

Northwest Geographic Area Coordination Center

Predictive Services

Spring 2013

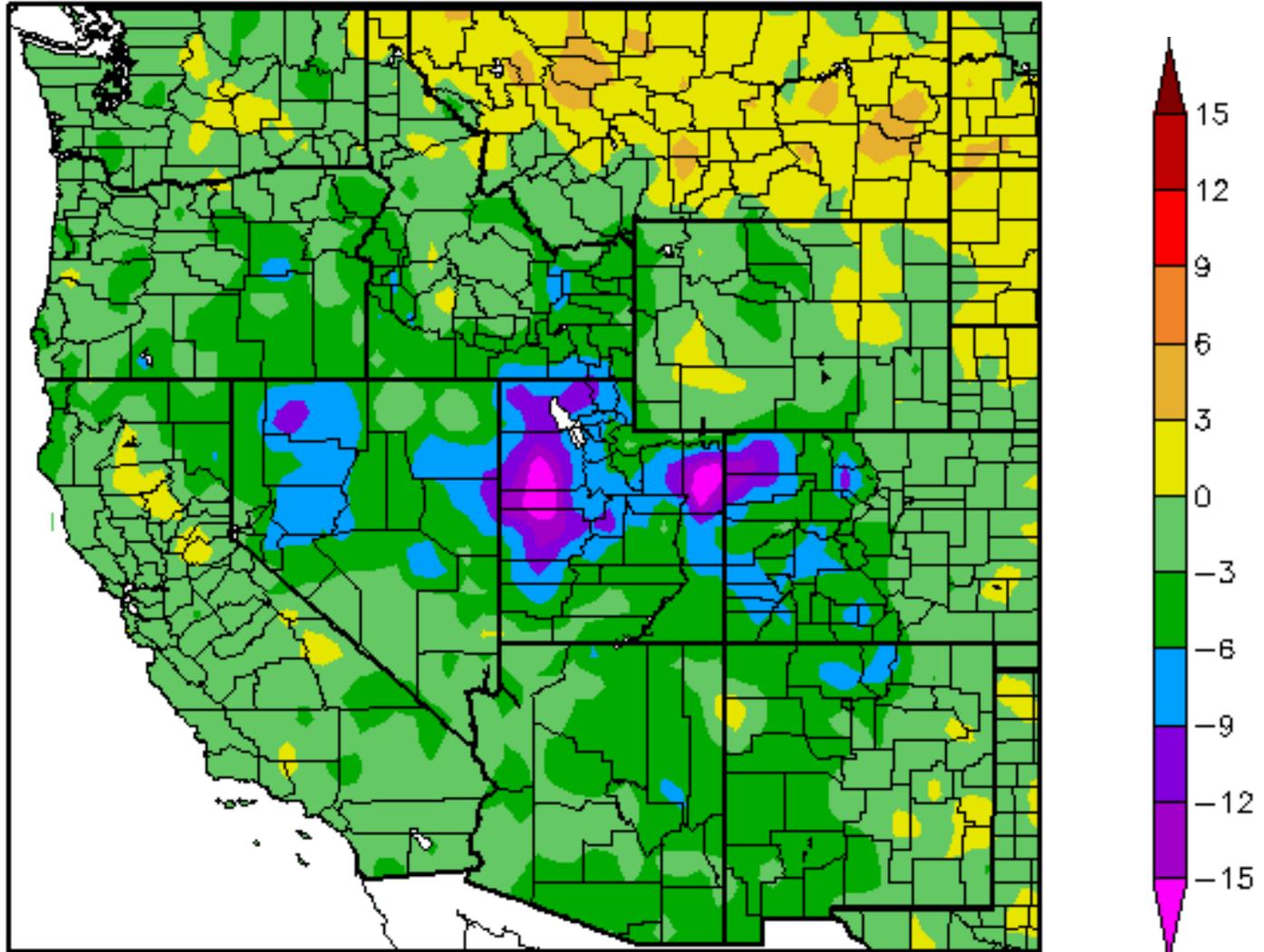
Significant Fire Potential Outlook

