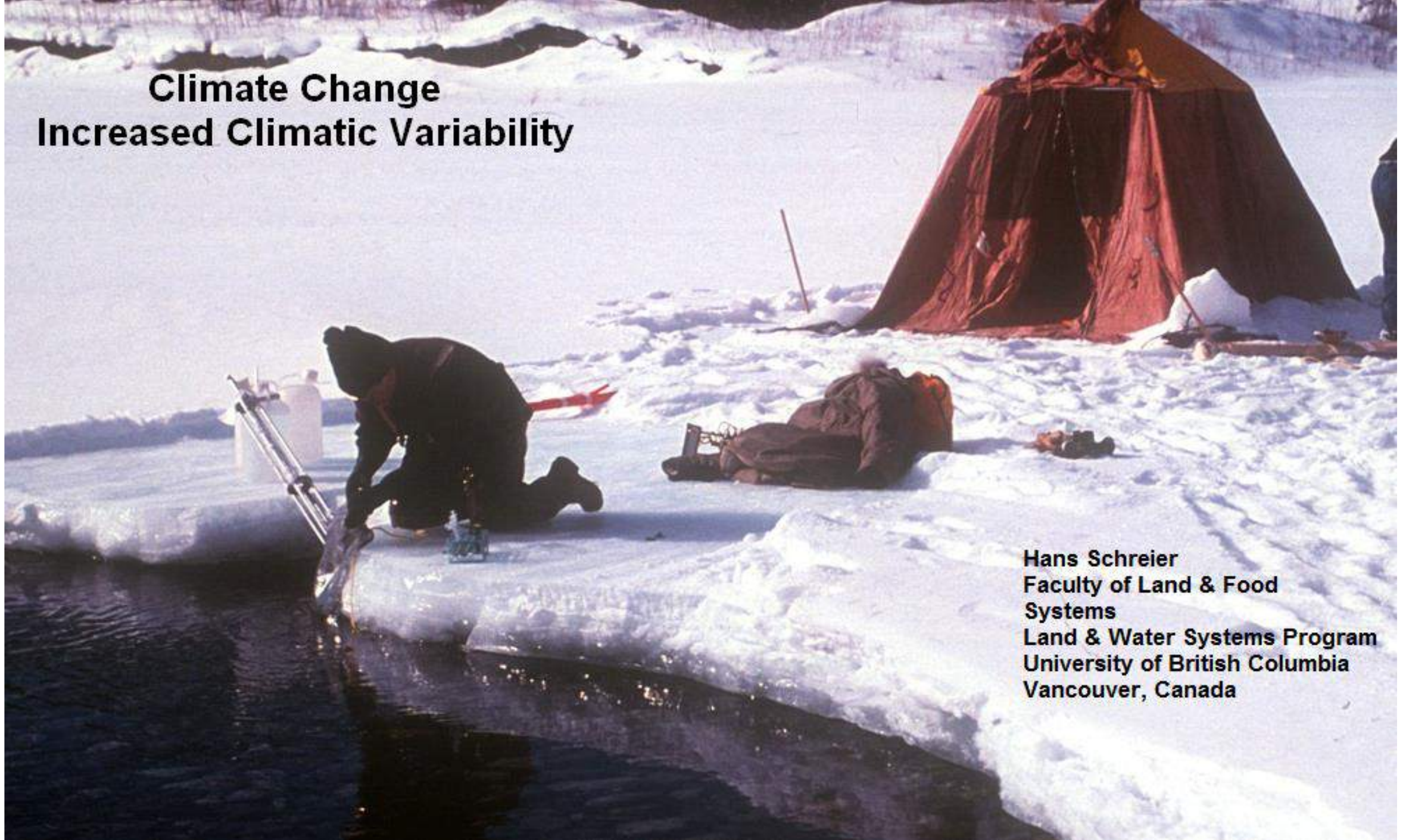
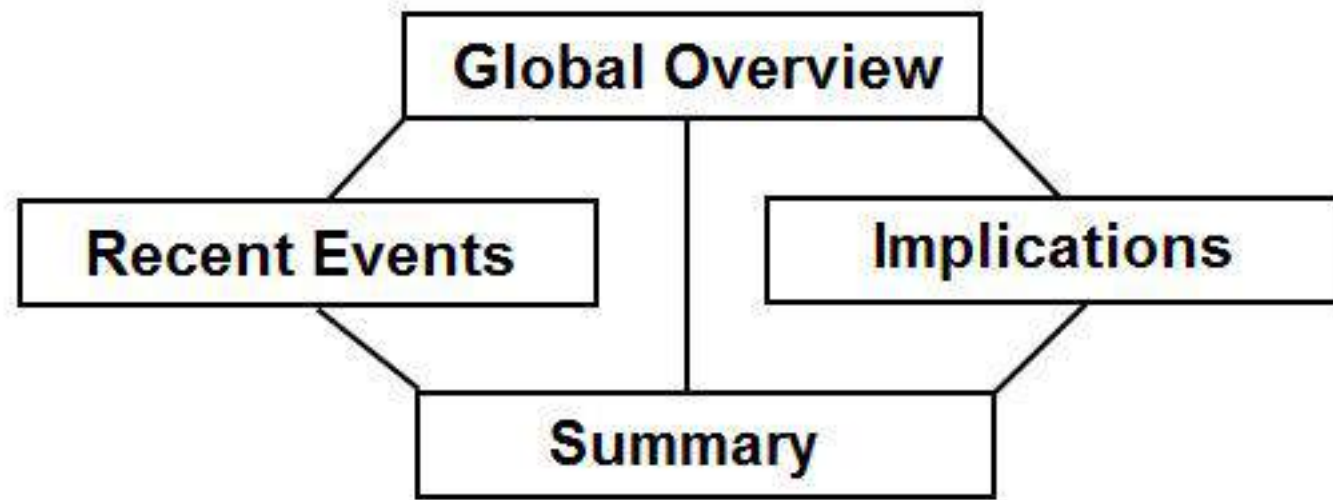


