

Climate Update

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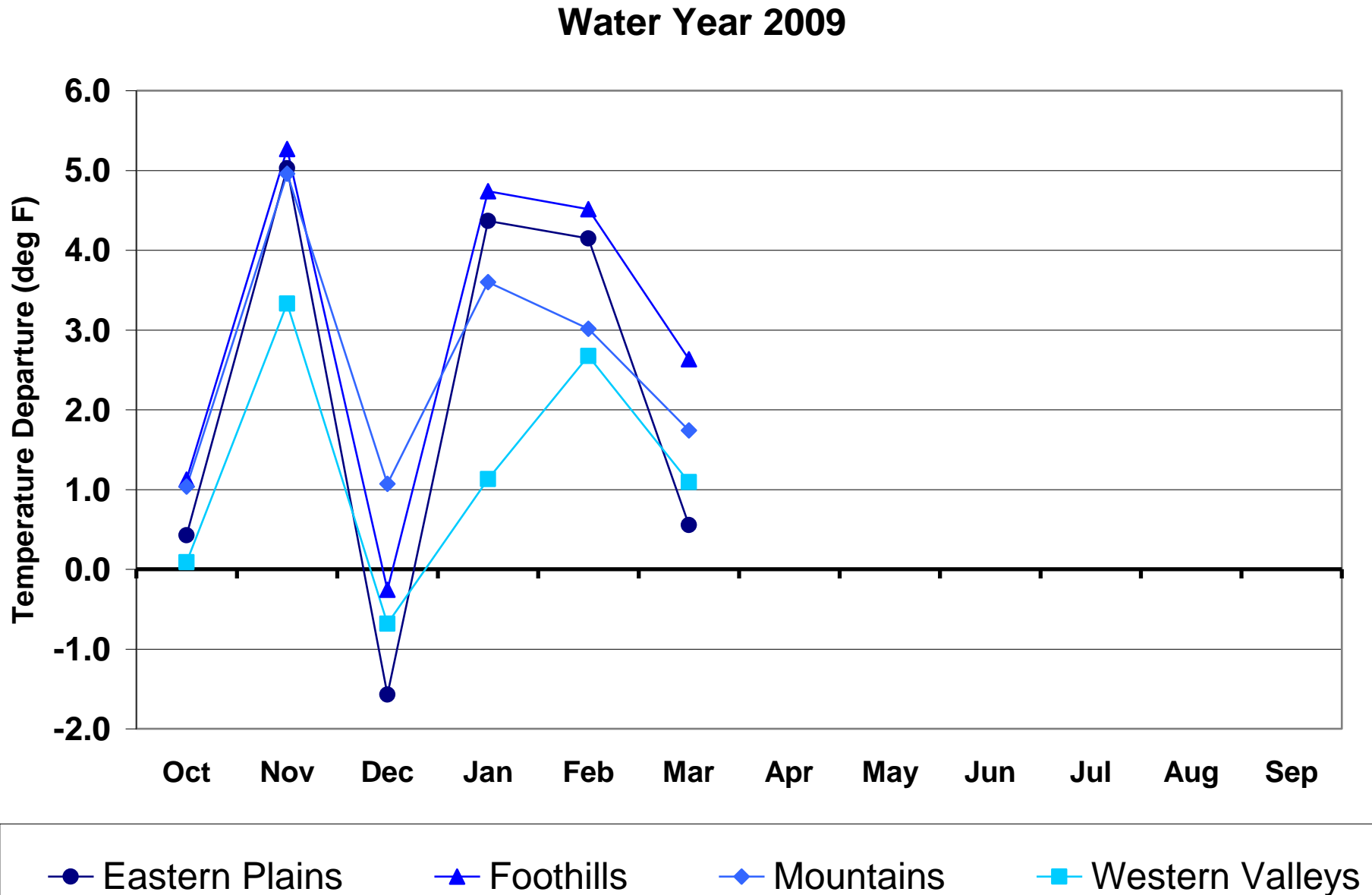
**Presented to
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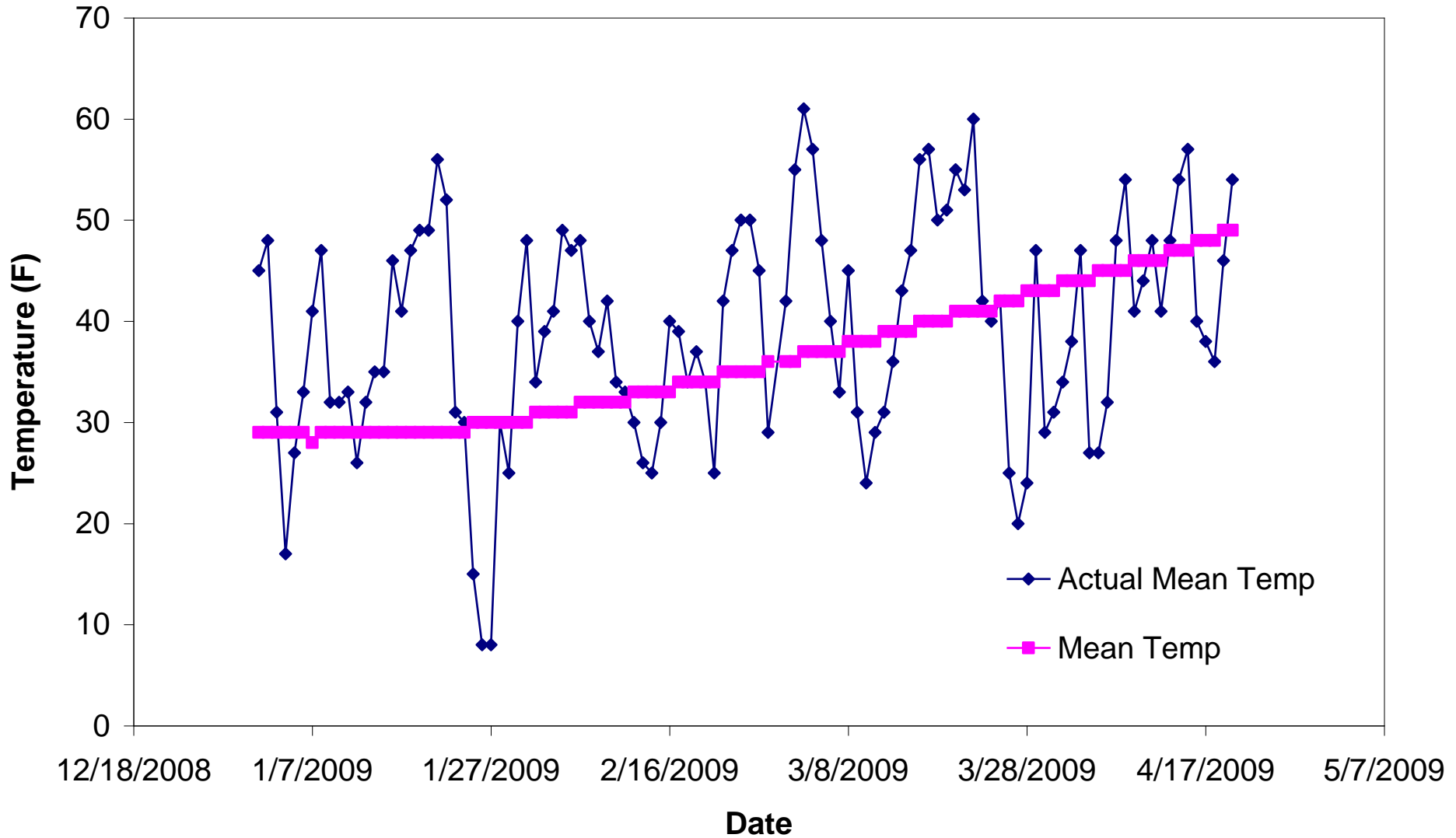
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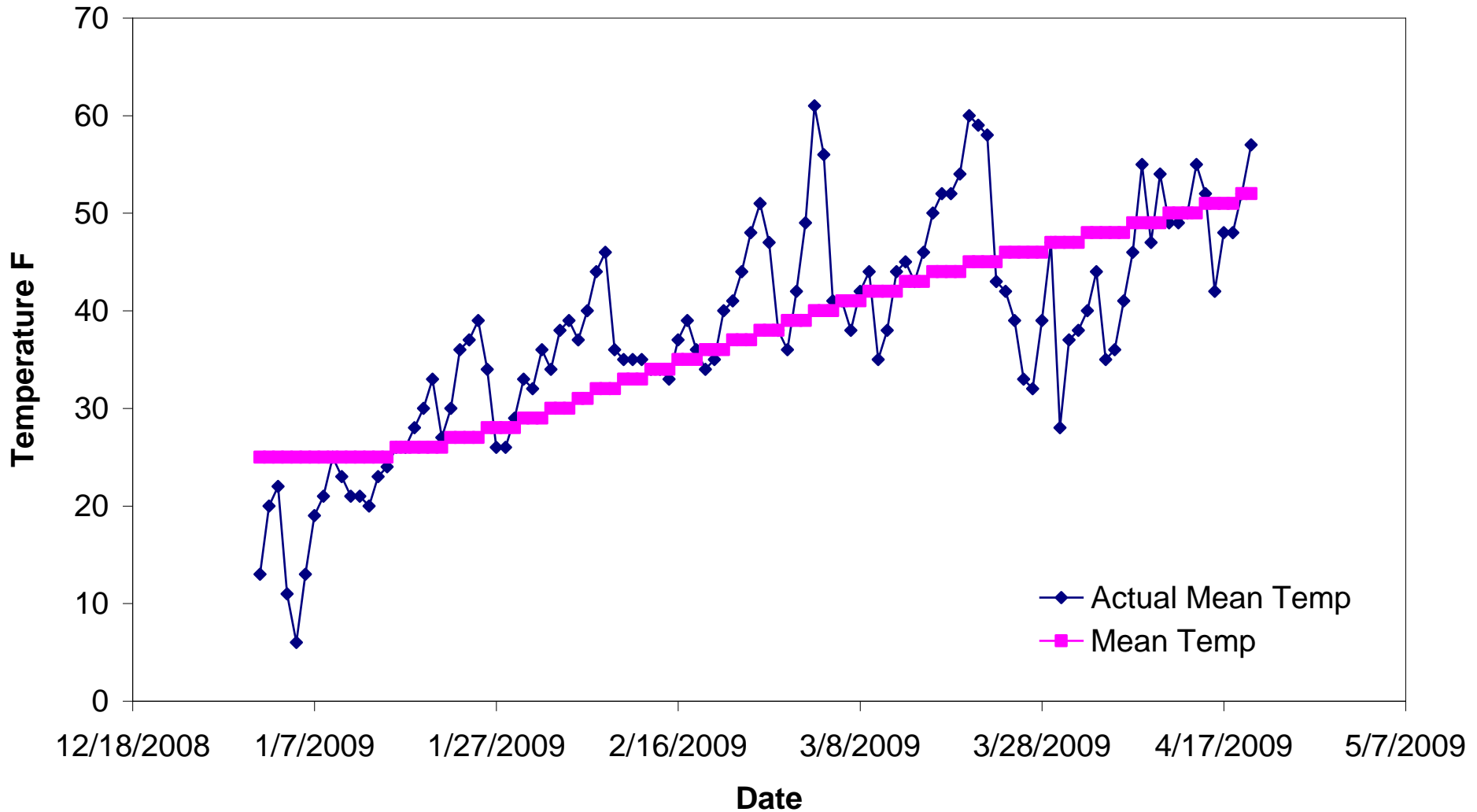
Water Year 2009 Temperature Departures



