

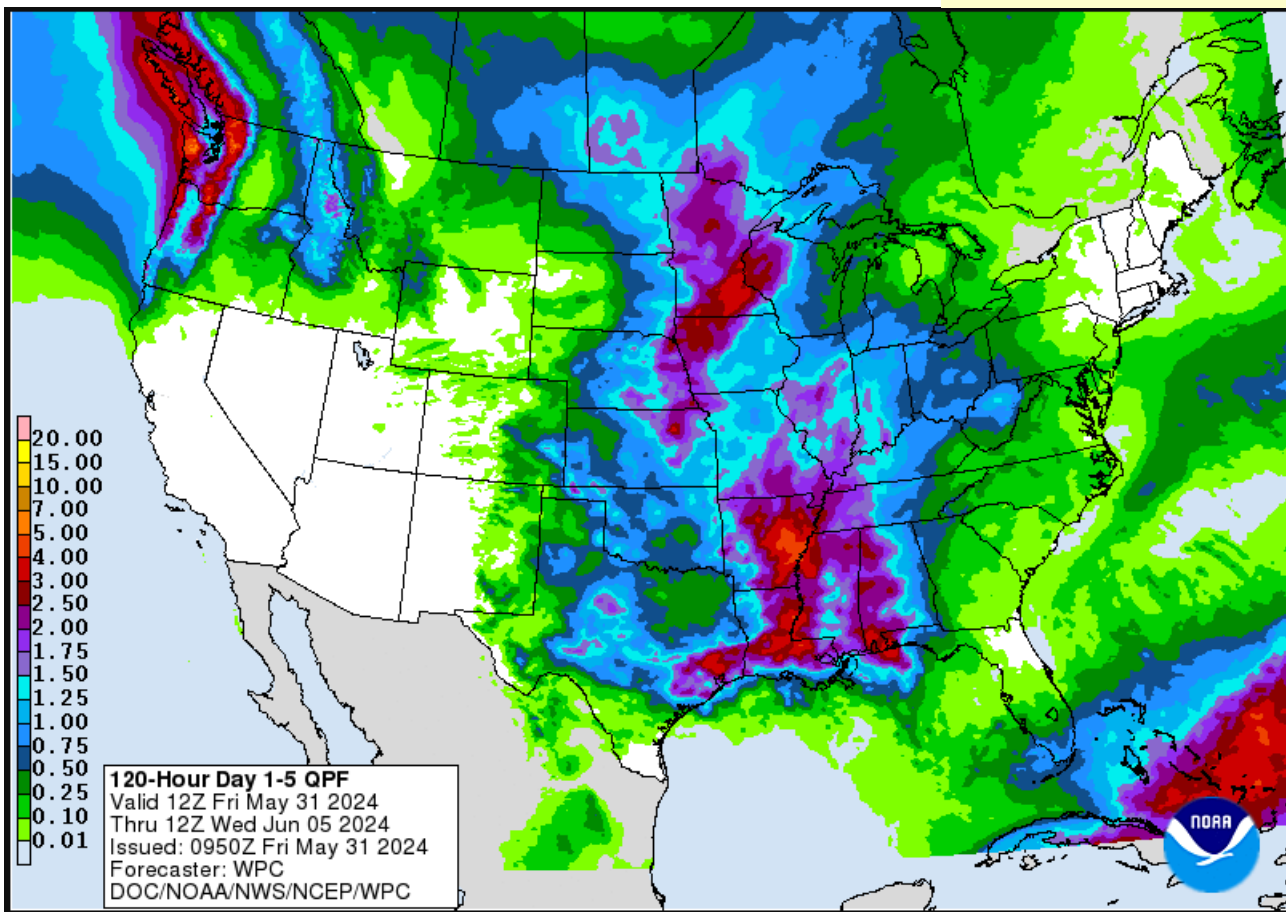
May 31, 2024

Updates for Lochsa, Selway, Owyhee Bruneau & More Idaho Rivers

2nd 7-Day
Precipitation
Outlook shows
more moisture
moving in north
central Idaho.

5-Day Total Precipitation Forecast for
May 31-Jun 5 shows moisture in
central & northern Idaho from major
AR hitting the Cascades.

Current / Future Weather
to see what's happening.



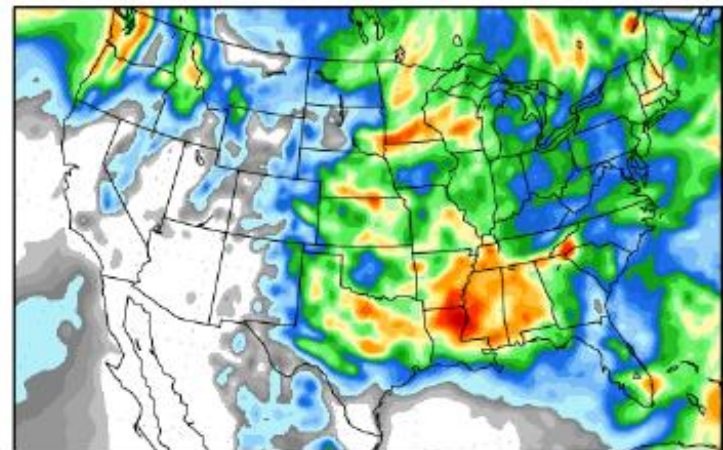
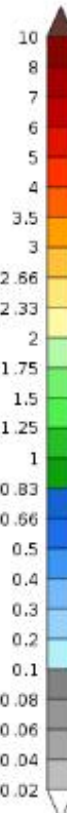
Precipitation Forecasts

Precipitation (in)
during the period:

Fri, 31 MAY 2024 at 00Z

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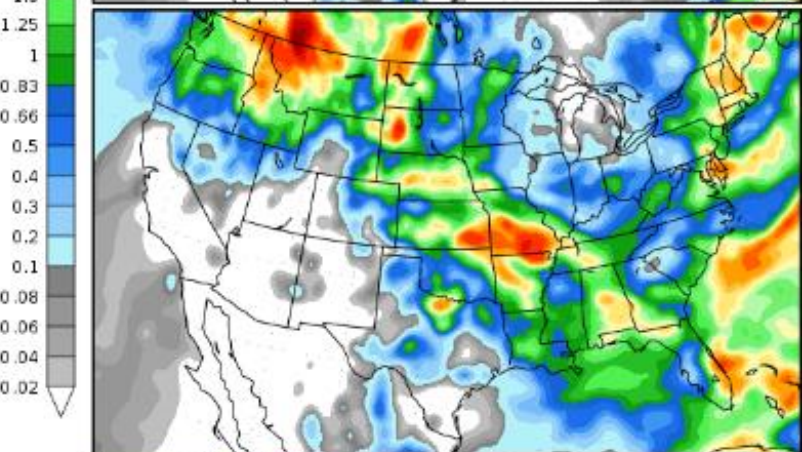
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Sun, 16 JUN 2024 at 00Z

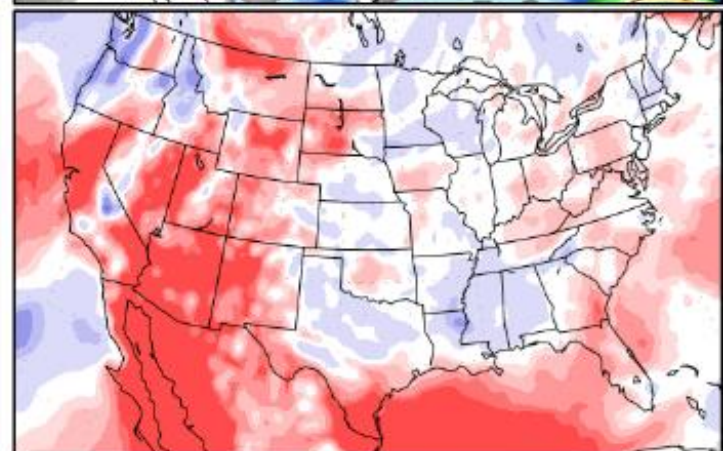
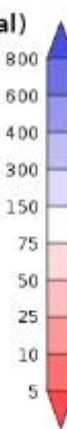


Precipitation (% of normal)
during the first period:

Fri, 31 MAY 2024 at 00Z

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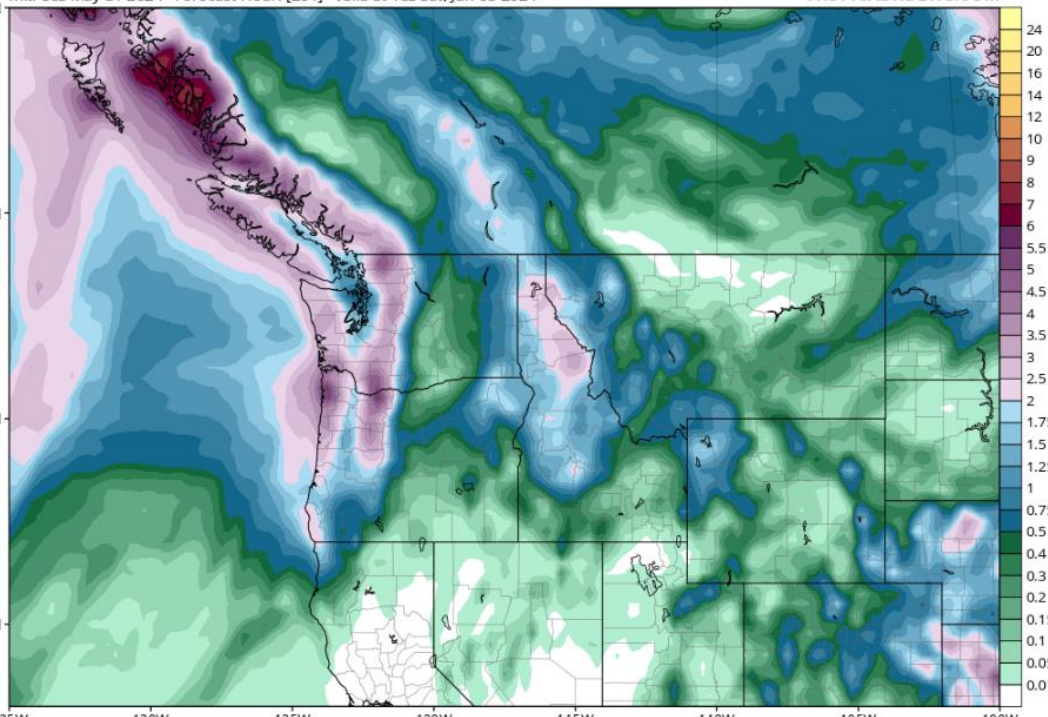
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GFS Total Accumulated Precipitation (inches) from 06z31May2024 to 18z08Jun2024

Init: 06z May 31 2024 Forecast Hour: [204] valid at 18z Sat, Jun 08 2024

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We'll keep an eye on the weather – these two GFS runs show total precipitation thru Jun 8 and thru Jun 16.

GFS

RUN TIME: 06Z MAY 31

Global

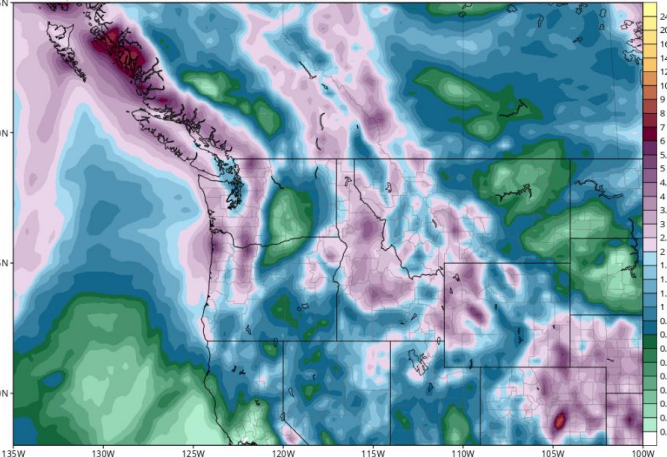
Ensemble

Hurricane

GFS Total Accumulated Precipitation (inches) from 06z31May2024 to 06z16Jun2024

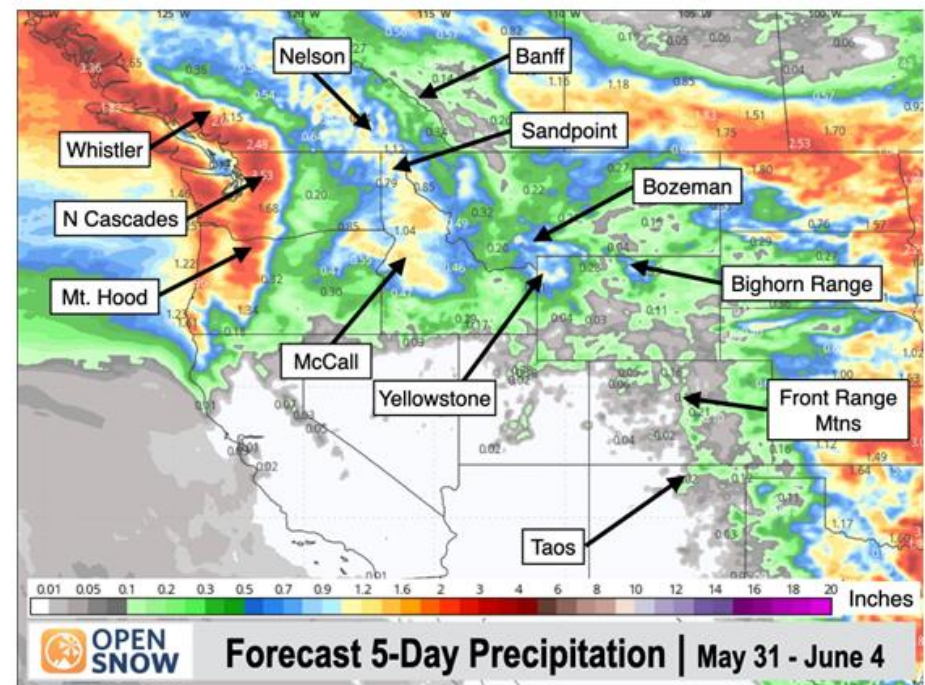
Init: 06z May 31 2024 Forecast Hour: [384] valid at 06z Sun, Jun 16 2024

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5-Day Precipitation Forecast:

The Cascades and Pacific Northwest will see the highest rainfall totals over the next 5 days, while the Northern Rockies will also pick up impressive rainfall. Showers and thunderstorms will be more isolated in coverage further south with light and spotty rainfall accumulations.



LOC SHA RIVER AND LOLO PASS SNOTEL

On average, peak streamflow for the Lochsa River near Lowell, Idaho occurs when Lolo Pass SNOTEL is between **55 and 80%** melted.

