



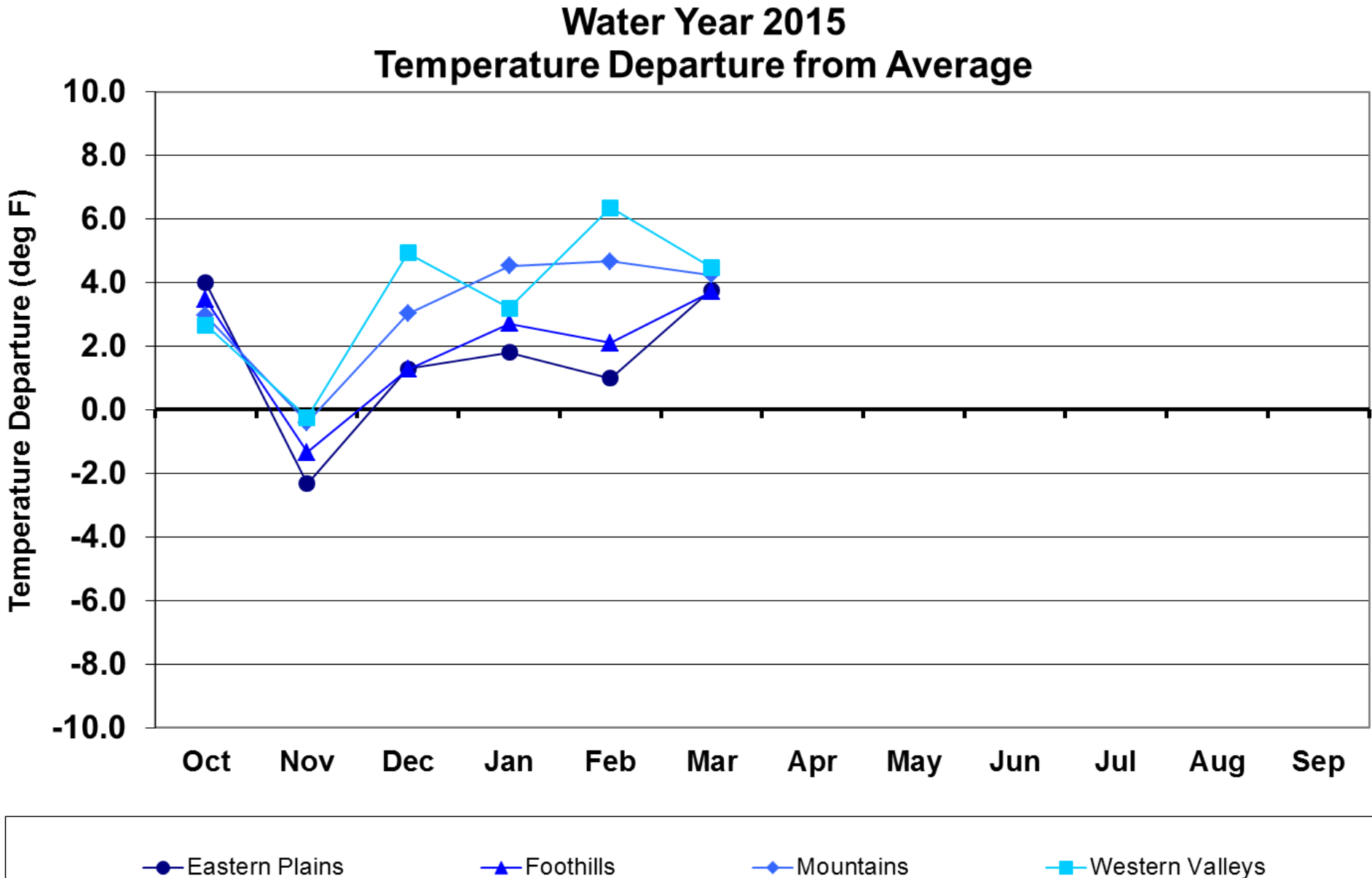
Climate Update



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Water Year 2015 Temperature Departures



March Average Temperature History for Colorado (NCDC)

Colorado, Average Temperature, March

40.4 F (+6.7) Ranks

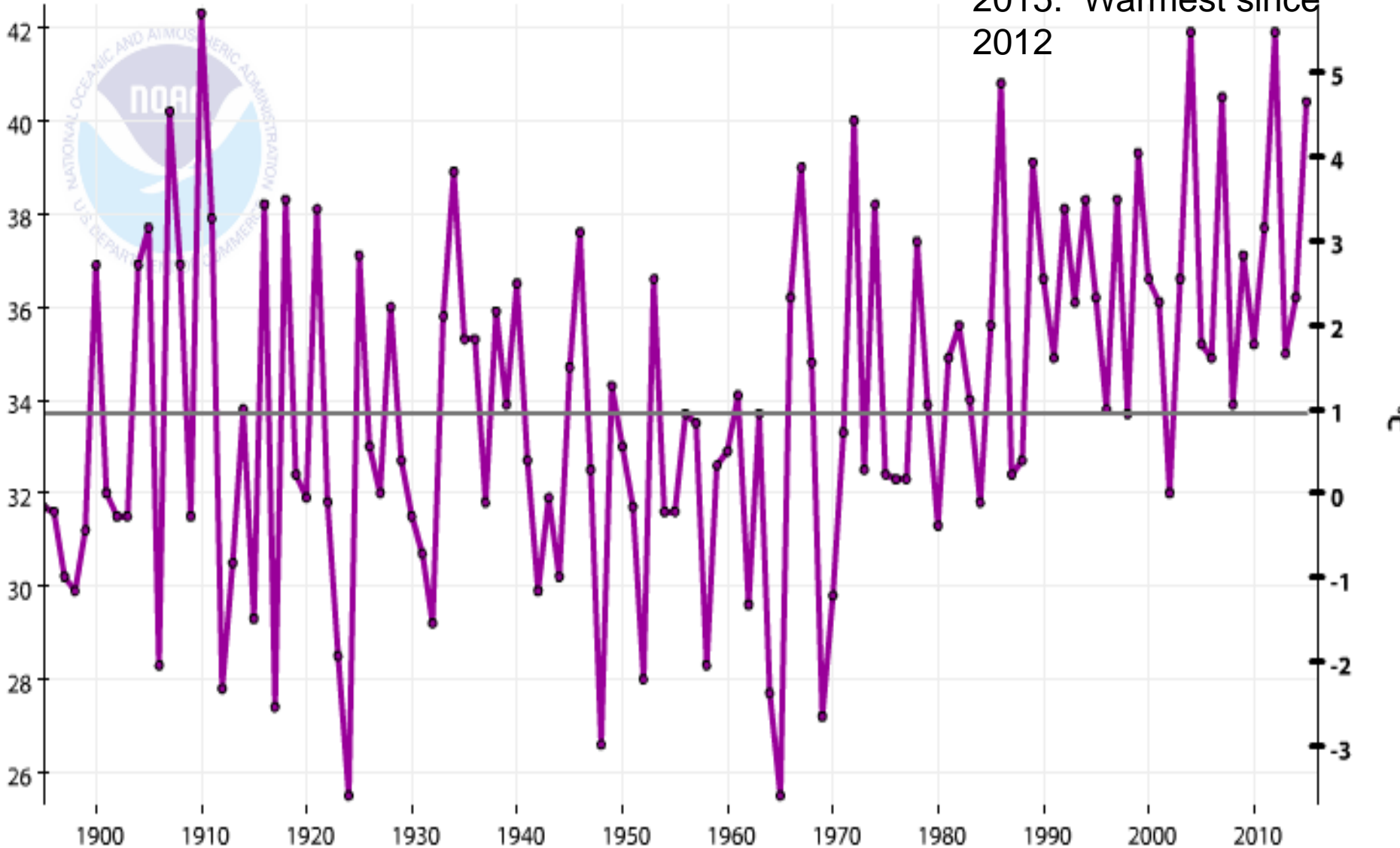
6th warmest 1895-

2015. Warmest since

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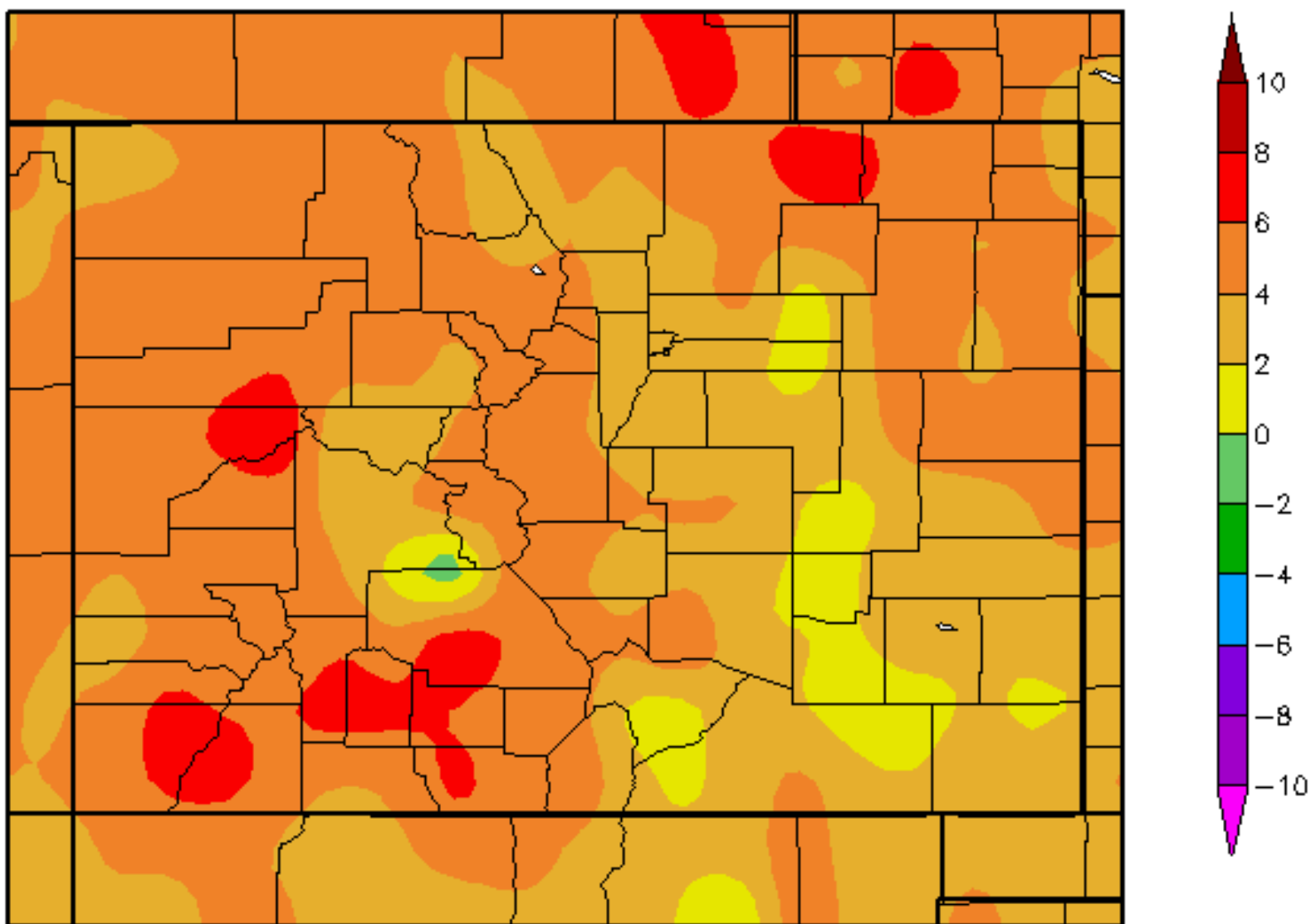
— 1901-2000
Avg: 33.7°F

—●— Avg Temperature



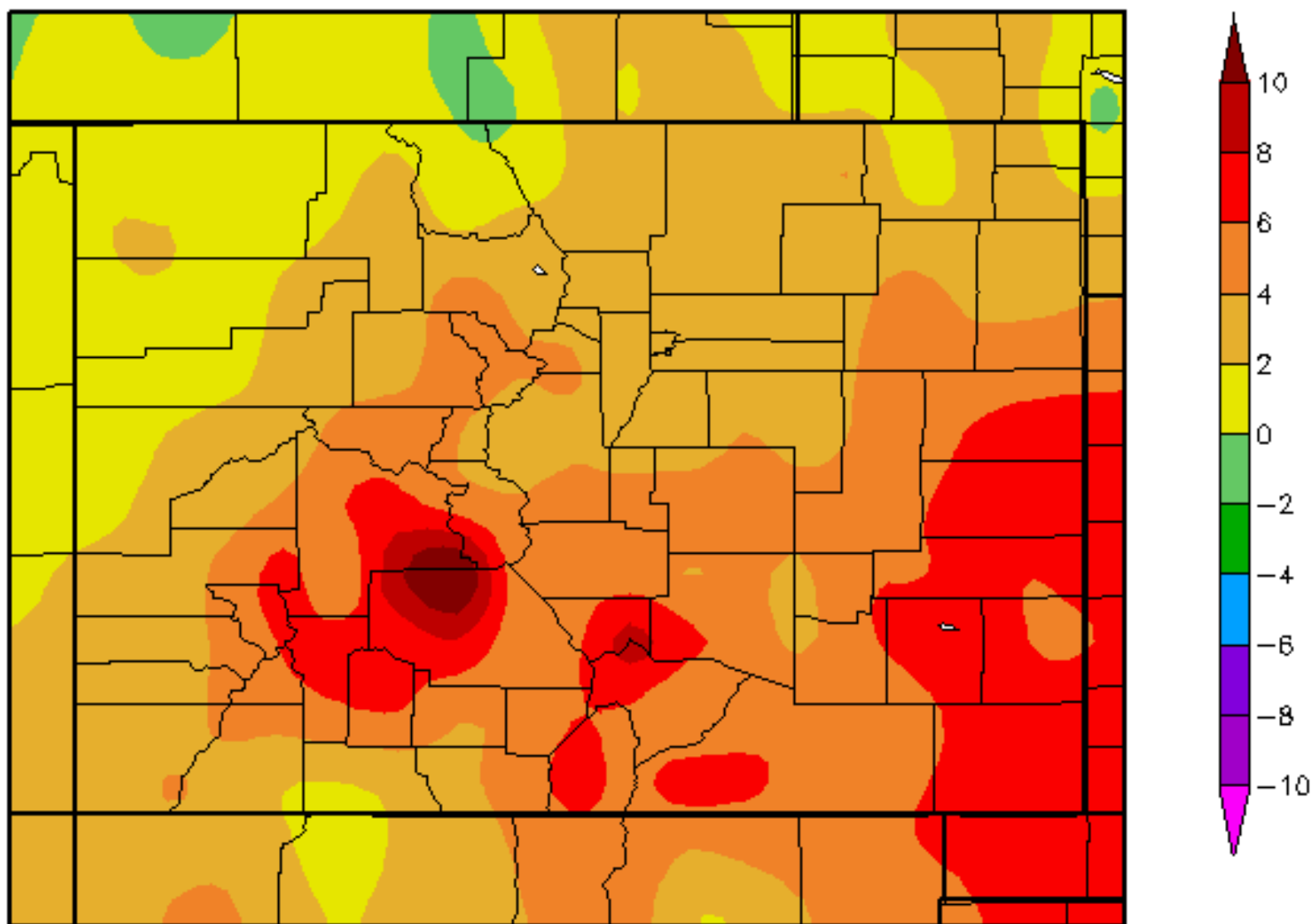
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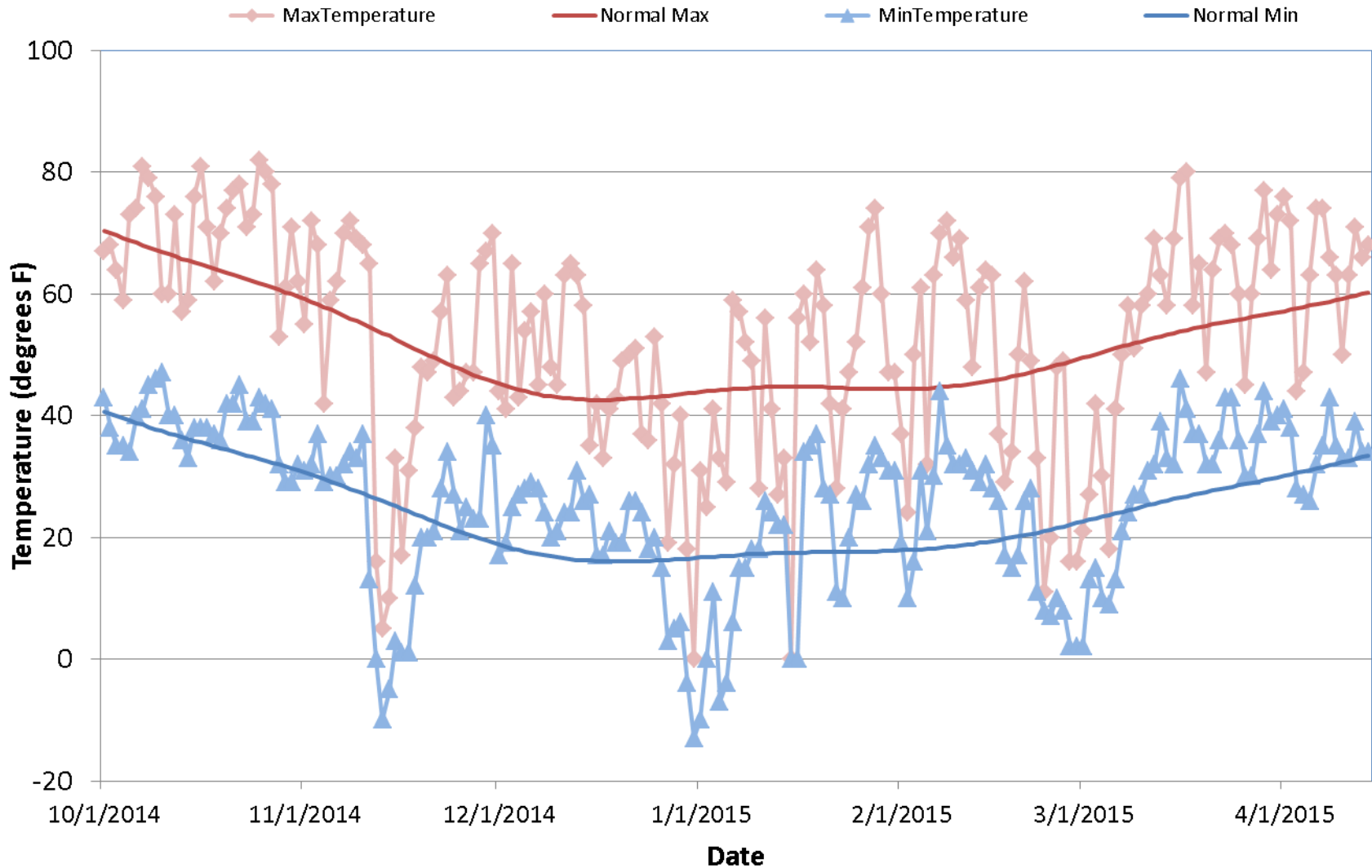