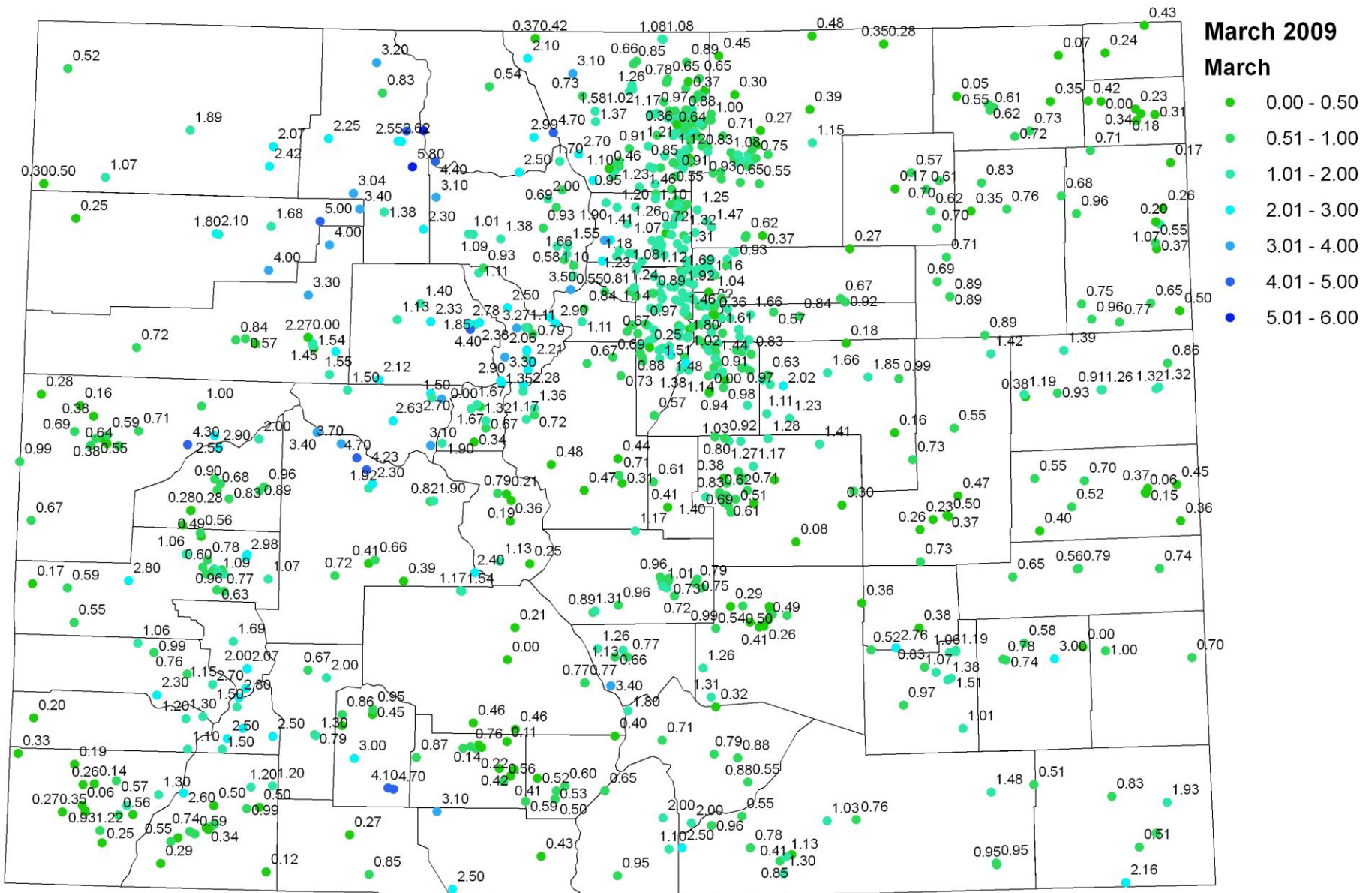
Denver, CO Jan 1 - Apr 20 2009 Mean and Actual Daily Temperature



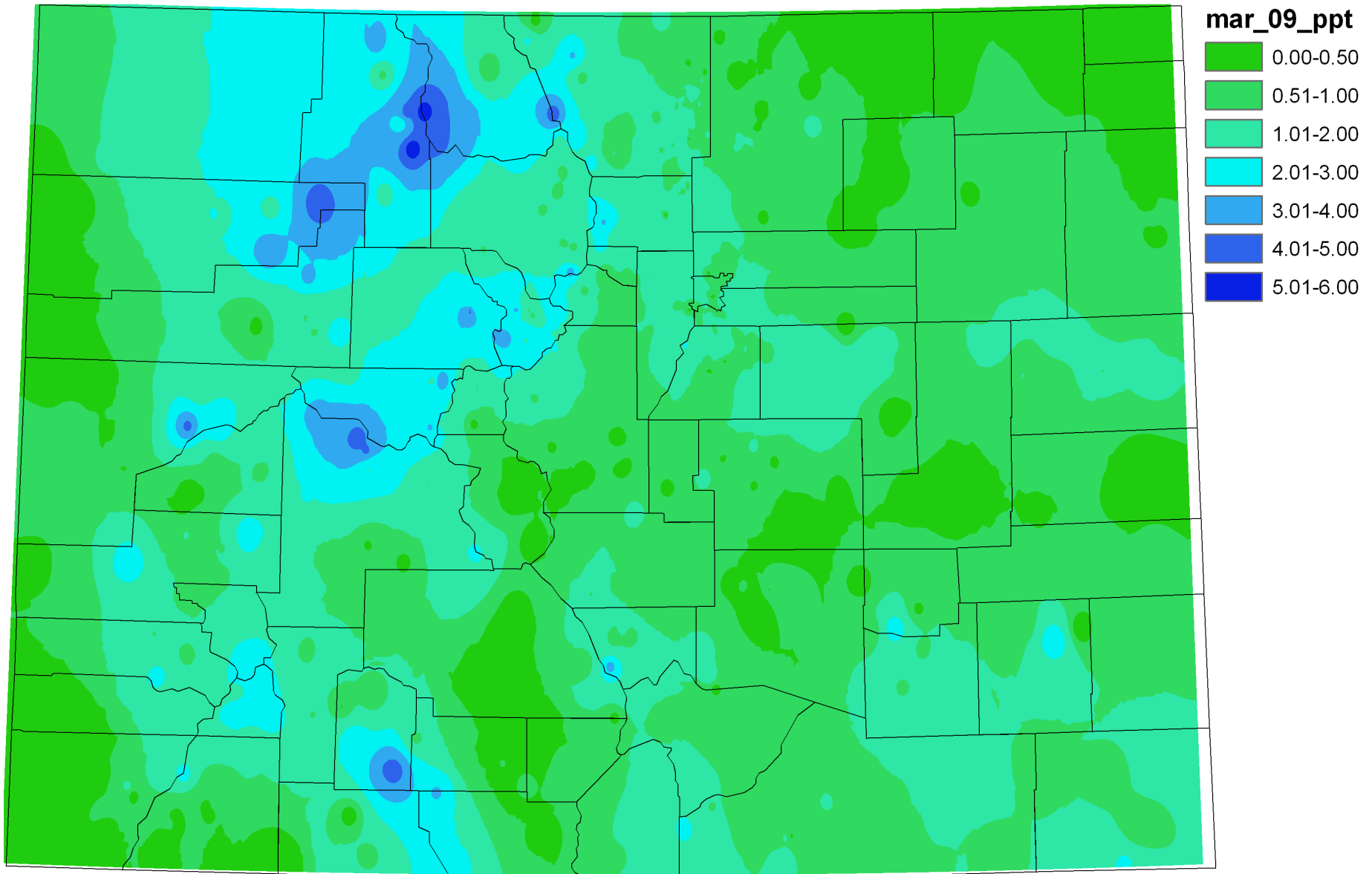
Grand Junction Jan 1 - Apr 20 2009 Mean and Actual Daily Temperatures