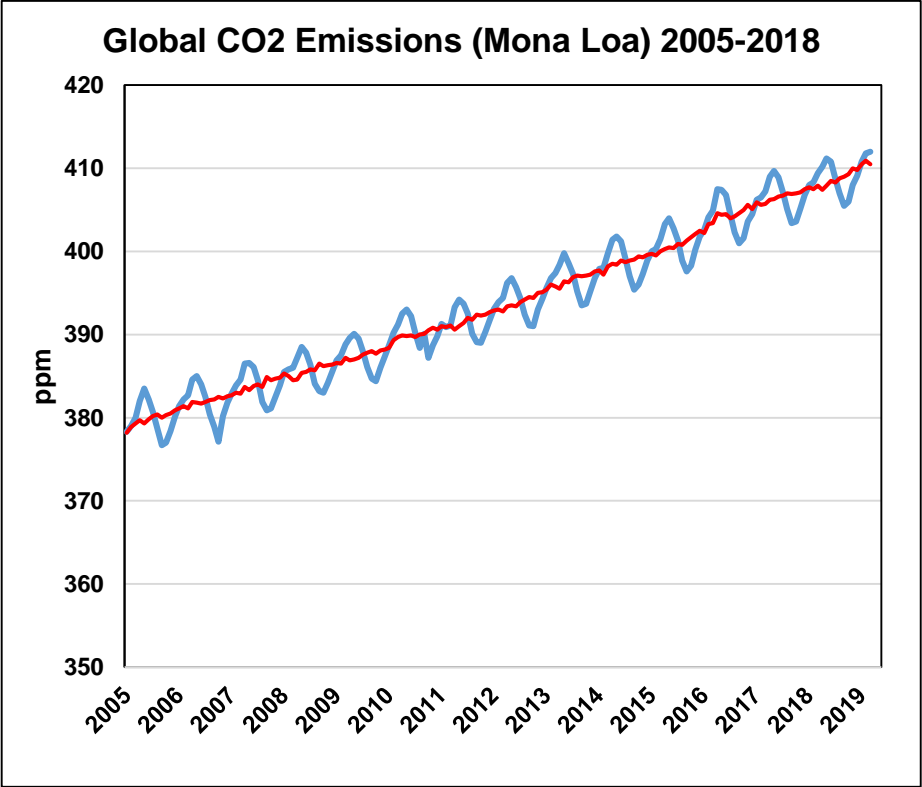
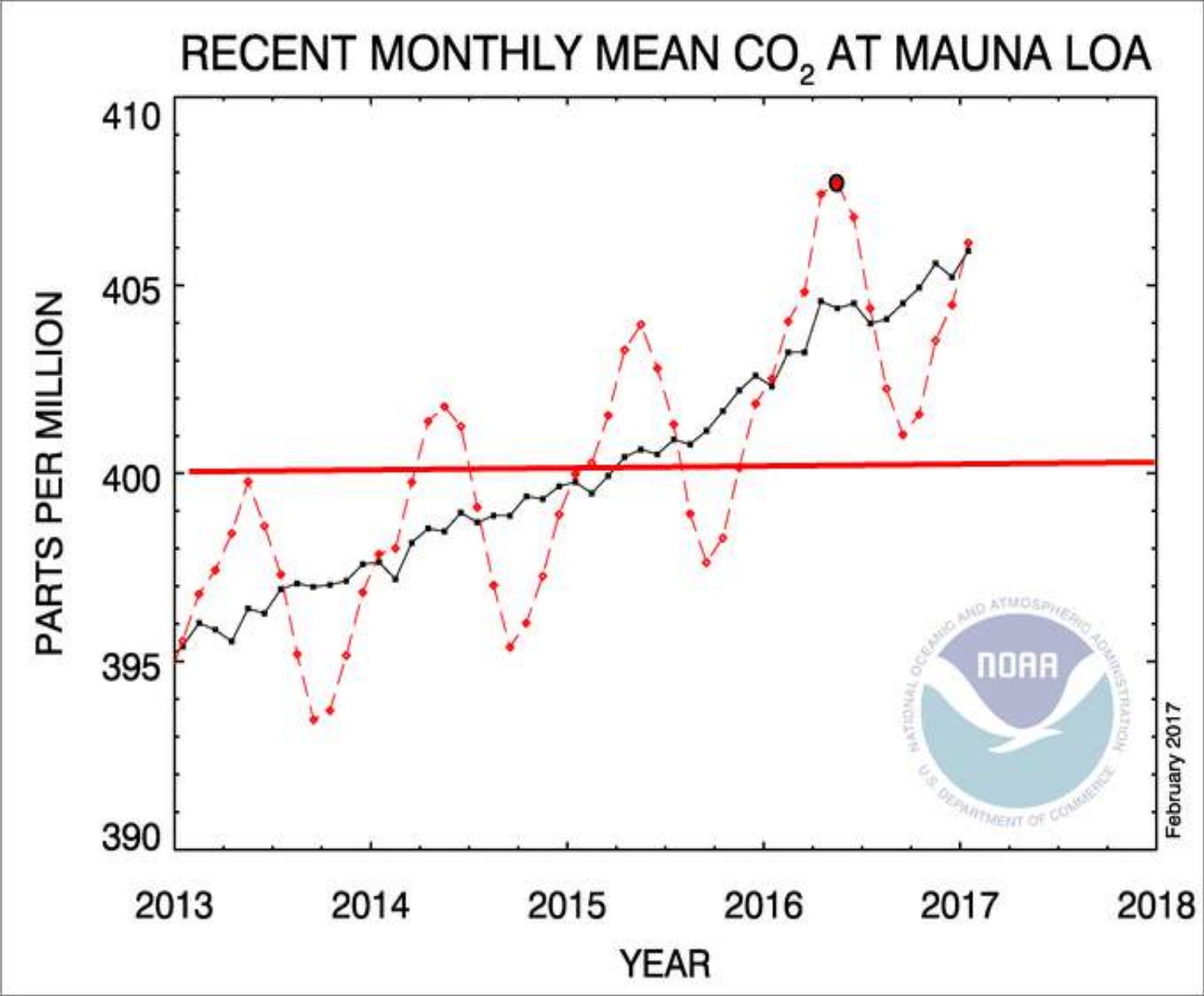
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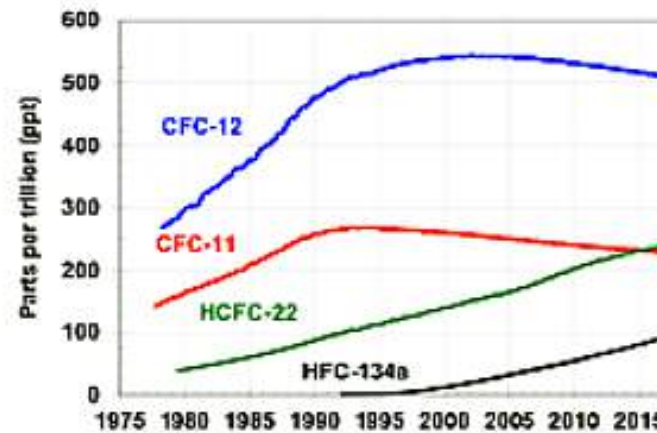
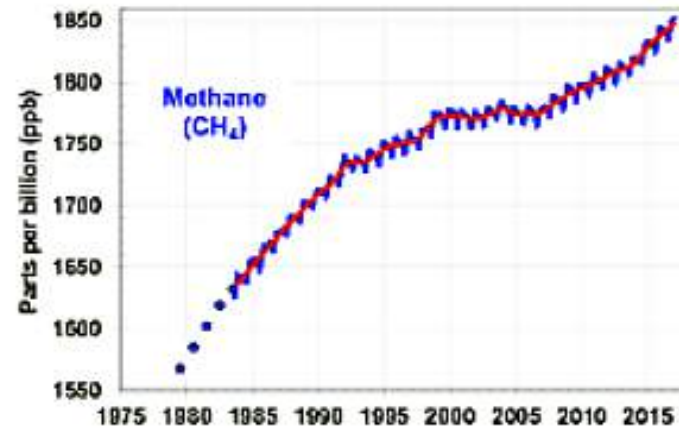
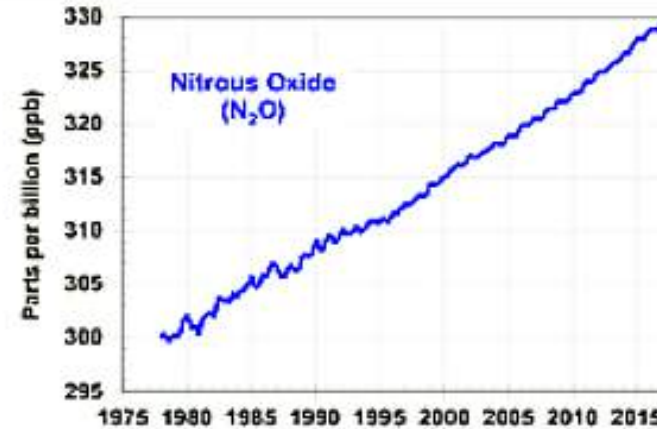
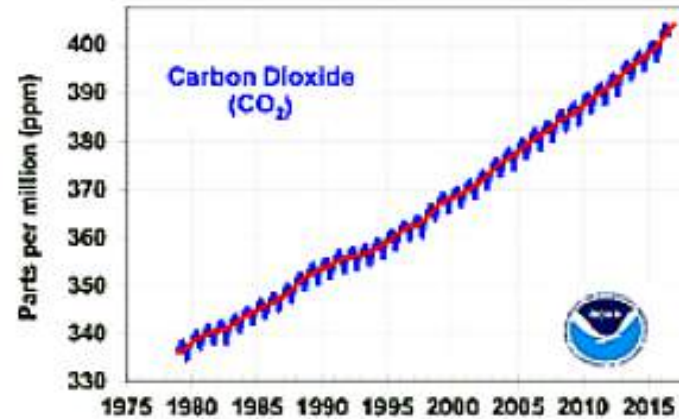
Trend in Global CO₂ Emissions in Hawaii