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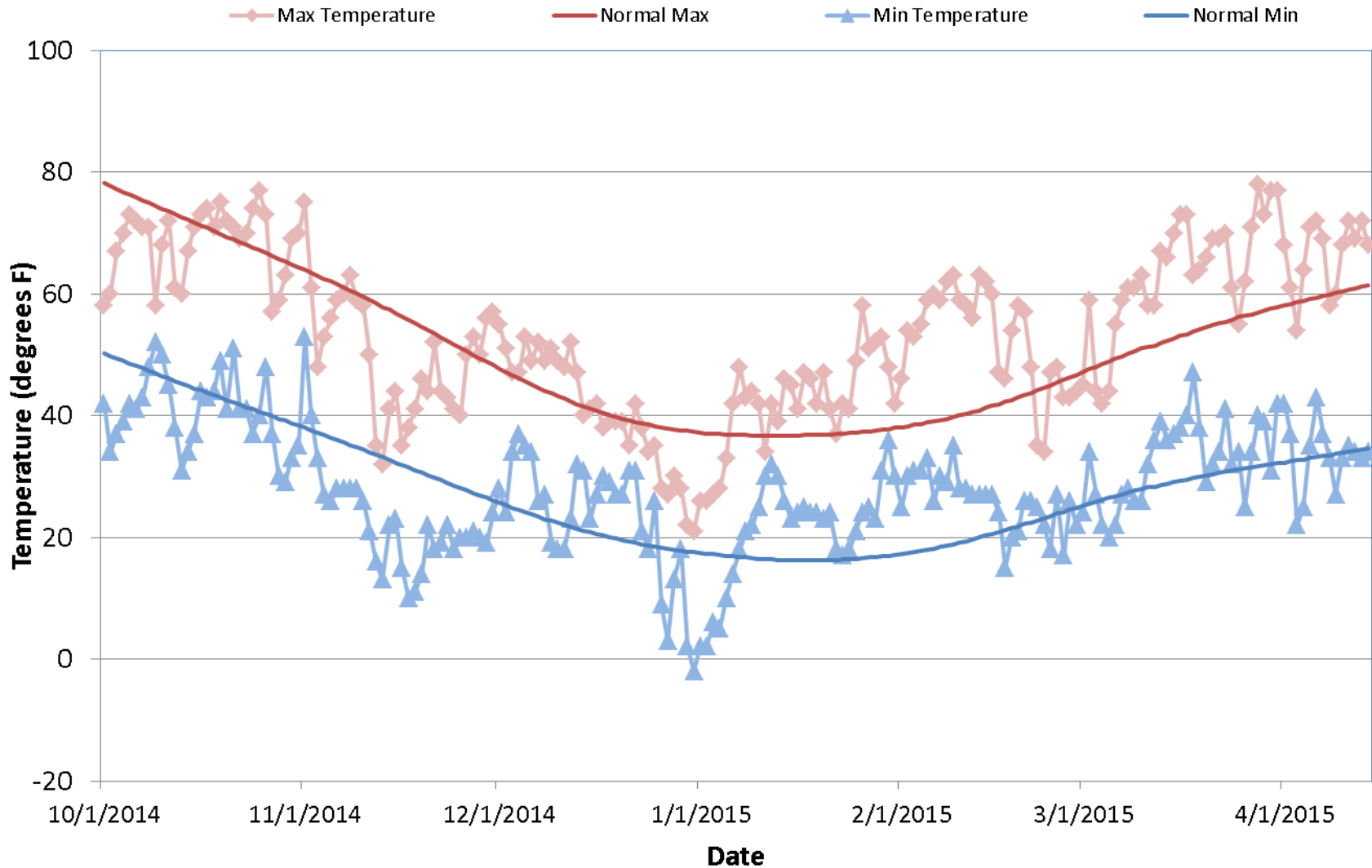
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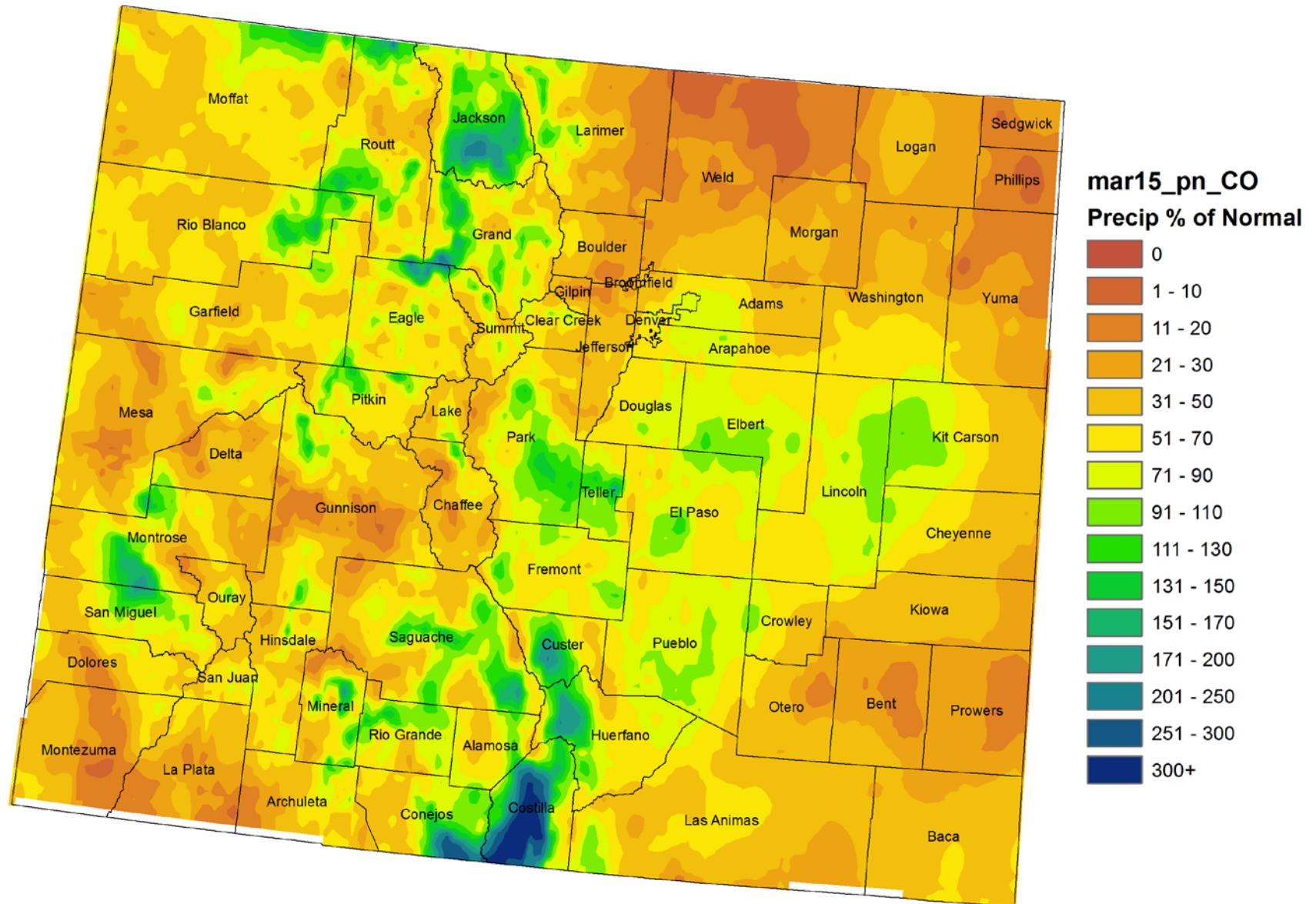
Denver-Stapleton Daily Max/Min Temperature with Normal (Oct 1, 2014 - Present)



Grand Junction Daily Max/Min Temperature with Normals (Oct 1, 2014 - Present)



Colorado March 2015 Precipitation as a Percentage of Normal

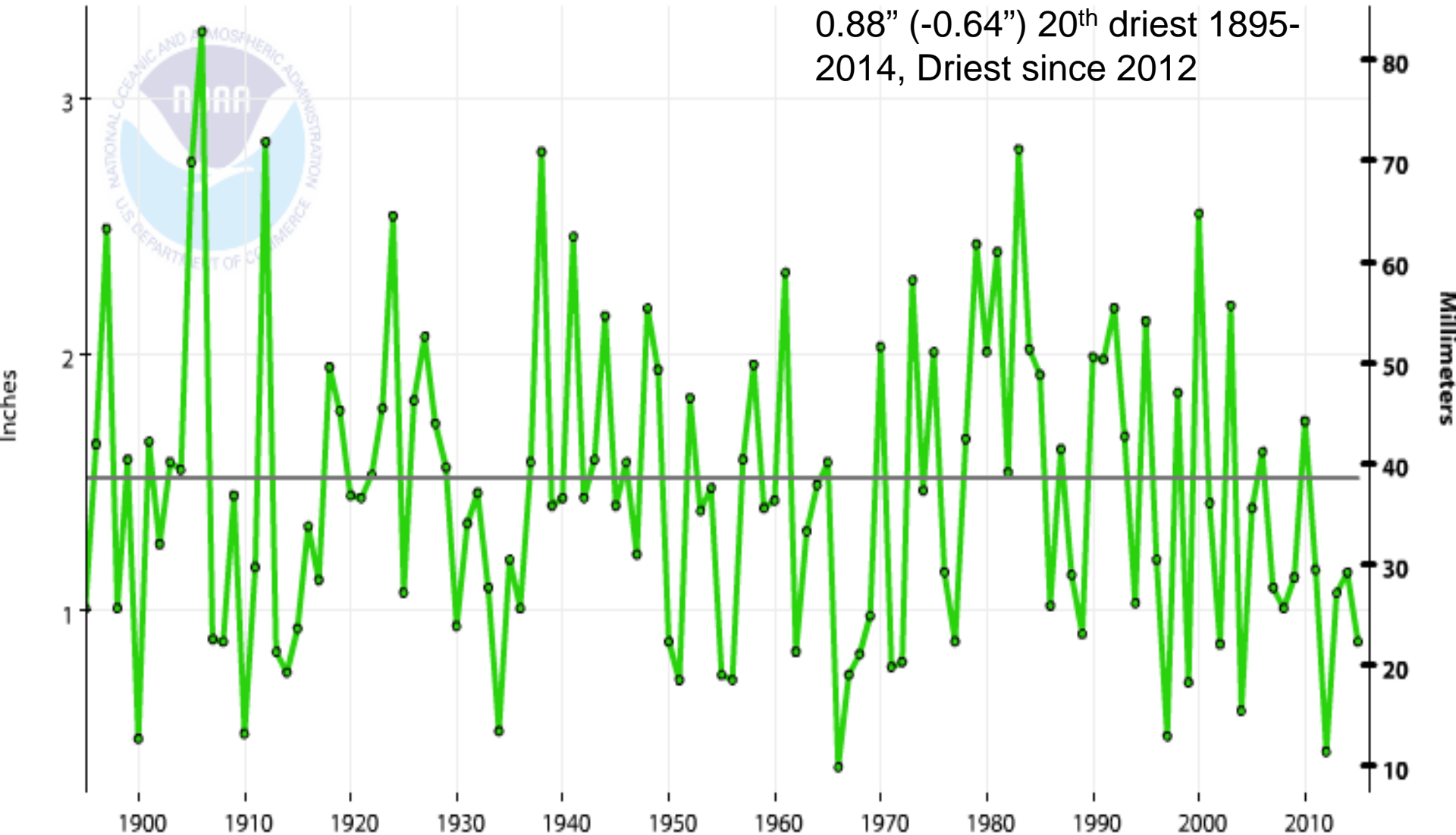


March 2015 Statewide Precipitation

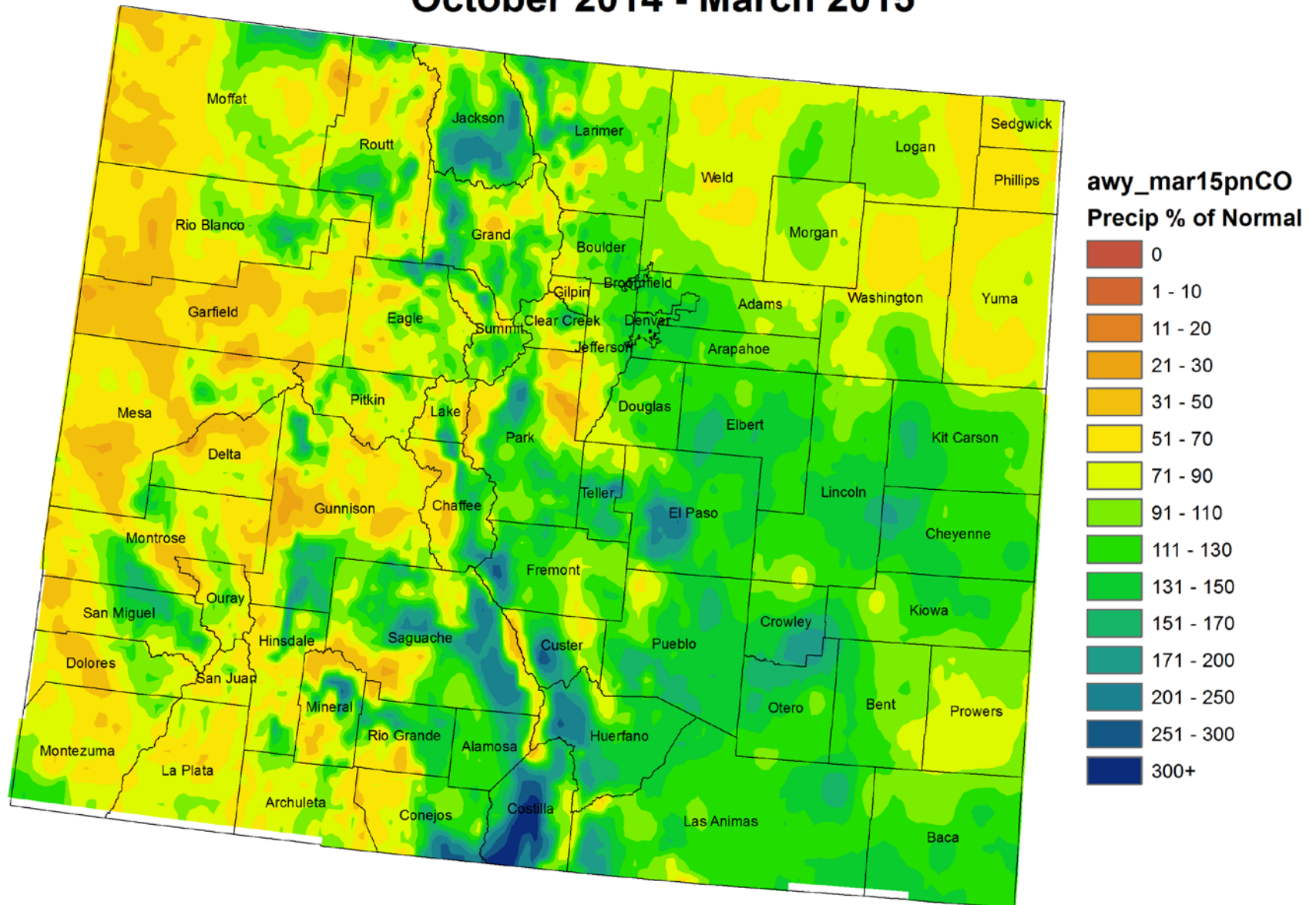
Colorado, Precipitation, March

— 1901-2000 Avg: 1.52" —●— Precip

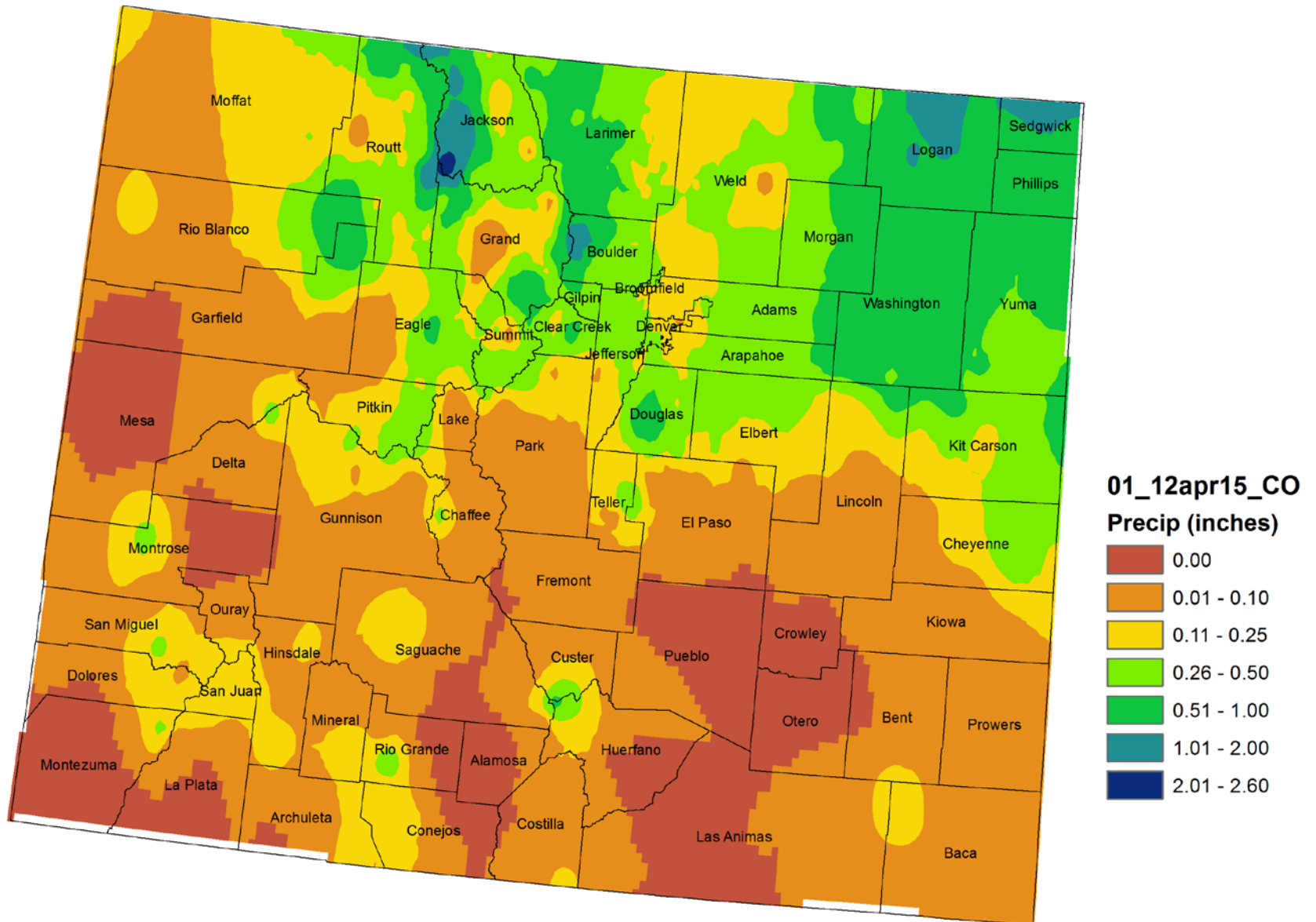
0.88" (-0.64") 20th driest 1895-2014, Driest since 2012



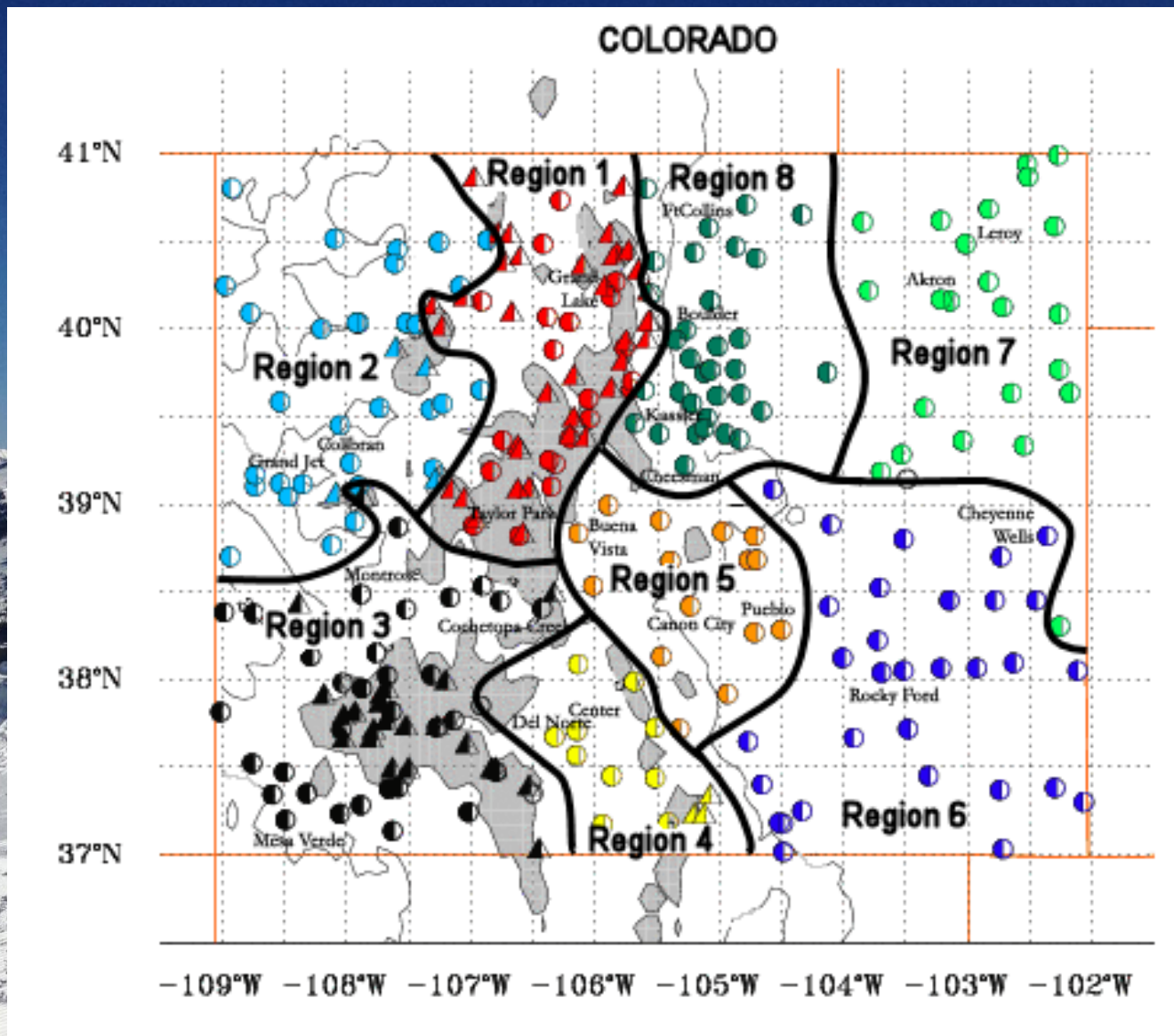
Colorado Water Year 2015 Precipitation as a Percentage of Normal October 2014 - March 2015



