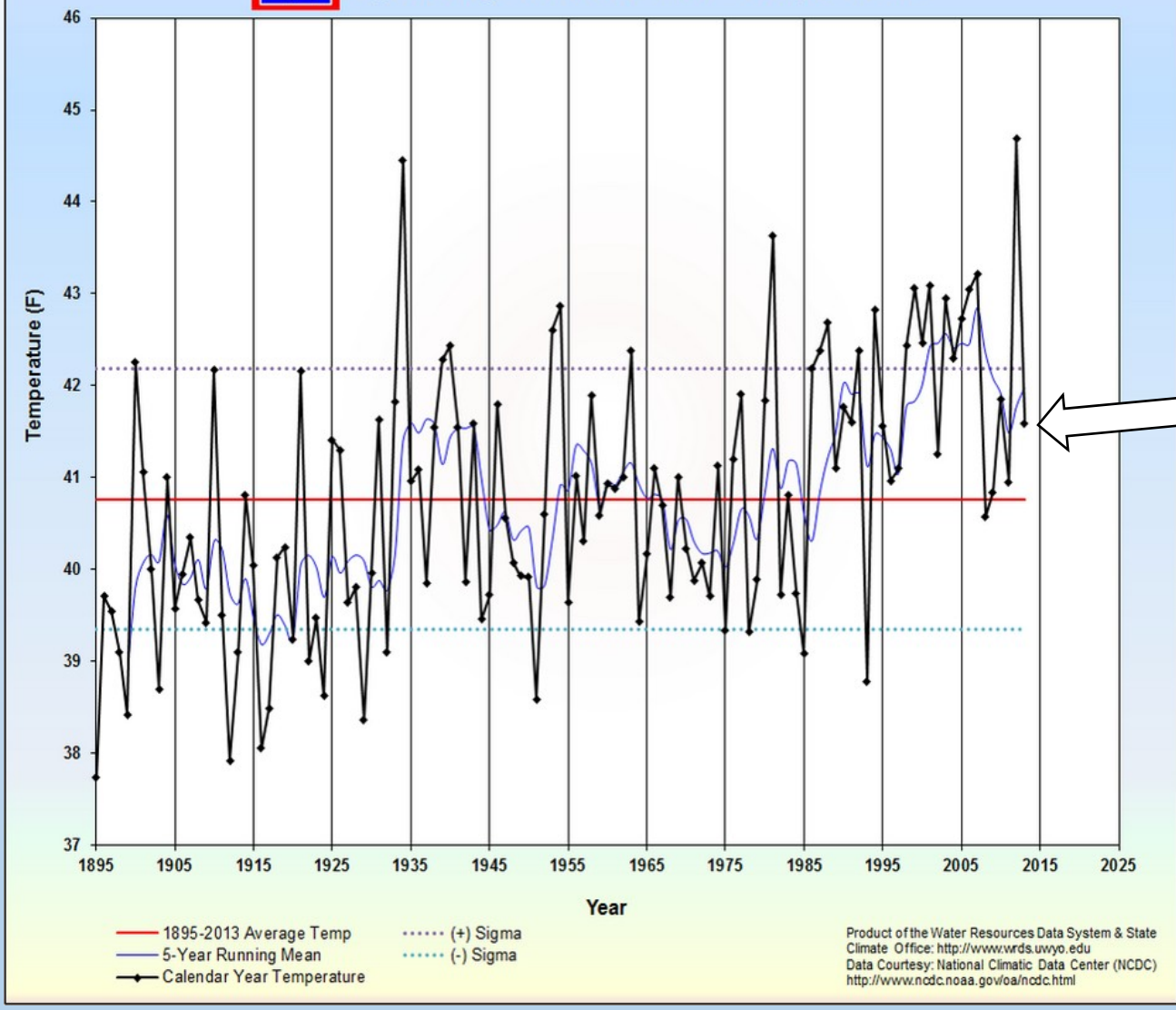




Generated annually, these graphs and their related data show monthly precipitation vs. the long-term mean and 5-year moving average precipitation totals (1895-present) for the state of WY.



