

Colorado River Commission of Nevada

Natural Resources Group Hydrologic Update February 11, 2014



Unregulated Inflow



Unregulated Inflow Into Lake Powell

As of February 10, 2014

	MAF*	% Avg**
• WY 2014 (forecasted):	10.42	96%
• April-July 2014 (forecasted):	7.25	101%
• Jan (observed):	0.27	75%
• Feb (forecasted):	0.30	76%

***MAF=Million Acre-Feet**

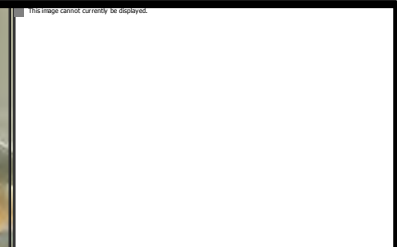
****30-year average, from 1981-2010 (current normal)**



Storage Conditions

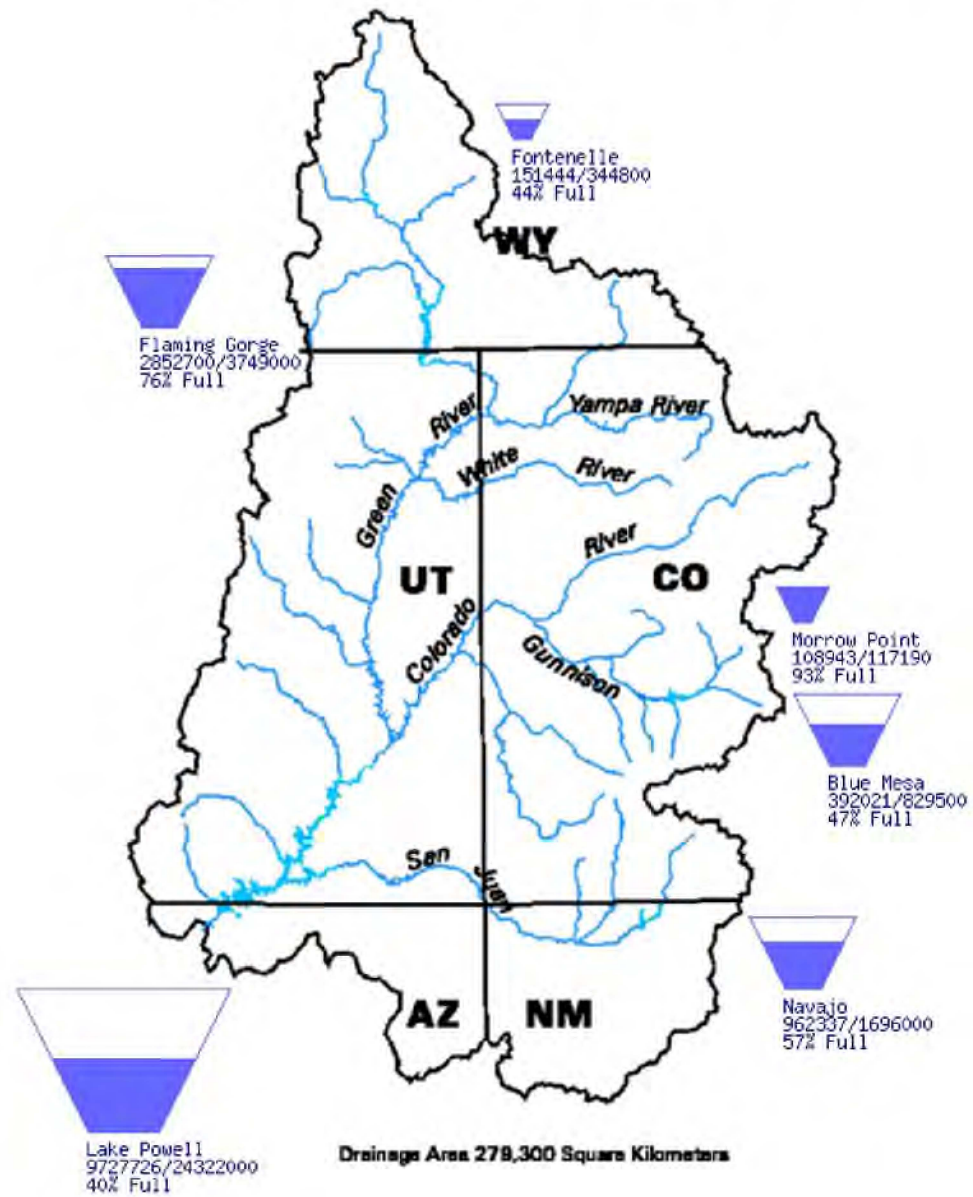
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		Percent of <u>Capacity</u>	<u>Δ from last year</u>
Lake Mead elev.	1,108.26 ft	48%	↓ 14.25 ft
Lake Powell elev.	3,577.59 ft	40%	↓ 25.89 ft
Total System Storage (2/2014)	28.95 maf	49%	↓ 3.77 maf
Total System Storage (2/2013)	32.72 maf	55%	