2017 Dec = 406 ppm
2019 Mar = 411 ppm

Climate Change and Increased Climatic Variability

Different Greenhouse Gases



CO_2 65-70% Absorbed into the Ocean over 20-200 Years

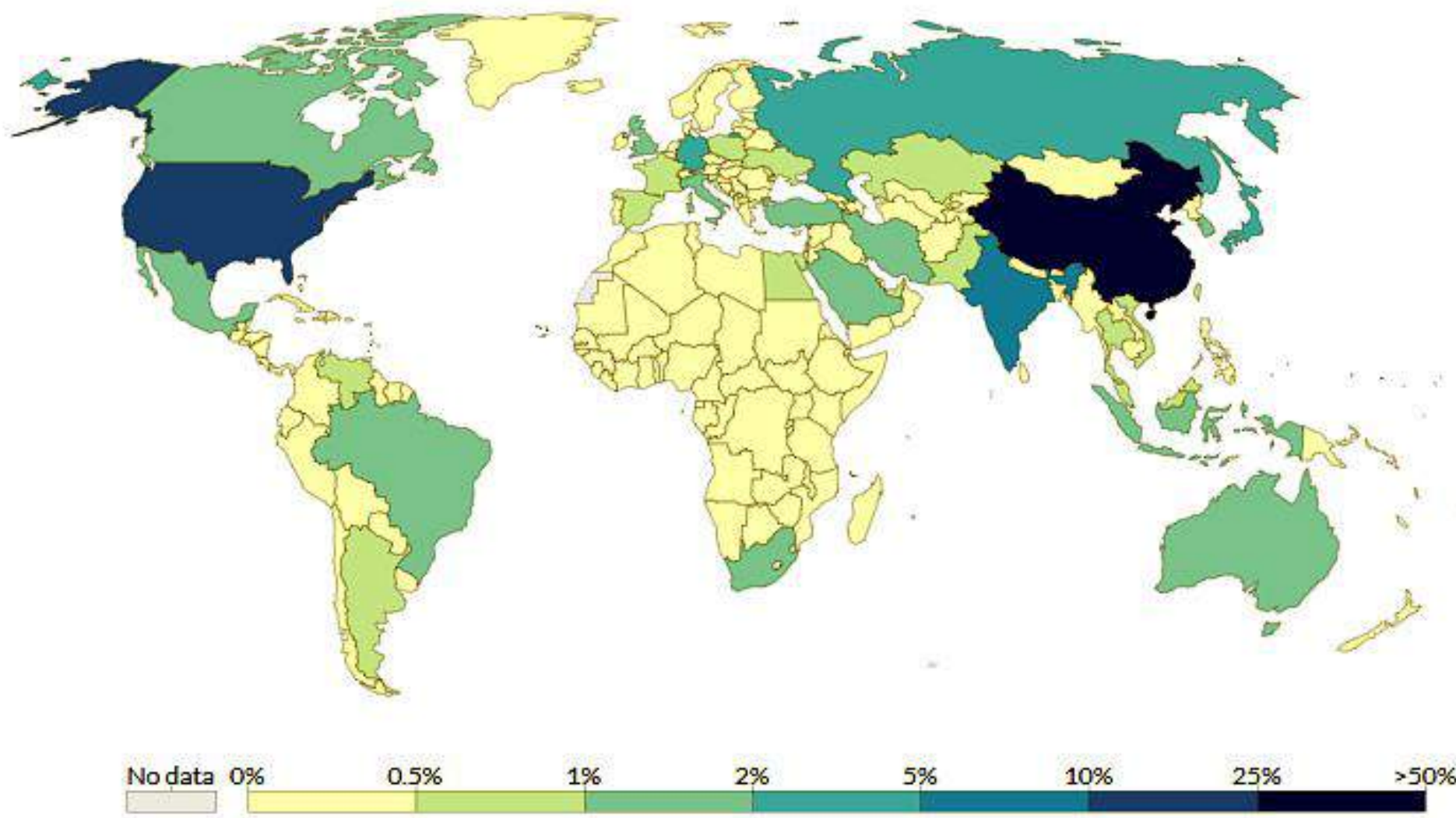
CH_4 12 + Years

N_2O 121 Years

CFC > 1000 Years

Annual share of global CO₂ emissions, 2016

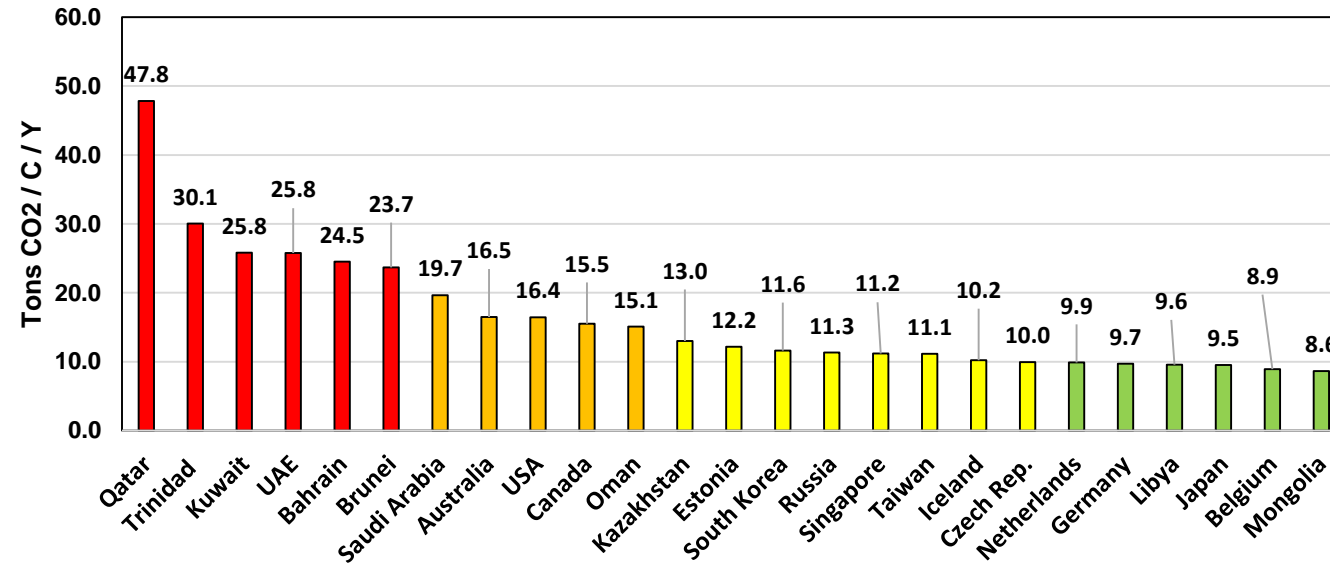
Each country's share of global carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. This is measured as each country's emissions divided by the sum of all countries' emissions in a given year; this does not include international aviation and shipping (known as 'bunkers') and 'statistical differences' in carbon accounts.



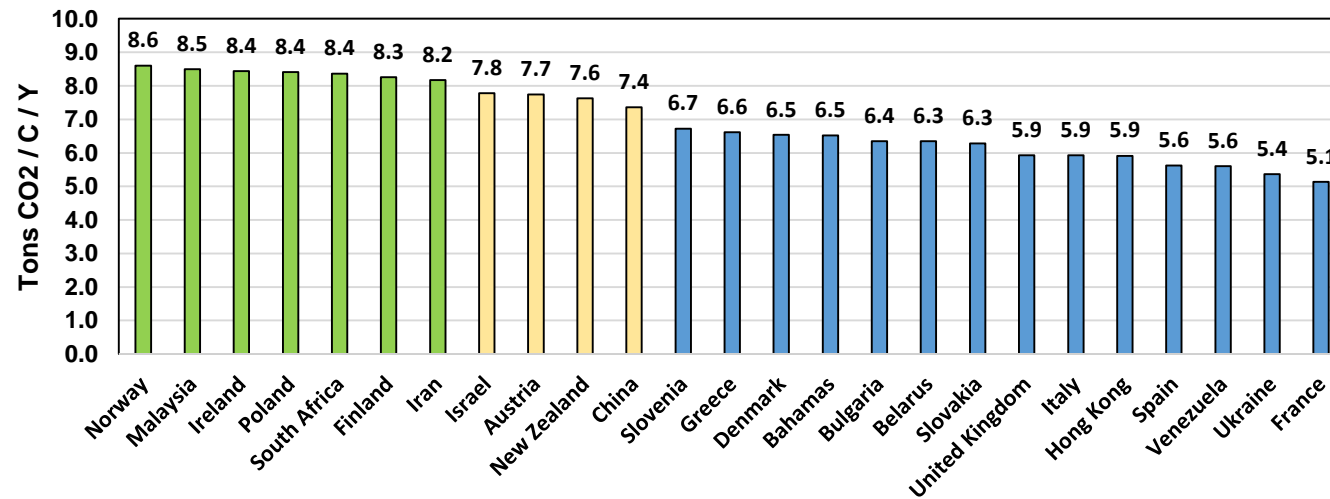
China	28%
USA	15%
EU 28	9%
India	7%
Russia	5%
Japan	4%

Source: Our World in Data based on Global Carbon Project (2017)

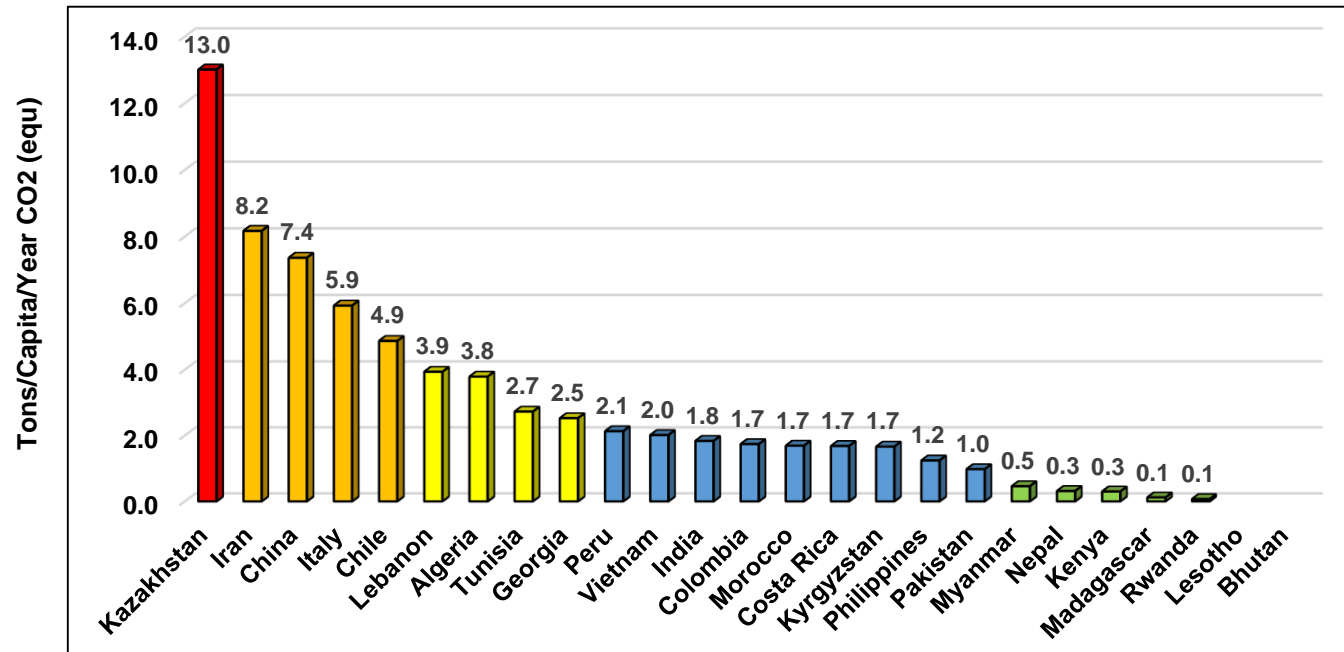
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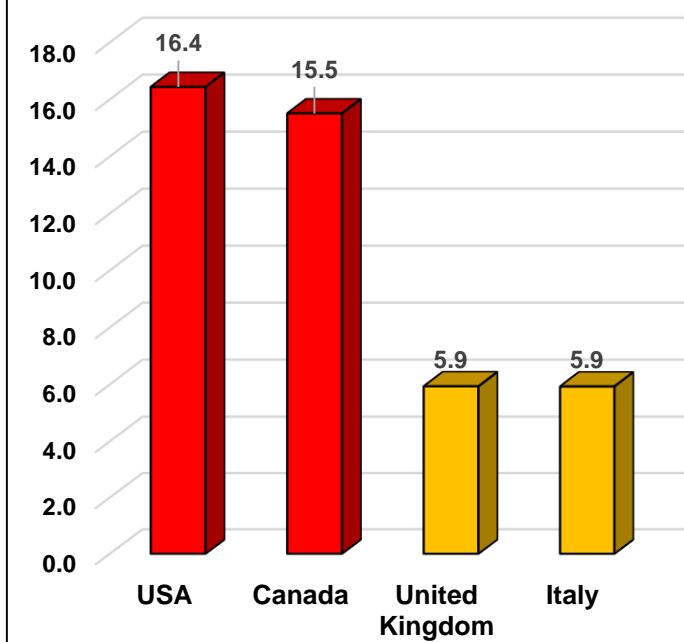
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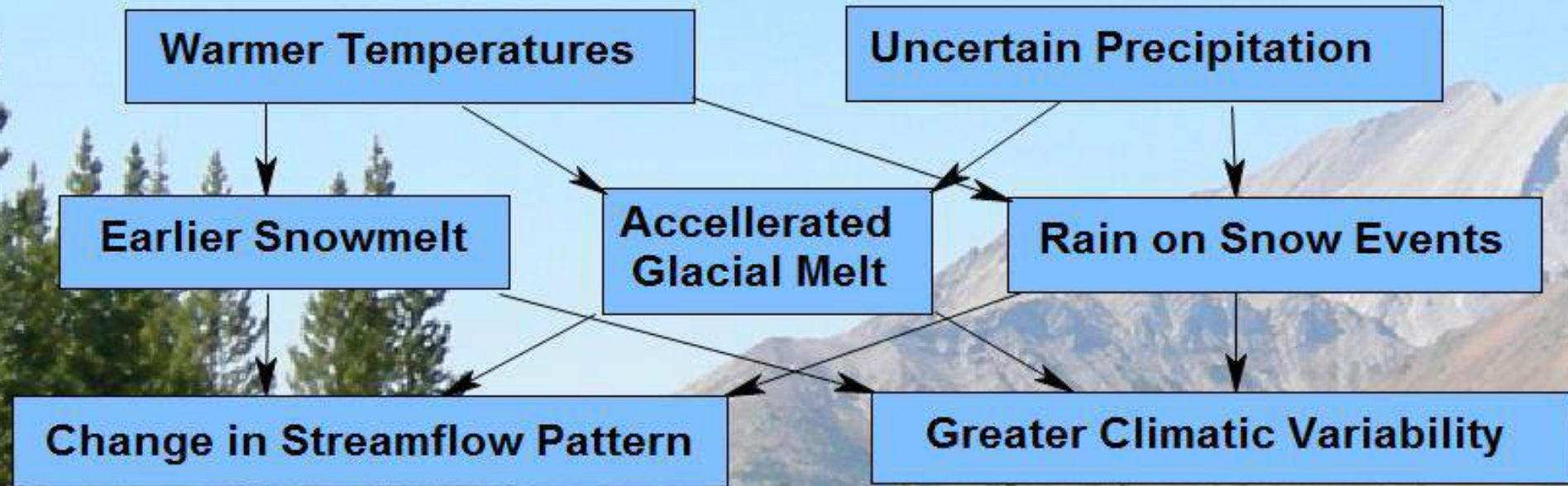
**Average CO2 Emission in Tons/Capita/Year
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**Instructors CO2 Emission
(Tons/C/Y)**