Wyoming Calendar Year Temperature



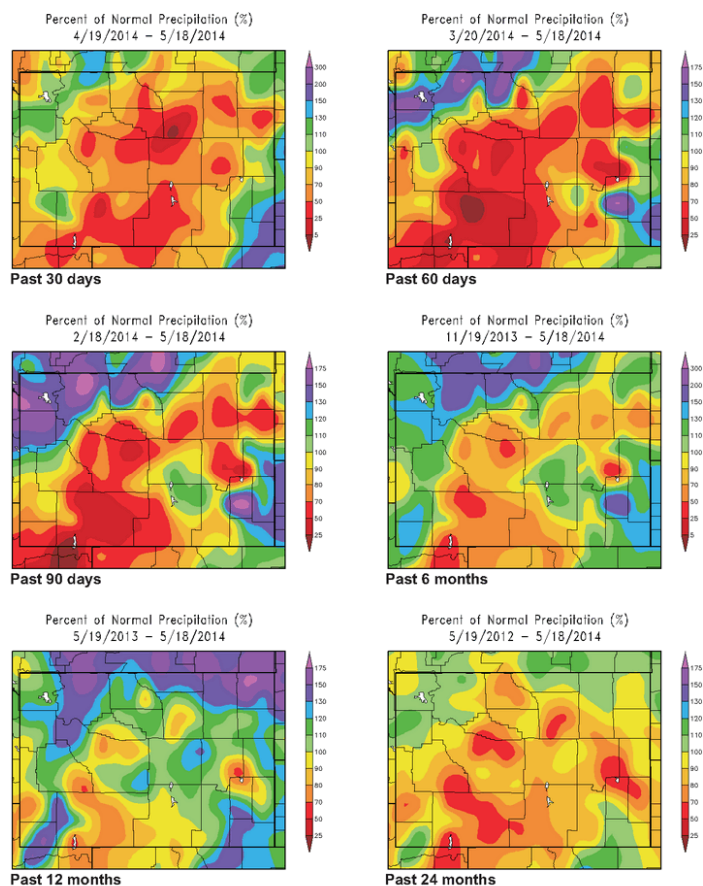
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Wyoming Precipitation: Departures from Normal




Product of Water Resources Data System/State Climate Office
<http://www.wrds.uwyo.edu>
Data Courtesy of High Plains Regional Climate Center
<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu>

Generated weekly, these maps show statewide precipitation departures from historical averages (vs. 1981-2010) over 1 month to 24 month timescales. To request an archived map of precipitation contact WRDS.

WWDC Surveys on the Web

<http://wwdc.state.wy.us/surveys/surveys.html>

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Agency Information

- ◆ Mission Statement
- ◆ Directory
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Planning Program

- ◆ Dam and Reservoir Planning
- ◆ Groundwater Grant Projects
- ◆ Instream Flow Filings
- ◆ Current Planning Projects
- ◆ River Basin Planning
- ◆ Weather Modification Study
- ◆ Water Research Projects

Construction Program

- ◆ Current Construction Projects
- ◆ Small Water Projects

Agency Publications

- ◆ **Irrigation & Water System Surveys**
- ◆ Legislative Reports
- ◆ Water Mgmt & Conservation Dir
- ◆ History of Wyoming Water Law

WWDC Home Page

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Irrigation and Water System Surveys

Irrigation System Surveys

The Wyoming Water Development Commission maintains a database of irrigation districts and companies in the State of Wyoming. A survey is conducted every two years and the results are used to update the database. This survey provides important information for the agency's funding criteria. It aids in prioritizing the funds available for feasibility studies and project construction. In addition, this information allow irrigaiton districts and companies to compare operational issues, financial data, and general information with others around the state.

- ◆ [Blank Survey Form](#)
- ◆ **Survey Results:** [2012](#), [2010](#), [2008](#), [2005](#), [2003](#), [2001](#), [1999](#)
- ◆ [Wyoming Water and Climate Web Mapping Tool](#)

The Water and Climate IMS Web Mapping Tool allows users to search the state for irrigated lands, permits, boundaries, districts, and points of diversion using a navigable map.

Public Water System Surveys

Like the irrigation survey, the Wyoming Water Development Commission maintains a database of public water system, both municipal and non-municipal, in the state of Wyoming. A survey is conducted every two years, alternating with the irrigation survey, and the results are used to update the database. This survey also provides important information for the agency's funding criteria and aids in prioritizing the funds available for feasibility studies and project construction. This information also allows public water systems to compart operational issues, water rates, conservation measures, and general information with others around the state.

- ◆ [Blank Survey Form](#)
- ◆ **Survey Results:** [2013](#), [2011](#), [2009](#), [2007](#), [2004](#), [2002](#), [2000](#), [1998](#)
- ◆ [Wyoming Water and Climate Web Mapping Tool](#)

The Water and Climate IMS Web Mapping Tool allows users to click on a Public Water System and view comprehensive and up-to-date information on water rates, operating criteria and infrastructure needs.