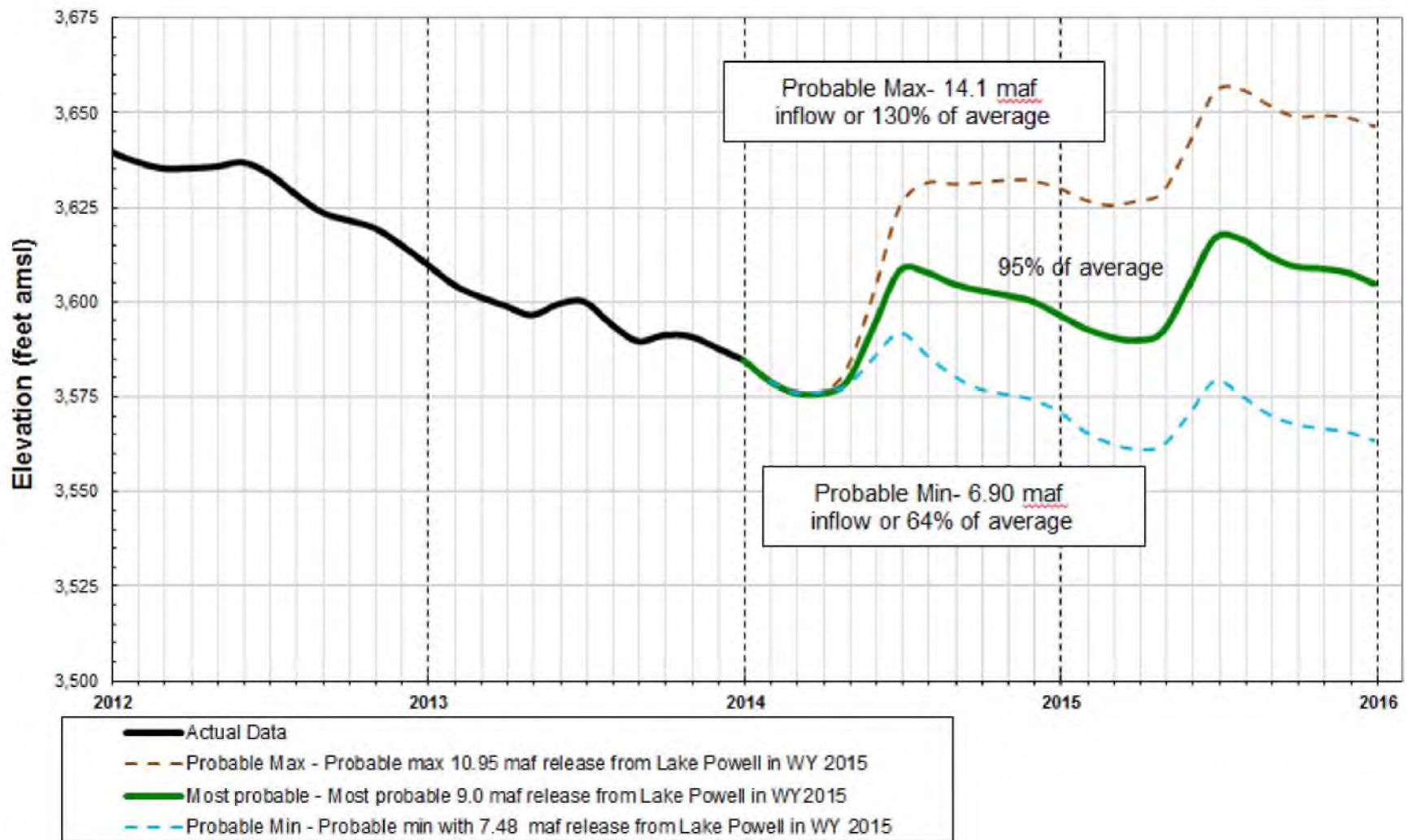
Data Current as of:
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Upper Colorado River Drainage Basin

