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INTRODUCTION

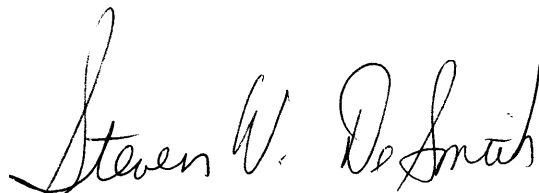
The Hydrologic Conditions Report is generated monthly by the Hydrologic Data Section, Data Collection Bureau, of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. This report provides an end-of-month analytical summary of regional and temporal variations in the hydrologic conditions across the District's 16-county area for planning and regulatory purposes. In addition, it provides an excellent historical record for long-term local and regional hydrologic analysis. **[Notice: There have been substantial changes to the content of this monthly report, as of the July 2020 report.]**

The Hydrologic Data Section is responsible for the implementation and maintenance of a network of observation and monitoring stations used to track changes in various hydrologic parameters over time. Data collected are used by the regulatory, technical, and analytical sections of the District. All data collected are processed and analyzed, uploaded into a centralized data base maintained by the District and then made available to the public through the District's Environmental Data Portal. The District's data collection program is augmented with data collected by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) through a cooperative joint funding agreement. Data derived from both District and USGS sources are used in this report.

The data contained in this report were collected and analyzed in accordance with generally accepted procedures consistent with applicable scientific and technical standards of practice. The data presented are considered to be the best available at the time of publication and are subject to revision.

Any questions about the significance, accuracy, or interpretation of these data should be referred to Tamera McBride, Manager of the Hydrologic Data Section at (352) 796-7211 or (800) 423-1476, extension 4284.

The data evaluation, analyses and interpretation contained within this report have been prepared or approved by a certified Professional Geologist in accordance with Chapter 492, Florida Statutes.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hydrologic Conditions for September 2021

In September, average rainfall totals were above-normal in the northern counties of the District, while they were within the normal range in the central and southern counties. The normal range for rainfall is defined by totals that fall on or between the 25th to 75th percentiles of the historical monthly accumulation for each region and where the 50th percentile represents the historical mean. The northern counties received an average of 8.16 inches of rainfall, equivalent to the 78th percentile of the historical September record. The central counties received an average of 6.45 inches of rainfall, equivalent to the 54th percentile, while the southern counties received an average of 6.93 inches of rainfall, equivalent to the 51st percentile of the historical September record. The District-wide rainfall average of 7.09 inches was equivalent to the 64th percentile of the historical September record.

During the four-month “wet season,” the period from June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, rainfall totals reported for the northern counties were considered above-normal, while totals for the central and southern counties were considered “normal.” The northern region received an average of 39.81 inches, which was 9.57 inches above the mean of 30.24 inches. This rainfall average is equivalent to the 96th percentile of historical readings and is classified as “very wet.” The central region received an average of 31.16 inches of rainfall, which was 0.43 inch above the mean of 30.73 inches. This rainfall average is equivalent to the 60th percentile of historical readings and is classified as “normal.” The southern region received an average rainfall accumulation of 31.96 inches, which was 0.29 inches above the mean of 31.67 inches. This rainfall average is equivalent to the 62nd percentile and is classified as “normal.” District-wide, the “wet season” average rainfall was 33.84 inches, which was 2.92 inches above the historical mean of 30.92 inches. This rainfall average is equivalent to the 72nd percentile of historical readings and is classified as “normal.”

During the 12-month period from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, the average rainfall totals in all three regions of the District were classified as “normal.” The northern region received an average of 58.05 inches of rainfall, equivalent to the 73rd percentile of the historical annual record. The central region received an average of 49.23 inches of rainfall, equivalent to the 38th percentile, while the southern region received an average of 49.49 inches of rainfall, equivalent to the 40th percentile. The District-wide rainfall average of 51.76 inches was equivalent to the 46th percentile of the historical annual record.

Average regional lake levels in September were within the normal range in all four lake regions of the District. Normal lake levels are defined as levels that fall between the minimum low management level and the minimum flood level. Lake levels in the Northern region increased by an average of 0.44 foot and were 0.87 foot above the base of the annual normal range. Lake levels in the Tampa Bay region increased an average of 0.11 foot and were 1.54 feet above the annual normal range. Lake levels in the Polk Uplands region increased 0.06 foot and were 1.86 feet above the base of the annual normal range. Average lake levels in the Lake Wales Ridge region increased by 0.33 foot and ended the month 0.97 foot above the base of the annual normal range.

Total streamflow in September, based on three regional index rivers, was within the normal range in all three regions of the District. Normal streamflow is defined as the flow that falls on or between the 25th and 75th percentiles. Streamflow measured at the Withlacoochee River near Holder station in the northern region decreased and was at the 74th percentile. Streamflow in the Hillsborough River near Zephyrhills station in the central region decreased and was at the 52nd percentile, while total streamflow measured at the Peace River at Arcadia station in the southern region increased and was at the 60th percentile during September.

In September, groundwater data showed that regional levels in the Upper Floridan aquifer were above-normal in the northern counties of the District, while they were at the upper-end of the normal range in the central and southern counties. The normal range is defined as levels that falls on or between the 25th and 75th percentiles. The groundwater level in the northern, central and southern counties were at the 85th, 67th and 71st percentiles, respectively.

REGIONAL OVERVIEW OF HYDROLOGIC CONDITIONS

SEPTEMBER 2021

For this report, the District has been divided into three geographical regions that are defined by county boundaries, unless otherwise indicated. Each regional area includes all or part of each county that is located within that region and that is also within the District's jurisdictional boundaries. The northern region includes the counties of Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Marion and Sumter; the central region includes the counties of Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas and Polk; while the southern region includes the counties of Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Manatee and Sarasota.

Northern Region

In September, the northern region received an average of 8.16 inches of rainfall, equivalent to the 78th percentile of the historical September readings, which is considered "wetter than normal." Average lake levels increased in the northern region and ended the month an average of 0.87 foot above the annual normal range. Total streamflow measured in the Withlacoochee River near Holder station decreased and was in the 74th percentile. Regional groundwater levels indicated Upper Floridan aquifer water levels increased and were in the 85th percentile.

Central Region

In September, the central region received an average of 6.45 inches of rainfall, equivalent to the 54th percentile of historical September readings, which is considered "normal." Average lake levels increased in the Tampa Bay and Polk Uplands regions, ending the month 1.54 and 1.86 feet, respectively, above the base of the annual normal range. Total streamflow measured at the Hillsborough River near Zephyrhills station decreased and was in the 52nd percentile. Regional groundwater levels indicated average Upper Floridan aquifer water levels increased and were in the 67th percentile.

Southern Region

In September, the southern region received an average of 6.93 inches of rainfall, equivalent to the 51st percentile of historical September readings, which is considered "normal." Average lake levels increased in the Lake Wales Ridge region and ended the month 0.97 foot above the base of the annual normal range. Total streamflow measured at the Peace River at Arcadia station increased and was in the 60th percentile. Regional groundwater levels indicated average Upper Floridan aquifer water levels increased and were in the 71st percentile.

RAINFALL

The rainfall data used for all tabulations in this report are provided to the District under contract with an external vendor. These data are created by enhancing contractor-developed NEXRAD radar rainfall imagery with 15-minute rainfall data collected from the District's network of real-time gauges. This process results in rainfall estimates for every 1.5 square-miles over the entire District, filling in those portions where rainfall data collection would otherwise be limited due to gaps in the gauging network.

Rainfall data are evaluated by using the current values to calculate percentiles in order to determine how normal or abnormal they are. As defined by the United States Geological Survey (USGS), a percentile is a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. For example, a rainfall total that is calculated to be equivalent to the 90th percentile indicates that it is higher than 90 percent of the rainfall totals ever recorded for this month during all years that rainfall has been measured.

Percentiles for rainfall were calculated from the historical record by region, and by specific interval. The "wet season" total is the sum of the rainfall from June through September. The "dry season" total is the sum of the rainfall from October through May. The annual total characterization was calculated from a dataset of moving 12-month rainfall sum for the same period (1915 through the most recent completed year). The moving 12-month rainfall sum was used for annual statistics because it provided a much larger dataset, and therefore a better estimate of the true percentiles. The historical 12-month cumulative average is updated monthly.

Characterization ranges were established for each region, and for the whole District, with breaks at the 10th (P10), the 25th (P25), the 75th (P75) and the 90th (P90) percentiles. The normal range for rainfall is defined by totals that fall on or between the 25th to 75th percentiles of the historical monthly average for each region and where the 50th percentile represents the historical median. The zero percentile indicates a new period-of-record low and the 100th percentile is a new record high. The rainfall in inches for each percentile break, by rainfall interval and by region and the characterization ranges are summarized in the Appendix.

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Tampa Monthly Climate Summary for September 2021

According to the National Weather Service (NWS), the monthly average temperature (°F) for Tampa was 83.1 degrees, which was 0.4 degrees above normal. The highest temperature recorded during the month was 95.0 degrees, while the lowest temperature recorded during the month was 71.0 degrees. The September 2021 monthly average temperature of 83.1 degrees ties with 1944 as the 7th warmest September since records began in 1890. The warmest September had an average temperature of 85.8 degrees, which occurred in 2018.

Temperature and Precipitation Outlook

The Climate Prediction Center's (CPC) three-month weather forecast, as of September 16, 2021, indicates below-normal chances for rainfall throughout the District during the composite 3-month period from October 2021 through December 2021. The temperature forecast for this same time-period indicates above-normal temperatures throughout the District.

[Note: Due to the early publication date of October 19, 2021 for this report, the CPC's October 21, 2021 forecast was unavailable.]

For more information log on to the CPC's website at:

http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/OUTLOOKS_index.html

RELATIONSHIP OF SEPTEMBER 2021 RAINFALL TO HISTORICAL RAINFALL AVERAGES

Regional Summary:

<i>Region</i>	<i>SEP 2021 Average Rainfall</i>	<i>Historical Average for SEP</i>	<i>Departure from Historical Average</i>	<i>Calendar Year 2021 Cumulative Rainfall JAN-SEP</i>	<i>Calendar Year Historical Cumulative Rainfall JAN-SEP</i>	<i>Departure from Historical Cumulative SEP 2021</i>	<i>Cumulative 12-month Rainfall OCT 2020- SEP 2021</i>	<i>Historical 12-month Cumulative Rainfall</i>	<i>Departure from Historical 12-month Cumulative</i>
Northern Counties	8.16	6.32	1.84	51.77	46.18	5.59	58.05	53.58	4.47
Central Counties	6.45	6.87	-0.42	40.10	45.27	-5.17	49.23	52.42	-3.19
Southern Counties	6.93	7.35	-0.42	39.99	45.54	-5.55	49.49	52.38	-2.89
District All Counties	7.09	6.88	0.21	43.29	45.62	-2.33	51.76	52.73	-0.97

Regional Counties Summary:

<i>NORTHERN COUNTIES</i>	<i>SEP 2021 Average Rainfall</i>	<i>Historical Average for SEP</i>	<i>Departure from Historical Average</i>	<i>Calendar Year 2021 Cumulative Rainfall JAN-SEP</i>	<i>Calendar Year Historical Cumulative Rainfall JAN-SEP</i>	<i>Departure from Historical Cumulative SEP 2021</i>	<i>Cumulative 12-month Rainfall OCT 2020- SEP 2021</i>	<i>Historical 12-month Cumulative Rainfall</i>	<i>Departure from Historical 12-month Cumulative</i>
Levy County	7.67	6.02	1.65	54.55	46.06	8.49	60.45	53.97	6.48
Marion County	7.78	6.18	1.60	50.30	46.49	3.81	56.24	54.31	1.93
Citrus County	10.96	6.20	4.76	59.64	46.80	12.84	65.98	54.09	11.89
Sumter County	7.01	6.08	0.93	46.88	44.70	2.18	53.51	51.94	1.57
Hernando County	7.18	6.61	0.57	49.58	47.57	2.01	55.84	54.98	0.86
<i>CENTRAL COUNTIES</i>									
Pasco County	6.99	6.84	0.15	43.46	46.69	-3.23	51.03	54.04	-3.01
Pinellas County	7.38	7.11	0.27	41.22	44.48	-3.26	52.02	51.73	0.29
Hillsborough County	7.48	6.82	0.66	43.31	45.74	-2.43	54.08	52.67	1.41
Polk County	5.33	6.69	-1.36	36.12	45.23	-9.11	44.58	52.05	-7.47
<i>SOUTHERN COUNTIES</i>									
Manatee County	6.73	7.49	-0.76	42.67	46.47	-3.80	53.06	53.41	-0.35
Hardee County	7.52	7.25	0.27	40.91	45.52	-4.61	48.89	52.10	-3.21
Highlands County	9.47	7.31	2.16	41.52	45.20	-3.68	50.71	52.04	-1.33
Sarasota County	5.92	7.70	-1.78	38.74	45.55	-6.81	49.18	52.64	-3.46
DeSoto County	6.52	7.38	-0.86	36.45	45.01	-8.56	45.39	51.83	-6.44
Charlotte County	6.35	7.89	-1.54	39.35	45.58	-6.23	49.33	52.51	-3.18

SEPTEMBER 2021 RAINFALL CHARACTERIZATION

Regional Characterization:

<i>Region</i>	<i>SEP 2021 Average Rainfall</i>	<i>Historical SEP Percentile</i>	<i>SEP Rainfall Characterization</i>	<i>Cumulative 12-month Rainfall OCT 2020- SEP 2021</i>	<i>Historical 12-month Cumulative Percentile</i>	<i>12-month Cumulative Rainfall Characterization</i>
Northern Counties	8.16	78	Wetter than normal	58.05	73	Normal
Central Counties	6.45	54	Normal	49.23	38	Normal
Southern Counties	6.93	51	Normal	49.49	40	Normal
District Counties	7.09	64	Normal	51.76	46	Normal

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Levy County	7.67	78	Wetter than normal	60.45	78	Wetter than normal
Marion County	7.78	71	Normal	56.24	60	Normal
Citrus County	10.96	93	Very wet	65.98	93	Very wet
Sumter County	7.01	70	Normal	53.51	58	Normal
Hernando County	7.18	66	Normal	55.84	56	Normal
<i>CENTRAL COUNTIES</i>						
Pasco County	6.99	61	Normal	51.03	38	Normal
Pinellas County	7.38	60	Normal	52.02	55	Normal
Hillsborough County	7.48	68	Normal	54.08	58	Normal
Polk County	5.33	39	Normal	44.58	19	Drier than normal
<i>SOUTHERN COUNTIES</i>						
Manatee County	6.73	48	Normal	53.06	51	Normal
Hardee County	7.52	64	Normal	48.89	38	Normal
Highlands County	9.47	80	Wetter than normal	50.71	45	Normal
Sarasota County	5.92	30	Normal	49.18	37	Normal
DeSoto County	6.52	44	Normal	45.39	27	Normal
Charlotte County	6.35	39	Normal	49.33	39	Normal

RELATIONSHIP OF WET SEASON (JUN 2021 to SEP 2021) RAINFALL TO HISTORICAL WET SEASON RAINFALL

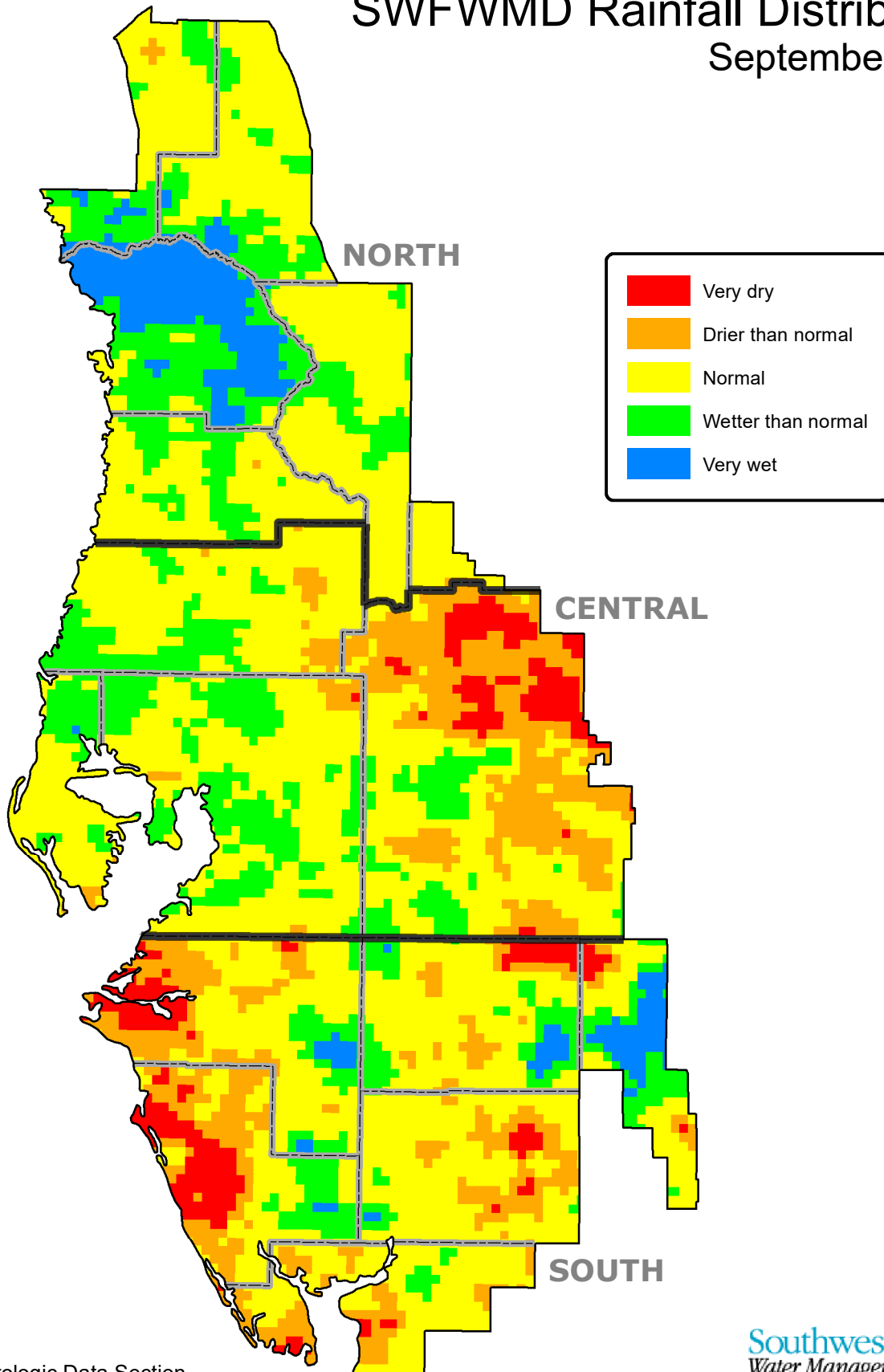
Regional Characterization:

<i>Region</i>	<i>Wet Season Rainfall JUN 2021- SEP 2021</i>	<i>Historical Wet Season Rainfall Average</i>	<i>Departure from Historical Rainfall Average</i>	<i>Historical Wet Season Percentile</i>	<i>Wet Season Rainfall Characterization JUN 2021- SEP 2021</i>
Northern Counties	39.81	30.24	9.57	96%	Very wet
Central Counties	31.16	30.73	0.43	60%	Normal
Southern Counties	31.96	31.67	0.29	62%	Normal
District Counties	33.84	30.92	2.92	72%	Normal

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<i>NORTHERN COUNTIES</i>	<i>Wet Season Rainfall JUN 2021- SEP 2021</i>	<i>Historical Wet Season Rainfall Average</i>	<i>Departure from Historical Rainfall Average</i>	<i>Historical Wet Season Percentile</i>	<i>Wet Season Rainfall Characterization JUN 2021- SEP 2021</i>
Levy County	40.48	29.56	10.92	97%	Very wet
Marion County	36.12	29.90	6.22	89%	Wetter than normal
Citrus County	48.13	30.96	17.17	100%	Very wet
Sumter County	35.36	29.00	6.36	83%	Wetter than normal
Hernando County	39.66	31.69	7.97	87%	Wetter than normal
<i>CENTRAL COUNTIES</i>					
Pasco County	35.47	31.24	4.23	75%	Normal
Pinellas County	32.48	30.54	1.94	66%	Normal
Hillsborough County	34.35	31.19	3.16	71%	Normal
Polk County	26.72	30.24	-3.52	33%	Normal
<i>SOUTHERN COUNTIES</i>					
Manatee County	32.47	32.71	-0.24	56%	Normal
Hardee County	31.83	31.44	0.39	61%	Normal
Highlands County	32.16	31.21	0.95	58%	Normal
Sarasota County	32.71	32.30	0.41	62%	Normal
DeSoto County	29.45	31.54	-2.09	42%	Normal
Charlotte County	33.64	32.81	0.83	67%	Normal

SWFWMD Rainfall Distribution September 2021



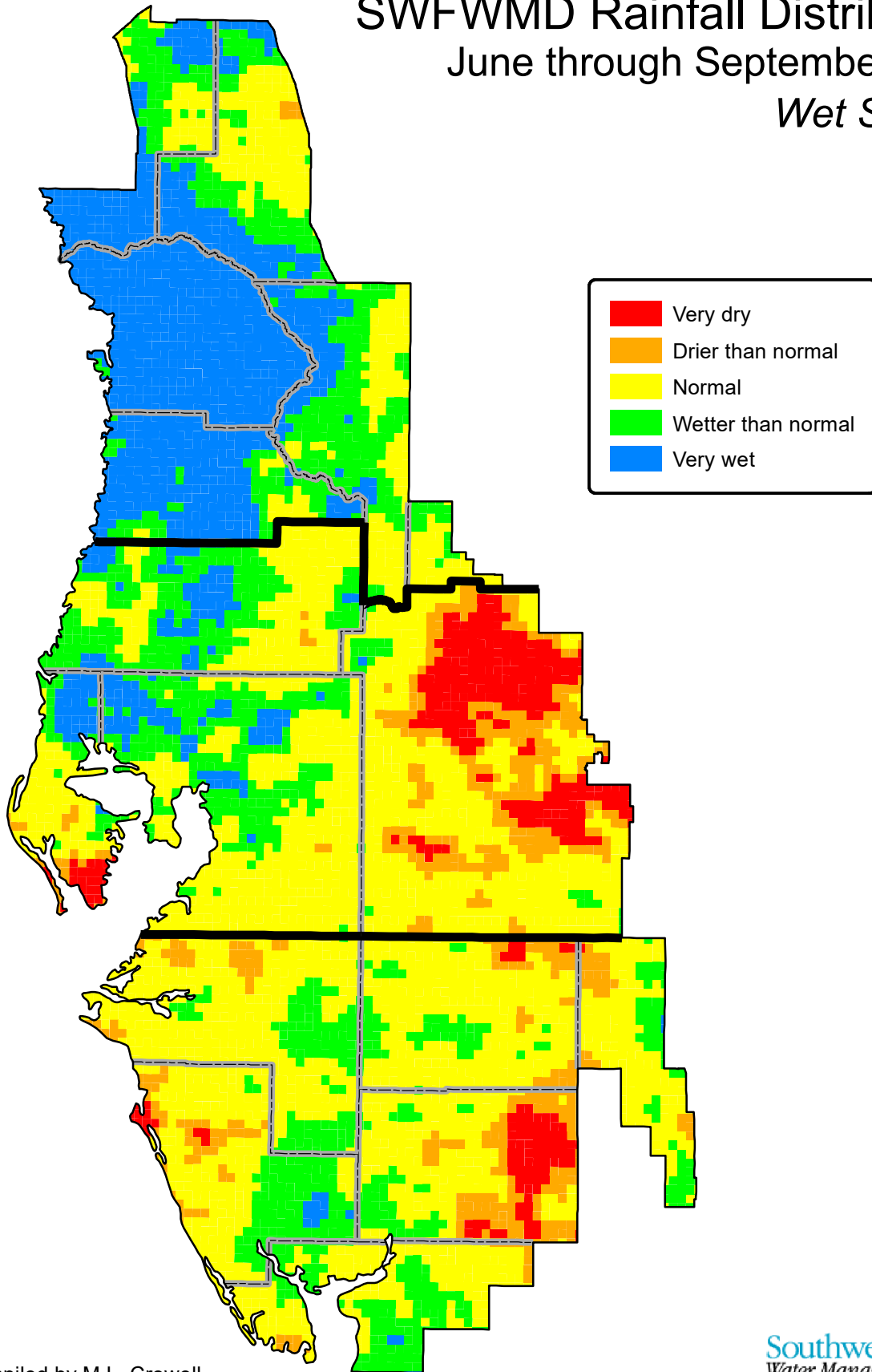
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SWFWMD Rainfall Distribution

June through September 2021

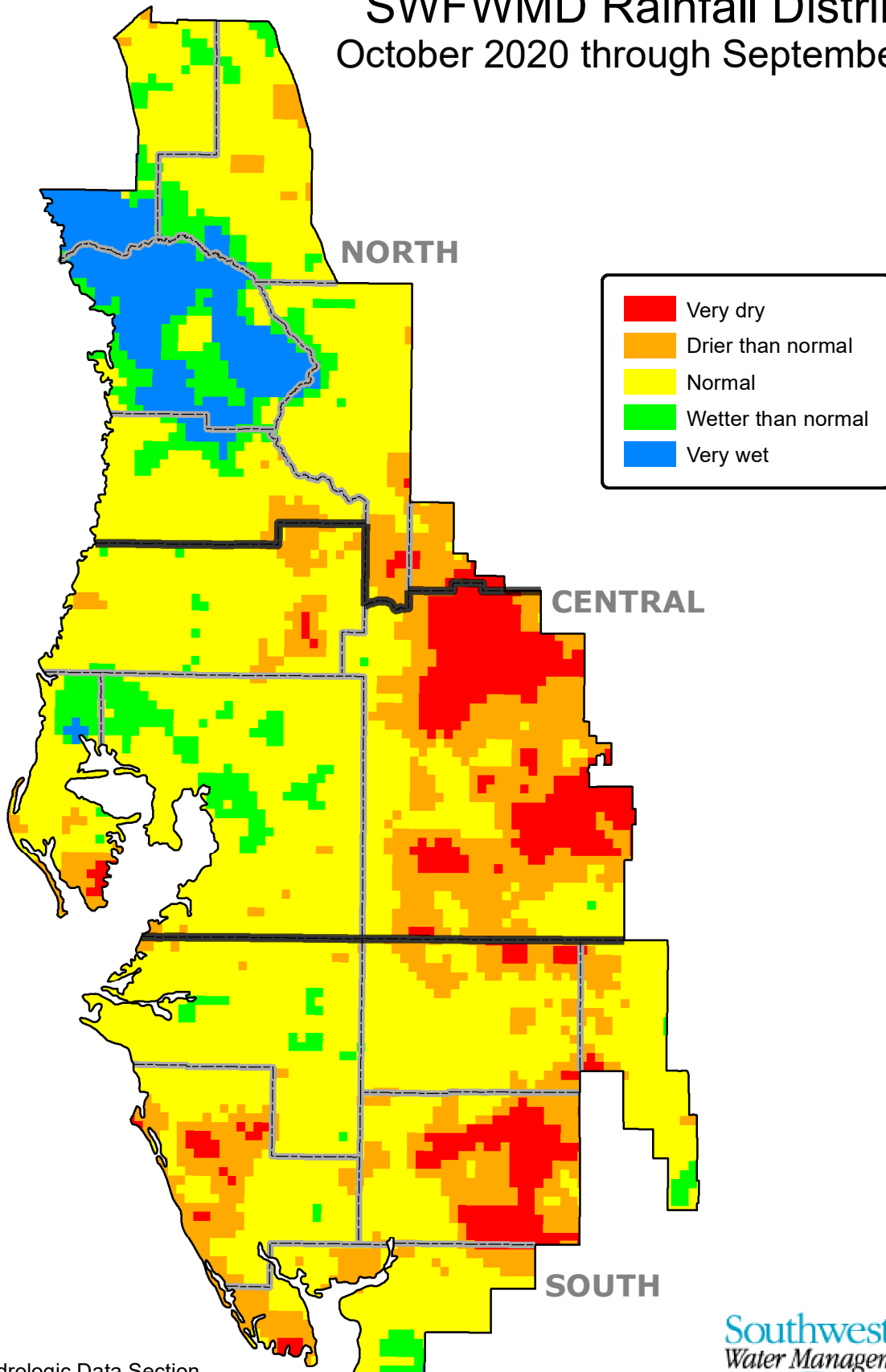
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SWFWMD Rainfall Distribution October 2020 through September 2021



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SURFACE WATER

Lakes

Across the District, 75 lakes have been selected as excellent indicators of current surface water conditions (see index map in Appendix). Water levels of these lakes are read monthly. In general, these lakes are concentrated in four regions, the northern region of Citrus, Hernando, and Sumter Counties, the Tampa Bay region of Hillsborough and Pasco Counties, the Polk Uplands region of northern Polk County, and the Lake Wales Ridge region of Polk and Highlands Counties. In this report, current monthly lake levels are tabulated and compared with previous records as well as District-established management levels. In addition, lake-level data representative of the four regions are presented in hydrographs showing a 15-year history of water levels, as a general indicator of surface-water conditions in that region.

The District's Governing Board (the Board) has established lake management levels for approximately 410 lakes within District boundaries, which are specified in Chapter 40D-8, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Management levels help protect the water resources of the District and the ecology of the lake or water-body for which it was established. In this report, the following three management levels are used to indicate normal and low lake levels: the Minimum Flood (MF) level, the Minimum Low Management (MLM) level, and the Minimum Extreme Low Management (MELM) level. In general, the MF level corresponds to the normal high level, the MLM to the normal low level, and the MELM to a drought-year low. These levels were derived from various sources, including technical publications, topographic maps, Water Resource Data Reports of the USGS, and other studies. Field investigations are also used to determine past surface levels from water marks, wetland vegetation, dry land vegetation, and to establish the elevation of septic tanks, docks, sea walls, roads and floor slabs.

During a normal year, each of the indicator lakes should reach both the designated normal high (MF) and the normal low (MLM) levels. In addition, it is generally beneficial for lakes to reach the adopted drought year low (MELM) level every four to six years for a short period of time for the biological health of the lake. In this report, hydrographs of representative lakes compare current and recent water levels against “**normal ranges**” defined by the adopted MF and MLM levels.

