Climate Update

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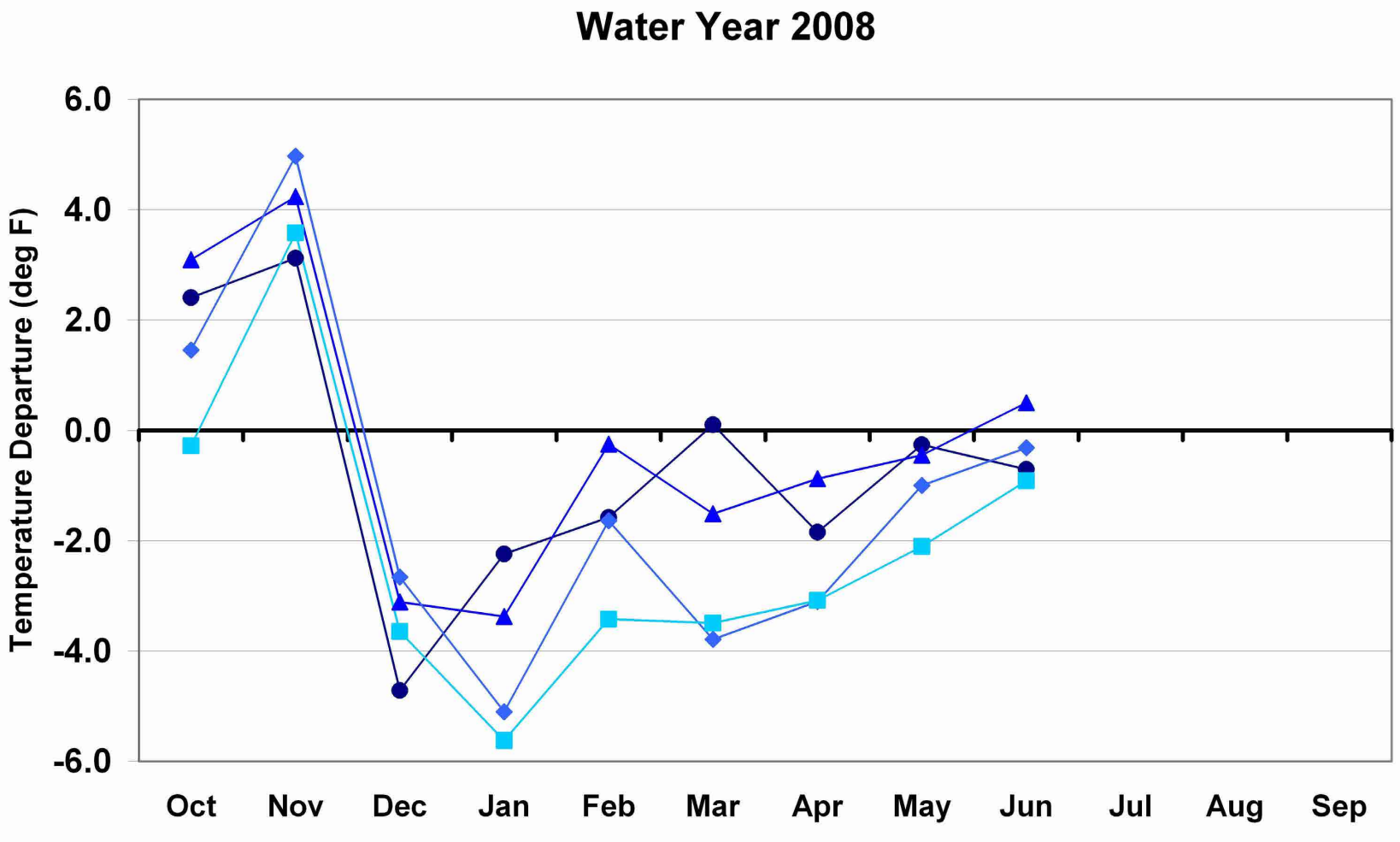
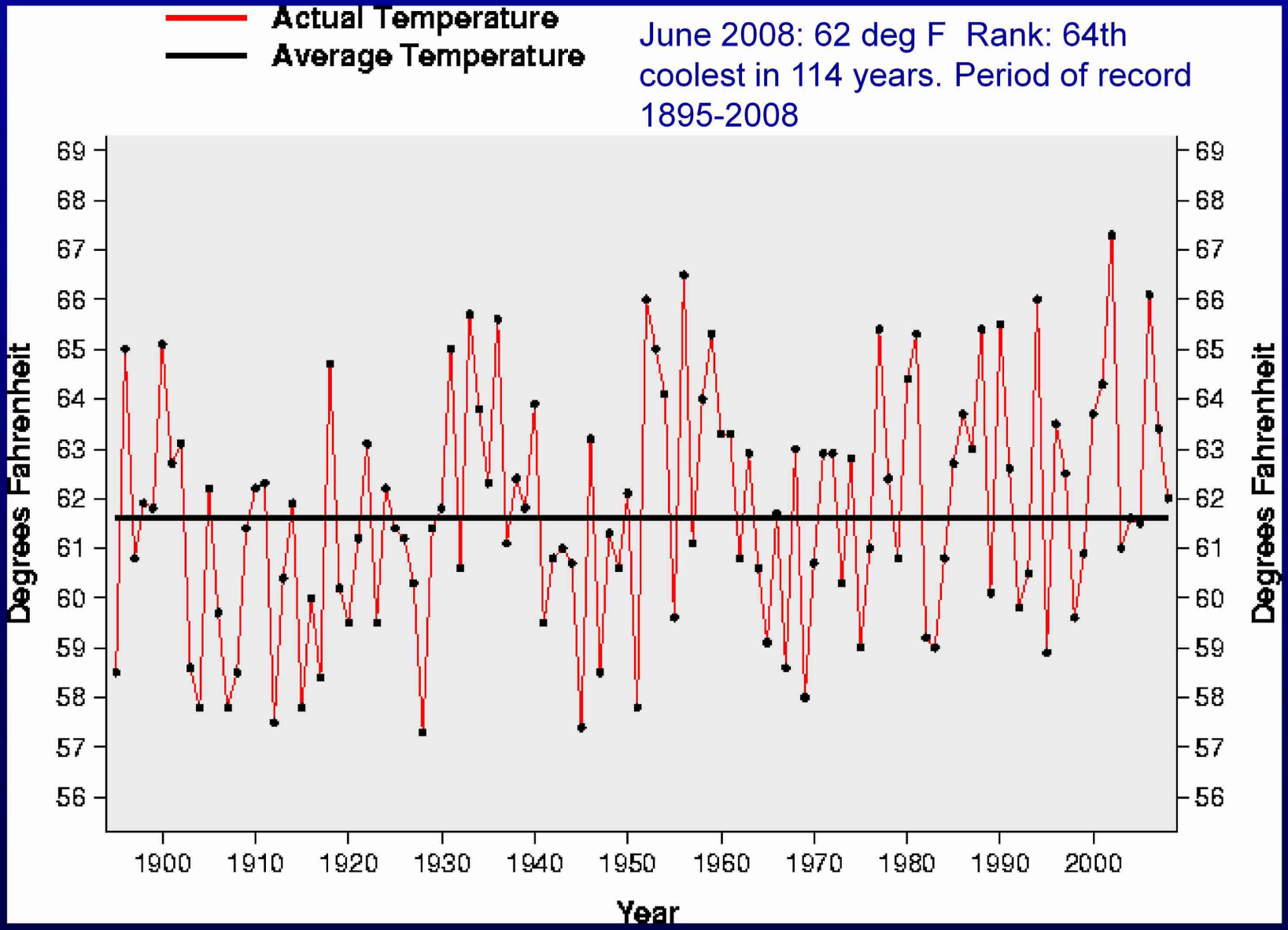
Water Year 2008 Temperature Departures



June Average Temperature History for Colorado (NCDC)



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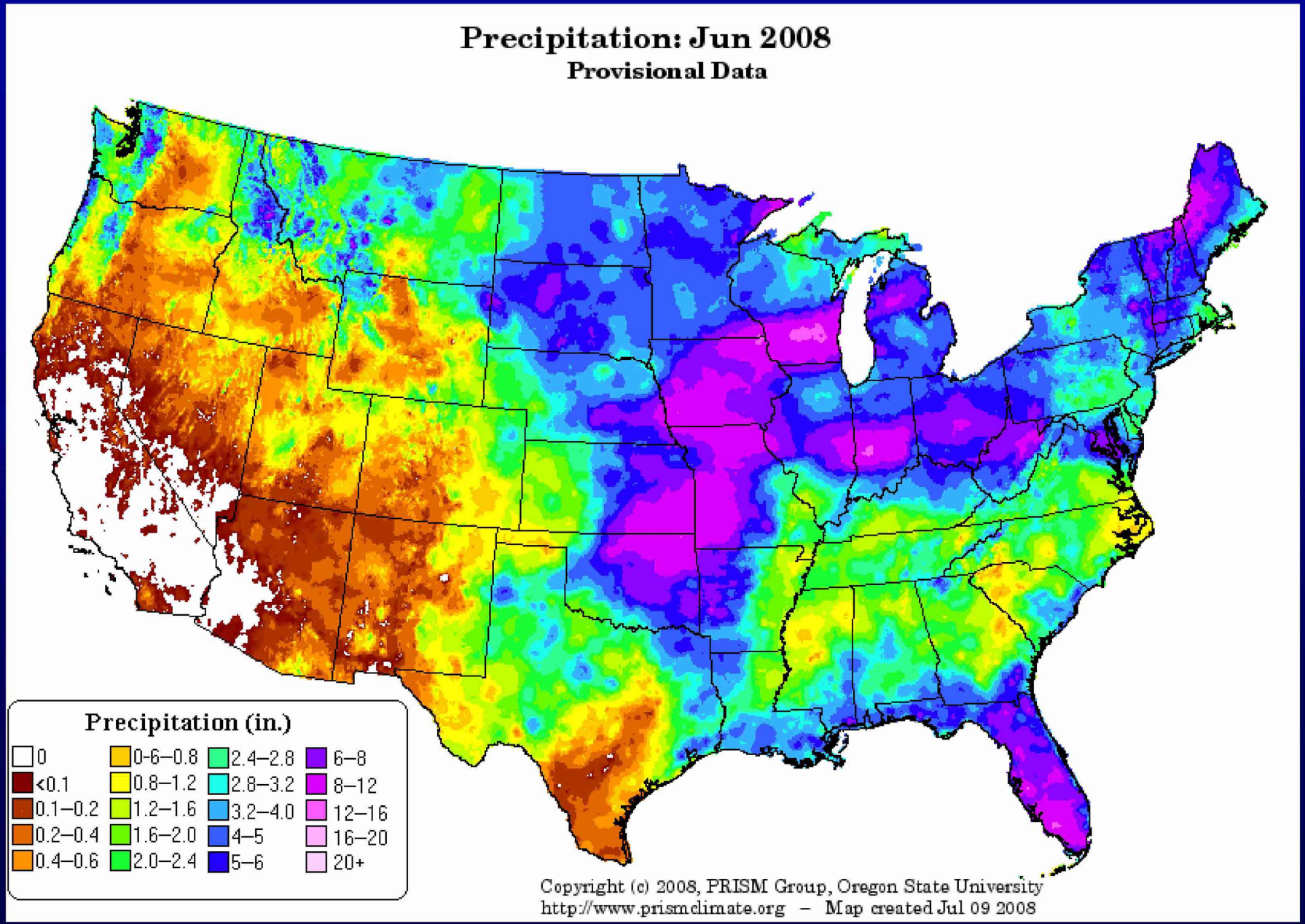

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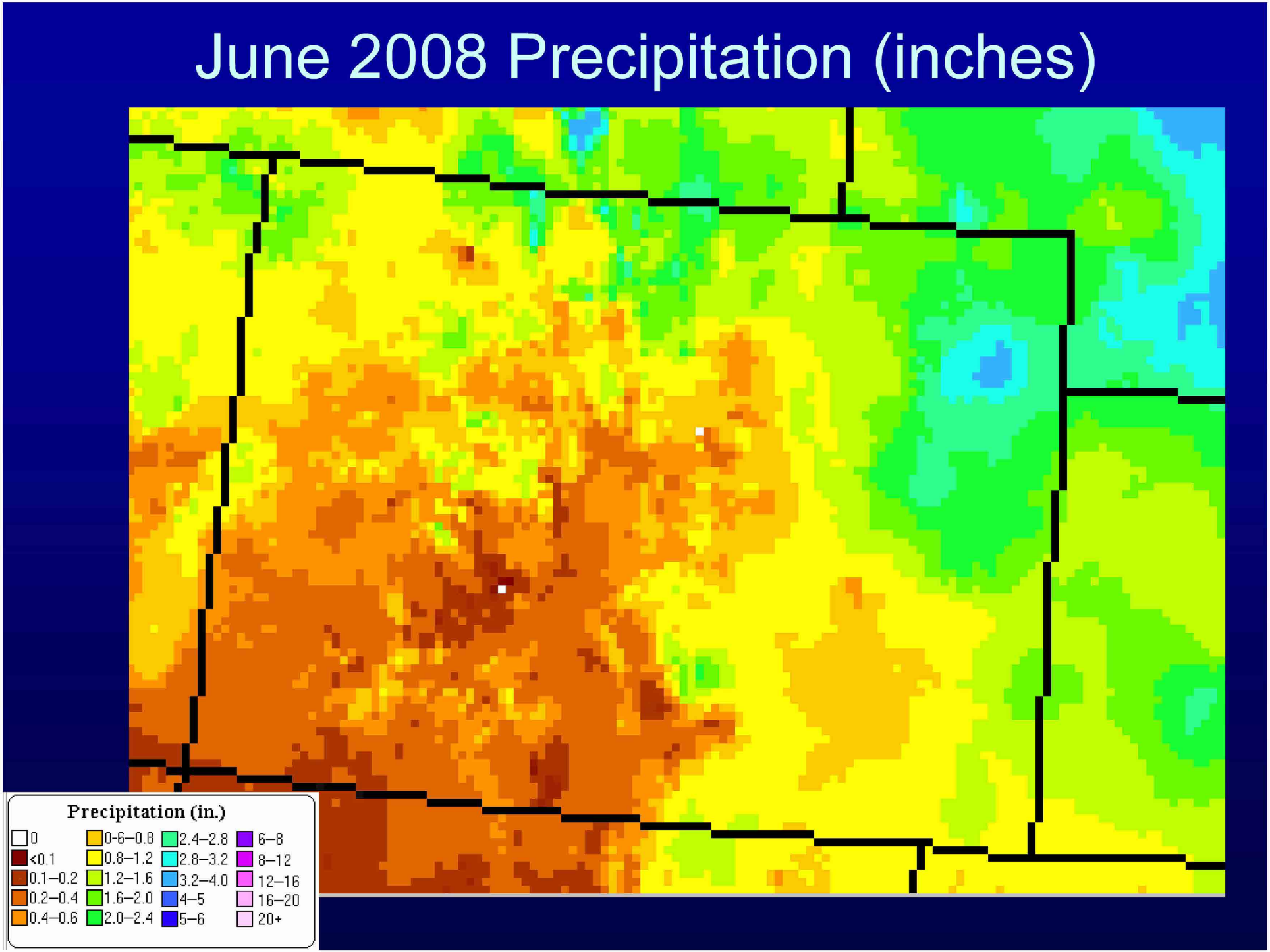