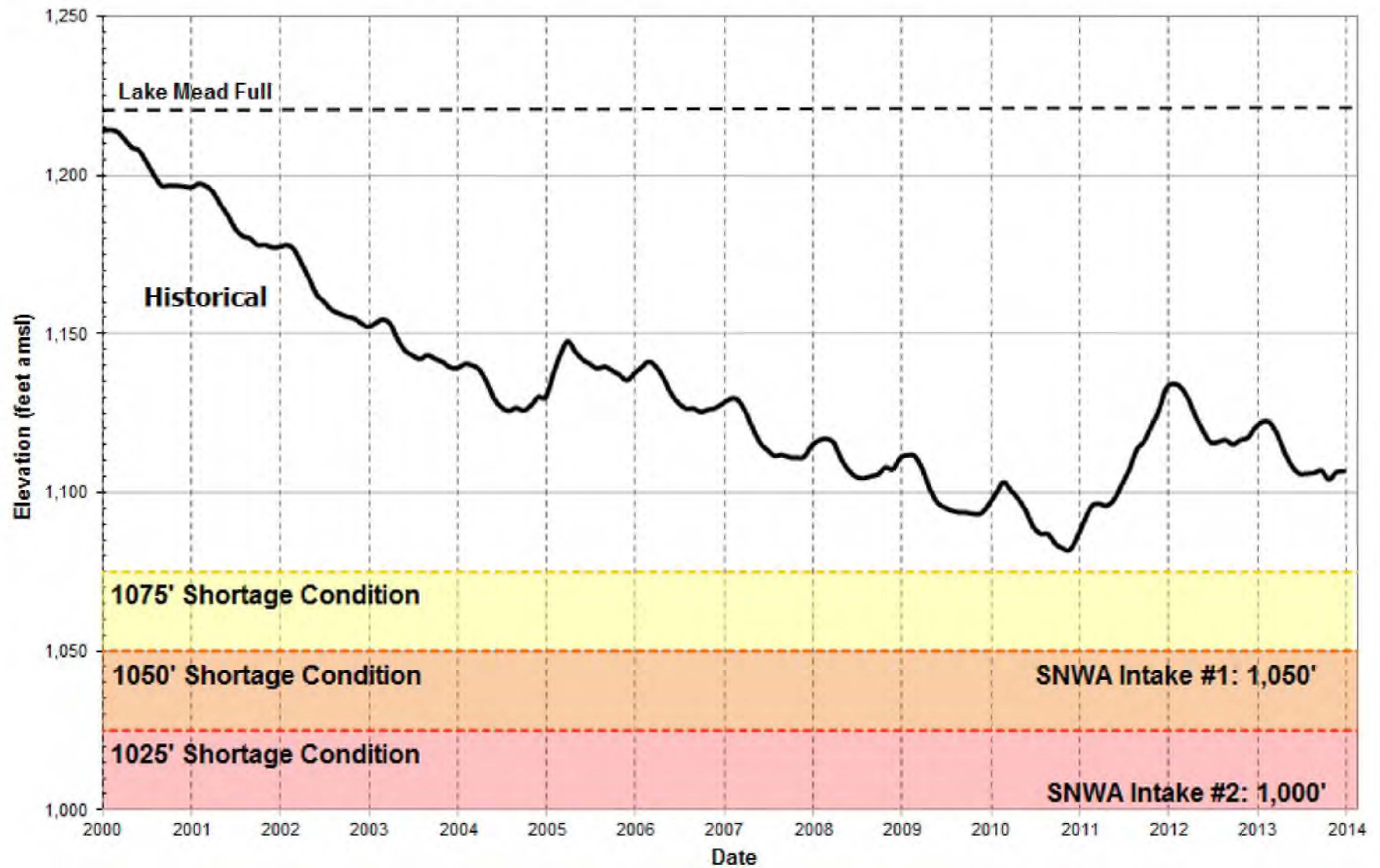


Lake Powell End of Month Elevations

(based on January 2014 24-month Study)

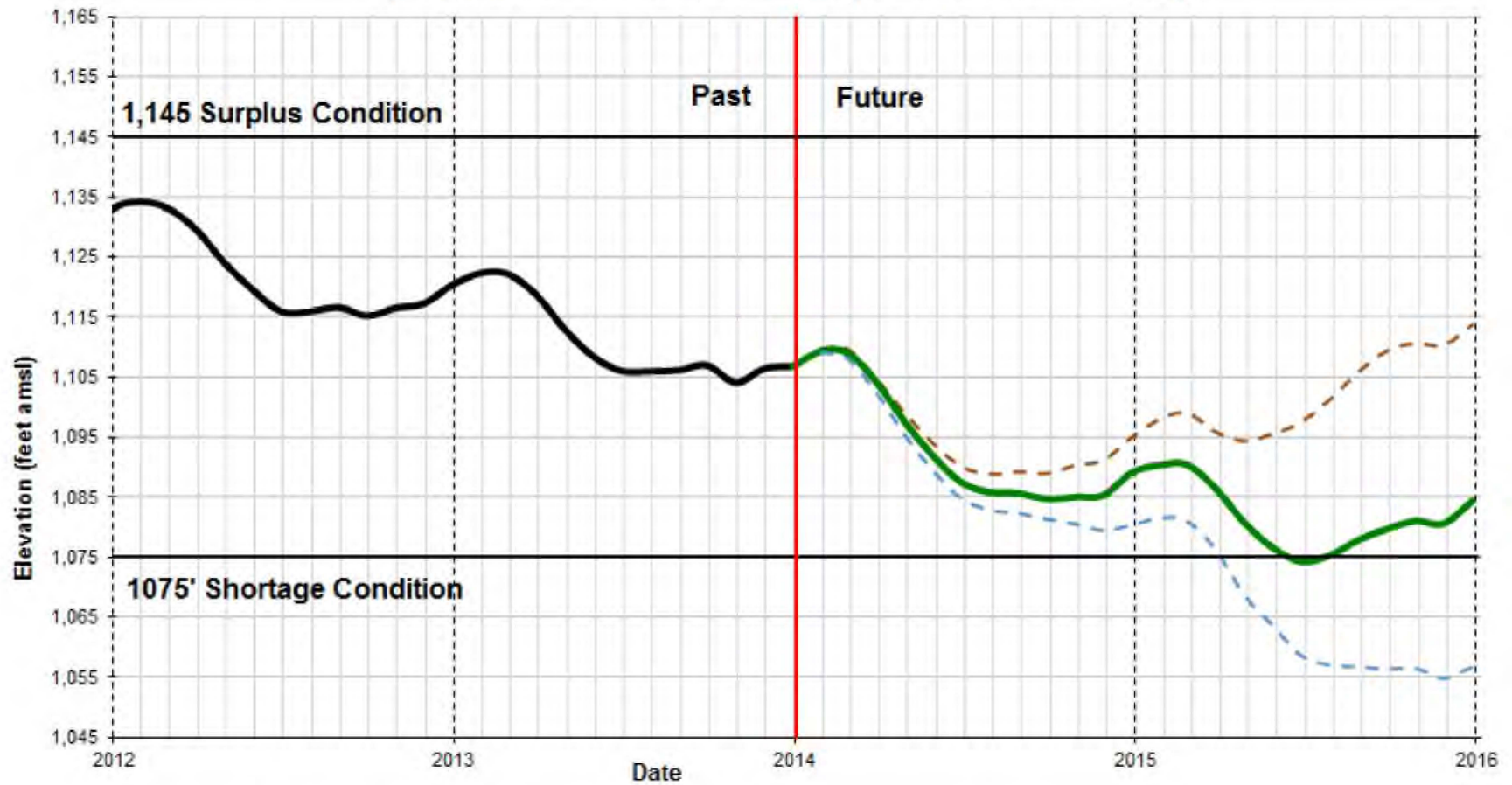


Lake Mead Elevation 2000-2014



Lake Mead End of Month Elevation Projections

(Projections based on the January 2014 24-month study)



- Actual Data
- - - Probable Max - Probable max 10.95 maf release from Lake Powell in WY 2015
- Most Probable - Most probable 9.0 maf release from Lake Powell in WY 2015
- - - Probable Min - Probable Min with 7.48 maf release from Lake Powell in WY 2015