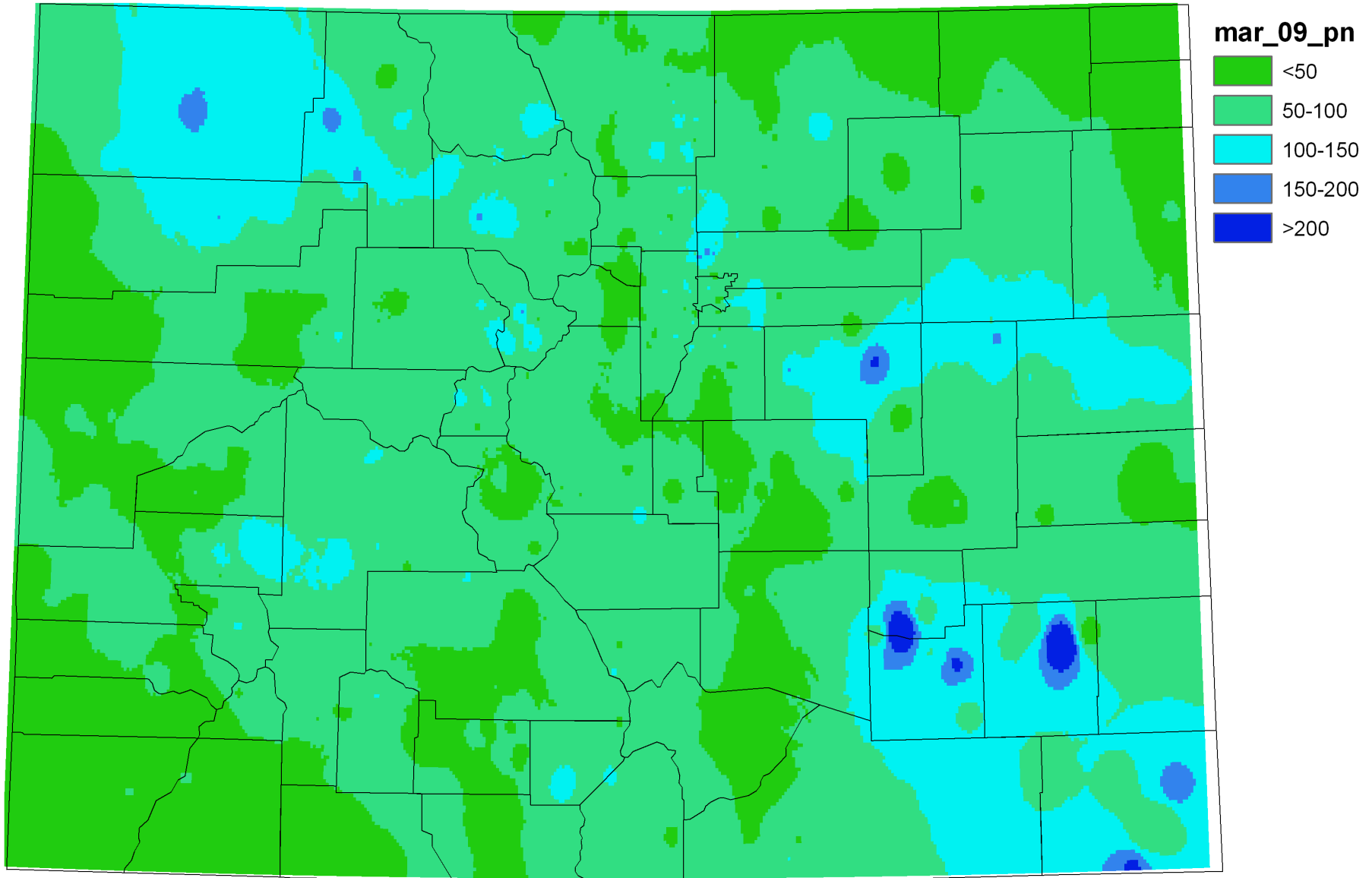
March 2009 Precipitation



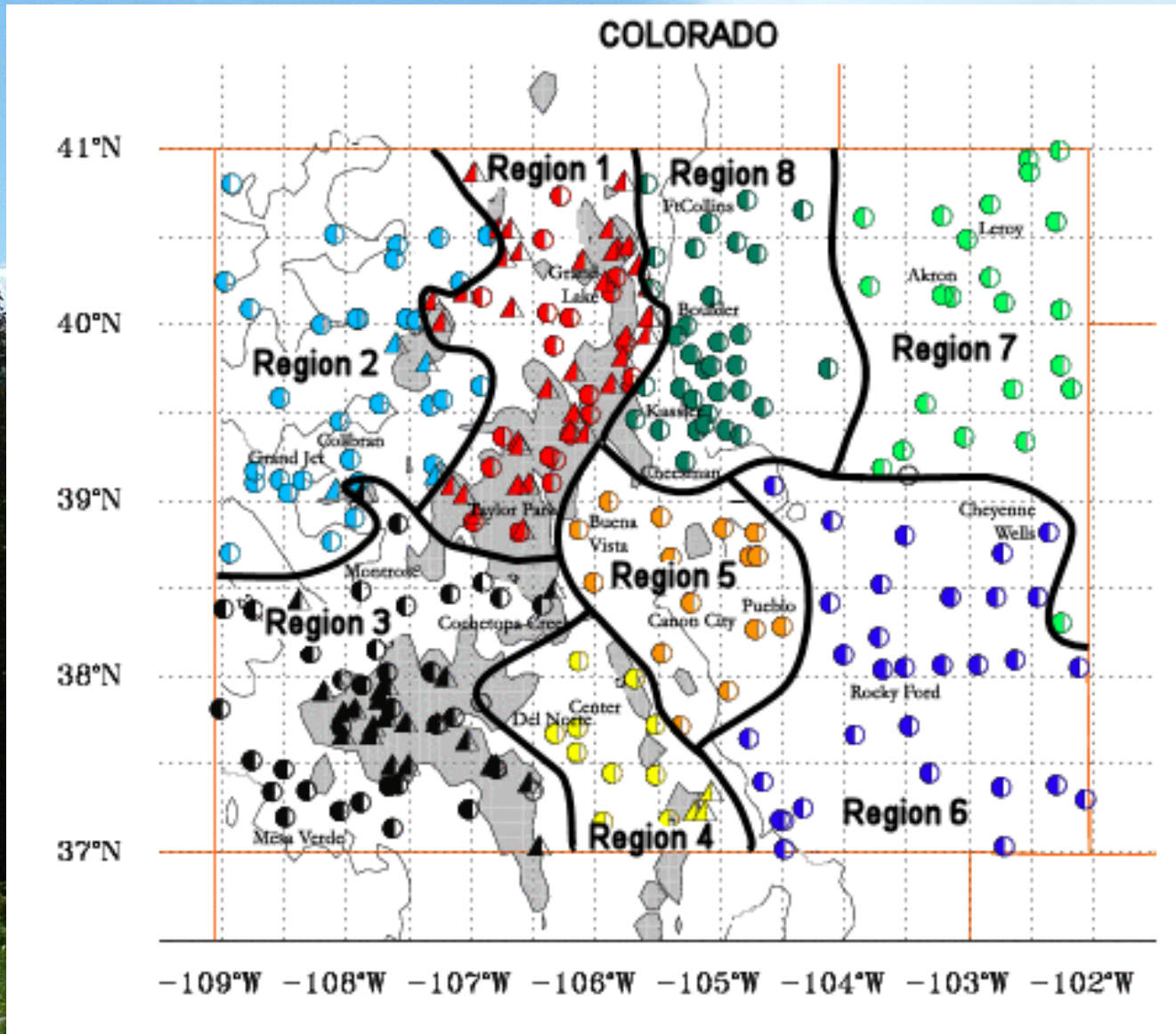
March 2009 Precipitation



March 2009 Precipitation as Percent of Normal

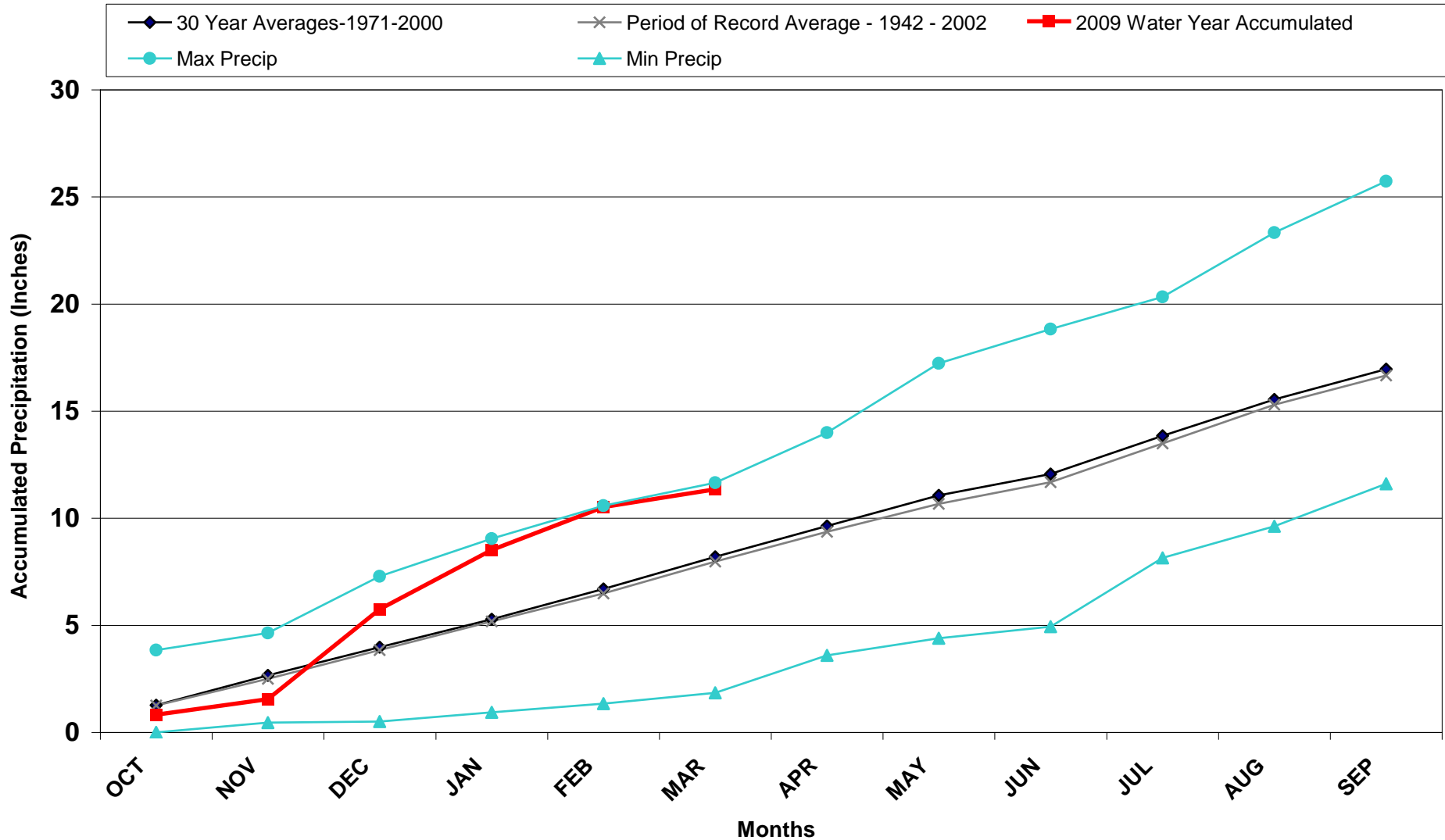


Climate divisions defined by Dr. Klaus Wolter of NOAA's Climate Diagnostic Center in Boulder, CO



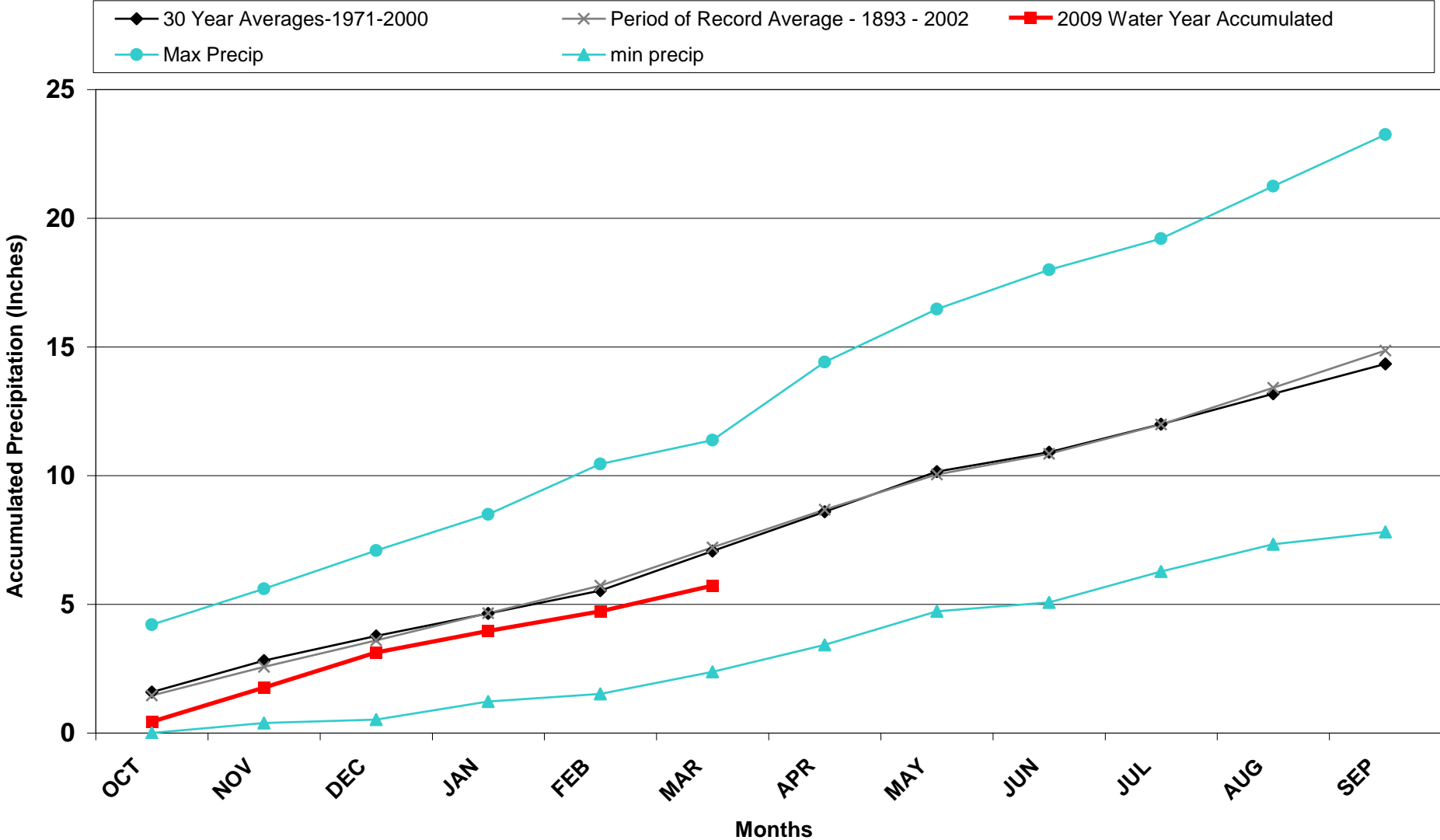
Division 1 – Taylor Park

Taylor Park 2009 Water Year



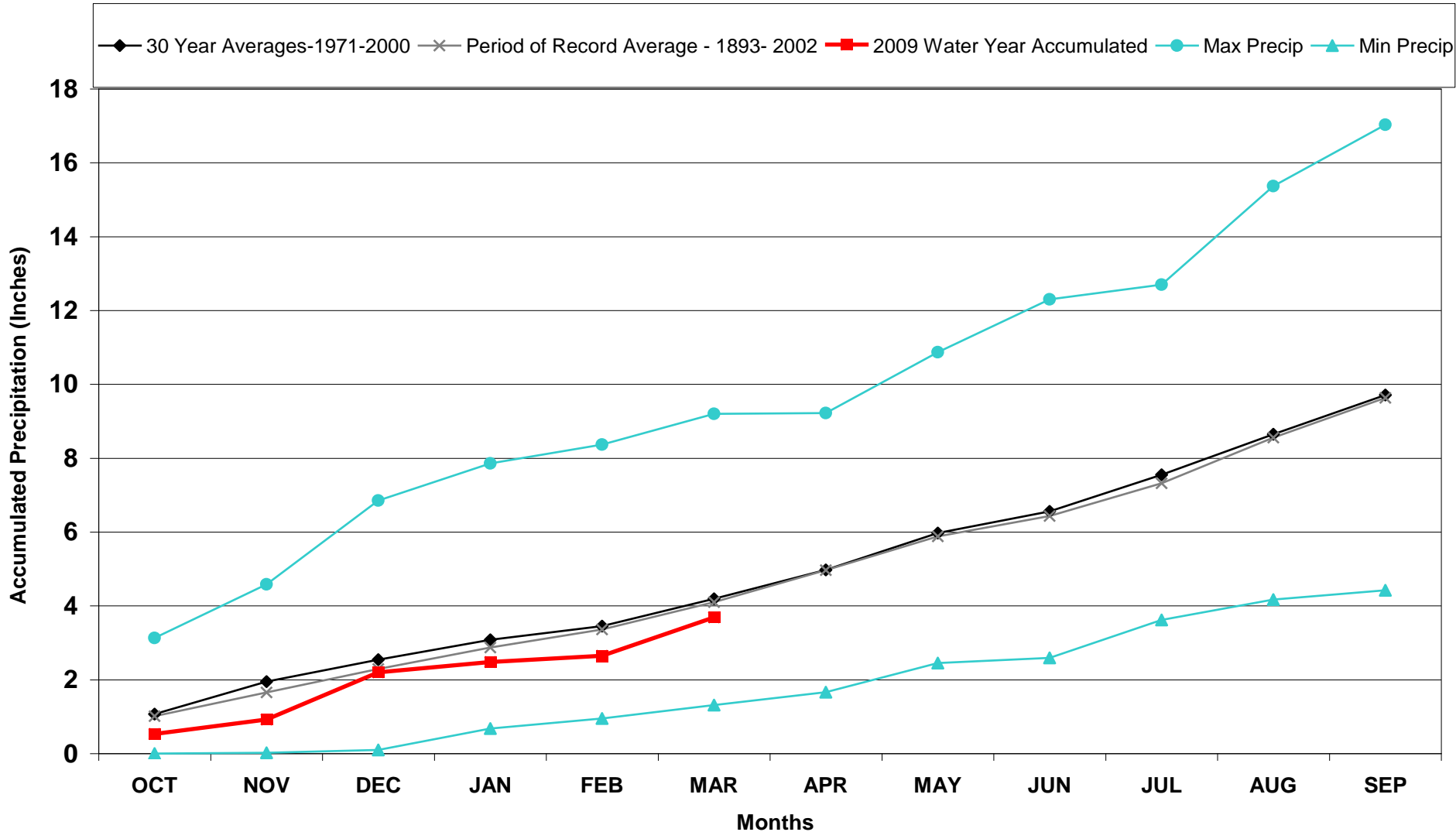
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Collbran 2SW 2009 Water Year