Tuesday March 12th 2013



Climate summary

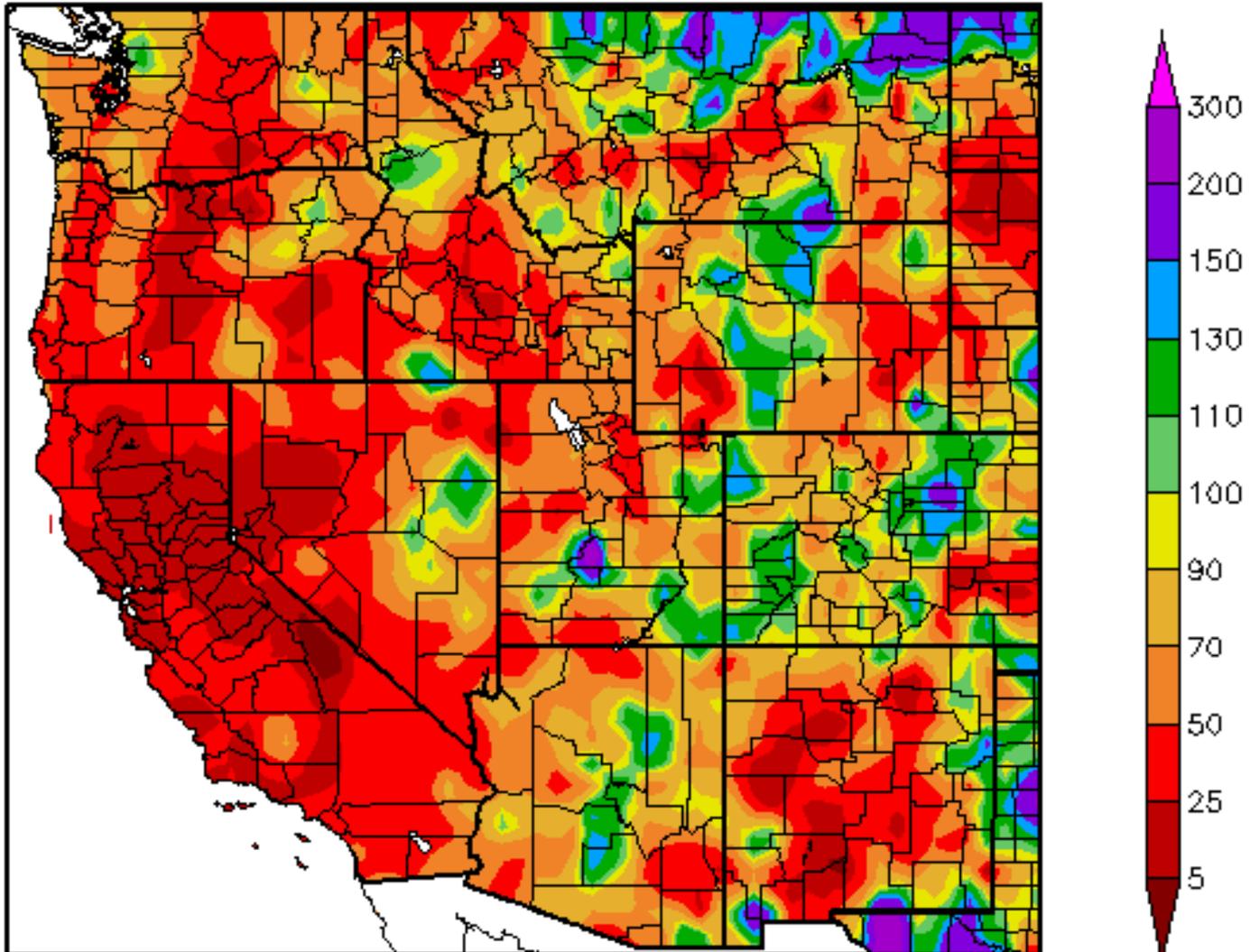
Temperature observed *since January 1st 2013*



Temperature departure from average (degrees F)