Drought and Precipitation



U.S. Drought Monitor






West

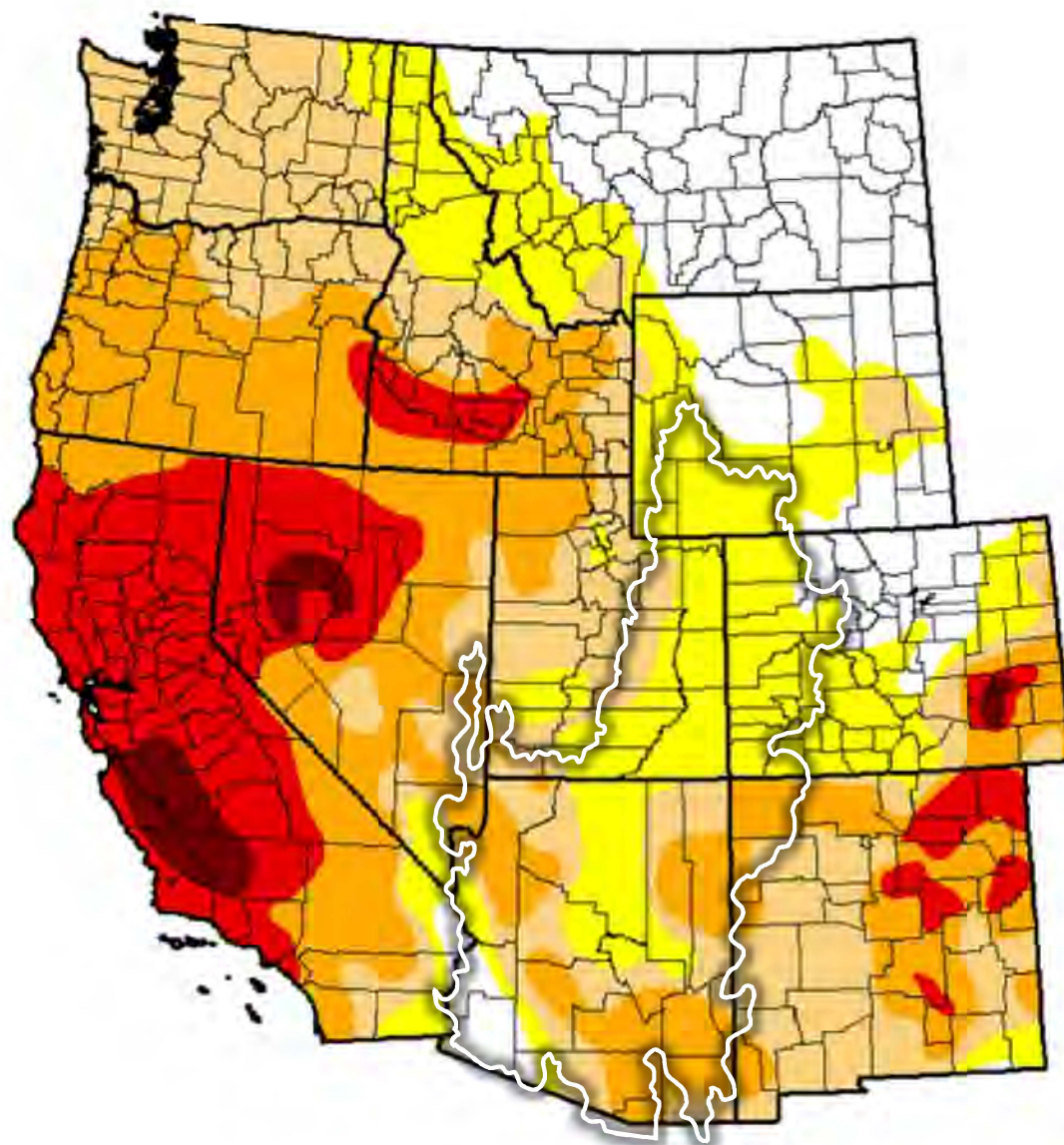
February 4, 2014

(Released Thursday February 6, 2014)

Valid 7 a.m. Eastern

Intensity:

-  D0 - Abnormally Dry
-  D1 - Moderate Drought
-  D2 - Severe Drought
-  D3 - Extreme Drought
-  D4 - Exceptional Drought