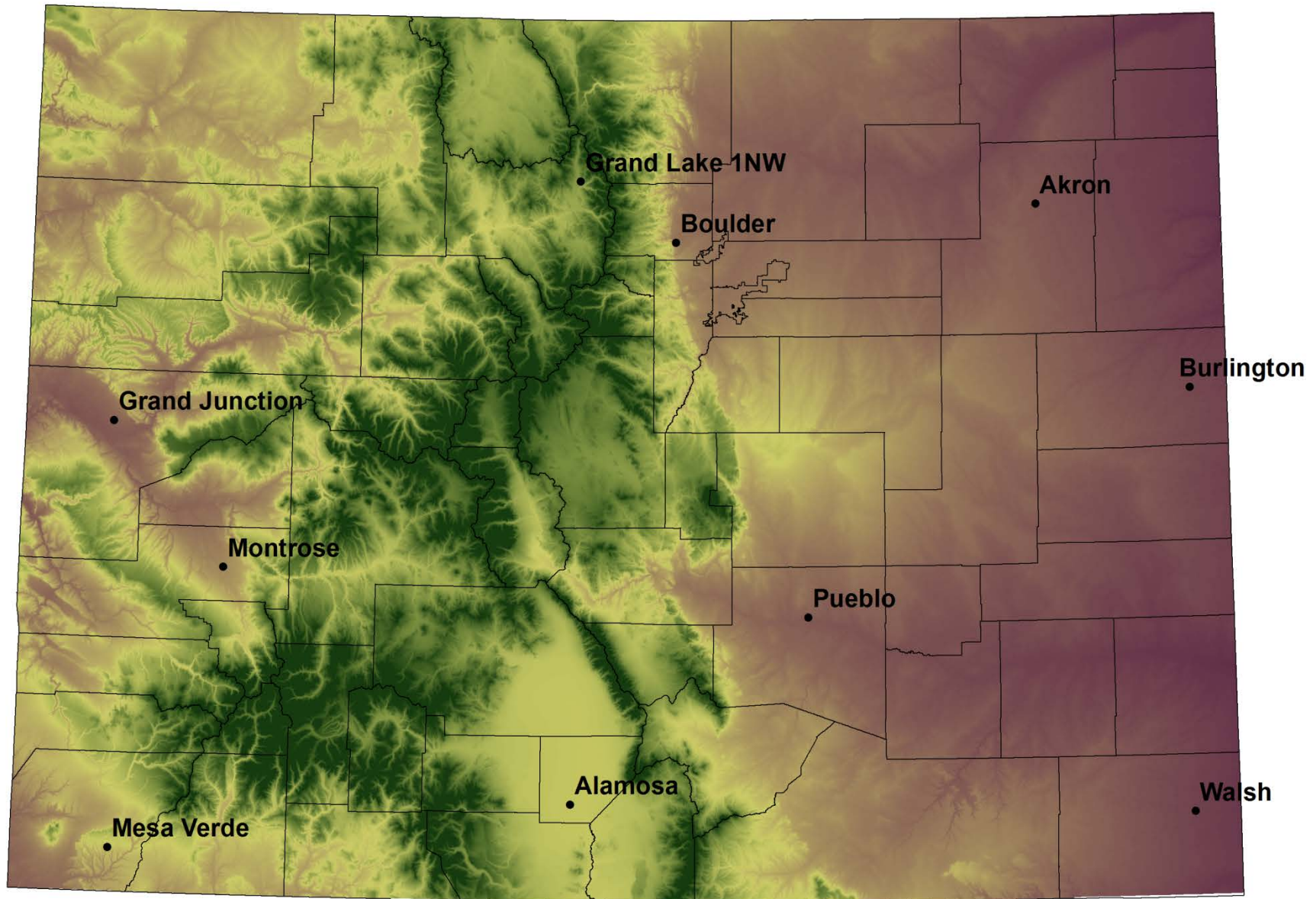
Colorado Month to Date Precipitation 1 -12 April 2015



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

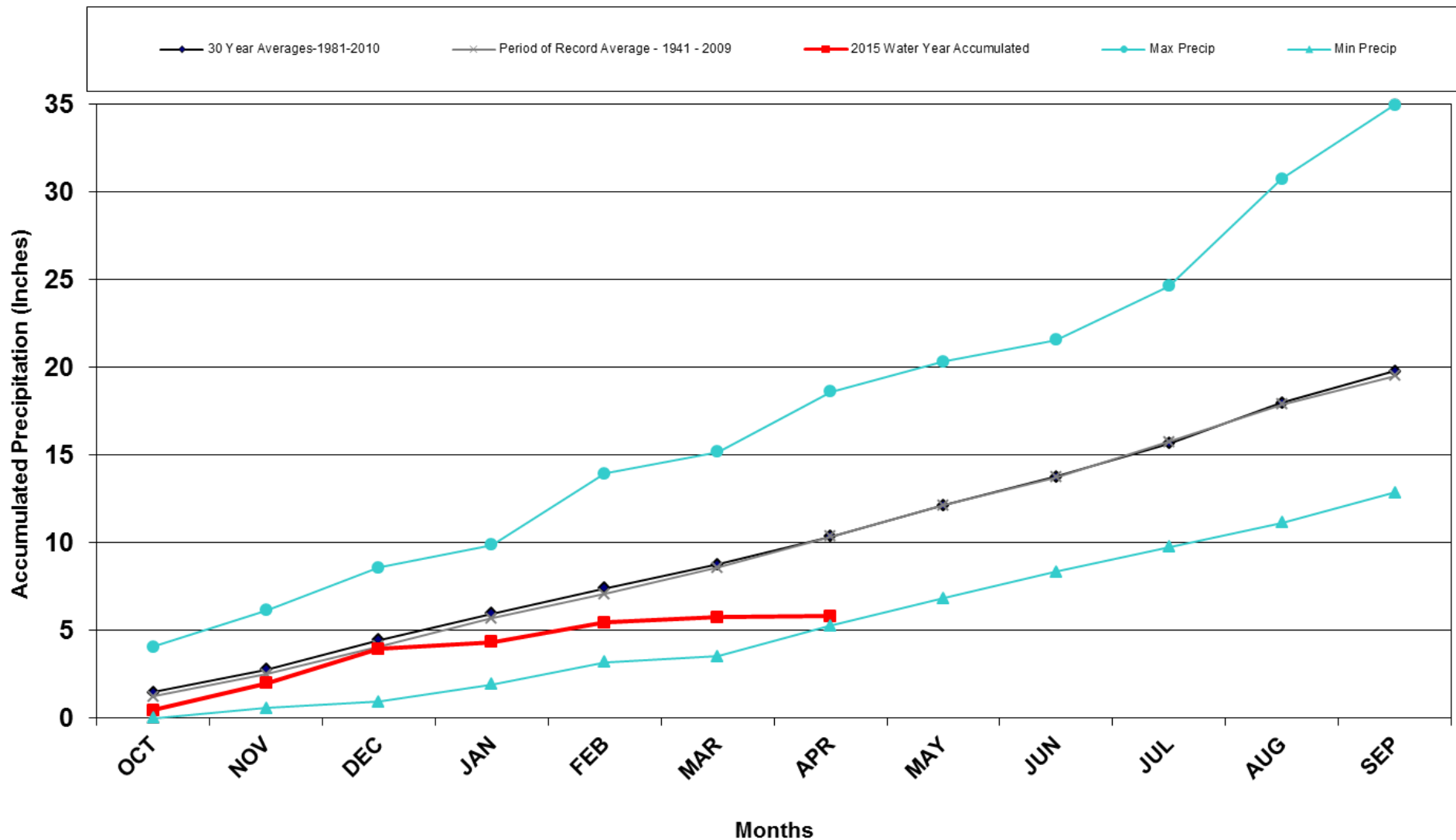


NWS Cooperative Stations for WATF



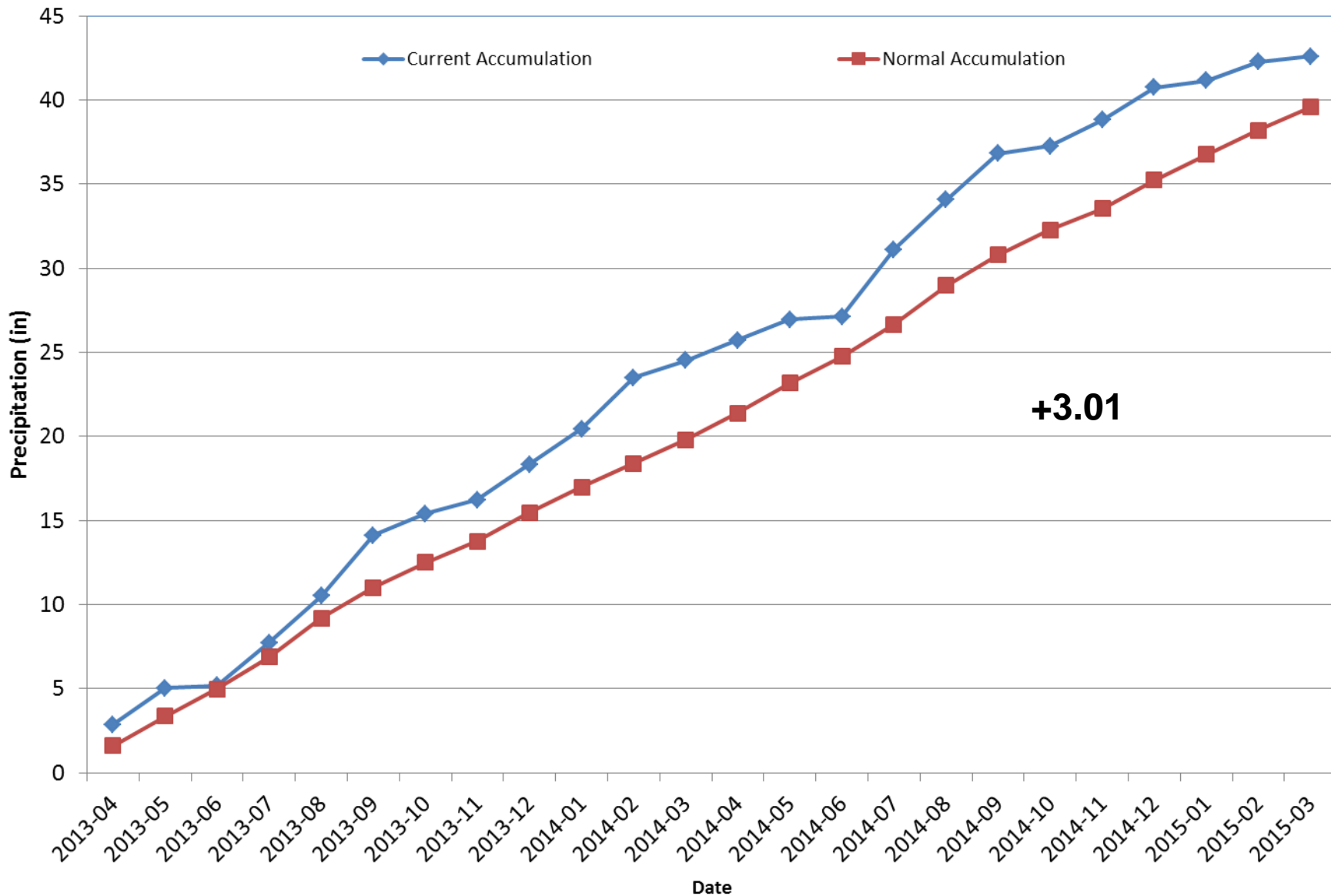
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Grand Lake 1 NW 2015 Water Year



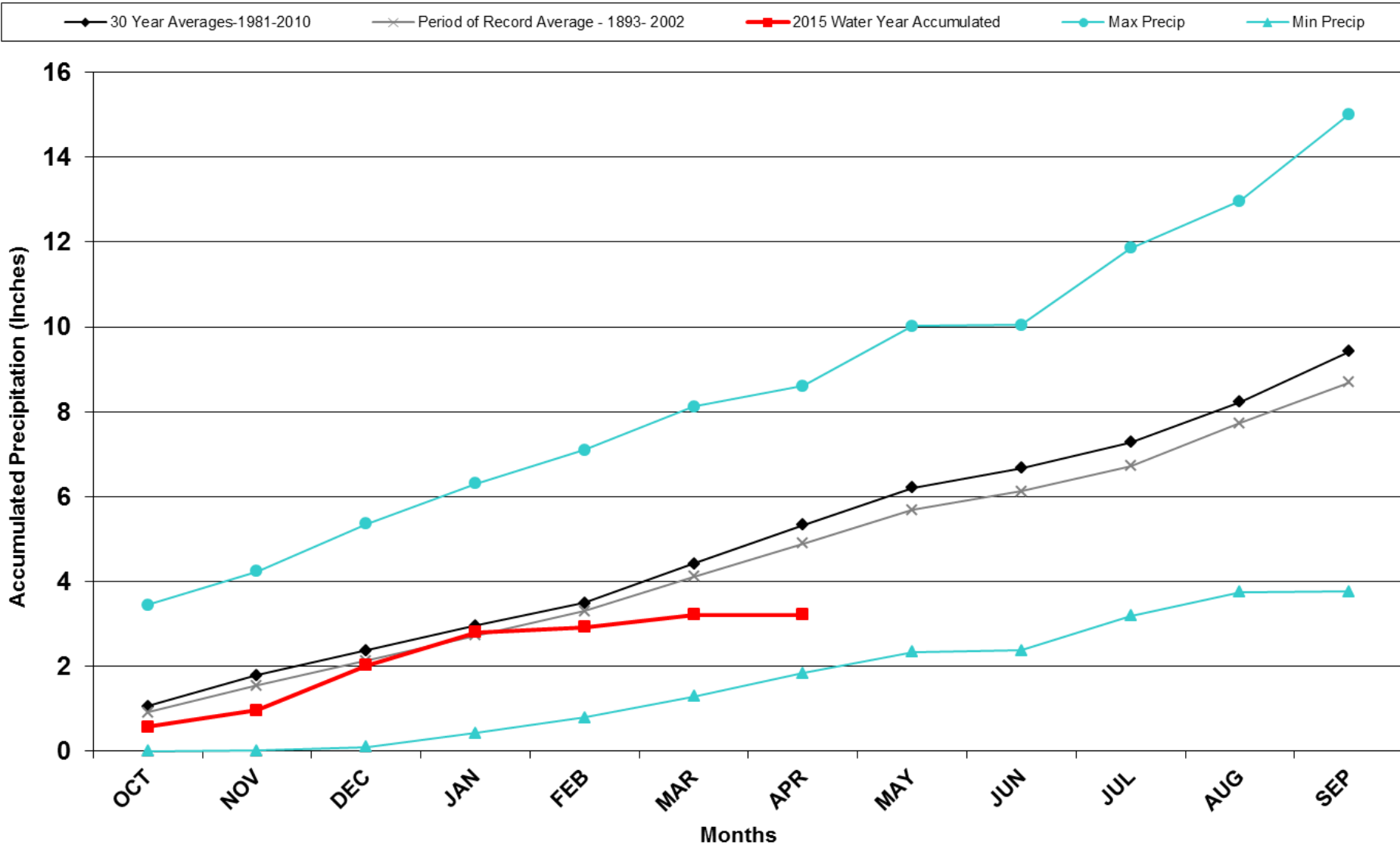
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Grand Lake 1NW Precipitation Accumulation



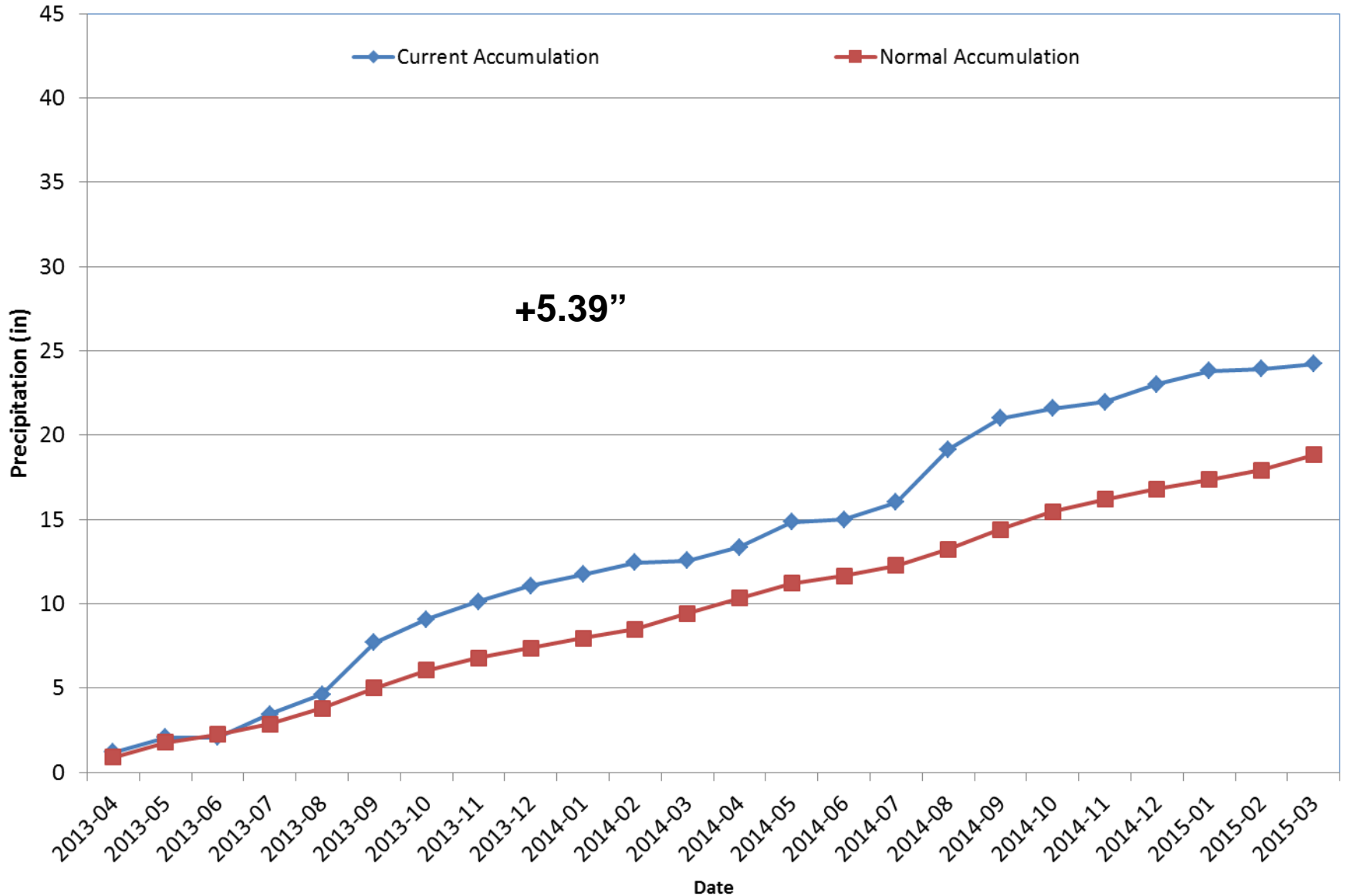
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Grand Junction WSFO 2015 Water Year