PWS & Irrigation Surveys

- Provide important WWDO information for feasibility studies and potential construction projects:
- related to funding criteria
- aids in prioritizing the funds
- Allows public water systems and irrigators to compare information with others around the state:
- operational issues
- water rates
- conservation measures
- general information



Public Water System Surveys

- WRDS maintains a database of public water systems, both **municipal** and **non-municipal**, in the state of Wyoming
- Surveys have been conducted **1998-2013**
- A survey is conducted every **two years**, alternating with the irrigation survey, the results are used to update the database



2013 Public Water System Survey



WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
2013
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM SURVEY

MUNICIPALITY/DISTRICT/ENTITY INFORMATION

Name of entity? _____
 Type of entity? (Municipality, District, JPB, Private Company, Other) _____
 Public Water System LD. # _____
 Contact person(s) _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ Zip code: _____ County: _____
 Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____ Fax#: _____

WATER SYSTEM DATA

Number of Wells? _____ Depth of wells? _____ Number of springs? _____
 Surface water source(s)? _____
 Type of diversion(s)? (Surface Direct, Infiltration Gallery, Alluvial Wells, Dam, Ditch, Other) _____

Other water sources? _____

Total system capacity in gallons per day? _____
 Total raw water storage (gal)? _____ Total treated water storage (gal)? _____
 Treatment method(s) (Disinfection/Chlorination, Filtration, Conventional Water Treatment Plant, or other)? _____

WATER SYSTEM USAGE

Total population served? _____ # of taps in entity? _____ # of taps outside entity? _____

Total annual water use by the system (gallons)? _____
 Peak day water use for the system (gallons)? _____

Do you sell bulk water? _____ What is the charge for bulk water? _____
 Is the bulk water sold treated or untreated? _____

Do you sell water to other entities? _____ If yes, to whom? _____

Do you buy water from other entities? _____ If yes, from whom? _____
 How much water do you buy? _____
 What is the cost of the bulk water purchased? _____

What is the estimated loss to leakage? _____ gpd

BILLING RATES

What % of the system is metered? _____ Does the entity bill by meter? _____
 What are the unmetered uses within the system if any? _____

What is the average monthly water bill? _____

| | TAP FEES | BASE WATER RATE | GALLONS INCLUDED IN BASE RATE |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| RESIDENTIAL | | | |
| COMMERCIAL | | | |
| INDUSTRIAL | | | |
| OTHER | | | |

What is the rate for each 1,000 gallons above the base amount? _____
 What would a household's bill be for using 10,000 gallons in a month? _____
 What would a household's bill be for using 20,000 gallons in a month? _____

WATER SYSTEM FISCAL DATA

| | \$ |
|--|----|
| What is the annual budget for the system? | |
| How much is spent on operation and maintenance annually? | |
| What does water quality testing cost annually? | |
| How much money is in the emergency/replacement fund? | |
| What is annual sinking fund contribution? | |
| What are revenues from water bills? | |
| What are revenues from tap fees? | |

Is the water system financially self supporting? _____
 Are there other funding sources for the water system? _____
 What are they? _____

WELLHEAD PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION MEASURES

Is there a wellhead protection plan in place? _____
 What types of water conservation measures are in place? _____

What is the estimated water savings from the conservation measures? _____

General Comments: _____

2013 PWS Summary Results



- 215 Public Water Systems are listed in the WRDS database, 204 viable Systems
- ~69% of the surveys were returned (n = 143)
- 44 entities have not responded since 2009

| | Total |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Total population served | 524,437 |
| Number of taps in entity | 163,713 |
| Number of taps outside entity | 22,968 |

2013 PWS Summary Results



| | Total | Average |
|---|----------------|-------------|
| Number of Wells | 565 | 3 |
| Number of Springs | 48 | |
| Total annual water use by the system (gal) | 56,770,530,648 | 344,063,822 |
| <i>Total annual water use by the system (a-f)</i> | 174,222.13 | 1,055.89 |
| Peak day water use for the system (gal) | 240,265,332 | 1,692,009 |
| What % of the system is metered | | 78 |

2013 PWS Summary Results



| | Average |
|---|---------|
| Residential Tap Fees | \$1,295 |
| Residential Base Water Rate | \$26 |
| Commercial Tap Fees | \$1,426 |
| Commercial Base Water Rate | \$32 |
| Commercial, Gallons Included in the Base Water Rate | 8,878 |

2013 PWS Summary Results



| | Average |
|--|---------|
| Average monthly water bill | \$42 |
| Rate for each 1,000 gallons above the base amount | \$2.15 |
| Household bill for using 10,000 gallons in a month | \$42 |
| Household bill for using 20,000 gallons in a month | \$61 |