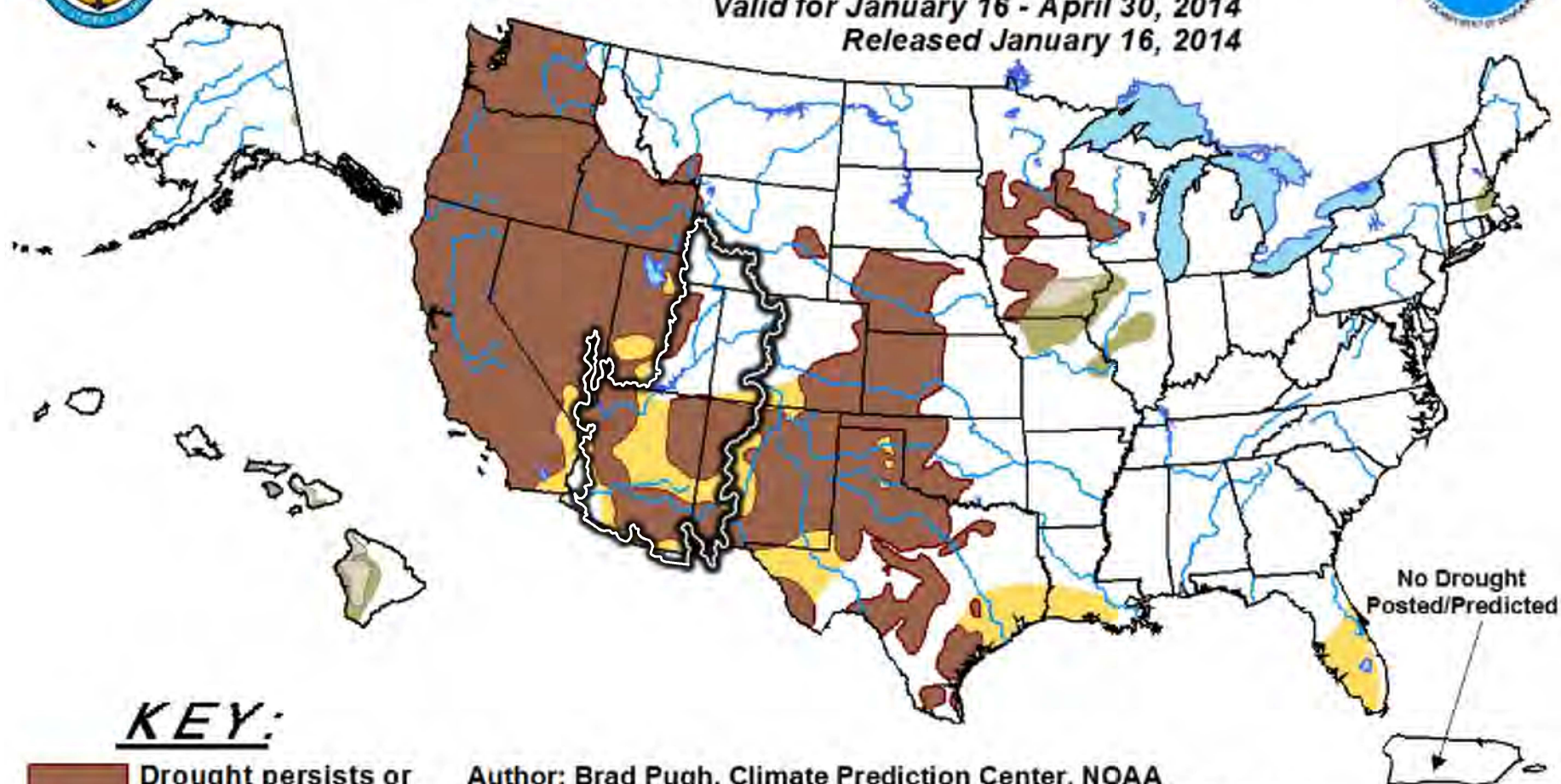


U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook





Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for January 16 - April 30, 2014

Released January 16, 2014



KEY:

-  Drought persists or intensifies
-  Drought remains but improves
-  Drought removal likely
-  Drought development likely

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http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/season_drought.html

Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events -- such as individual storms -- cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance. Use caution for applications -- such as crops -- that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4 intensity).

For weekly drought updates, see the latest U.S. Drought Monitor.

NOTE: The tan area areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period although drought will remain.

The Green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none)

Precipitation – Colorado River Basin

As of February 10, 2014

Upper Colorado Basin

WY Precip to Date

102% (12.7")

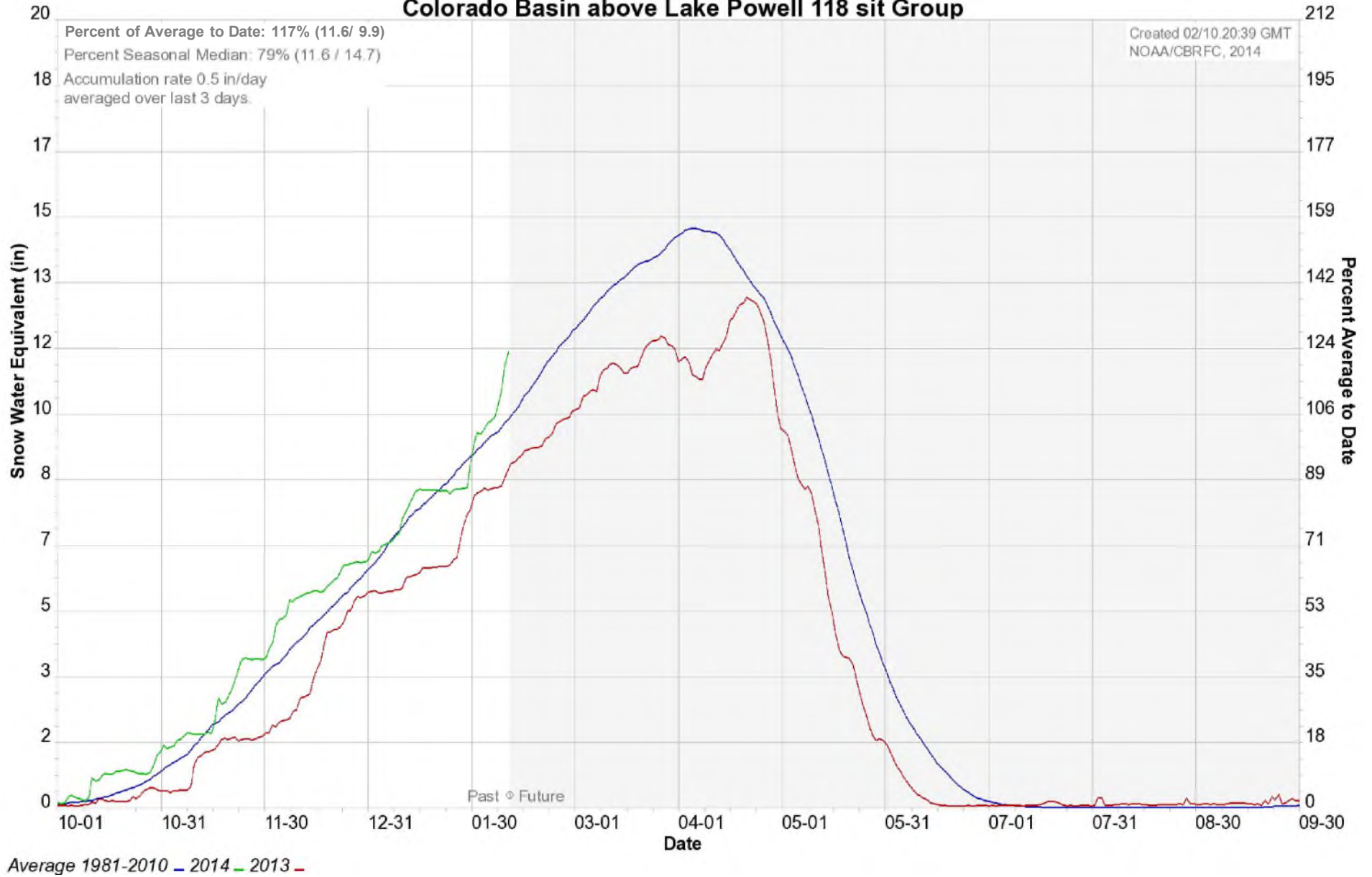
Current Basin Snowpack

112% (11.8")