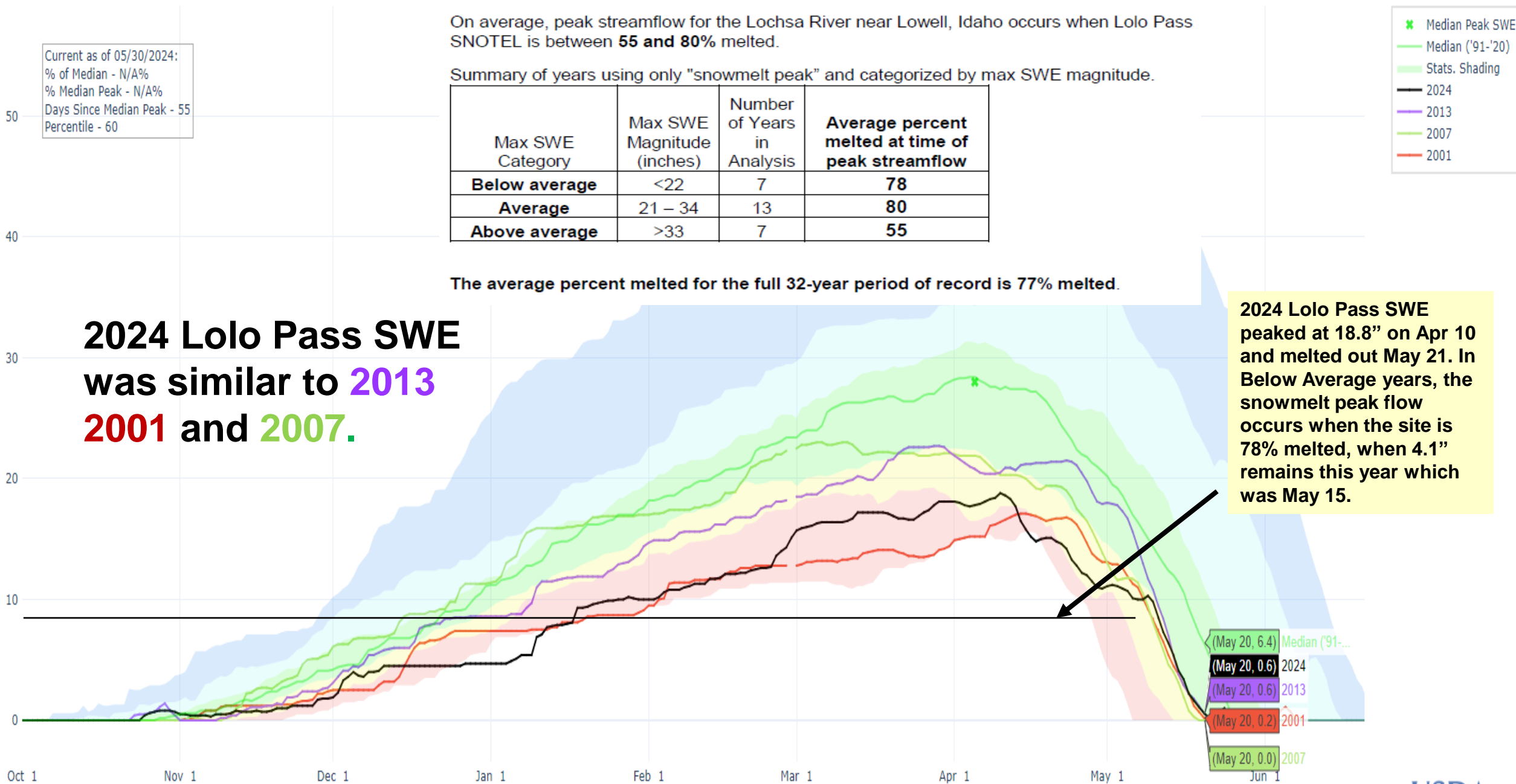
Summary of years using only "snowmelt peak" and categorized by max SWE magnitude.

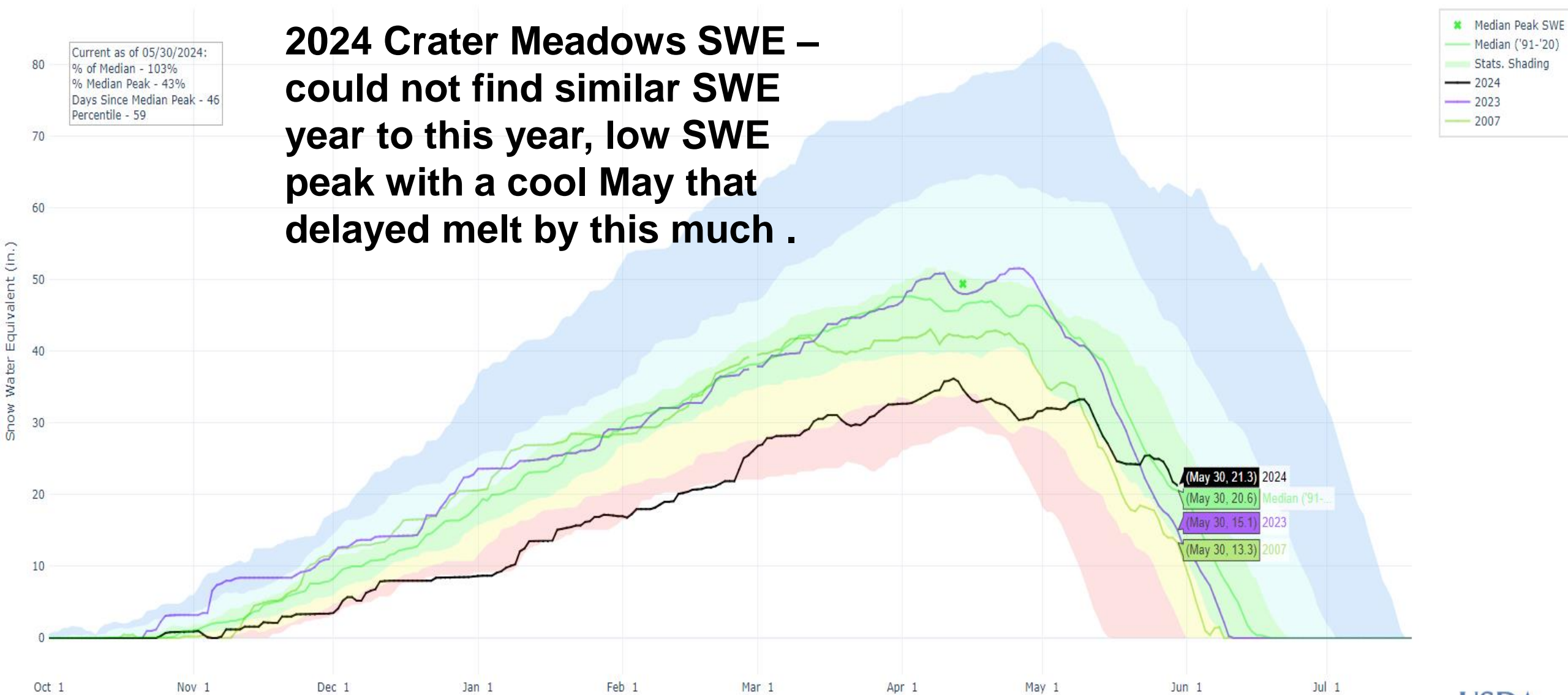
Max SWE Category	Max SWE Magnitude (inches)	Number of Years in Analysis	Average percent melted at time of peak streamflow
Below average	<22	7	78
Average	21 – 34	13	80
Above average	>33	7	55

The average percent melted for the full 32-year period of record is 77% melted.

2024 Lolo Pass SWE was similar to 2013, 2001 and 2007.

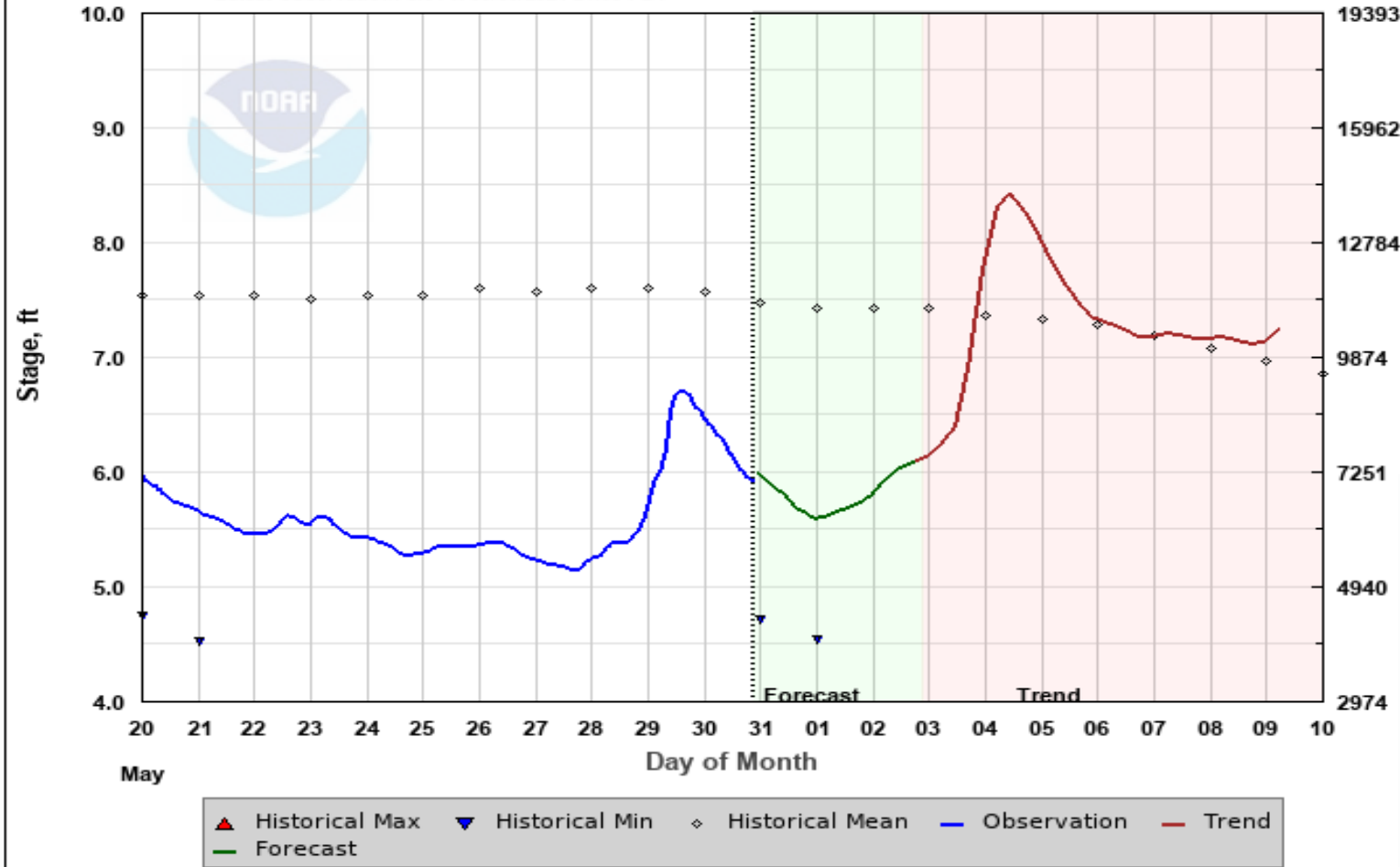
Snow Water Equivalent (in.)





LOCHSA - NEAR LOWELL (LOC11)

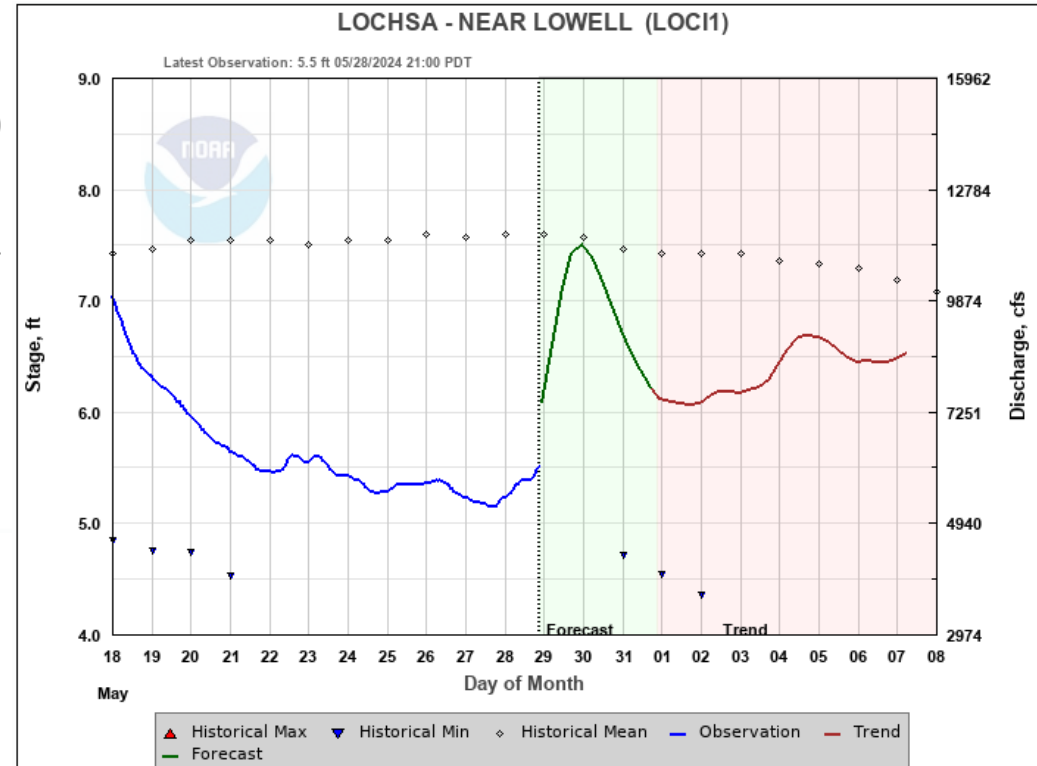
Latest Observation: 5.91 ft 05/30/2024 21:00 PDT



Forecast Created: 05/30/2024 15:40 PDT
Plot Created: 05/30/2024 21:30 PDT

NWS Forecast & Trend shows another increase next week with AR moving in.

Previous run from May 28 below.