Of the 75 lakes presented in this report, 17 have water-control structures. These structures are used for water conservation and do not generally influence the water levels with regard to meteorologically wet or dry conditions. During periods of extreme high water, the structures may be operated to minimize flooding.

Compared to August data, 57 of the 75 lakes monitored for this report recorded water level increases, while 17 recorded decreases and one reported no change. Water levels increased in the Northern, Tampa Bay, Polk Uplands and Lake Wales Ridge regions by 0.44, 0.11, 0.06 and 0.33 foot, respectively. District-wide, average water levels increased by 0.19 foot, compared to last month.

Compared to September 2020 data, 44 of the 75 lakes monitored for this report recorded water level decreases, while 30 recorded increases and one reported no change. In the Northern, Tampa Bay and Lake Wales Ridge regions, average lake levels were higher by 0.30, 0.10 and 0.05 foot, respectively. In the Polk Uplands region, average lake levels were lower by 0.85 foot. District-wide, average lake levels were lower by 0.11 foot, compared to last year's levels.

In September 2021, water levels in 69 of the 75 lakes were within the annual normal range, while six were below. Lake levels in the Northern, Tampa Bay, Polk Uplands and Lake Wales Ridge regions averaged 0.87 foot, 1.54 feet, 1.86 feet and 0.97 foot, respectively, above the base of the annual normal range. District-wide, average lake levels were 1.43 feet above the base of the annual normal range. Water levels in 73 of the 75 lakes were above the drought-year levels.

SUMMARY OF LAKE ELEVATIONS OF REGIONAL LAKES (feet)

NORTHERN LAKES															
Lake Name	County	Beginning of Record	AUG 2021	SEP 2021	SEP 2020	Change from AUG 2021	Change from SEP 2020	Diff from MELM	(MELM) Drought Year Low	(MLM) Normal Year Low	(MF) Normal Year High	Period of Record Low	Record Low Date	Period of Record High	Record High Date
Crews Lake	Pasco	1986	52.46	53.34	52.20	0.88	1.14	3.34	50.00	52.00	55.00	42.63	APR 2001	54.92	MAR 1998
Hancock Lake	Pasco	1978	100.70	102.06	100.92	1.36	1.14	0.06	102.00	104.00	106.50	90.00	MAR 2009	108.90	MAR 1998
Hunters Lake	Hernando	1967	17.49	18.03	17.71	0.54	0.32	2.03	16.00	17.50	20.50	11.70	JUN 2001	20.50	MAR 1970
Lake Iola	Pasco	1984	141.93	142.62	142.07	0.69	0.55	0.12	142.50	145.00	147.50	128.96	MAY 2012	148.70	JAN 1989
Lake Lindsey	Hernando	1982	66.99	68.68	66.07	1.69	2.61	4.18	64.50	66.00	69.00	59.38	MAY 2012	69.47	MAR 1998
Little Lake (Consu	Citrus	1985	41.28	41.27	41.28	-0.01	-0.01	4.02	37.25	39.00	41.50	31.10	MAY 2001	42.84	SEP 2004
Lake Miona	Sumter	1985	54.23	54.73	54.33	0.50	0.40	3.73	51.00	53.00	55.00	47.88	MAY 2002	55.47	OCT 2019
Moon Lake	Pasco	1990	39.14	39.59	40.23	0.45	-0.64	4.09	35.50	37.50	40.50	32.98	APR 2009	41.26	SEP 2004
Lake Panasoffkee	Sumter	1962	41.14	40.44	41.44	-0.70	-1.00	1.94	38.50	39.50	42.50	36.88	MAY 2007	43.04	OCT 2004
Lake Pasadena	Pasco	1984	91.41	91.67	92.15	0.26	-0.48	1.67	90.00	91.50	94.50	81.56	MAY 2001	94.86	OCT 2004
Spring Lake	Hernando	1965	180.29	180.73	180.71	0.44	0.02	2.48	178.25	181.25	184.25	174.85	JUN 1965	183.57	OCT 1984
Floral City Pool	Citrus	1981	41.35	41.39	41.36	0.04	0.03	3.14	38.25	40.25	42.50	0.83	MAY 2000	42.66	SEP 2004
Inverness Pool	Citrus	1985	40.17	40.18	40.21	0.01	-0.03	3.93	36.25	38.25	40.50	0.77	MAY 2000	40.89	OCT 2004
Hernando Pool	Citrus	1985	38.89	38.95	38.82	0.06	0.13	4.20	34.75	36.75	39.00	0.86	MAY 2000	40.17	FEB 1998

TAMPA BAY LAKES															
Lake Name	County	Beginning of Record	AUG 2021	SEP 2021	SEP 2020	Change from AUG 2021	Change from SEP 2020	Diff from MELM	(MELM) Drought Year Low	(MLM) Normal Year Low	(MF) Normal Year High	Period of Record Low	Record Low Date	Period of Record High	Record High Date
Lake Alice	Hillsborough	1981	41.24	41.45	40.62	0.21	0.83	3.95	37.50	40.25	42.25	19.84	JUN 2017	42.42	SEP 2004
Lake Ann-Parker	Pasco	1983	47.70	47.85	47.81	0.15	0.04	2.85	45.00	45.75	48.75	43.28	JUN 2001	49.29	AUG 2015
Bay Lake	Hillsborough	1982	45.79	45.70	45.71	-0.09	-0.01	3.20	42.50	44.00	46.75	41.86	APR 1985	46.47	DEC 1997
Lake Brant	Hillsborough	1981	58.10	58.17	58.34	0.07	-0.17	3.67	54.50	56.50	58.75	51.65	JUN 1994	59.57	AUG 2015
Brooker Lake	Hillsborough	1977	62.99	63.03	63.28	0.04	-0.25	4.03	59.00	61.00	64.25	56.49	MAY 2002	64.08	DEC 1997
Calm Lake	Hillsborough	1982	49.79	50.37	49.83	0.58	0.54	5.37	45.00	47.50	50.50	41.88	JUN 2002	51.04	JUL 2015
Camp Lake	Pasco	1983	62.92	62.80	63.04	-0.12	-0.24	3.80	59.00	61.75	64.00	50.82	MAY 2002	64.05	JUL 2015
Carlton Lake	Hillsborough	1976	90.75	90.62	91.40	-0.13	-0.78	2.62	88.00	90.50	93.50	86.82	MAY 2001	94.60	FEB 1998
Lake Carroll	Hillsborough	1985	36.74	36.75	36.67	0.01	0.08	4.25	32.50	34.50	37.00	0.90	MAY 1999	37.87	AUG 2015
Church Lake	Hillsborough	1983	35.90	36.01	35.34	0.11	0.67	4.51	31.50	34.00	36.25	27.94	MAY 2002	36.90	JUL 1987
Lake Cooper	Hillsborough	1980	60.83	60.87	60.83	0.04	0.04	3.87	57.00	59.75	61.75	55.60	JUN 2001	62.44	AUG 2015
Crescent Lake	Hillsborough	1981	41.88	42.01	41.94	0.13	0.07	3.51	38.50	40.00	42.50	35.34	JUN 2001	42.89	SEP 2017
Deer Lake	Hillsborough	1977	66.78	66.84	66.93	0.06	-0.09	4.34	62.50	64.50	67.25	60.72	MAY 2002	67.42	DEC 1997
Egypt Lake	Hillsborough	1978	36.71	36.68	36.55	-0.03	0.13	4.18	32.50	35.00	37.50	33.06	MAY 2000	38.15	SEP 1985
Gornto Lake	Hillsborough	1979	36.13	36.05	36.34	-0.08	-0.29	2.05	34.00	36.00	38.50	29.86	MAR 1979	39.48	FEB 1998
Lake Harvey	Hillsborough	1970	62.09	61.51	62.33	-0.58	-0.82	3.51	58.00	60.25	62.50	53.94	MAY 2002	63.90	DEC 1997
Lake Hiawatha	Hillsborough	1981	50.79	50.82	50.49	0.03	0.33	5.82	45.00	48.00	50.50	46.14	JUN 2000	51.16	JUL 2019
Horse Lake	Hillsborough	1930	45.86	46.97	45.11	1.11	1.86	4.97	42.00	44.00	46.50	0.83	MAR 2000	50.00	AUG 1959
Lake Keene	Hillsborough	1981	62.01	62.21	62.31	0.20	-0.10	3.21	59.00	60.50	63.00	56.12	JUN 2002	63.69	SEP 2017
Keystone Lake	Hillsborough	1984	41.50	41.70	41.70	0.20	0.00	2.70	39.00	39.75	42.00	0.92	MAY 2000	43.64	AUG 2015
King Lake	Pasco	1983	102.96	103.08	103.74	0.12	-0.66	3.08	100.00	102.50	105.25	94.20	APR 2009	104.80	MAR 1987
Lake Leclare	Hillsborough	1977	51.24	51.31	51.12	0.07	0.19	4.31	47.00	49.50	52.00	44.95	JUN 2001	52.99	JUL 2015
Lake Linda	Pasco	1983	65.73	65.99	65.84	0.26	0.15	3.99	62.00	64.00	66.75	60.07	MAY 2001	67.17	SEP 2017
Little Lake	Hillsborough	1979	45.74	45.86	45.50	0.12	0.36	3.86	42.00	43.50	46.50	38.06	JUN 1994	48.55	JUN 2017
Long Pond	Hillsborough	1978	45.70	45.72	45.73	0.02	-0.01	3.72	42.00	44.00	46.50	36.33	MAY 1979	48.27	SEP 1998
Mud (Walden) Lake	Hillsborough	1978	112.93	112.91	112.92	-0.02	-0.01	2.41	110.50	112.50	115.00	111.45	MAY 2017	114.42	MAR 1978
Lake Padgett	Pasco	1965	70.09	70.65	70.19	0.56	0.46	3.15	67.50	69.00	71.25	66.27	JUN 2001	71.90	SEP 1988
Platt Lake	Hillsborough	1981	49.96	49.78	49.63	-0.18	0.15	3.78	46.00	47.75	50.50	42.53	JUN 2001	51.61	AUG 2015
Rainbow Lake	Hillsborough	1981	39.83	40.11	38.62	0.28	1.49	5.11	35.00	37.50	40.50	29.82	JUN 2002	40.95	JUL 2015
Lake Stemper	Hillsborough	1983	60.72	60.75	60.79	0.03	-0.04	2.75	58.00	59.50	62.00	53.36	JUN 2001	61.68	SEP 2004
Lake Thomas	Hillsborough	1981	63.06	63.15	63.17	0.09	-0.02	3.90	59.25	61.25	63.50	56.48	JUN 2002	64.13	AUG 2015
Turkey Ford Lake	Hillsborough	1970	51.77	52.43	52.56	0.66	-0.13	2.43	50.00	51.50	54.00	48.07	JUN 1985	55.28	SEP 1988
Lake Wimauma	Hillsborough	1985	79.67	79.54	79.87	-0.13	-0.33	-1.46	81.00	83.00	86.75	70.12	MAY 2001	84.38	MAR 1998

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SUMMARY OF LAKE ELEVATIONS OF REGIONAL LAKES (feet)

POLK UPLANDS LAKES		Beginning of Record	AUG 2021	SEP 2021	SEP 2020	Change from AUG 2021	Change from SEP 2020	Diff from MELM	(MELM) Drought Year Low	(MLM) Normal Year Low	(MF) Normal Year High	Period of Record Low	Record Low Date	Period of Record High	Record High Date
Lake Name	County														
Lake Alfred	Polk	1990	131.57	131.53	132.14	-0.04	-0.61	5.28	126.25	128.25	130.75	124.17	MAY 2013	132.77	DEC 2020
Lake Ariana	Polk	1984	136.51	136.66	137.00	0.15	-0.34	4.16	132.50	134.50	137.00	131.68	MAY 2009	137.66	JAN 2016
Lake Arietta	Polk	1970	142.03	142.06	142.64	0.03	-0.58	4.06	138.00	141.00	144.00	136.50	MAY 1977	144.12	SEP 2004
Blue Lake South	Polk	1986	115.41	115.14	116.96	-0.27	-1.82	2.64	112.50	114.00	117.00	103.38	FEB 1991	119.19	DEC 2005
Lake Bonny	Polk	1954	130.40	130.60	131.17	0.20	-0.57	4.60	126.00	128.00	130.50	122.34	MAY 2009	133.08	SEP 2004
Lake Buffum	Polk	1982	131.27	131.64	132.49	0.37	-0.85	4.89	126.75	129.25	132.25	123.90	JUN 1991	133.00	JUN 2005
Clearwater Lake	Polk	1979	142.30	141.97	144.18	-0.33	-2.21	2.97	139.00	141.00	143.50	137.93	MAY 2001	146.06	AUG 1984
Lake Conine	Polk	1989	128.37	128.48	128.72	0.11	-0.24	3.98	124.50	126.50	128.75	123.83	NOV 2009	129.95	SEP 2004
Eagle Lake	Polk	1965	129.44	129.66	129.91	0.22	-0.25	3.16	126.50	128.50	130.75	120.87	MAY 1967	131.50	SEP 1996
Lake Fannie	Polk	1967	125.45	125.51	126.02	0.06	-0.51	5.51	120.00	123.50	125.75	58.51	JUN 2008	127.51	SEP 2004
Lake Garfield	Polk	1982	102.36	102.12	104.24	-0.24	-2.12	2.12	100.00	101.00	104.75	97.38	JUN 2001	105.70	FEB 1998
Lake Hamilton	Polk	1962	120.74	120.81	121.54	0.07	-0.73	3.56	117.25	119.00	121.50	111.25	MAR 2008	123.96	OCT 2004
Lake Helene	Polk	1961	143.31	143.09	145.25	-0.22	-2.16	4.09	139.00	141.00	144.00	134.06	JUN 2008	146.71	OCT 2017
Lake Howard	Polk	1987	131.80	131.90	132.10	0.10	-0.20	4.90	127.00	129.50	132.00	127.69	MAY 2001	133.08	SEP 2004
Lake Juliana	Polk	1984	132.46	132.59	134.12	0.13	-1.53	5.09	127.50	130.00	132.50	127.40	NOV 2009	134.12	SEP 2020
Lake Mcleod	Polk	1983	130.22	130.32	130.51	0.10	-0.19	2.32	128.00	129.50	132.00	120.76	JUL 1985	131.98	SEP 1998
Lake Otis	Polk	1954	127.35	127.88	127.75	0.53	0.13	4.88	123.00	125.00	128.00	119.58	MAY 1976	129.12	SEP 1960
Lake Ruby	Polk	1974	124.48	124.56	125.30	0.08	-0.74	3.56	121.00	123.00	125.25	120.68	JUN 1974	125.98	SEP 2004
Lake Gibson	Polk	1984	142.77	142.86	143.40	0.09	-0.54	1.36	141.50	141.50	143.50	140.21	MAY 2009	145.40	SEP 1988

LK WALES RIDGE LAKES		Beginning of Record	AUG 2021	SEP 2021	SEP 2020	Change from AUG 2021	Change from SEP 2020	Diff from MELM	(MELM) Drought Year Low	(MLM) Normal Year Low	(MF) Normal Year High	Period of Record Low	Record Low Date	Period of Record High	Record High Date
Lake Name	County														
Lake Annie	Polk	1983	117.35	117.38	117.67	0.03	-0.29	3.38	114.00	116.00	119.00	108.36	JUN 1990	118.15	NOV 2020
Lake Clay	Highlands	1983	78.27	78.17	78.25	-0.10	-0.08	3.17	75.00	76.00	78.75	74.34	MAY 2001	78.82	JUN 2013
Crooked Lake	Polk	1982	119.71	119.71	122.23	0.00	-2.52	2.71	117.00	118.50	122.00	106.28	APR 1991	123.44	AUG 2005
Lake Jackson	Highlands	1984	101.95	102.71	103.11	0.76	-0.40	4.71	98.00	100.00	103.00	96.47	JUN 2008	103.75	SEP 2017
Lake Letta	Highlands	1981	97.63	98.23	97.33	0.60	0.90	3.23	95.00	97.00	100.00	90.27	JUN 2008	100.74	OCT 2017
Lake Lotela	Highlands	1989	106.64	106.92	105.58	0.28	1.34	2.92	104.00	105.00	108.50	96.63	JUN 2008	109.13	SEP 2017
Lake Placid	Highlands	1984	92.86	93.60	92.52	0.74	1.08	3.60	90.00	91.50	94.50	88.08	JUN 2008	94.24	SEP 2003
Starr Lake	Polk	1983	106.45	106.49	107.16	0.04	-0.67	-1.51	108.00	110.00	113.00	96.23	JUL 2001	109.80	DEC 2005
Trout Lake	Highlands	1981	96.90	97.48	96.35	0.58	1.13	2.48	95.00	98.00	101.00	87.15	MAY 2001	99.89	SEP 2016

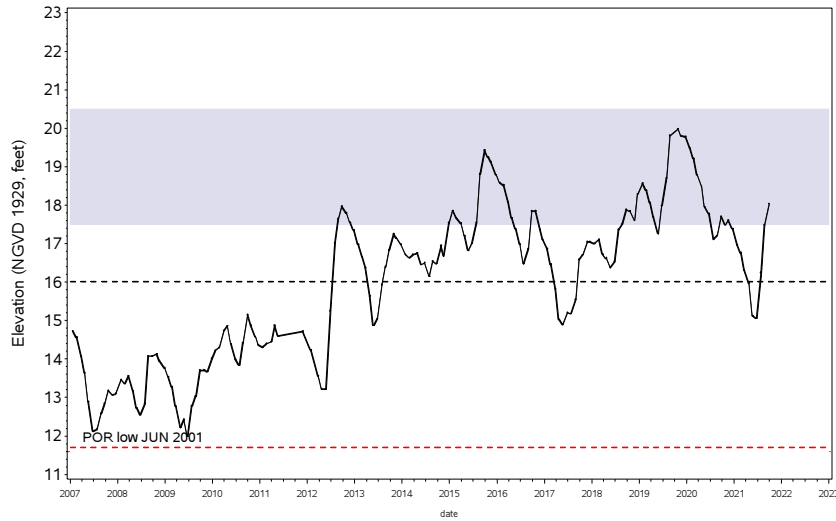
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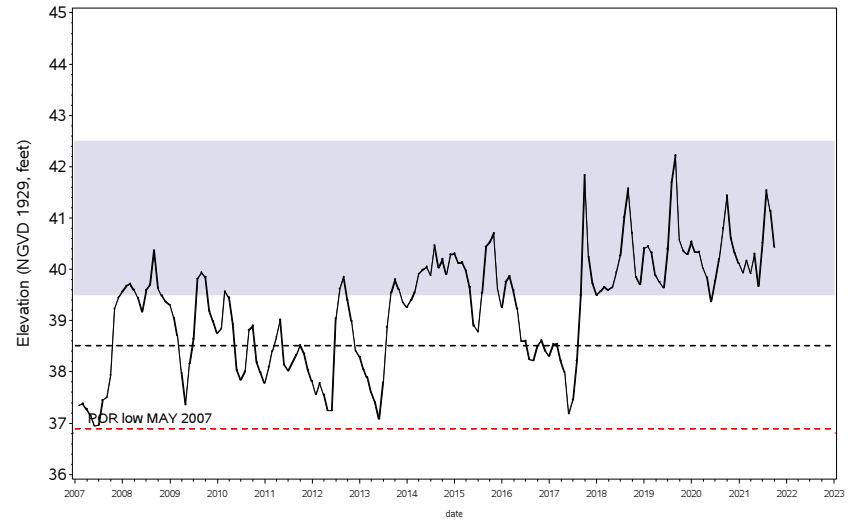
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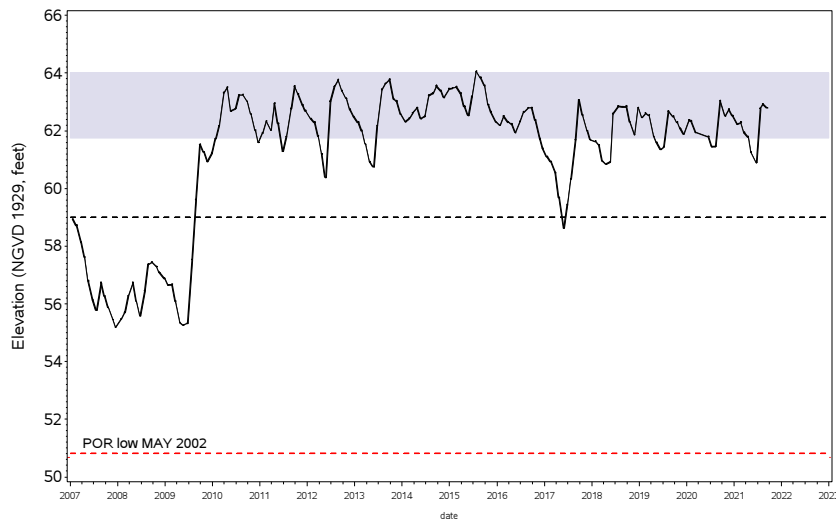
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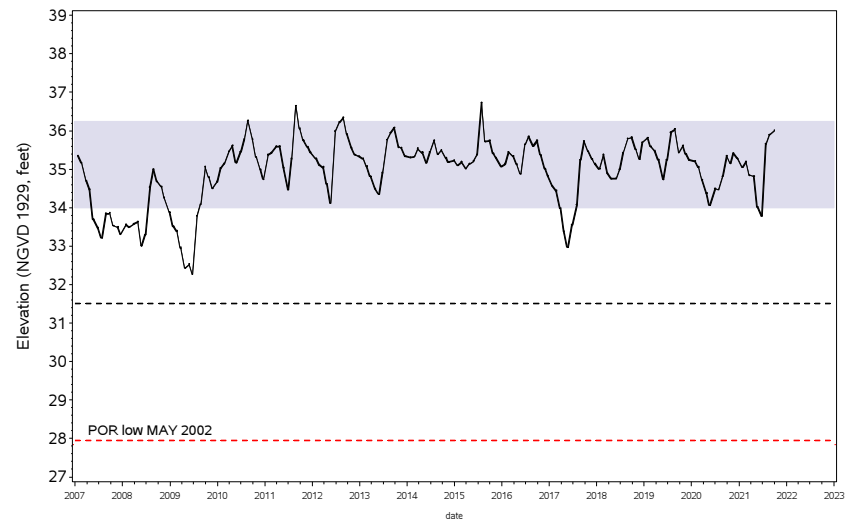
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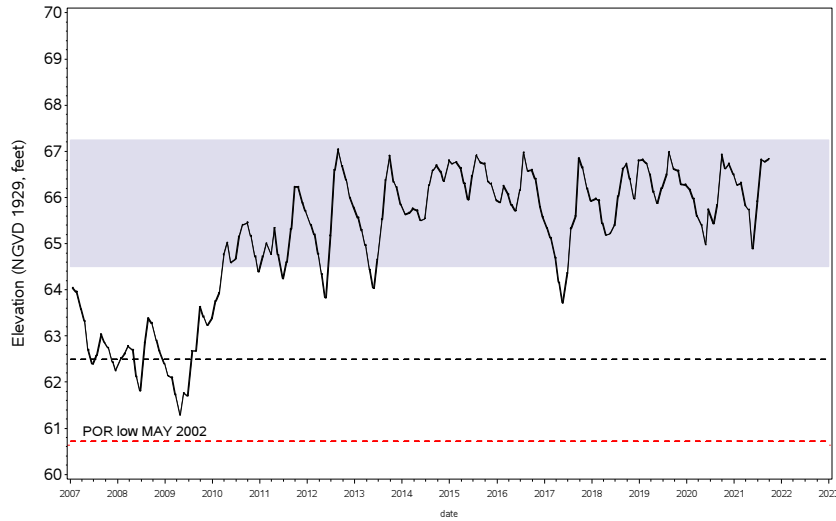


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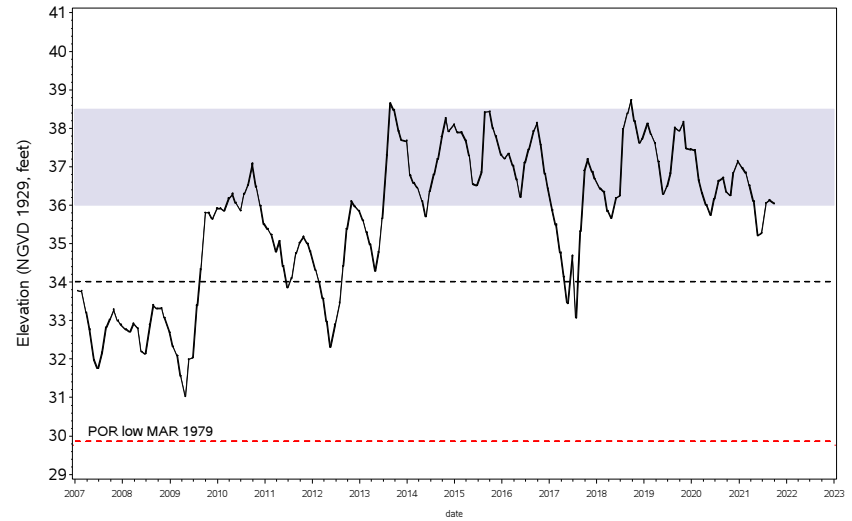
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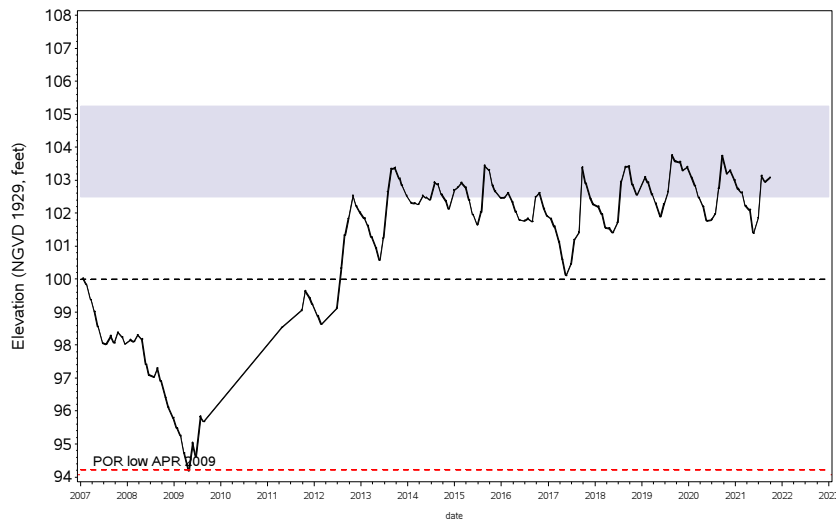
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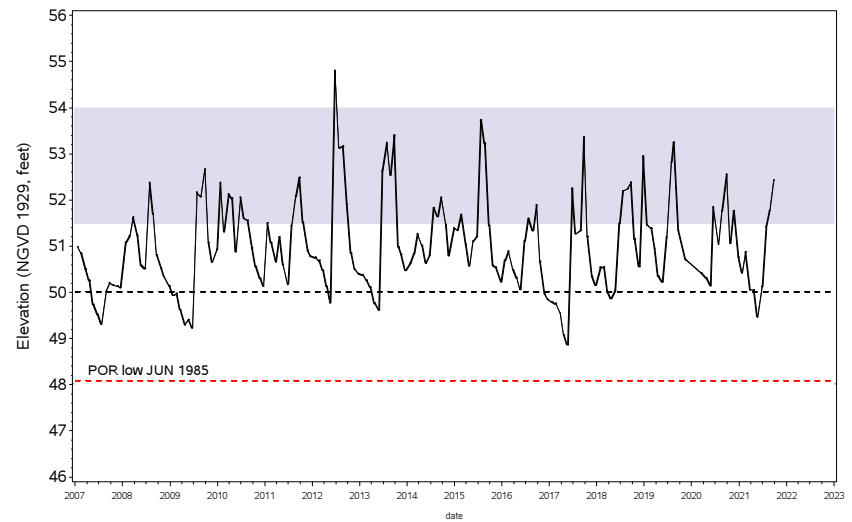
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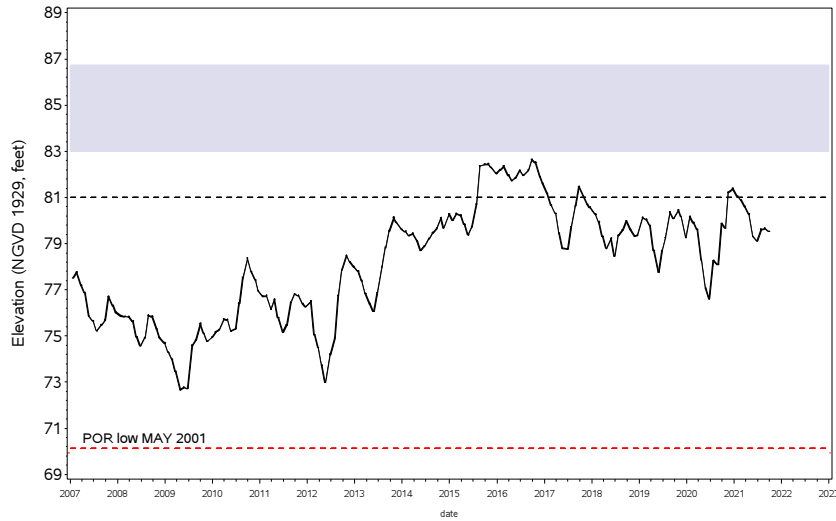


