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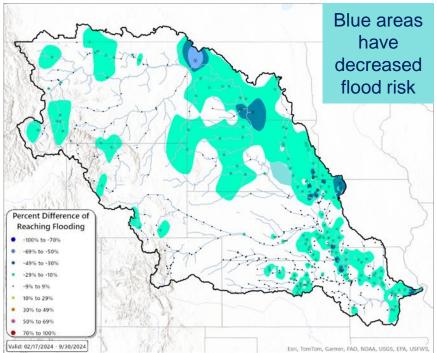
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2024 Flood Potential Outlook Missouri River Basin

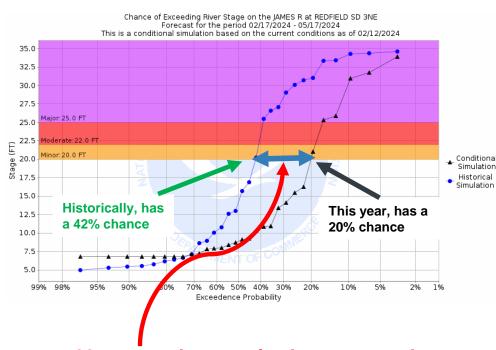


February 15, 2024

CHANCE OF REACHING FLOOD STAGE IN 2024 AS COMPARED TO HISTORICAL

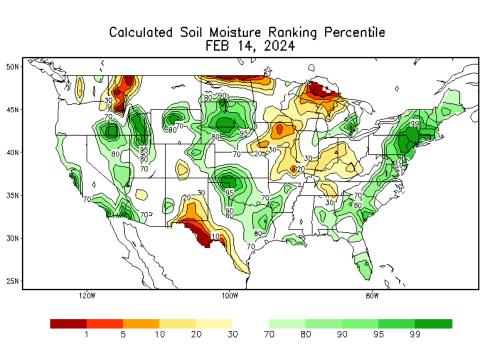


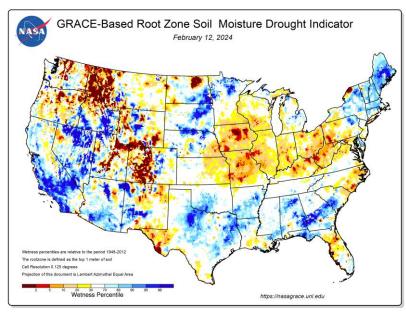
Ensemble Streamflow Prediction (ESP)
Percent Difference of Reaching Minor Phinor Flooding versus Historical Average



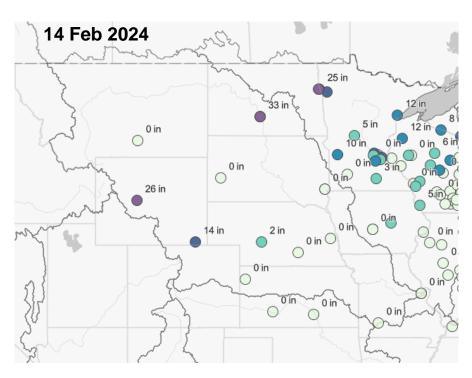
22 percent decrease in chance to reach flood stage during next 3 months

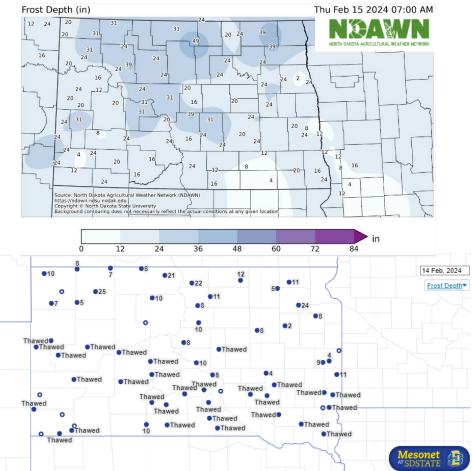
MISSOURI BASIN: SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS





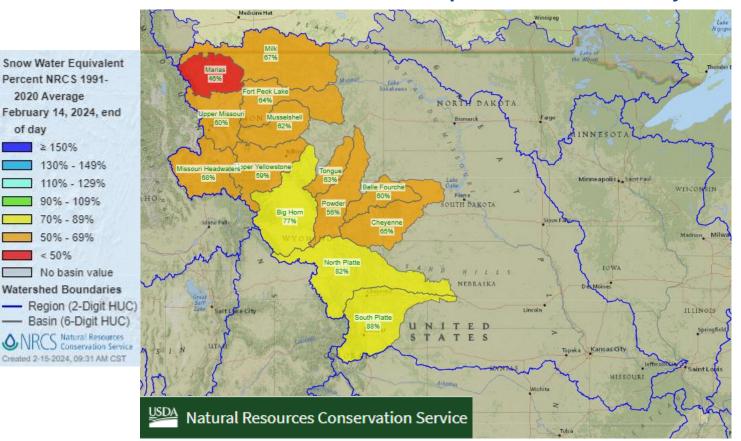
MISSOURI BASIN: FROST DEPTHS







Mountain Snowpack As of 14 February 2024



Mountain snowpack running well below average....