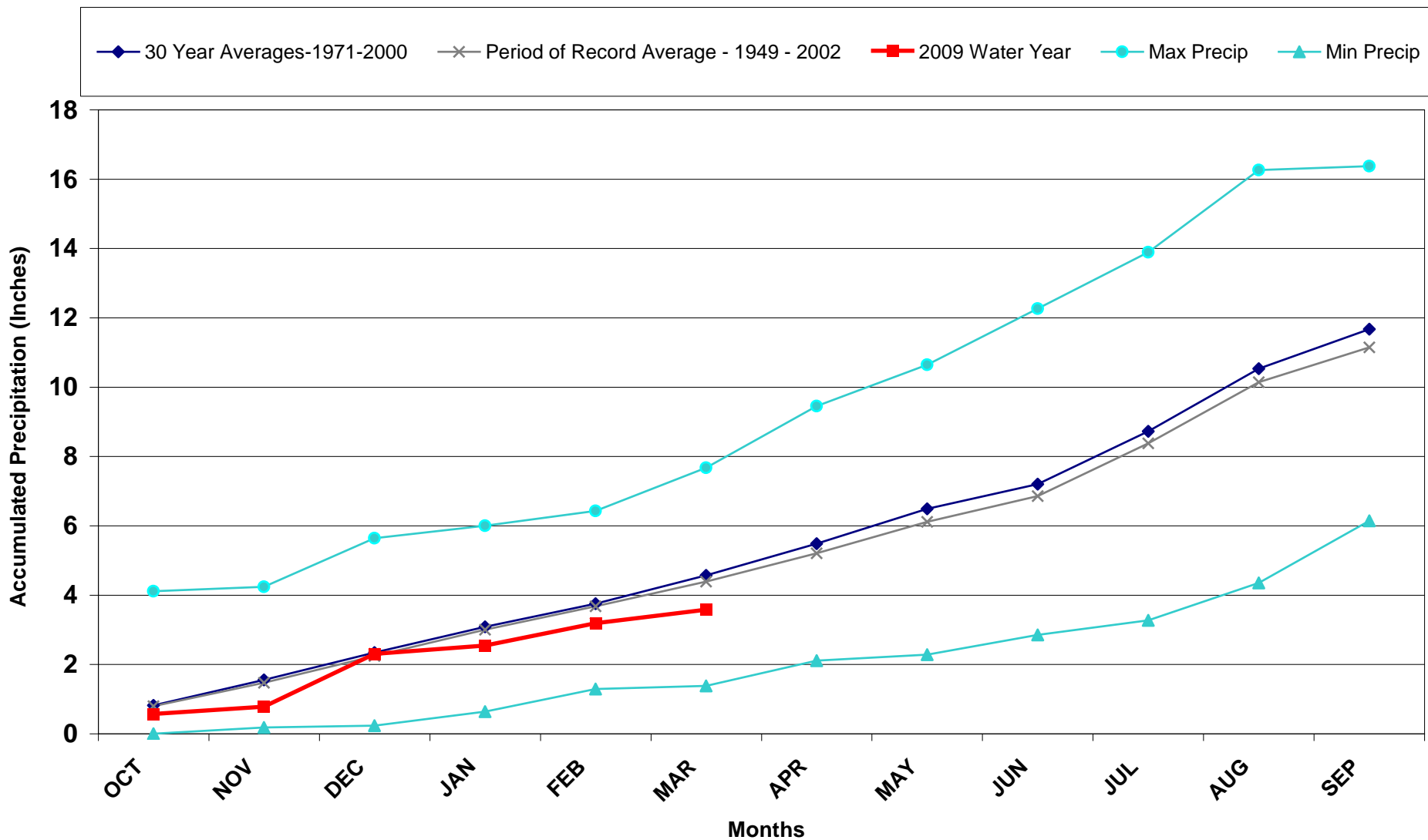
Division 3 – Montrose

Montrose #2 2009 Water Year



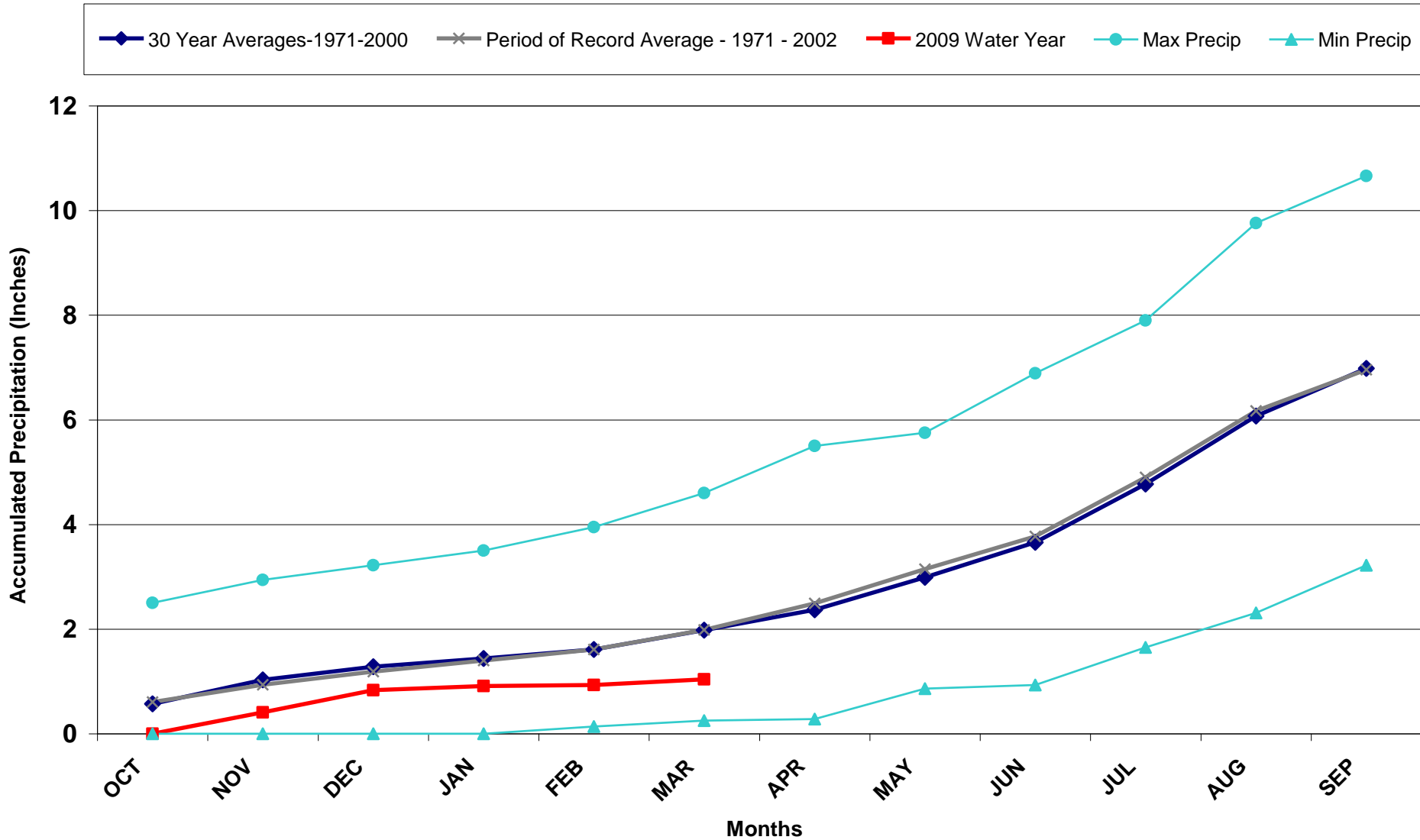
Division 3 – Cochetopa Creek

Cochetopa Creek 2009 Water Year



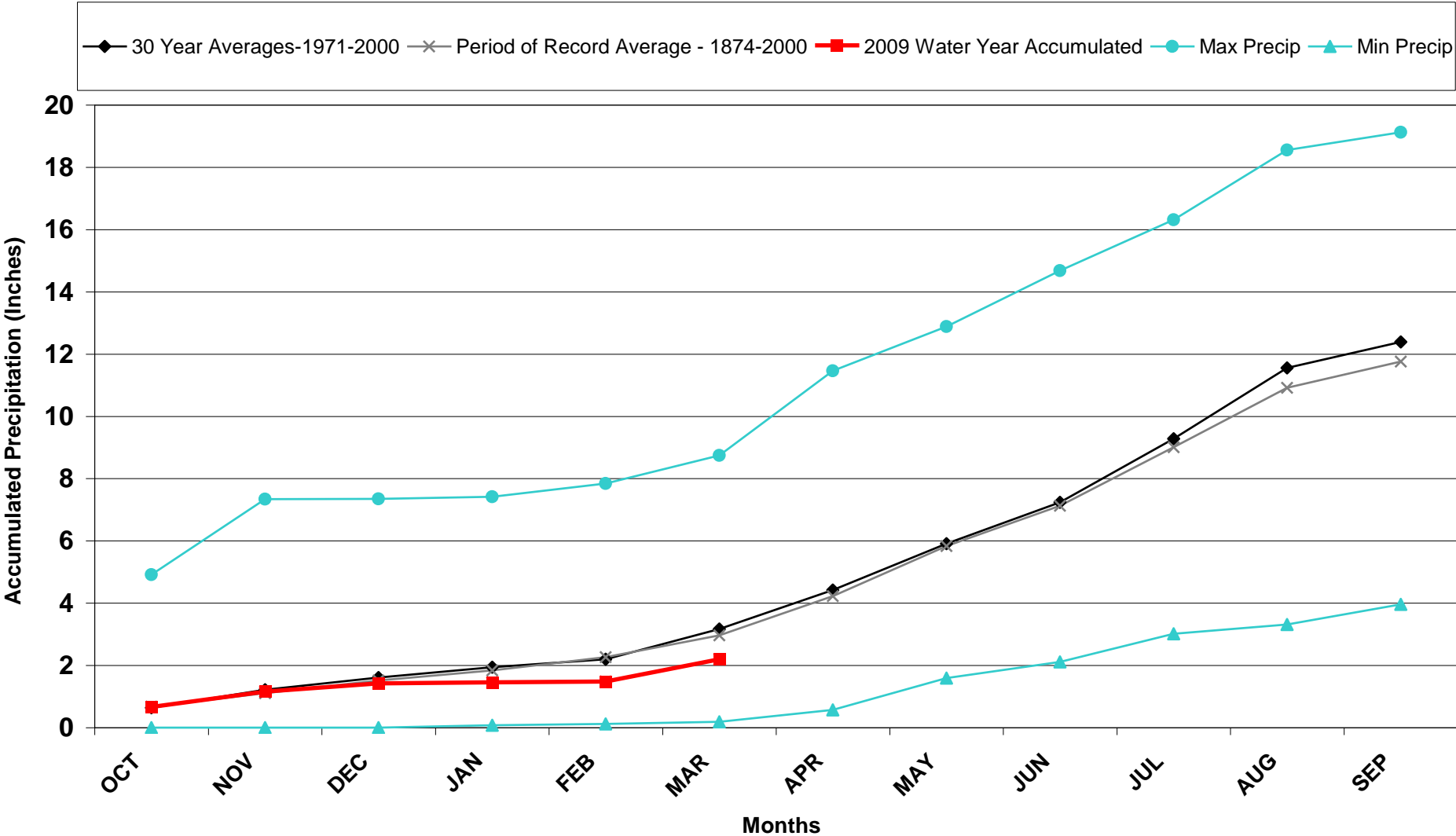
Division 4 – Center

Center 4SSW 2009 Water Year



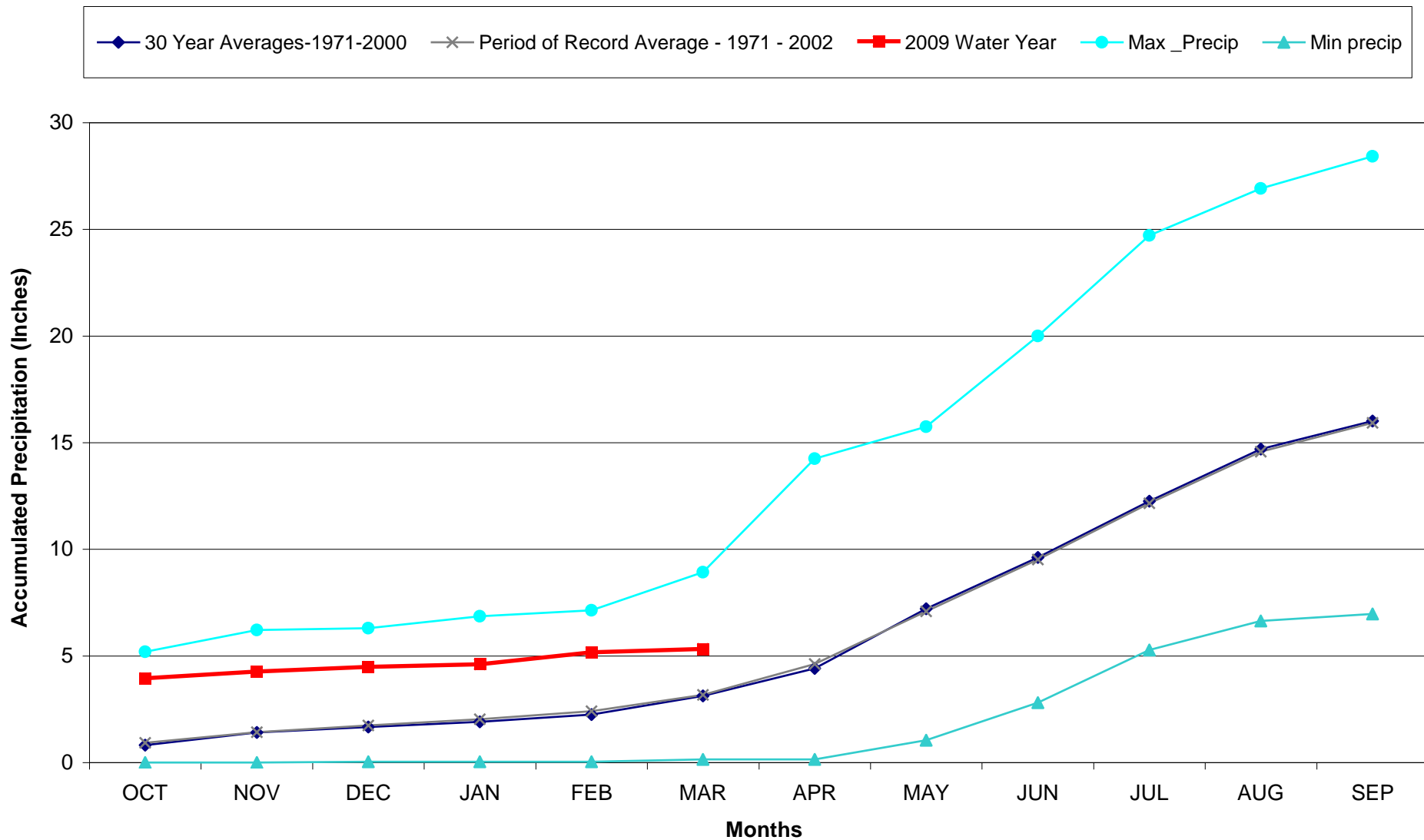
Division 5 – Pueblo

Pueblo WSO 2009 Water Year



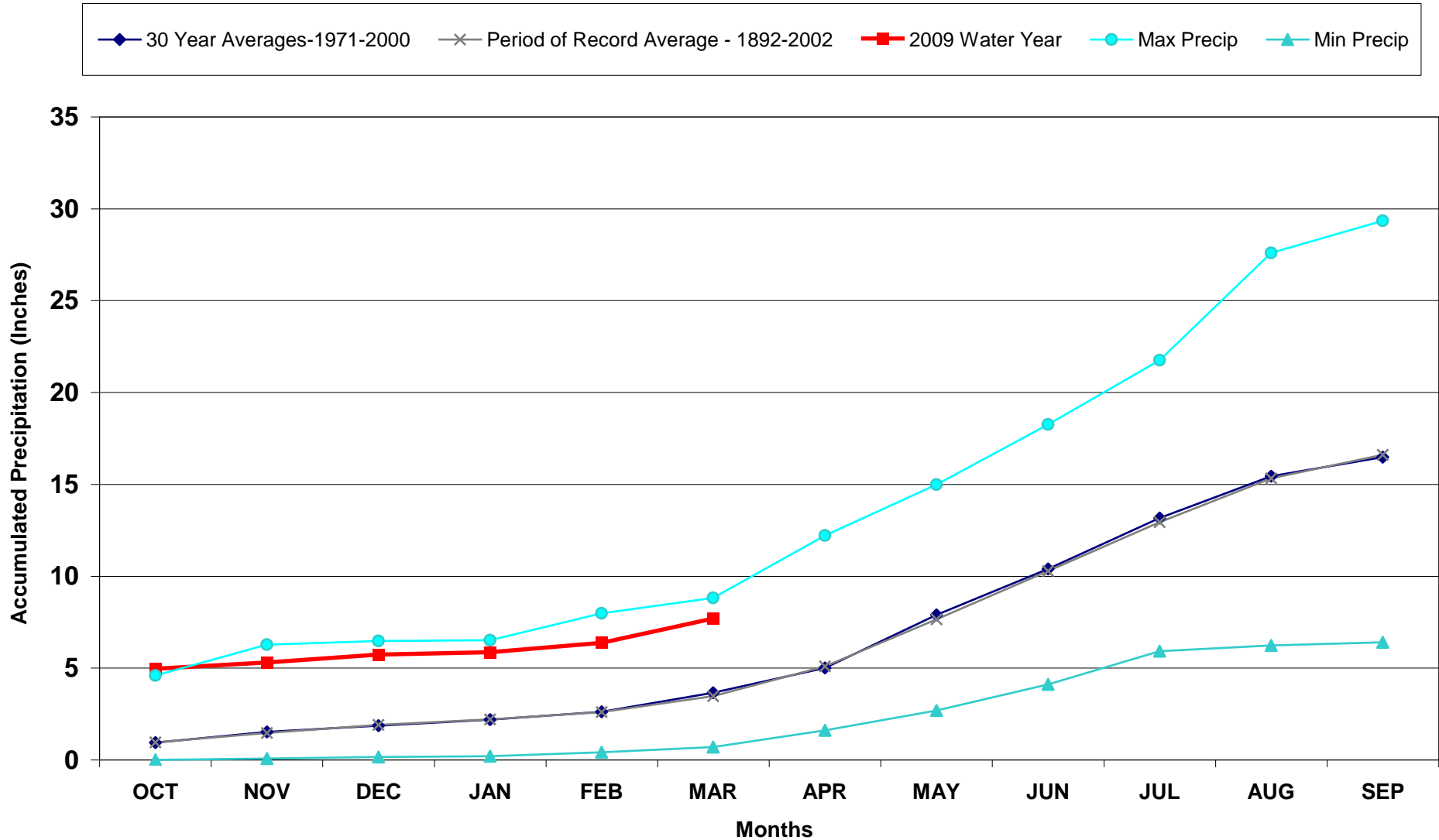
Division 6 – Cheyenne Wells

Cheyenne Wells 2009 Water Year



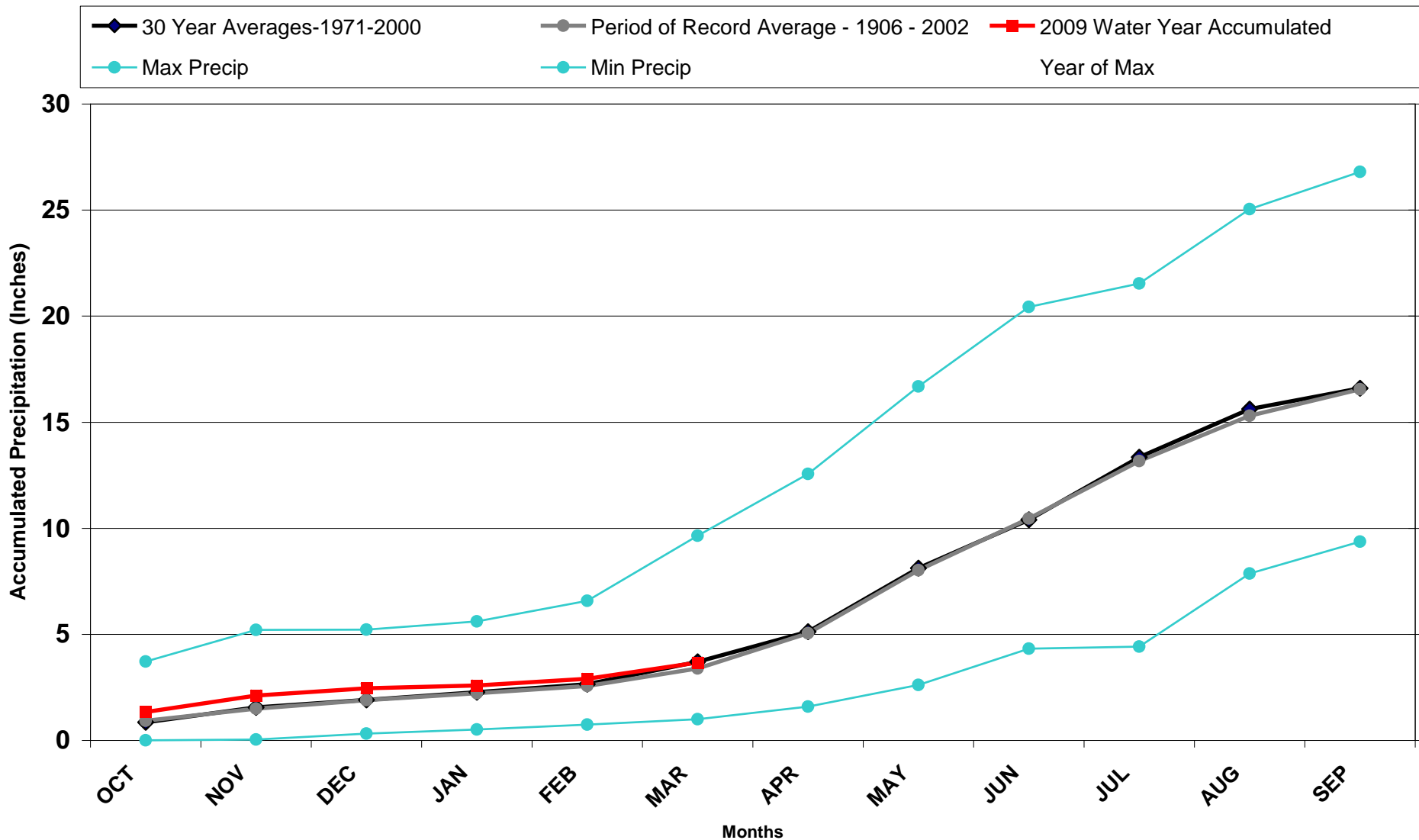