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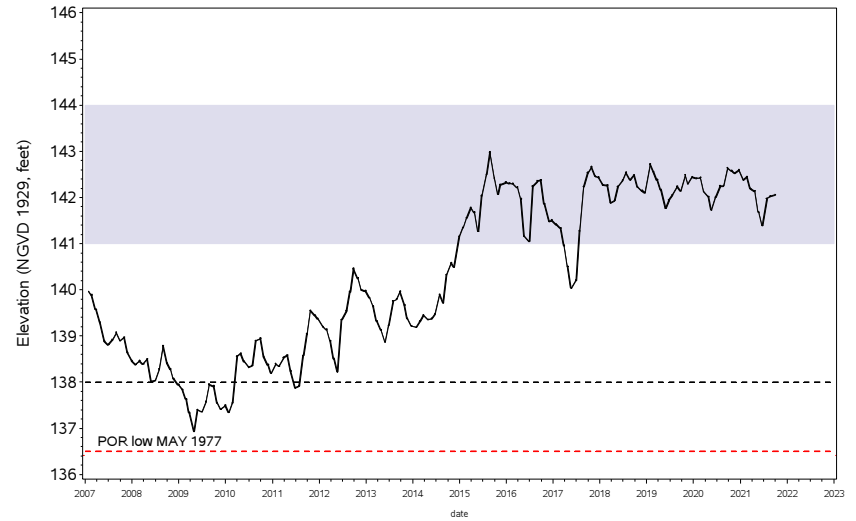
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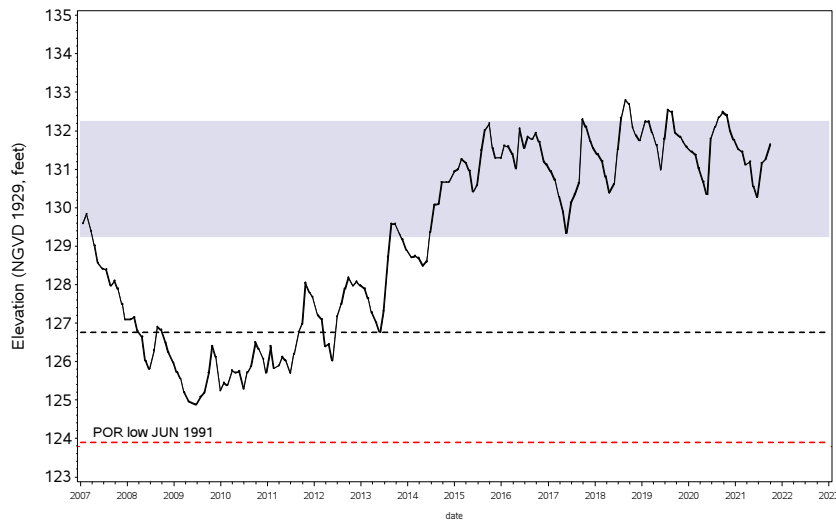
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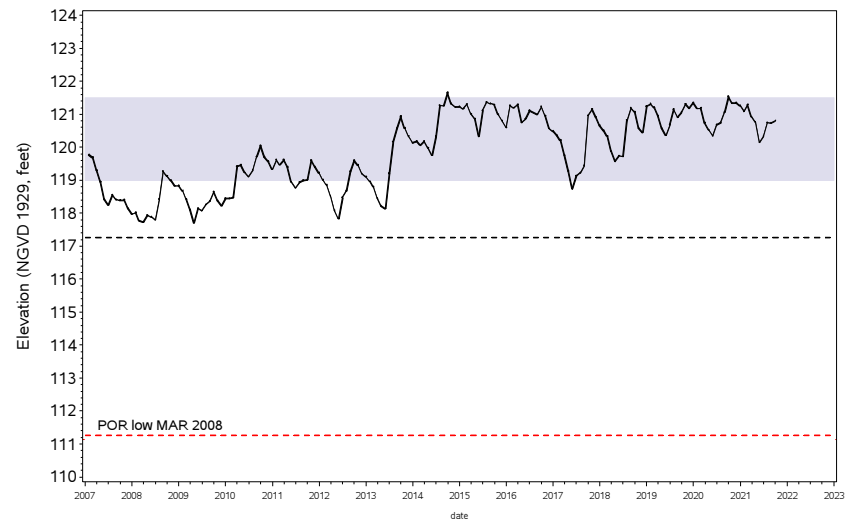
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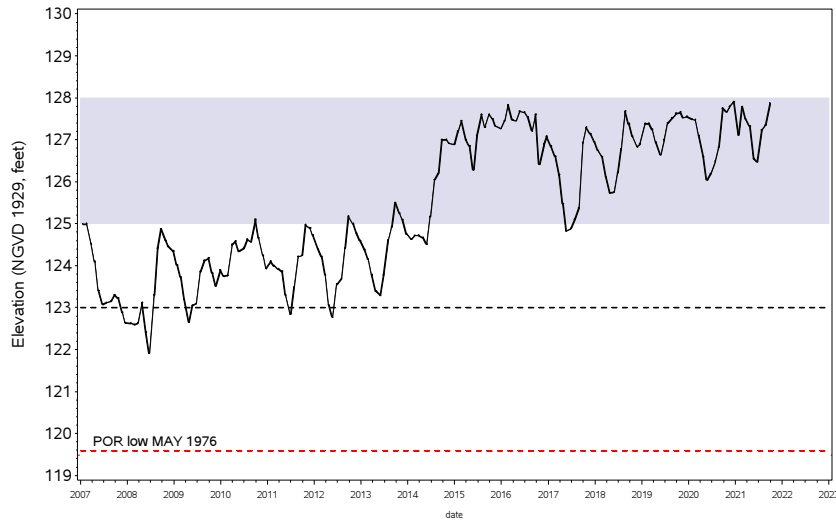


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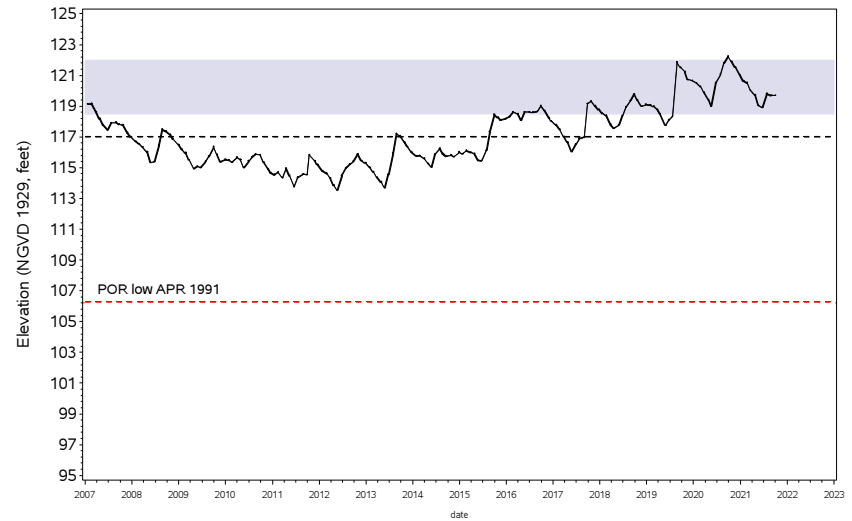
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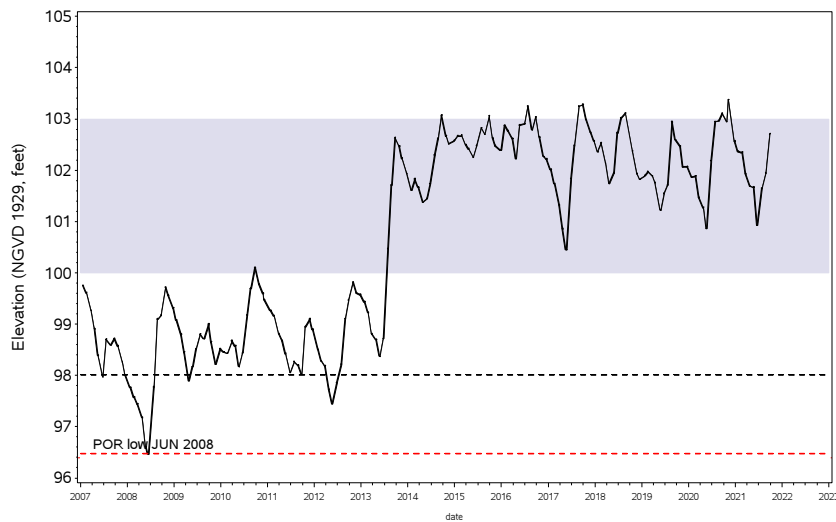
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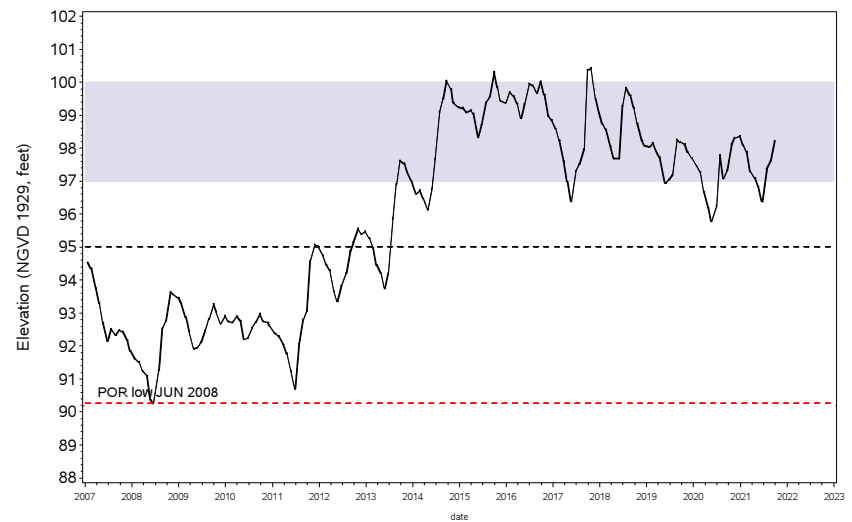
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Lake Wales Ridge Lakes



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Streams

The District processes streamflow data collected by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) under a cooperatively funded program between the District and the USGS. Streamflow is recorded daily as water elevations at 12 gauging stations in three regions of the District (see index map in the Appendix). The USGS uses rating curves developed from water level elevations to calculate streamflow discharge in units of cubic feet per second (cfs). For this report, the reported streamflow values are the means of the daily discharge volumes for the current month. The period-of-record high and low values correspond to monthly means and not to peak events. Percentile values are calculated from the monthly means for the period of record, for each station. The percentile is the monthly mean statistically ranked on a scale of zero to 100 that indicates the percent of the period-of-record monthly means that are at or above the present monthly median. The zero percentile indicates a new period-of-record low and the 100th percentile is a new record high level. The current year's data are provisional and are subject to revision. Revised data are used for all calculations, as they become available.

Hydrographs are produced for each of the stream stations. Current monthly means for each station are compared to respective 25th and 75th percentiles of the period-of-record monthly means, reflecting the normal range of readings for the month.

During September, eight of the 12 stations monitored for this report had increased streamflow, while four stations had decreased flow.

Compared to September 2020, six of the 12 stations recorded streamflow increases, while six stations recorded decreased flow.

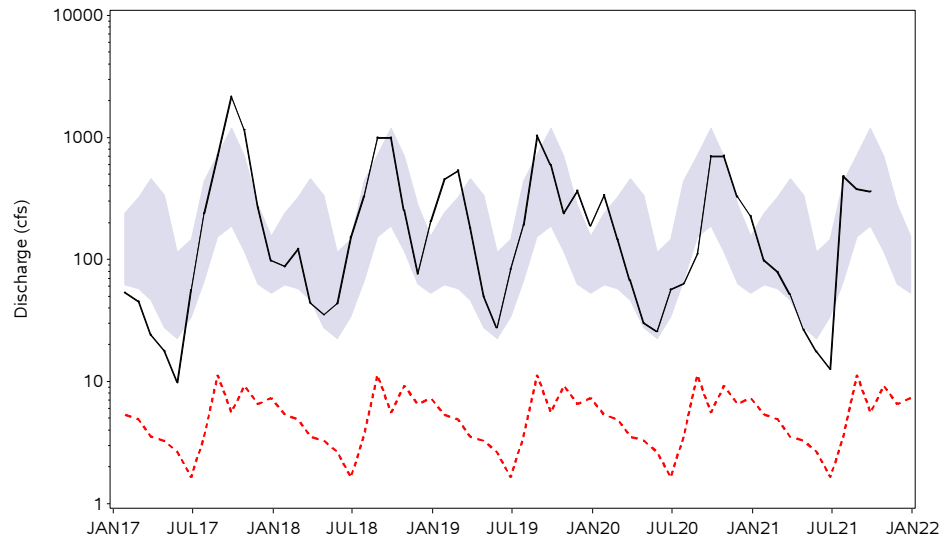
Compared to historical September discharge values, Withlacoochee River streamflow, measured at the Trilby station and the Holder station averaged in the 45th and 74th percentiles, respectively. Streamflow measured at the stations on the Anclote, Pithlachascotee and Hillsborough Rivers averaged in the 84th, 85th and 52nd percentiles of respective historical September readings. Streamflow measured at the Alafia River, Little Manatee River and Peace River at Bartow stations averaged in the 64th, 52nd and 23rd percentiles of respective historical September readings. Additionally, streamflow measured at the Josephine Creek, Manatee River, Myakka River and Peace River at Arcadia stations averaged in the 83rd, 79th, 75th and 60th percentiles of respective historical September readings.

SUMMARY OF STREAM DISCHARGE FROM MAJOR STREAMS (CFS), SEPTEMBER 2021

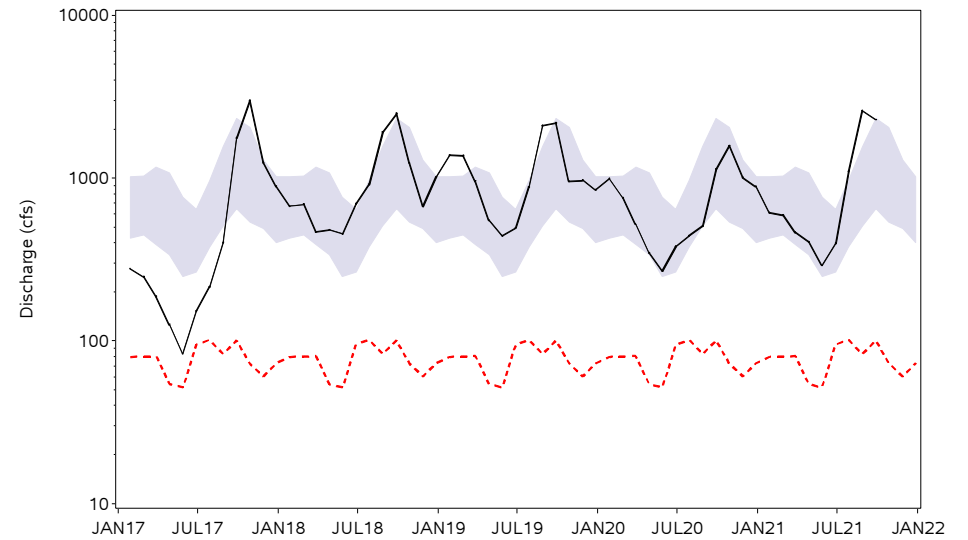
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<i>NORTHERN COUNTIES</i>											
Withlacoochee R at Trilby	1928	363.8	378.8	699.1	-15.0	-335.3	45%	0.1	JUN2000	8840	JUN1934
Withlacoochee R near Holder	1928	2291.7	2600.6	1135.5	-308.9	1156.2	74%	33.0	MAR2001	8660	APR1960
<i>CENTRAL COUNTIES</i>											
Anclote River near Elfers	1946	306.3	295.9	293.1	10.4	13.2	84%	0.8	MAY1962	3710	JUL1960
Pithlachascotee R near New	1963	121.0	106.3	165.4	14.7	-44.4	85%	0.0	MAY2021	2180	JUN2012
Hillsborough R near Zephyrh	1939	318.0	420.2	758.6	-102.2	-440.6	52%	27.0	MAY2001	12300	MAR1960
Alafia River at Lithia	1932	628.9	459.0	1082.6	169.9	-453.7	64%	4.1	JUN2000	40800	SEP1933
Little Manatee R near Wima	1939	340.9	329.7	175.9	11.2	165.0	52%	0.9	DEC1976	11100	SEP1960
Peace River at Bartow	1939	151.9	156.7	1094.0	-4.8	-942.1	23%	0.0	MAY2009	4100	SEP1947
<i>SOUTHERN COUNTIES</i>											
Josephine Cr near DeSoto Ci	1946	251.2	102.9	188.5	148.3	62.7	83%	0.5	MAY1956	1680	SEP1948
Manatee River near Myakka H	1966	290.1	131.9	148.1	158.2	142.0	79%	0.1	MAY1975	6440	JUN2003
Myakka River near Sarasota	1936	881.3	586.4	593.3	294.9	288.0	75%	0.0	JUN2012	10800	JUN2003
Peace River at Arcadia	1931	2053.4	1044.5	3487.0	1008.9	-1433.6	60%	5.6	MAY2000	34700	SEP1933

HYDROGRAPHS OF MAJOR STREAMS JANUARY 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 2021

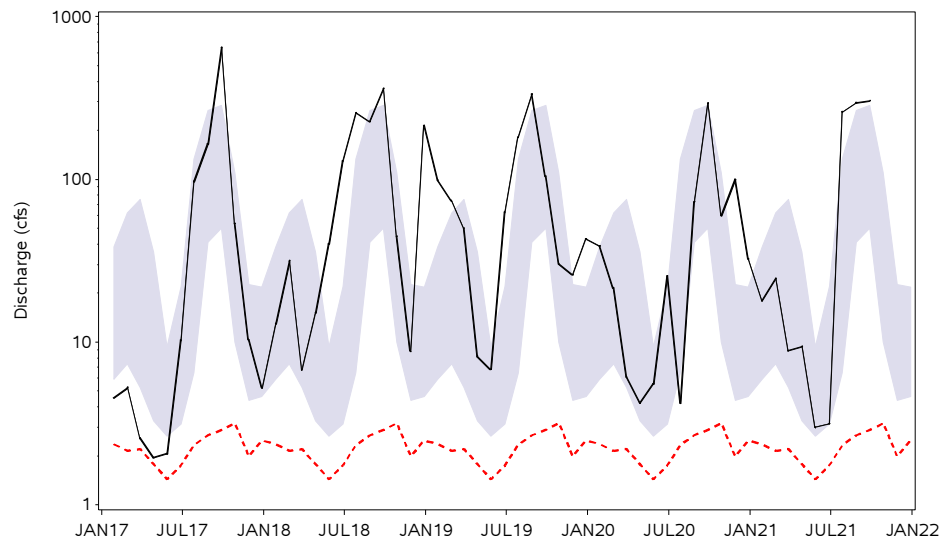
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Northern Counties



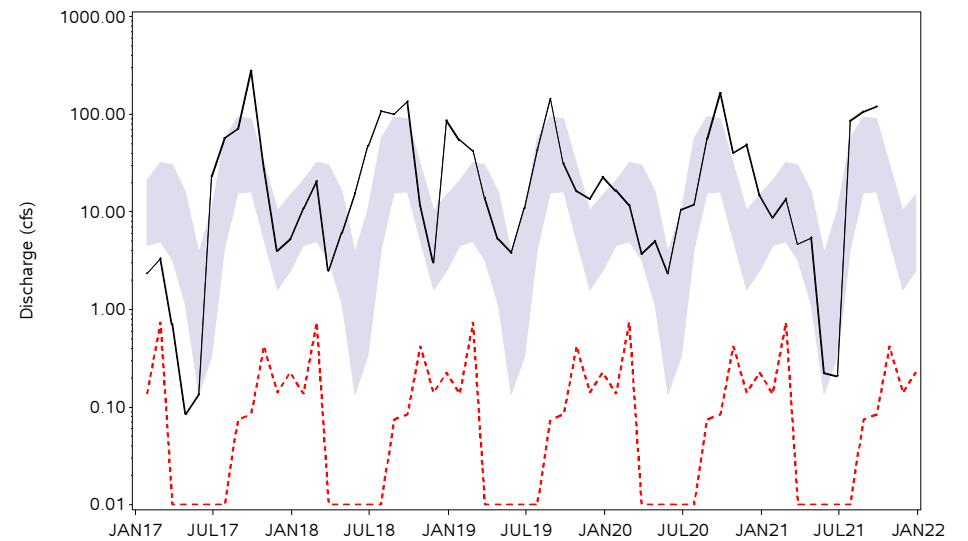
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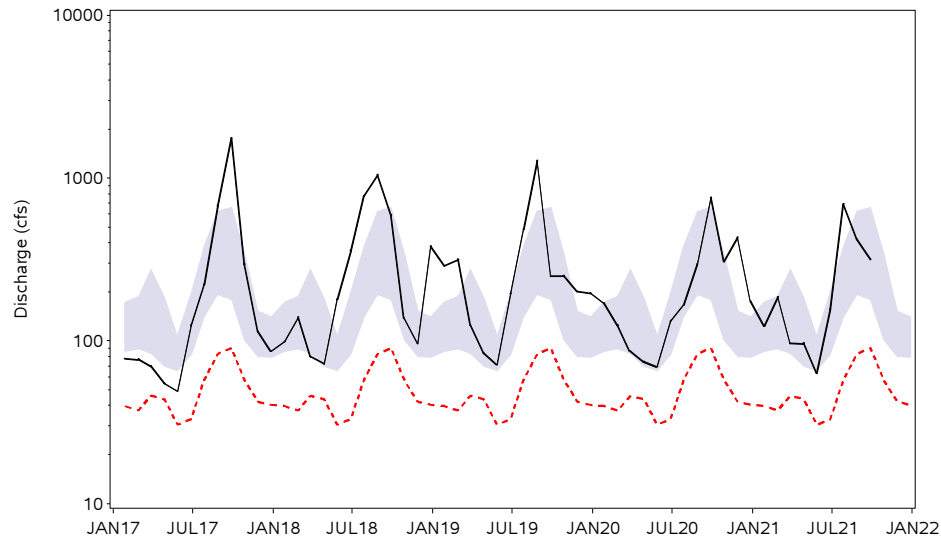
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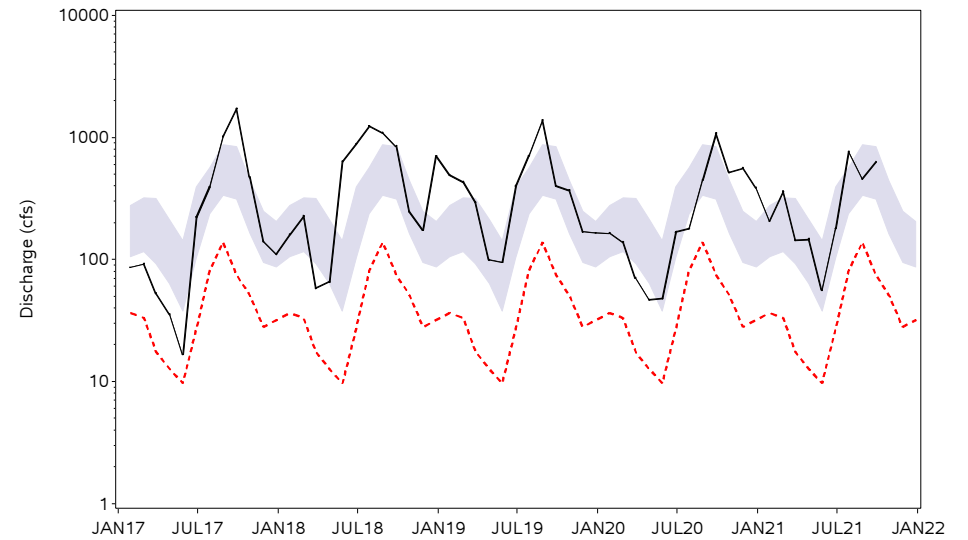
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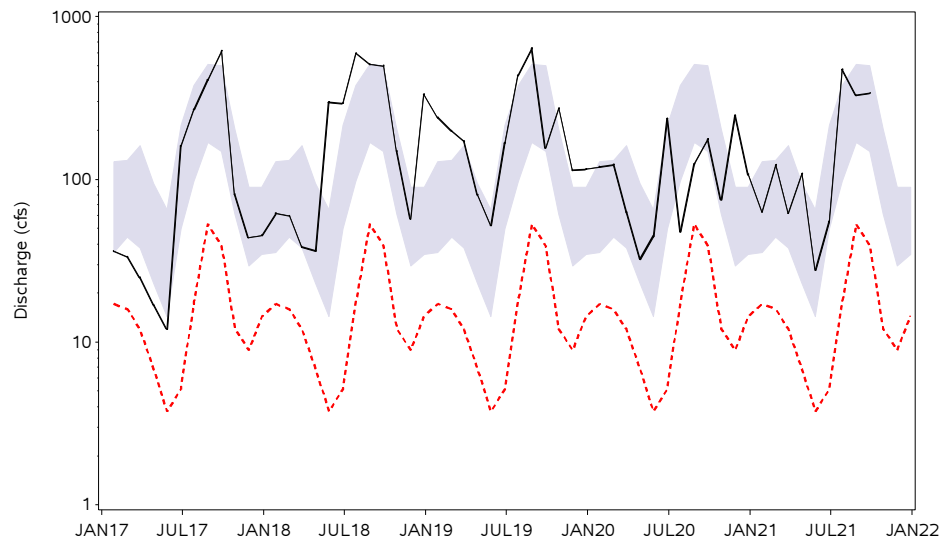
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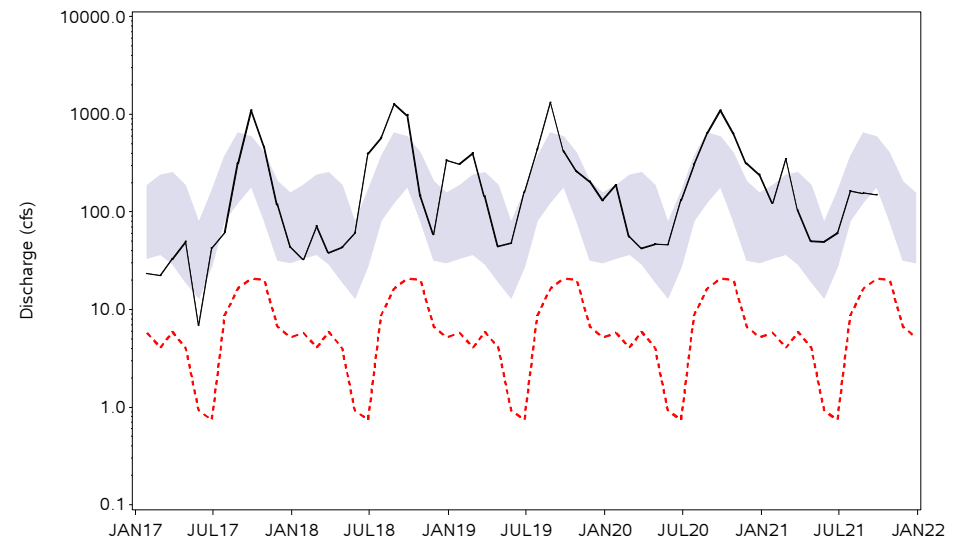
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Central Counties



Peace River at Bartow
Central Counties



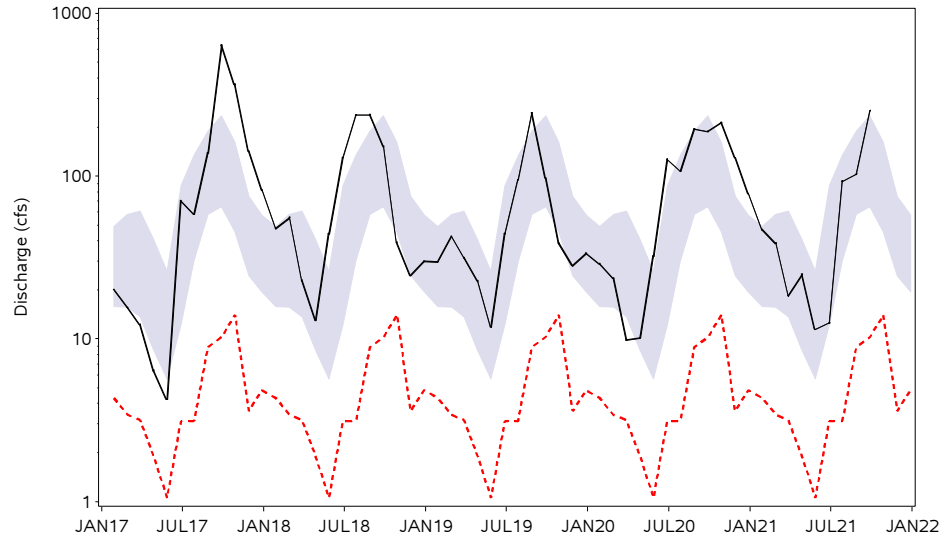
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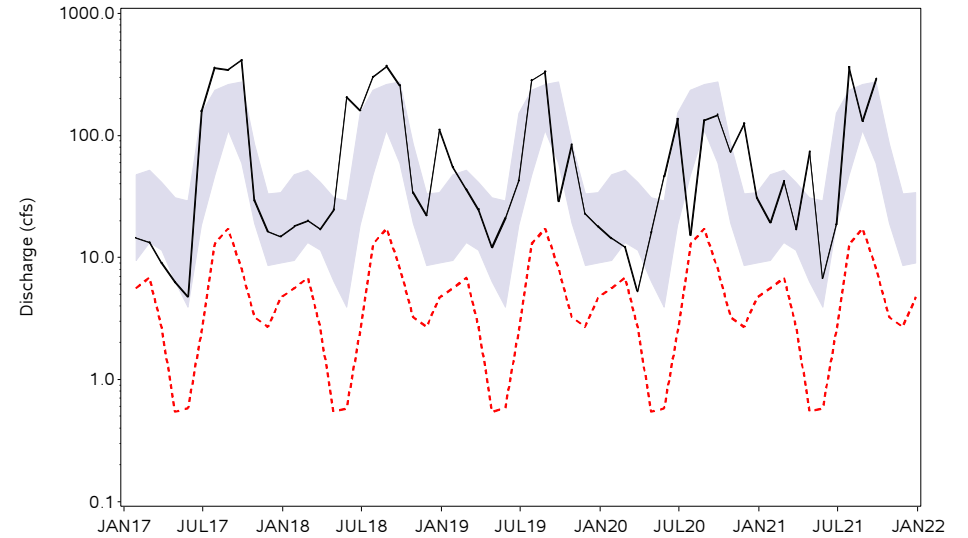
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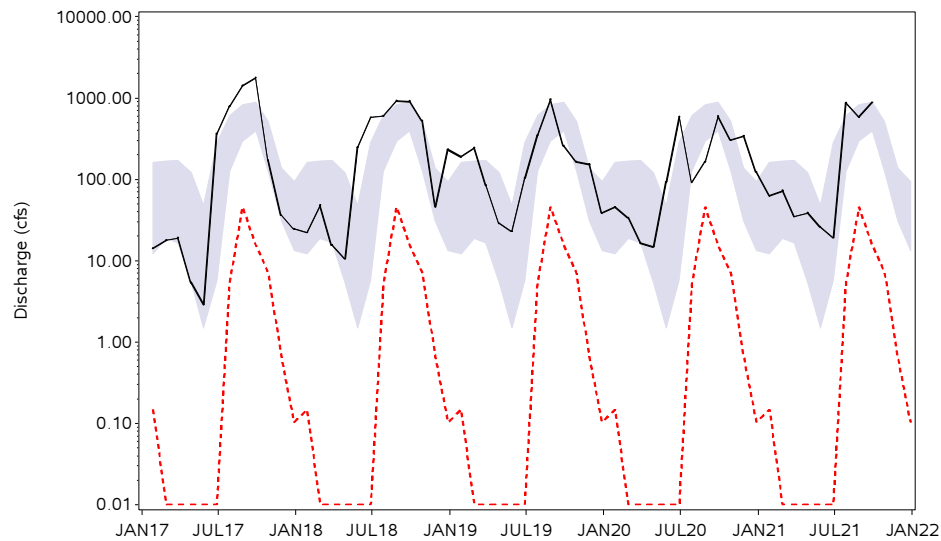
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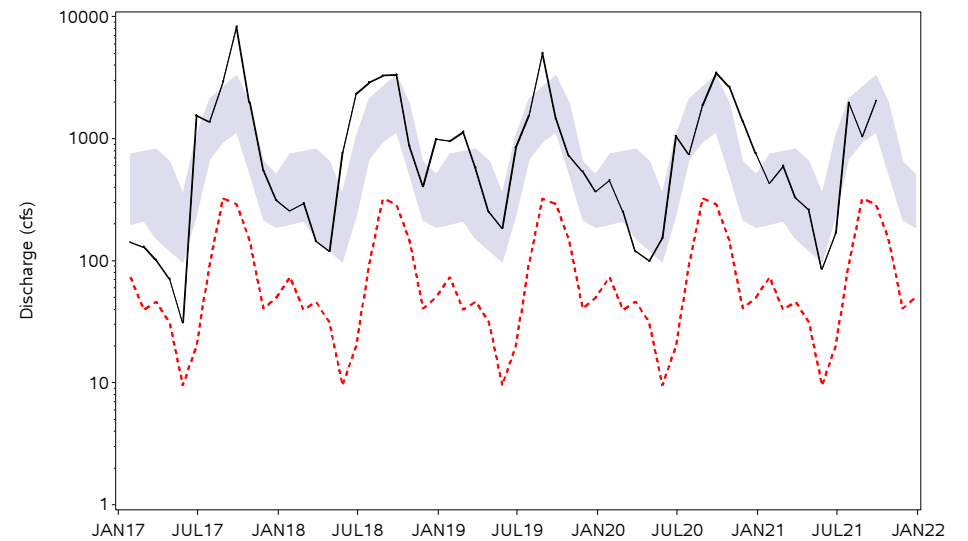
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Myakka River near Sarasota
Southern Counties



Peace River at Arcadia
Southern Counties



— Monthly Mean Discharge

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Normal Range

Springs

The District processes springflow data collected by Tampa Bay Water through a mutual agreement and by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) under a cooperatively funded program between the District and the USGS. Springflow is monitored at six gauging stations in two regions of the District (see index map in the Appendix). Springflow data for Rainbow, Silver and Sulphur Springs are recorded as daily water levels. The USGS uses rating curves developed for these springs from historical water level elevations to calculate springflow discharge in units of cubic feet per second (cfs). Weeki Wachee Springs discharge (cfs) is provided as an instantaneous reading calculated by the USGS. Buckhorn and Lithia Springs discharge is obtained from Tampa Bay Water biweekly and weekly, respectively. Period-of-record high and low values correspond to monthly theoretical means and not to peak events. Values are reported as percentiles calculated from an analysis of historical monthly means recorded during a given month. The percentile is the monthly mean ranked on a scale of zero to 100, where the normal range is defined by flows between the 25th to 75th percentiles. The zero percentile indicates a new period-of-record low and the 100th percentile is a new record high. The values reported are provisional and are subject to revision at the end of the water year.