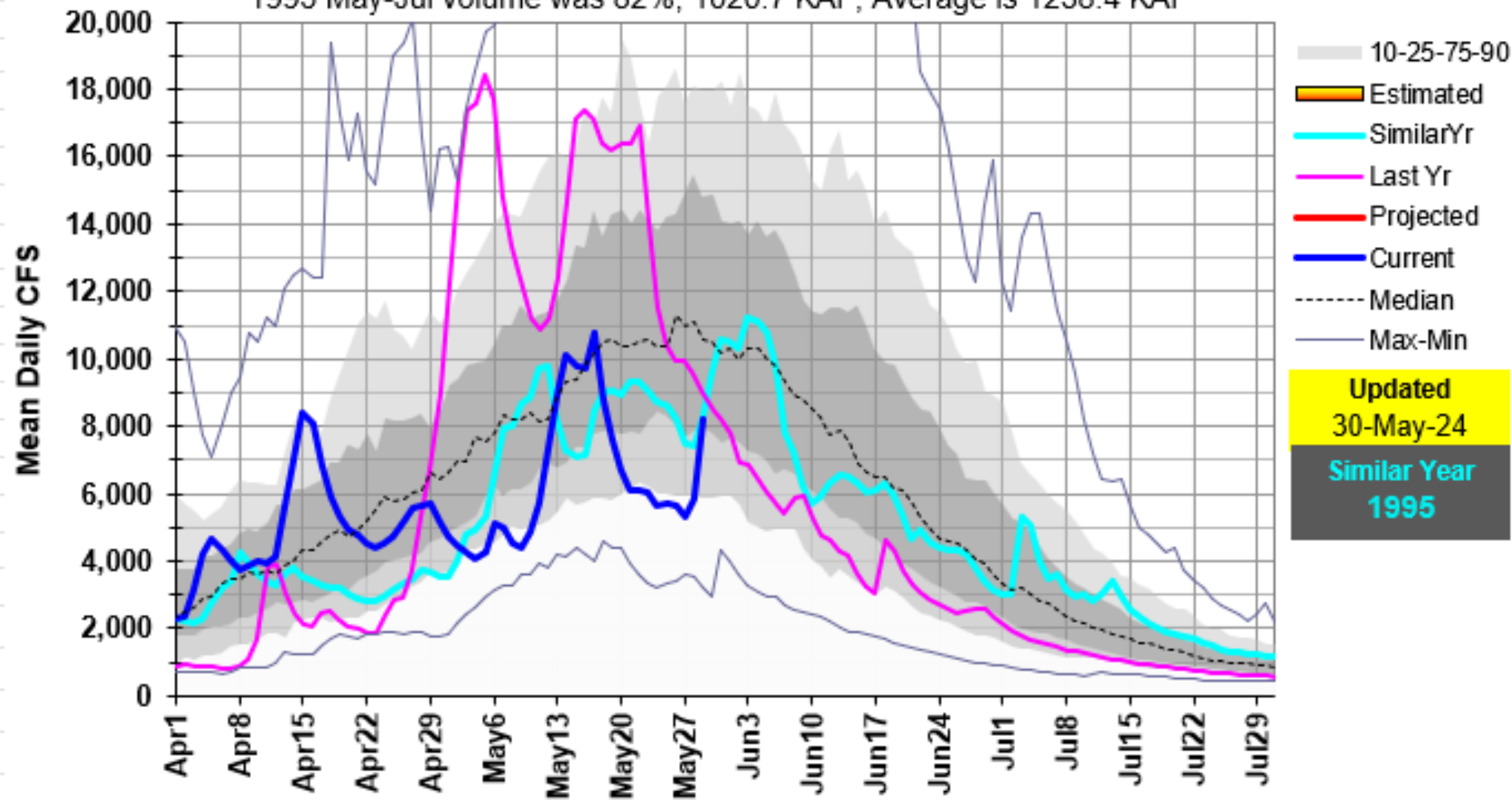
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Keep in mind the Snow2Flow Relationship is based on snowmelt relationship with snowmelt peak flows.

Any given day with rain or hot temps can generate additional peaks or a higher peak for the season.

13337000: Lochsa R near Lowell, ID

1995 May-Jul volume was 82%, 1020.7 KAF, Average is 1238.4 KAF

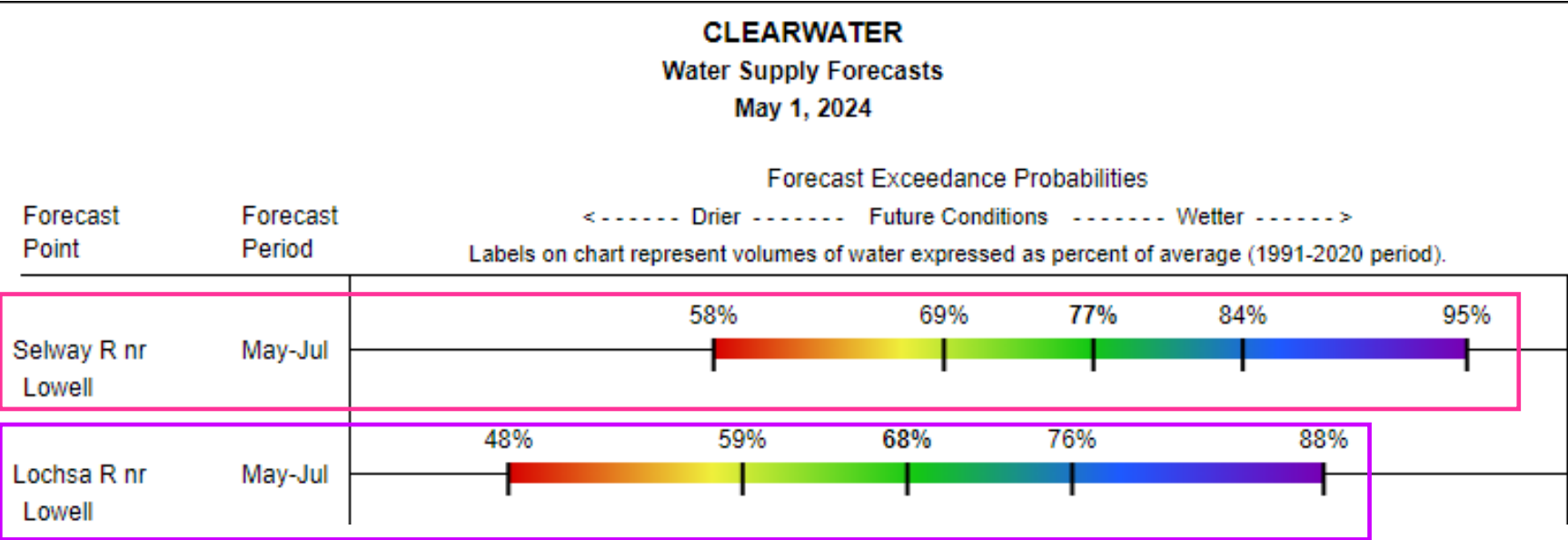


Runoff for similar snow year.
**2024 May-Jul Runoff Volume
Forecast is 790 KAF.**

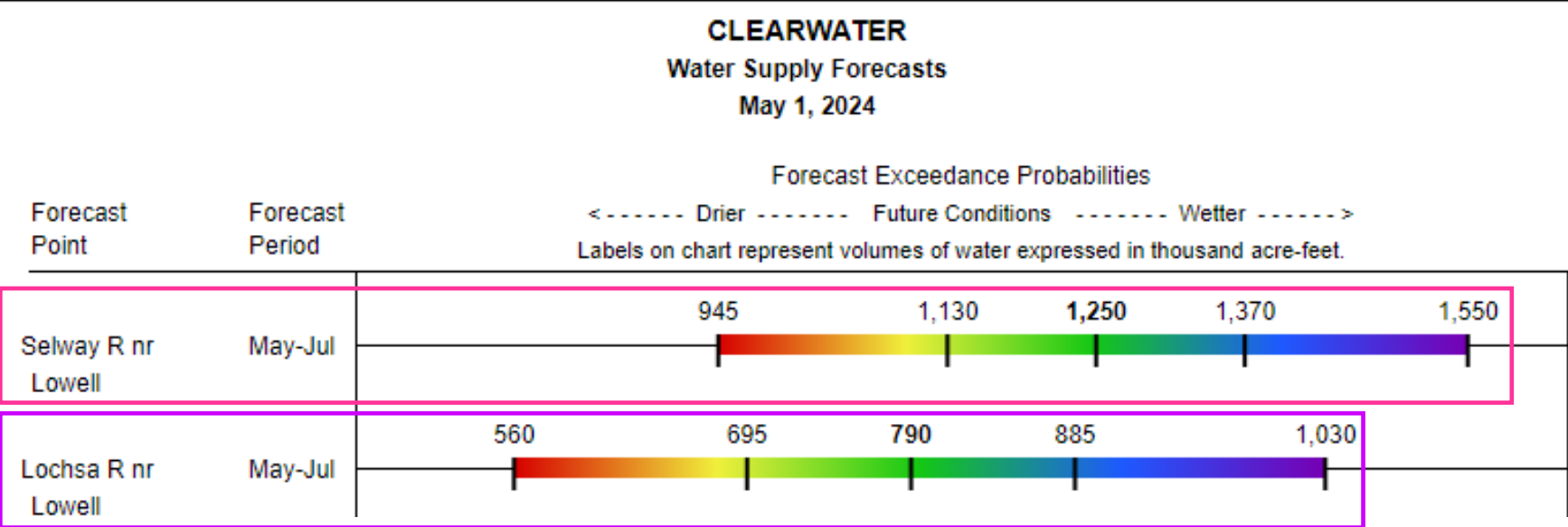
1995 May-Jul Runoff Volume
was 1020 KAF, higher than the
forecast. We'll see how much
moisture the AR brings and
then find best recession flow
year after next week's
increase.

May 1, 2004

Lochsa & Selway Rivers Streamflow Forecasts



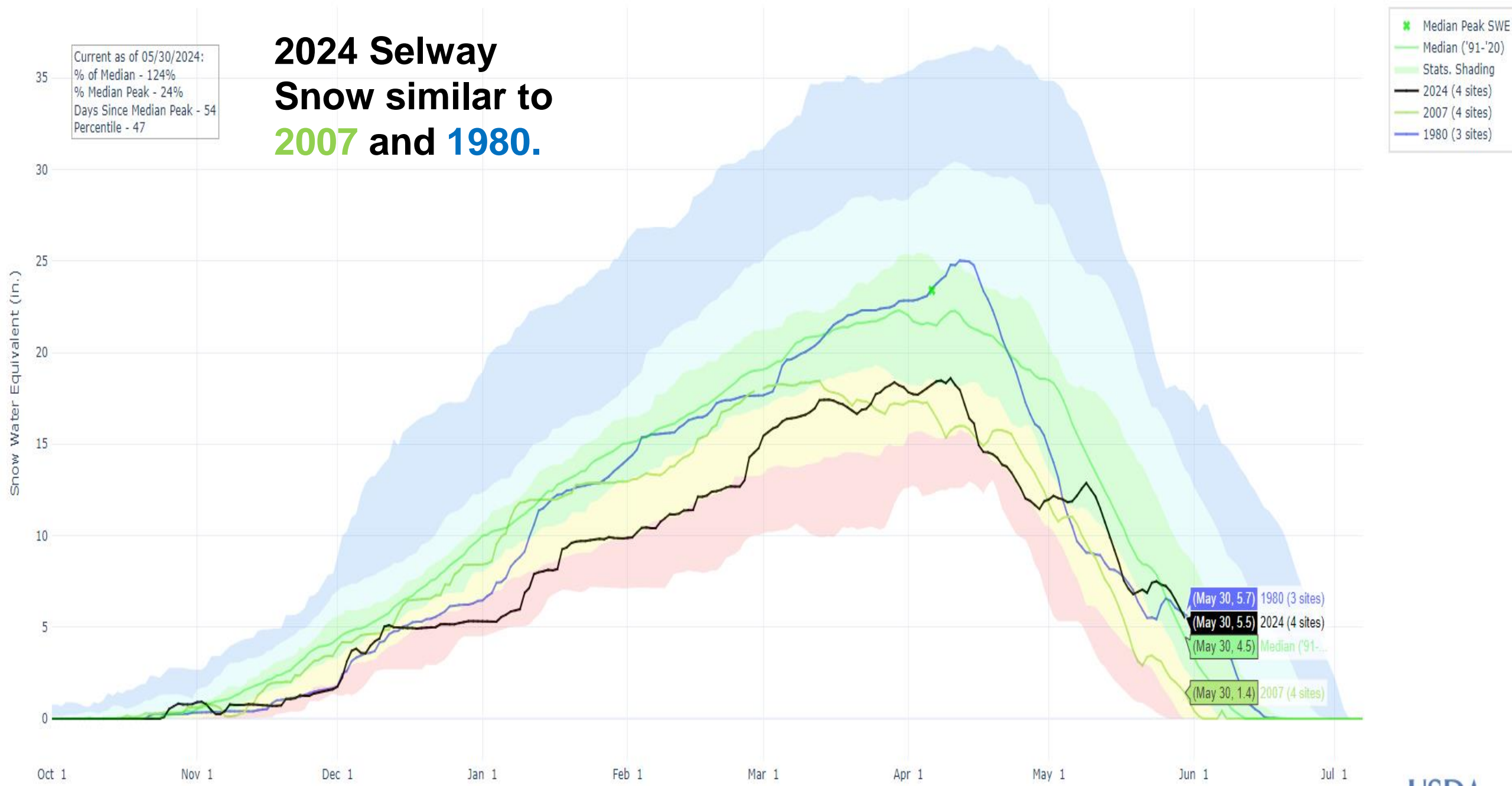
Lochsa River May-Jul Volume
Streamflow Forecast 76% of avg,
790 KAF
with a range of 560 to 1030 KAF



Selway River May-Jul Volume
Streamflow Forecast 77% of avg,
1250 KAF
with a range of 945 to 1550 KAF

Current as of 05/30/2024:
 % of Median - 124%
 % Median Peak - 24%
 Days Since Median Peak - 54
 Percentile - 47

2024 Selway
Snow similar to
2007 and 1980.



On average, peak streamflow for the Selway River near Lowell, Idaho occurs when Twin Lakes SNOTEL is between **26 and 33%** melted.