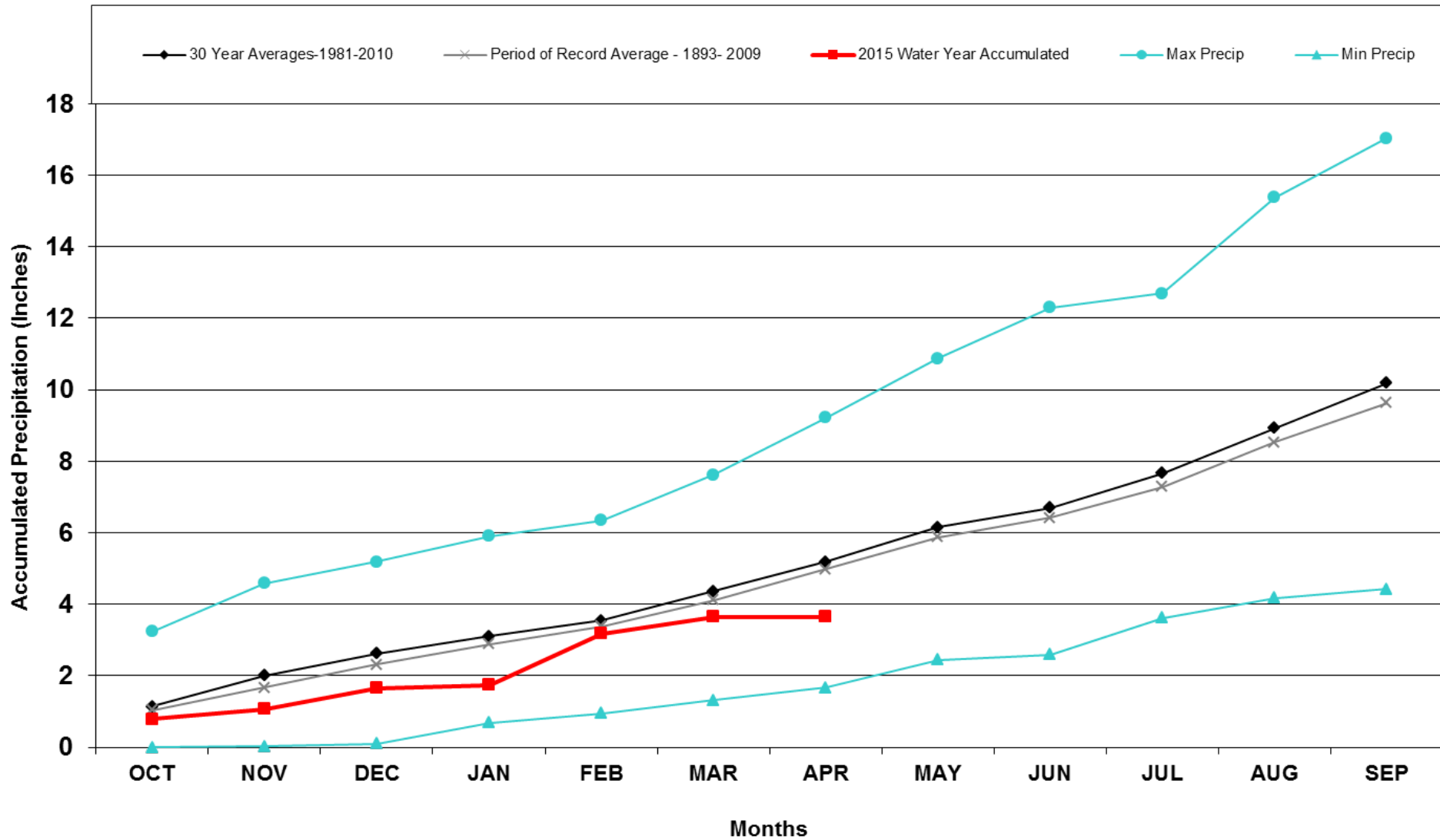
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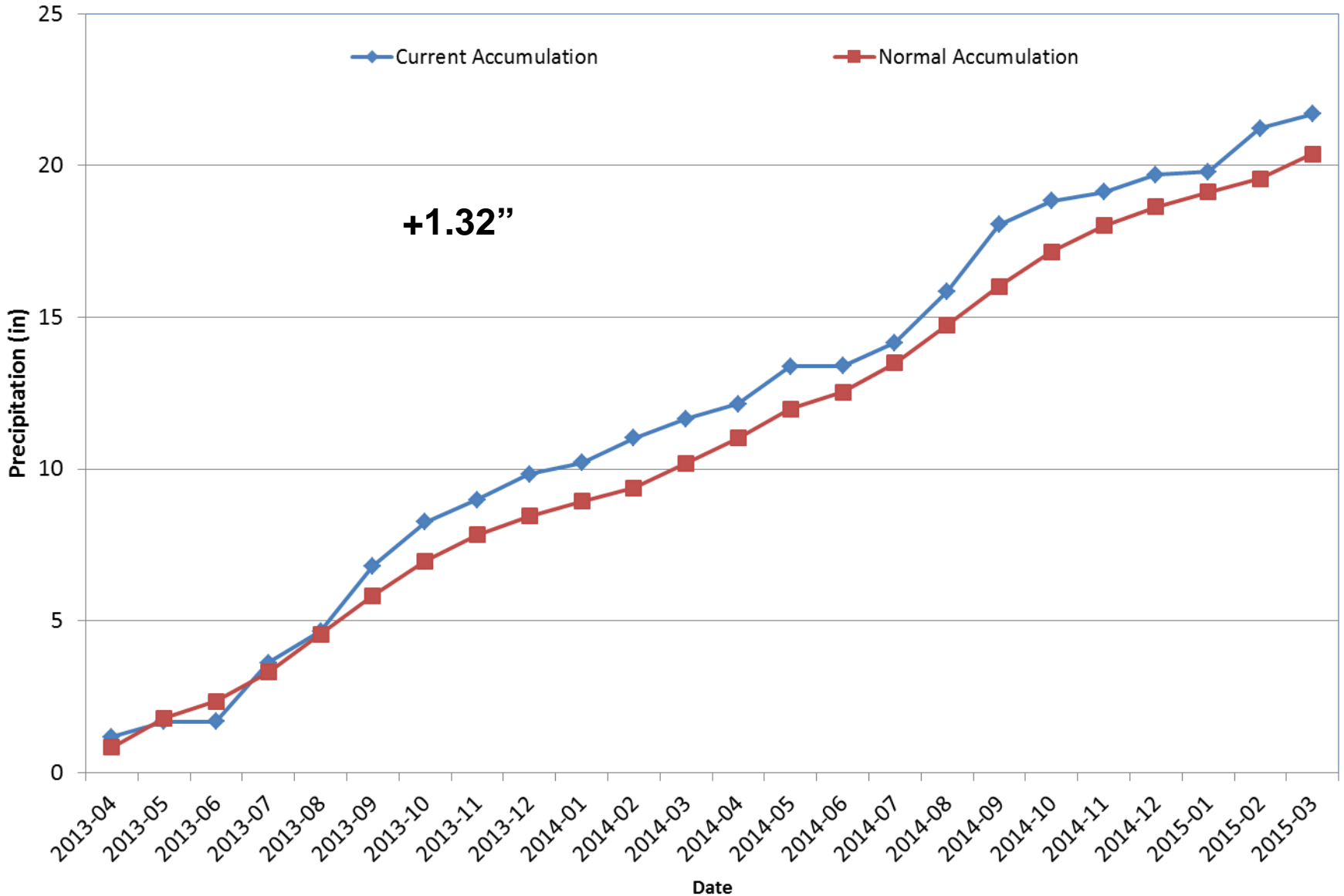
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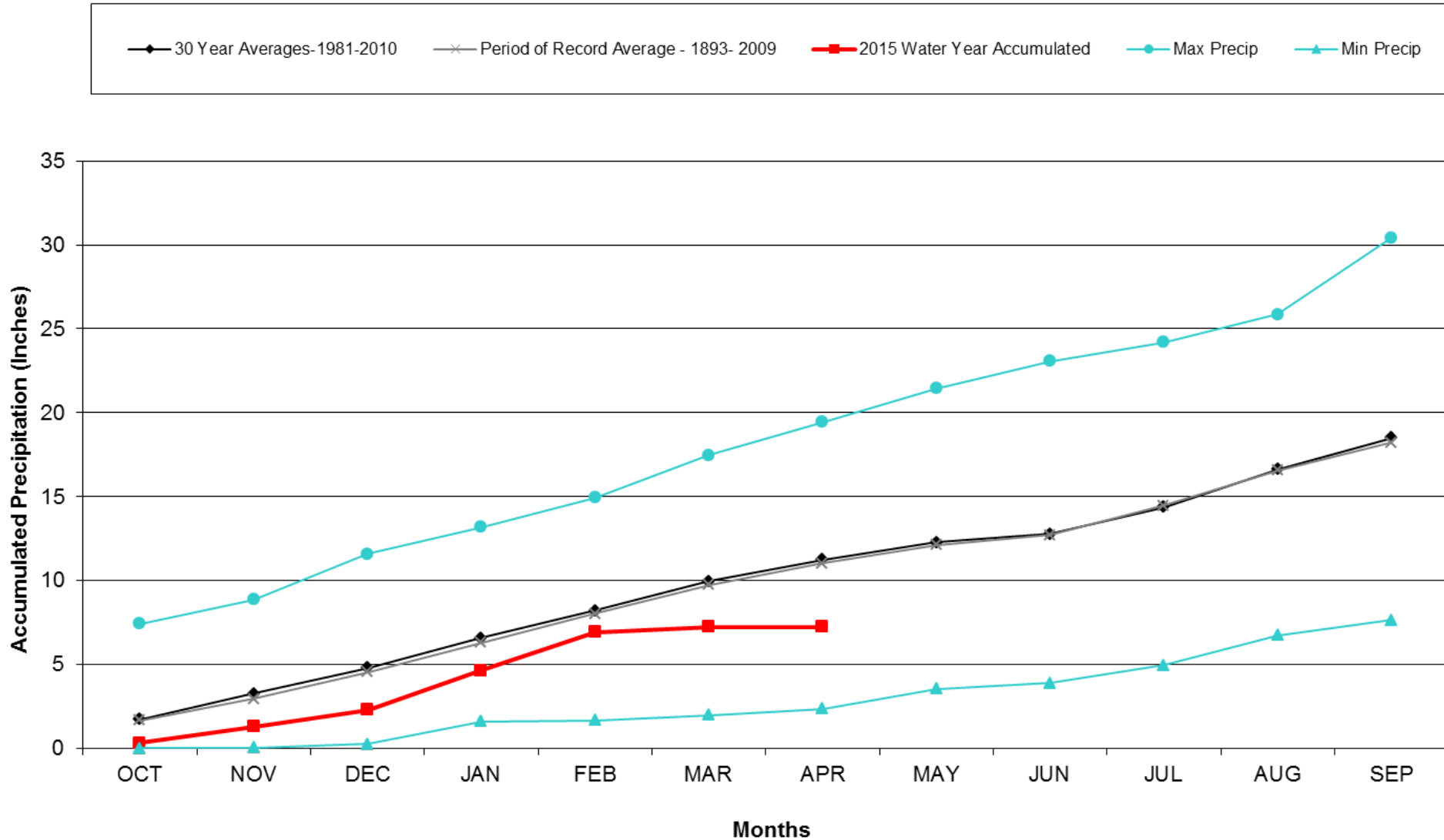
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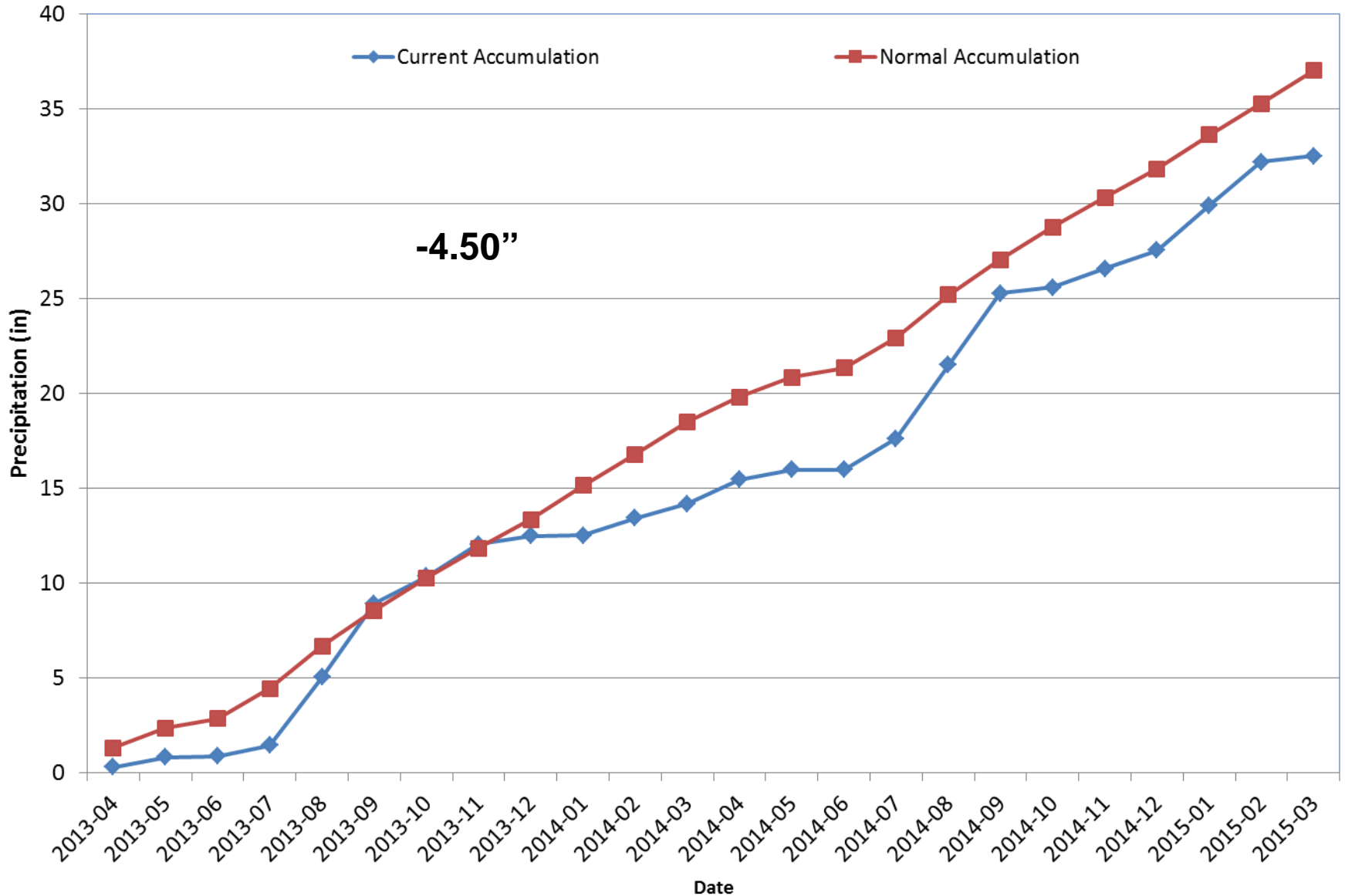
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Mesa Verde NP 2015 Water Year