Compared to August data, five of the six stations reported increased springflow. Data was unavailable for Lithia Springs, located in the central region.

Compared to September 2020 data, four of the six stations reported increased springflow, while one station reported decreased springflow. Data was unavailable for Lithia Springs.

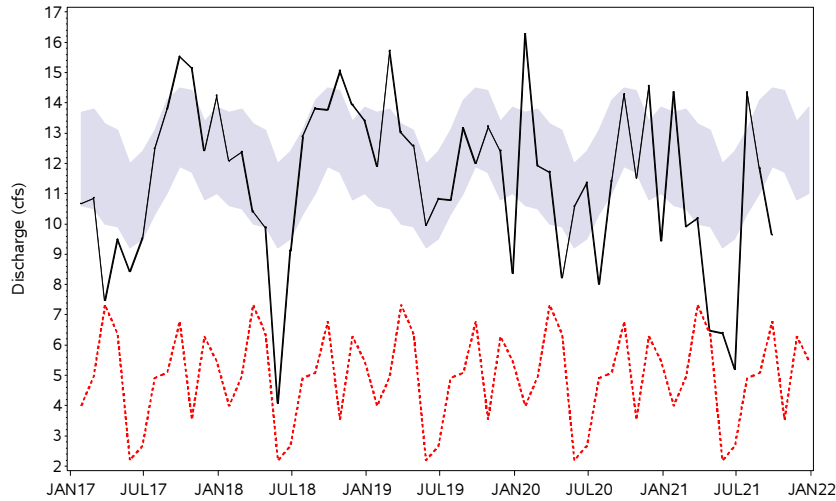
Compared to historical period-of-record values for September, total springflow measured in Rainbow, Silver and Weeki Wachee Springs, in the northern region, was in the 70th, 56th and 91st percentiles of respective historical readings. Springflow measured in Sulphur and Buckhorn Springs in the central region was in the 31st and 17th percentiles, respectively, of historical September readings. Data was unavailable for Lithia Springs.

SUMMARY OF SPRINGS DISCHARGE FROM MAJOR SPRINGS (CFS), SEPTEMBER 2021

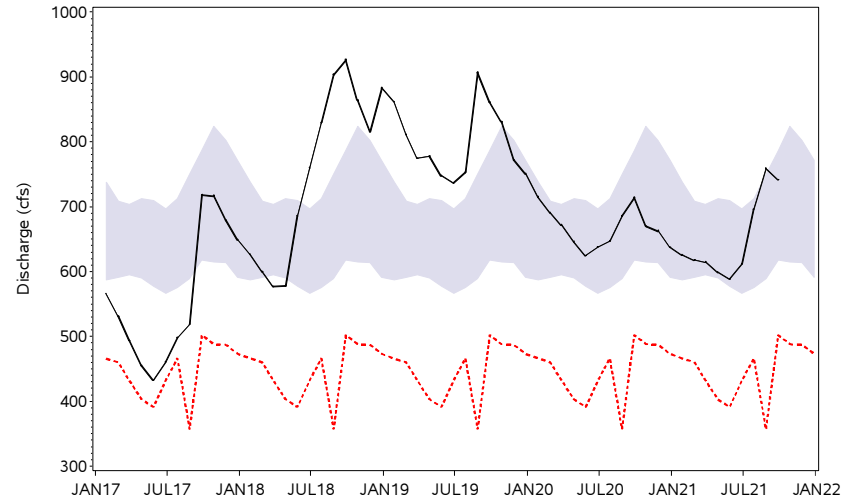
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<i>NORTHERN COUNTIES</i>										
Rainbow Springs	763.7	731.8	702.3	31.9	61.4	70%	357.0	AUG2021	1060.0	SEP1988
Silver Springs	803.2	761.0	653.7	42.2	149.5	56%	141.0	JUN2012	1290.0	OCT1960
Weeki Wachee Springs	205.1	195.3	158.8	9.8	46.3	91%	101.0	JUN1994	257.0	OCT2004
<i>CENTRAL COUNTIES</i>										
Sulphur Springs	37.1	35.6	34.1	1.5	3.0	31%	0.0	JUN1994	145.0	MAR1960
Buckhorn Springs	10.8	10.7	14.3	0.1	-3.5	17%	2.2	MAY2006	32.7	AUG2004
Lithia Springs	M	71.3	M	M	M	M	6.2	OCT2012	91.5	NOV2004

HYDROGRAPHS OF REGIONAL SPRINGS JANUARY 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 2021

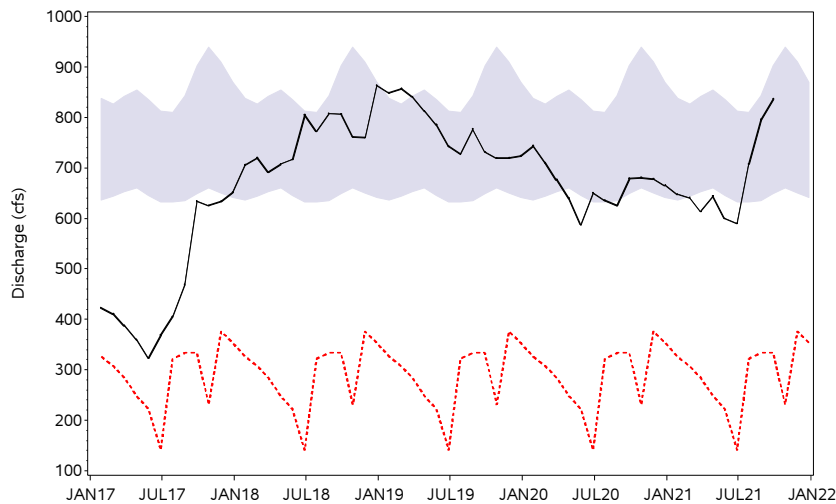
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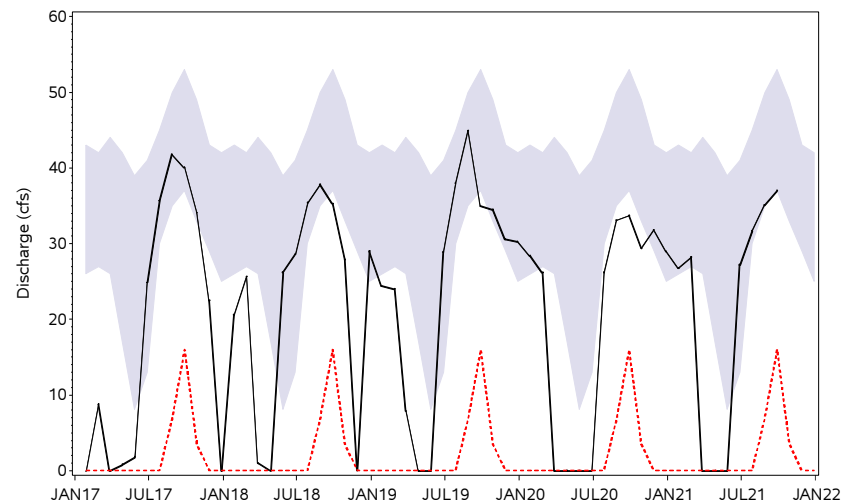
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Silver River nr Ocala
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Sulphur Springs (Pool) at Sulphur S
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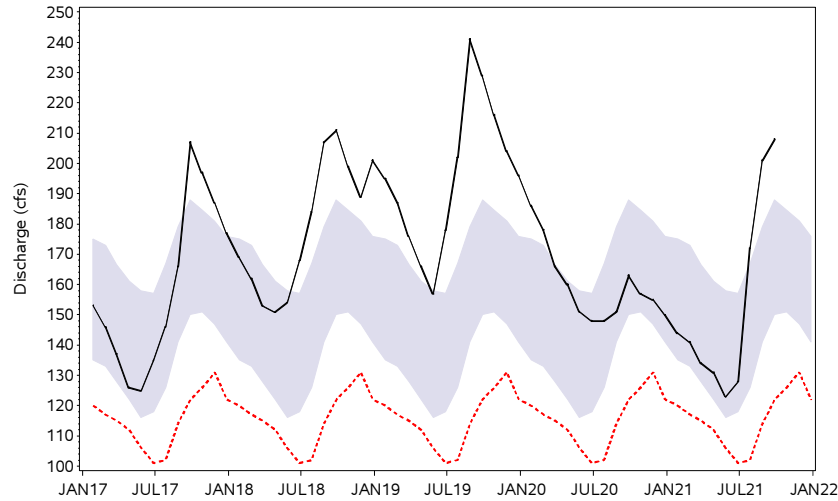
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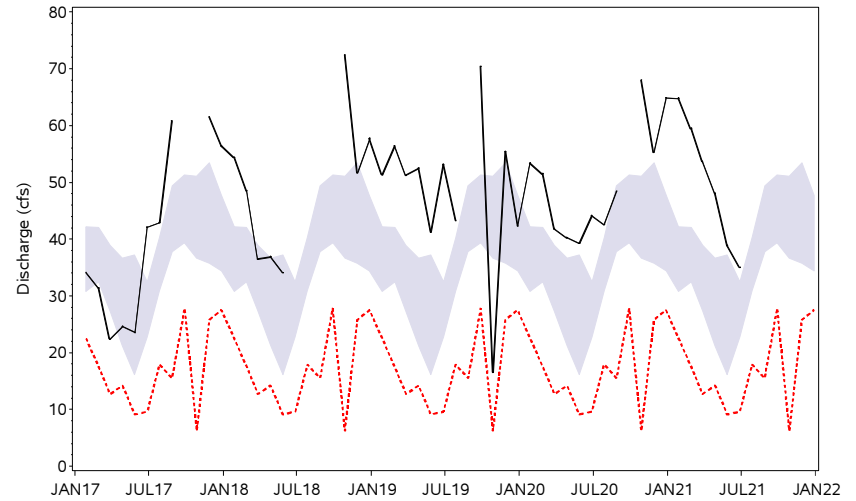
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HYDROGRAPHS OF REGIONAL SPRINGS JANUARY 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 2021

Weeki Wachee River nr Brooksville
Northern Counties



Lithia Springs
Central Counties



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Normal Range

GROUNDWATER

The groundwater section of this report provides groundwater level information for the Upper Floridan Aquifer (UFA) located within the District. As earlier indicated, the District is divided into three geographical regions defined by county boundaries (see index maps in the Appendix). In the northern counties, the UFA is generally at or near land surface, allowing rainfall to easily recharge (replenish) the aquifer system. In the central counties, the UFA can be unconfined or confined (overlain by thick clays). Where the UFA is confined, recharge to the aquifer from rainfall is low. In the southern counties, the UFA is confined.

Eighty-one UFA monitor wells are measured for this report to determine the relative health of groundwater levels District-wide. Only monitor wells with an adequate and reliable period-of-record of water level measurements were selected for the network. For each well, the 25th and 75th percentiles ("low normal" and "high normal," respectively) were calculated for each week of the year using the period-of-record data. The 25th and 75th percentiles are used to represent the lower and upper limits of the normal range, as they are considered a reliable and robust measure of the normal range and are less affected by extremes in the data record. The end-of month water-level readings measured for this report are compared to their corresponding normal ranges. Trend data from 16 wells are shown in hydrographs to compare current water levels to the low normal and high normal levels. Data from all 81 wells is further compiled into regional statistics for the three regions of the District. There are 20 wells located in the northern counties, 32 wells located in the central counties and 29 wells located in the southern counties, that are currently used for determining the regional percentiles. The potentiometric levels of representative Floridan aquifer wells are used to produce the potentiometric surface maps presented in this report.

Upper Floridan Aquifer

Since August, 72 of the 81 wells monitored for this report recorded water level increases, while 9 recorded decreases. Regionally, average water levels increased in the northern, central and southern counties by 0.57 foot, 0.91 foot and 1.09 feet, respectively. District-wide, the average water level in the UFA increased by 0.89 foot.

Compared to September 2020 data, 72 of the 81 wells monitored for this report recorded water level increases, while 9 recorded decreases. Regionally, the mean water level in the northern, central and southern counties was higher by 0.15 foot, 0.77 foot and 1.02 feet, respectively. District-wide, average water levels in UFA wells were 0.70 foot higher than September 2020 levels.

In September, groundwater data showed that levels in the UFA ended the month above-normal in the northern counties, while they were within the normal range in the central and southern counties. The groundwater level in the northern, central and southern counties were in the 85th, 67th and 71st percentiles, respectively.

[Note: Monitoring at the "Florida Pwr@Piney Point" well, in the southern counties, was permanently discontinued in September 2021.]

SUMMARY OF UPPER FLORIDAN AQUIFER LEVELS IN REPRESENTATIVE WELLS, SEPTEMBER 2021

Regional Summary:

<i>Region</i>	<i>SEP 2021 Mean Elevation</i>	<i>SEP 2021 Relation to POR Median</i>	<i>SEP 2021 Relation to 25th Percentile</i>	<i>SEP 2021 Mean Percentile Rank</i>	<i>AUG 2021 Mean Percentile Rank</i>	<i>SEP 2020 Mean Percentile Rank</i>
Northern Counties	41.30	2.56	4.14	85%	84%	82%
Central Counties	62.74	1.59	4.32	67%	66%	56%
Southern Counties	37.86	1.47	3.35	71%	65%	59%

Regional Wells Summary:

<i>NORTHERN COUNTIES</i>	<i>SEP 2021 Elev</i>	<i>AUG 2021 Elev</i>	<i>SEP 2020 Elev</i>	<i>Change From AUG 2021</i>	<i>Change From SEP 2020</i>	<i>SEP Historical Low Normal</i>	<i>SEP Historical High Normal</i>	<i>Departure From Low Normal</i>	<i>SEP 2021 Percentile Rank</i>	<i>Period of Record Low</i>	<i>Record Low Date</i>	<i>Period of Record High</i>	<i>Record High Date</i>
CE 14 Dunnellon Deep	47.51	46.50	47.35	1.01	0.16	38.19	44.24	9.32	97%	31.94	MAY2012	50.90	MAR1998
Chassahowitzka 1 Deep	9.47	9.32	9.33	0.15	0.14	6.56	7.76	2.91	98%	4.80	JUN2001	9.75	SEP2004
Inverness Dot Fldn	37.11	35.11	37.37	2.00	-0.26	28.08	32.24	9.03	98%	21.70	JUN2001	37.80	OCT1982
Mascotte Deep	100.99	100.90	100.66	0.09	0.33	99.61	101.21	1.38	71%	93.94	JUN2000	102.66	SEP1988
North Locanto Deep	7.95	7.38	7.82	0.57	0.13	4.74	5.90	3.21	98%	2.94	MAY2001	8.10	OCT1982
ROMP 103 Suwannee/Ocala	44.06	43.39	44.20	0.67	-0.14	42.39	44.34	1.67	57%	35.38	AUG1992	48.95	OCT1982
ROMP 107 Ocala/Avon Park	17.87	16.51	18.03	1.36	-0.16	11.80	14.64	6.07	95%	8.08	AUG2007	19.78	NOV1982
ROMP 111 Ocala/Avon Park	51.52	51.63	51.33	-0.11	0.19	48.73	50.56	2.79	90%	44.23	JUL1992	53.33	SEP2004
ROMP 116 Avon Park	36.28	36.06	35.54	0.22	0.74	32.80	34.93	3.48	86%	29.24	MAY2012	39.28	OCT2004
ROMP 119 Avon Park	47.87	47.58	47.86	0.29	0.01	44.62	46.82	3.25	77%	39.86	MAY2012	52.20	MAR1998
ROMP 120 Avon Park	47.35	46.84	47.46	0.51	-0.11	42.31	46.09	5.04	87%	38.71	MAY2012	52.24	MAR1998
ROMP 134 Ocala/Avon Park	52.87	51.80	52.96	1.07	-0.09	44.10	48.19	8.77	88%	37.80	JUN2012	57.35	APR1998
ROMP 89 Ocala	92.76	92.47	92.09	0.29	0.67	90.66	92.92	2.10	73%	82.46	JUN2000	94.93	DEC1997
ROMP 97 Avon Park	21.35	20.16	21.24	1.19	0.11	17.23	22.49	4.12	79%	11.84	MAY2009	26.24	SEP2004
ROMP TR 124 Avon Park	4.52	4.58	4.48	-0.06	0.04	3.39	3.88	1.13	93%	0.77	SEP2004	7.95	JUN1995
ROMP TR 21-2 Ocala/Avpk	4.29	4.36	4.28	-0.07	0.01	3.03	3.57	1.26	92%	0.40	DEC1981	6.12	OCT1995
Sumter 13 JC 59 Up Fldn	45.92	45.87	45.30	0.05	0.62	41.59	44.09	4.33	95%	36.52	MAY2012	47.36	AUG2021
Tidewater 1 FLDN	57.06	56.66	57.09	0.40	-0.03	53.81	57.10	3.25	70%	48.05	JUN2012	61.81	SEP1982
Webster City Fldn	86.06	84.90	85.48	1.16	0.58	81.14	85.49	4.92	93%	74.16	MAY2012	88.77	SEP2005
Weeki Wachee Deep Repl	19.72	19.08	19.58	0.64	0.14	15.89	20.36	3.83	68%	10.37	MAY2009	23.61	AUG1984

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Regional Wells Summary (continued):

	SEP 2021 Elev	AUG 2021 Elev	SEP 2020 Elev	Change From AUG 2021	Change From SEP 2020	SEP Historical Low Normal	SEP Historical High Normal	Departure From Low Normal	SEP 2021 Percentile Rank	Period of Record Low	Record Low Date	Period of Record High	Record High Date
CENTRAL COUNTIES													
Bexley 2 Fldn	63.02	62.60	62.42	0.42	0.60	61.48	62.85	1.54	73%	56.08	JUN2000	64.50	SEP2017
Coley Deep	88.11	87.19	86.71	0.92	1.40	83.09	89.85	5.02	84%	60.77	JAN2010	93.79	OCT1953
Debuel Road Deep	55.42	54.81	54.86	0.61	0.56	55.34	57.44	0.08	28%	46.48	APR2002	60.13	SEP1979
Hills State Park Deep	42.66	41.00	41.25	1.66	1.41	38.91	42.25	3.75	71%	35.35	JUN2000	47.42	DEC1997
Lk Alfred Deep	128.37	128.40	127.95	-0.03	0.42	127.30	129.00	1.07	51%	119.85	MAY1974	131.18	MAR1998
Loughman Deep	89.96	90.34	89.73	-0.38	0.23	90.39	91.76	-0.43	10%	85.90	MAY2001	93.23	OCT1979
Lykes Pasco Fldn	68.90	68.71	68.81	0.19	0.09	65.60	69.59	3.30	57%	56.94	JUN2000	75.78	OCT2004
Masaryktown Deep	37.24	35.72	37.55	1.52	-0.31	27.64	41.75	9.60	72%	21.89	AUG1994	50.32	SEP1984
Moon Lake Deep	32.23	31.99	31.90	0.24	0.33	31.70	32.42	0.53	30%	26.10	JUN2000	34.89	AUG2015
Pasco 13 nr Drexel Fldn	75.39	73.92	74.44	1.47	0.95	72.59	74.66	2.80	91%	68.00	JUN2001	77.14	JUL1960
Pinellas 665 Fldn	10.56	10.52	10.30	0.04	0.26	9.84	11.42	0.72	57%	6.70	MAY2006	14.79	SEP1959
ROMP 123 Hawthorn/Ocala	25.37	24.09	20.24	1.28	5.13	13.80	24.52	11.57	82%	-29.47	MAY2000	33.56	FEB1998
ROMP 40 Swnn/AvPk	52.80	50.75	52.24	2.05	0.56	44.22	50.85	8.58	89%	-4.15	JUN2000	57.37	FEB1998
ROMP 45 Avon Park	80.35	77.69	80.29	2.66	0.06	70.50	77.04	9.85	84%	31.75	MAY1981	84.44	OCT2004
ROMP 48 Tampa/Suwannee	47.72	45.38	46.71	2.34	1.01	39.01	45.16	8.71	92%	-7.87	MAY2000	52.64	FEB1998
ROMP 50 Avon Park	12.04	10.31	11.88	1.73	0.16	6.32	10.73	5.72	90%	-17.42	FEB2018	14.95	AUG1982
ROMP 58 Ocala	104.16	104.23	100.33	-0.07	3.83	102.60	104.29	1.56	50%	84.03	JUN2000	111.01	DEC2005
ROMP 59 Swnn/AvPk	81.07	78.34	81.01	2.73	0.06	66.14	77.81	14.93	88%	33.33	MAY1981	85.92	OCT2004
ROMP 60 Ocala/Avon Park	80.69	77.97	80.55	2.72	0.14	77.85	77.03	2.84	64%	25.90	MAY1975	87.07	OCT1959
ROMP 66 Tampa	22.06	21.48	21.67	0.58	0.39	19.80	21.46	2.26	79%	12.04	JUN1977	25.47	AUG2015
ROMP 76 U Fldn	129.23	129.26	128.86	-0.03	0.37	127.61	130.42	1.62	30%	119.37	MAY1981	132.92	SEP2004
ROMP 87 Avon Park	104.34	104.45	103.61	-0.11	0.73	103.19	104.39	1.15	63%	94.90	JUN2000	106.30	FEB1998
ROMP 88 Avon Park	104.89	104.61	104.19	0.28	0.70	104.42	105.78	0.47	37%	97.42	JUN2000	107.21	SEP2017
ROMP 93 Swnn/AvPk	76.12	75.73	75.66	0.39	0.46	66.47	74.66	9.65	97%	59.03	JUN2001	76.60	SEP1982
ROMP DV-1 Suwannee	62.70	62.02	59.97	0.68	2.73	57.39	61.78	5.31	79%	12.06	JAN2010	65.72	FEB1998
ROMP TR 10-2 Tampa	13.10	12.76	12.99	0.34	0.11	10.72	11.76	2.38	91%	0.22	MAY1981	14.00	SEP2004
ROMP TR 13-3 Avon Park	15.61	15.32	15.43	0.29	0.18	15.69	17.18	-0.08	23%	10.95	JUL1987	18.79	AUG2015
SR 52 And CR581 Deep	77.86	76.68	76.98	1.18	0.88	69.22	76.71	8.64	97%	56.96	JUN2001	79.44	AUG1965
SR 52 Deep W nr Fivay Jct	54.12	53.87	53.72	0.25	0.40	52.66	53.98	1.46	71%	48.08	JUN2000	59.53	AUG2010
SR 577 Deep	94.71	93.63	94.43	1.08	0.28	87.00	94.52	7.71	81%	72.76	JUN2000	98.51	MAR1998
Sanlon Ranch Fldn	100.77	98.89	100.62	1.88	0.15	92.38	98.29	8.39	88%	66.38	MAY1975	105.27	OCT2004
Tarpon Rd Deep	10.88	10.82	10.64	0.06	0.24	10.61	11.53	0.27	44%	7.50	JUN2006	13.48	AUG2015