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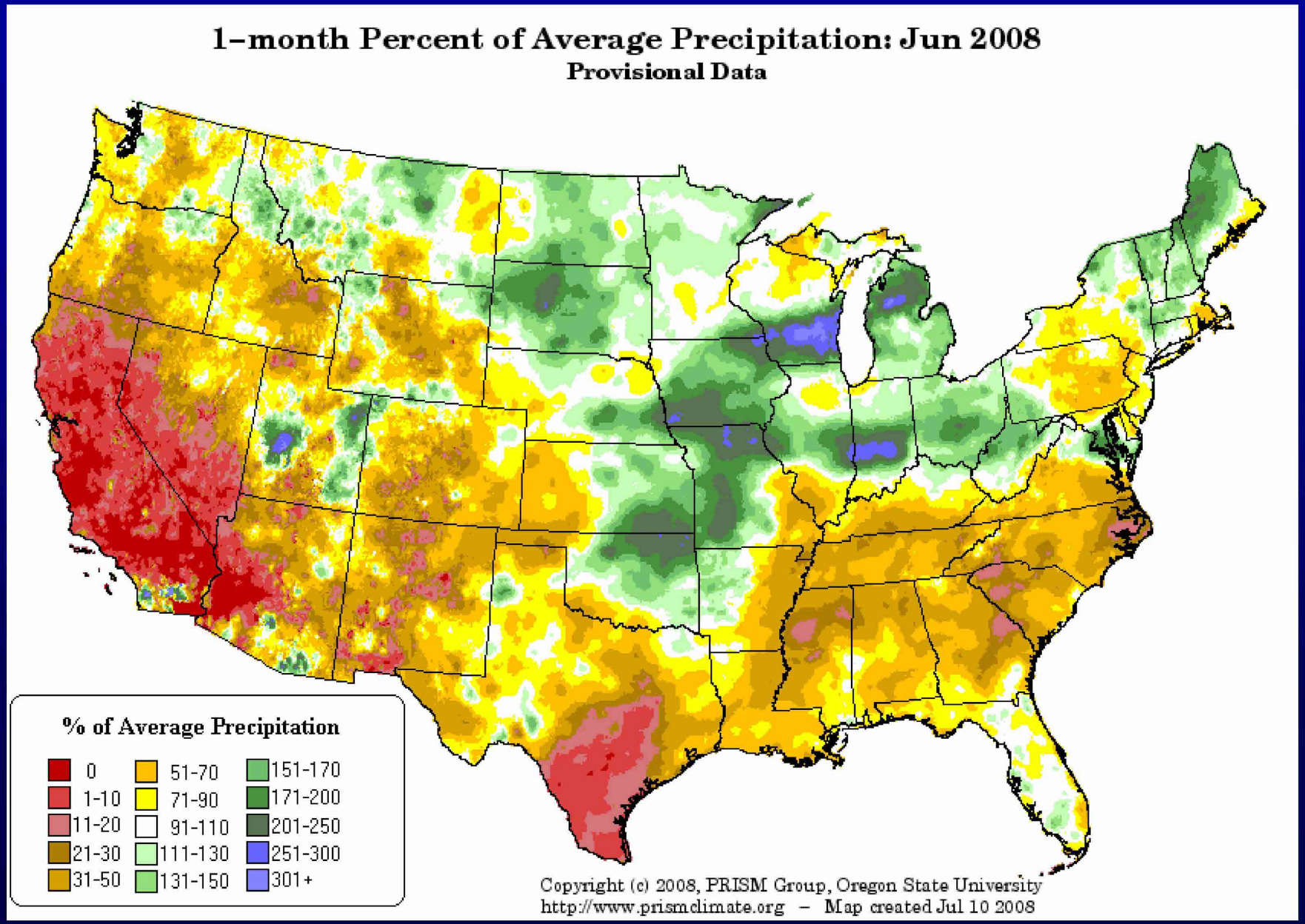

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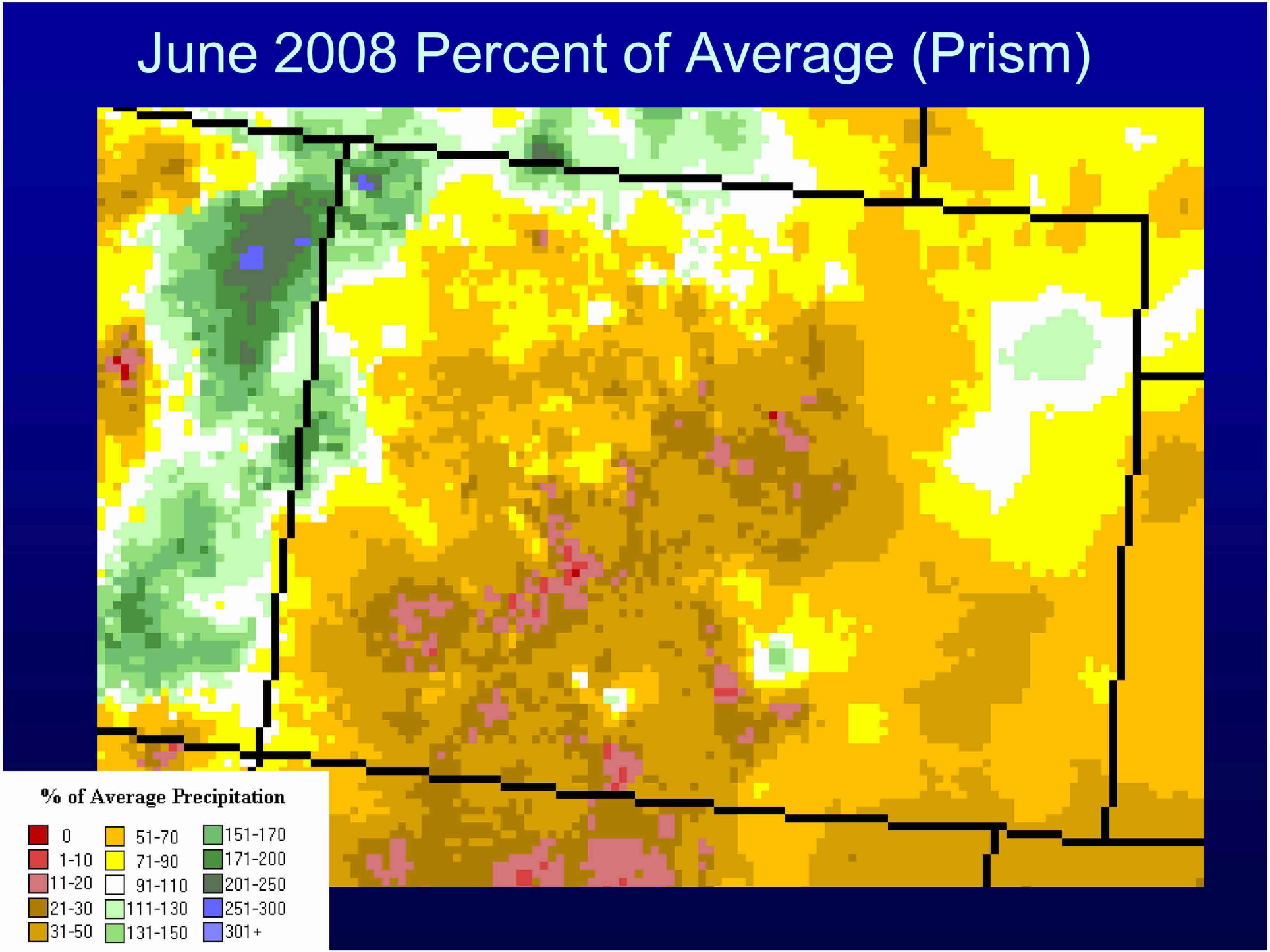
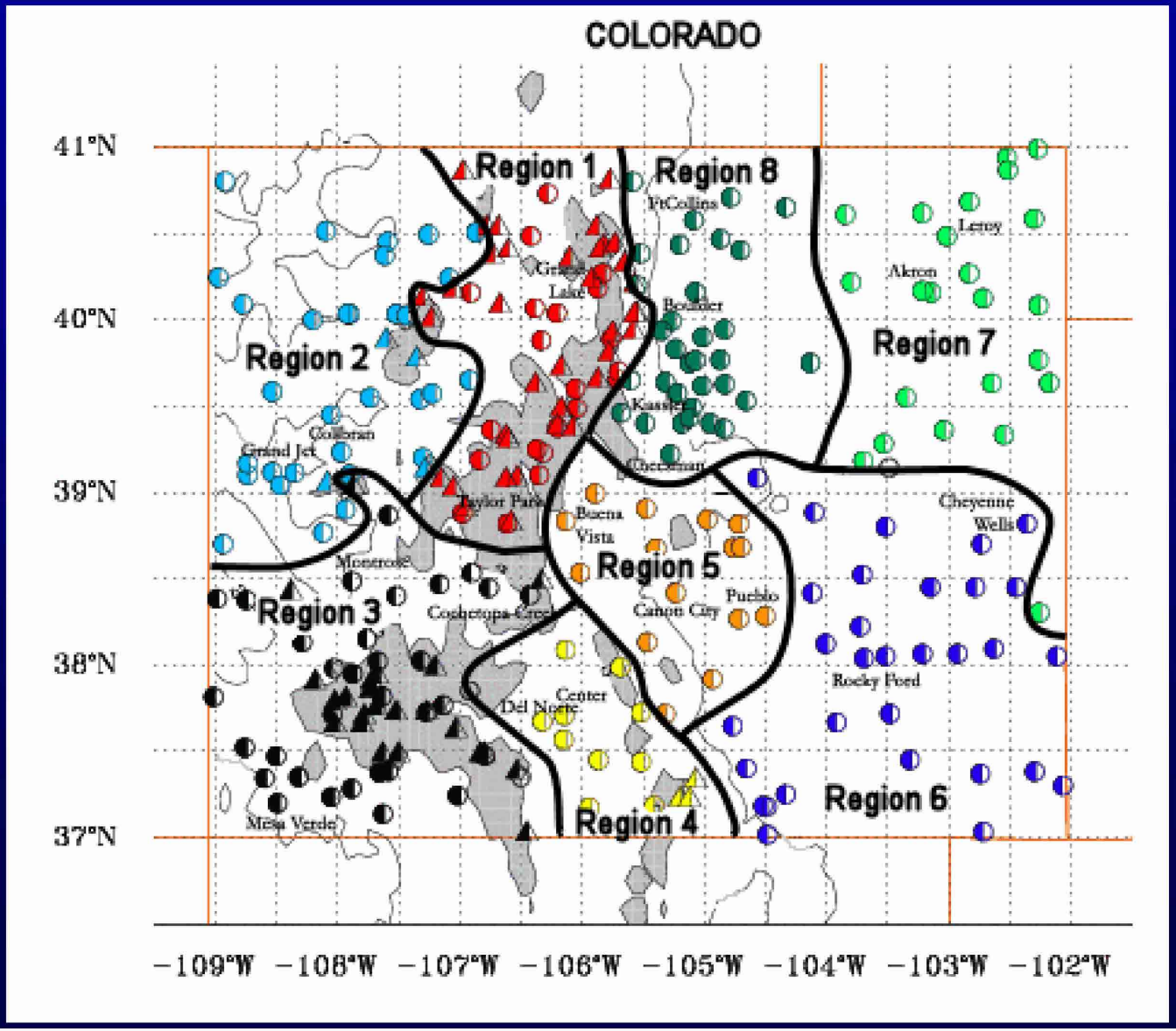


Climate divisions defined by Dr. Klaus Wolter of NOAA's Climate Diagnostic Center in Boulder, CO