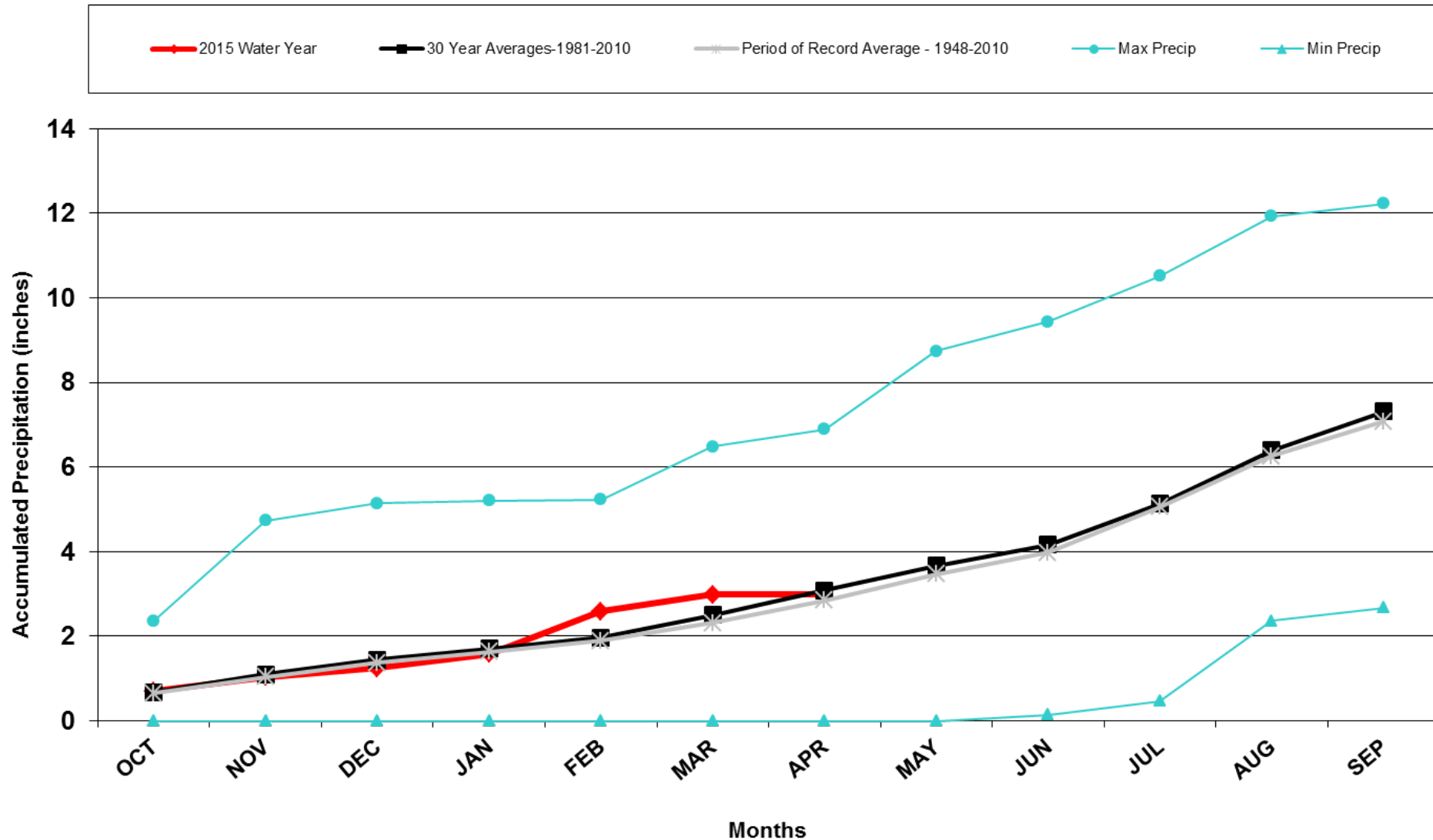
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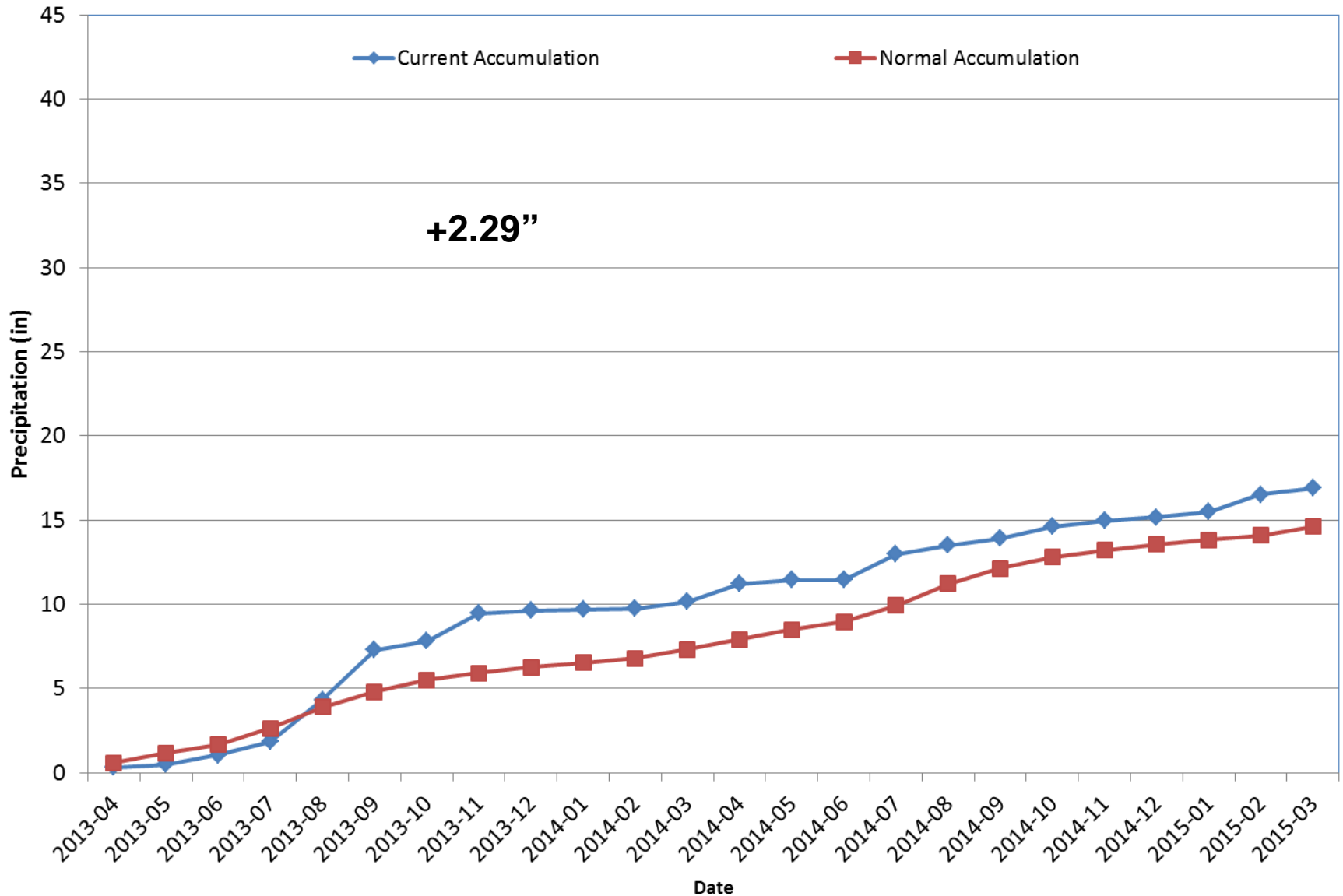
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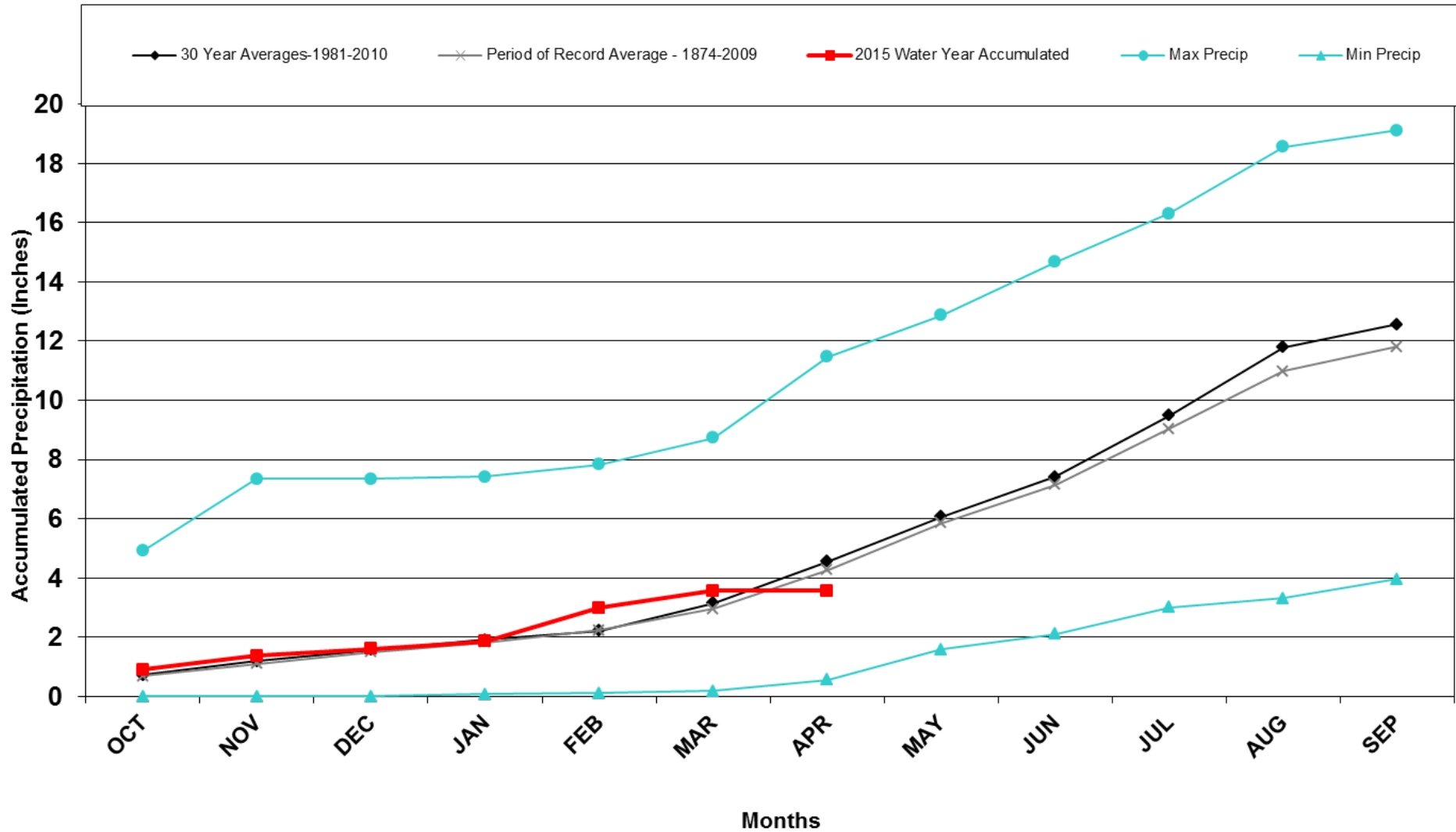
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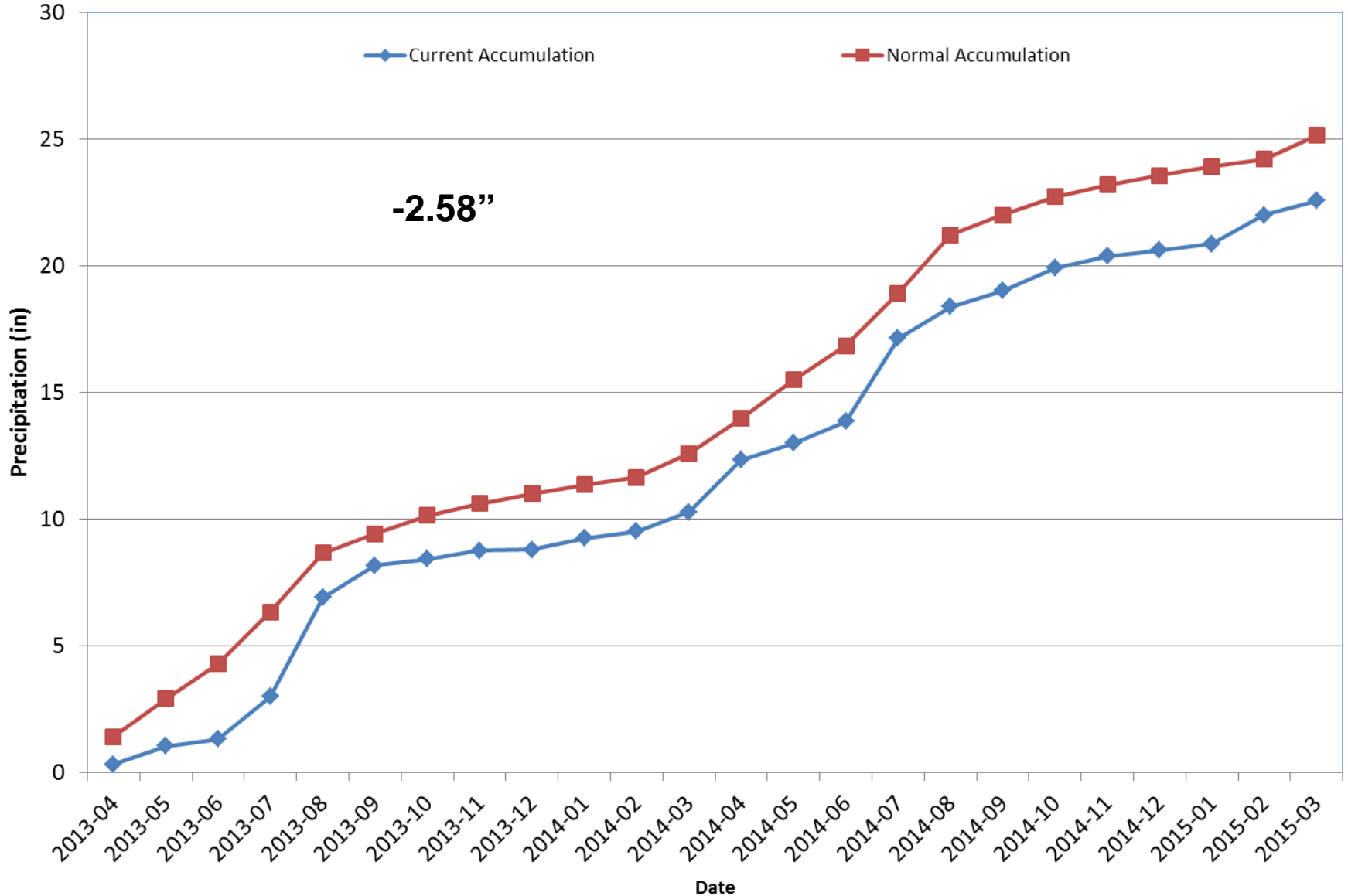
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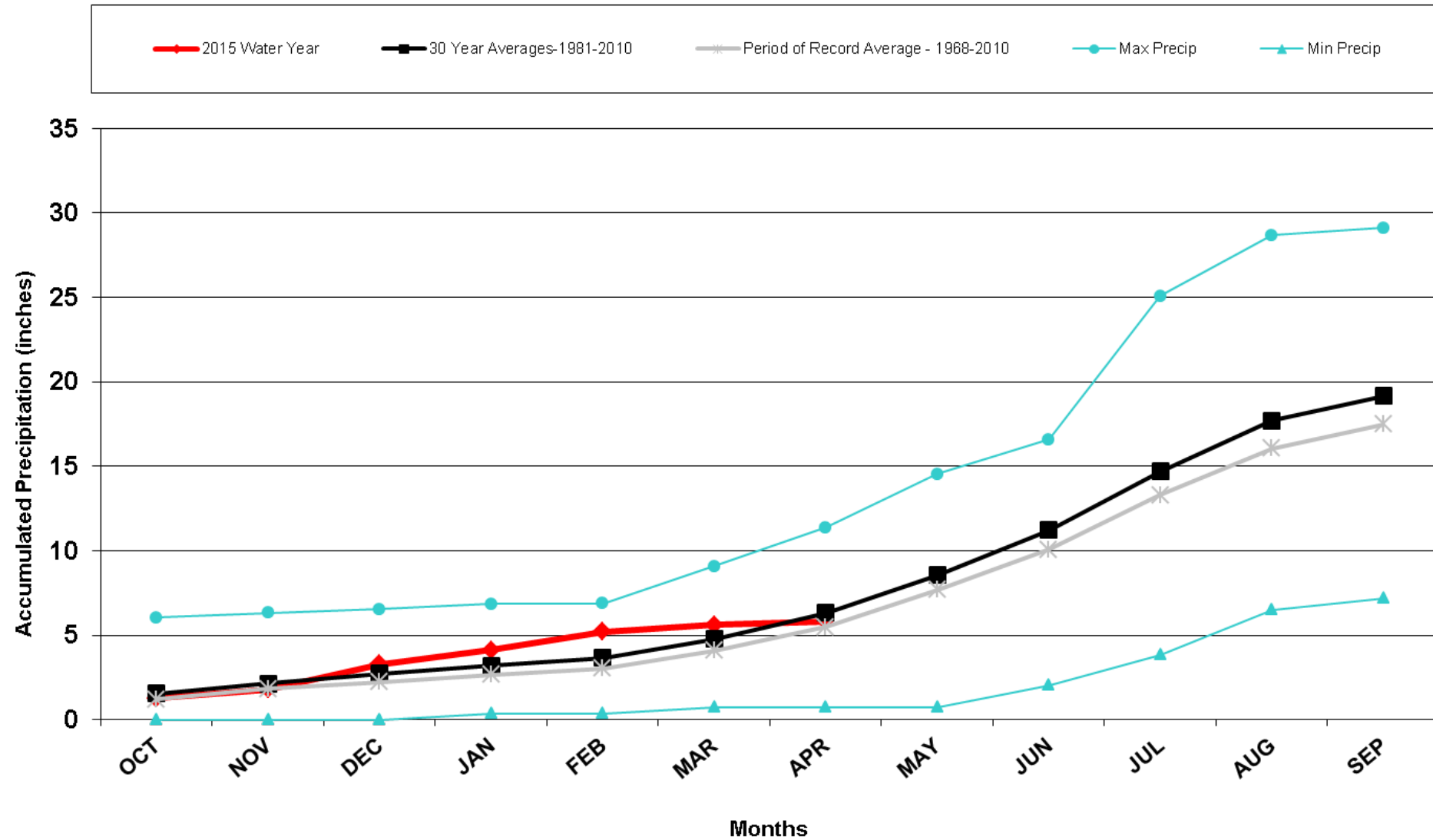
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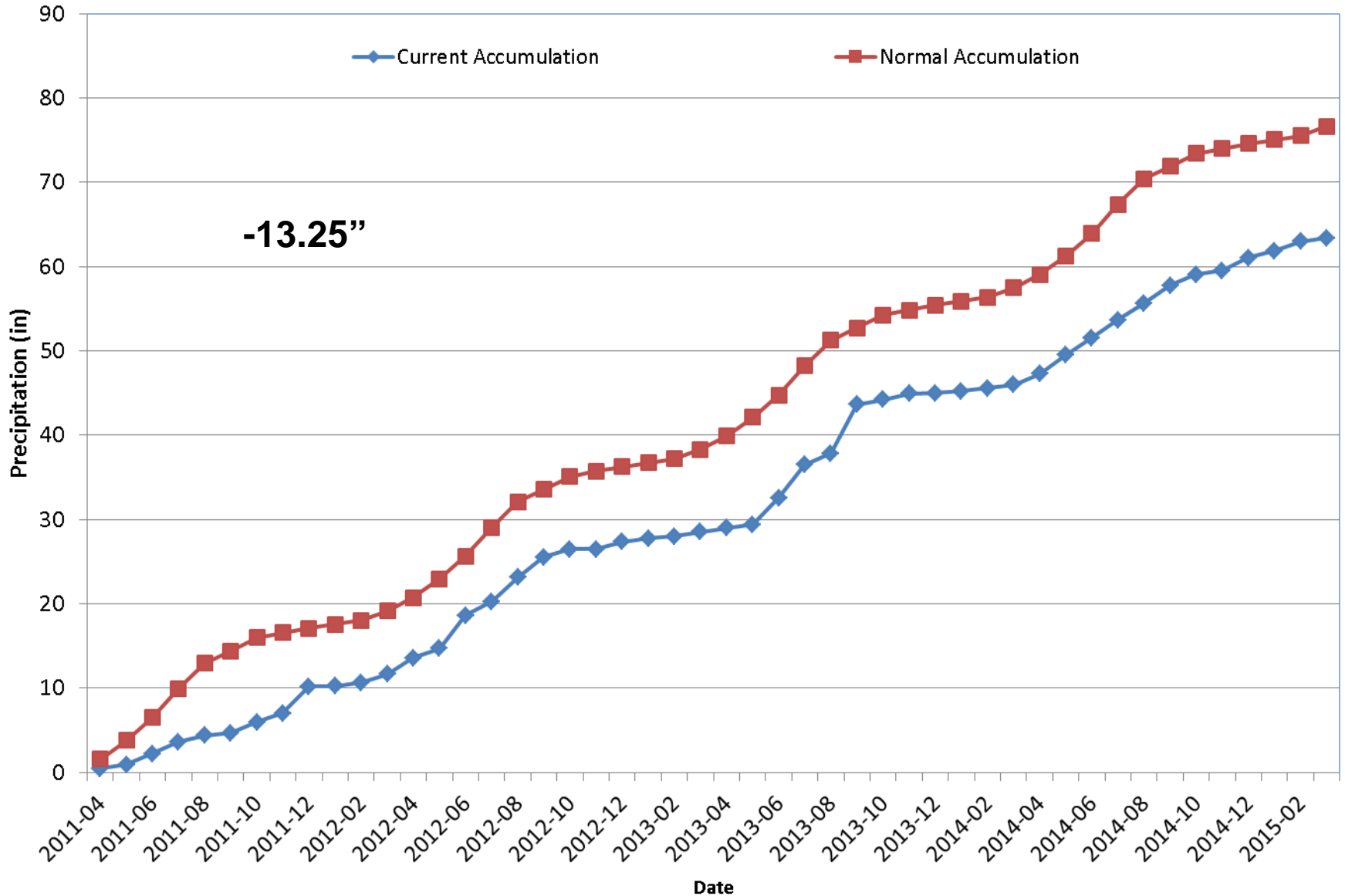
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Walsh 2015 Water Year