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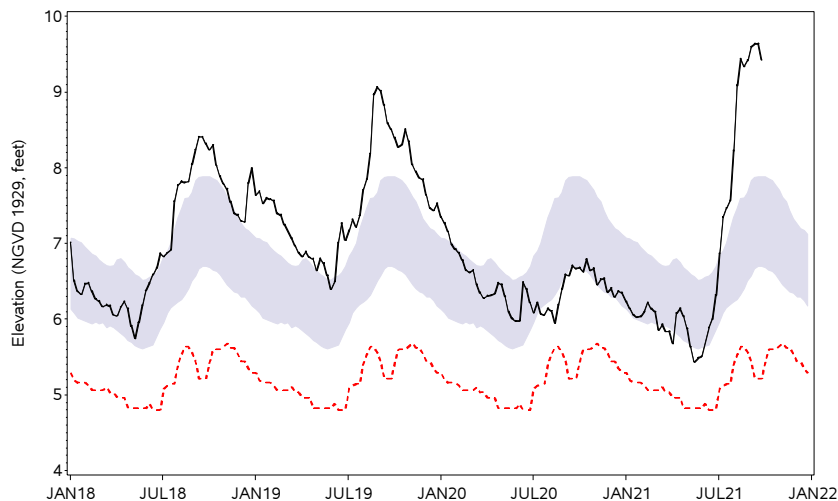
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SOUTHERN COUNTIES													
Big Slough Deep	35.31	34.47	35.29	0.84	0.02	34.11	35.11	1.20	85%	26.85	MAY2006	36.12	OCT1995
Cargill FA-1 Fldn	78.90	76.09	78.80	2.81	0.10	70.79	76.10	8.11	83%	30.50	MAY1981	82.95	OCT2004
Edgeville 3 Deep	36.16	33.20	34.25	2.96	1.91	32.59	38.03	3.57	66%	1.13	MAY2000	41.26	OCT1979
Englewood 14 Deep	8.48	8.89	7.48	-0.41	1.00	6.60	8.03	1.88	75%	-0.97	FEB2001	11.37	SEP1974
Kibler Deep	19.91	19.37	10.40	0.54	9.51	14.20	22.05	5.71	59%	-29.95	MAY2000	29.30	AUG1978
Manasota 14 Deep	19.48	19.38	19.30	0.10	0.18	19.43	21.82	0.05	31%	15.46	MAY2017	22.70	NOV1971
Marshall Deep	48.38	47.08	48.34	1.30	0.04	45.92	49.58	2.46	63%	8.96	JUN2000	55.24	MAR1964
ROMP 16 Ocala	49.39	48.89	48.63	0.50	0.76	48.62	50.02	0.77	44%	28.94	JAN2001	51.21	SEP1995
ROMP 17 Up Fldn	47.95	47.46	47.78	0.49	0.17	47.28	48.65	0.67	48%	31.89	JUN2000	51.64	OCT1994
ROMP 19 West UFA Swnn	32.85	29.31	32.66	3.54	0.19	27.75	31.72	5.10	86%	10.99	JUN2000	33.80	SEP2017
ROMP 19X UFA (SWNN)	38.45	37.00	38.37	1.45	0.08	35.11	38.45	3.34	70%	19.28	JUN2000	40.19	JAN1984
ROMP 20 UFA (SWNN)	25.58	25.46	25.47	0.12	0.11	22.52	24.97	3.06	96%	11.99	MAY2007	26.66	SEP2017
ROMP 22 UFA (SWNN)	27.01	26.16	25.71	0.85	1.30	21.35	26.85	5.66	73%	-3.71	MAY2000	30.18	FEB1998
ROMP 26 Swnn/AvPk	49.01	48.22	48.34	0.79	0.67	47.48	49.63	1.53	62%	19.48	JAN2010	51.28	OCT1979
ROMP 28X Swnn/AvPk	73.20	72.38	71.89	0.82	1.31	68.82	71.94	4.38	91%	57.24	JAN2010	74.68	OCT1995
ROMP 30 Swnn/AvPk	56.74	54.01	56.41	2.73	0.33	50.99	56.39	5.75	81%	-0.20	JUN2000	60.52	MAR1998
ROMP 31 Swnn/AvPk	53.61	50.95	53.63	2.66	-0.02	46.55	52.86	7.06	86%	-6.22	JUN2000	57.92	MAR1998
ROMP 32 Low Ocala/Avpk	39.70	37.32	38.97	2.38	0.73	31.16	37.97	8.54	87%	-17.74	JUN2000	44.73	FEB1998
ROMP 43XX Avon Park	91.62	90.91	90.04	0.71	1.58	86.68	91.89	4.94	78%	70.93	JAN2010	94.60	MAR1998
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ROMP TR 1-2 Up Fldn	46.43	46.02	46.27	0.41	0.16	45.78	46.40	0.65	82%	40.72	JUN2000	47.22	SEP2015
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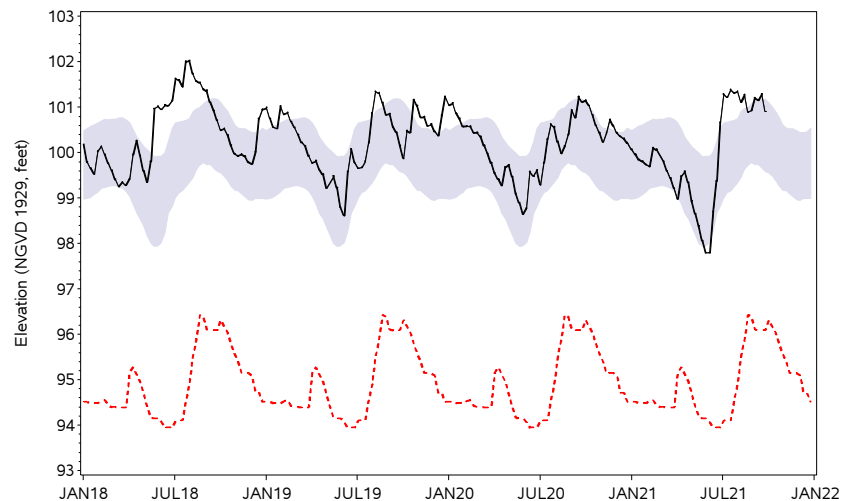
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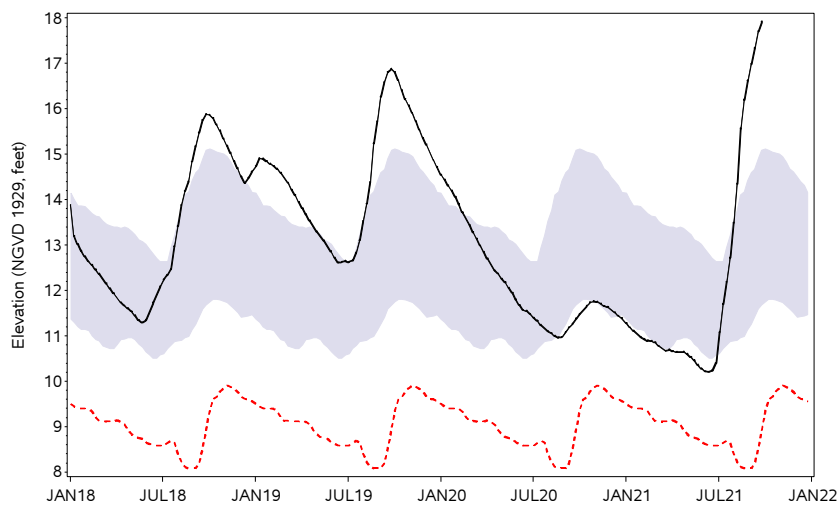
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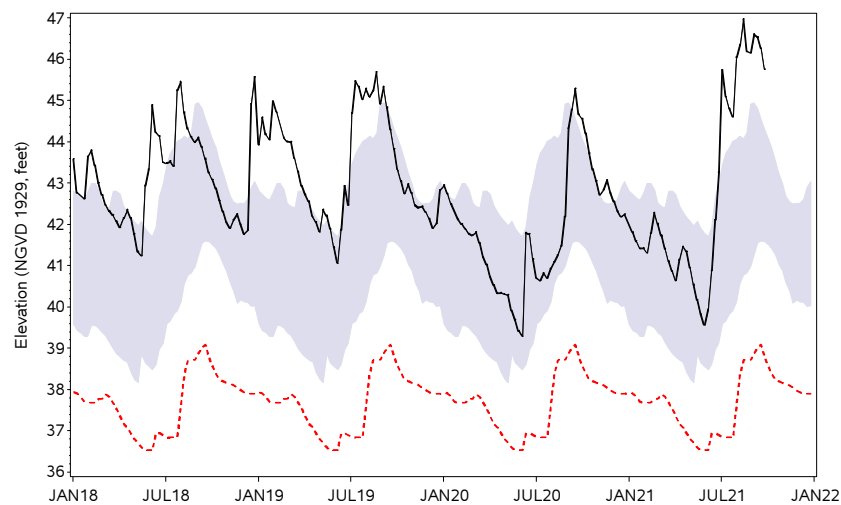
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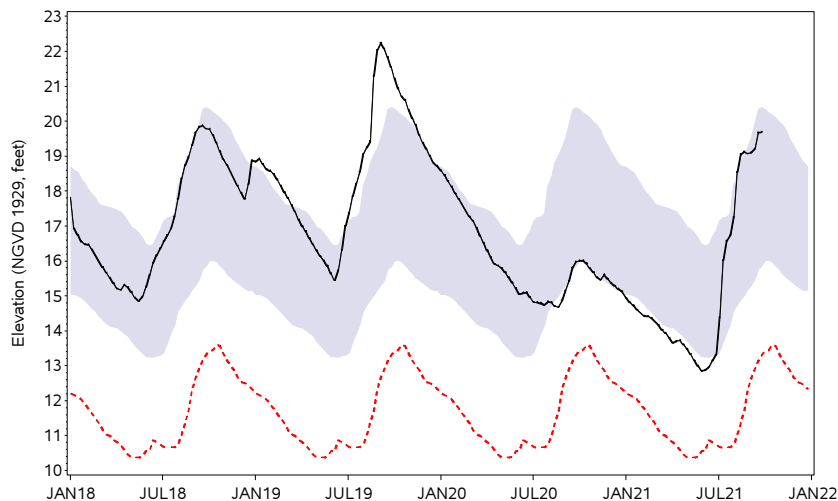
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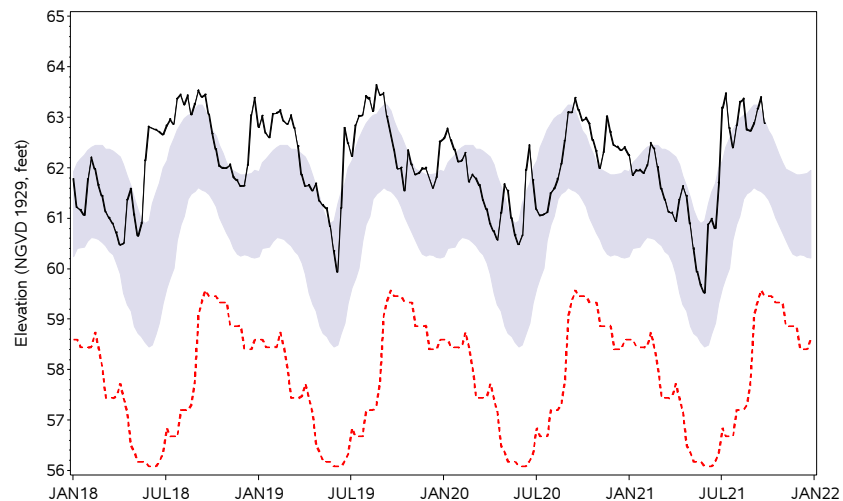
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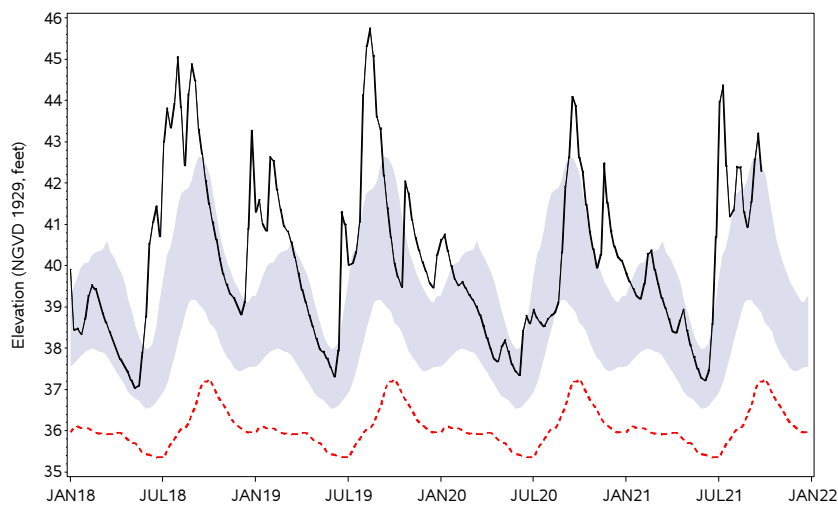
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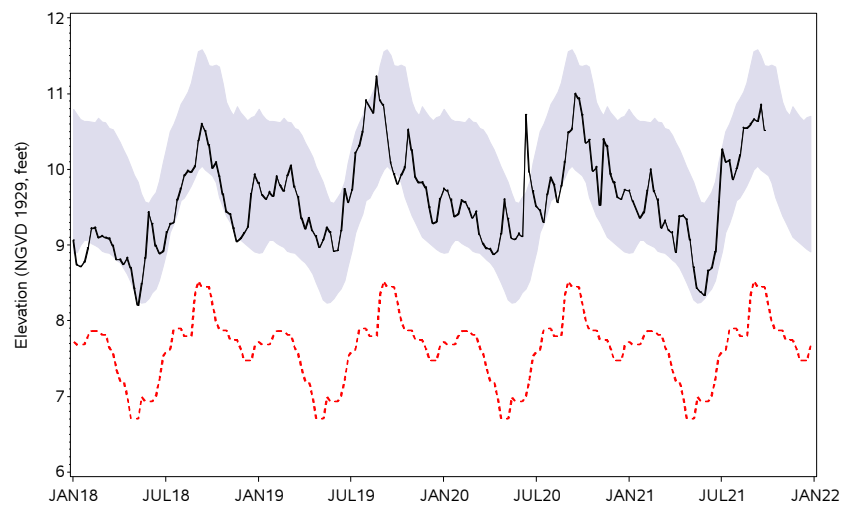
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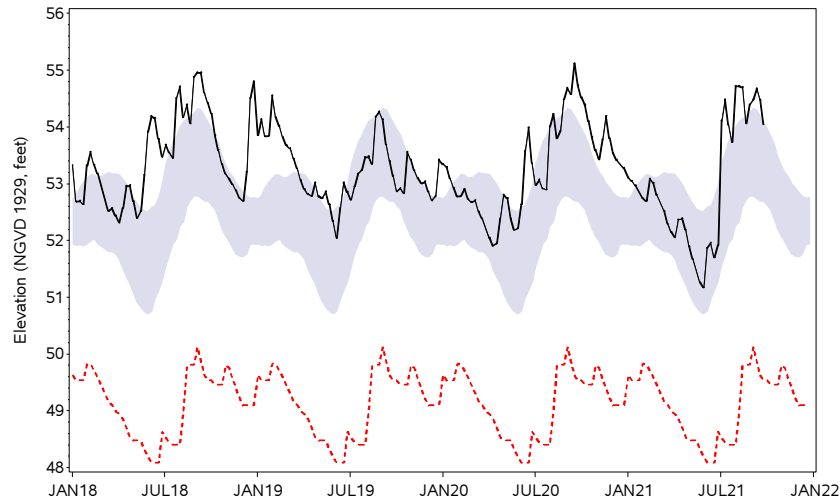
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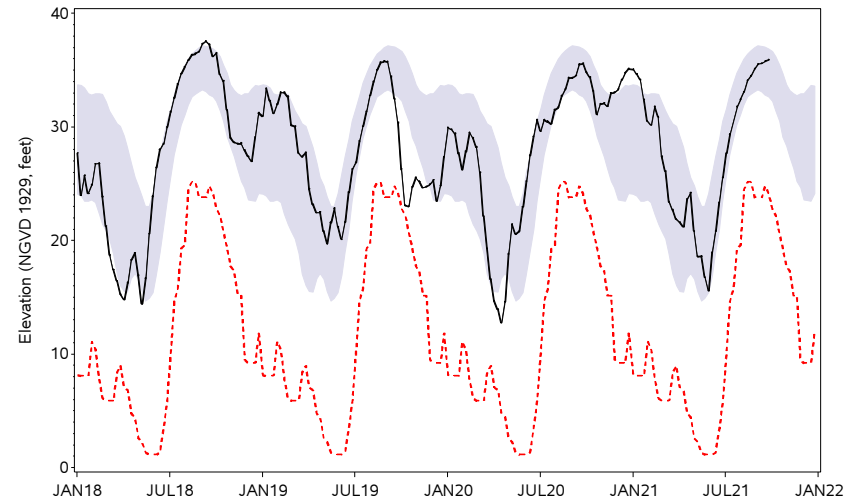
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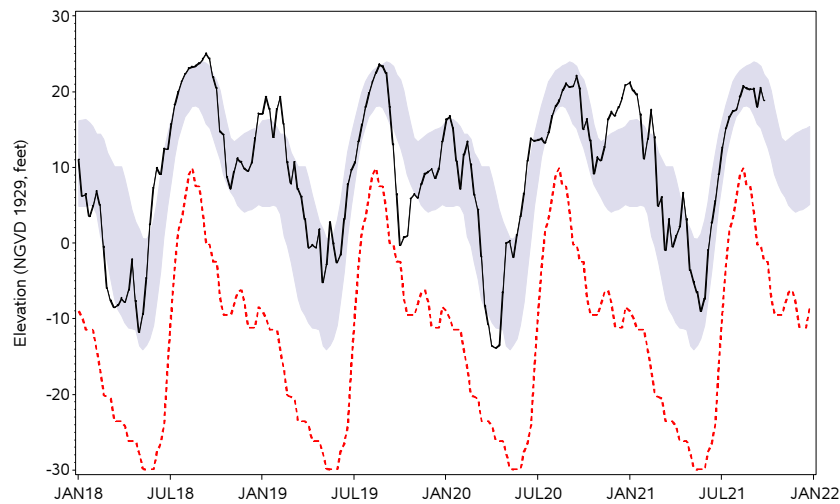
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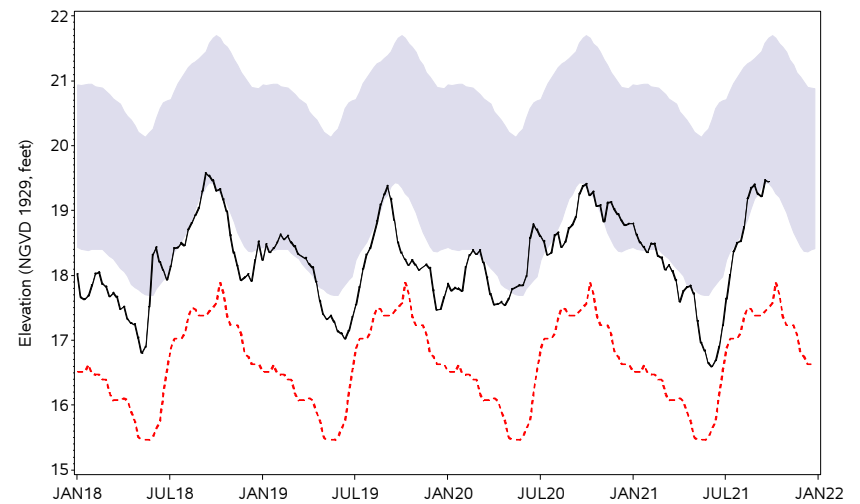
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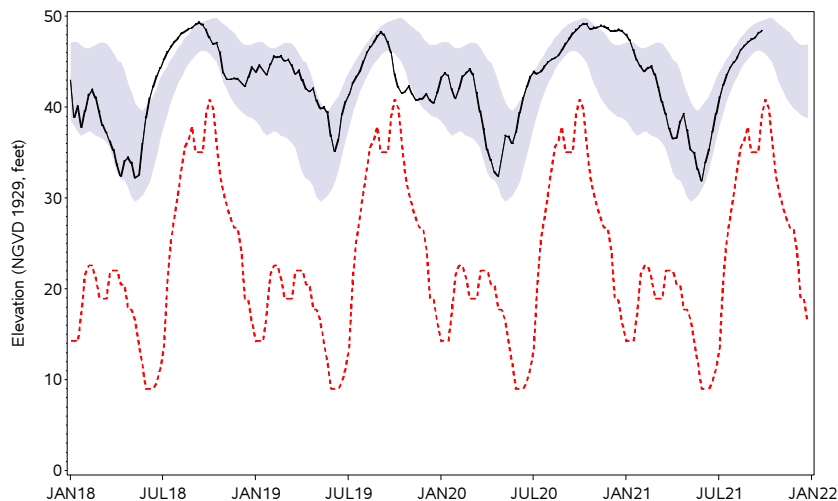
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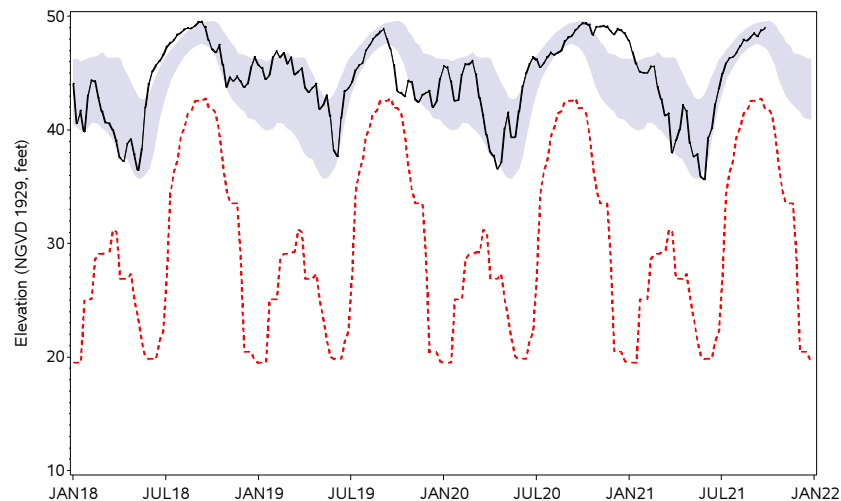
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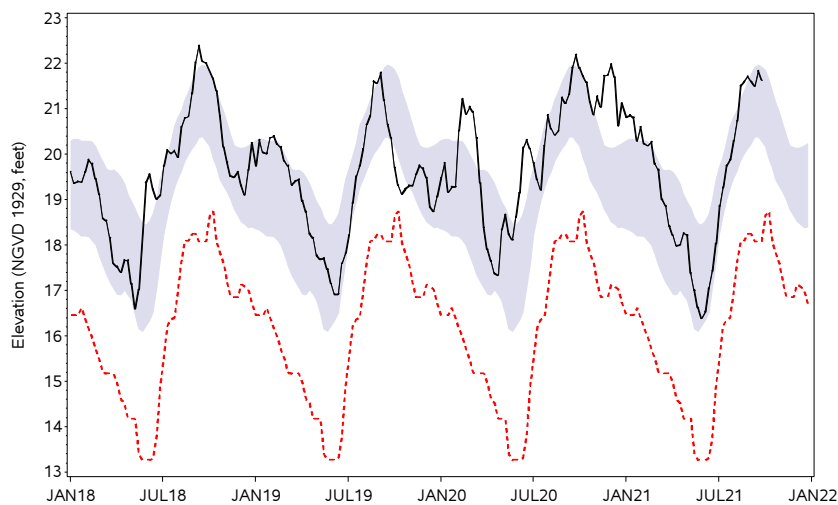
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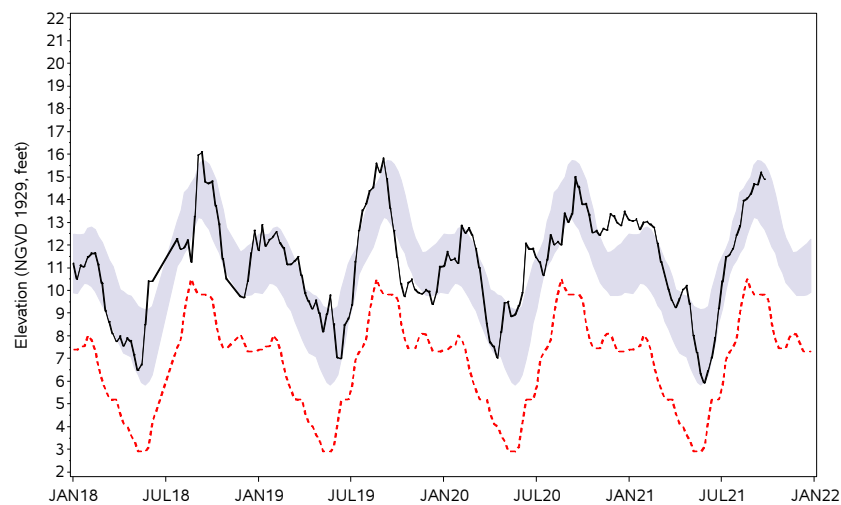
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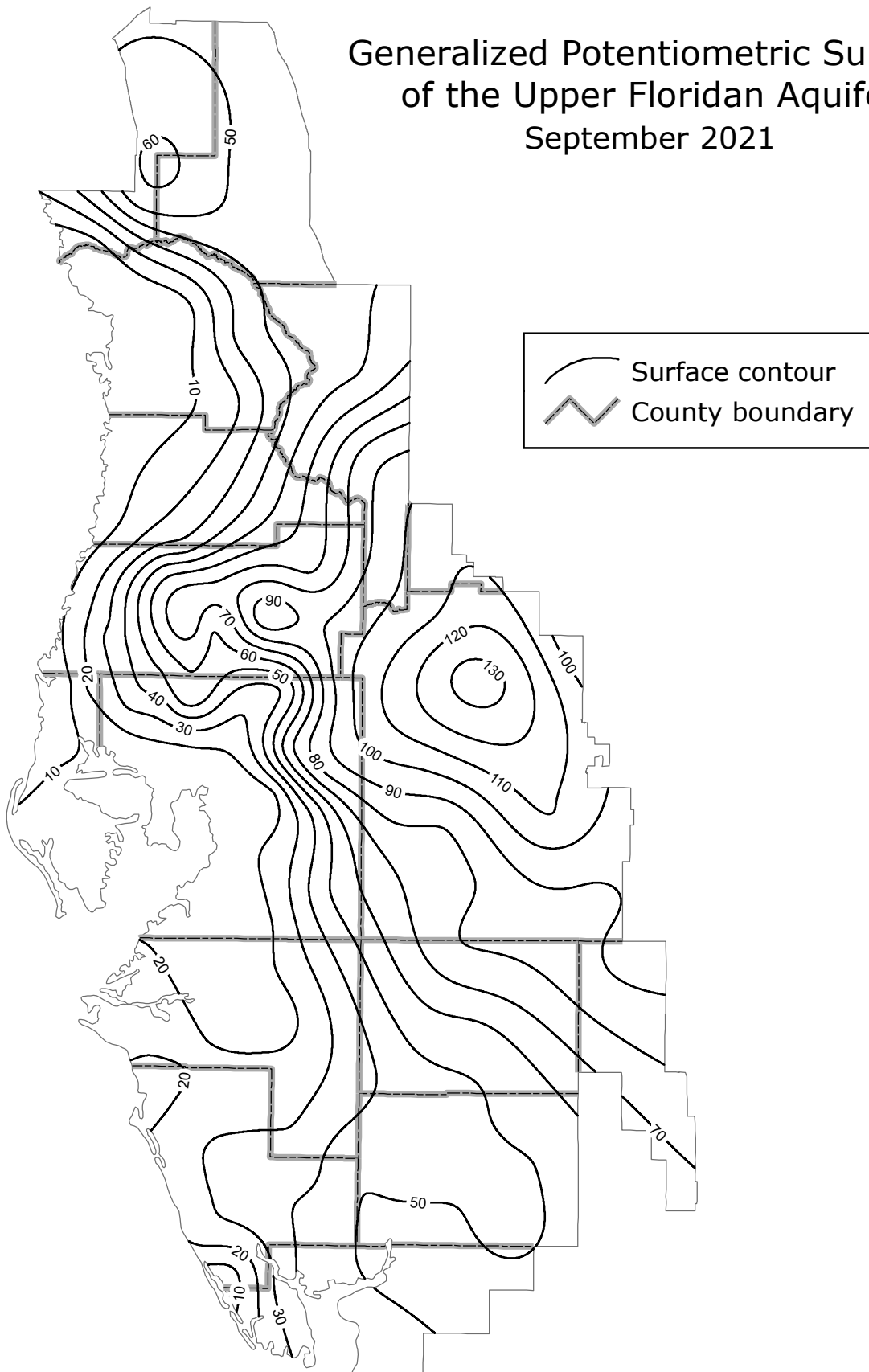


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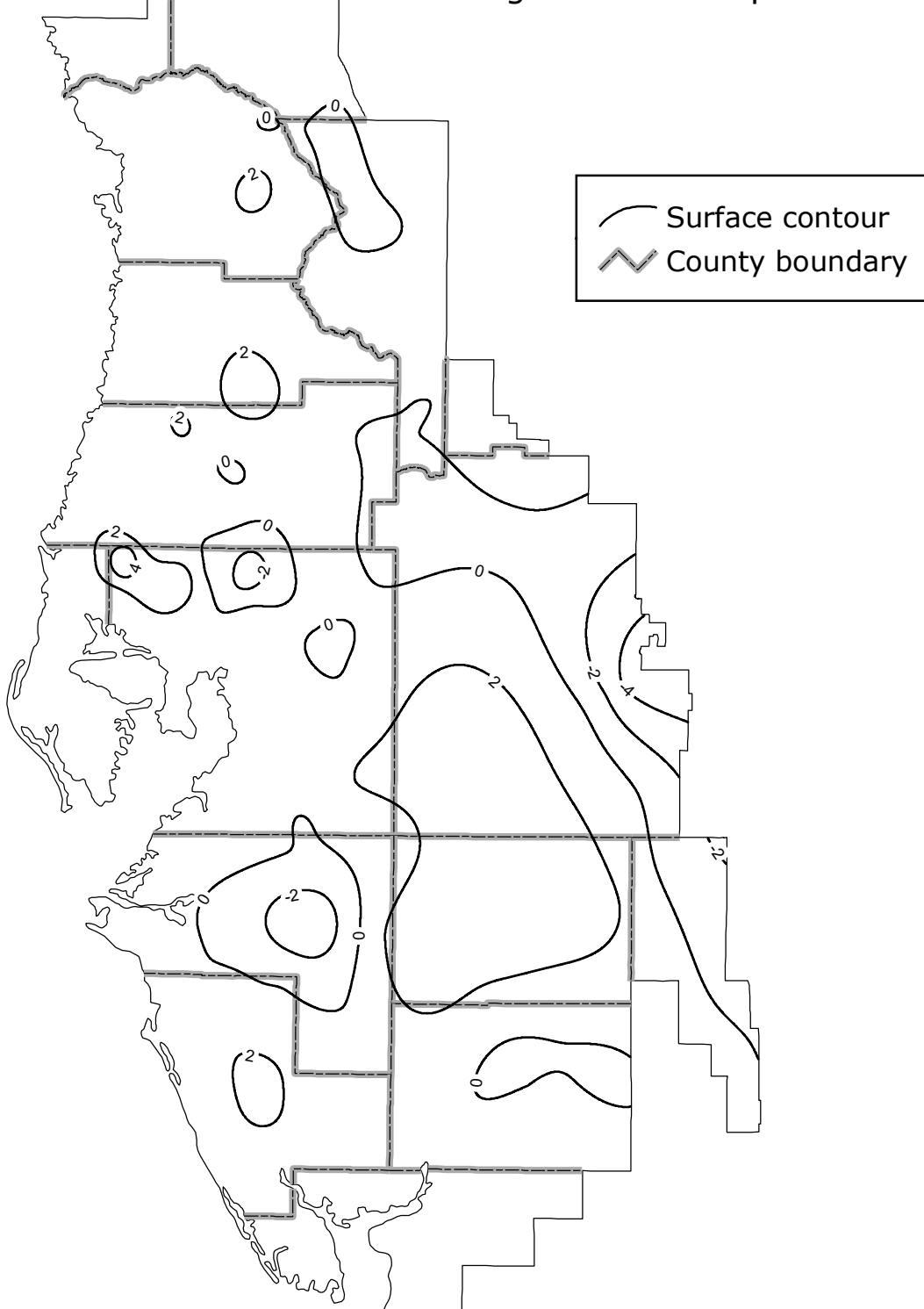
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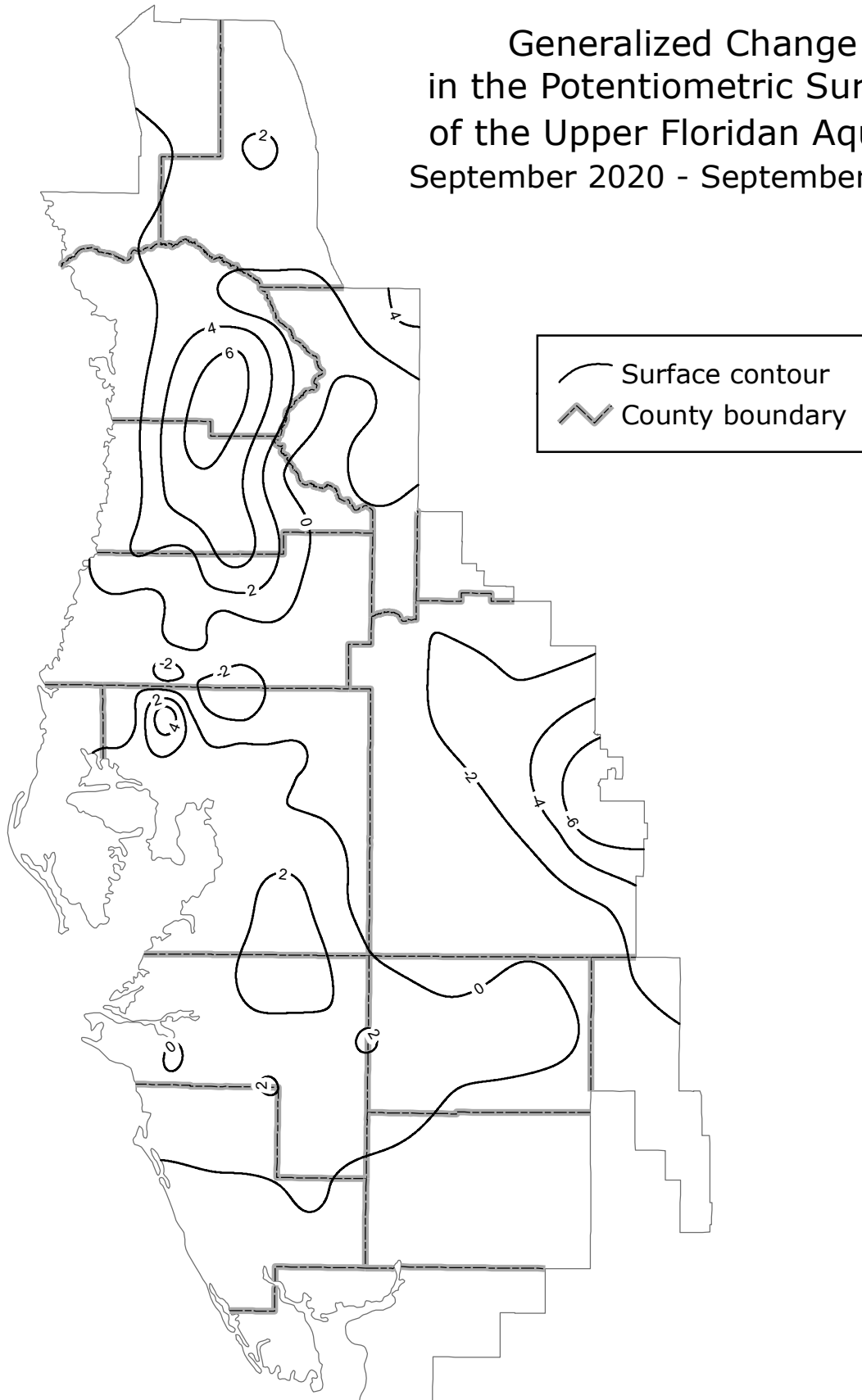
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Regional Aquifer Resource Index

Aquifers are underground layers of rock and sand that hold water. In southwest Florida, more than 80 percent of the water supply comes from aquifers. The Regional Aquifer Resource Index (ARI) was created to provide information to the media, residents, local governments and other interested parties about current groundwater conditions and how they compare to historical records. The underlying purpose of this index is to provide the public with a gauge of groundwater conditions in their area, so they can develop an understanding of the severity and cycles of drought and recovery

This ARI report reflects percentile values to compare current aquifer levels to historical levels during the same time of year on a scale of 0-100. For example, if the regional groundwater level is at the 50th percentile, it means that half of the historical groundwater levels for this time of year were higher and half were lower than the current level.