Climate summary

Precipitation observed *since January 1st 2013*



Precipitation percentage of normal

U.S. Drought Monitor

March 5, 2013

Valid 7 a.m. EST

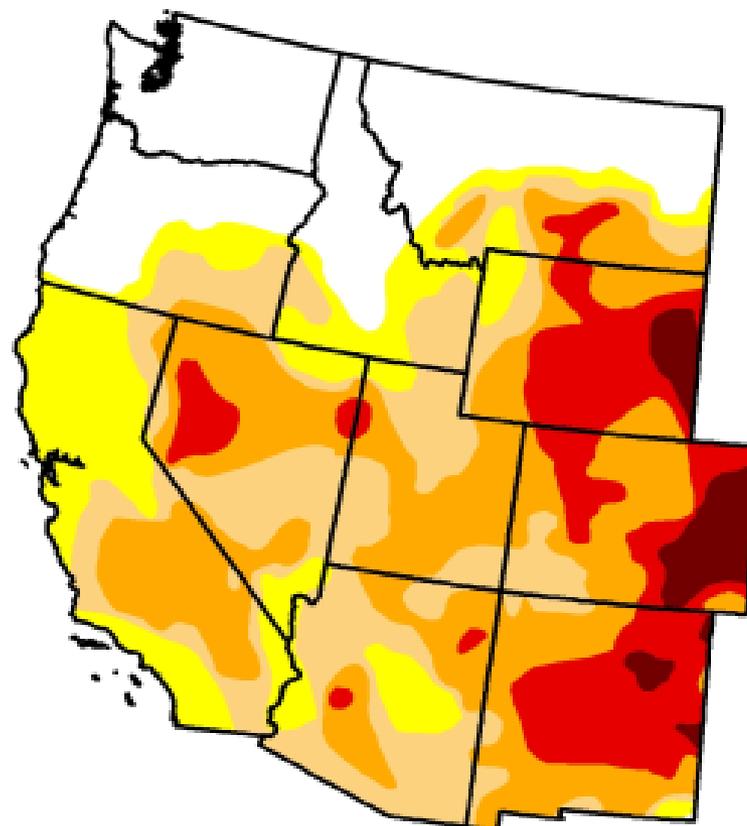
West

Intensity:

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

Drought Impact Types:

-  Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically <6 months
(e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically >6 months
(e.g. hydrology, ecology)