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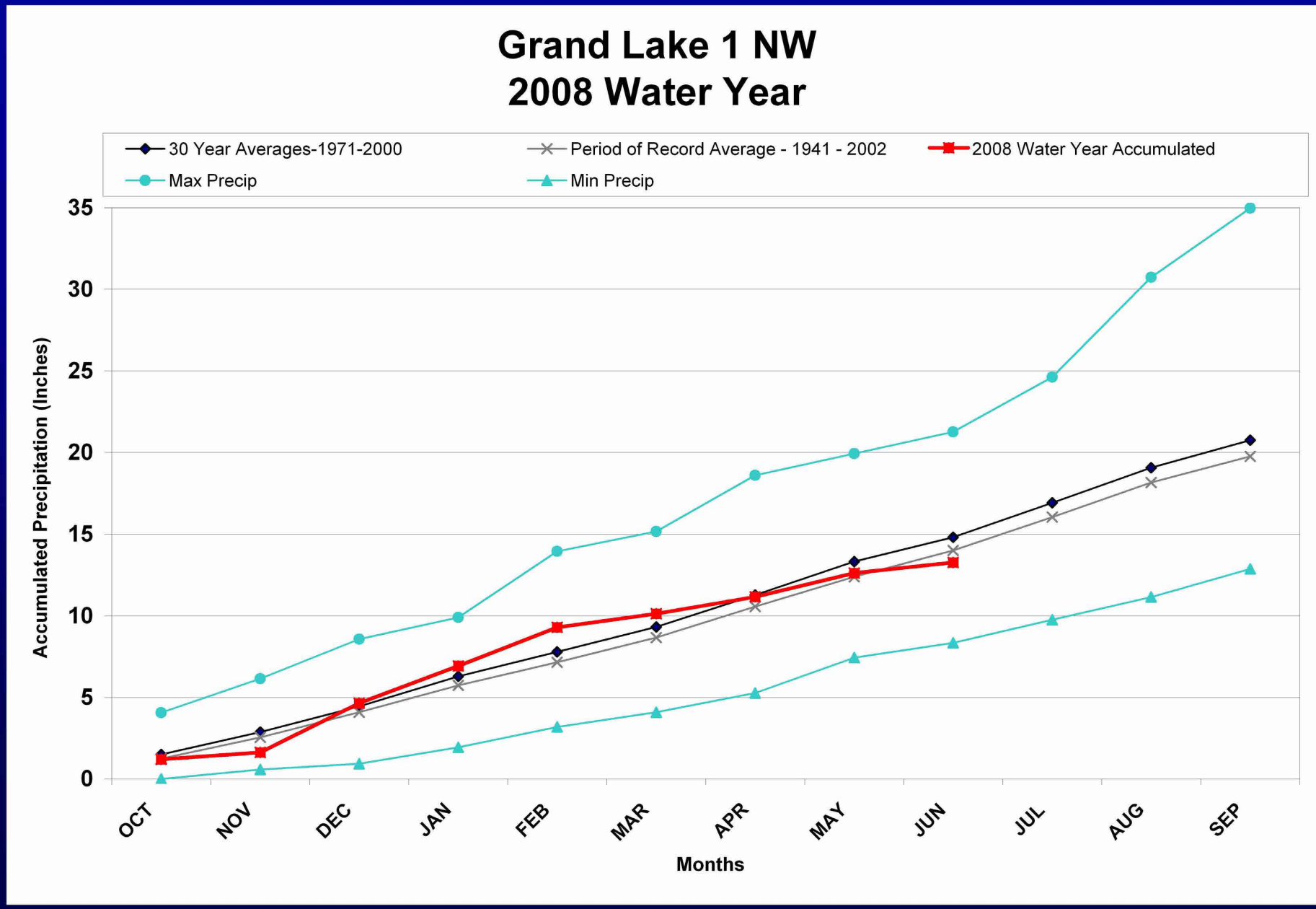

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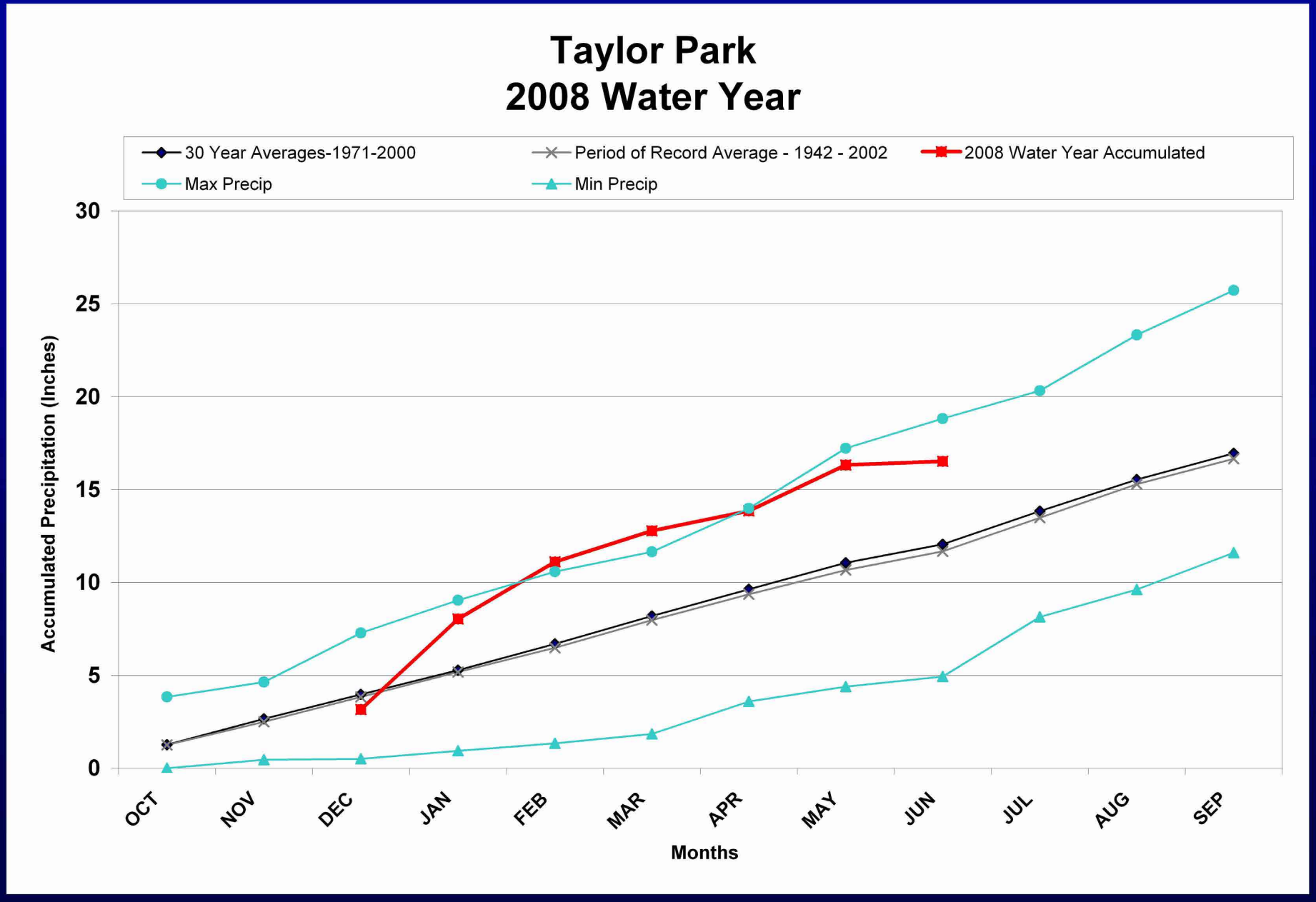

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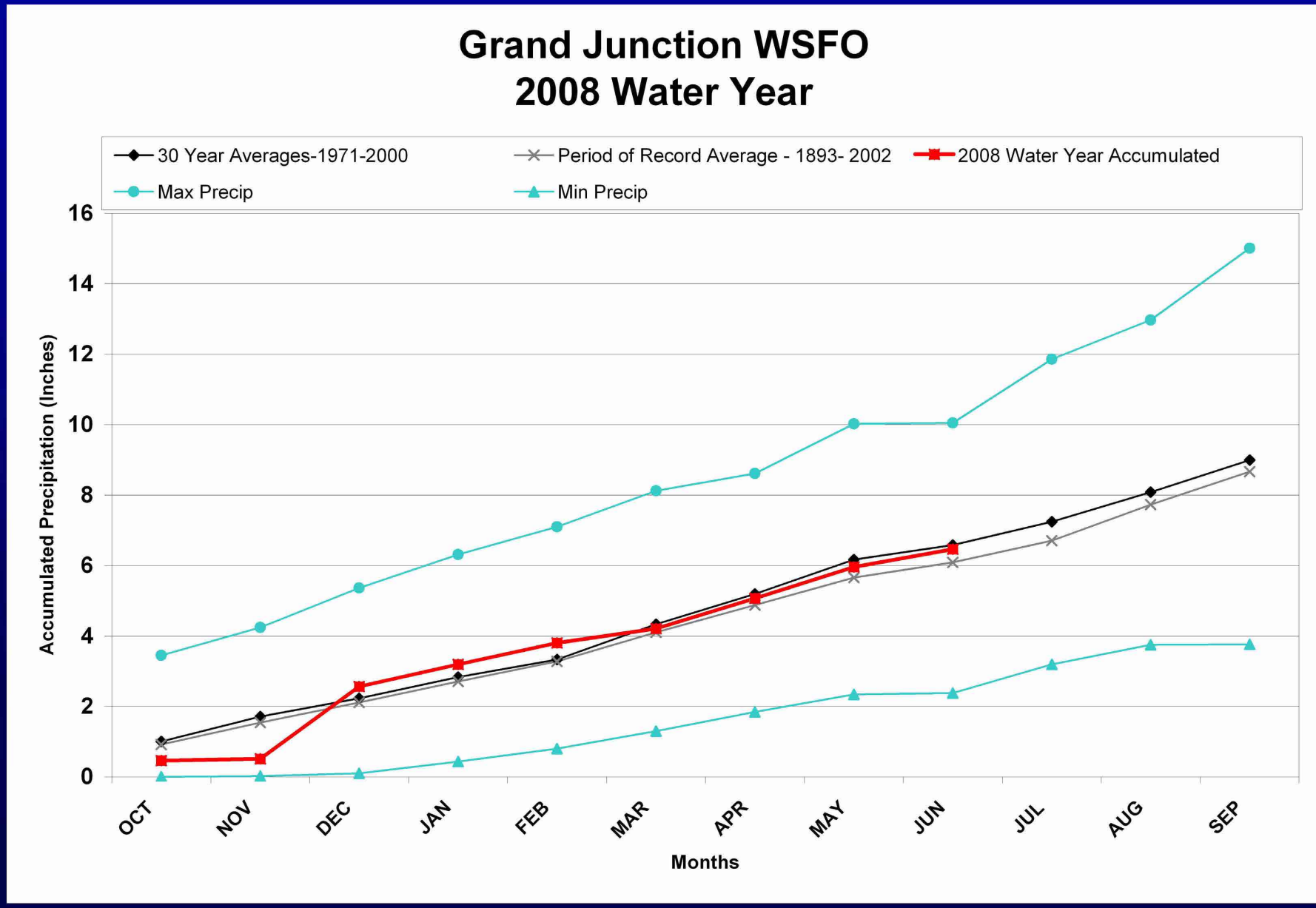

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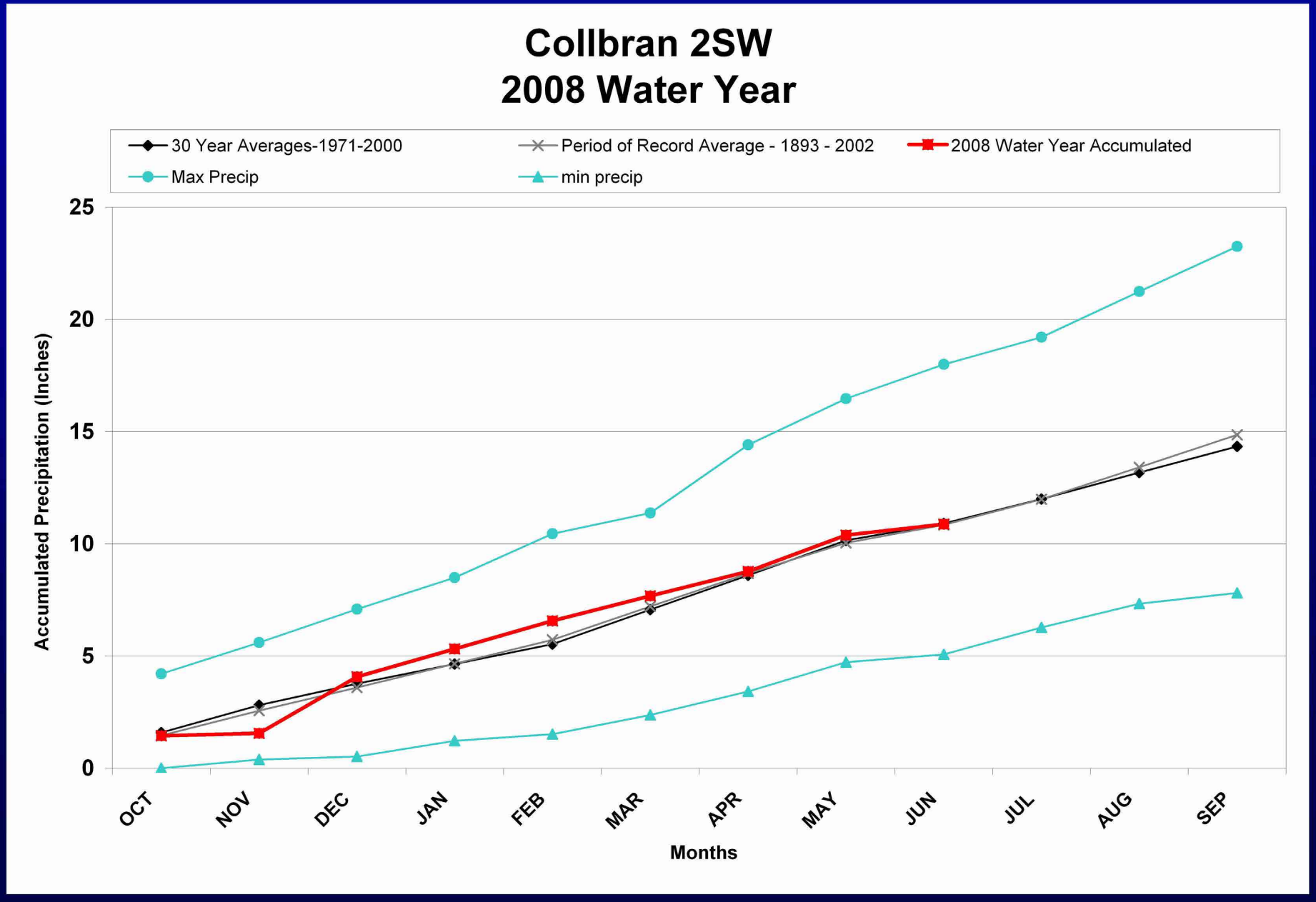