Summary of all years by max SWE magnitude

Max SWE Category	Range of Max SWE Magnitude (inches)	Number of Years in Analysis	Average percent melted at time of peak streamflow
Below average	<35	11	33
Average	34 – 49	25	33
Above average	>48	12	26

Note - this analysis uses all years available and did not eliminate potential non-snowmelt peaks

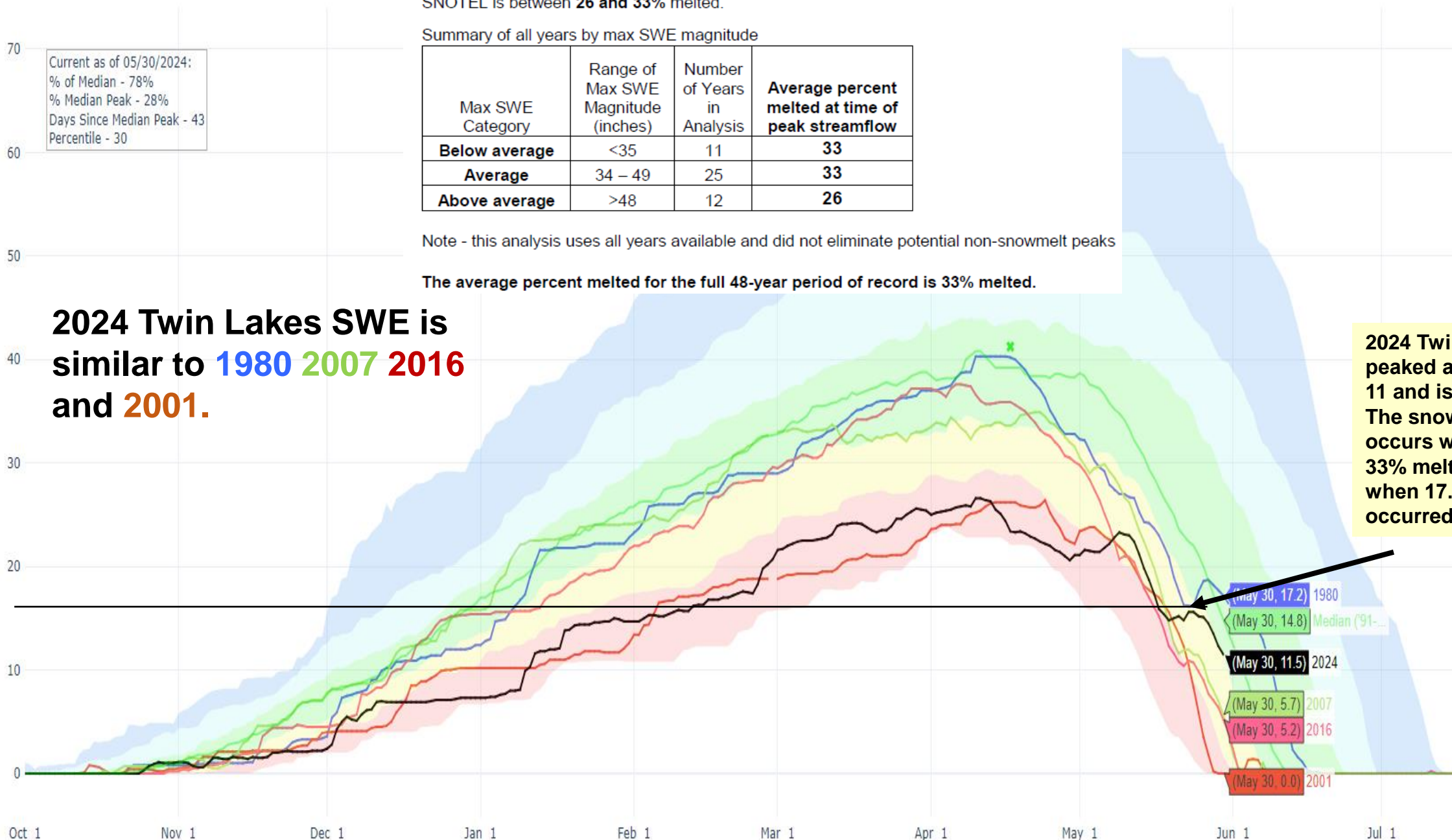
The average percent melted for the full 48-year period of record is 33% melted.

Current as of 05/30/2024:
% of Median - 78%
% Median Peak - 28%
Days Since Median Peak - 43
Percentile - 30

2024 Twin Lakes SWE is similar to 1980 2007 2016 and 2001.

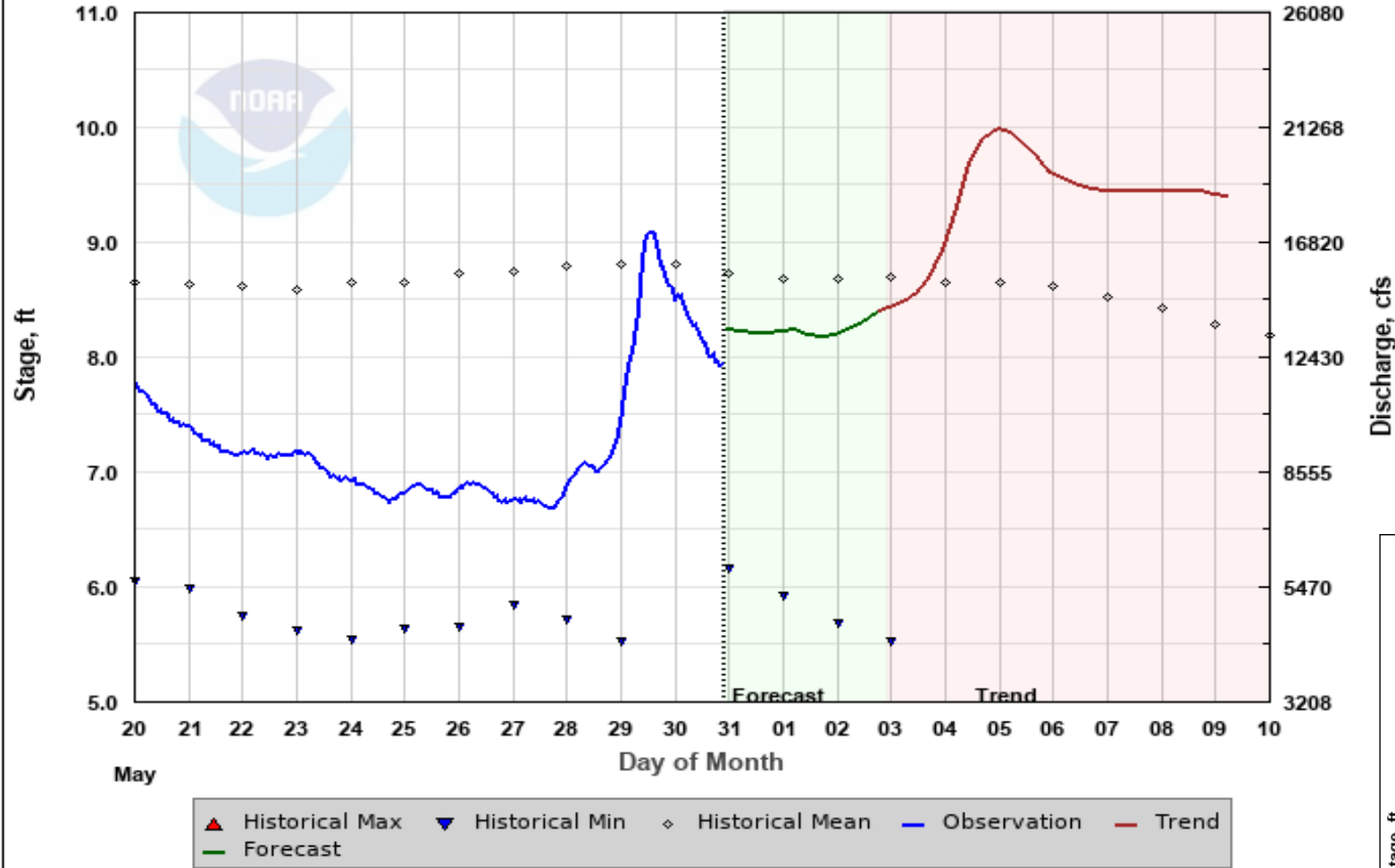
2024 Twin Lakes SWE peaked at 26.6" on Apr 11 and is at 11.5" today. The snowmelt peak flow occurs when the site is 33% melted, which is when 17.8" remains, and occurred May 16.

Snow Water Equivalent (in.)



SELWAY - NEAR LOWELL (SEL1)

Latest Observation: 7.94 ft 05/30/2024 21:00 PDT



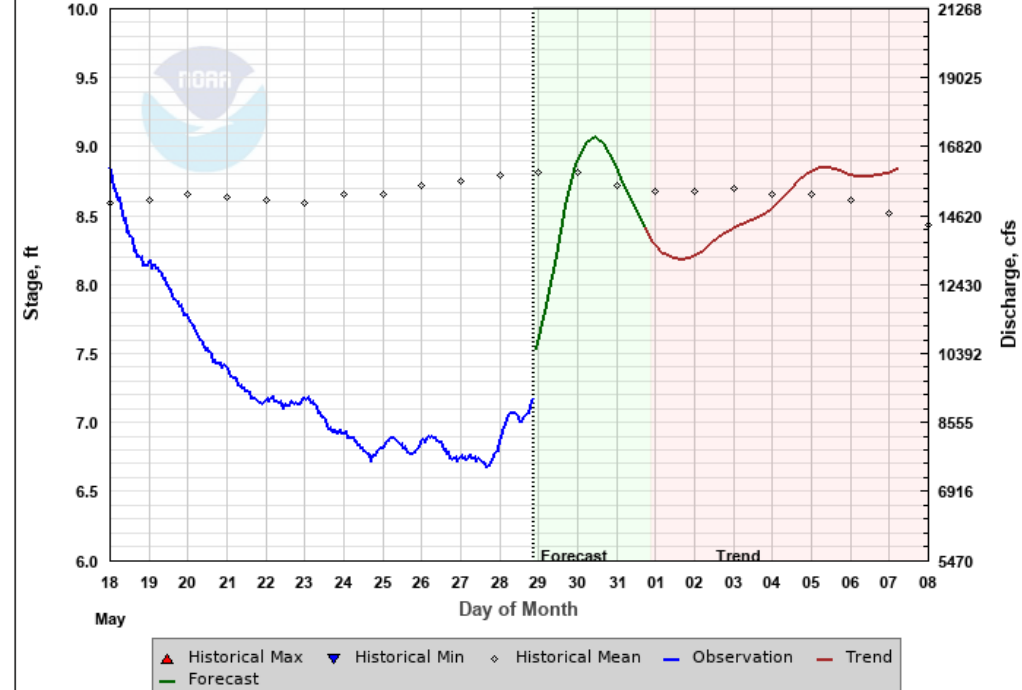
Forecast Created: 05/30/2024 15:40 PDT
Plot Created: 05/30/2024 22:09 PDT

NWS Forecast & Trend shows flows increasing with AR moving in next week.

Previous run from May 28 below.

SELWAY - NEAR LOWELL (SEL1)

Latest Observation: 7.17 ft 05/28/2024 21:00 PDT

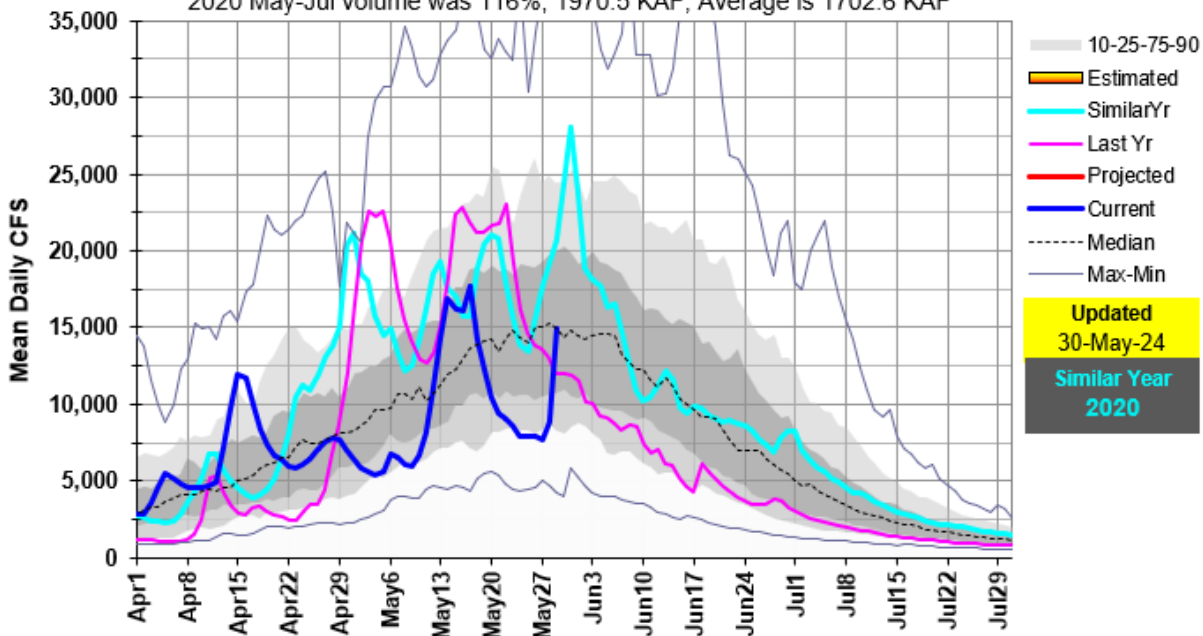


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13336500: Selway R near Lowell, ID

2020 May-Jul volume was 116%, 1970.5 KAF, Average is 1702.6 KAF



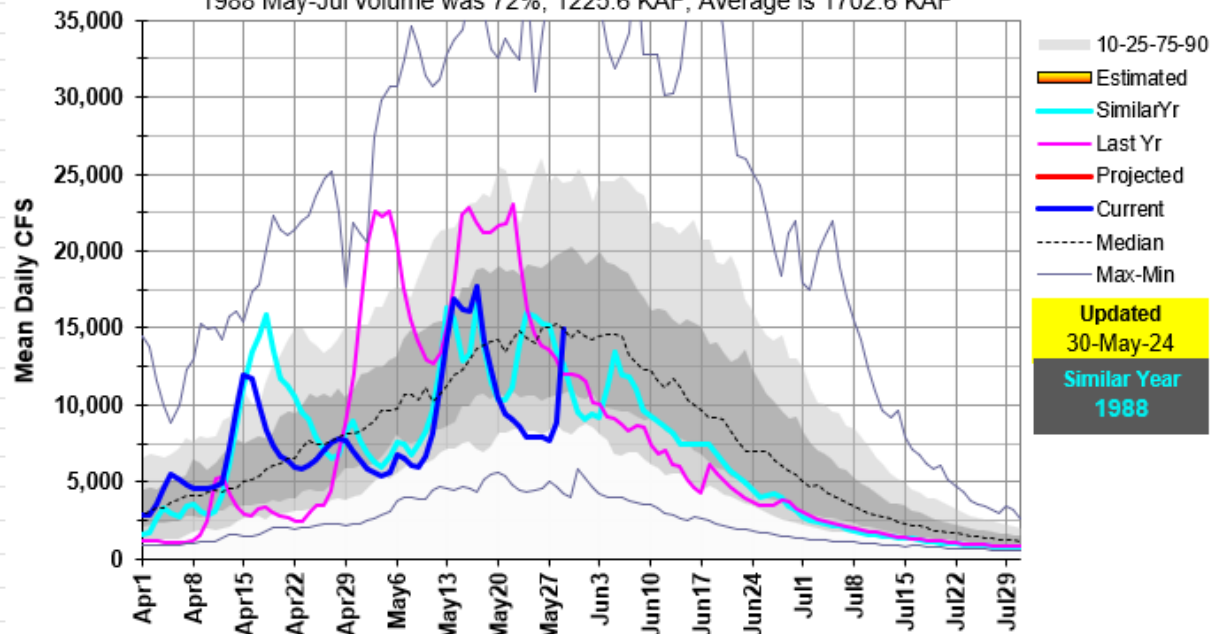
Runoff for similar snow years.