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

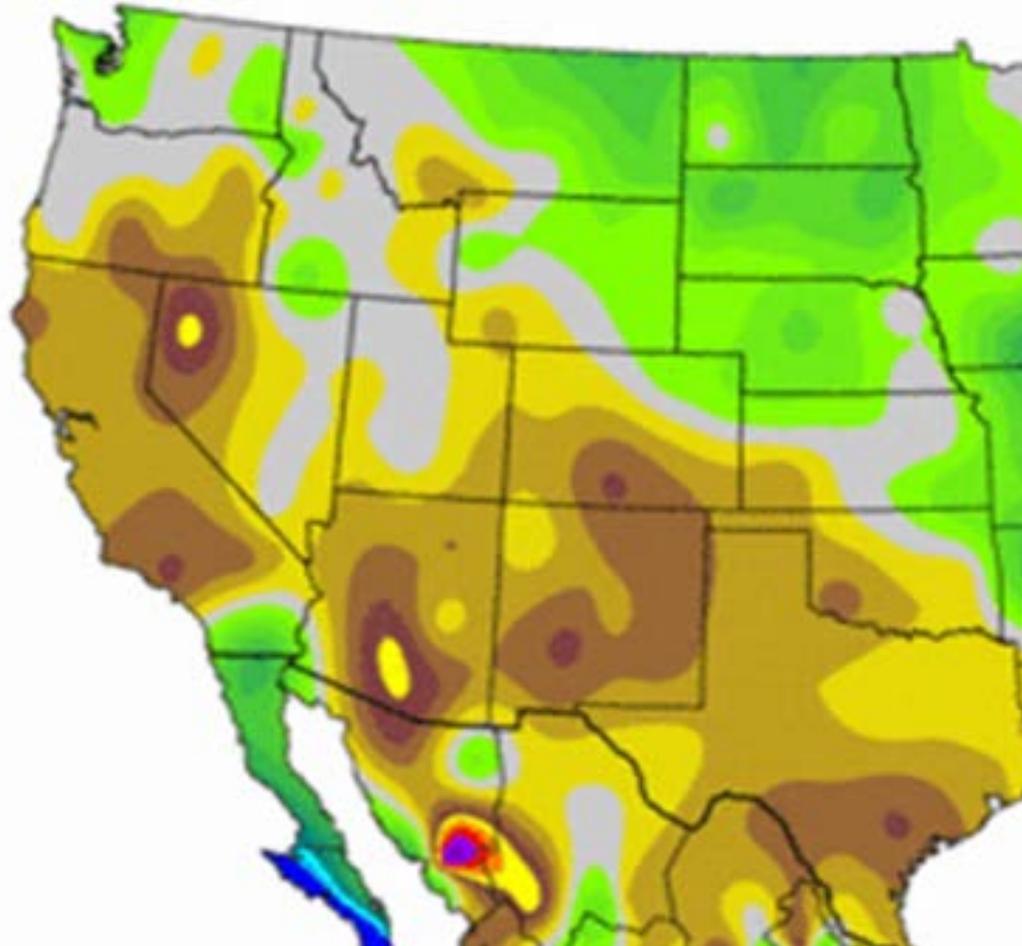


<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>

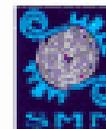
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Percent of Long-Term Average Precipitation, 60-Month March 2008 – February 2013



* Based on Preliminary Data
** Base Period for Averages 1951 – 2001



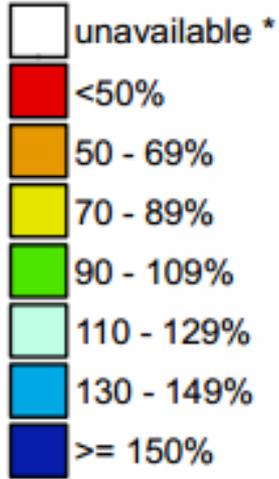
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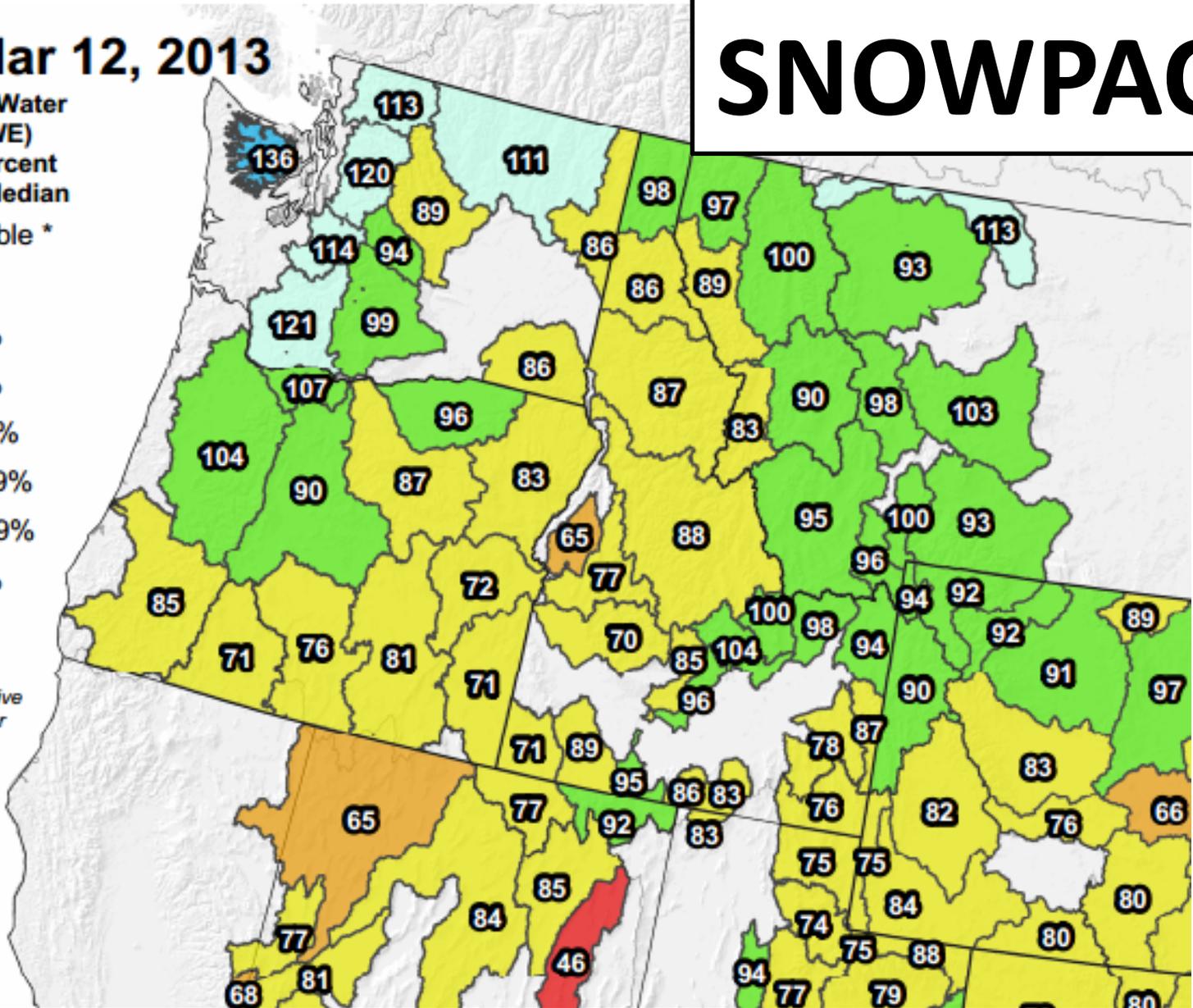
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SNOWPACK

Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)
Basin-wide Percent
of 1981-2010 Median



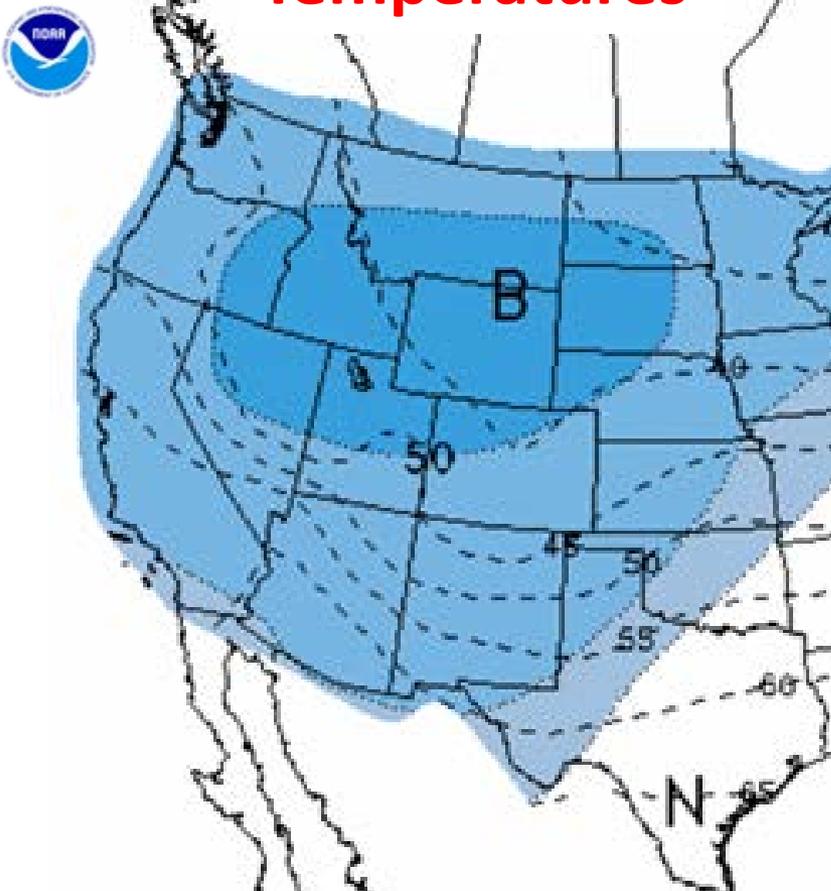
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Snow Water Equivalent percent of normal