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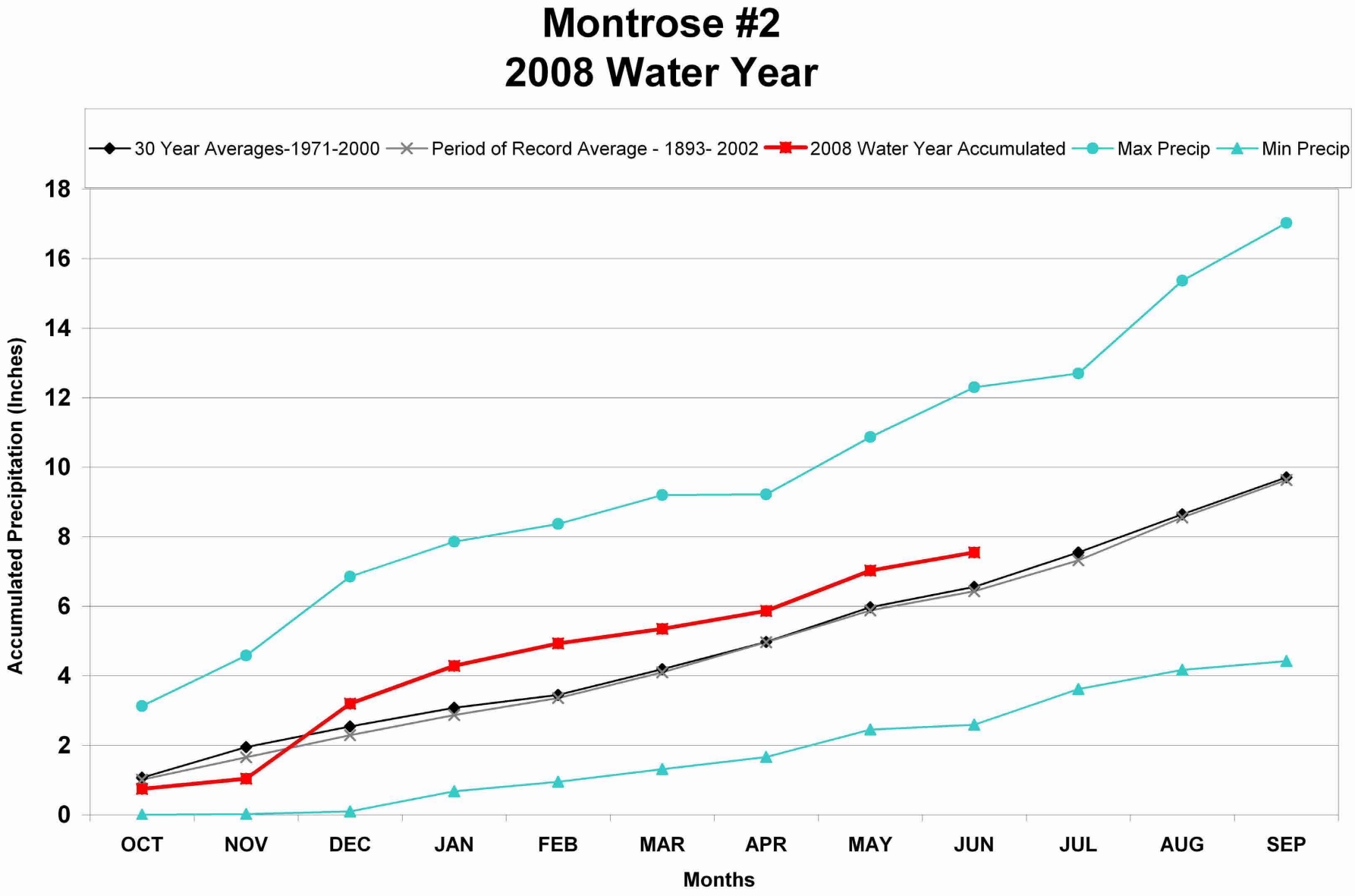

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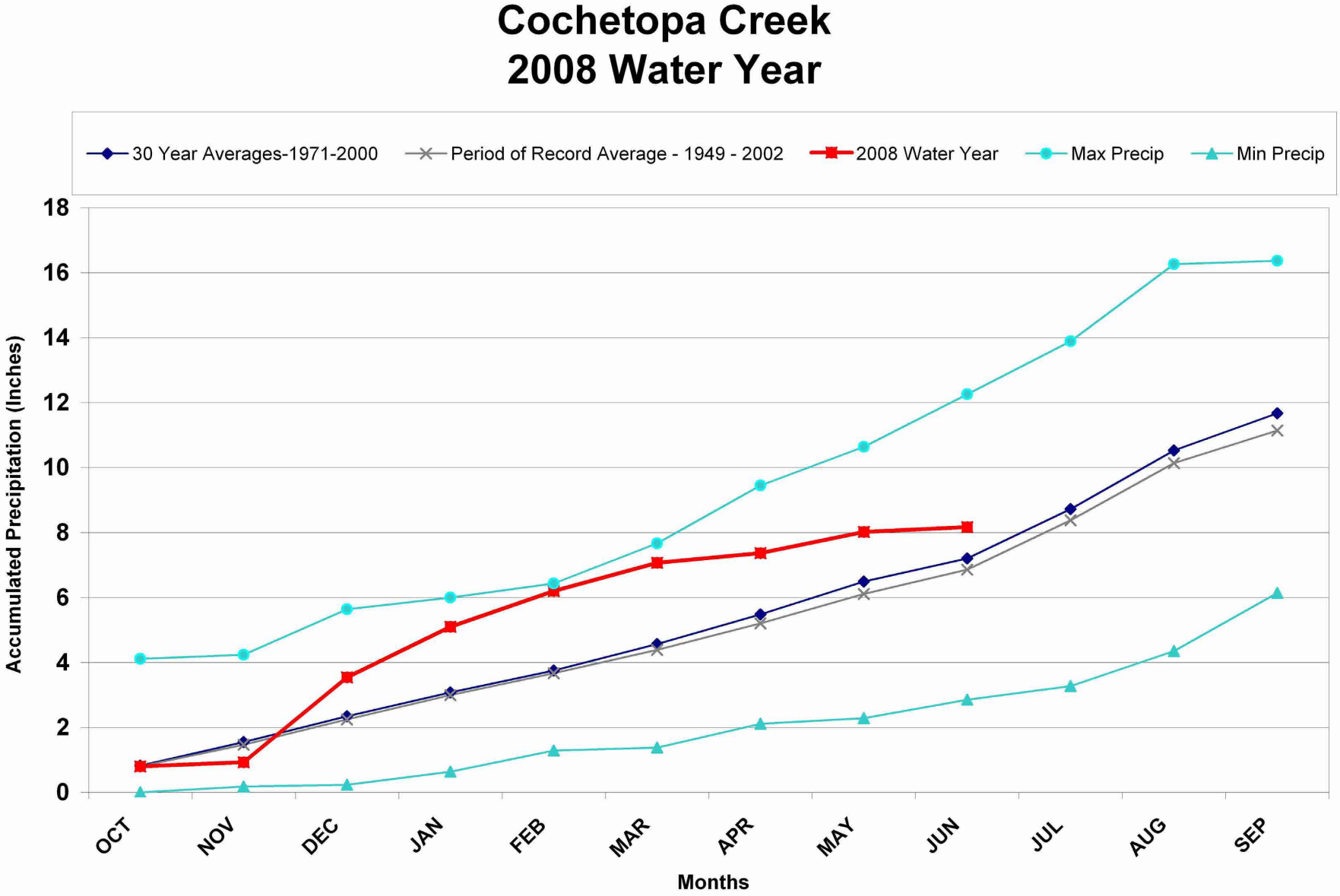

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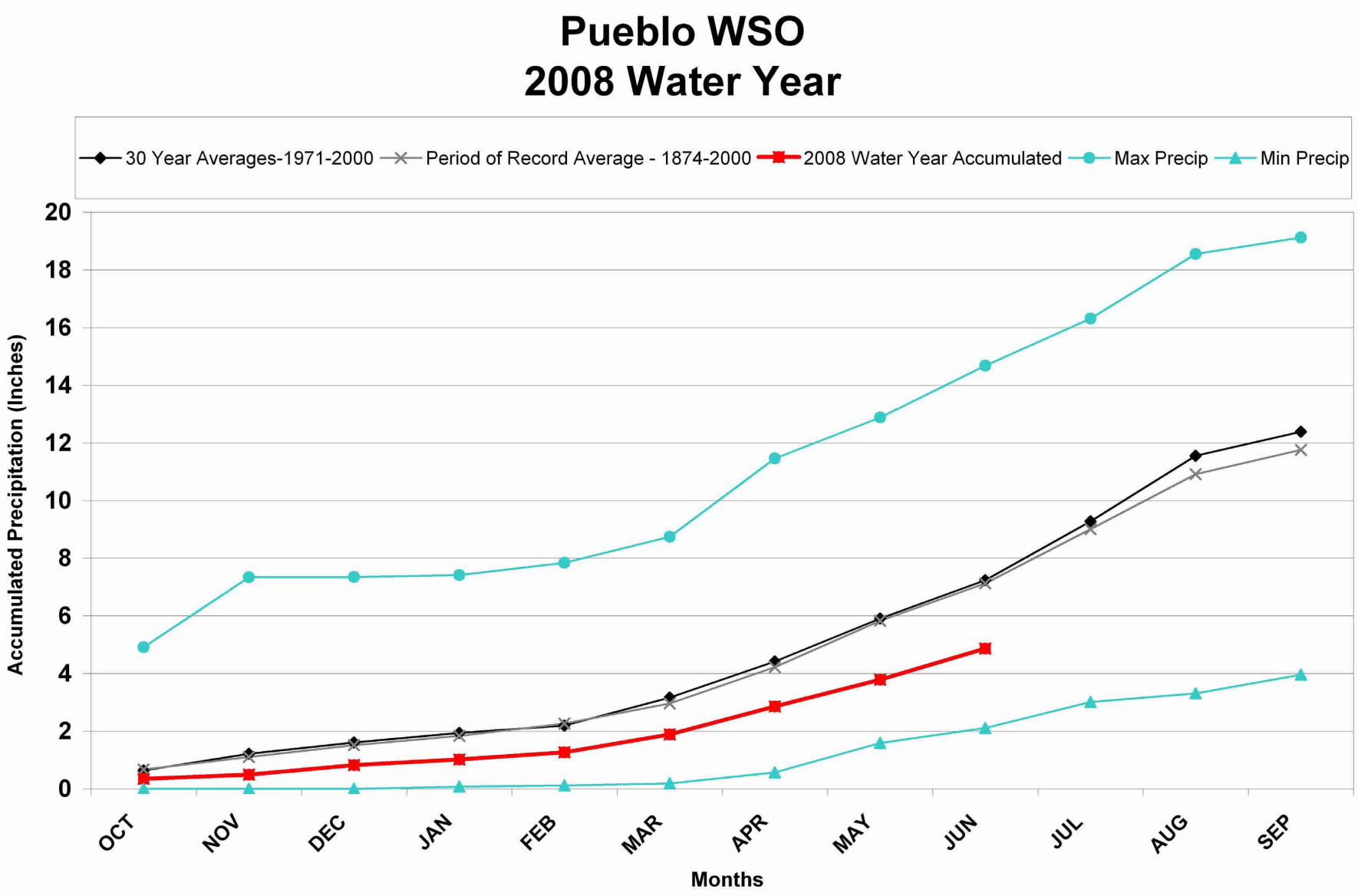