2024 May-Jul Runoff Volume Forecast is 1250 KAF.

2020 May-Jul volume was 1970 KAF, much higher than the current forecast.

13336500: Selway R near Lowell, ID

1988 May-Jul volume was 72%, 1225.6 KAF, Average is 1702.6 KAF

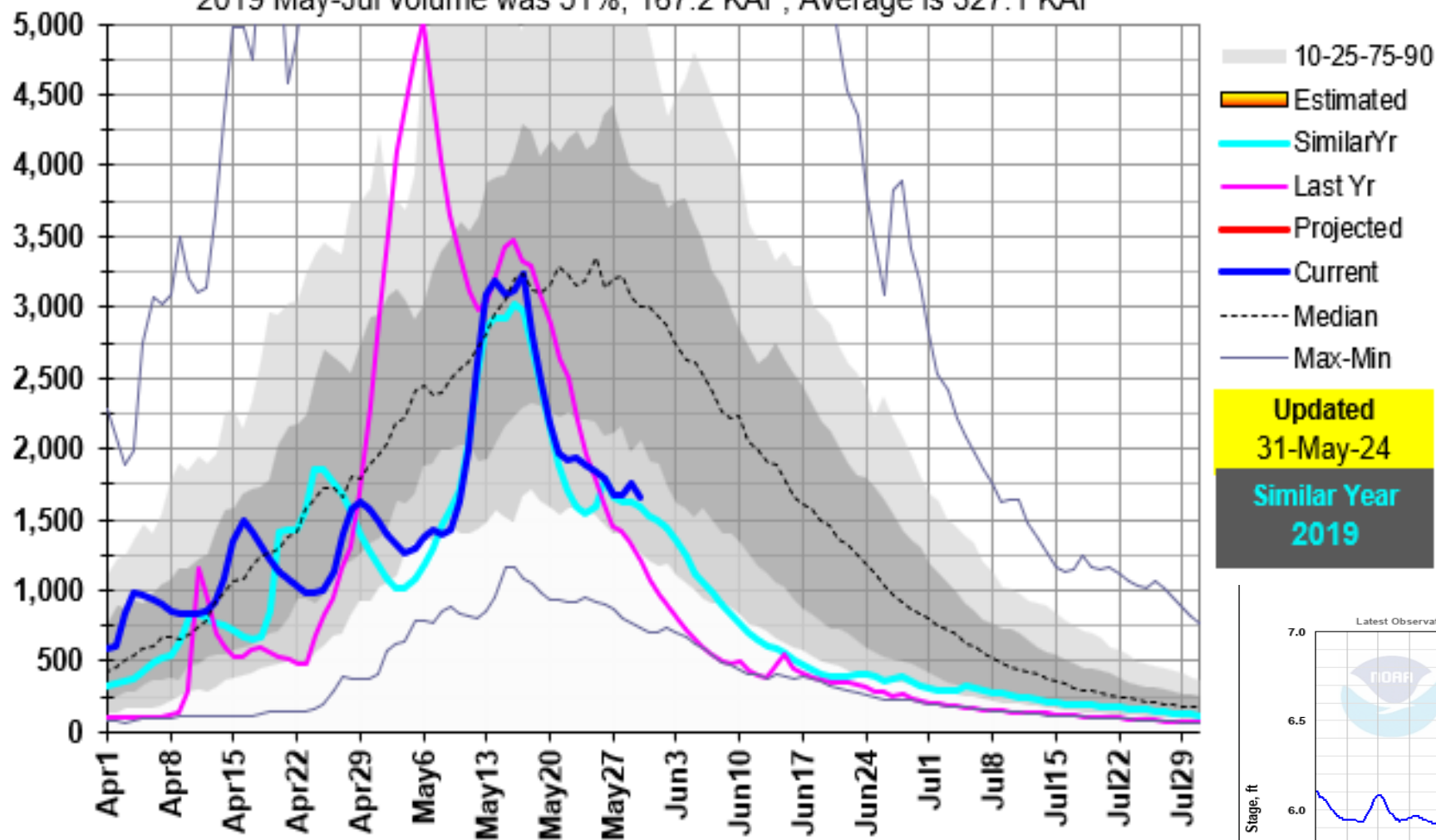


1988 May-Jul volume was 1225 KAF, similar to May 1 forecast of 1250 KAF.

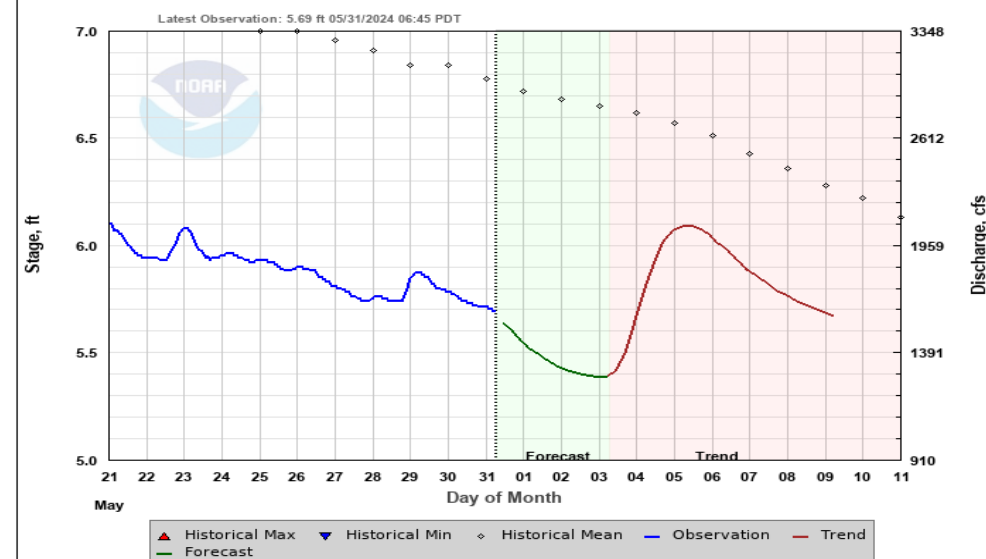
12306500: Moyie R at Eastport, ID

2019 May-Jul volume was 51%, 167.2 KAF, Average is 327.1 KAF

Mean Daily CFS



MOYIE - AT EASTPORT (EASI1)



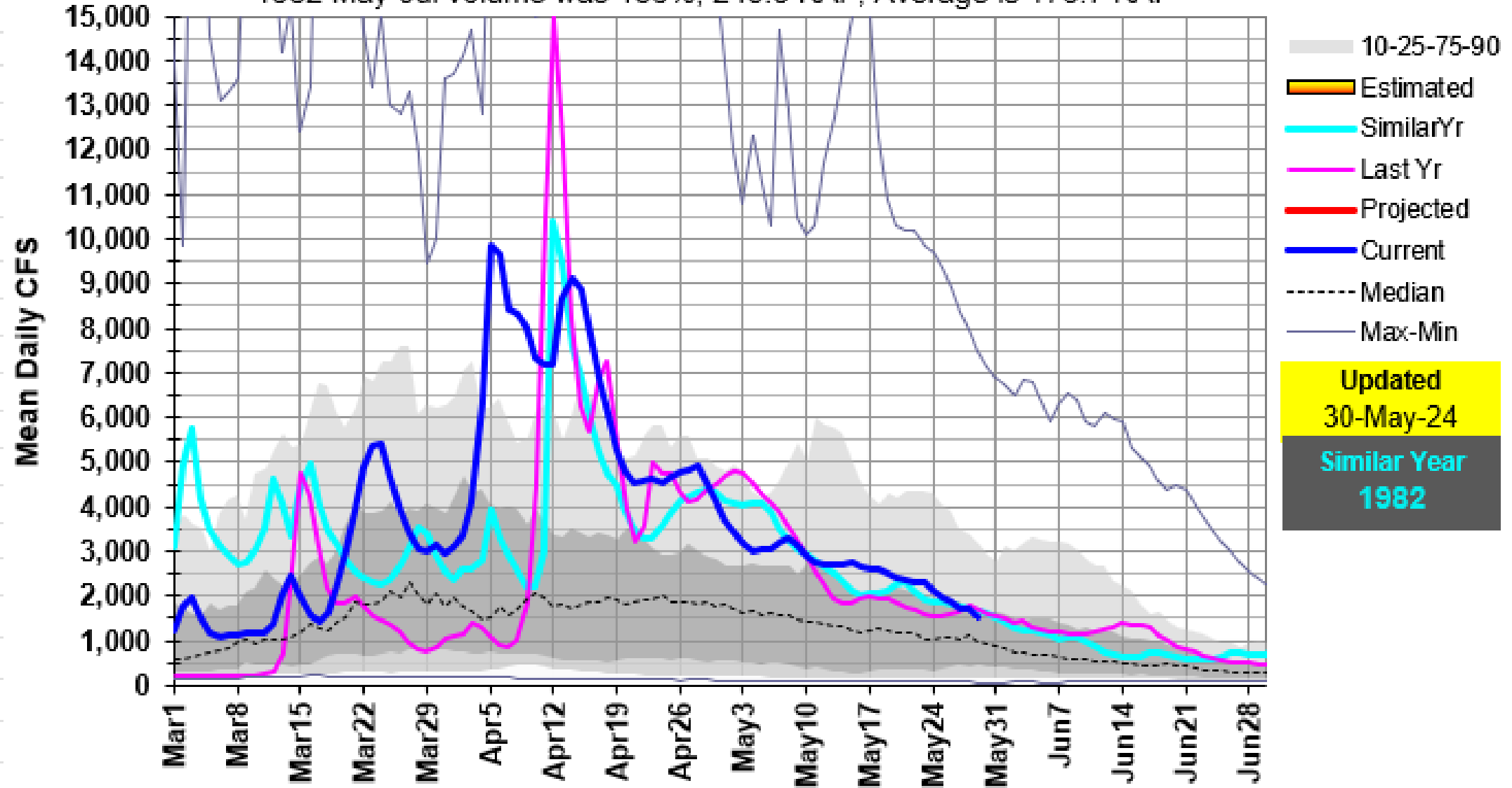
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Observations Provided by USGS

The amazing Owyhee, recession flows are similar to last year and 1982 .

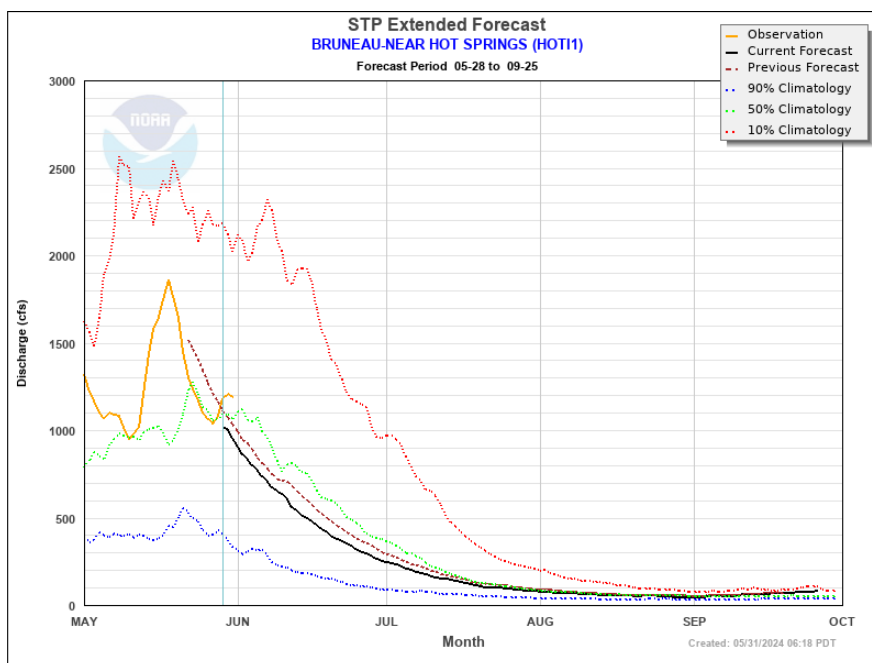
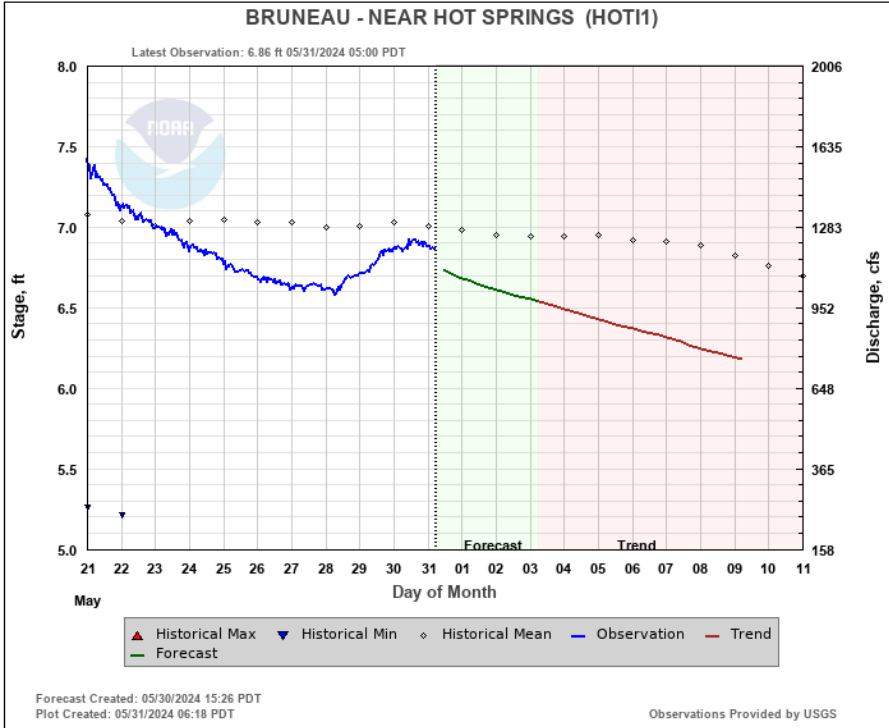
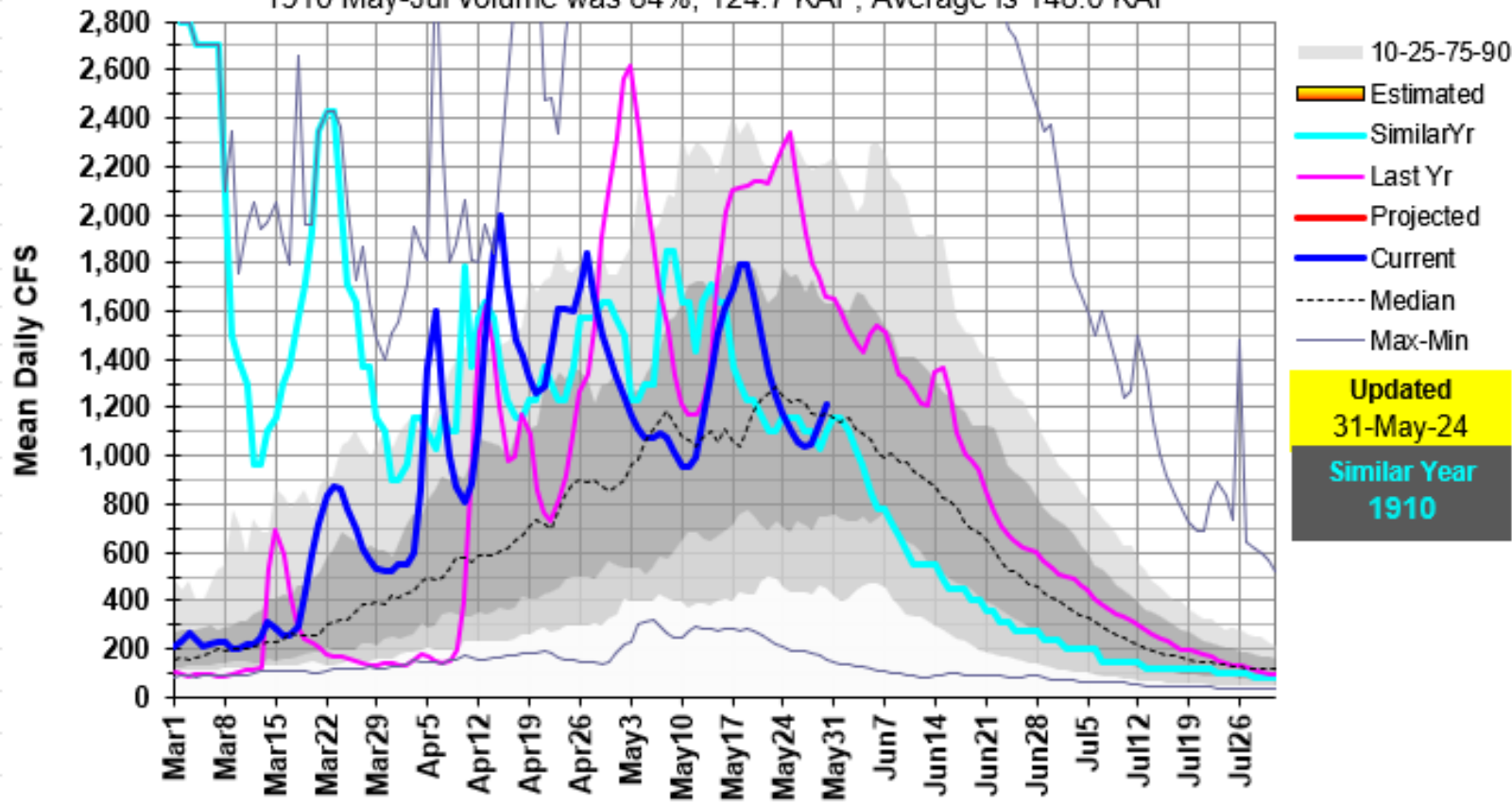
13181000: Owyhee R near Rome, OR