To determine the ARI percentile value for each geographic region (indicated below), the percentile values of the monitor wells located within that region are averaged. Monitor wells with an adequate and reliable period-of-record to calculate weekly percentiles were selected for the network. A total of 81 wells District-wide are used for the ARI Network (see index map in Appendix).

Weekly Aquifer Resource Index Level (Percentile)

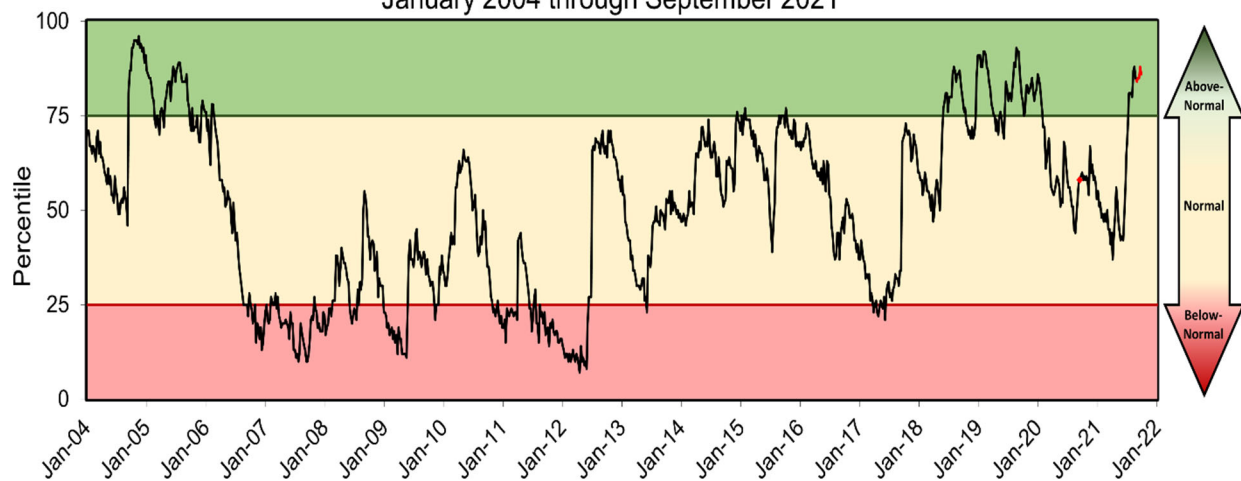
Report Date	Northern Counties	Central Counties	Southern Counties
09/01/2021	85	68	66
09/08/2021	84	65	64
09/15/2021	87	70	62
09/22/2021	88	74	73
09/29/2021	83	65	72

Note: Any regional percentile value that falls on or between the 25th and 75th percentile is considered “normal.” Less than the 25th would be considered “below-normal,” while above the 75th would be considered “above-normal.”

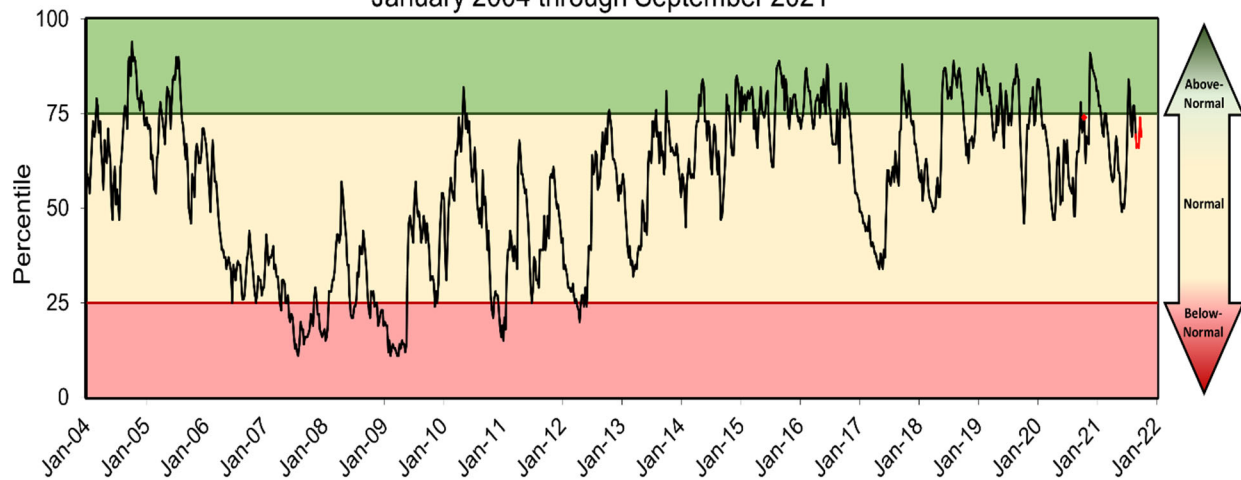
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September 2021

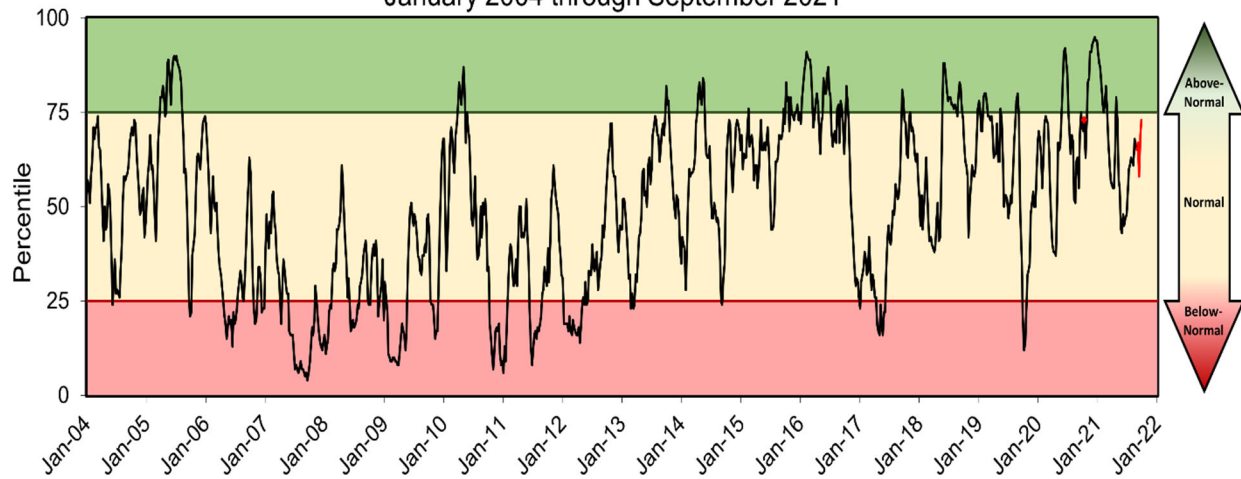
Groundwater Levels: Northern Counties
January 2004 through September 2021



Groundwater Levels: Central Counties
January 2004 through September 2021



Groundwater Levels: Southern Counties
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Reservoirs

Water-level data for the seven reservoirs are obtained weekly from the USGS, Manatee County Utilities Department, Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority, or Tampa Bay Water. The last weekly water-level value of the month is indicated in this report. The values reported are provisional and subject to revision.

In September, four of the seven reservoirs monitored for this report recorded water-level increases, two recorded decreases and one recorded no change, compared to last month. The Lake Manatee, Bill Young, Peace River No. 1 and Shell Creek reservoirs posted water level increases of 0.91, 0.82, 0.80 and 0.93 foot, respectively, compared to last month. The Evers and Hillsborough River reservoirs posted water level decreases of 0.18 and 0.13 foot, respectively, for the month. There was no change in the water level recorded for the Peace River No. 2 reservoir.

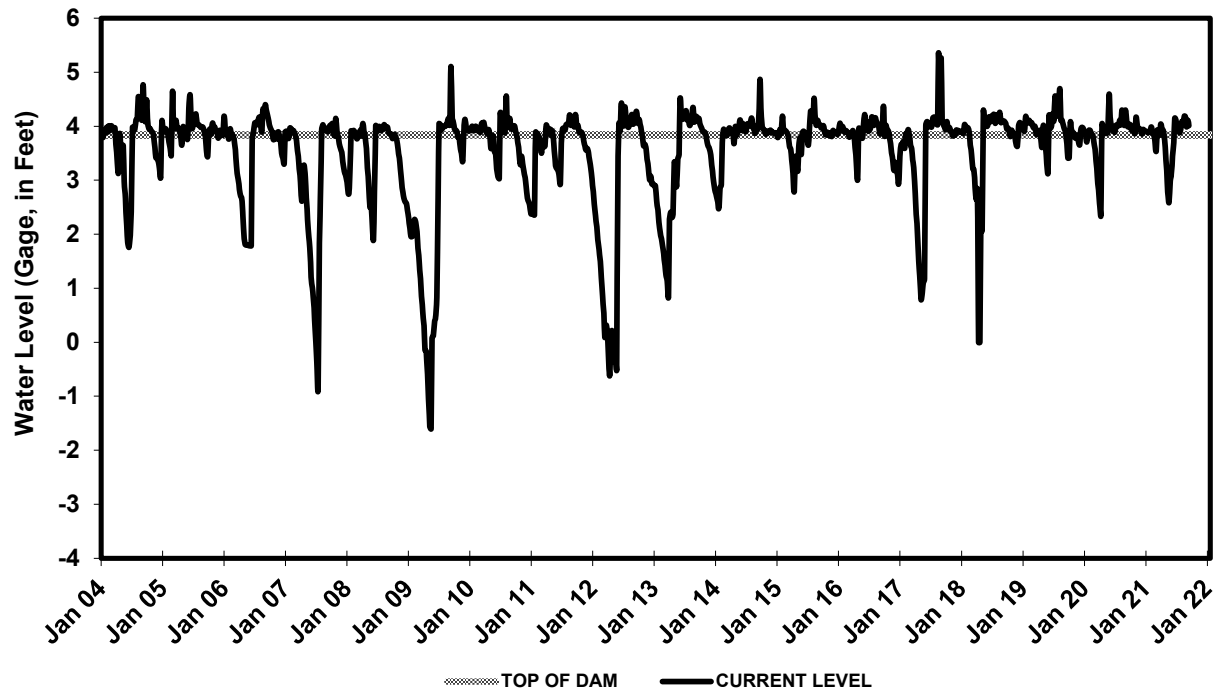
SUMMARY OF WATER LEVELS IN WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS (GAGE LEVEL, IN FEET)

RESERVOIR	2021 August	2021 September	2020 September	Change from Prior Month	Change from Prior Year
Evers					
City of Bradenton	4.19	4.01	3.99	-0.18	0.02
Hillsborough					
City of Tampa	22.59	22.46	22.59	-0.13	-0.13
Lake Manatee					
Manatee County	37.60	38.51	38.69	0.91	-0.18
C.W. Bill Young Regional					
Tampa Bay Water	135.33	136.15	135.78	0.82	0.37
Peace River					
PRMRWSA Reservoir #1	24.80	25.60	25.30	0.80	0.30
PRMRWSA Reservoir #2	61.40	61.40	61.40	0.00	0.00
Shell Creek					
City of Punta Gorda	5.24	6.17	5.81	0.93	0.36

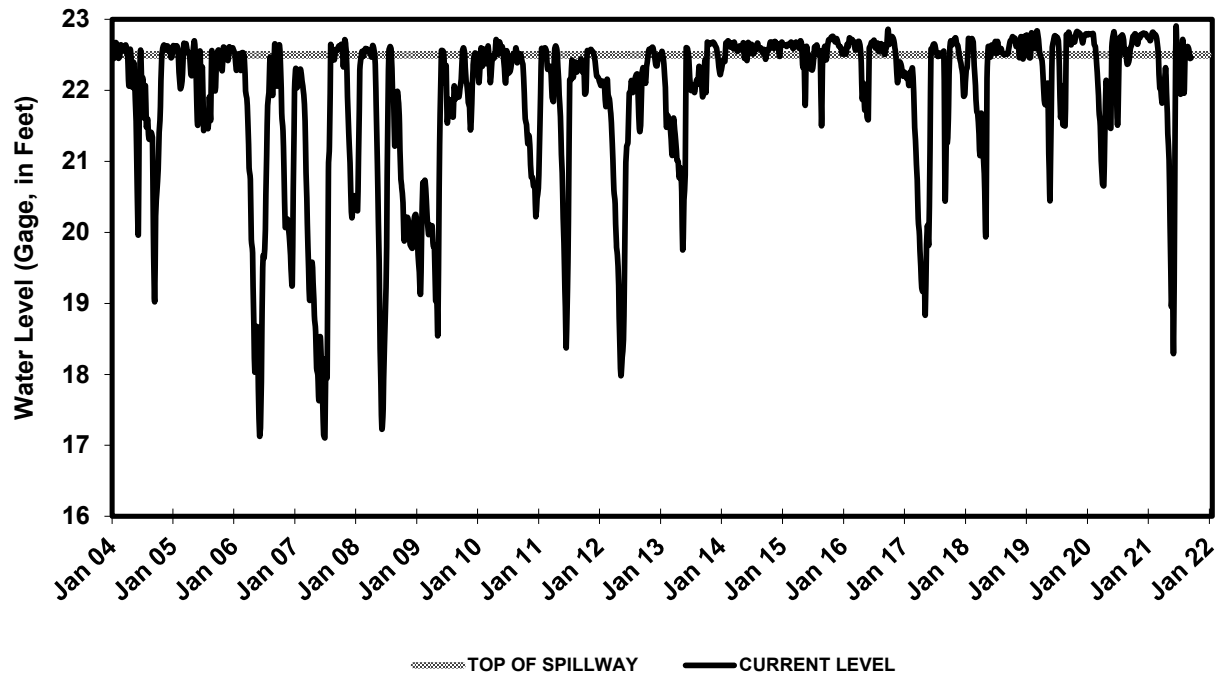
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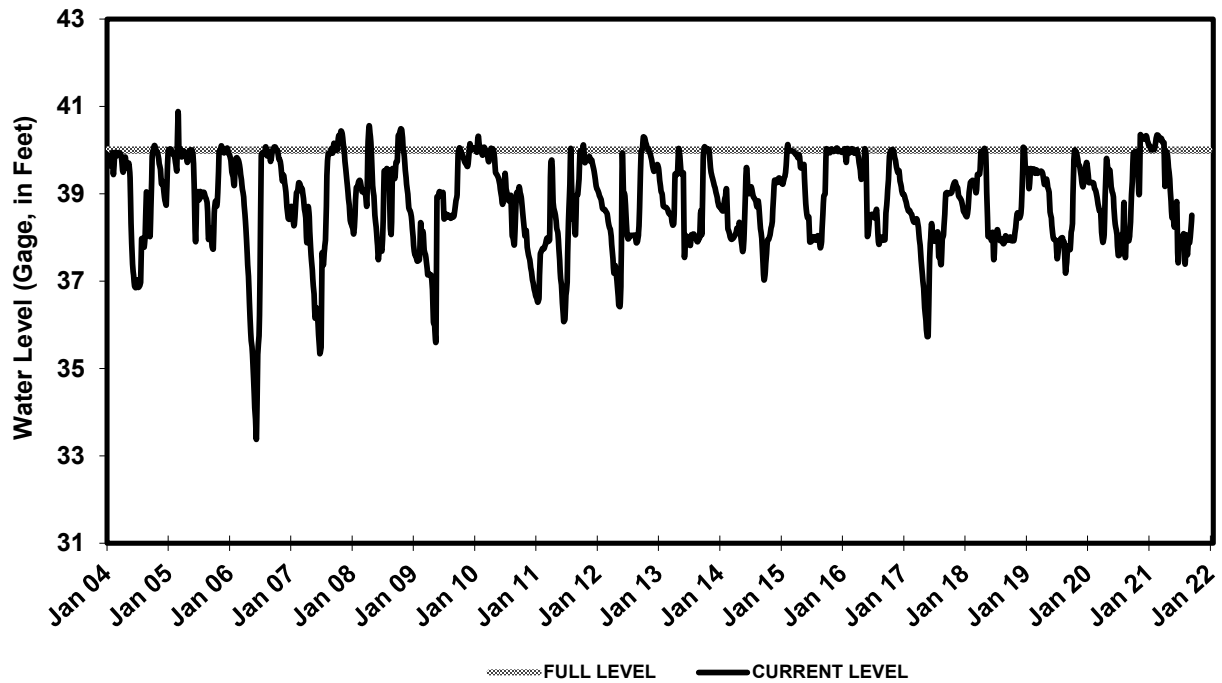
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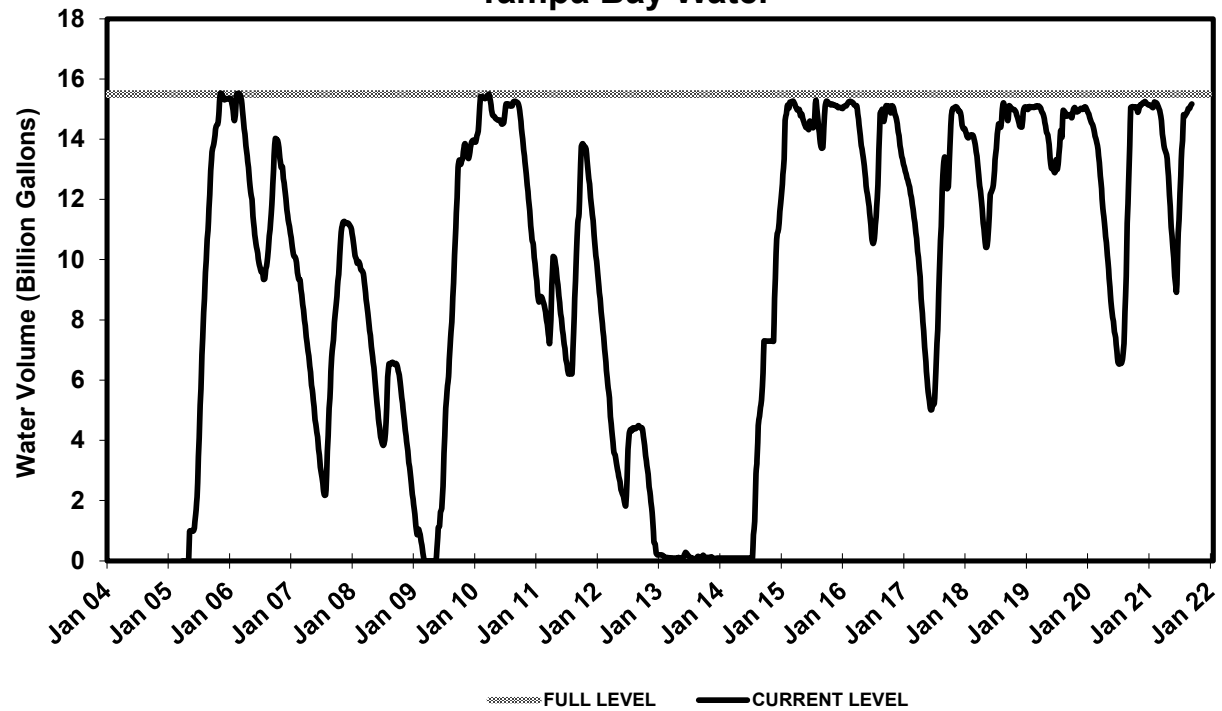
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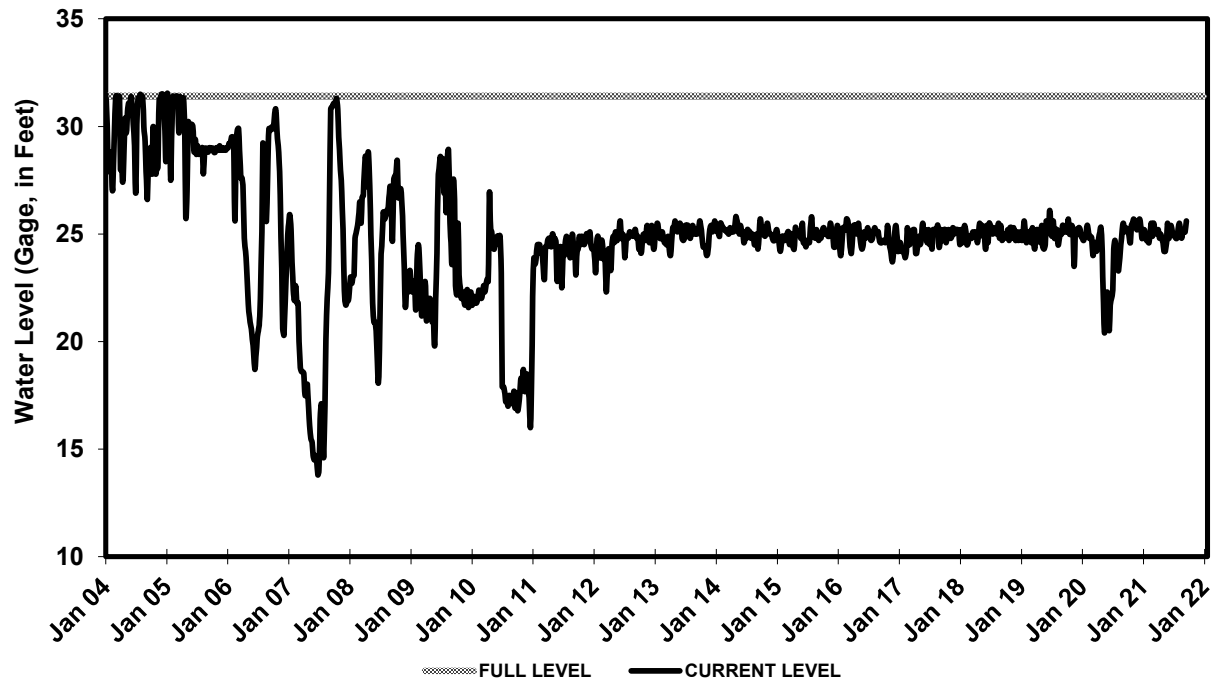
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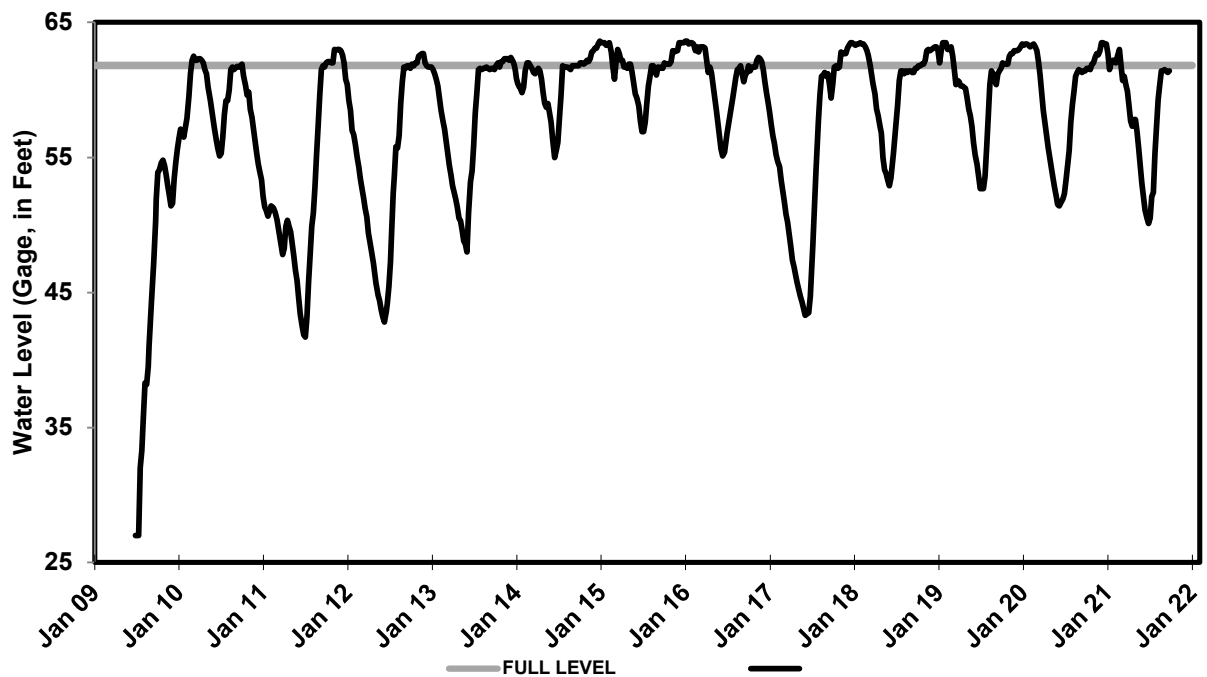
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Peace/Manasota Reg. Water Supply

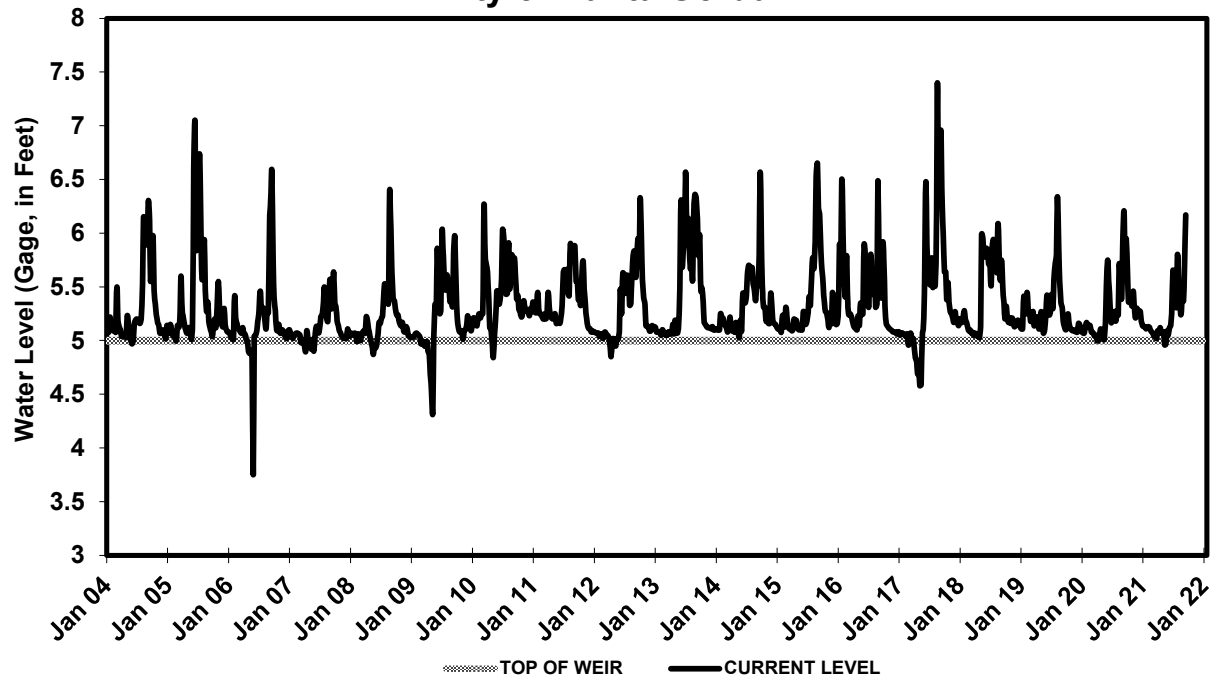


PEACE RIVER RESERVOIR No. 2
Peace/Manasota Reg. Water Supply



SHELL CREEK RESERVOIR

City of Punta Gorda



APPENDICES

Rainfall percentiles by interval and region, inches.