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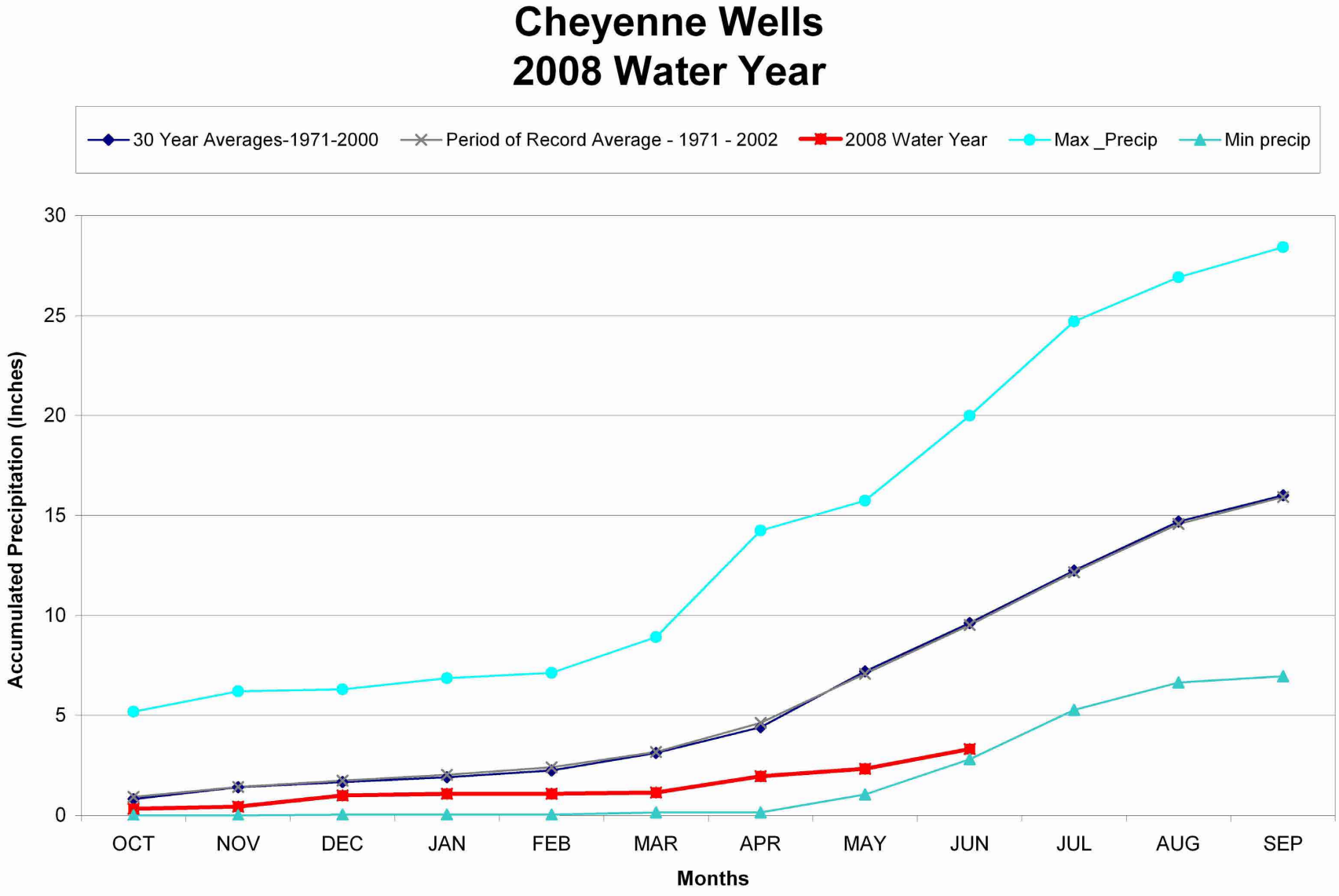

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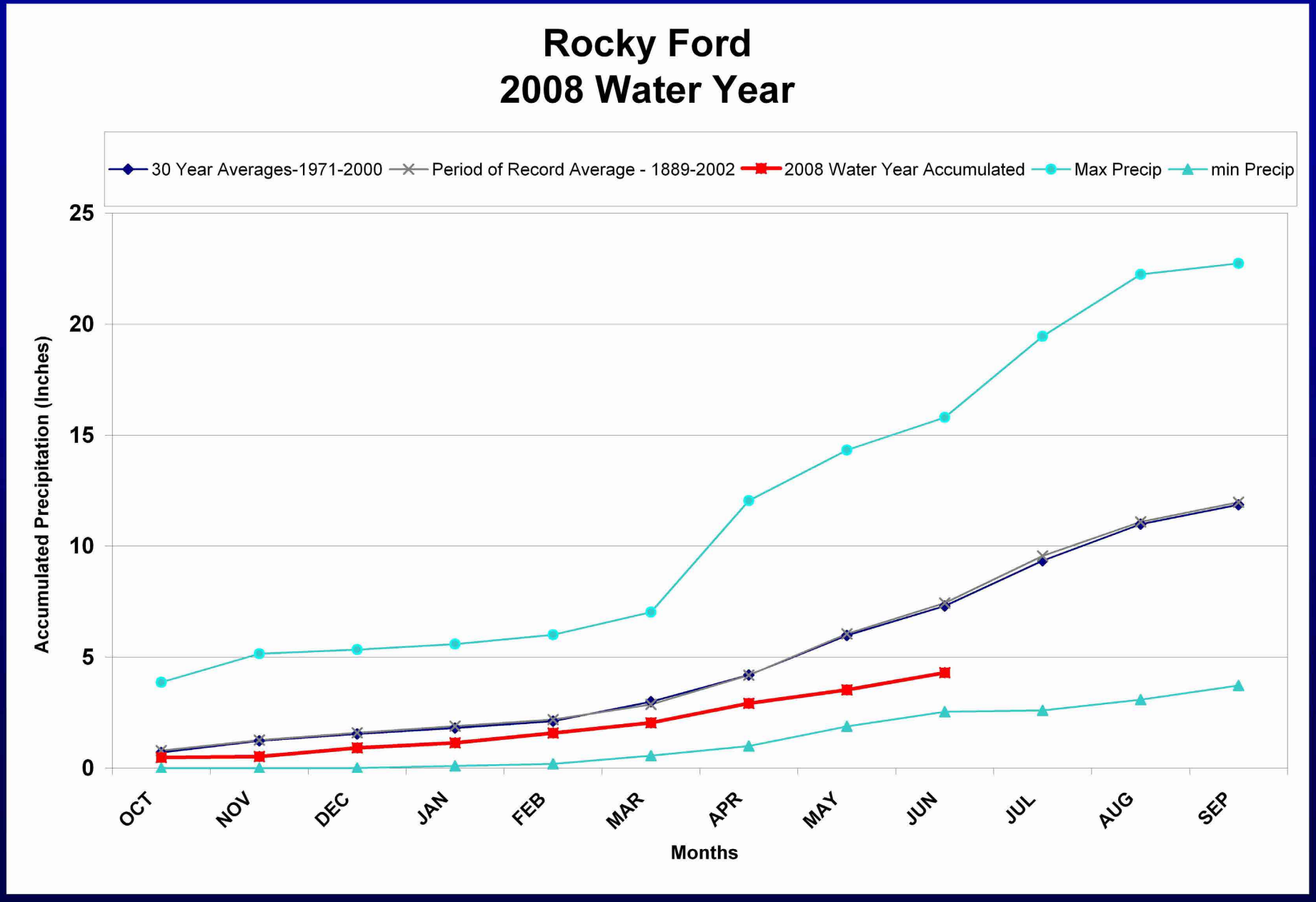

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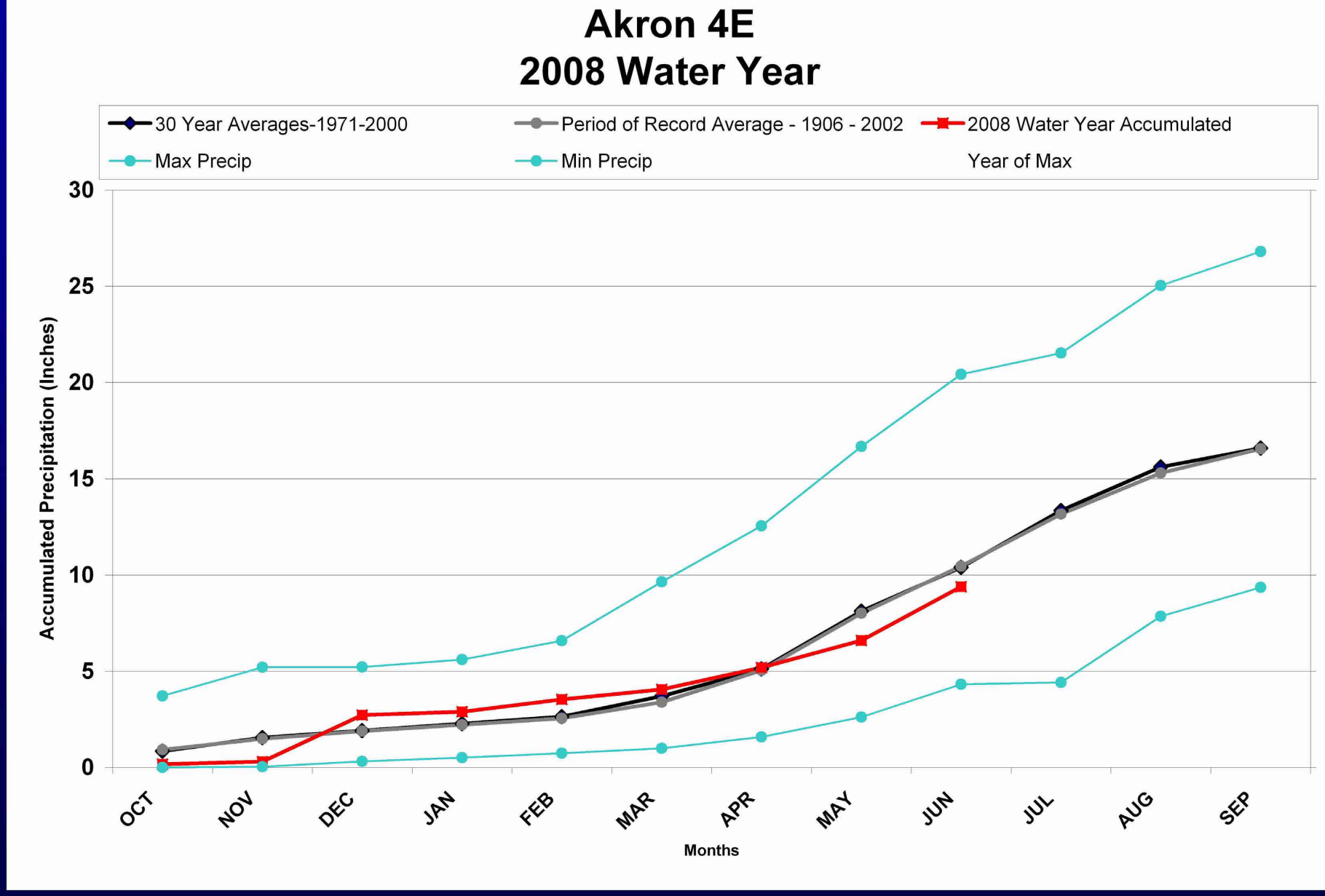

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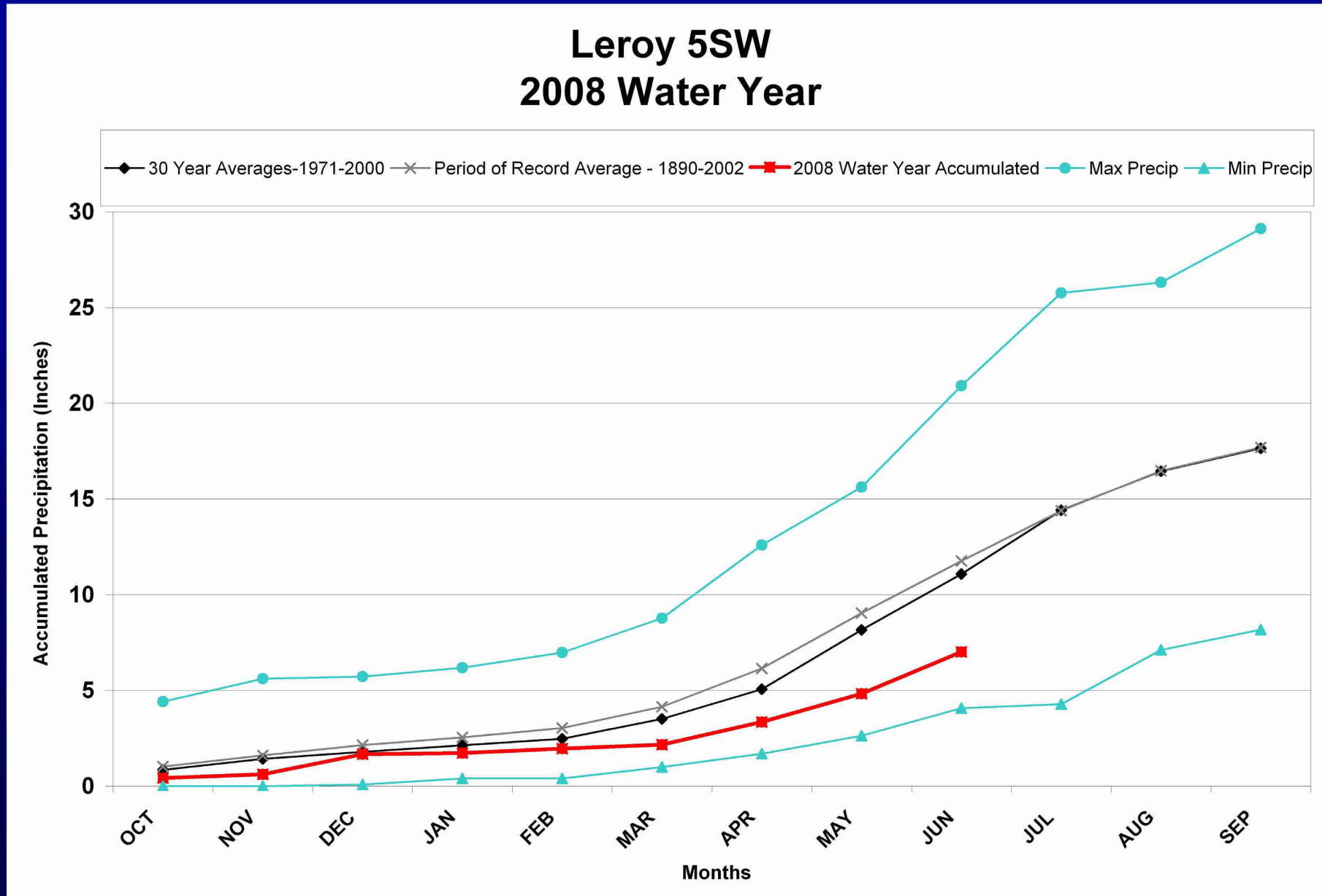