1982 May-Jul volume was 136%, 240.3 KAF, Average is 176.7 KAF



We'll keep watching the Bruneau to see if there is snow or rain for another increase or not.

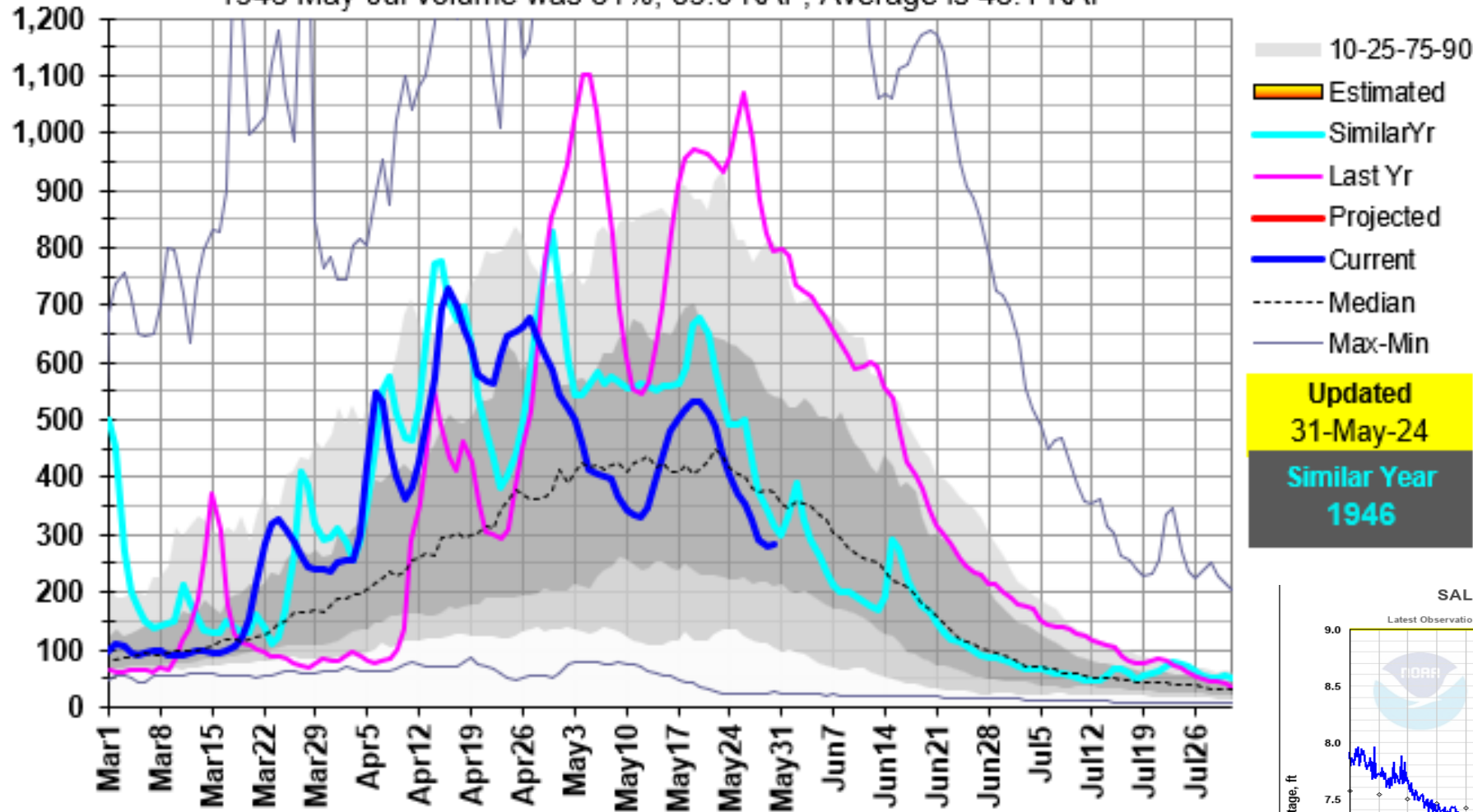
13168500: Bruneau R near Hot Spring, ID
1910 May-Jul volume was 84%, 124.7 KAF, Average is 148.0 KAF



13105000: Salmon Falls Ck near San Jacinto, NV

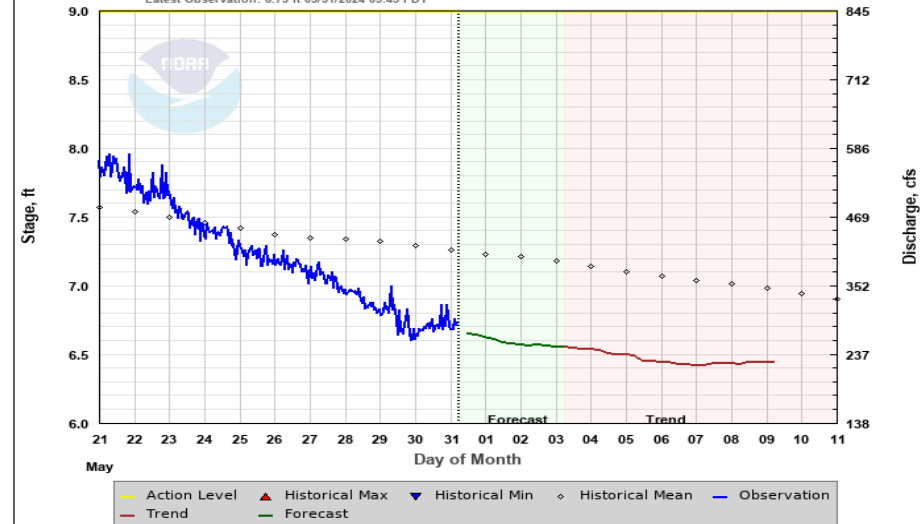
1946 May-Jul volume was 81%, 39.0 KAF, Average is 48.1 KAF

Mean Daily CFS



SALMON FALLS CREEK - NR SAN JACINTO (SFLN2)

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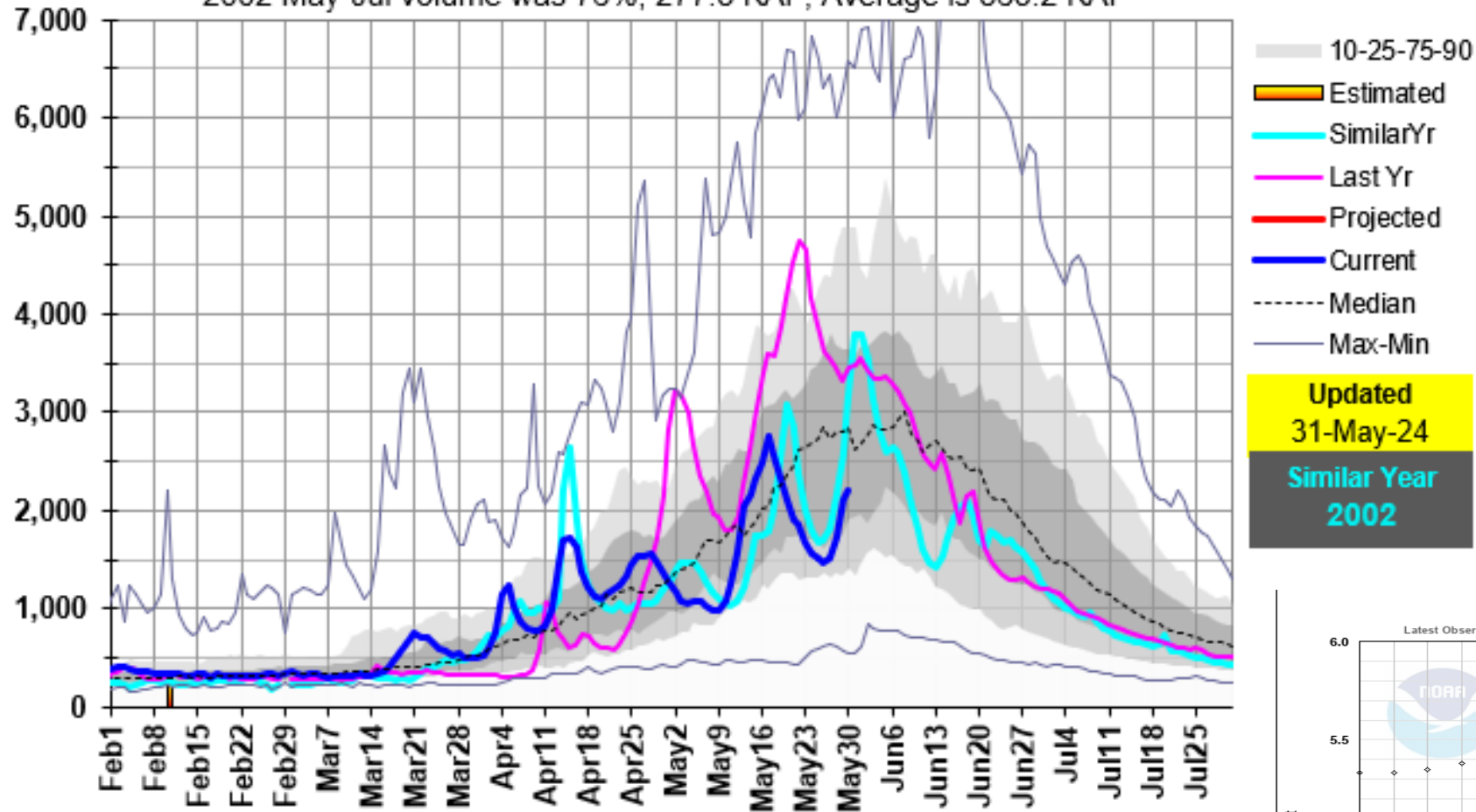


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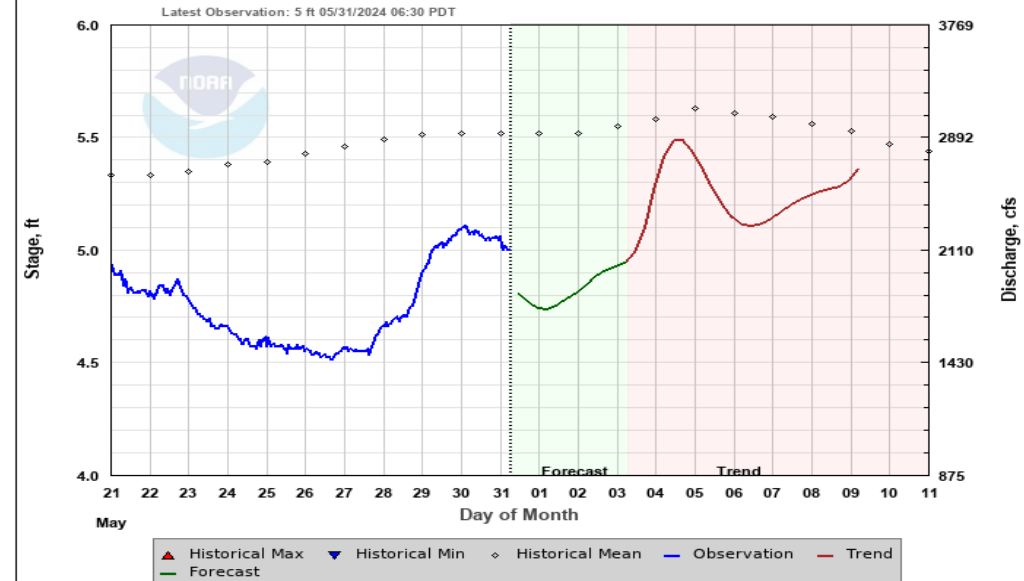
13235000: SF Payette R at Lowman, ID