Division 6 - Burlington

Burlington 2009 Water Year



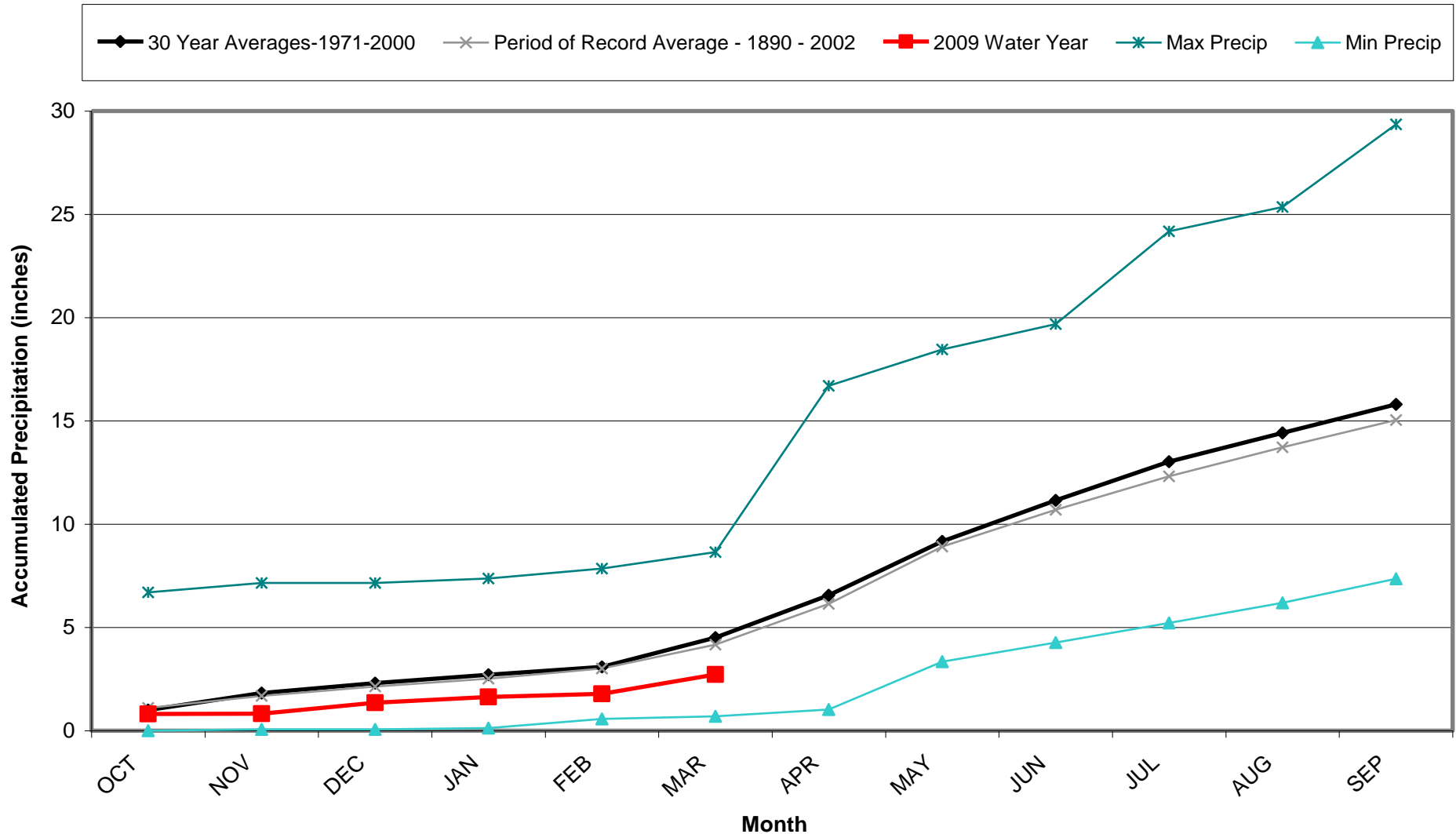
Division 7 – Akron

Akron 4E 2009 Water Year



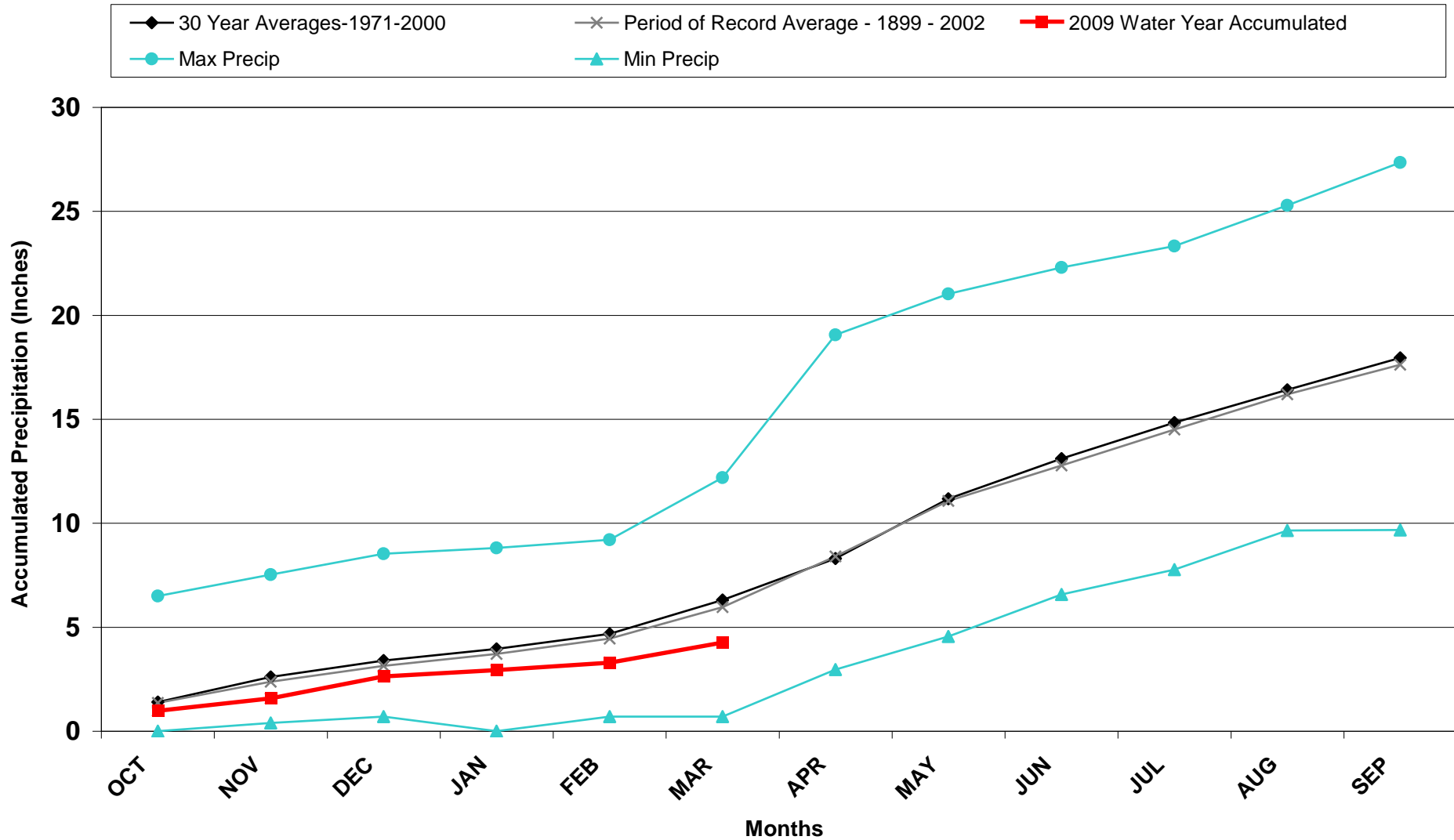
Division 8 – Fort Collins

Fort Collins 2009 Water Year



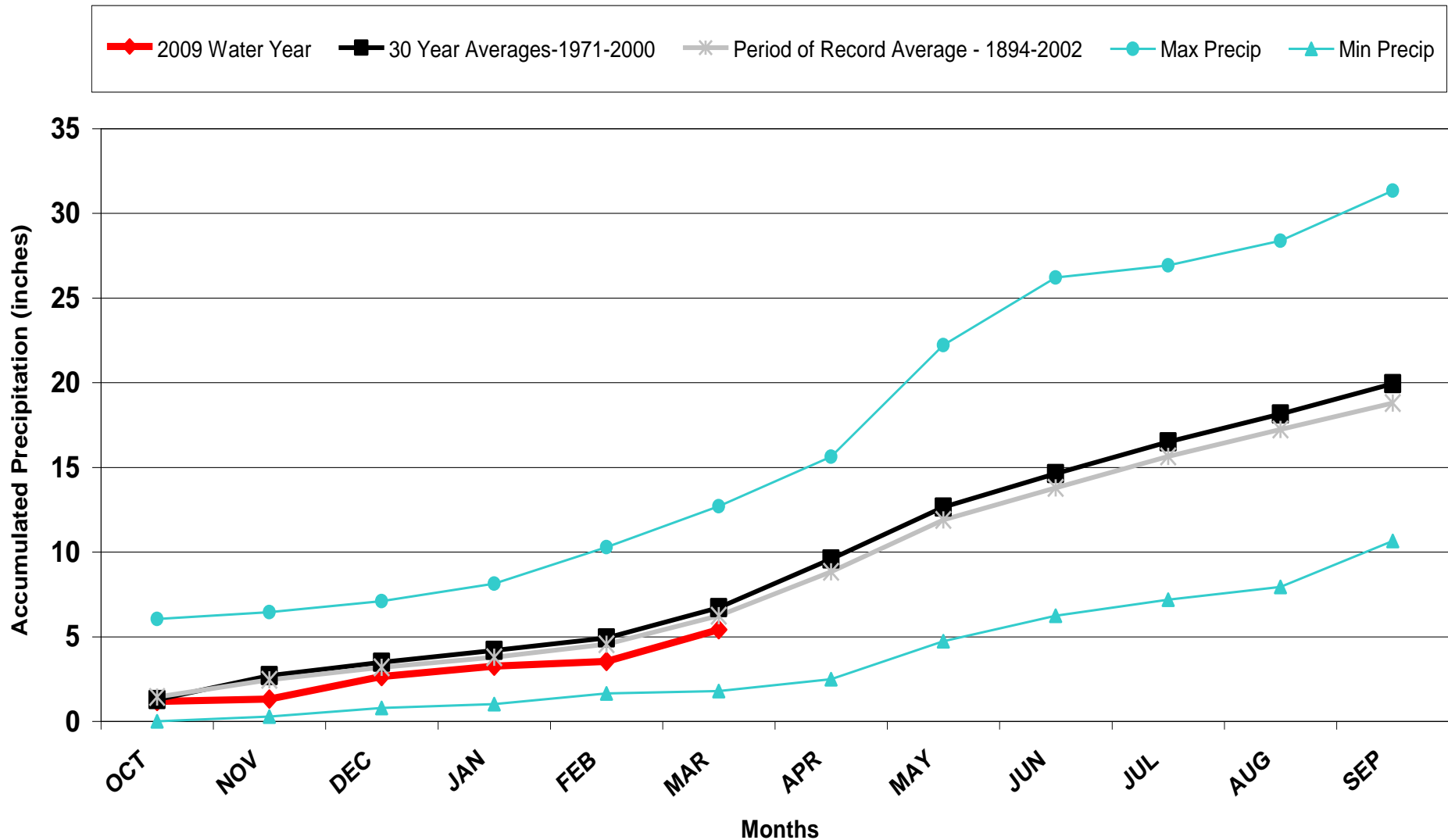
Division 8 – Kassler

Kassler 2009 Water Year

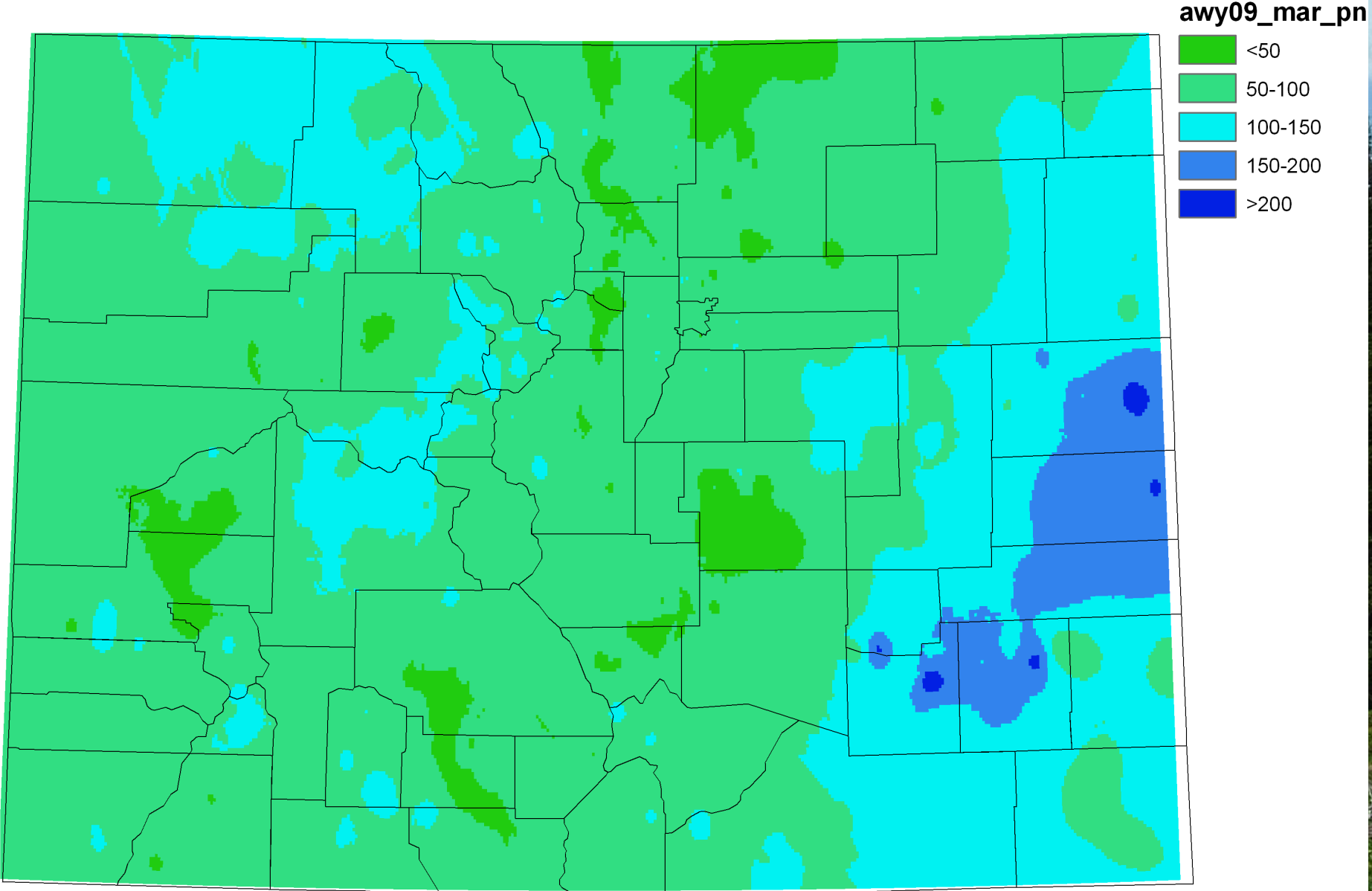


Division 8 - Boulder

Boulder 2009 Water Year



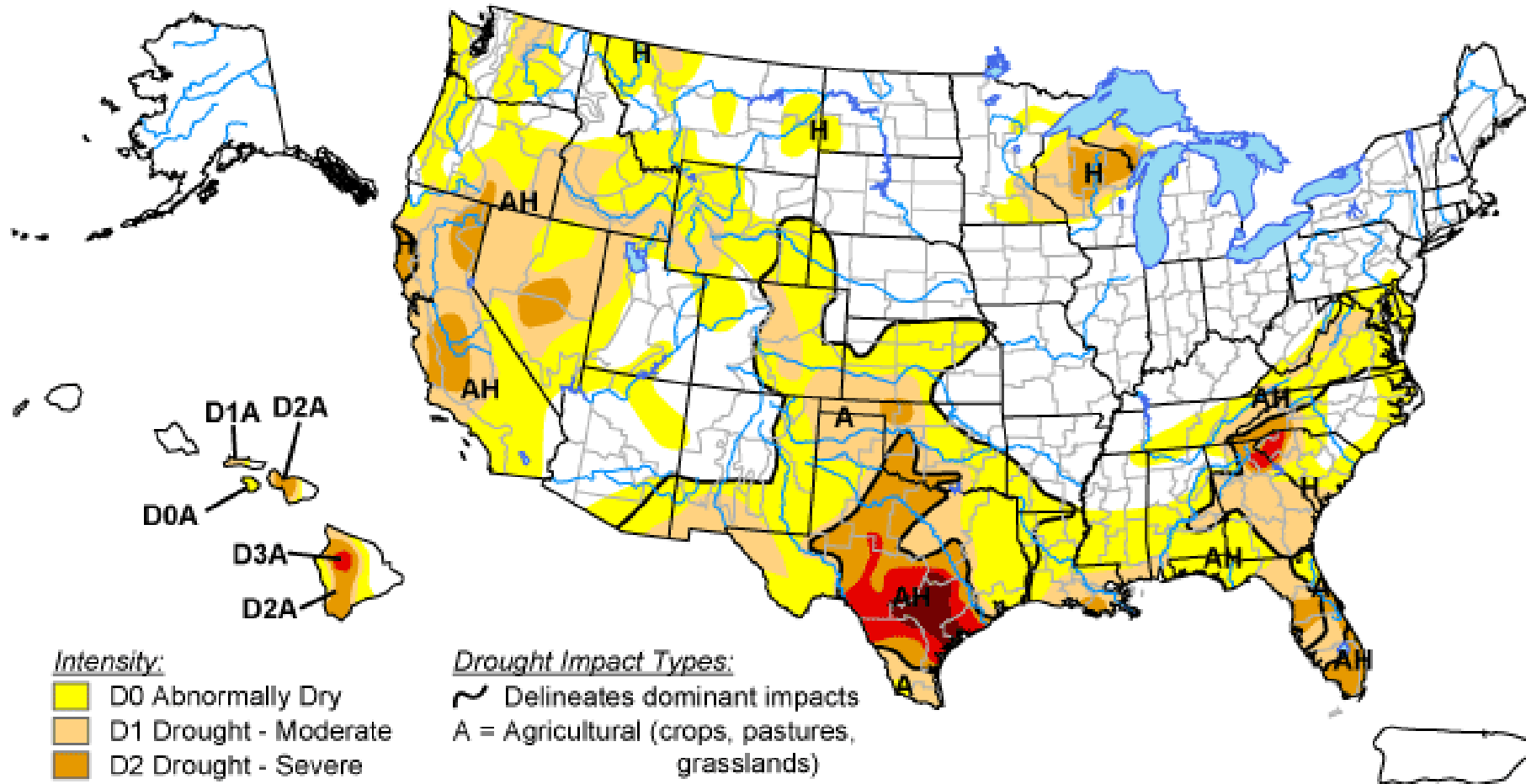
Water Year 2009 Precipitation as Percent of Normal Oct 08 - Mar 09