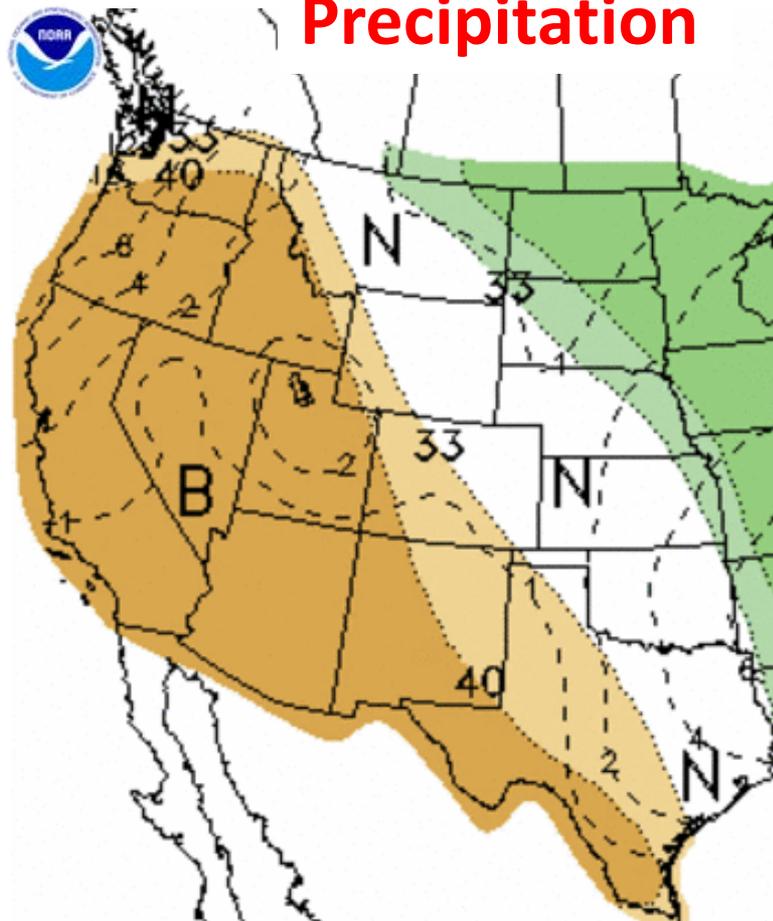
Temperature and Precipitation Outlook Remainder of March 2013