(Avg 1981-2010)



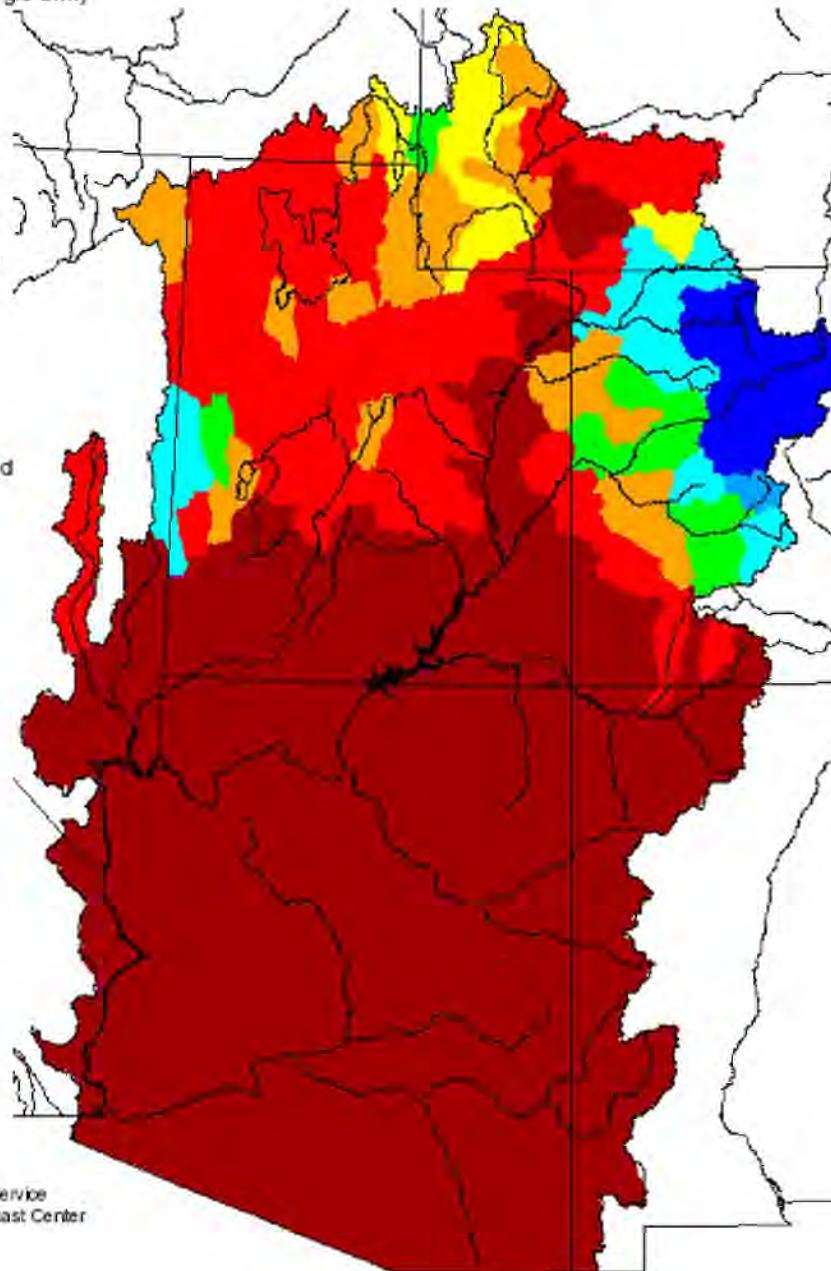
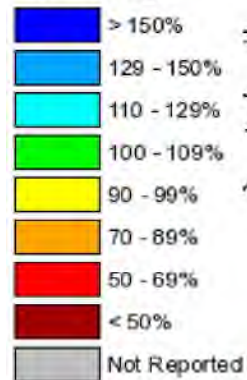
Colorado Basin River Forecast Center Colorado Basin above Lake Powell 118 sit Group



Monthly Precipitation for January 2014

(Averaged by Hydrologic Unit)