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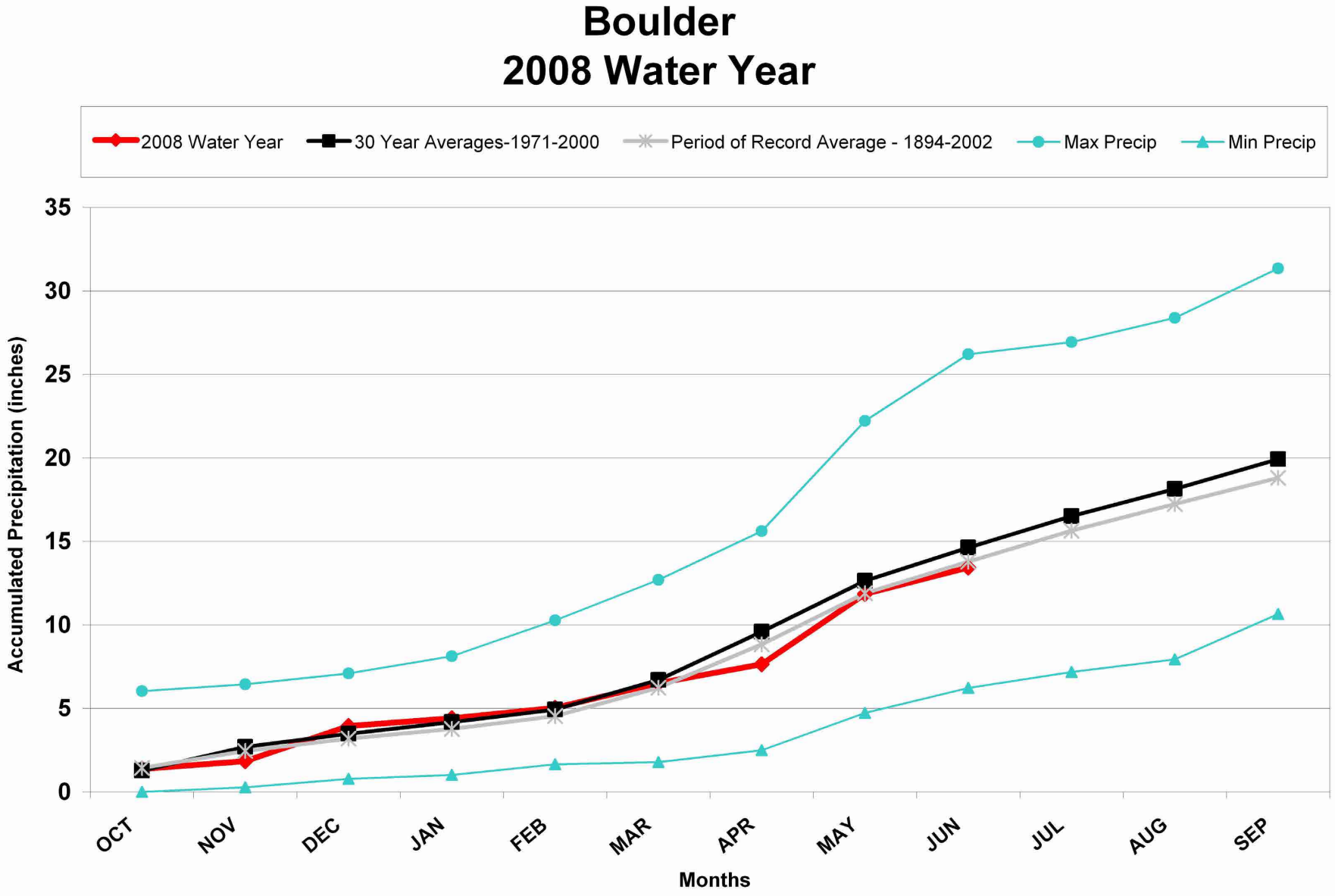

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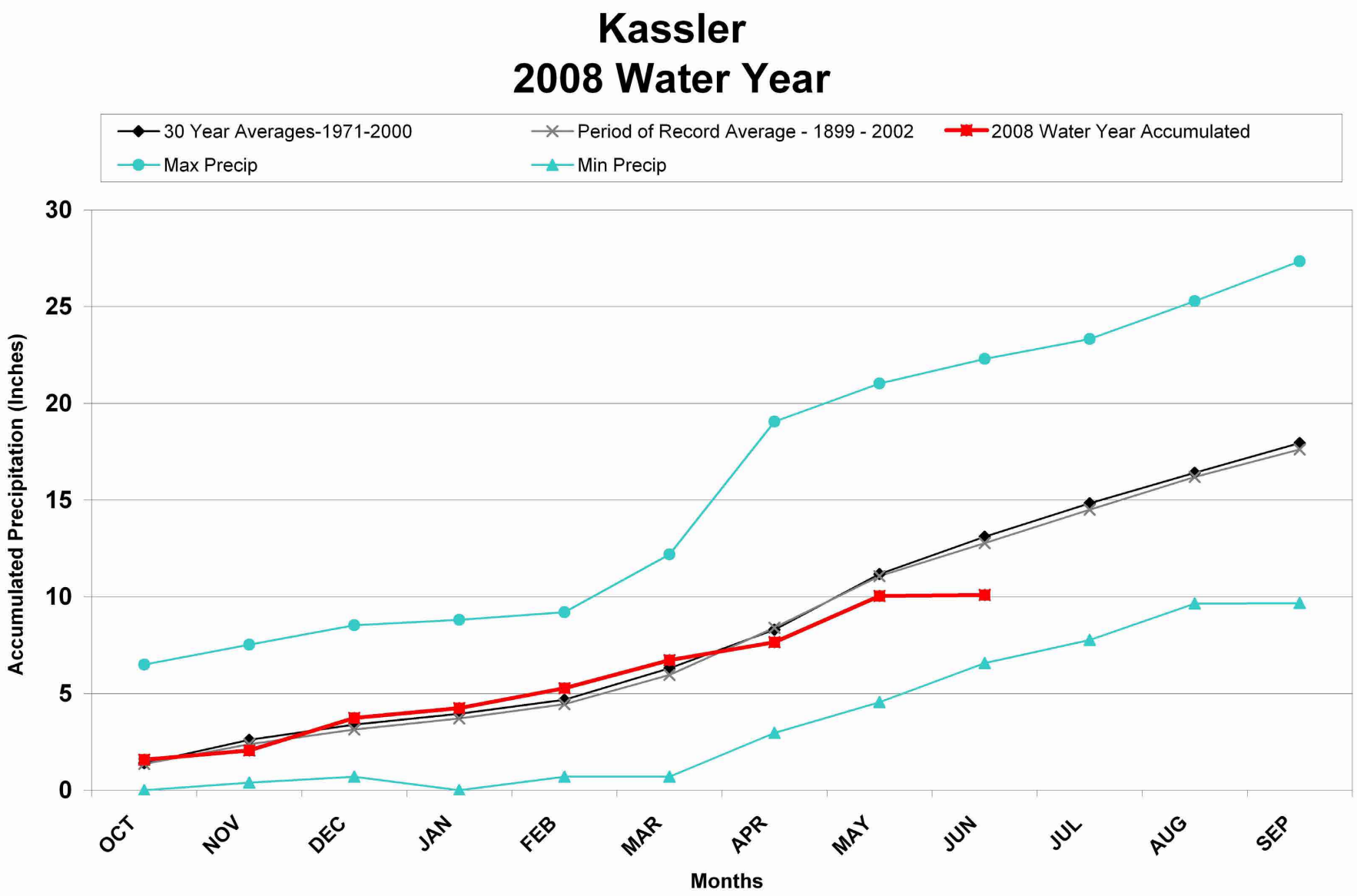

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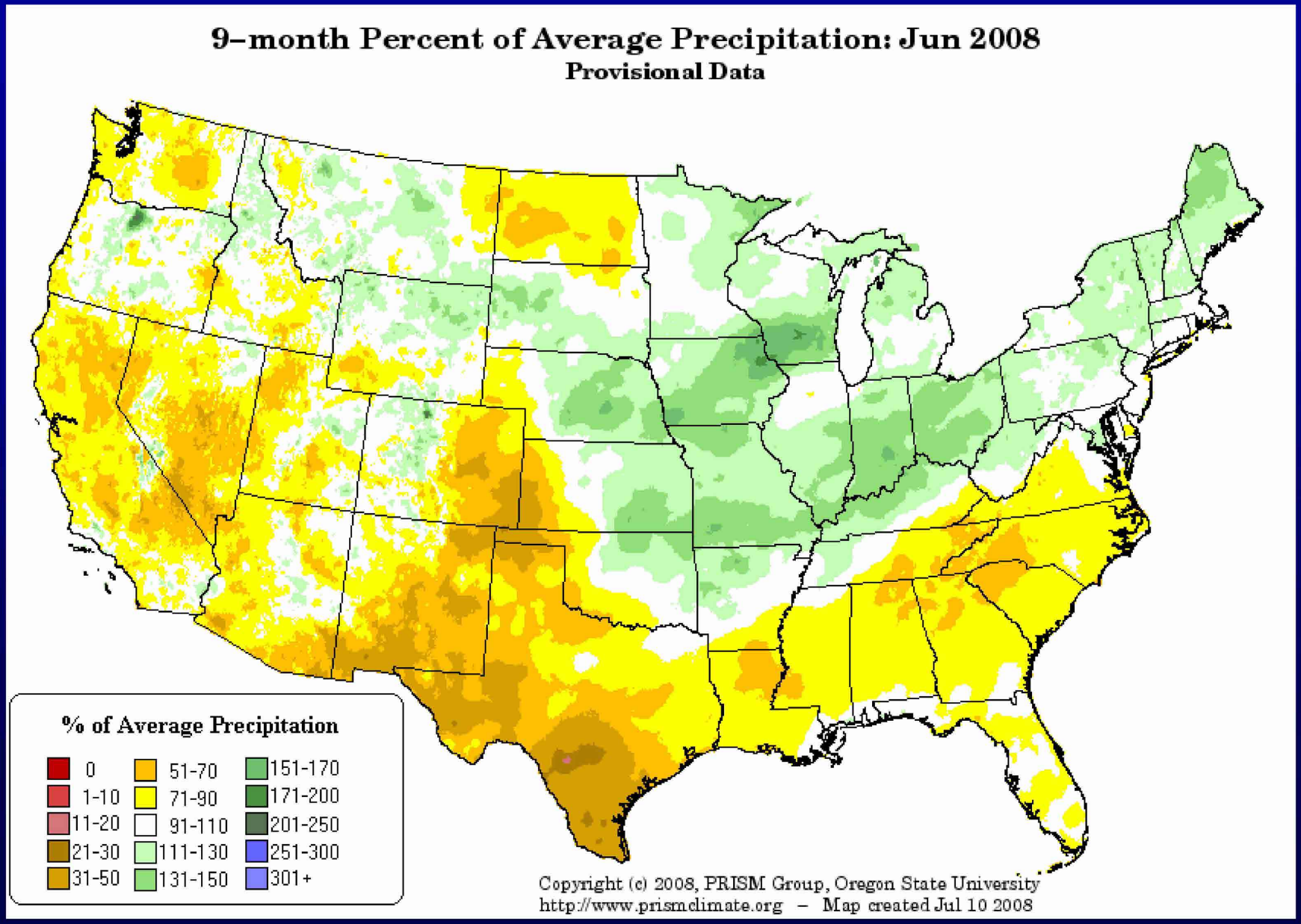