U.S. Drought Monitor

March 17, 2009


Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Intensity:

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

Drought Impact Types:

-  Delineates dominant impacts
- A = Agricultural (crops, pastures, grasslands)
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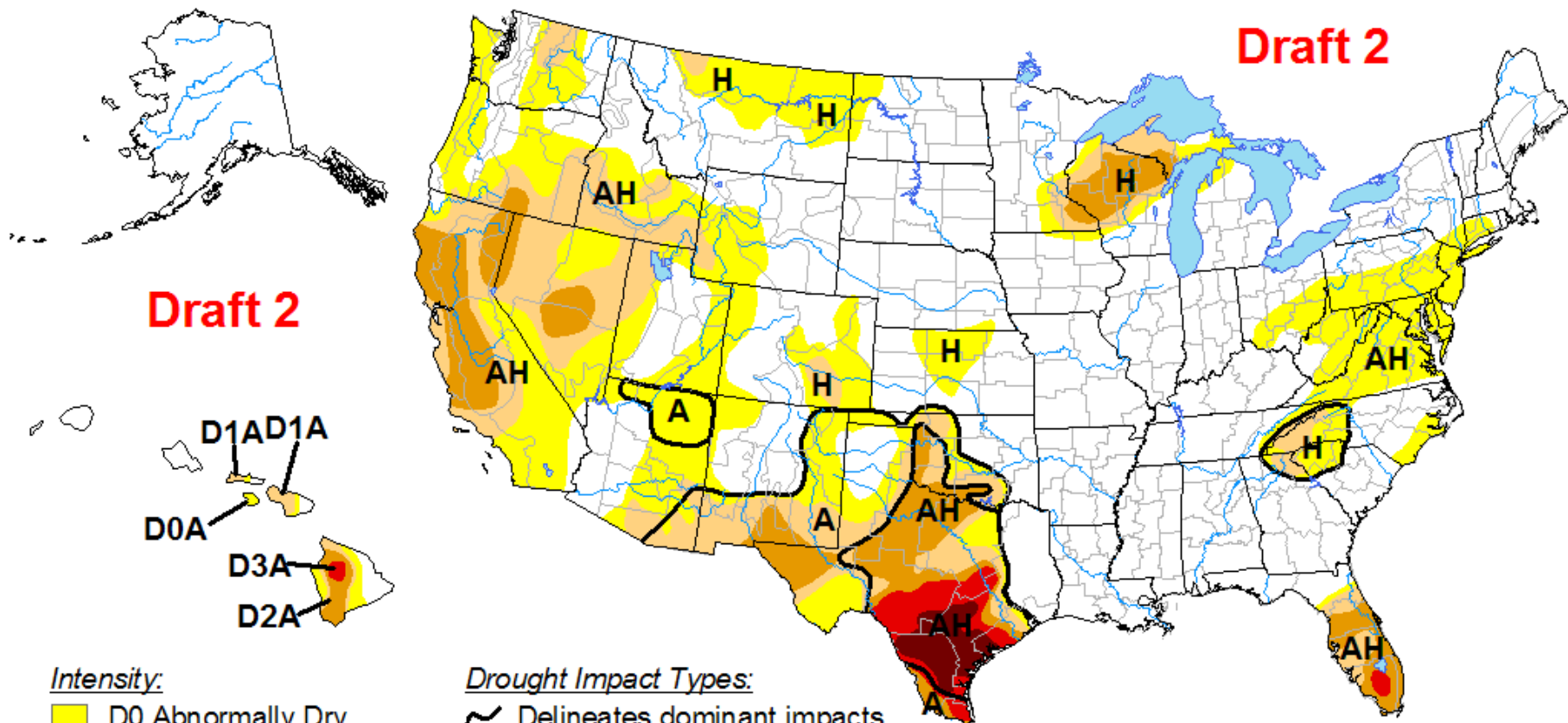
Author: Laura Edwards, Western Regional Climate Center

U.S. Drought Monitor

April 21, 2009