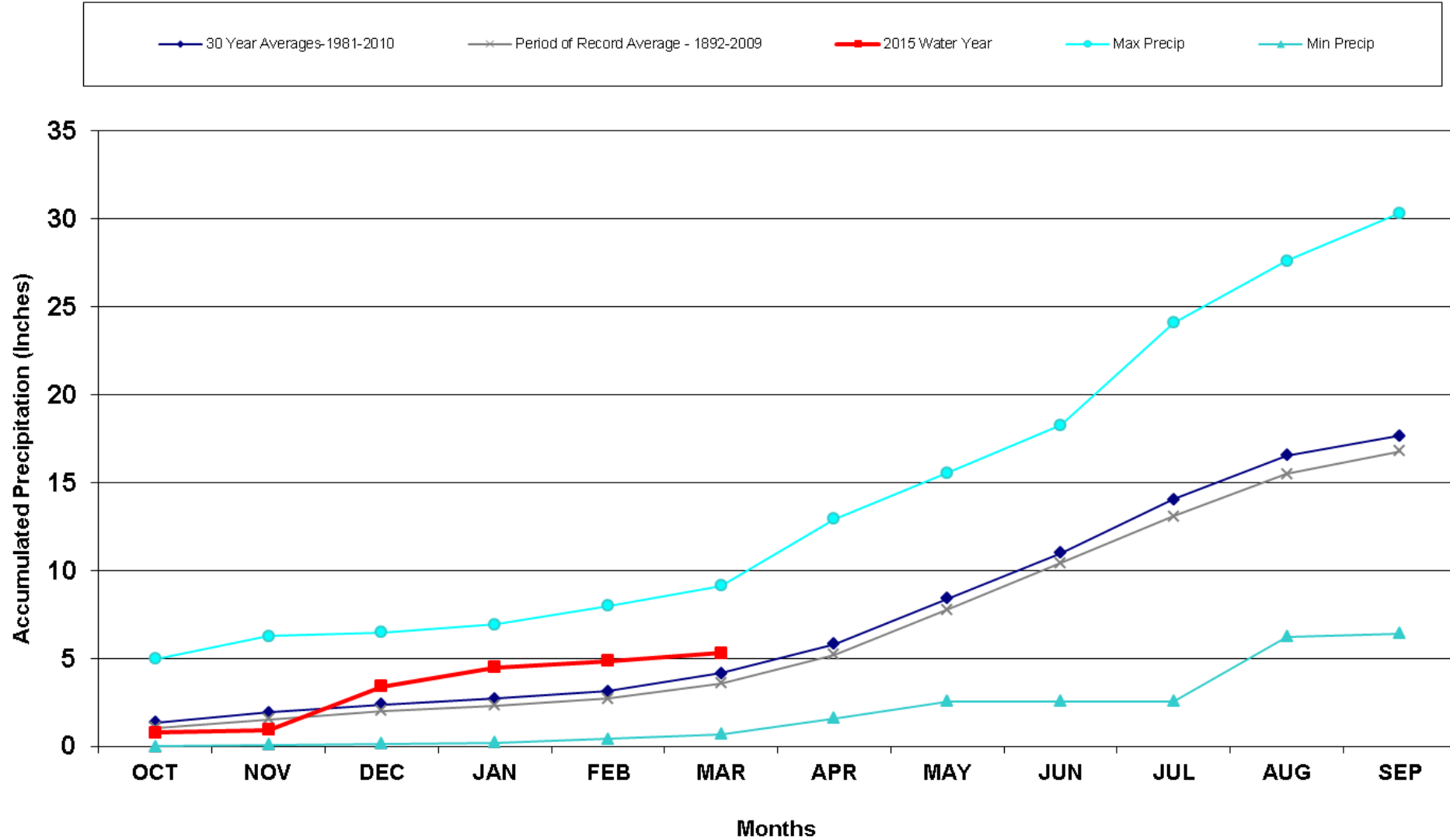
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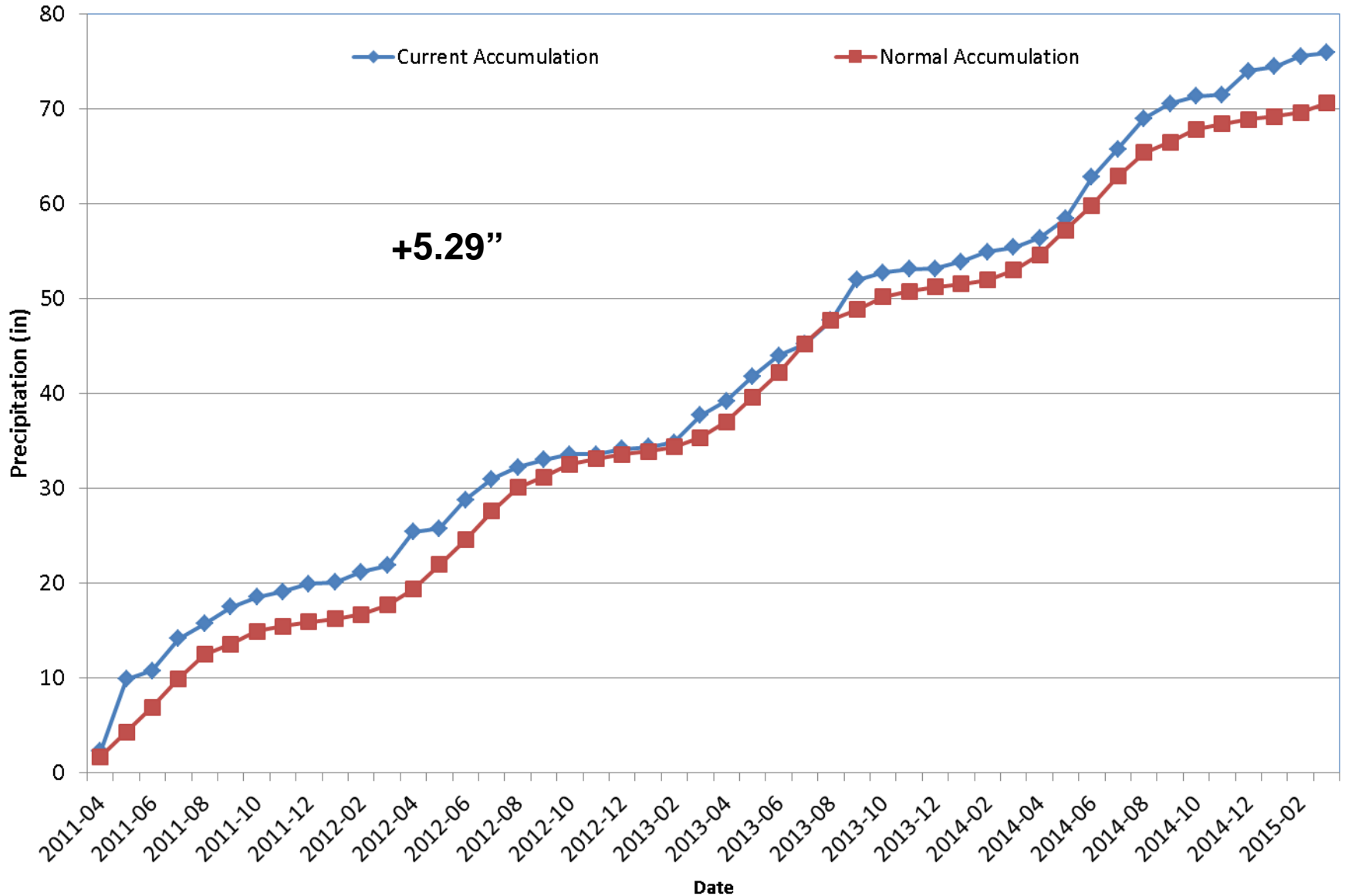
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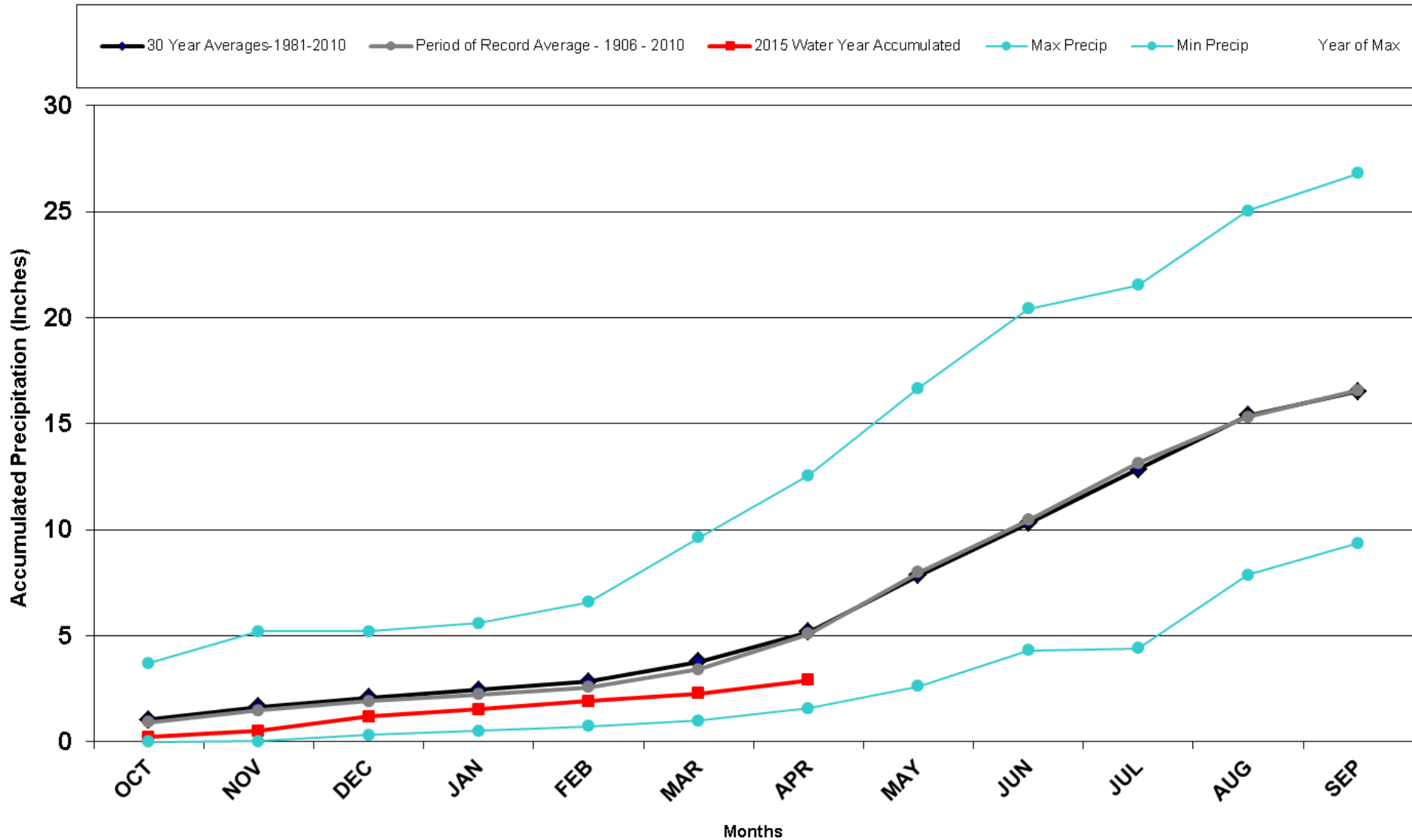
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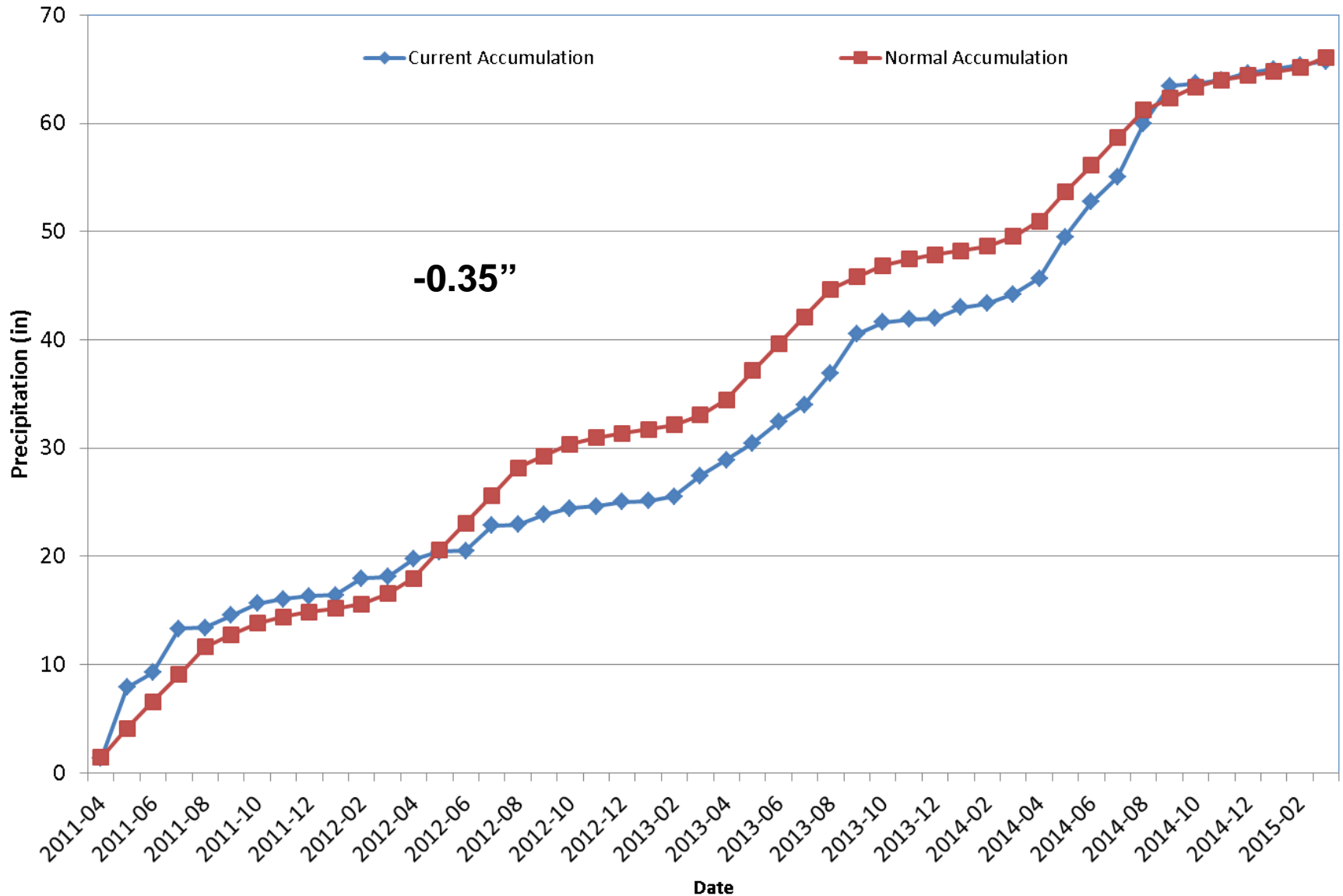
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Akron 4E 2015 Water Year