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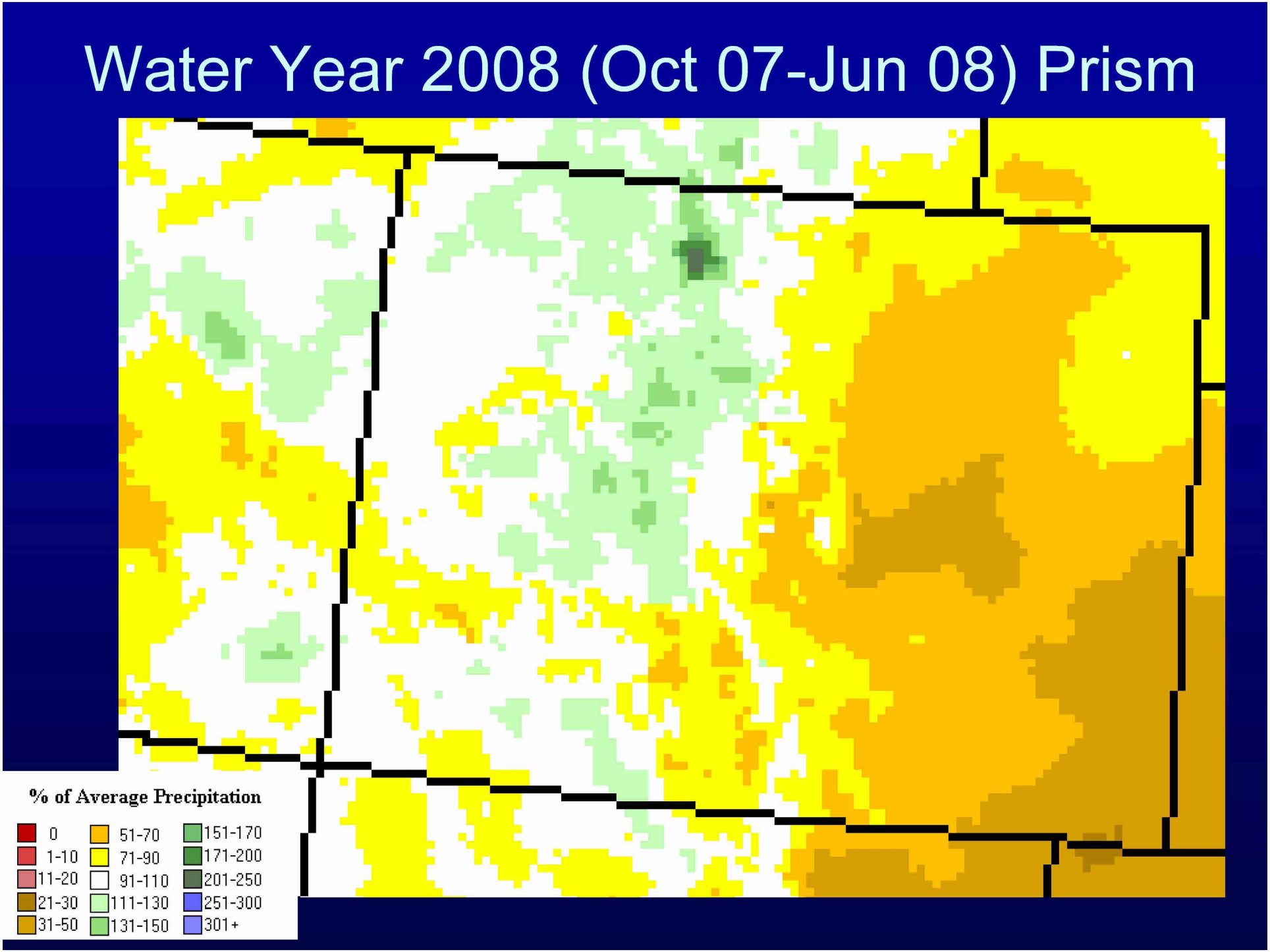

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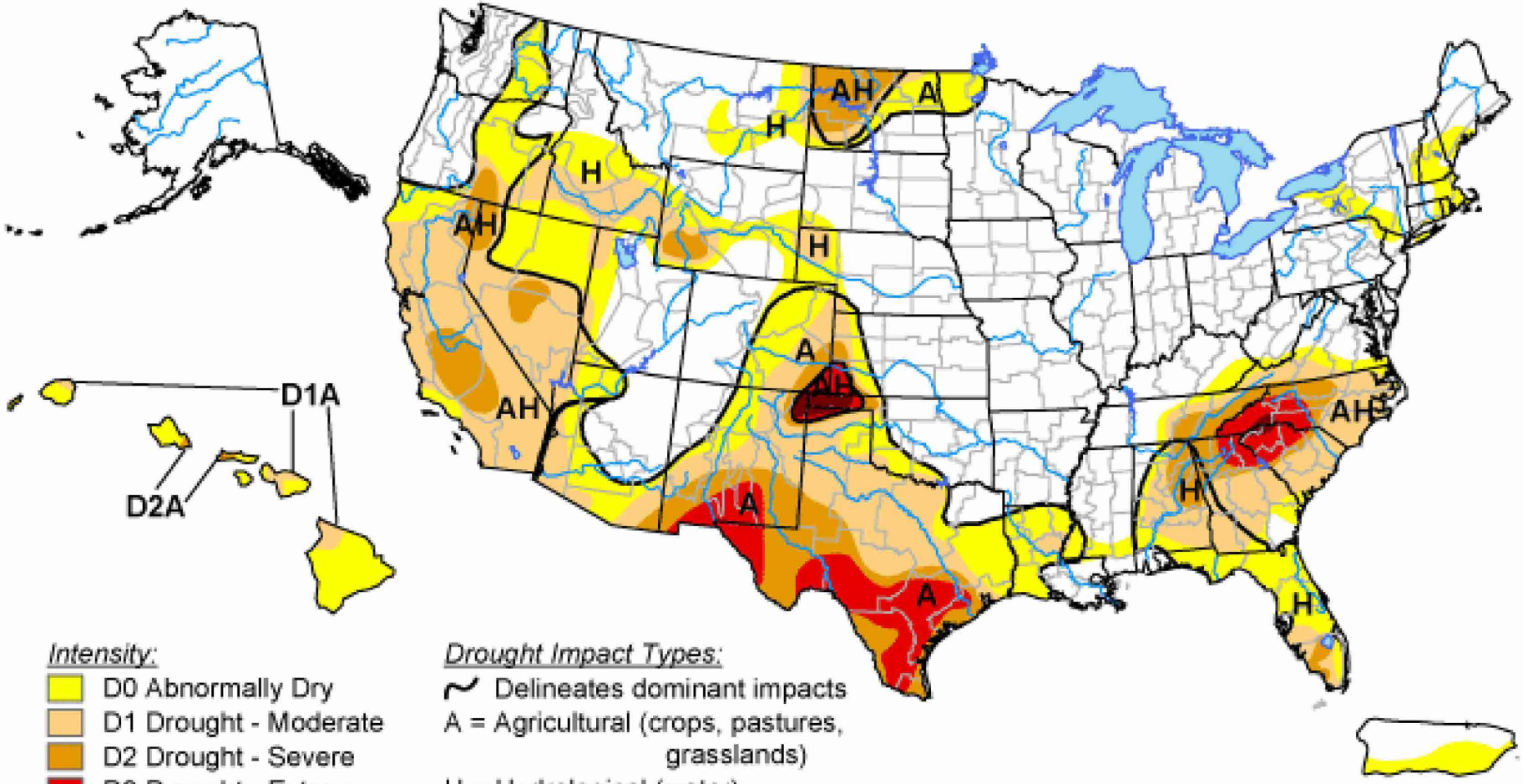

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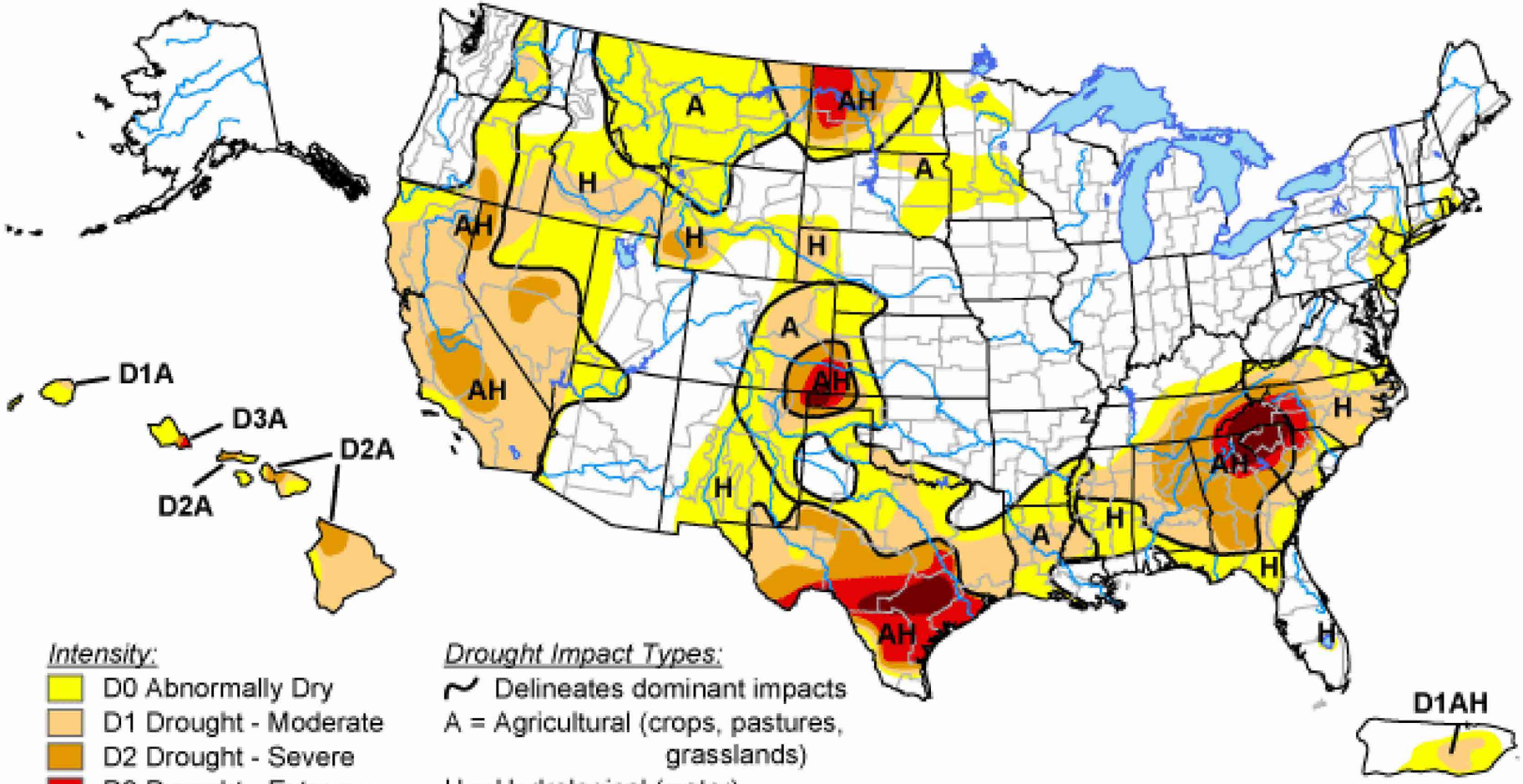