Rainfall Interval	Region	10TH Percentile (P10)	25th Percentile (P25)	50th Percentile (P50)	75th Percentile (P75)	90th Percentile (P90)
Annual total	<i>Northern</i>	43.19	48.35	54.01	58.86	63.46
Annual total	<i>Central</i>	41.45	46.10	52.16	57.28	63.82
Annual total	<i>Southern</i>	42.05	46.25	52.19	57.82	63.43
Annual total	<i>District</i>	43.12	47.22	52.99	57.46	62.83
Dry season total	<i>Northern</i>	15.27	18.42	23.79	28.72	32.10
Dry season total	<i>Central</i>	13.32	16.48	21.59	26.86	30.83
Dry season total	<i>Southern</i>	12.35	15.68	21.24	26.23	30.01
Dry season total	<i>District</i>	13.71	16.79	22.02	27.22	29.70
Wet season total	<i>Northern</i>	22.79	25.44	29.45	33.43	38.16
Wet season total	<i>Central</i>	23.22	25.79	29.71	34.86	39.22
Wet season total	<i>Southern</i>	24.37	27.37	30.58	35.88	41.68
Wet season total	<i>District</i>	23.92	27.16	29.97	34.71	38.93
January total	<i>Northern</i>	0.73	1.50	2.45	4.00	5.30
January total	<i>Central</i>	0.72	1.21	2.23	3.72	4.60
January total	<i>Southern</i>	0.39	0.93	1.88	3.31	4.93
January total	<i>District</i>	0.65	1.17	2.10	3.55	4.90
February total	<i>Northern</i>	0.82	1.42	2.82	4.08	5.76
February total	<i>Central</i>	0.60	1.12	2.38	4.17	5.50
February total	<i>Southern</i>	0.36	1.26	2.21	3.63	4.93
February total	<i>District</i>	0.73	1.32	2.38	3.94	5.12
March total	<i>Northern</i>	1.00	2.06	3.15	5.43	7.21
March total	<i>Central</i>	0.97	1.66	2.96	4.95	6.44
March total	<i>Southern</i>	0.81	1.28	2.56	4.29	6.68
March total	<i>District</i>	1.09	1.64	3.04	4.86	6.92
April total	<i>Northern</i>	0.65	1.33	2.38	3.95	5.52
April total	<i>Central</i>	0.51	0.96	1.87	3.44	5.59
April total	<i>Southern</i>	0.48	1.19	2.04	3.75	4.66
April total	<i>District</i>	0.65	1.20	2.24	3.72	5.12
May total	<i>Northern</i>	1.18	1.95	3.21	4.67	6.92
May total	<i>Central</i>	0.87	1.64	2.73	4.58	5.75
May total	<i>Southern</i>	1.17	1.91	3.36	5.22	6.75
May total	<i>District</i>	1.23	2.04	3.24	4.87	6.29
June total	<i>Northern</i>	4.60	5.47	7.27	8.63	10.16
June total	<i>Central</i>	3.65	4.79	6.46	8.27	9.48
June total	<i>Southern</i>	4.22	5.63	7.44	9.06	12.06
June total	<i>District</i>	4.55	5.46	7.24	8.60	10.99
July total	<i>Northern</i>	5.36	6.75	8.29	9.16	11.52
July total	<i>Central</i>	4.89	5.98	8.35	10.05	11.44
July total	<i>Southern</i>	5.68	6.94	8.11	9.50	10.99
July total	<i>District</i>	5.60	6.83	8.19	9.57	10.58
August total	<i>Northern</i>	5.44	6.30	7.31	9.72	11.33
August total	<i>Central</i>	5.52	6.55	7.90	9.62	12.03
August total	<i>Southern</i>	5.55	6.22	7.70	8.97	10.49
August total	<i>District</i>	5.65	6.52	7.70	9.37	10.67
September total	<i>Northern</i>	2.79	4.18	5.84	8.04	11.35
September total	<i>Central</i>	3.19	5.11	6.46	8.50	11.69
September total	<i>Southern</i>	4.30	5.46	6.94	9.33	11.85
September total	<i>District</i>	3.85	5.21	6.53	8.62	11.65
October total	<i>Northern</i>	0.63	1.27	2.46	4.40	6.15
October total	<i>Central</i>	0.69	1.39	2.61	4.03	6.13
October total	<i>Southern</i>	0.92	1.78	2.73	4.27	6.04
October total	<i>District</i>	1.06	1.57	2.80	4.15	5.79

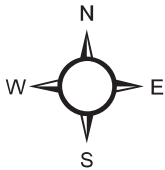
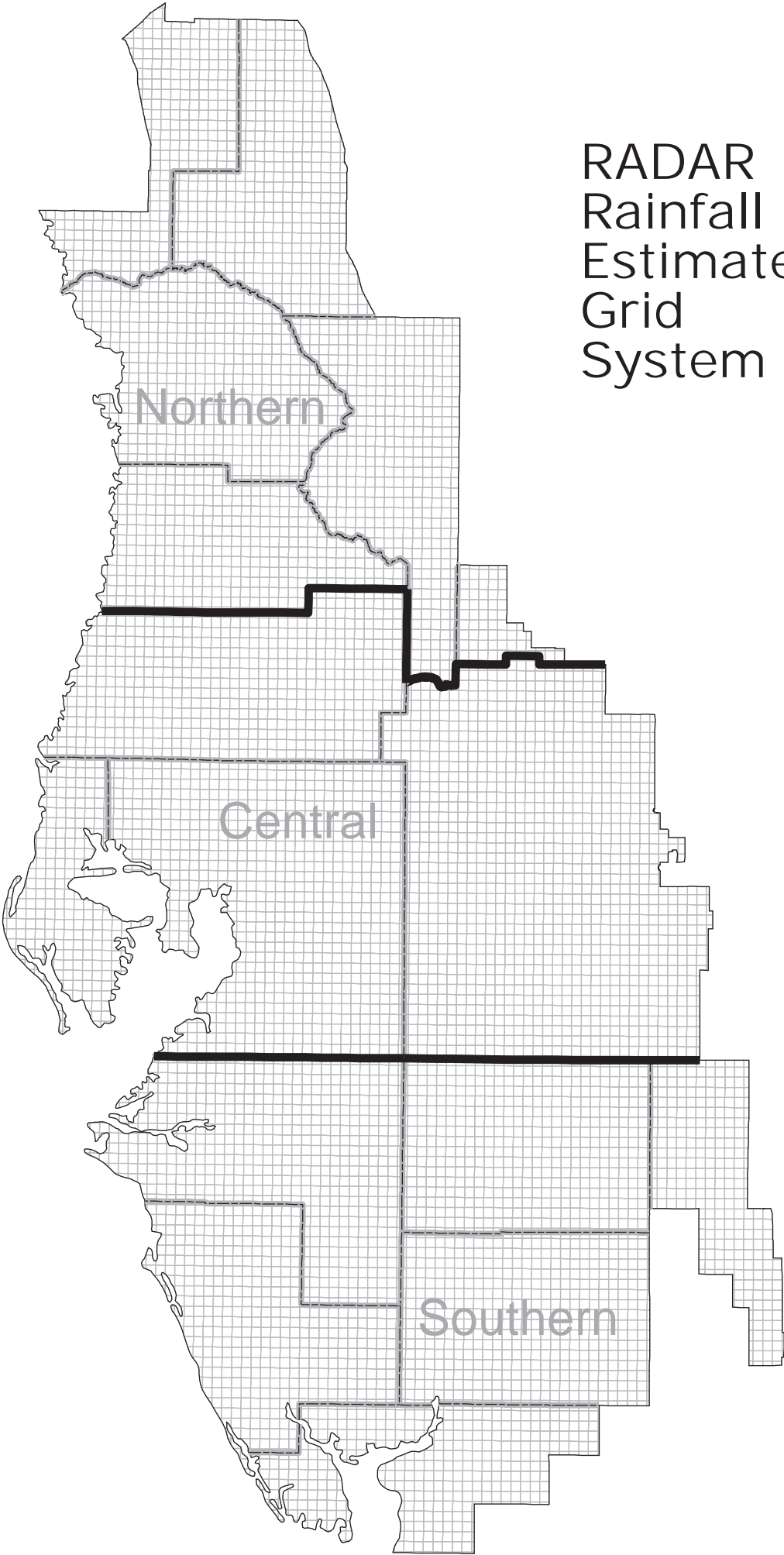
Rainfall percentiles by interval and region, inches (continued).

Rainfall Interval	Region	10TH Percentile (P10)	25th Percentile (P25)	50th Percentile (P50)	75th Percentile (P75)	90th Percentile (P90)
November total	<i>Northern</i>	0.38	0.71	1.63	2.88	4.56
November total	<i>Central</i>	0.25	0.47	1.42	2.82	4.33
November total	<i>Southern</i>	0.40	0.64	1.46	2.56	3.82
November total	<i>District</i>	0.37	0.63	1.53	2.73	4.39
December total	<i>Northern</i>	0.54	1.06	2.06	3.71	5.19
December total	<i>Central</i>	0.48	0.84	1.89	3.03	4.87
December total	<i>Southern</i>	0.45	0.77	1.56	2.63	4.18
December total	<i>District</i>	0.54	0.89	1.86	2.92	4.34

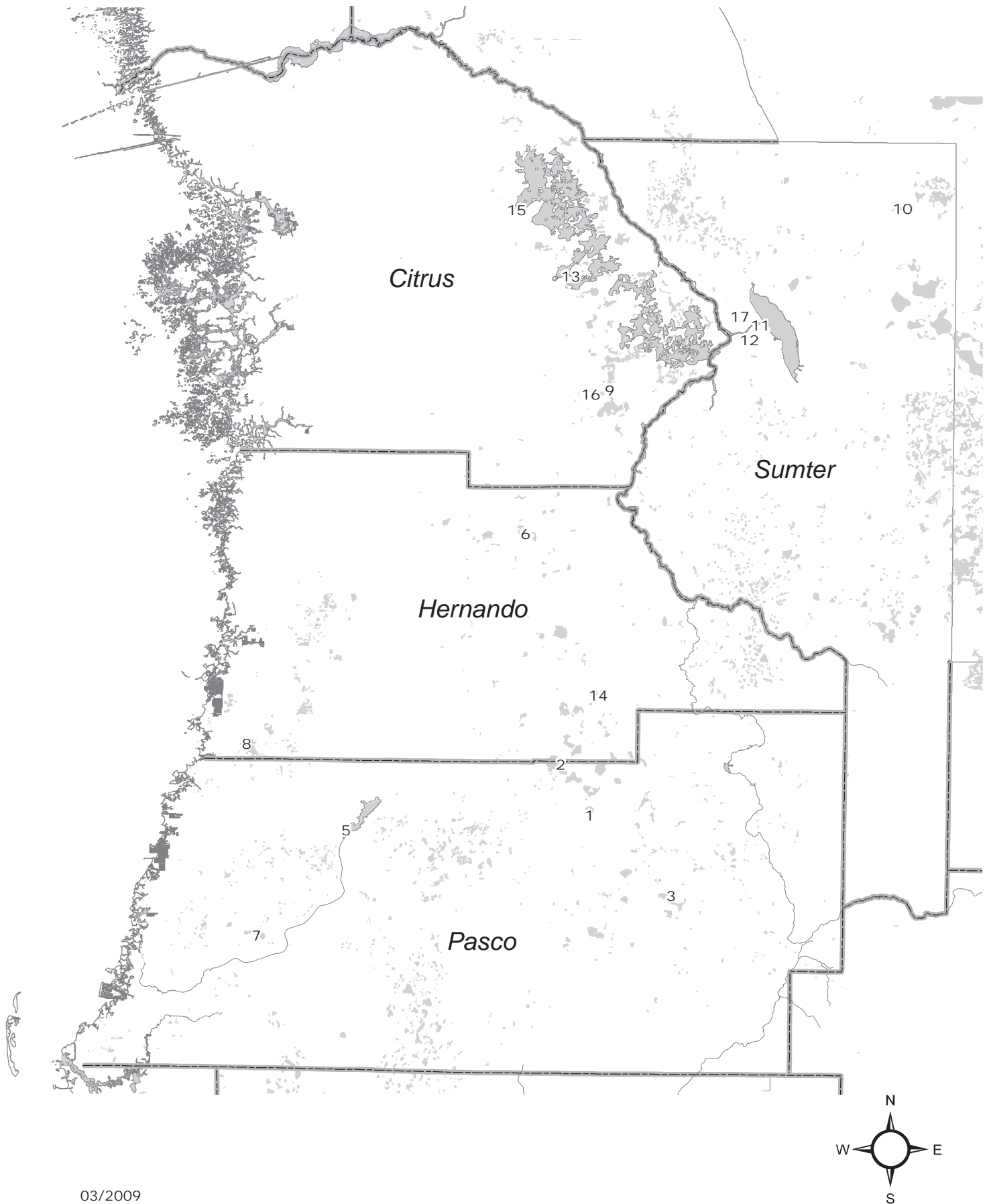
Rainfall characterization ranges

Characterization	Range	Corresponding Rainfall Percent of Normal (approximate)
Very dry	Less than the P10 rainfall	Less than 80 percent of normal
Drier than normal	P10 to P24 rainfall	80 to 90 percent of normal
Normal	P25 to P75 rainfall	90 to 110 percent of normal
Wetter than normal	P76 to P90 rainfall	110 to 120 percent of normal
Very Wet	Greater than the P90 rainfall	Greater than 120 percent of normal

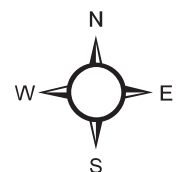
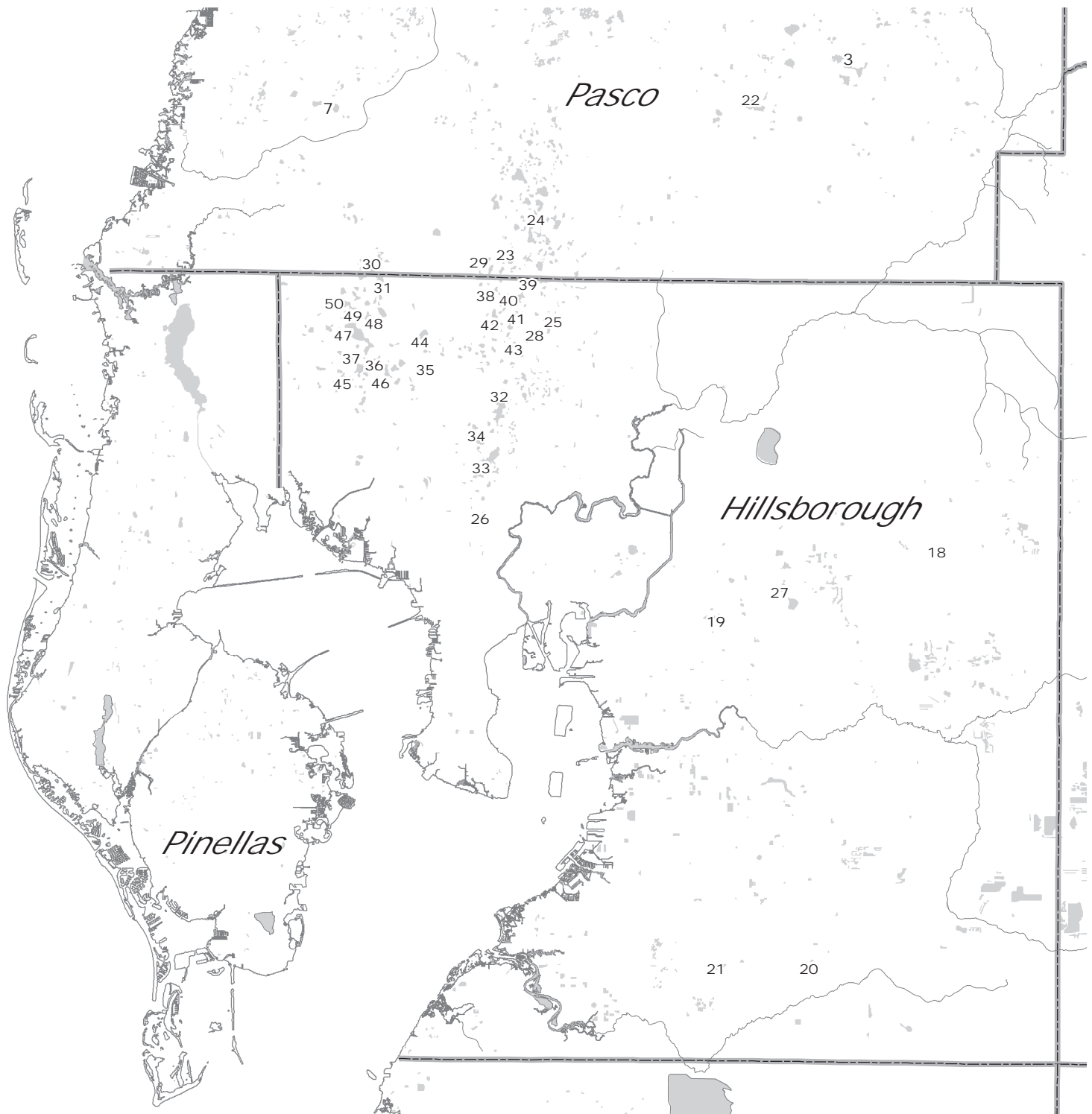
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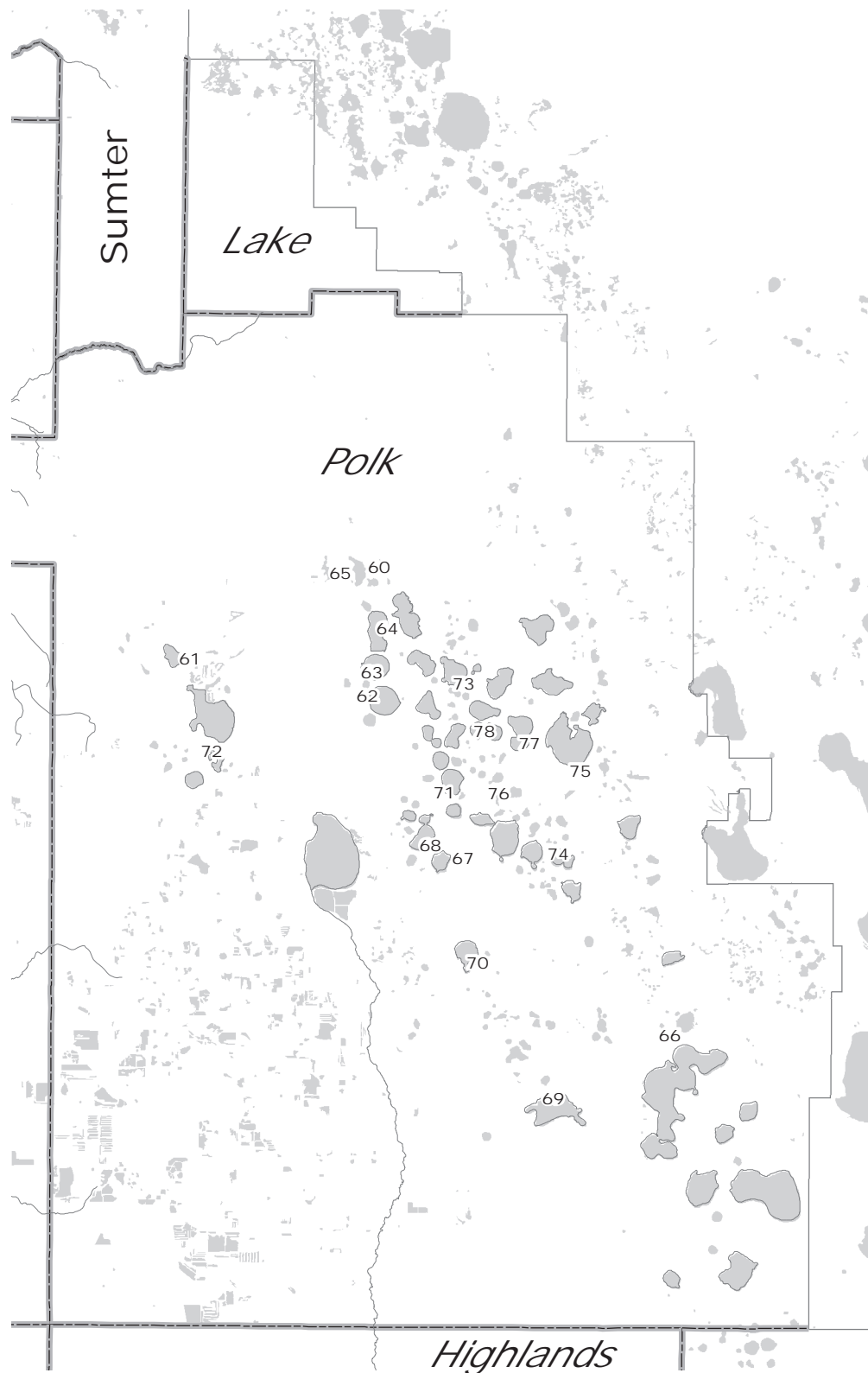


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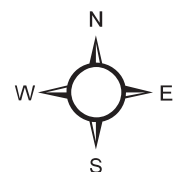
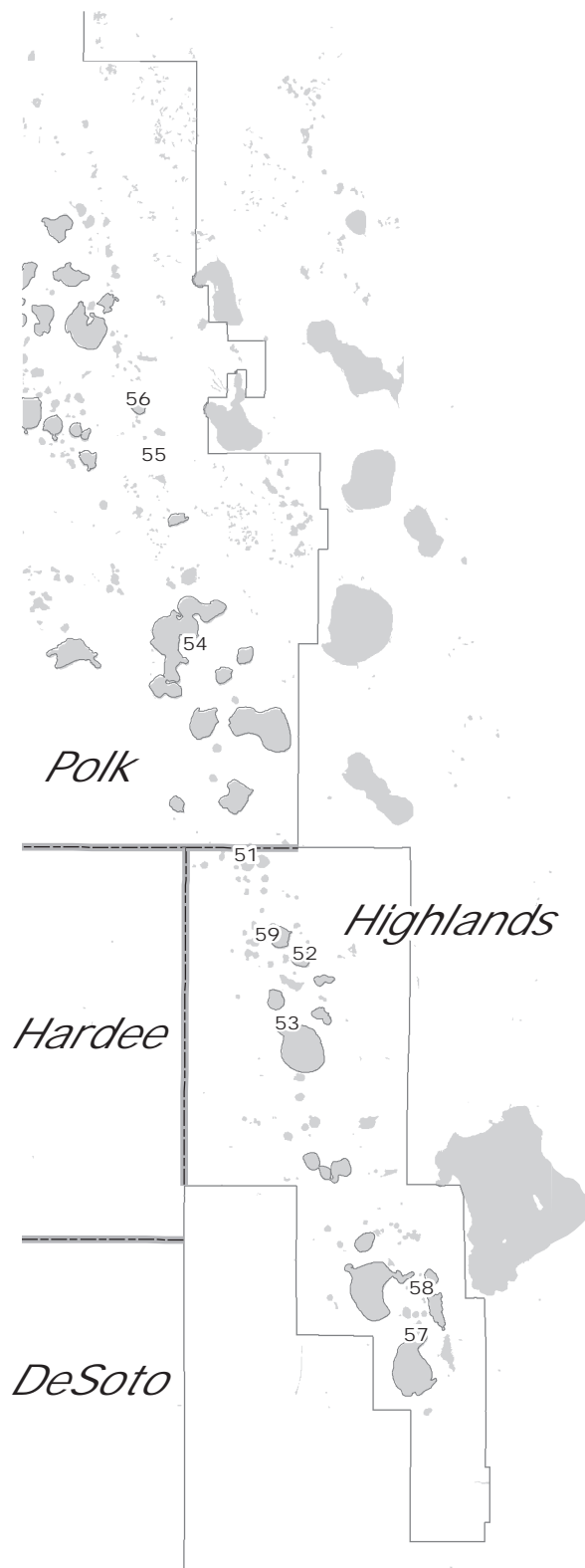
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Northern Region

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7	Moon Lake
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9	Tsala Apopka at Floral City
10	Lake Miona
11	Pana Vista Outlet River
12	Outlet River at Panacoochee
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14	Spring Lake
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Tampa Bay Region

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20	Carlton Lake	42	Lake Thomas
21	Lake Wimauma	43	Brant Lake
22	King Lake near San Antonio	44	Turkey Ford Lake
23	Lake Linda	45	Church Lake
24	Lake Padgett	46	Horse Lake
25	Keene Lake	47	Lake Alice
26	Egypt Lake	48	Lake Calm
27	Long Pond	49	Keystone Lake
28	Lake Stemper	50	Crescent Lake
29	Camp Lake		
30	Lake Ann (Parker)		
31	Lake Hiawatha		
32	Platt Lake		
33	Lake Carroll		
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39	Deer Lake		

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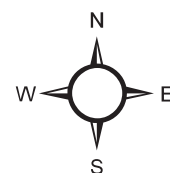
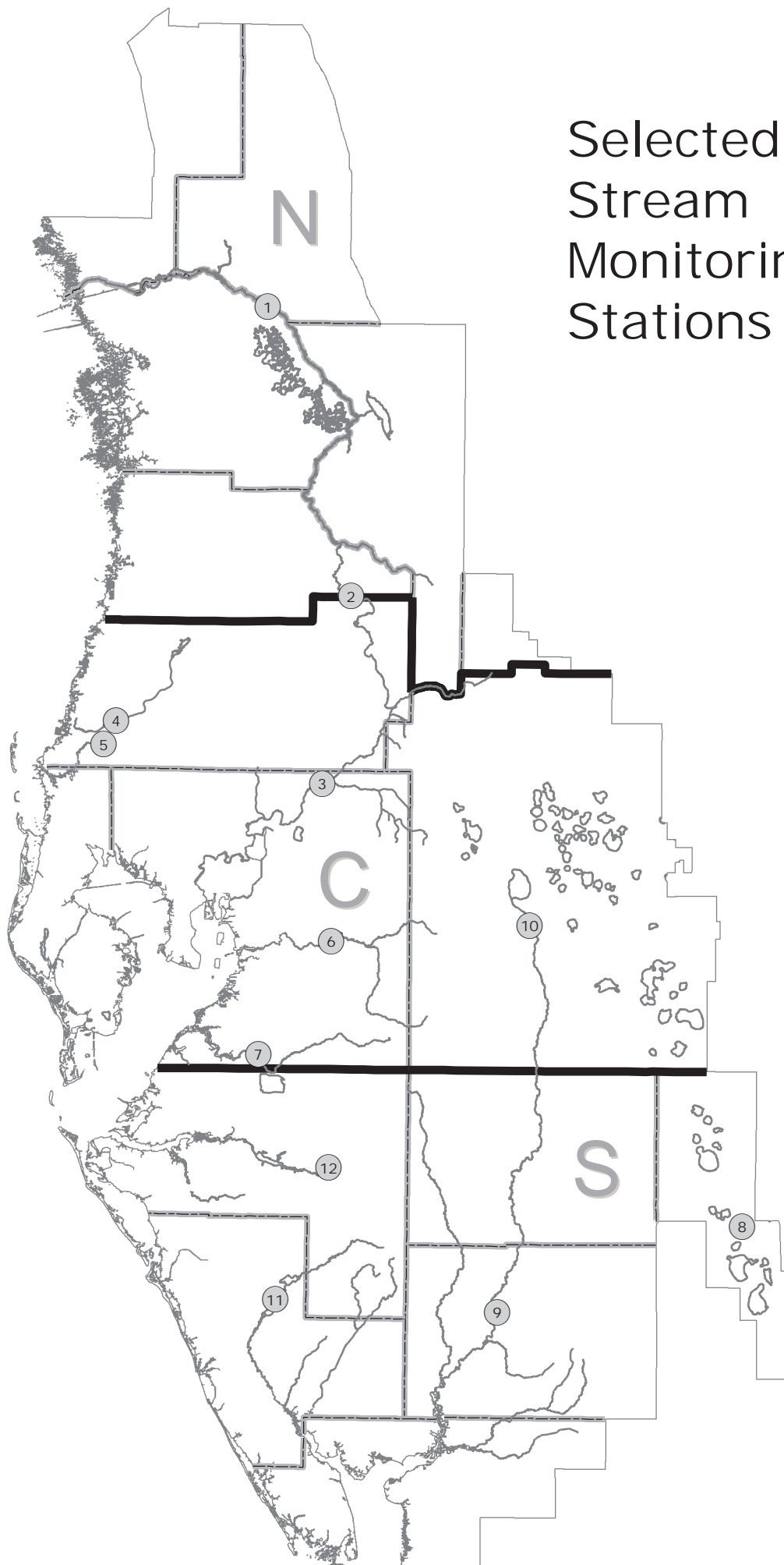
Lake Wales Ridge Region