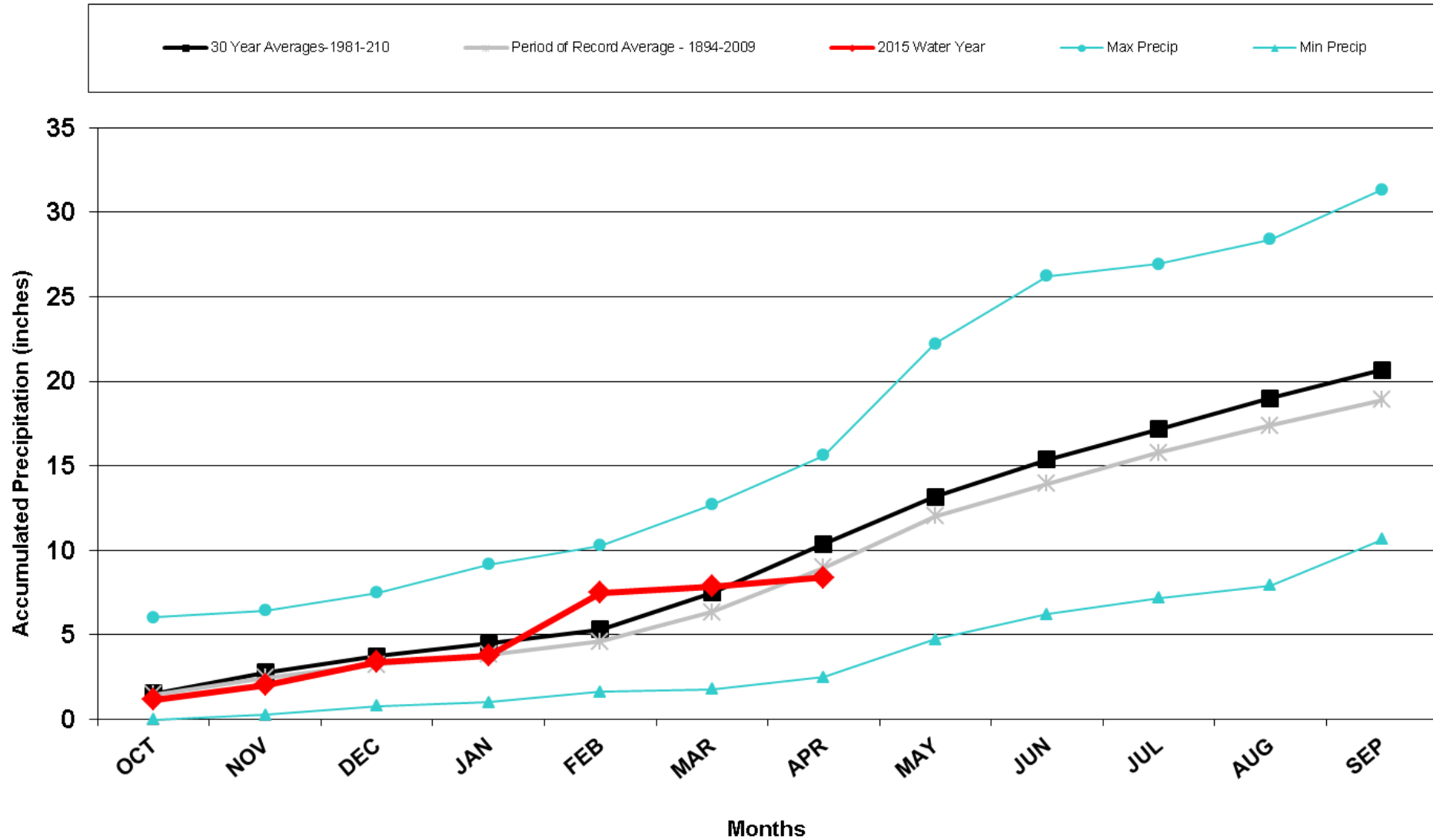
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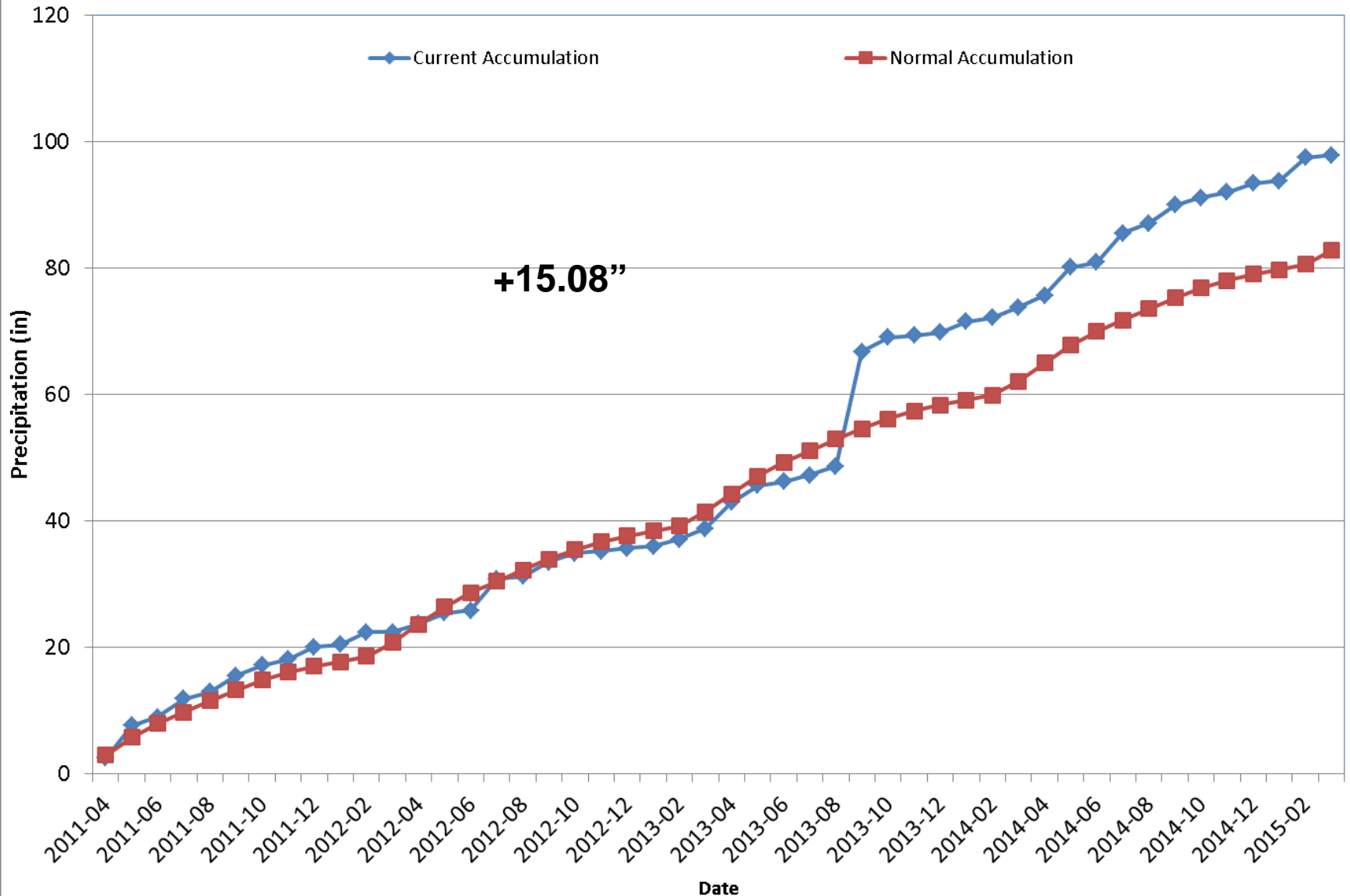
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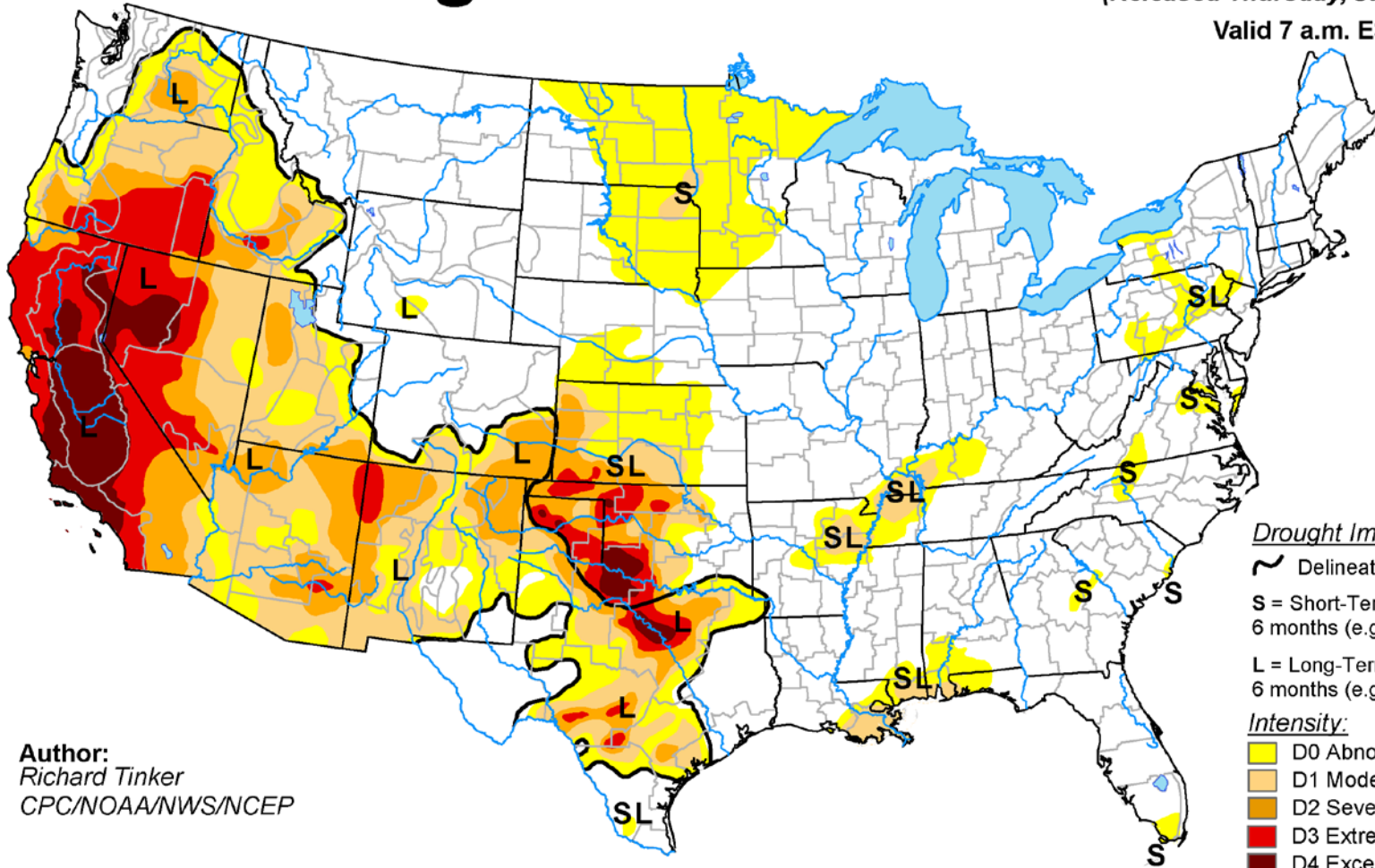
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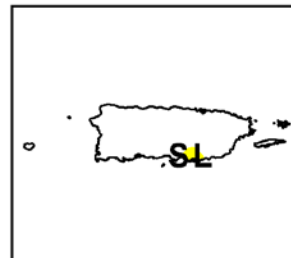
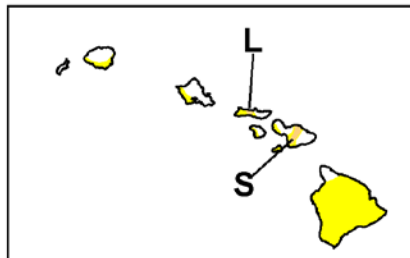
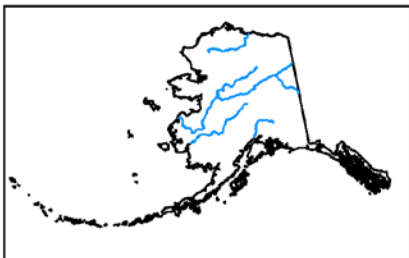
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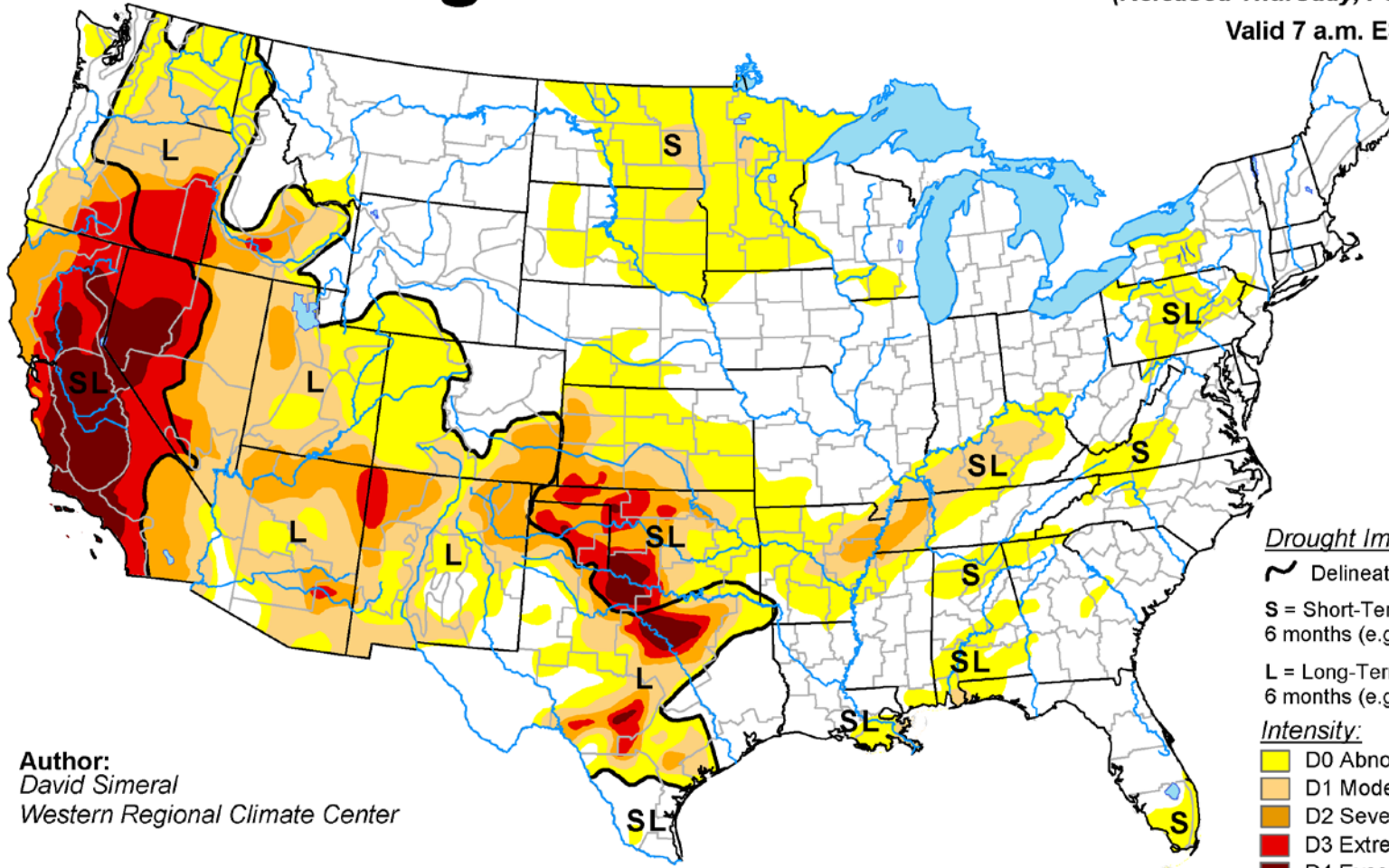


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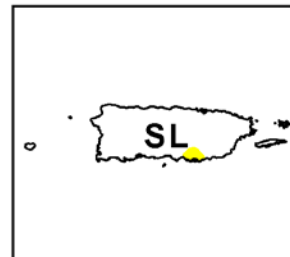
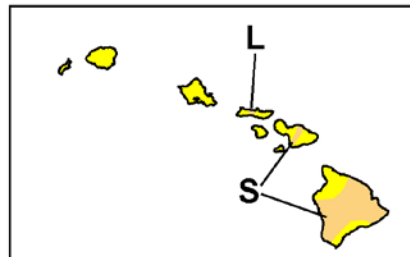
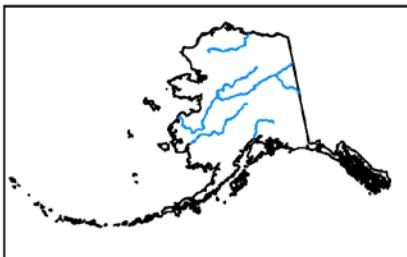
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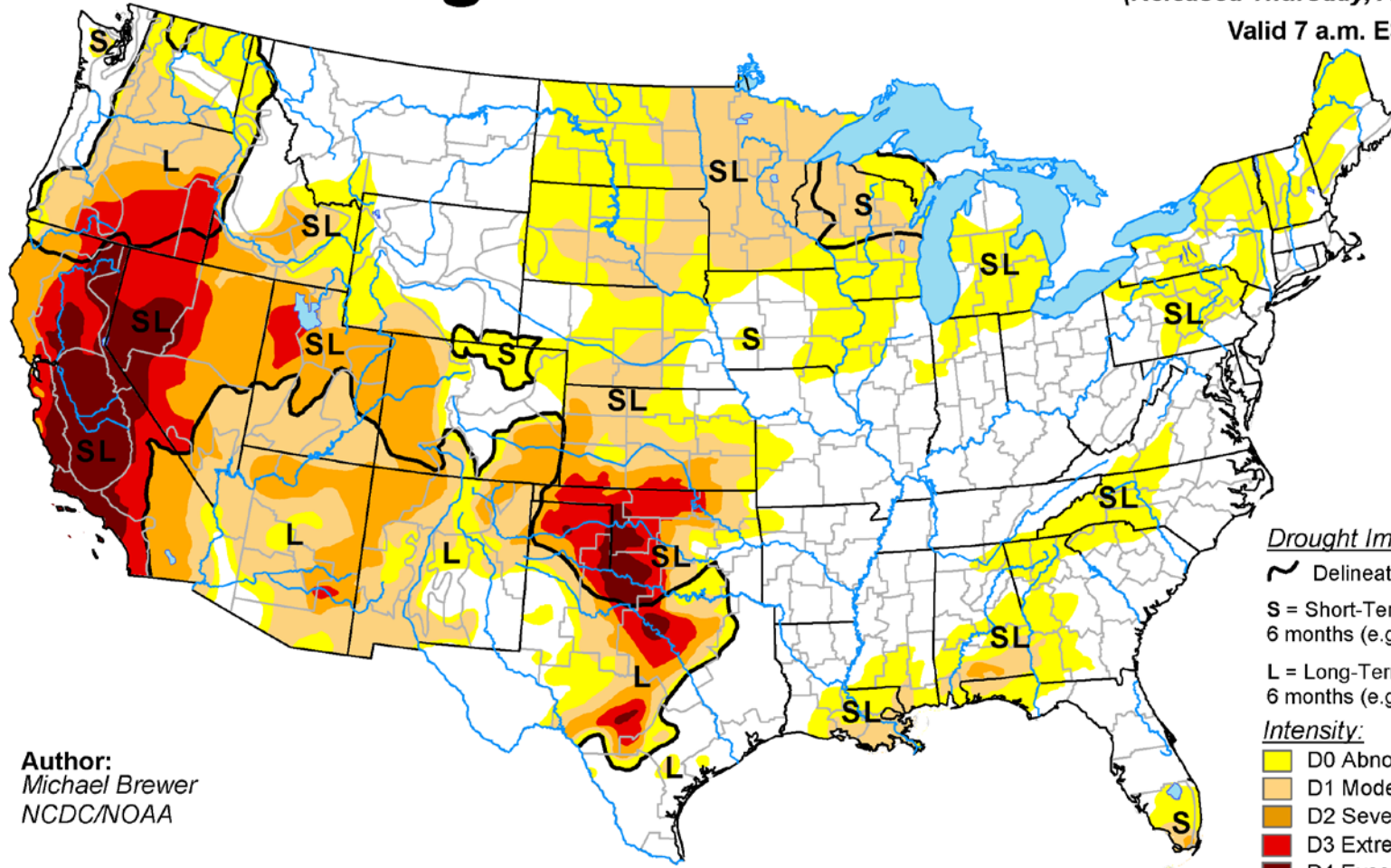
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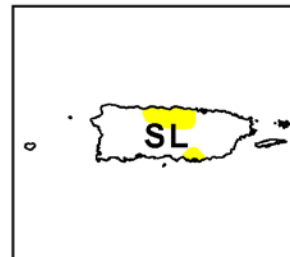
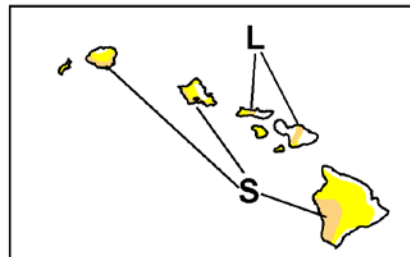
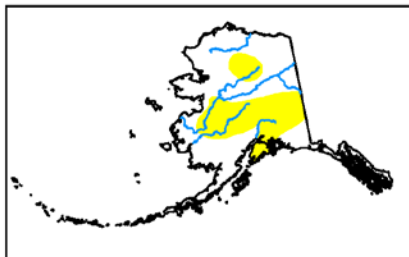
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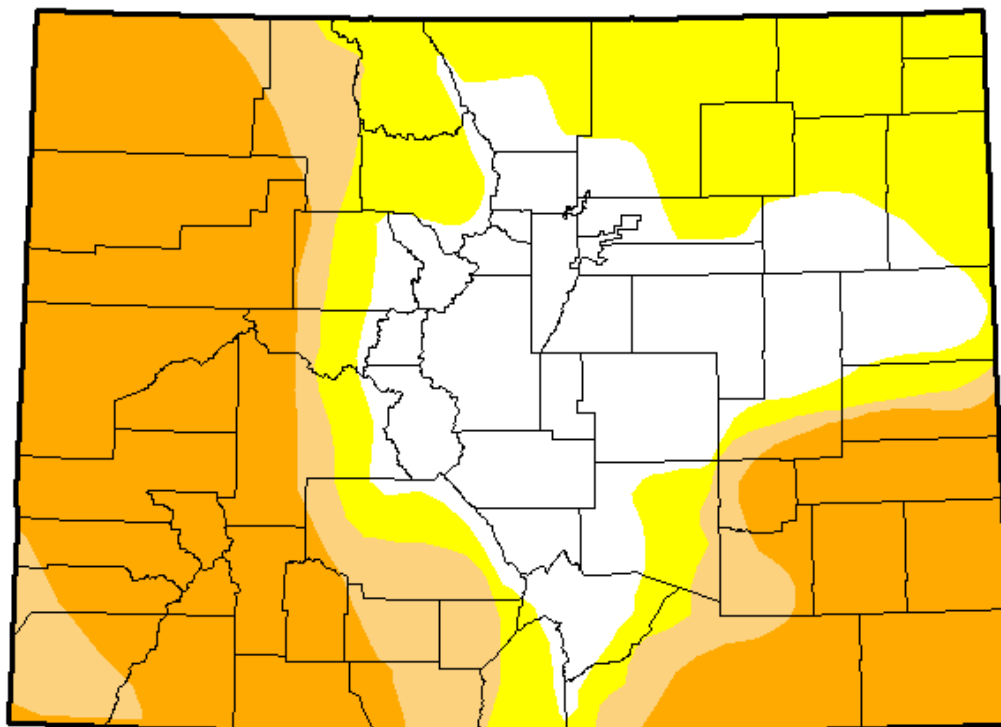
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	25.49	74.51	51.74	39.75	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>3/31/2015</i>	32.22	67.78	51.74	39.75	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>1/8/2015</i>	69.87	30.13	21.26	12.26	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12/30/2014</i>	69.87	30.13	21.26	12.26	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/30/2014</i>	68.96	31.04	22.94	13.82	2.31	0.00
One Year Ago <i>4/9/2014</i>	38.38	61.62	23.40	15.06	6.90	1.47