2002 May-Jul volume was 76%, 277.3 KAF, Average is 365.2 KAF

Mean Daily CFS



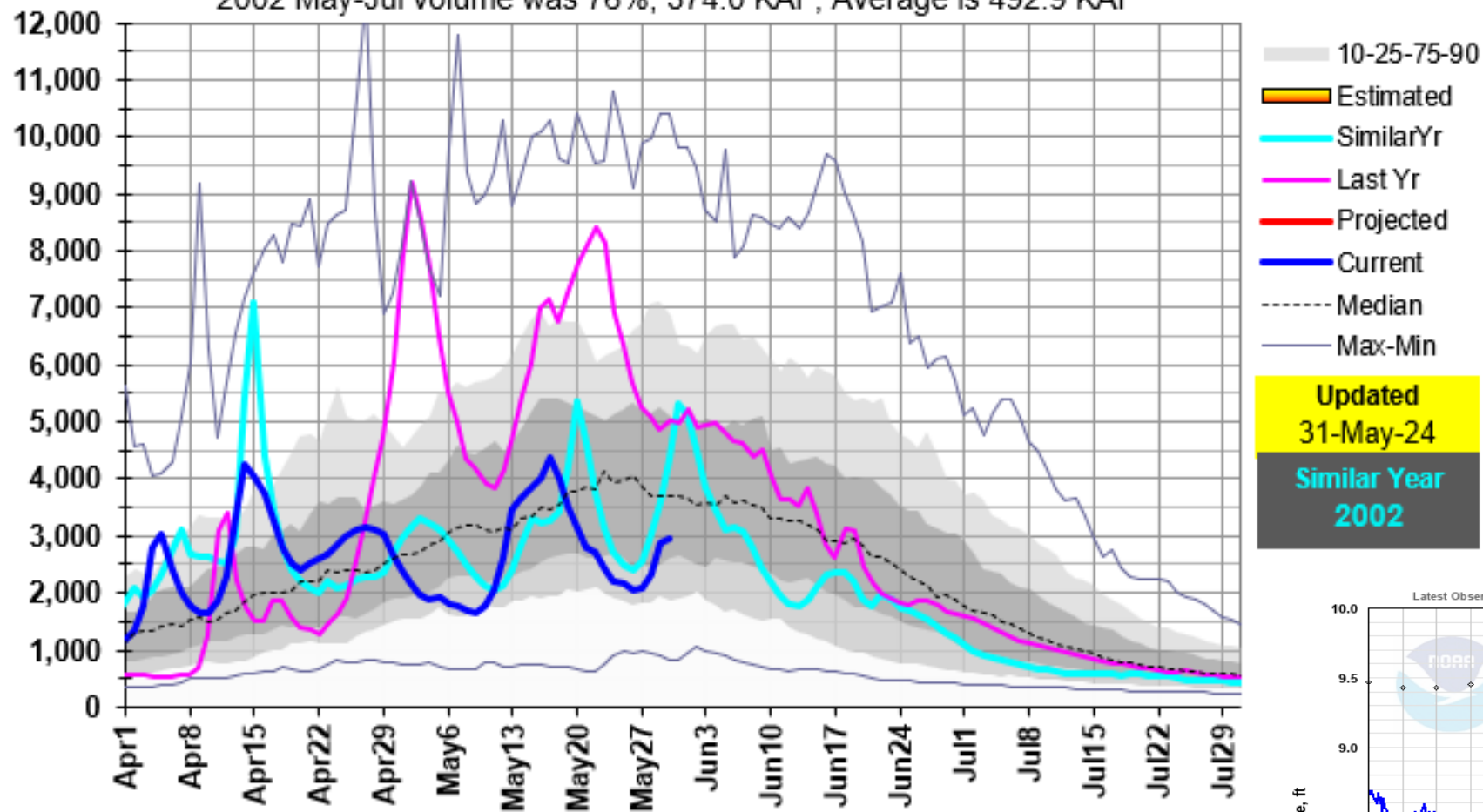
SF PAYETTE - AT LOWMAN (PRLI1)



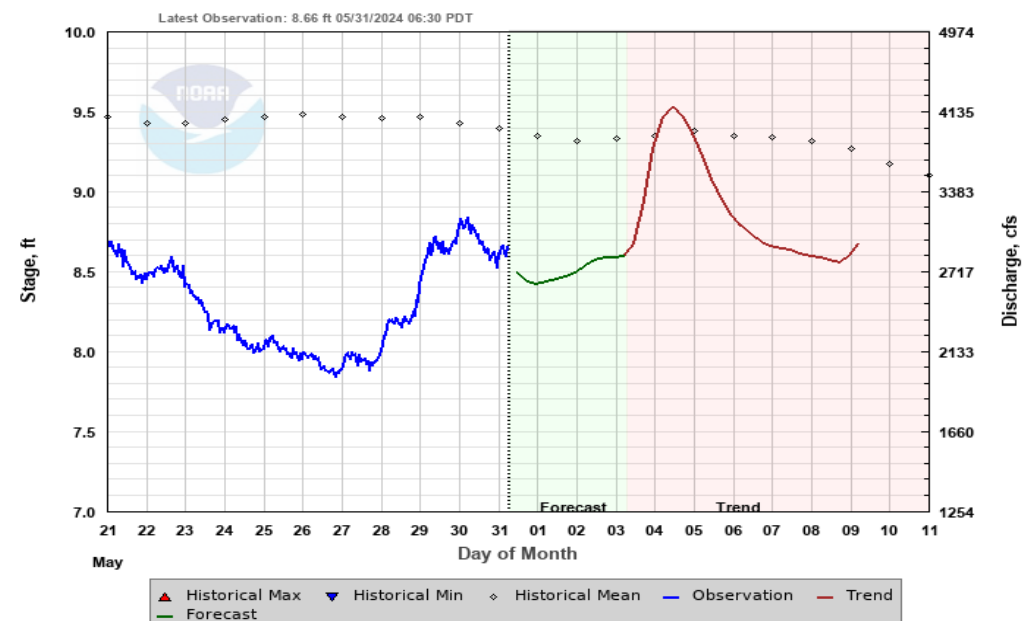
13185000: Boise R near Twin Springs, ID

2002 May-Jul volume was 76%, 374.0 KAF, Average is 492.9 KAF

Mean Daily CFS



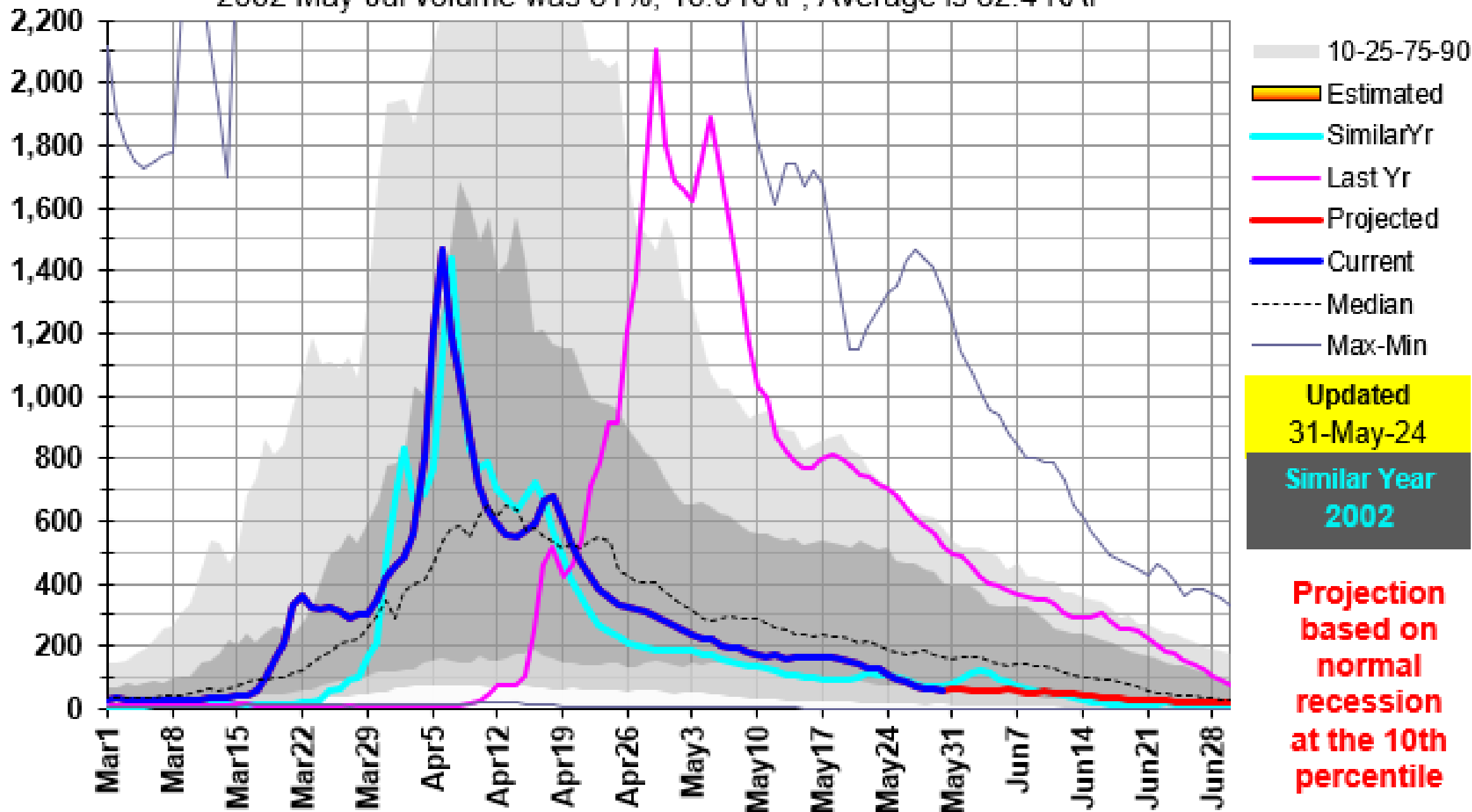
BOISE - NR TWIN SPRINGS (BTS11)