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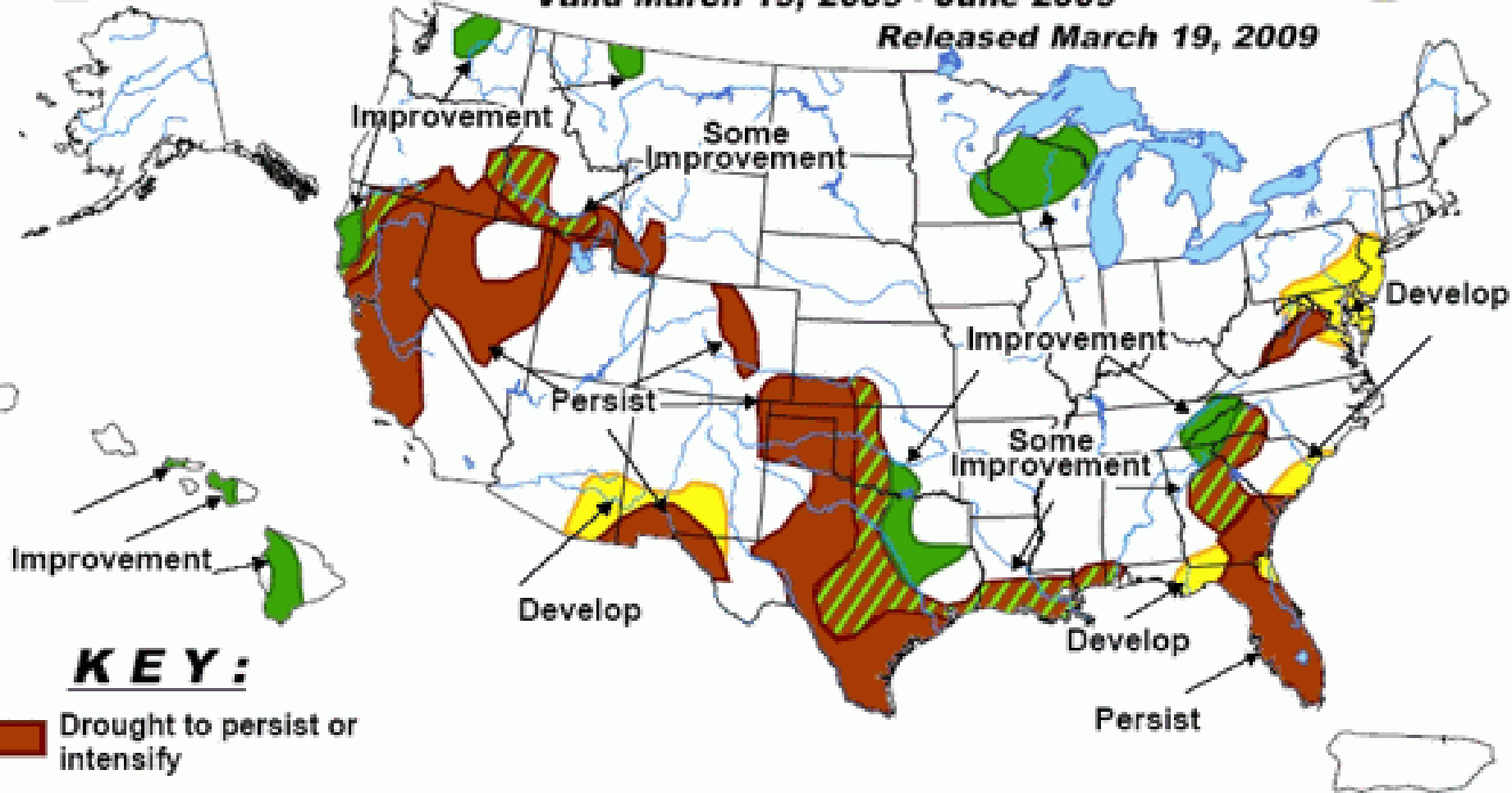


U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid March 19, 2009 - June 2009

Released March 19, 2009



KEY:

-  Drought to persist or intensify
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-  Drought likely to improve, impacts ease
-  Drought development likely

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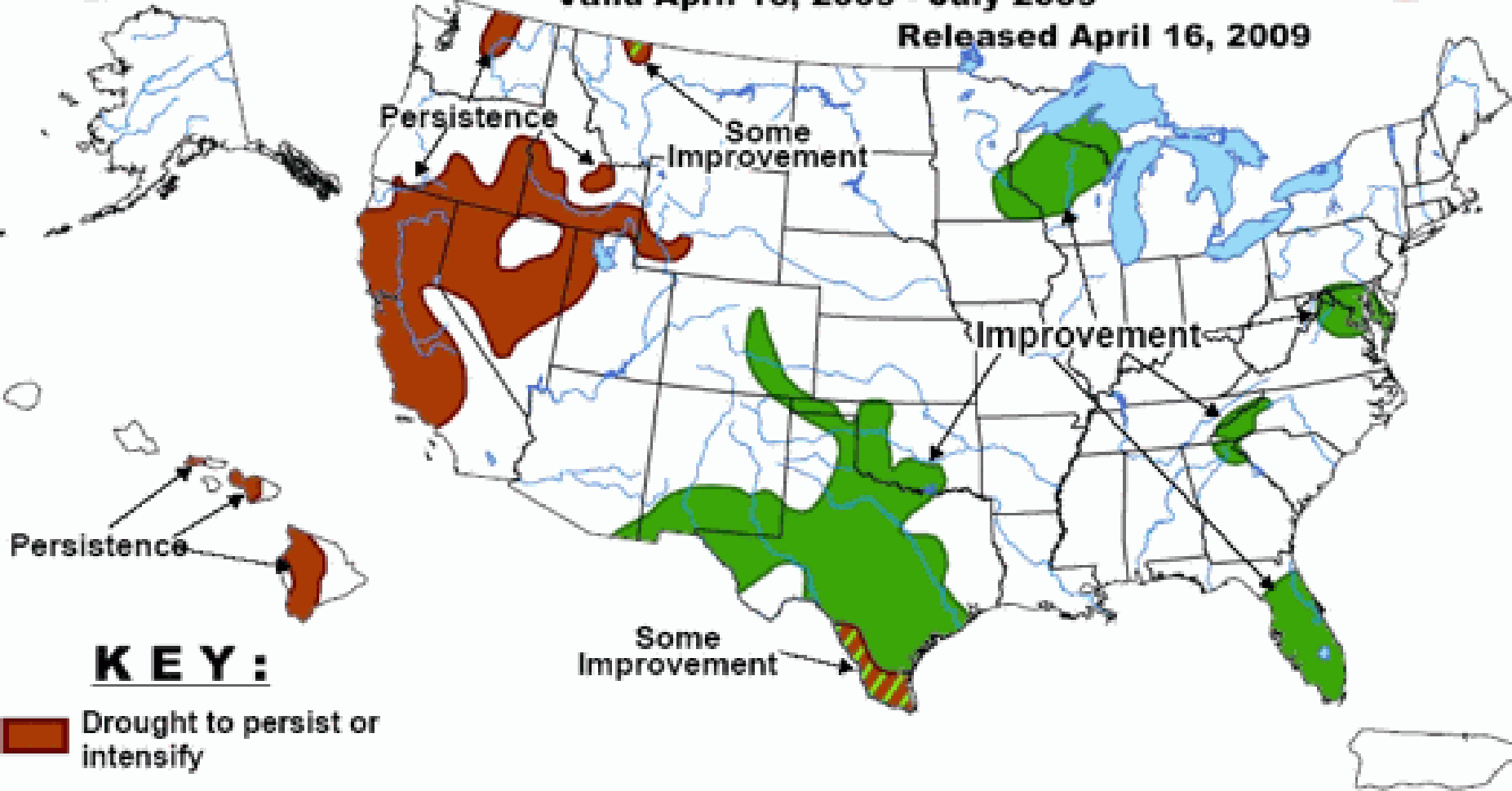
U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid April 16, 2009 - July 2009