% Average

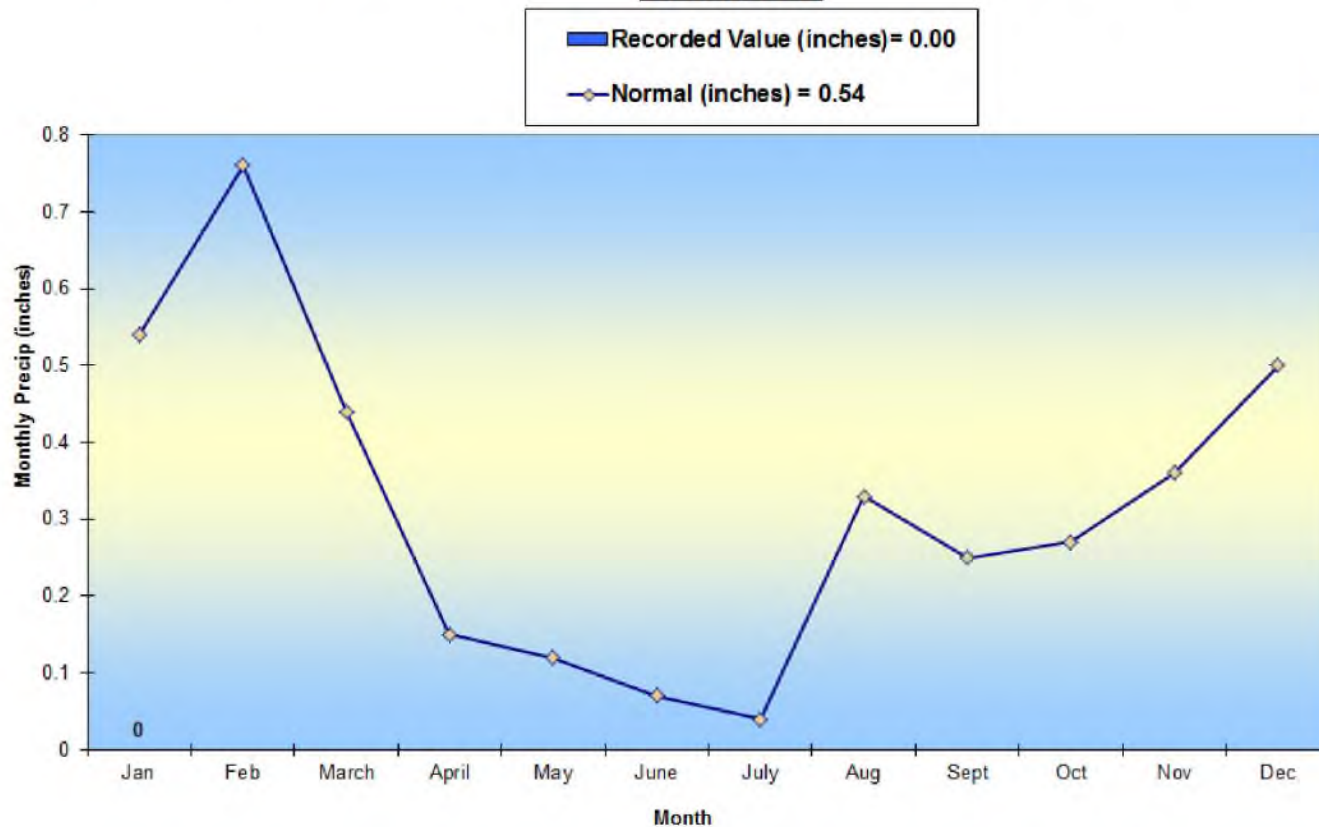


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Record of Precipitation, Las Vegas, NV

As of January 31, 2014

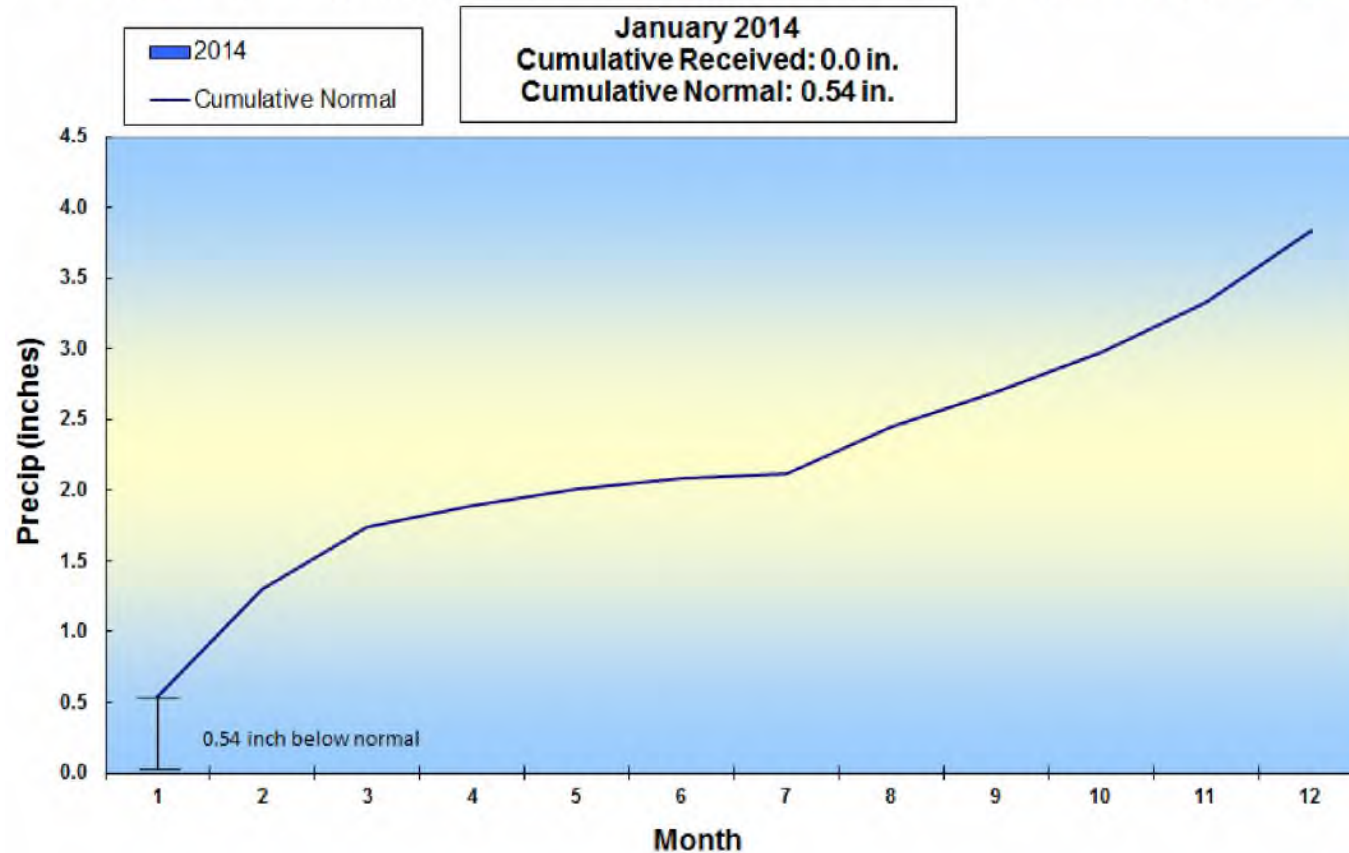
Record of Precipitation at McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas, NV
January 2014