2020 Average

≥ 150%

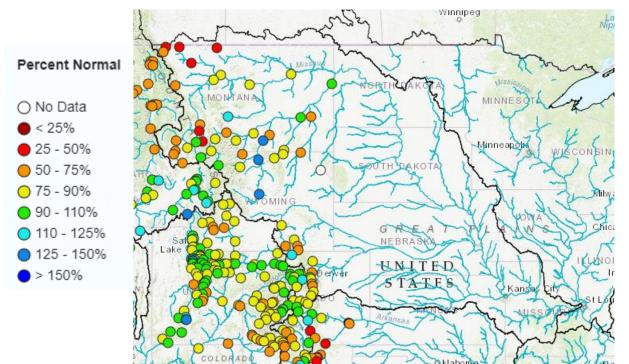
90% - 109%

70% - 89%

50% - 69% < 50%

of day

Mountain Runoff Volume April-September Percent of Normal

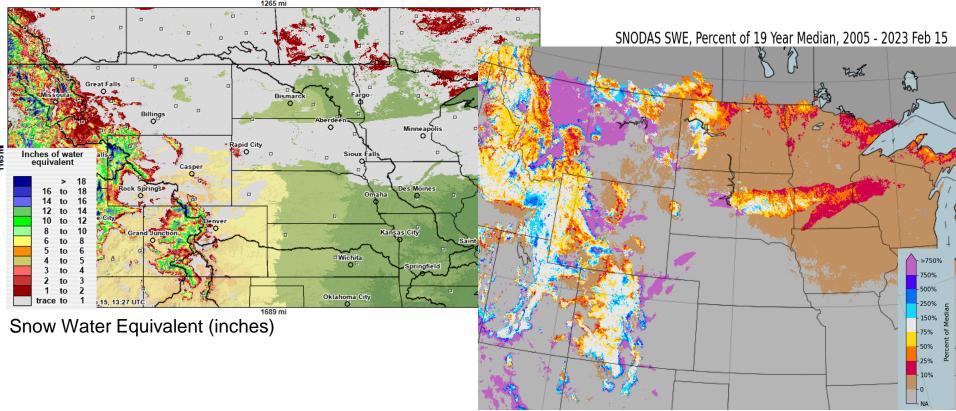


Mountain runoff volume projected to be below normal (per 01 Feb 2024 Outlook)

- **Upper Missouri above Ft. Peck: 59%**
- Yellowstone: 89%
- **North Platte:** 95%
- **South Platte:** 82%

Plains Snowpack as of 16 February 2024

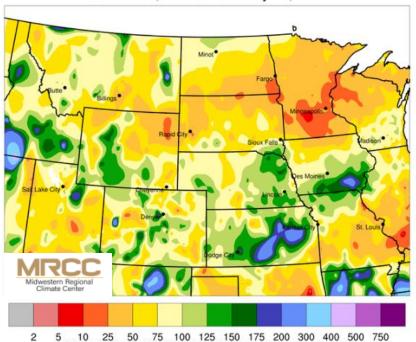
Modeled Snow Water Equivalent (Shallow-snow Legend) forecasted for 2024 February 15, 15:00 UTC

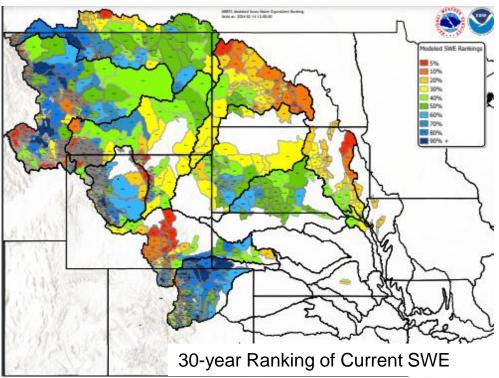


Plains Snowpack Compared to "Normal"

Accumulated Snowfall (in): Percent of 1991-2020 Normals

October 01, 2023 to February 15, 2024

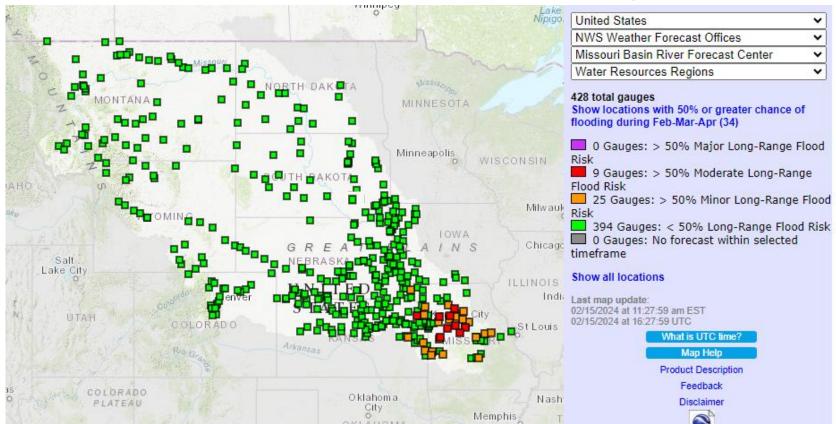








Locations Expected to Flood This Spring



Flood Potential Outlook: Summary Points

- Overall, spring flood risk is normal to lower-than-normal.
- Mountain snowpack is below to well-below normal this year. We still have roughly 30% of snow accumulating period remaining.
- Plains snowpack widespread, but very shallow.
- Soils thawed south of extreme northern South Dakota. Frozen soils may enhance flood risk across North Dakota and Montana.
- Ice is rotting in place, or has already moved out of much of the plains. Ice jam break-up flooding risk is low. Where river ice remains, risk for ice jamming remains.
- Flood Potential mountains: No flooding currently expected.
- Flood Potential northern plains: No flooding currently expected.
- Flood Potential lower basin: Episodic minor-to-moderate level flooding likely in the lower portion of the basin (southeastern NE, eastern KS, southern IA, MO) due to Spring-time thunderstorm activity.
- Flood Potential Missouri River mainstem: Minor flooding likely downstream of KC, again due to thunderstorm activity.