<u>Map ID</u>	<u>Site Name</u>
51	Trout Lake
52	Lake Letta
53	Lake Jackson at Sebring
54	Crooked Lake near Babson Park
55	Lake Starr
56	Lake Annie
57	Lake Placid
58	Lake Clay
59	Lake Lotela

Polk Uplands Region

<u>Map ID</u>	<u>Site Name</u>
60	Lake Helene
61	Lake Gibson
62	Lake Ariana
63	Lake Arietta
64	Lake Juliana
65	Clearwater Lake
66	Blue Lake South
67	Lake McLeod
68	Eagle Lake
69	Lake Buffum
70	Lake Garfield
71	Lake Howard
72	Lake Bonny
73	Lake Alfred
74	Lake Ruby
75	Lake Hamilton
76	Lake Otis
77	Lake Fannie
78	Lake Conine

Selected Stream Monitoring Stations



Selected Stream Monitoring Stations

<u>Map ID</u>	<u>Site Name</u>
1	Withlacoochee River near Holder
2	Withlacoochee River at Trilby
3	Hillsborough River near Zephyrhills
4	Pithlachascotee River near New Port Richey
5	Anclote River near Elfers
6	Alafia River at Lithia
7	Little Manatee River near Wimauma
8	Josephine Creek near DeSoto City
9	Peace River at Arcadia
10	Peace River at Bartow
11	Myakka River near Sarasota
12	Manatee River near Myakka Head

STREAM MONITORING STATIONS

WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER (Northern Region)

Total length: 157 miles
Headwaters: NW Polk and southern Sumter Counties
Elevation: 135 feet
Tributaries: Little Withlacoochee, Big Gant Canal, Jumper Creek, Shady Brook, Outlet River of Lake Panasoffkee, Leslie Heifner Canal, Orange State Canal, Tsala Apopka Outfall Canal and Rainbow Springs.
Mouth: Gulf of Mexico, Citrus County
Drainage area: 2000 square miles

Holder Station

County: Marion
Period-of-record: 1928
Location: 38 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 1825 square miles

Trilby Station

County: Hernando
Period-of-record: 1928
Location: 93 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 570 square miles

ANCLOTE RIVER (Central Region)

Total length: 27.5 miles
Headwaters: South-central Pasco County, west of Land O Lakes
Elevation: 65 feet
Tributaries: South Branch and Hollin Creek
Mouth: Gulf of Mexico, Pasco County
Drainage area: 113 square miles

Elfers Station

County: Pasco
Period-of-record: 1946
Location: 16 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 72.5 square miles

HILLSBOROUGH RIVER (Central Region)

Total length: 55 miles
Headwaters: Southeast Pasco County
Elevation: 77 feet
Tributaries: Crystal Springs, Blackwater Creek, Flint Creek, Trout Creek, Cypress Creek, Curiosity Creek and Sulphur Springs
Mouth: Hillsborough Bay
Drainage area: 690 square miles

Zephyrhills Station

County: Hillsborough
Period-of-record: 1939
Location: 40 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 200 square miles

PITHLACHASCOTEE RIVER (Central Region)

Total length: 41 miles
Headwaters: Crews Lake and Masaryktown area in central Pasco and southern Hernando Counties
Elevation: 120 feet
Mouth: Gulf of Mexico
Drainage area: 191 square miles

New Port Richey Station:

County: Pasco
Period-of-record: 1963
Location: 10.5 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 180 square miles

ALAFIA RIVER (Central Region)

Total length: 24 miles
Headwaters: Western Polk and eastern Hillsborough Counties
Tributaries: North and South Prongs, Lithia Springs, and Buckhorn Creek.
Elevation: 30 feet
Mouth: Tampa Bay
Drainage area: 420 square miles

Lithia Station:

County: Hillsborough
Period-of-record: 1932
Location: 16 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 335 square miles

LITTLE MANATEE RIVER (Central Region)

Total length: 39 miles
Headwaters: Southeast Hillsborough County
Tributaries: Carlton Branch, the South Fork, Dug Creek and Cypress Creek.
Elevation: 130 feet
Mouth: Tampa Bay
Drainage area: 225 square miles

Wimauma Station:

County: Hillsborough
Period-of-record: 1939
Location: 15 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 149 square miles

JOSEPHINE CREEK (Southern Region)

Total length: 12 miles
Headwaters: Lake Josephine in central Highlands County
Elevation: 80 feet
Mouth: Lake Istokpoga in Highlands County
Drainage area: 143 square miles

DeSoto City Station:

County: Highlands
Period-of-record: 1946
Location: 4.9 miles upstream of mouth
Drainage area: 109 square miles

MANATEE RIVER (Southern Region)

Total length: 45 miles
Headwaters: Four corners area Hillsborough, Polk, Hardee and manatee Counties.
Elevation: 130 feet
Mouth: Tampa Bay
Drainage area: 330 square miles

Myakka Head Station:

County: Manatee
Period-of-record: 1966
Location: 36 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 65.3 square miles

MYAKKA RIVER (Southern Region)

Total length: 54.1 miles
Headwaters: Western Hardee and Eastern Manatee Counties
Tributaries: Howard Creek, Deer Prairie, and Big Slough Canal
Elevation: 105 feet
Mouth: Charlotte Harbor
Drainage area: 540 square miles

Sarasota Station:

County: Sarasota
Period-of-record: 1936
Location: 36 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 229 square miles

PEACE RIVER (Central and Southern Region)

Total length: 120 miles
Headwaters: Green Swamp in northern Polk County through Lake Hancock, Winter Haven chain of lakes, and Lake Hamilton.
Tributaries: Peace Creek Canal, Saddle Creek, Charlie Creek, Prairie Creek, Horse Creek, Joshua Creek and Shell Creek. Elevation: 110 feet
Mouth: Charlotte Harbor
Drainage area: 2300 square miles

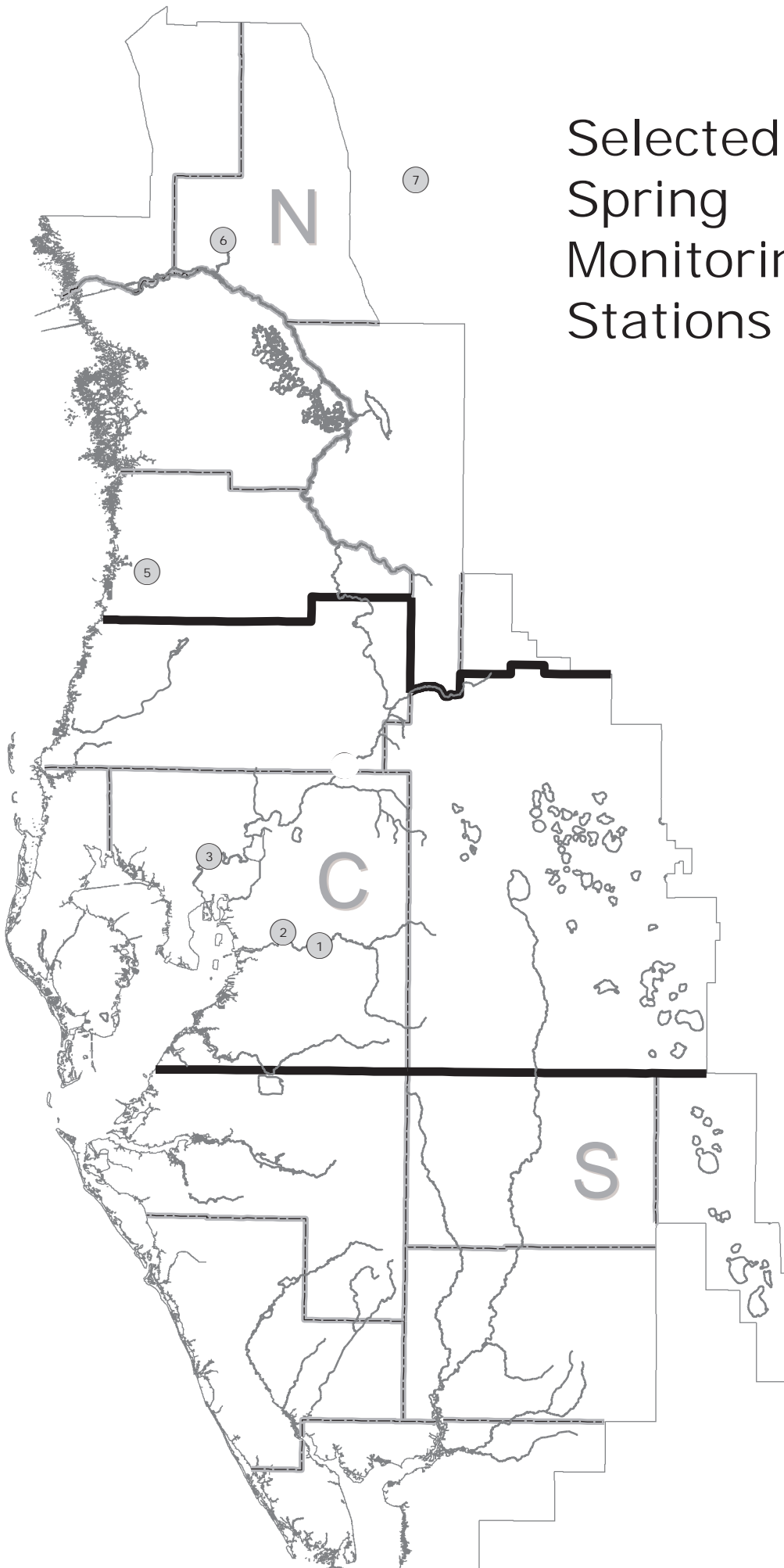
Arcadia Station (Southern Region):

County: Desoto
Period-of-record: 1931
Location: 36 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 1367 square miles

Bartow Station (Central Region):

County: Polk
Period-of-record: 1939
Location: 105 miles upstream from mouth
Drainage area: 390 square miles

Selected Spring Monitoring Stations



Selected Spring Monitoring Stations

<u>Map ID</u>	<u>Site Name</u>
1	Lithia Main Spring
2	Buckhorn Main Spring
3	Sulphur Springs at Sulphur Springs
5	Weeki Wachee River near Brooksville
6	Rainbow Springs near Dunnellon
7	Silver Springs near Ocala

SPRINGS MONITORING STATIONS

RAINBOW SPRINGS (Northern Region)

County:	Marion
Basin:	Withlacoochee River
Magnitude:	1 st
Discharge measurement location:	5 mi downstream from head of springs
Discharge contributes to:	Rainbow River, Withlacoochee River
Public Access:	Yes
Period-of-record:	1965
Gage:	Non-recording gage

SILVER SPRINGS (Northern Region)

County:	Marion
Basin:	Ocklawaha River
Magnitude:	1 st
Discharge measurement location:	4 to 5 mi downstream from head of springs
Discharge contributes to:	Silver Springs River, Ocklawaha River, St. Johns River
Public Access:	Yes
Period-of-record:	1932
Gage:	Water-stage recorder

WEEKI WACHEE SPRINGS (Northern Region)

County:	Hernando
Basin:	Coastal Rivers
Magnitude:	1 st
Discharge measurement location:	1 mi downstream from head of springs
Discharge contributes to:	Weeki Wachee River
Public Access:	Yes
Period-of-record:	1993
Gage:	Water-stage

SULPHUR SPRINGS (Central Region)

County:	Hillsborough
Basin:	Hillsborough River
Magnitude:	2 nd
Discharge measurement location:	300 ft downstream from gage
Discharge contributes to:	Hillsborough River
Public Access:	Yes
Period-of-record:	1956
Gage:	Water-stage recorder

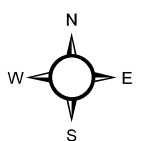
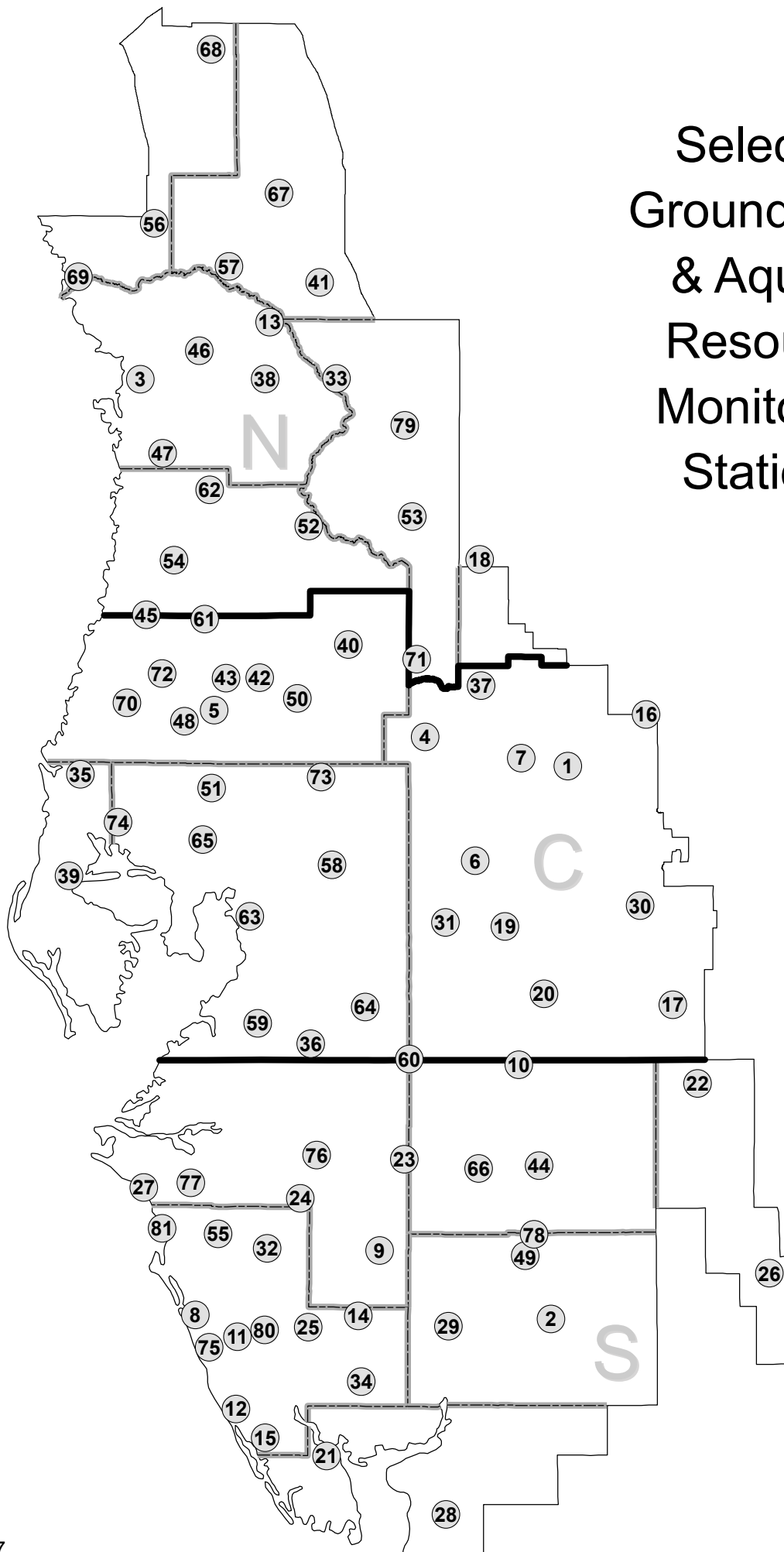
BUCKHORN SPRINGS (Central Region)

County:	Hillsborough
Basin:	Alafia River
Magnitude:	2 nd
Discharge measurement location:	Difference between discharge measurements of Buckhorn Creek made 25 ft upstream from and 100 ft downstream from Buckhorn Springs
Discharge contributes to:	Buckhorn Creek, Alafia River
Public Access:	No
Period-of-record:	1987
Gage:	Water-stage recorder

LITHIA SPRINGS: (Central Region)

County:	Hillsborough
Basin:	Alafia River
Magnitude:	2 nd
Discharge measurement location:	50 feet downstream from main pool
Discharge contributes to:	Alafia River
Public Access:	Yes
Period-of-record:	1934
Gage:	Water-stage recorder

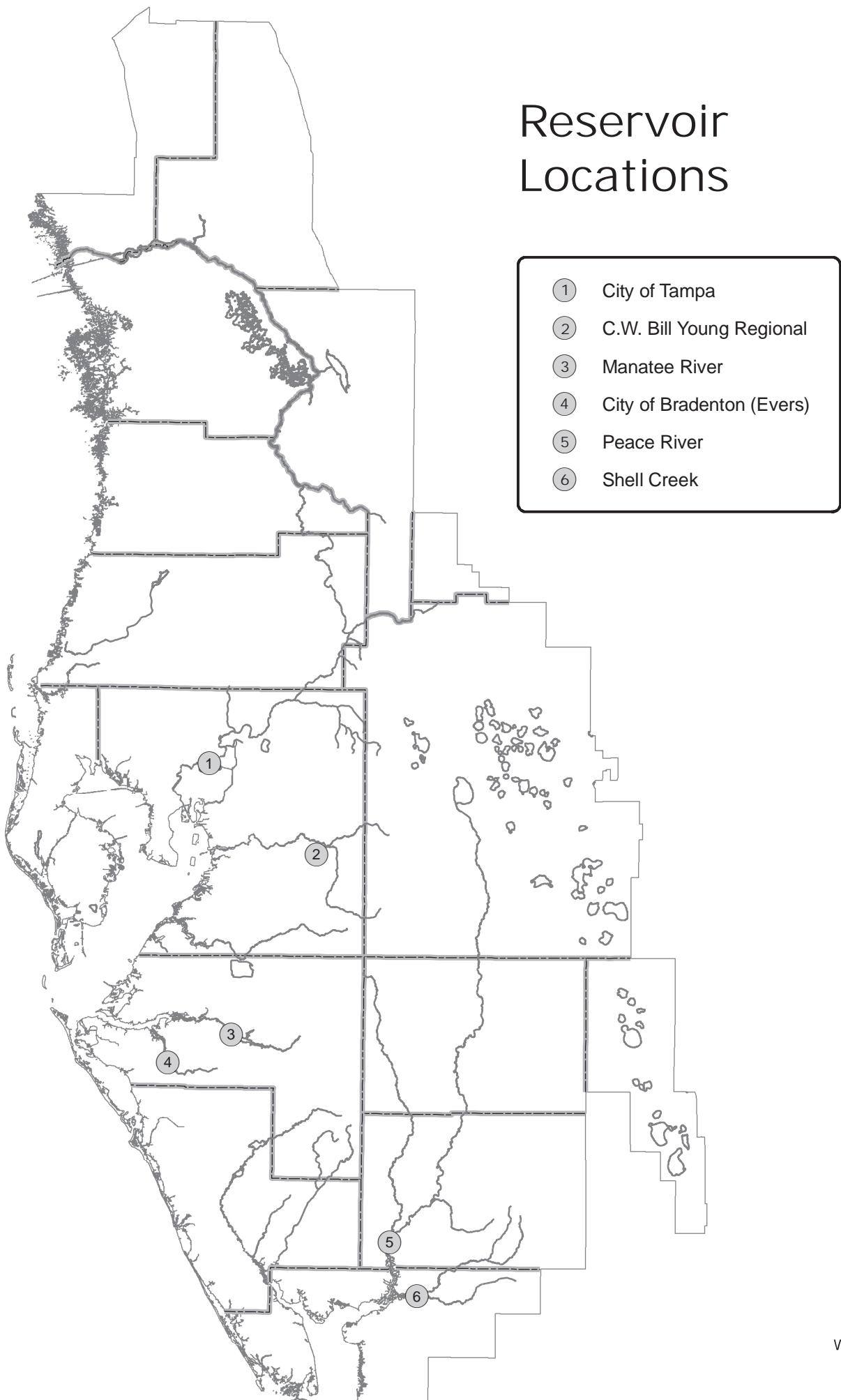
Selected Groundwater & Aquifer Resource Monitoring Stations



Select Groundwater & Aquifer Resource Monitoring Stations

Map ID	Site Name	Map ID	Site Name
1	Lake Alfred Deep nr Lake Alfred	49	ROMP 26 U Fldn Aq Monitor
2	ROMP 16 U Fldn Aq Monitor	50	SR 577 Deep
3	ROMP TR 21-2 U Fldn Aq Chloride Monitor	51	Debuel Road Deep
4	ROMP 87 U Fldn Aq (Avpk) Monitor	52	ROMP 103 U Fldn Aq Monitor
5	Pasco 13 nr Drexel Fldn	53	Webster City Fldn
6	Sanlon Ranch Fldn	54	Weeki Wachee Fldn Repl
7	ROMP 76 U Fldn Aq Monitor	55	Sarasota Service Office U Fldn Aq Monitor
8	ROMP 20 U Fldn Aq (Swann) Monitor	56	Tidewater 1 Fldn
9	Edgeville 3 Deep	57	CE 14 Dunnellon Deep
10	Cargill FA-1 Fldn	58	DV-1 U Fldn Aq (Swann) Monitor
11	ROMP TR 5-2 U Fldn Aq (Swann) Monitor	59	ROMP 50 U Fldn Aq (Avpk) Chloride Monitor
12	Manasota 14 Deep	60	ROMP 40 U Fldn Aq Monitor
13	ROMP 116 U Fldn Aq Monitor	61	Masaryktown Deep
14	Big Slough Deep	62	ROMP 107 U Fldn Aq Monitor
15	Englewood 14 Deep	63	ROMP TR 10-2 U Fldn Aq Monitor
16	Loughman Deep	64	ROMP 48 U Fldn Aq (Tmpra/Swann) Monitor
17	Coley Deep	65	ROMP 66 U Fldn Aq Monitor
18	Mascotte Deep (L-0062)	66	ROMP 31 U Fldn Aq Monitor
19	ROMP 59 U Fldn Aq Interface Monitor	67	ROMP 120 U Fldn Aq Monitor
20	ROMP 45 U Fldn Aq (Avpk) Monitor	68	ROMP 134 U Fldn Aq (Ocal-Avpk-Oldm) Monitor
21	ROMP TR 3-1 U Fldn Aq Monitor	69	ROMP TR 124 U Fldn Aq Monitor (Avpk) 2
22	ROMP 43XX U Fldn Aq Monitor	70	Moon Lake Deep
23	ROMP 32 U Fldn Aq (Avpk) Monitor	71	ROMP 89 U Fldn Aq Monitor
24	Verna Test 0-1	72	SR 52 Deep West nr Fivay Junction
25	ROMP 19X U Fldn Aq (Swann) Monitor	73	Hillsborough River State Park Parking Lot Deep
26	ROMP 28X U Fldn Aq Monitor	74	ROMP TR 13-3 U Fldn Aq Monitor
27	ROMP TR 7-1 L Arca Aq Interface Monitor	75	ROMP TR 5-1 U Fldn Aq Sulfate Monitor
28	ROMP TR 1-2 U Fldn Aq Monitor	76	Kibler Deep
29	ROMP 17 U Fldn Aq (Swann) Monitor	77	ROMP TR 7-4 U Fldn Aq (Swann) Monitor
30	ROMP 58 U Fldn Aq Monitor	78	Marshall Deep (USGS)
31	ROMP 60 U Fldn Aq (Avpk) Monitor Repl	79	ROMP 111 U Fldn Aq Monitor
32	ROMP 22 U Fldn Aq (Swann) Monitor	80	ROMP 19 U Fldn Aq (Swann) Monitor
33	Sumter 13 JC 59 Up Fldn Repl	81	ROMP TR SA-1 U Fldn Aq (Swann) Monitor
34	ROMP 9 U Fldn Aq (Swann) Monitor		
35	Tarpon Road Deep		
36	ROMP 123 Htrn As/U Fldn Aq Monitor		
37	ROMP 88 U Fldn Aq Monitor		
38	Inverness DOT Fldn		
39	Pinellas 665 Fldn		
40	Lykes Pasco Fldn		
41	ROMP 119 U Fldn Aq Sulfate Monitor		
42	SR 52 And CR 581 Deep		
43	ROMP 93 U Fldn Aq Monitor		
44	ROMP 30 U Fldn Aq Monitor		
45	ROMP 97 U Fldn Aq Monitor		
46	North Lecanto Deep		
47	Chassahowitzka 1 Deep		
48	Bexley 2 Fldn		

Reservoir Locations



DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC SUPPLY SURFACE WATER RESERVOIRS

CITY OF TAMPA RESERVOIR (Hillsborough River Basin): Constructed in 1924, it is located on the Hillsborough River in Hillsborough County. It is the fourth largest public supply surface water facility in the District. It is the main water supply for the City of Tampa and has a total storage capacity of 1.7 billion gallons (bg). The total usable volume is 1.4 bg, when the reservoir elevation is 22.5 feet NGVD. It is an in-stream reservoir with a depth that ranges between nine and 22 feet. Given this amount of water, it is estimated that a 15-day supply of water is available from this facility over an extended dry period. During periods of low water due to drought conditions, the facility is permitted to pump water from two alternate sources. The first of these two sources is the Tampa Bypass Canal. Water is pumped over the water control structure at S-161 into the Hillsborough River above the dam. The second source is Sulphur Springs, just downstream from the dam, where water is captured at the spring and pumped back behind the dam. Withdrawals from both sources are in strict accordance with pumpage schedules as outlined in the facility's water use permit. When water levels fall below 12 feet NGVD, water cannot be withdrawn because the reservoir level is below the intake pipes. The permitted average daily withdrawal for this facility is 82 mgd, with a permitted maximum daily withdrawal of 104 mgd. Currently, ground water wells are not used to augment this facility. The minimum producible level is 9.00 feet.

PEACE RIVER RESERVOIRS - PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER

SUPPLY AUTHORITY (Peace River Basin): The Peace River reservoirs are located in southwestern DeSoto County. They are an off-stream reservoir system consisting of two reservoirs that store surface water captured from the Peace River during wet periods. The first reservoir, Reservoir 1, was built in 1980 and encompasses approximately 85 acres, has a water depth of approximately 31 feet, and has a total storage capacity of approximately 625 million gallons. The second reservoir, Reservoir 2, was built in 2009, covers about 616 acres, has a water depth of approximately 35 feet, and has a total storage capacity of about 6.0 billion gallons. The PRMRWSA facility ranks as the third largest in the District for total volume storage and supplies water to Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties and to the City of North Port. The facility also uses an aquifer storage recovery (ASR) system for storing treated water pumped from the river. The minimum producible level at Reservoir 1 is Elevation 8.0 feet, while Reservoir 2 is Elevation 27.0 feet.

MANATEE RESERVOIR (Manasota Basin): Completed in 1967 by the damming of the Manatee River, the Manatee Reservoir is the second largest of the six surface-water public supply facilities within the District. Located in Manatee County, this in-stream facility has a storage capacity of 7.5 bg. The service area of the Manatee reservoir is the unincorporated portions of Manatee County, the City of Palmetto and Anna Maria Island, and also the Sarasota SUD#1. This reservoir provides essentially all public supply for Manatee County, with the exception of the City of Bradenton. The total size of this reservoir is 1800 acres with an average depth of 15 feet. With the reservoir full, the

facility has approximately 220 days of available water supply. When the surface-water elevation drops below 21.0 feet, water cannot be withdrawn because levels are below the facility's intakes. The permitted average daily withdrawal for this facility is 34.9 mgd, with a permitted peak monthly quantity of 41.9 mgd. The minimum producible level is 21.00 feet.

EVERS RESERVOIR (Manasota Basin): Constructed in 1935 and expanded in 1985, it is located on the Braden River in Manatee County. This is the fifth largest public supply reservoir in the District. Its main service area is the City of Bradenton and approximately 500 customers outside the city. It has a total storage capacity of 1.5 bg. The total size of the facility is 300 acres with an average depth of 12 feet. Water ceases to flow over the dam when the level falls below 3.84 feet NGVD. During the 1985 drought, while expansion of the facility was taking place, the water level dropped to one foot below sea level and demand was still met. Given a completely full reservoir, with no water going over the spillway, it is estimated the facility could supply water for approximately 260 days, with no input from rainfall. The permitted average daily withdrawal for this facility is 6.95 mgd, with a permitted peak monthly quantity of 8.13 mgd. Currently, ground-water wells are not used to augment this facility.

SHELL CREEK RESERVOIR (Peace River Basin): Shell Creek Reservoir, located in Charlotte County, is the sixth largest surface water system within the District. This system was built in 1964 and services the City of Punta Gorda as well as unincorporated areas surrounding the city limits. The Shell Creek Reservoir is fed by two primary tributaries, Shell Creek from the east and Prairie Creek from the northwest. The total drainage area at Hendrickson Dam is 373 square miles. It has a surface area of 800 acres and depths of 10 to 12 feet. Total storage capacity is 765 mg. Even with this low volume of water, personnel at this facility estimate they have approximately 125 days of available supply with no input from rainfall. Water ceases to flow across the weir when surface elevations drop below 5.0 feet NGVD, and at 3.7 feet NGVD water quality becomes a major concern. When surface elevations drop below 1.75 feet NGVD, the water is below the intakes and withdrawal of water is not possible. The permitted average daily withdrawal by this facility is 5.358 mgd, with a permitted peak monthly quantity of 6.901 mgd. The minimum producible level is 1.70 feet.

C.W. BILL YOUNG REGIONAL RESERVOIR - TAMPA BAY WATER (Alafia River Basin): Constructed in early 2005, it is the largest public supply surface water facility in the District. Located in southern Hillsborough County, it is an off-stream reservoir that stores surface water skimmed from the Tampa Bypass Canal and Alafia and Hillsborough Rivers. It services the Tampa Bay region through the Tampa Bay Water regional public supply water distribution system. The reservoir has an estimated storage capacity of 15.0 bg when the water level elevation is 136.5 feet NGVD. The reservoir is approximately 45 feet deep, two miles long and one mile wide, and encompasses a land area of approximately 1,100 acres. It reportedly has the capacity to provide 25 percent of the Tampa Bay region's public supply needs for six months and can supply the Tampa Bay regional surface water treatment plant at full capacity for 227 days.