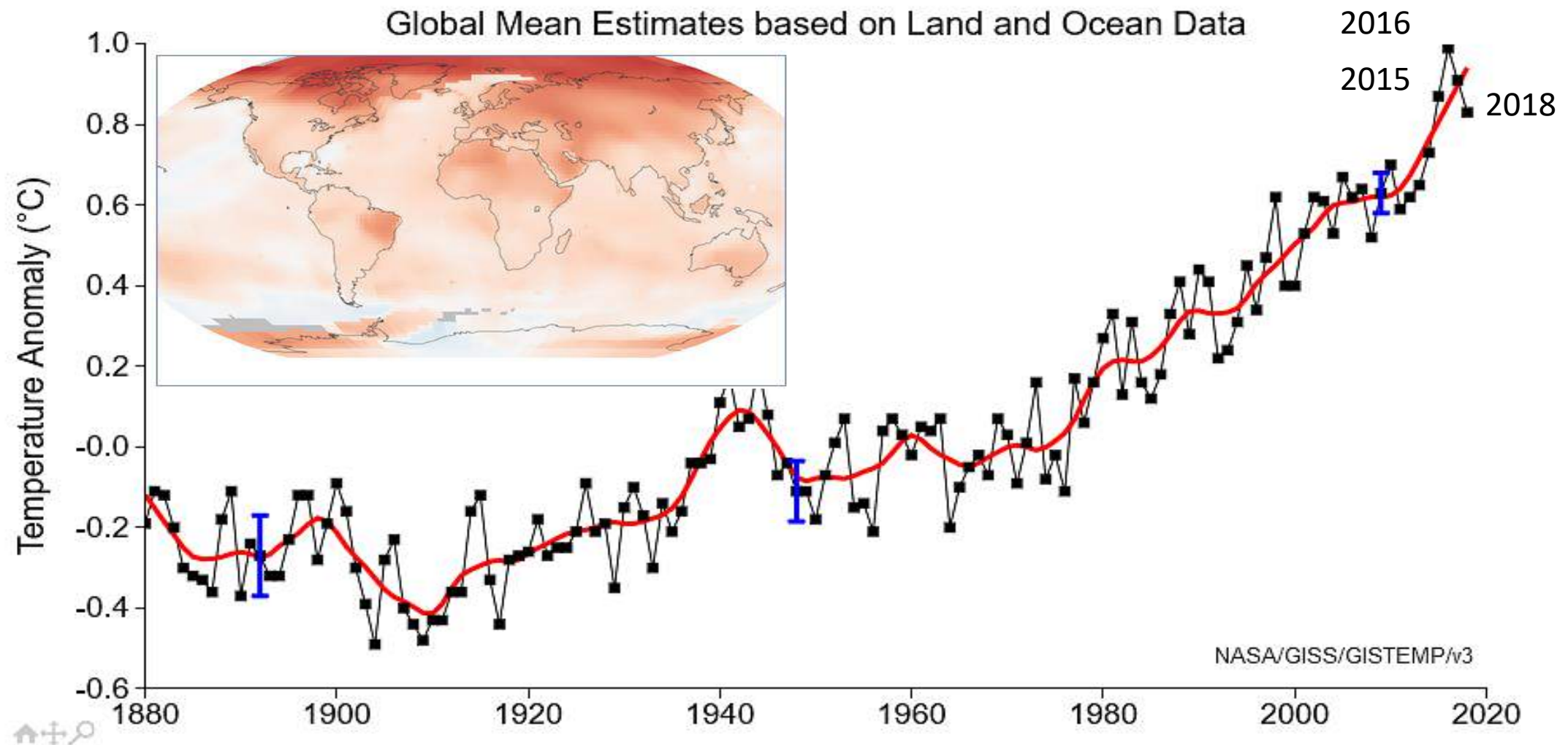
Key Climate Change Processes in the Northern Hemisphere



Climate Questions:

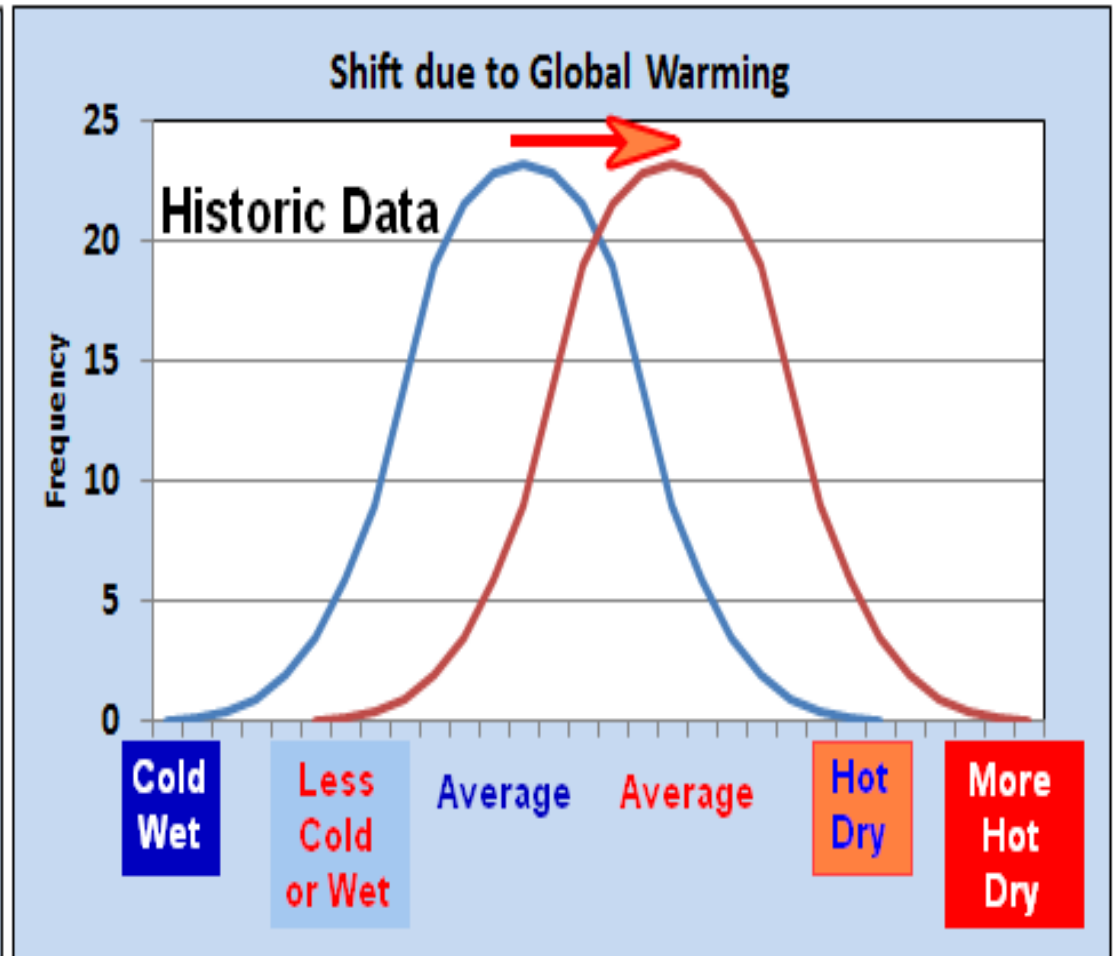
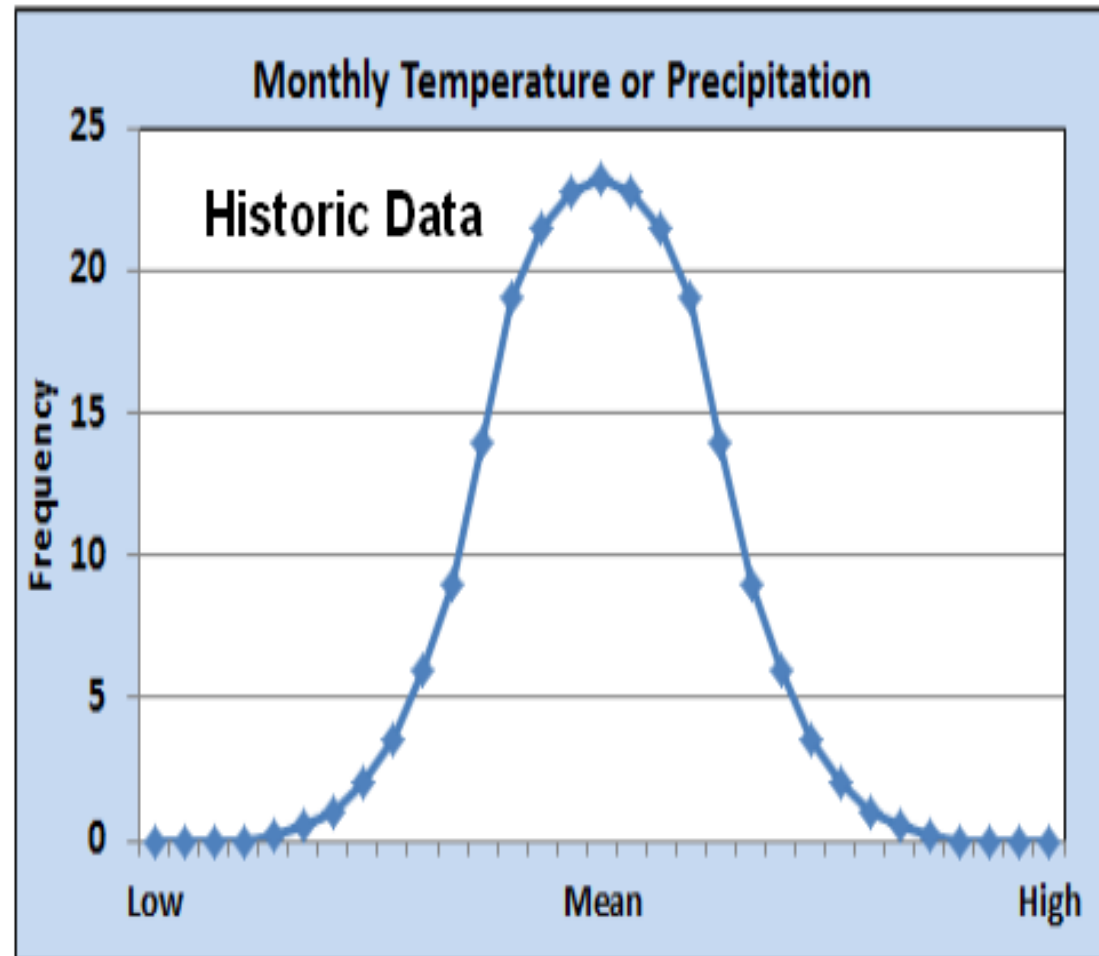
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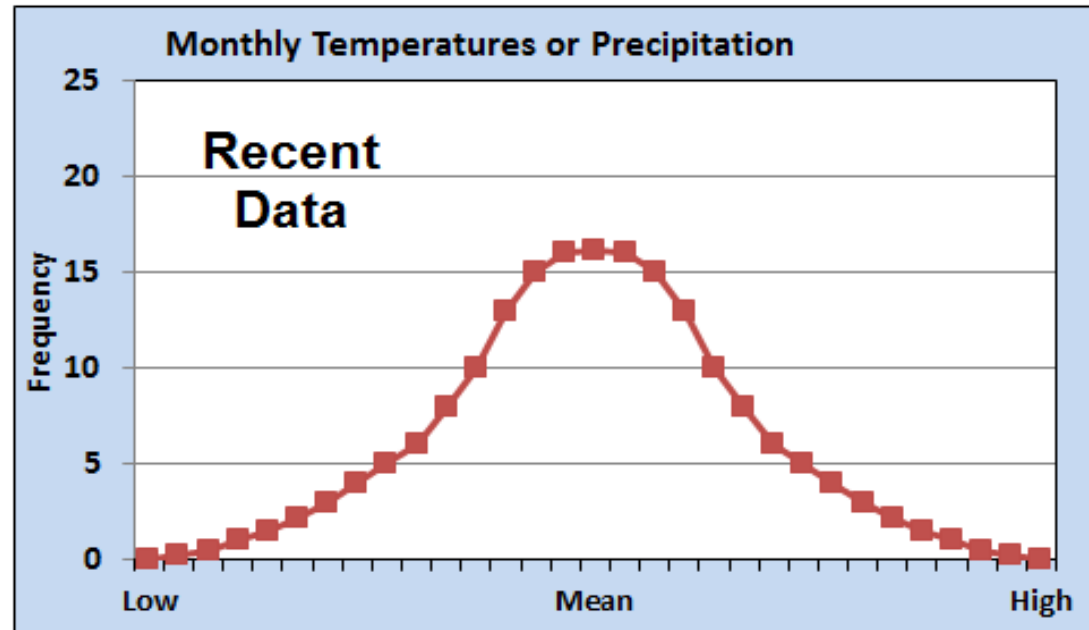
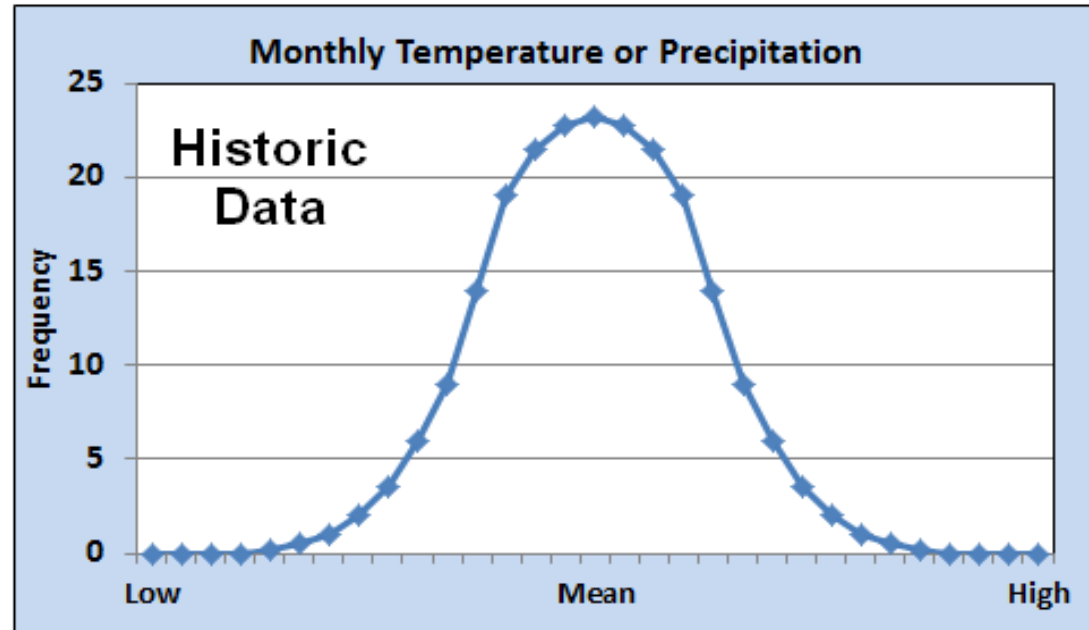