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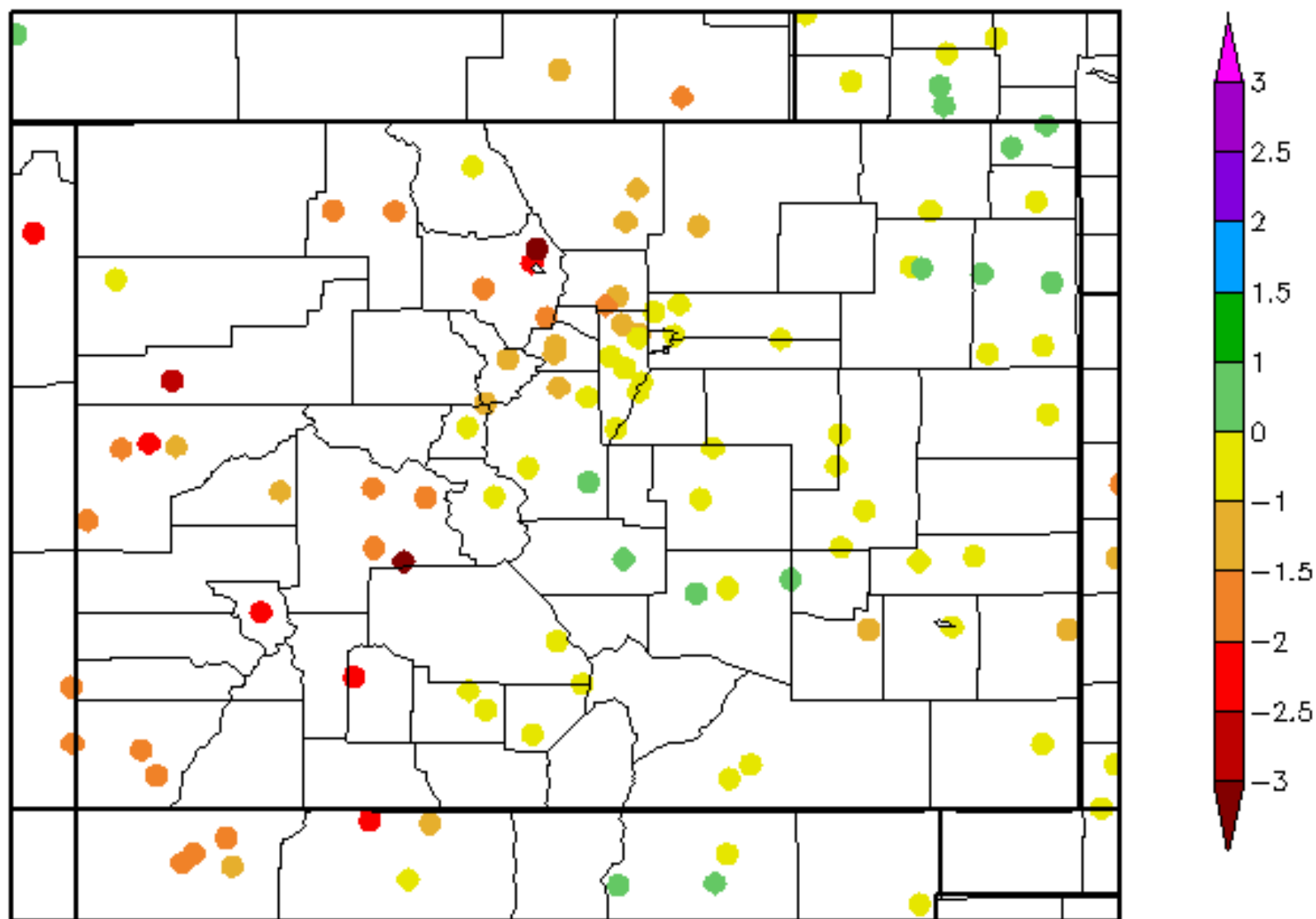
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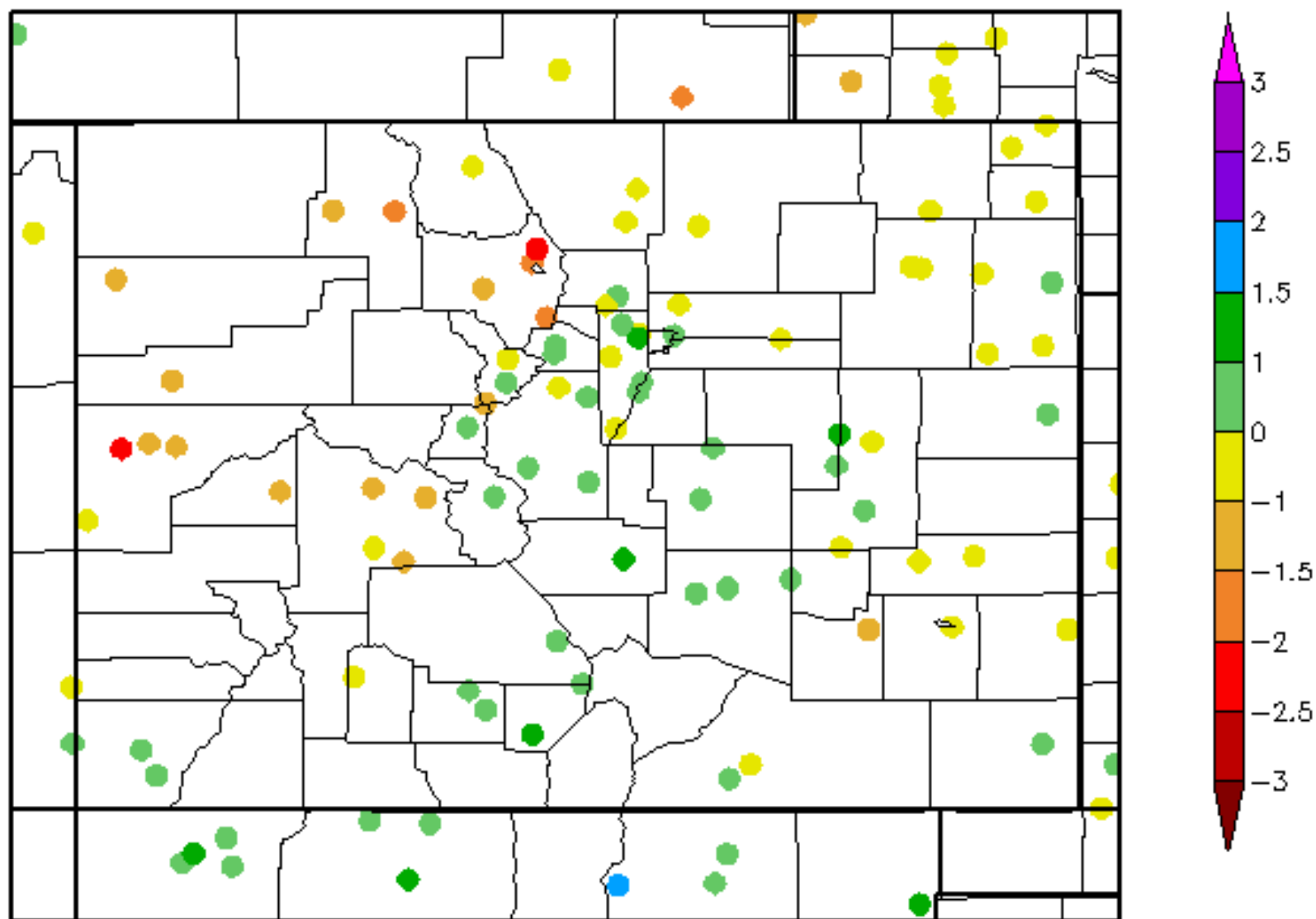
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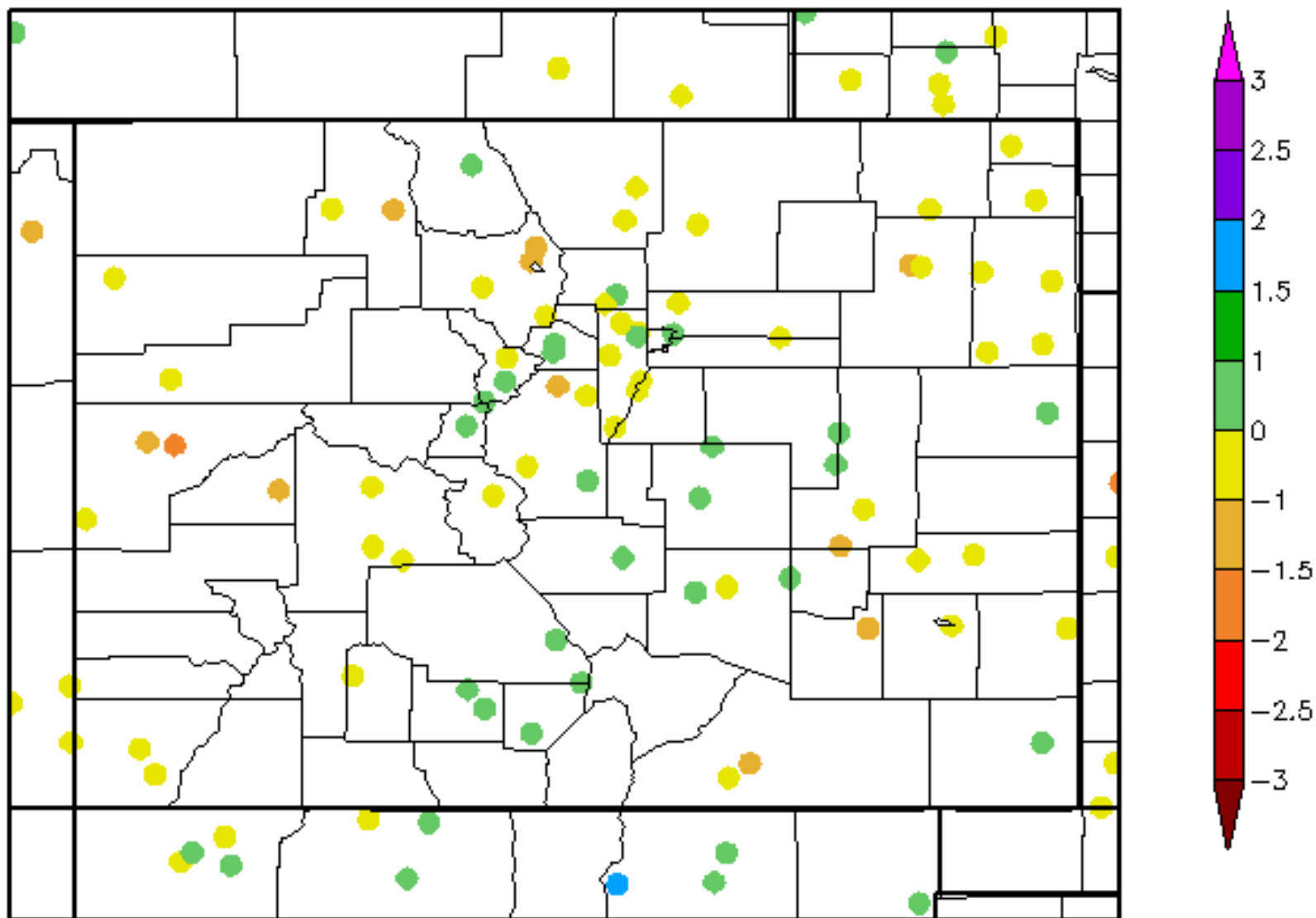
90 Day SPI

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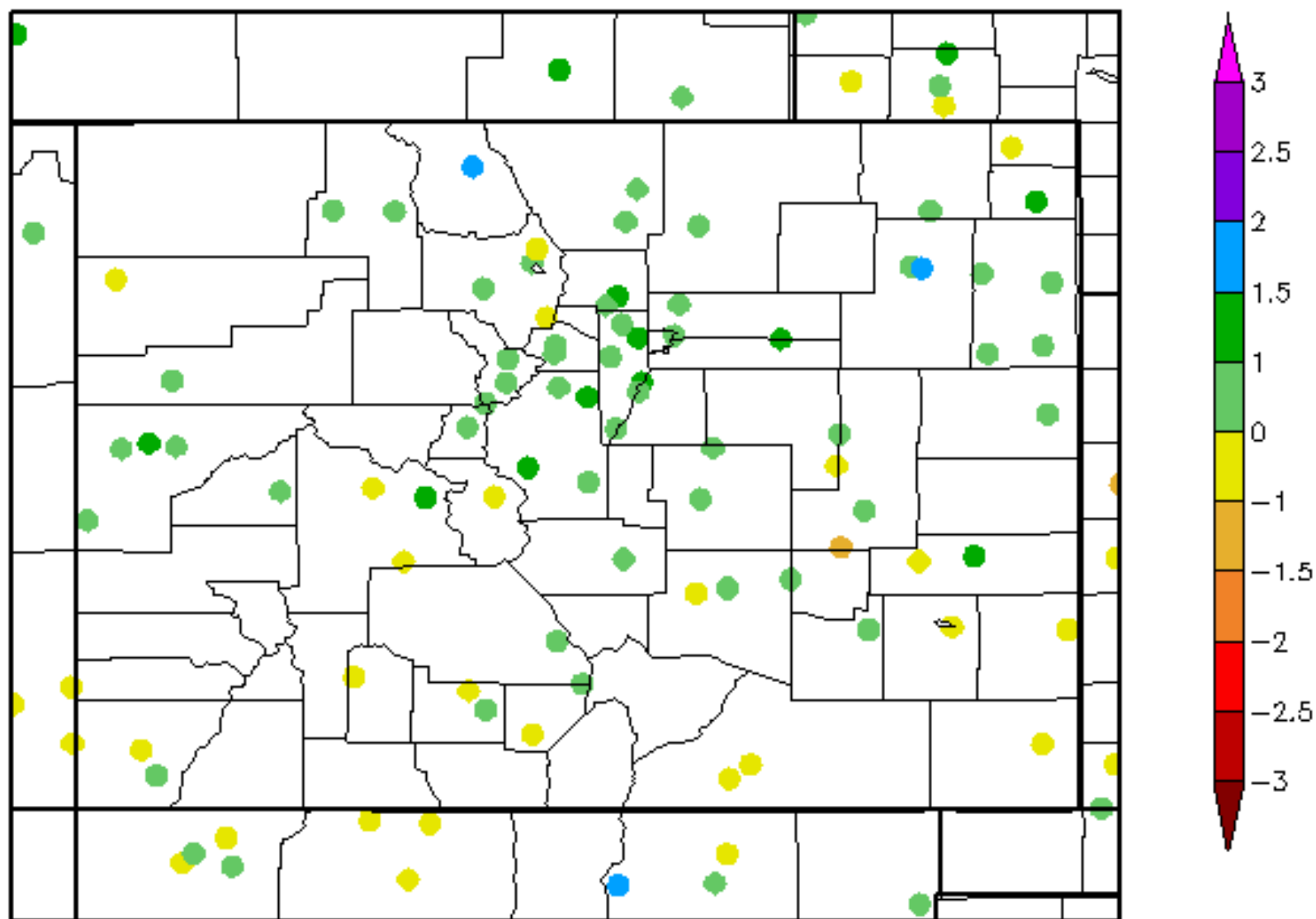
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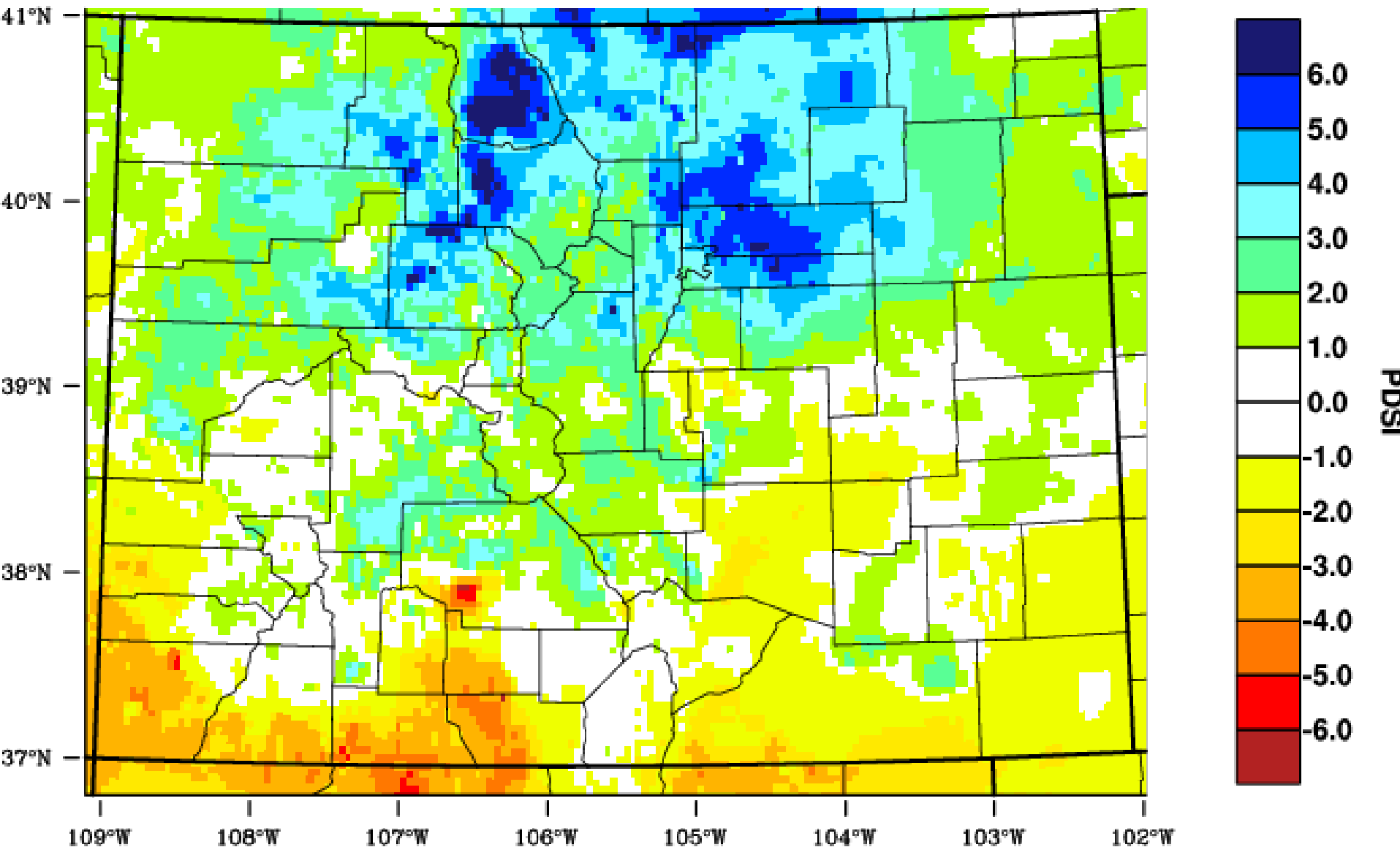
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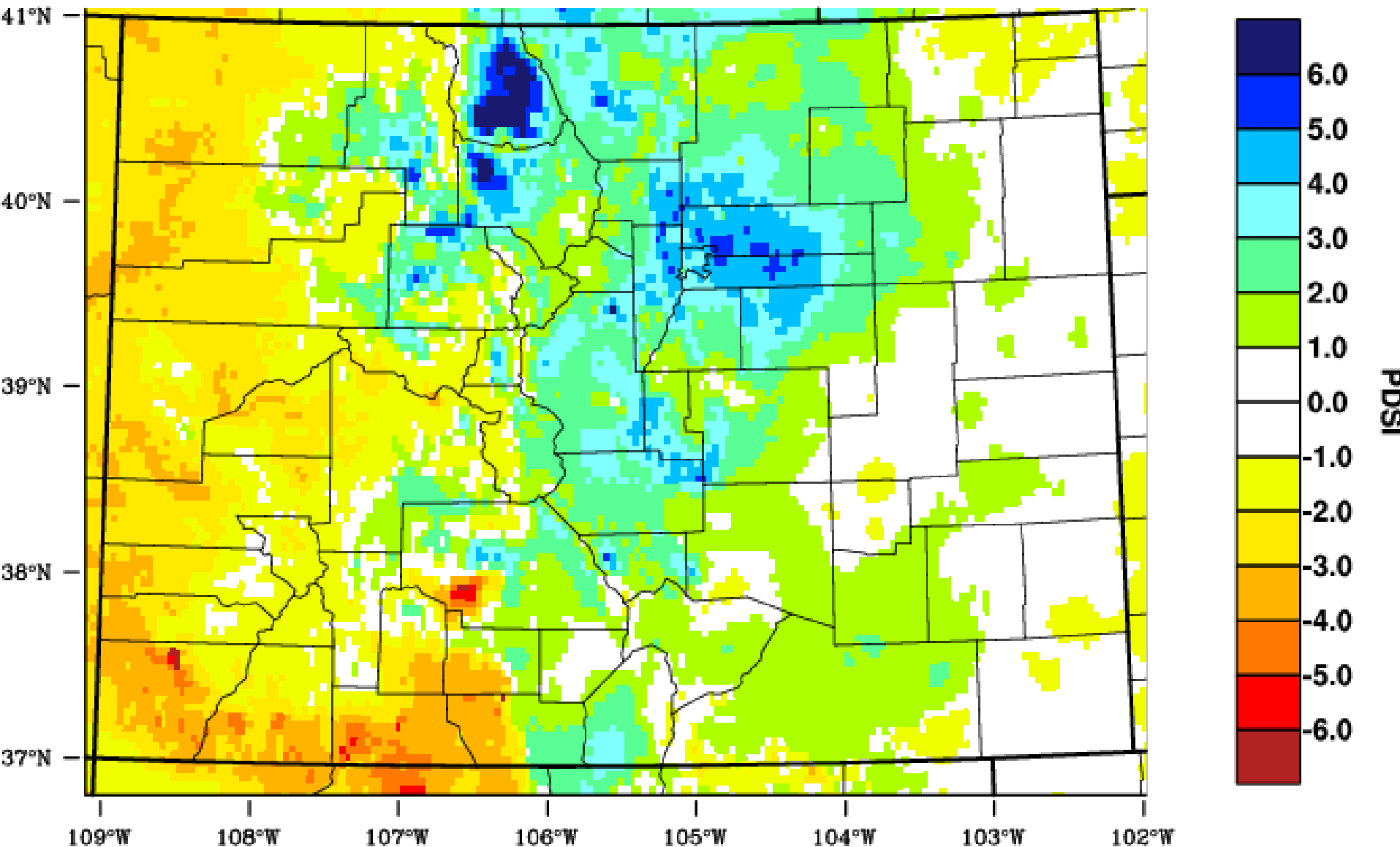


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