Released April 16, 2009



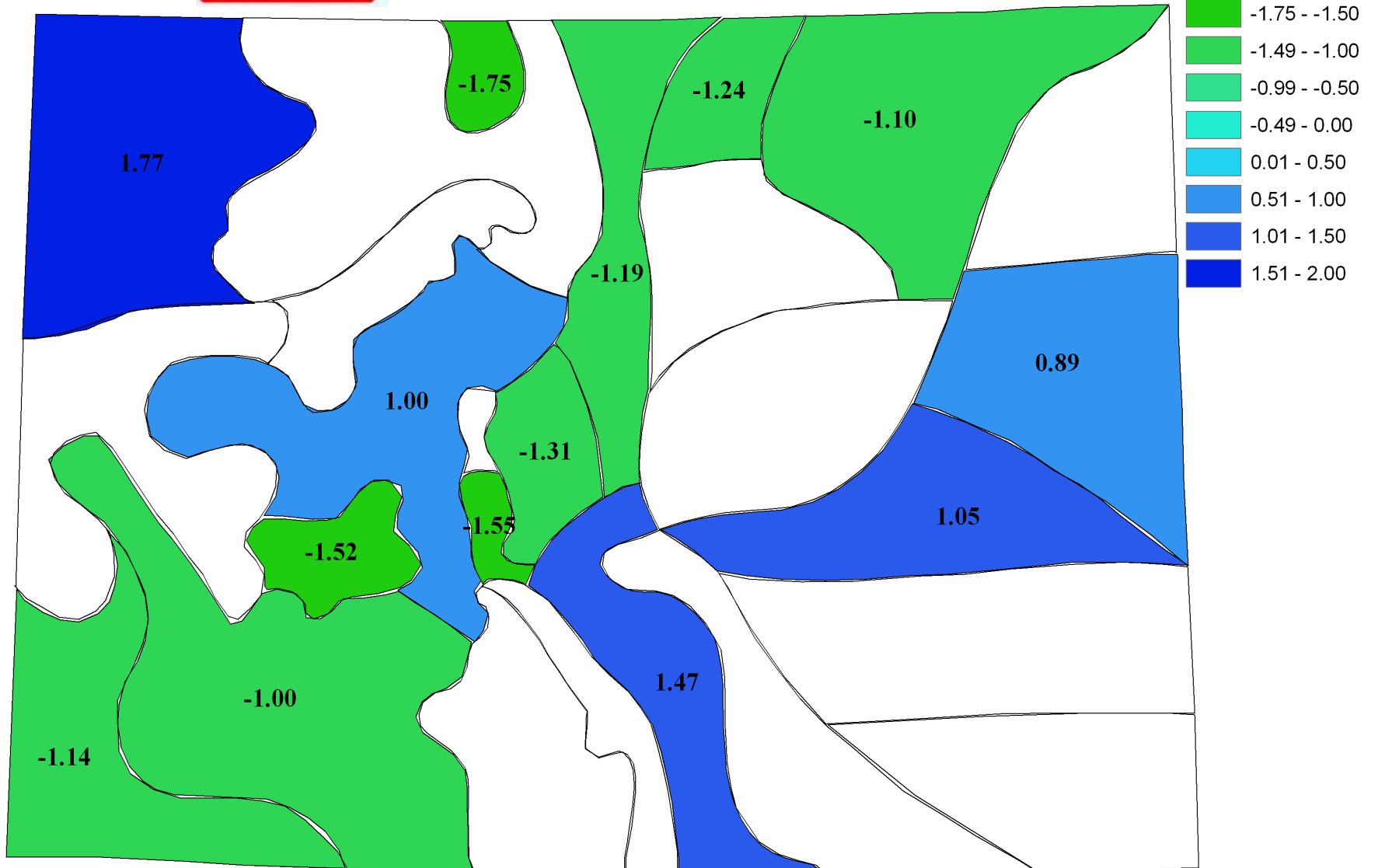
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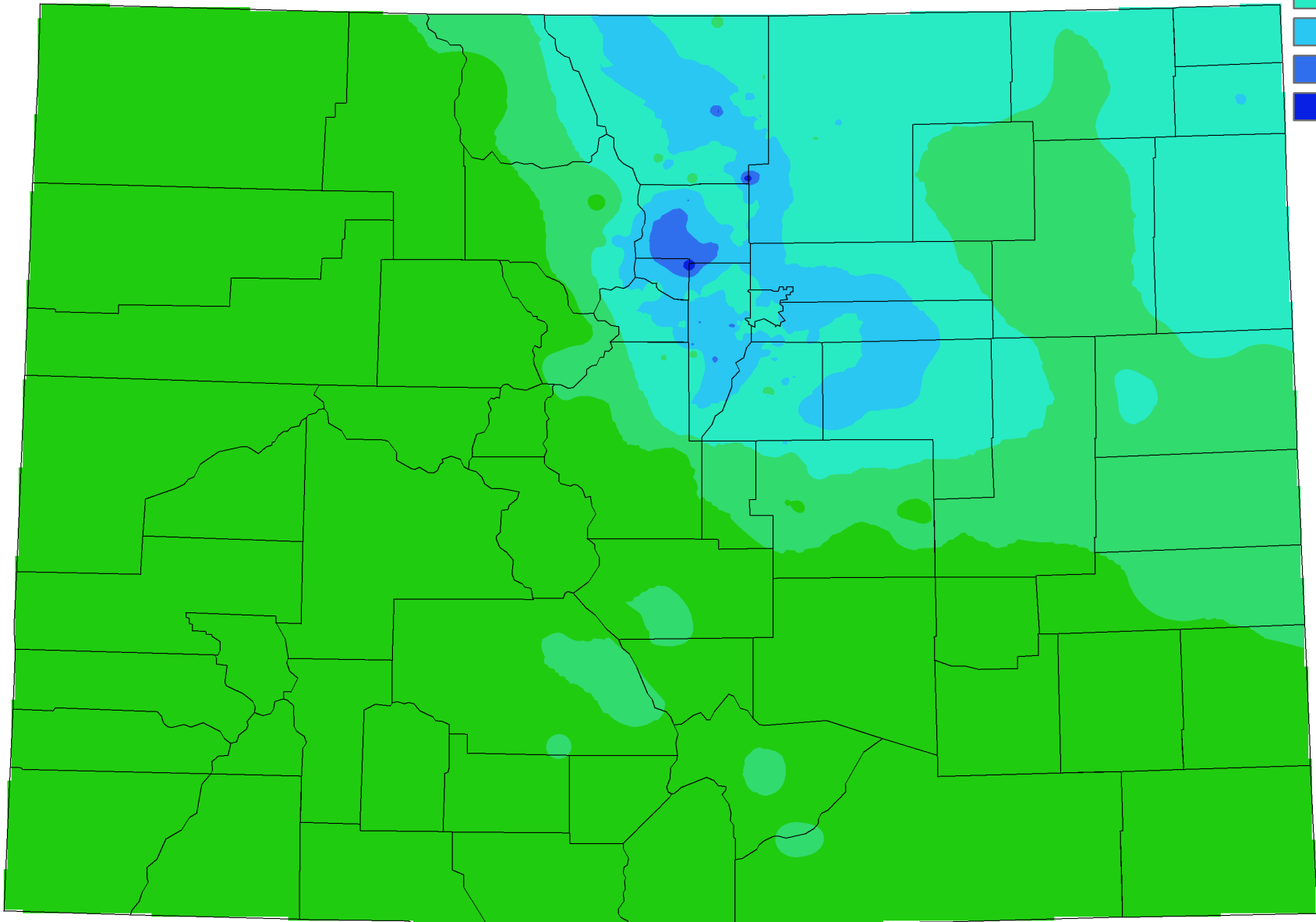
Modified Palmer Drought Index March 2009



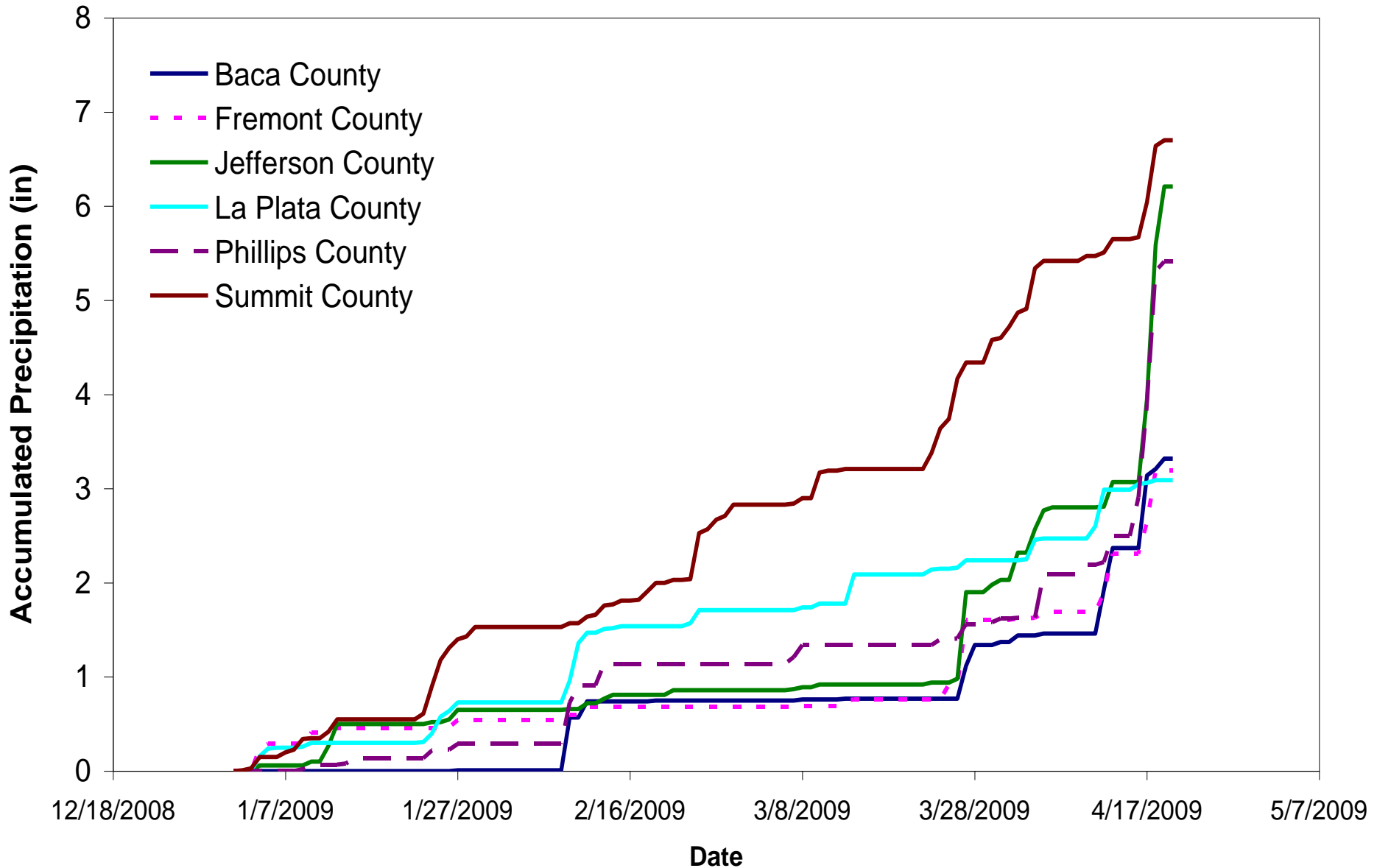
Product preliminary and still under development!!!

Cocorahs 4-day Precipitation Totals 16-19 Apr 2009

Legend



CoCoRaHS Accumulated Daily Precipitation for Selected Counties (Jan 1 - Apr 20, 2009)



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Data and Power Point Presentations
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<http://ccc.atmos.colostate.edu>

- click on “Drought Resources”
- then click on “Presentations”

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