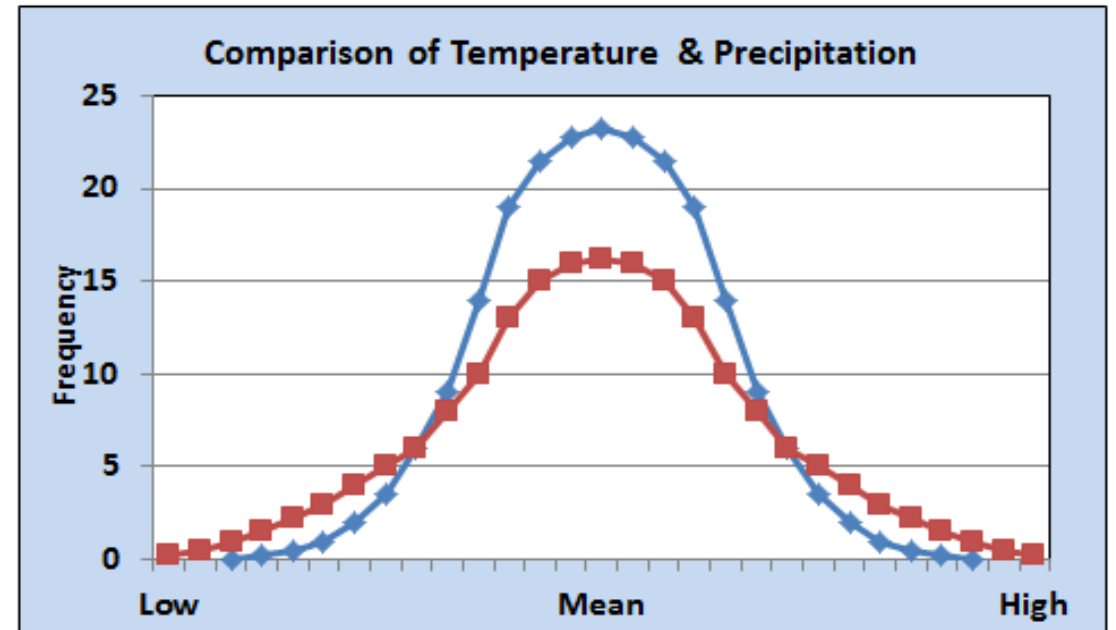
Land-ocean temperature index, 1880 to present, with base period 1951-1980. The solid black line is the global annual mean and the solid red line is the five-year lowess smooth. The blue uncertainty bars (95% confidence limit) account only for incomplete spatial sampling. [This is an update of Fig. 9a in Hansen et al. (2010).]

Assumption : Historic Data Variability is Unchanged and Global Warming Increases

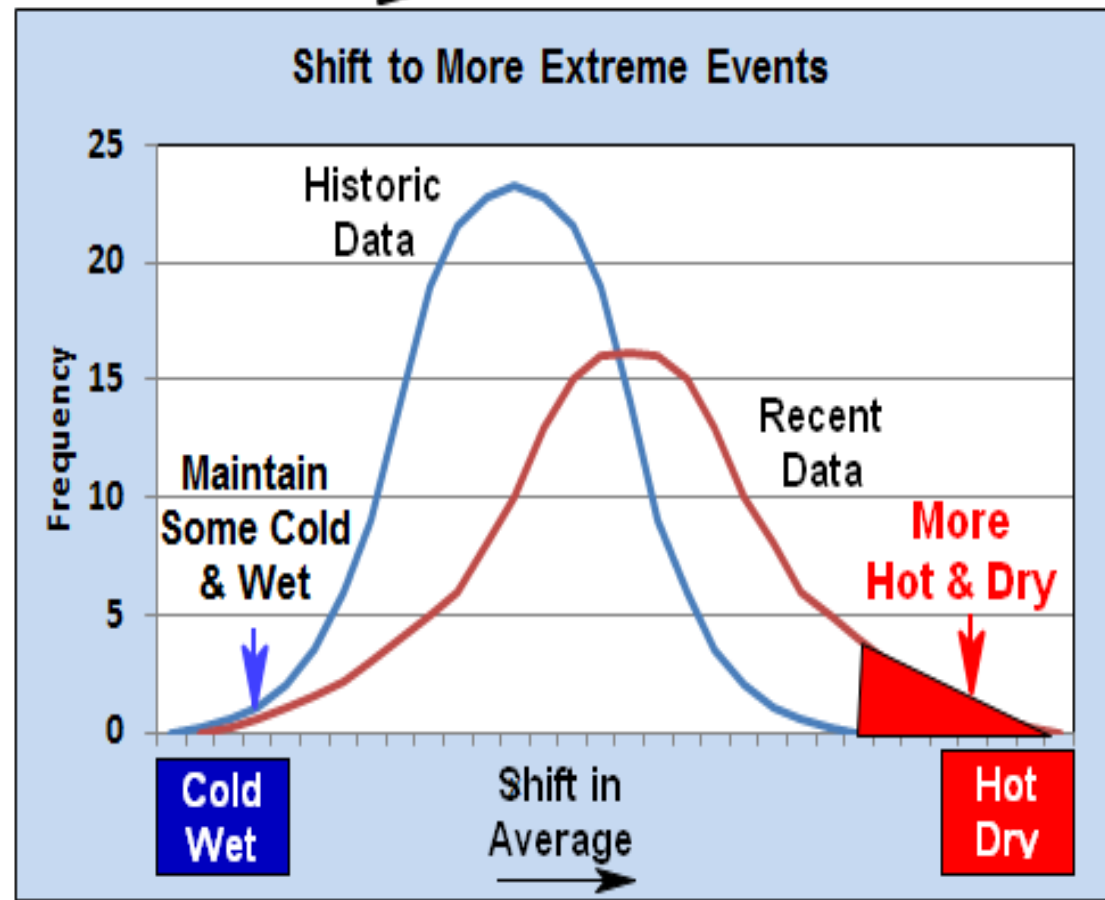
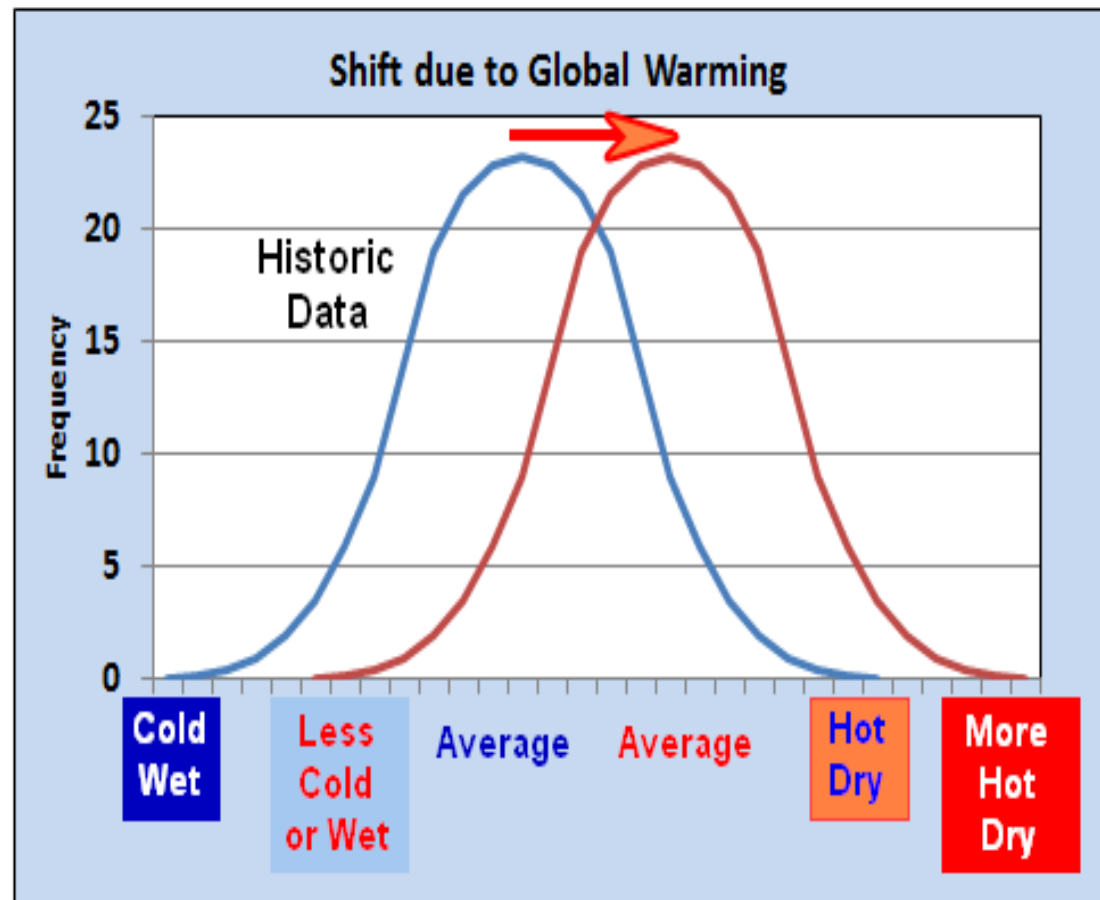