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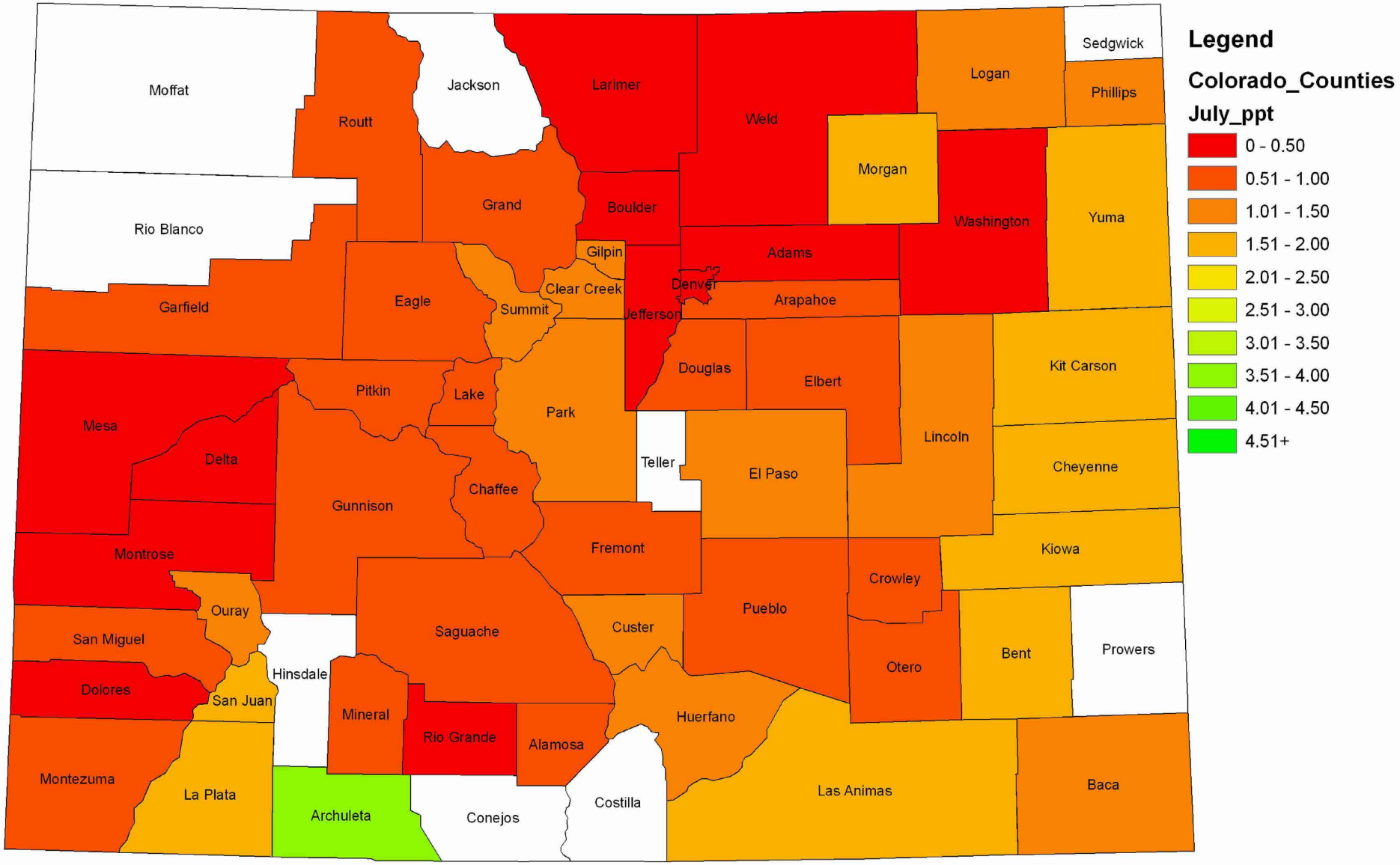
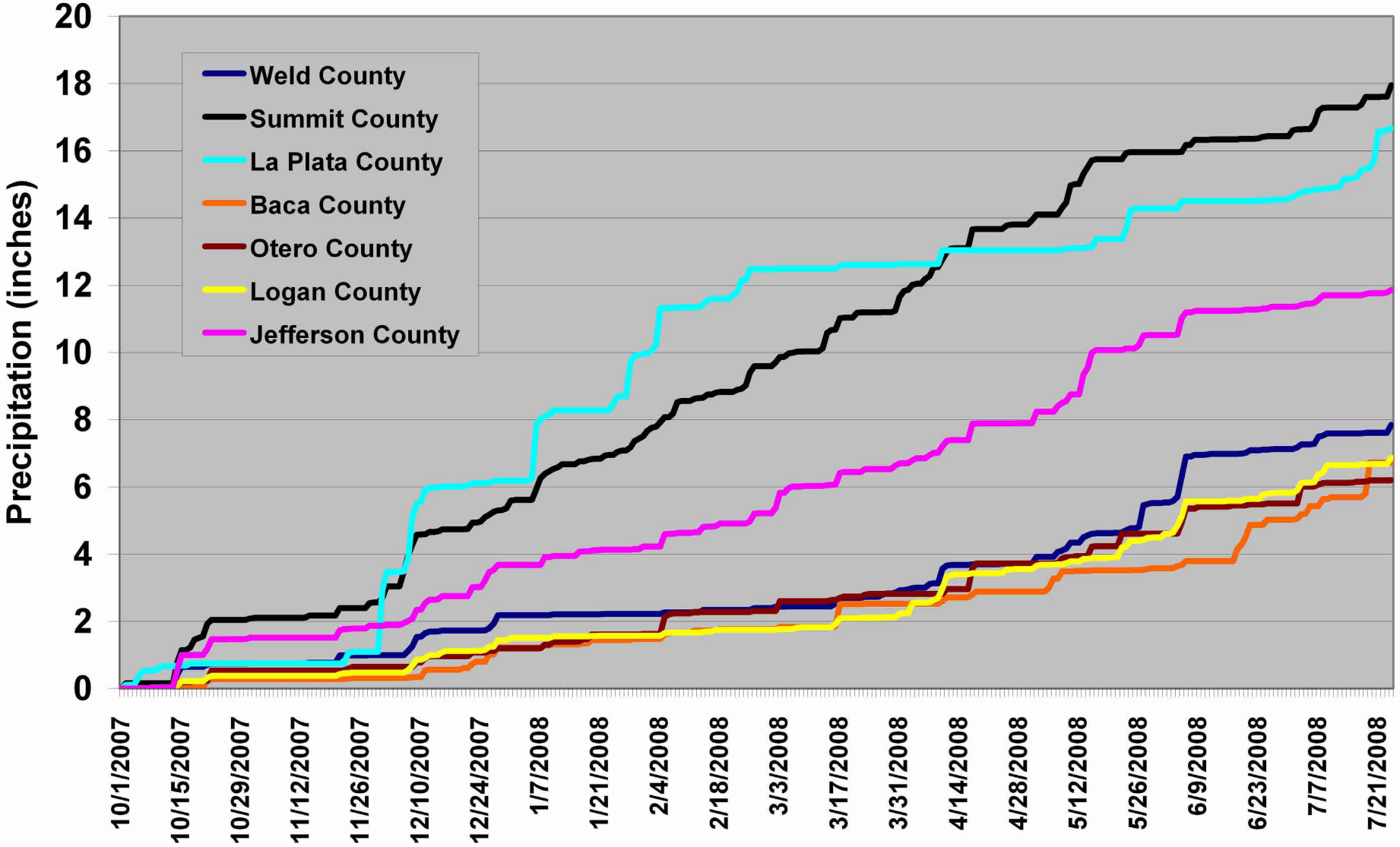
July 1-24, 2008 CoCoRaHS Accumulated Precipitation



CoCoRAHS Accumulated Precipitation for Selected Counties: October 1, 2007 through Jul 24, 2008



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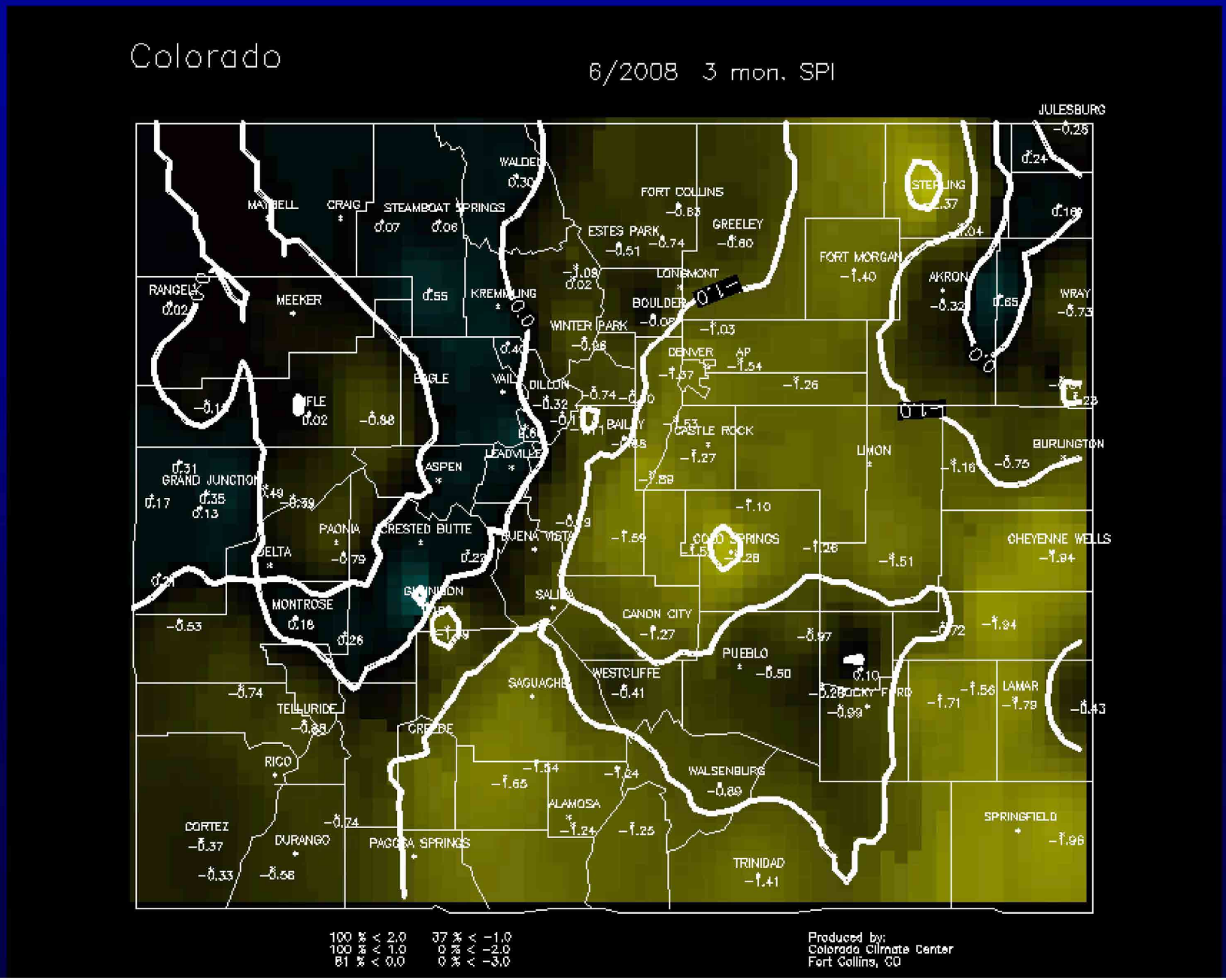
Colorado
6/2008 3 mon. SPI
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AKRON
WRAY
WALDEN
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
CRAIG
MAYBELL
RANGELY
MEEKER
KREMMLING
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ASPEN
LEADVILLE
GRAND JUNCTION
PAONIA
CRESTED BUTTE
BUENA VISTA
SALIDA
COLO SPRINGS
CHEYENNE WELLS
DELTA
MONTROSE
GUNNISON
CANON CITY
PUEBLO
WESTCLIFFE
SAGUACHE
LAMAR
TELLURIDE
CREEDE
RICO
WALSENBURG
SPRINGFIELD
ALAMOSA
CORTEZ
DURANGO
PAGOSA SPRINGS
TRINIDAD
100 % ≤ 2.0
100 % ≥ 1.0
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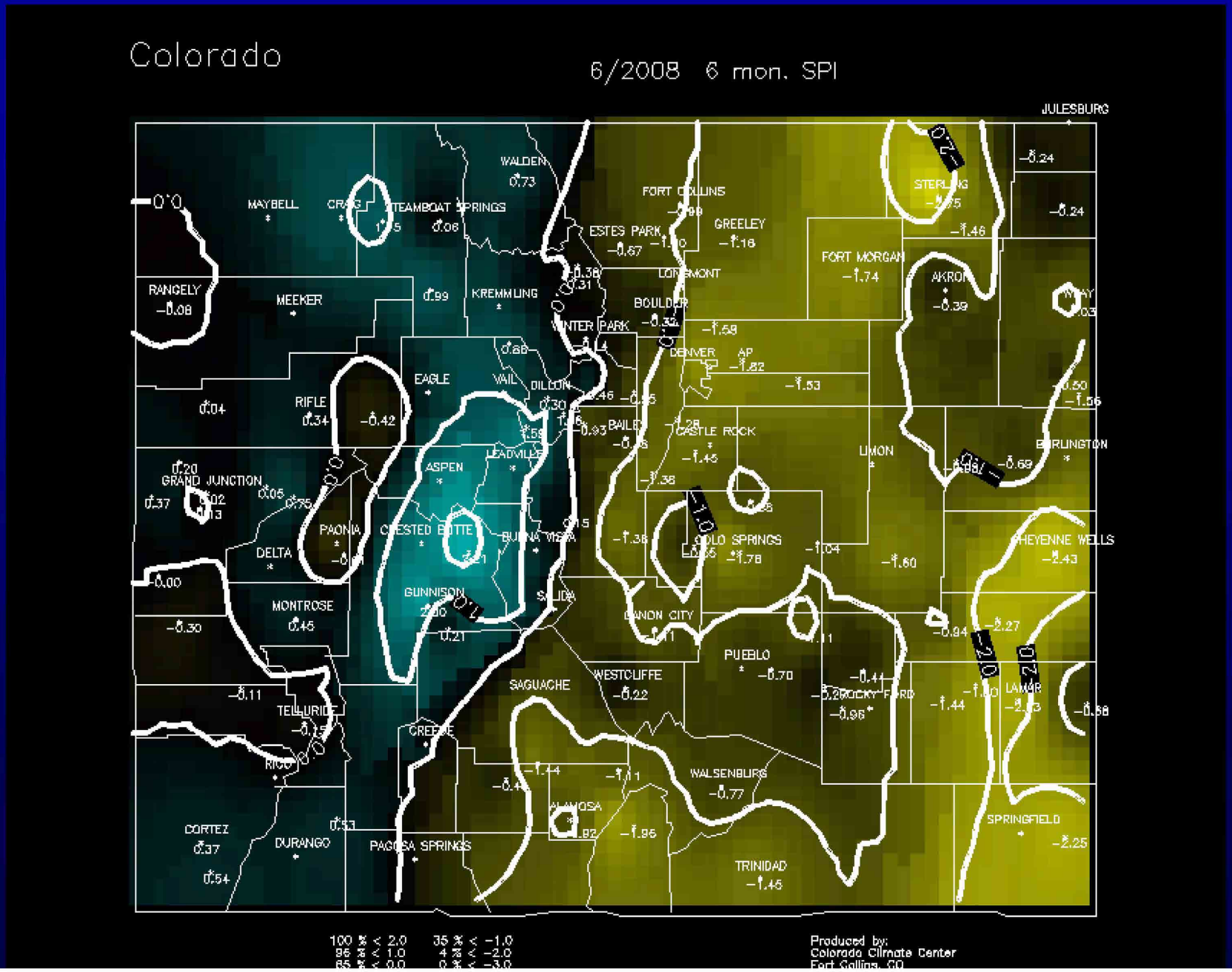
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100 % < 2.0
96 % < 1.0
35 % < -1.0
4 % < -2.0
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Summary

- June temperatures remain near average, recent July temperatures have been hot
- Major storm early June crossed northern Colorado, remainder of month and State were very dry
- July precipitation well below average so far, except portions of east-central and southwest Colorado
- Evapotranspiration rates have been very high
- Drought conditions expanding over eastern Colorado. Short term drying over most of State

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Data and Power Point Presentations available for downloading

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