Temperatures



Likely continued cooler than usual over the west

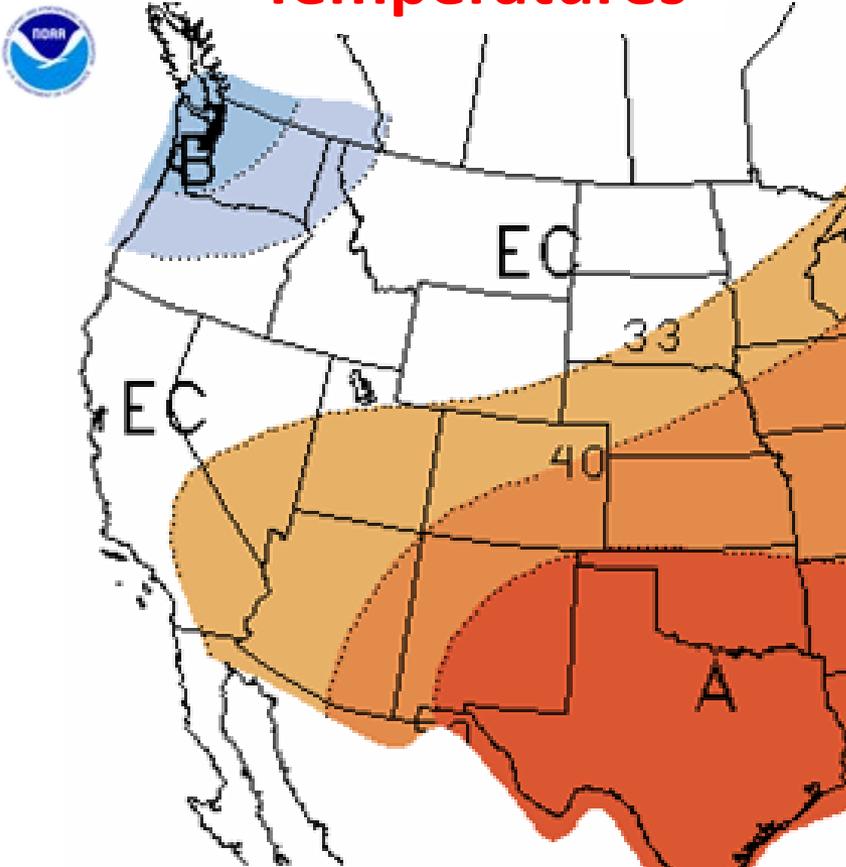
Precipitation



Likely continued drier than usual over the west

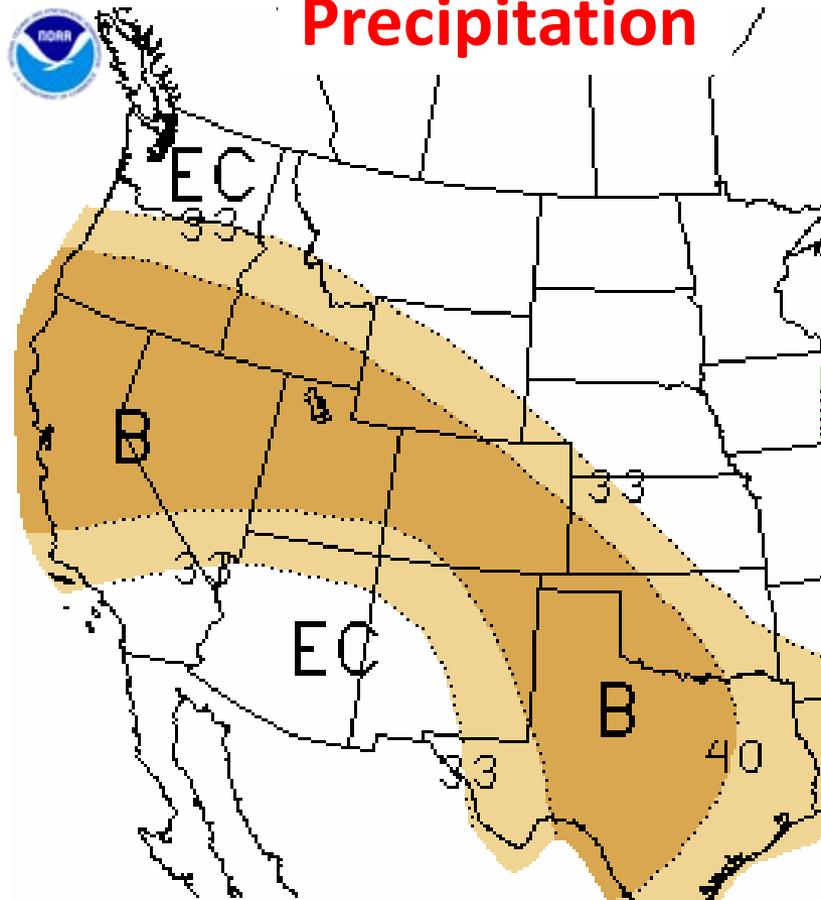
Temperature and Precipitation Outlook April through June 2013