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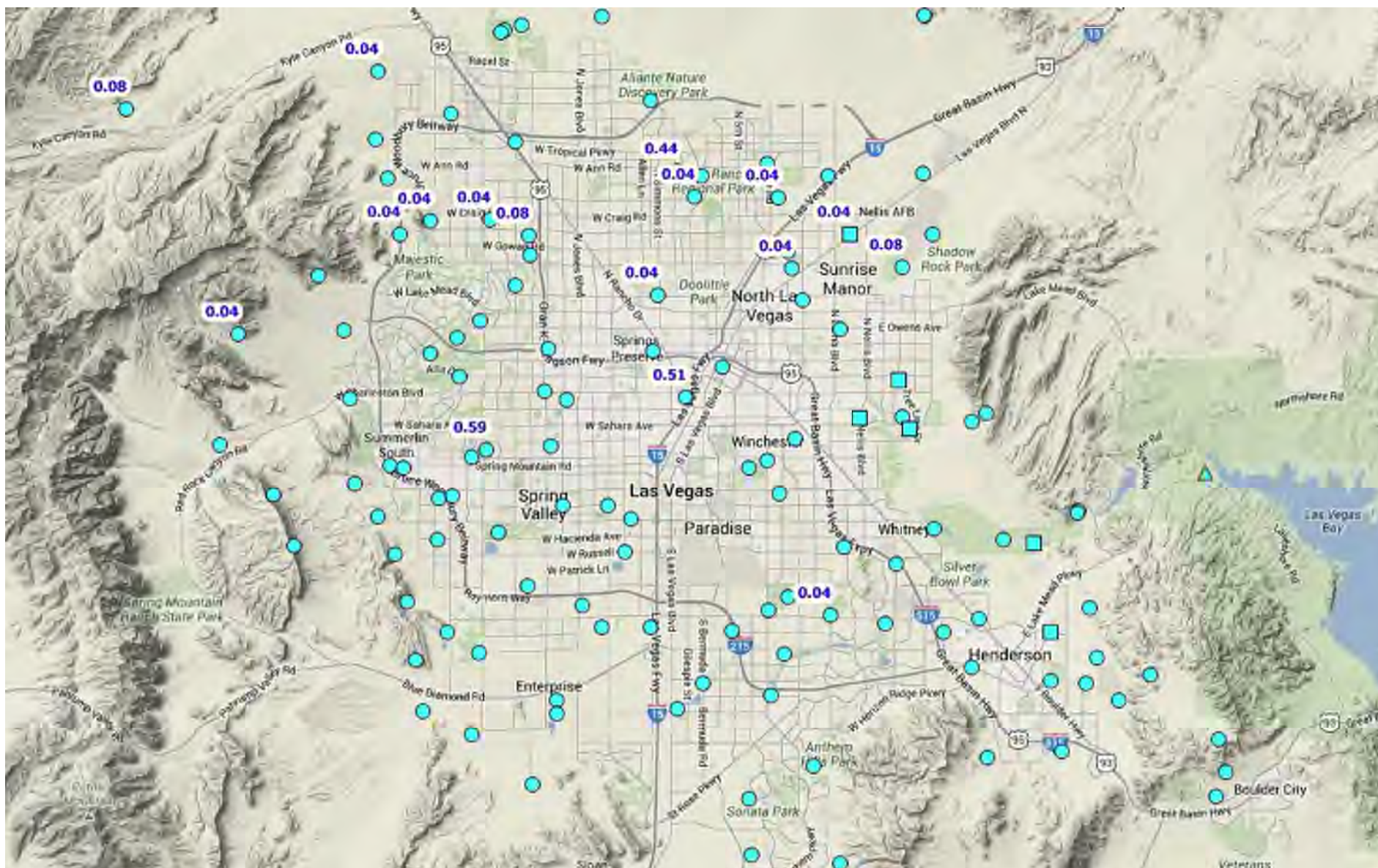
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Record of Precipitation at McCarran International Airport, Las Vegas, NV



Clark County Regional Flood Control District Rain Gages

January 2014 Totals



Water Use in Southern Nevada



Water Use in Southern Nevada

January - December

2013*: Consumptive Use = 223,457
 CR Water Banked = 0
 223,457

2012:	Consumptive Use =	237,167
	<u>CR Water Banked =</u>	<u>0</u>
		237,167

Difference = - 13,710 af

*Subject to final accounting.



Water Use Comparison

January - December

Water Use	2012 Acre Feet	2013 Acre Feet	Difference	% Change
Las Vegas Wash Gauged Flow	212,478	215,007	2,529	1.2%
Diversions	439,352	433,383	-5,969	-1.4%
Return Flow Credit	202,185	209,926	7,741	3.8%
Consumptive Use	237,167	223,457	-13,710	-5.8%



Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS)

Storage in Lake Mead as of December 31, 2012

State	Storage (AF)	Feet*
Nevada	512,804	5.7
California	579,786	6.4
Arizona	103,050	1.1
Total	1,195,640	13.3

*90,000 acre feet storage per 1 foot of storage at elevation 1,100



GCDAMP-DASHBOARD



DASHBOARD: Can Address the Following Questions:

- Q: How many power units are online? maintenance season?
- Q: What are the snow pack conditions? Percentages?
- Q: What are the lake levels for Powell /Mead? (Compare 3 or 5 years?)
- Q: What are the latest news articles (specifically associated) with this program?
- Q: What science trips are going on right now? Last month? Next month?
- Q: What is the drought outlook right now? Seasonal outlook for the basin?
- Q: How much water is coming out of the dam right now? CFS?
- Q: What is the water temperature? How is it trending?
- Q: Recreation: Are there motorized boats on the river right now?
- Q: What does the hydrograph look like? Next few months? Year?
- Q: What do the upper basin lake levels look like? Navajo? Fontenelle?
- Q: What does the precipitation look like in the Basin?
- Q: What year are we in with the HFE protocol? Other guiding documents?
- Q: Fishery: What are the fishing conditions at Lees Ferry?
- Q: What are the sediment conditions? HFE?



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