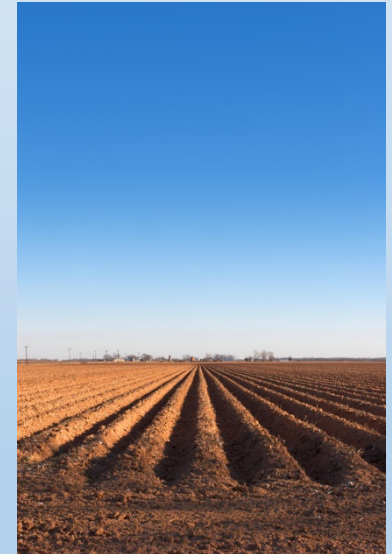
2013 PWS Summary Results



| | Total | Average |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Annual budget for the system | \$251,196,712 | \$1,452,004 |
| Operation and maintenance annually | \$74,301,617 | \$444,920 |
| Water quality testing cost annually | \$1,147,868 | \$6,674 |
| Emergency/replacement fund | \$75,798,223 | \$557,340 |
| Annual sinking fund contribution | \$7,471,160 | \$61,239 |
| Revenues from water bills | \$103,401,520 | \$733,344 |


Irrigation Surveys

- Most recent Irrigation Survey completed in **2012**
- **127** Irrigation Districts and Canal Companies were sent surveys
- 65 responded (**51%**)
- Total Reported Irrigated Acres **688,057**



2015 Irrigation Survey

Will begin to send out survey in October of 2014


WYOMING WATER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
DRAFT 2015
IRRIGATION DISTRICT/CANAL COMPANY SURVEY

Mailing Information

- Name of Entity _____
- Type of entity (district, company, association, etc.) _____
- Contact Information**
 Contact Person _____
 Address _____
 City/Town _____ State _____ Phone _____ Zip _____ Code _____
 County _____
 Email _____

Irrigation Water Source, Surface

- Surface Water Source name(s) (ditch, reservoir, stream) _____
- Water Right Permit #s _____
- Name of reservoir(s) with storage account _____
- Amount of storage owned in acre feet _____
- Type of Diversion: (dam, headgate, pump, other) _____
- Capacity of diversion in cfs _____
- Type of main conveyance (ditch, lined ditch, pipe, etc.) _____
- Capacity of main conveyance (cfs) _____
- If the capacity of the main conveyance is variable, what is the range (cfs)(circle one)
 0-10 10-50 50-100 100-500 500-1000 1000+ _____
- Total miles of conveyance maintained by the entity (excludes ditches serving only one user) _____

Groundwater Sources

- Total number of wells serving more than one user _____
- Total production capacity in gpm of wells serving more than one user _____
- Average depth of wells _____
- Name of formation in which wells are completed _____

Service Area

- Number of acres within district/company boundaries _____
- Total number of acres irrigated _____
- Crop types grown (estimated acreage)

| Crop Type | Acres |
|-----------|-------|
| | |
| | |
| | |

- Number of individual operators/water users _____
- Do you provide water through your system to another, separate entity? _____

- Regarding #4, who, and how much water? (cfs or acre-feet) _____

Financial

- How are users assessed for water and what is the assessment? (Annual assessment by shares, per acre, by water amount?) _____
- What is the approximate annual budget for your entity? _____
- Do you have a source of income other than assessments on water users? _____
 If yes, how much per year? _____
- How many employees do you have? Full time _____ Seasonal _____
- Do you have existing debt? Amount of Debt _____ Date of debt retirement _____

Operational Issues

- Does the operation of your system provide significant wildlife habitat benefits? Please describe _____
- Does the operation of your system result in return flows upon which other users are dependent? Please describe _____
- Can you estimate the post diversion conveyance losses in your system? _____ %
- Do you have a board of directors? _____
- How are operational decisions made for your entity? (Membership meetings, board of directors, mail votes, etc.) _____
- Do you have water conservation measures in place? Please describe _____

Problems

- Please provide a prioritized list of the major problems, if any, facing your irrigation district or company. These include needed improvements, inadequate water source, state and federal requirements, unwritten easements, maintenance through subdivisions, legal problems, subdivided land, water rights, assessments, etc.

- What are your anticipated system improvement needs

- What are your anticipated system maintenance needs

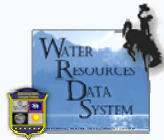
Assistance

Are you familiar with the grant and loan program for agricultural projects administered through the Wyoming Water Development Commission? _____ Would you like information sent to you? _____

Would you like a Wyoming Water Development Office representative to attend a board or membership meeting to explain the program? _____

Survey Questions?

Technical Survey Information



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*Thank
You!*