Temperatures



Likely continued cooler than usual over the northwest

Precipitation



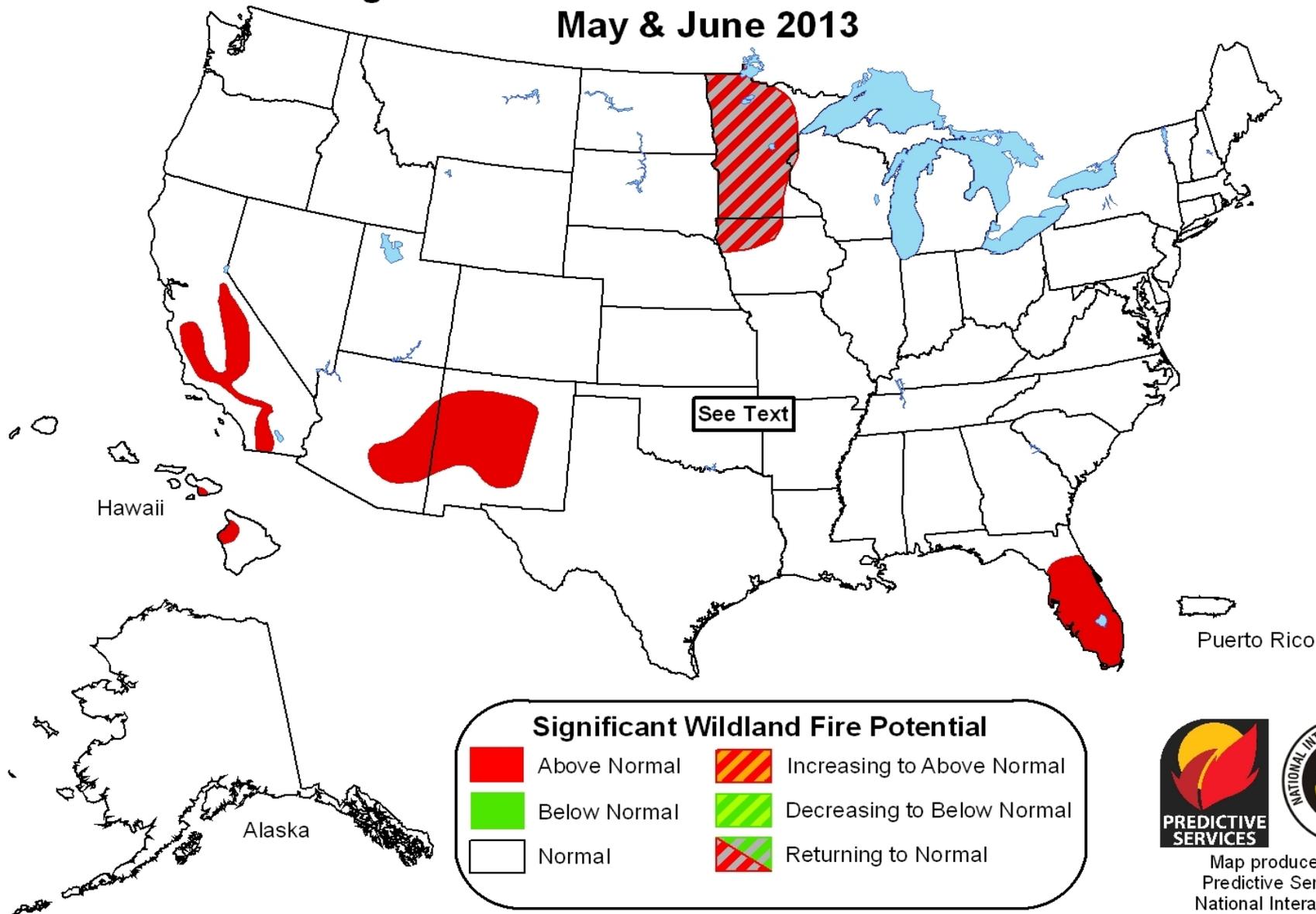
Likely continued drier than usual over much of the west

NWCC Predictive Services outlook for:
April thru June 2013

The Northwest Geographic Area is out of fire season. Spring weather is typically too cool and damp for any noteworthy threat of significant wildfires.

Historically, the threat of outbreaks of large destructive wildfires begins to rise in June.

Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook May & June 2013



Significant Wildland Fire Potential

	Above Normal		Increasing to Above Normal
	Below Normal		Decreasing to Below Normal
	Normal		Returning to Normal



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Above normal significant wildland fire potential indicates a higher than usual likelihood that wildland fires will occur and/or become significant events. Wildland fires are still expected to occur during forecasted normal conditions as would usually be expected during the outlook period. Significant wildland fires are still possible but less likely than usual during forecasted below normal periods.

Next NWCC Outlook update:
First week of April 2013