13141500: Camas Ck near Blaine, ID

2002 May-Jul volume was 31%, 10.0 KAF, Average is 32.4 KAF

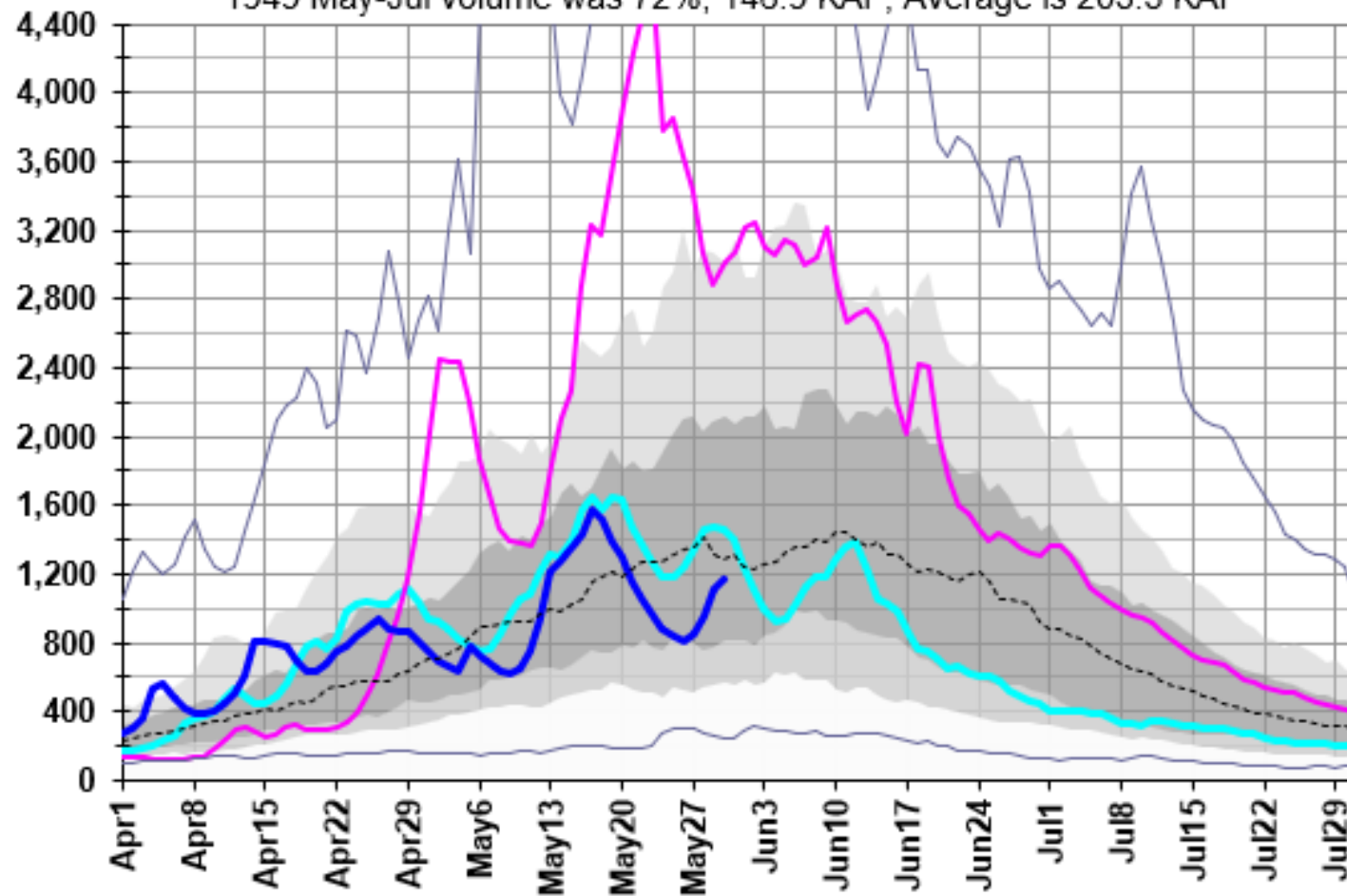
Mean Daily CFS



13139510: Big Wood R at Hailey, ID Total Flow

1949 May-Jul volume was 72%, 146.9 KAF, Average is 203.3 KAF

Mean Daily CFS

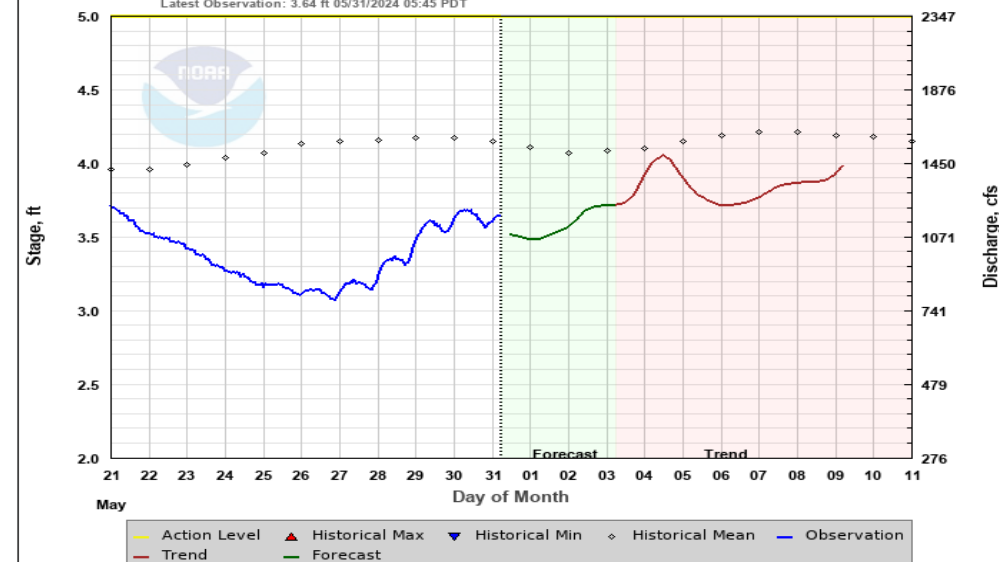


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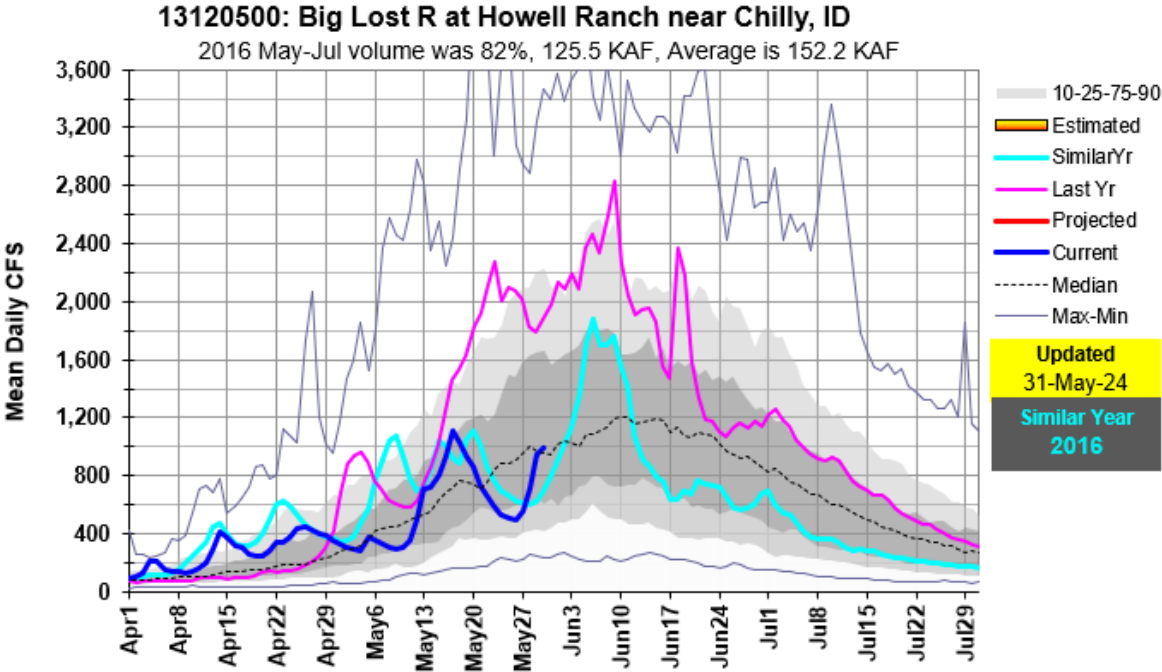
Similar Year
1949

BIG WOOD - AT HAILEY (HAL1)

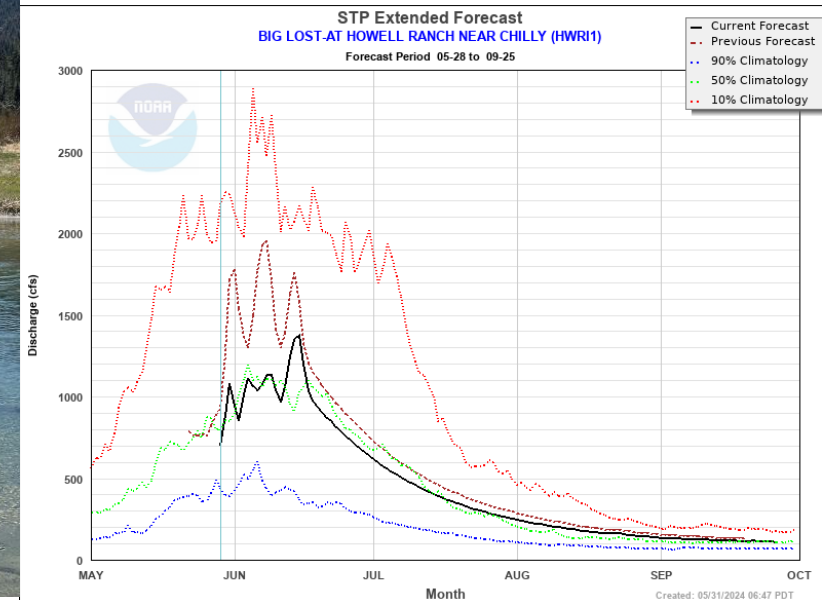
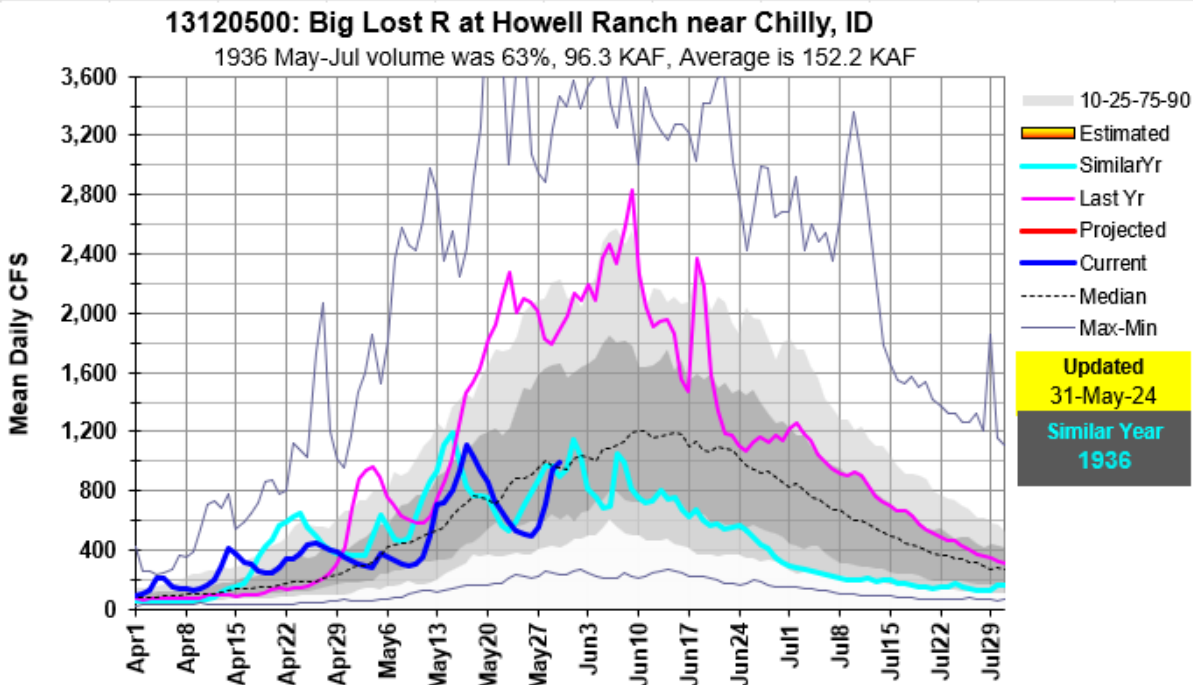
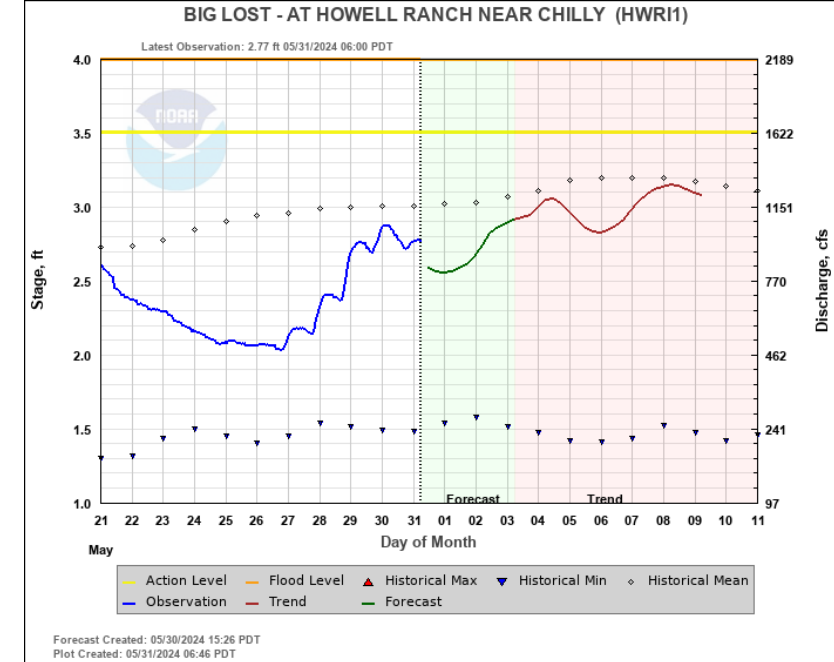
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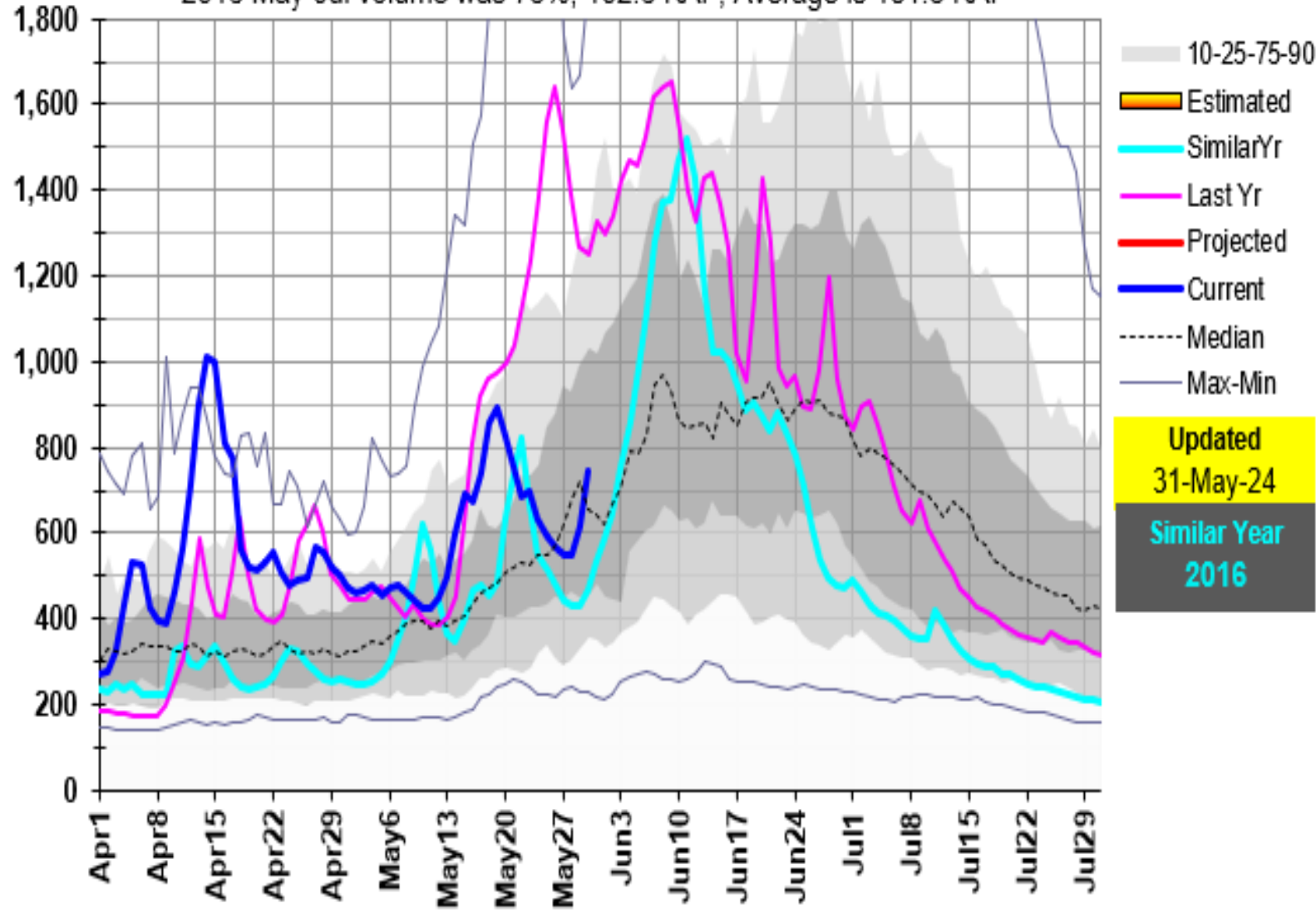
A couple years to watch...
there's enough snow in
the higher elevation Big
Lost basin to generate
another increase and help
sustain recession flows.



13052200: Teton R above South Leigh Ck near Driggs, ID

2016 May-Jul volume was 78%, 102.6 KAF, Average is 131.8 KAF

Mean Daily CFS



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Similar Year
2016