Assumption :
Shift from Historic to More Varariable Data but no Global Warming



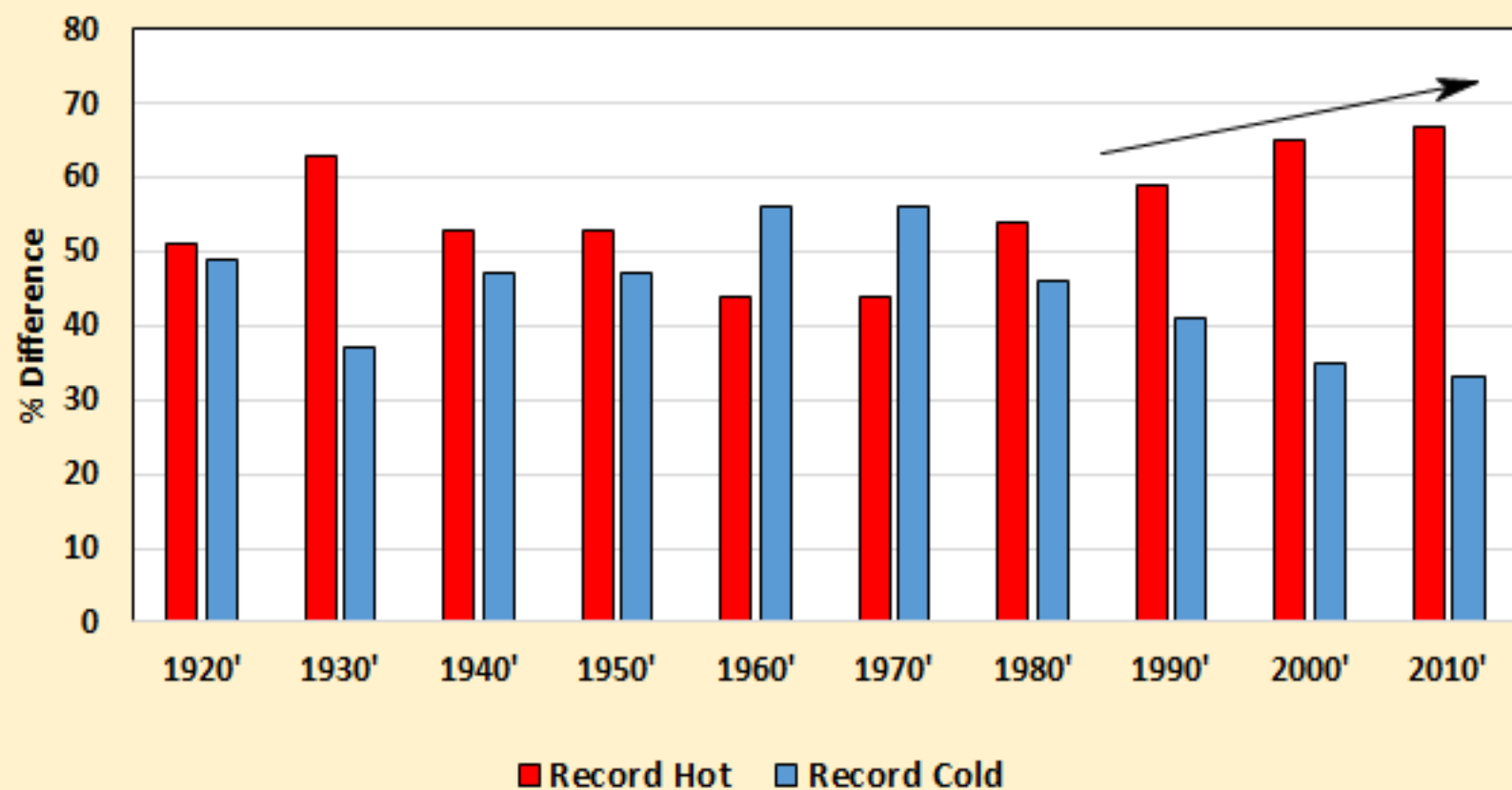
Moving from Left to Right



**Results: We will have more extreme event
Less frequent cold & wet more frequent hot and dry conditions**

Differences Between Record Low and High Temperatures by Decades in the USA

Differences Between Record Hot & Record Cold Temperatures by Decade in the USA

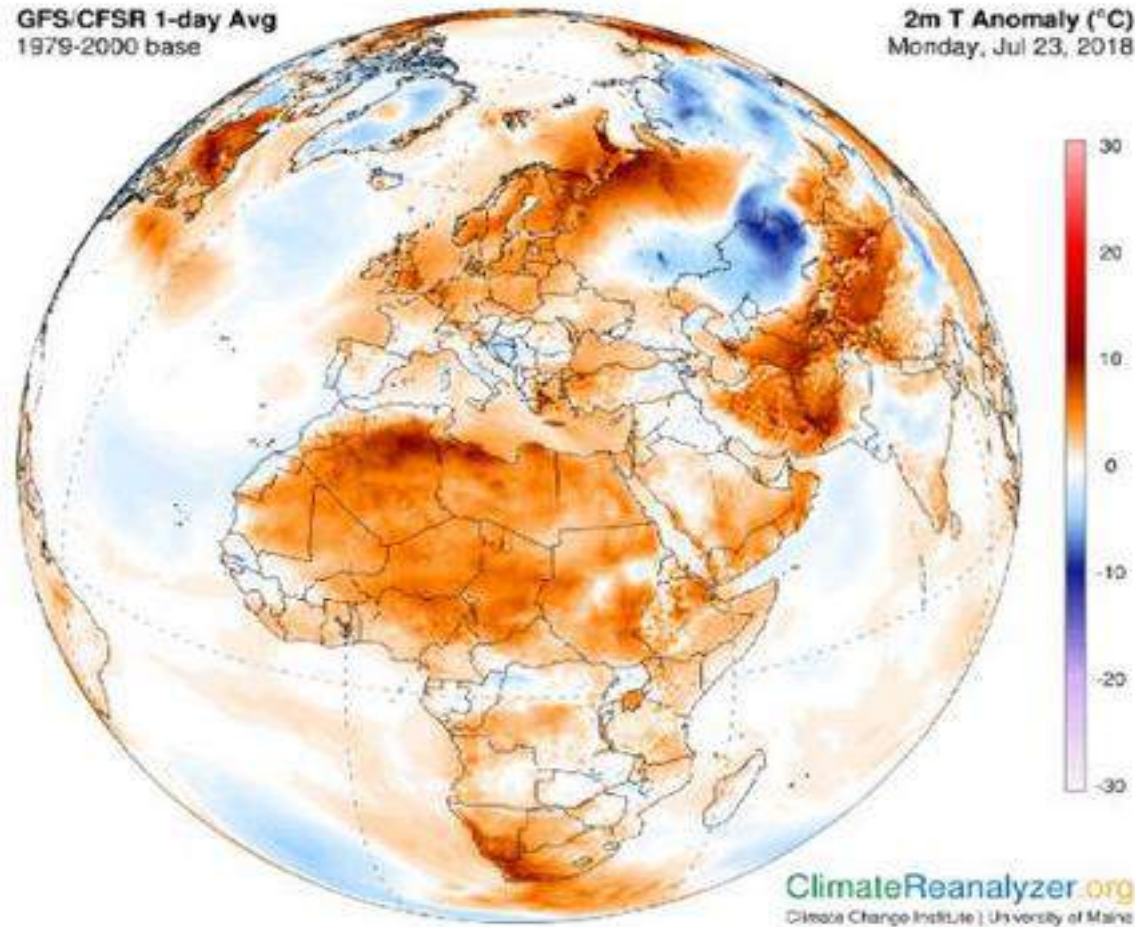


Increasing Record Hot Temperatures and Decreasing Record Low Temperatures 1980'-2010'

Data Source:

Climate Central 2017

According to NOAA 3220 Record High Temperature Were Broken in June & July 2018



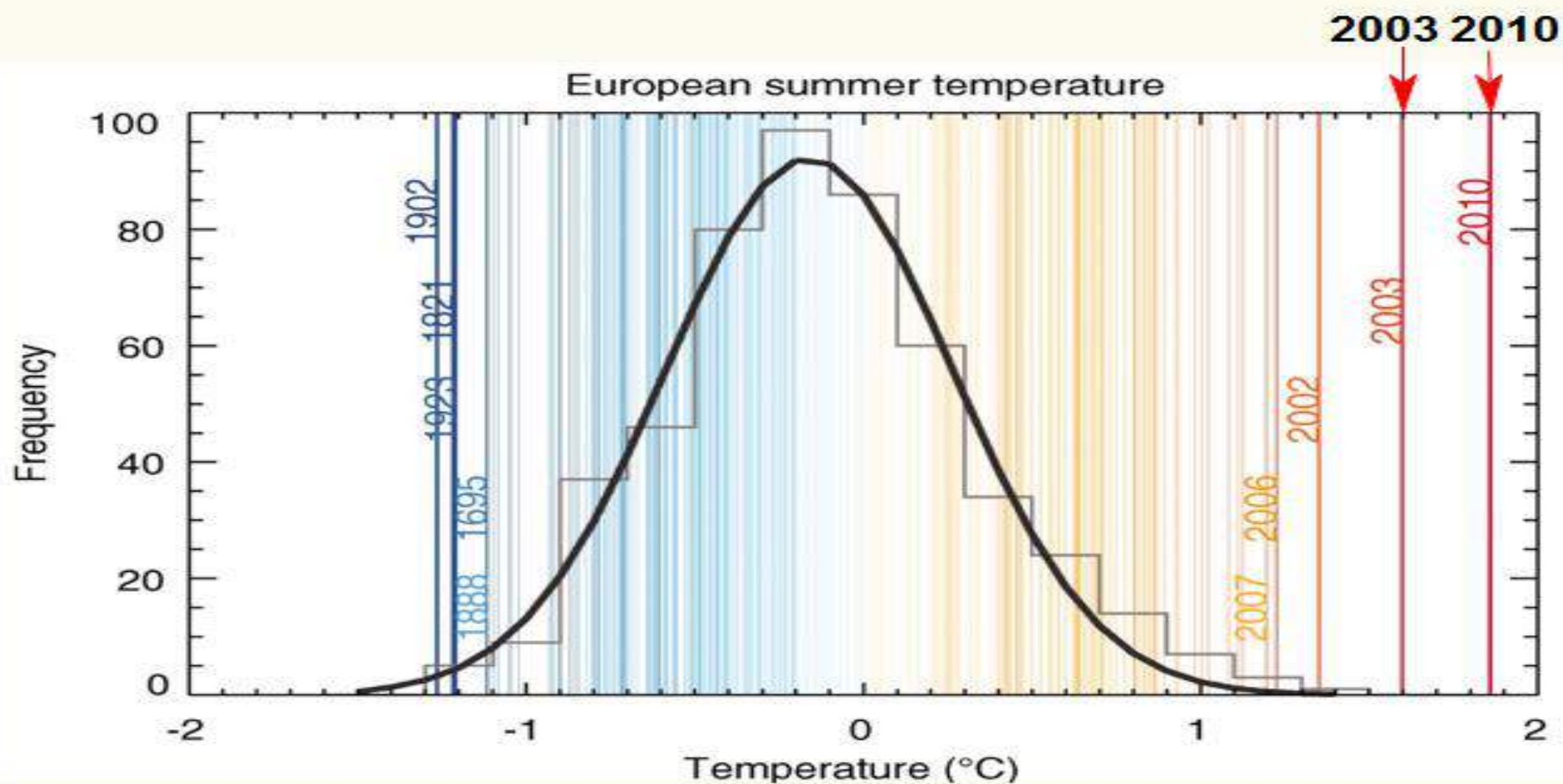
Worst Case Scenario for a Drought

High Temperatures

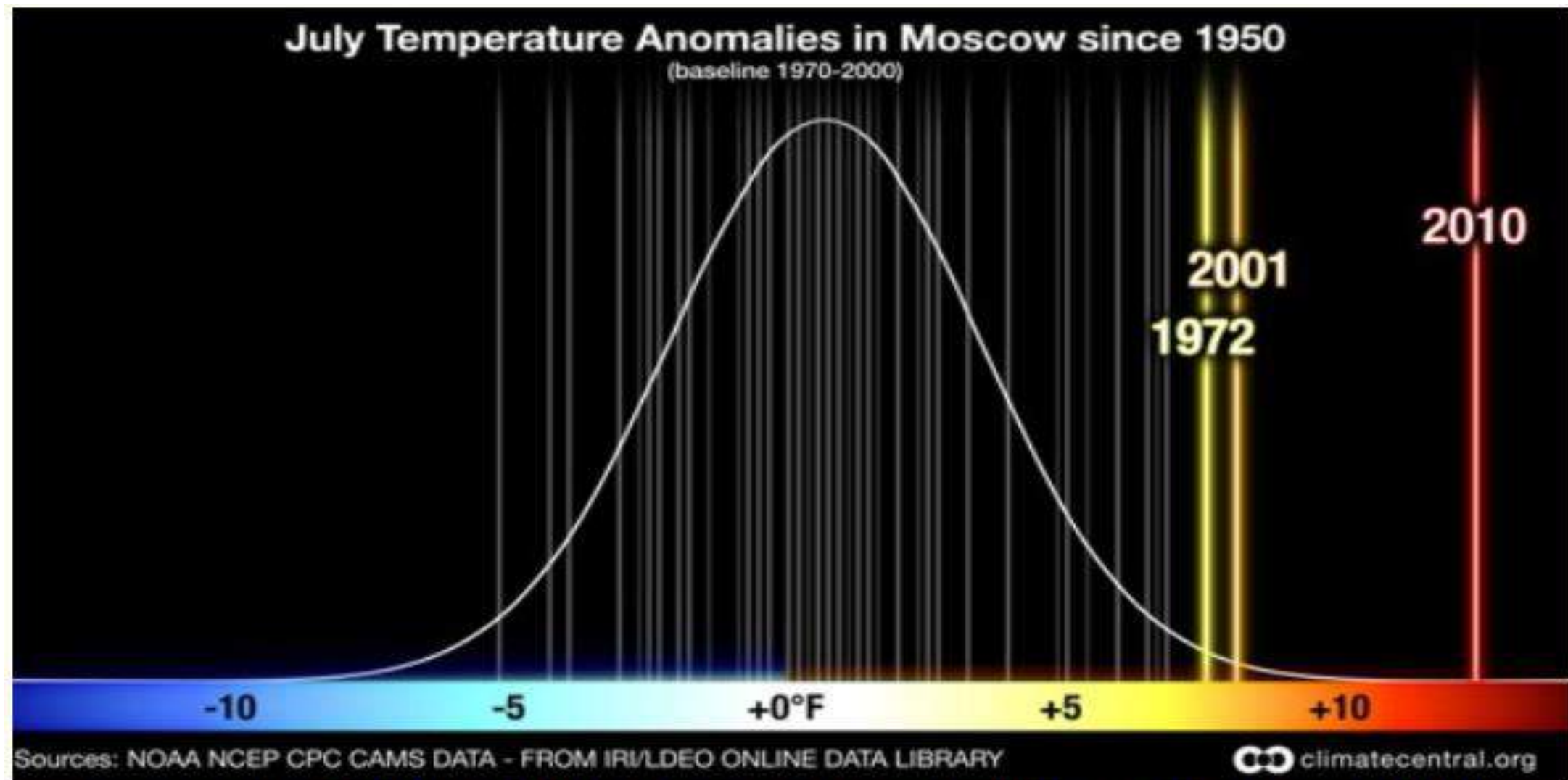
Low Precipitation

**Low Moisture Holding Capacity in Soil
Over Extended Time Period**

Maintain Mean Warming below 2 Degrees ==== Challenge: Worry about Extremes Events



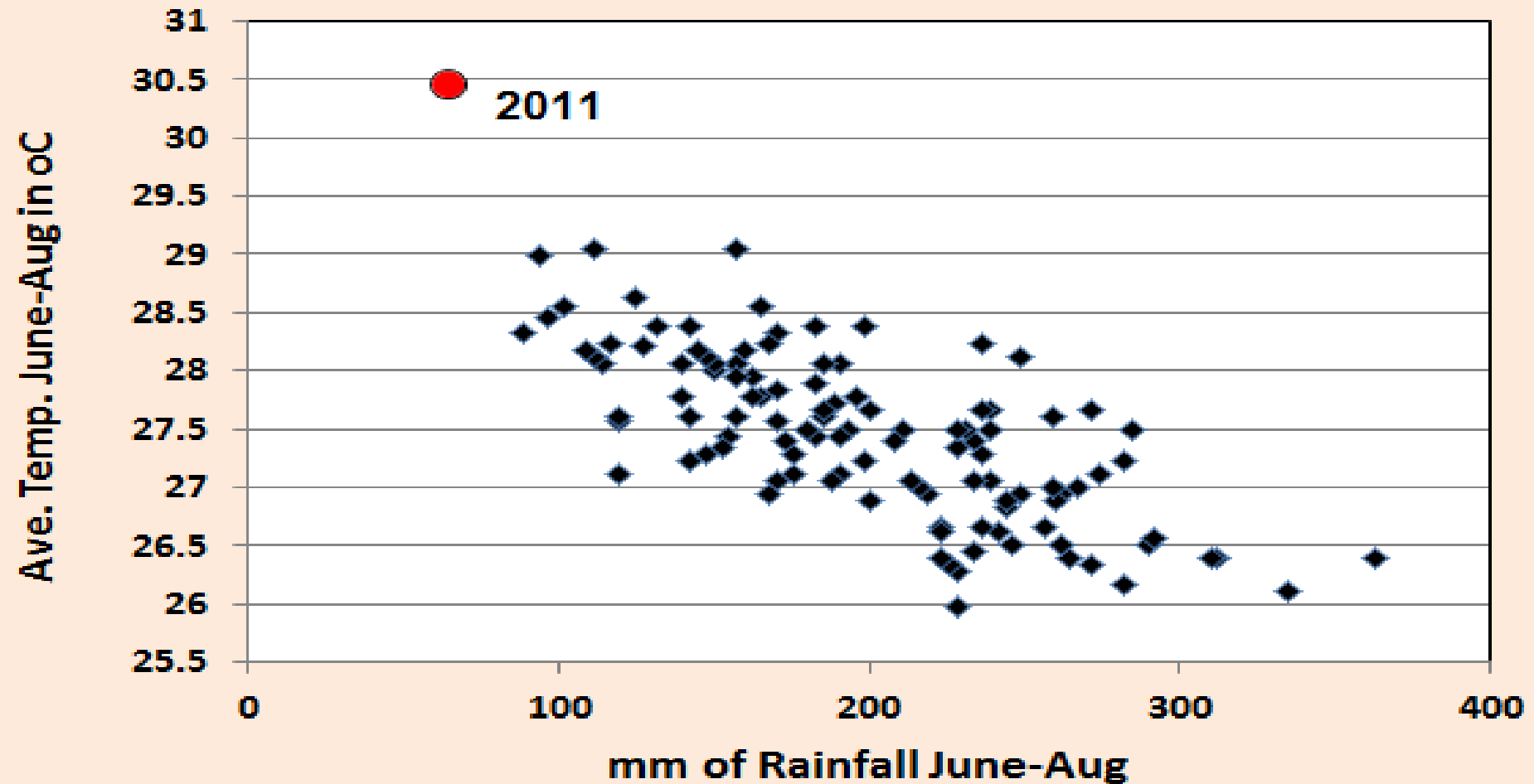
Data Source: Barriopedro et al. 2011. The hot summer of 2010. Redrawing the temperature record Map of Europe. Science: 332(6026):220-224



Anomaly of July 2010 Temperature in Moscow since 1950
Source: NOAA, Climate Central and Tebaldi & Ziemlinski, 2010
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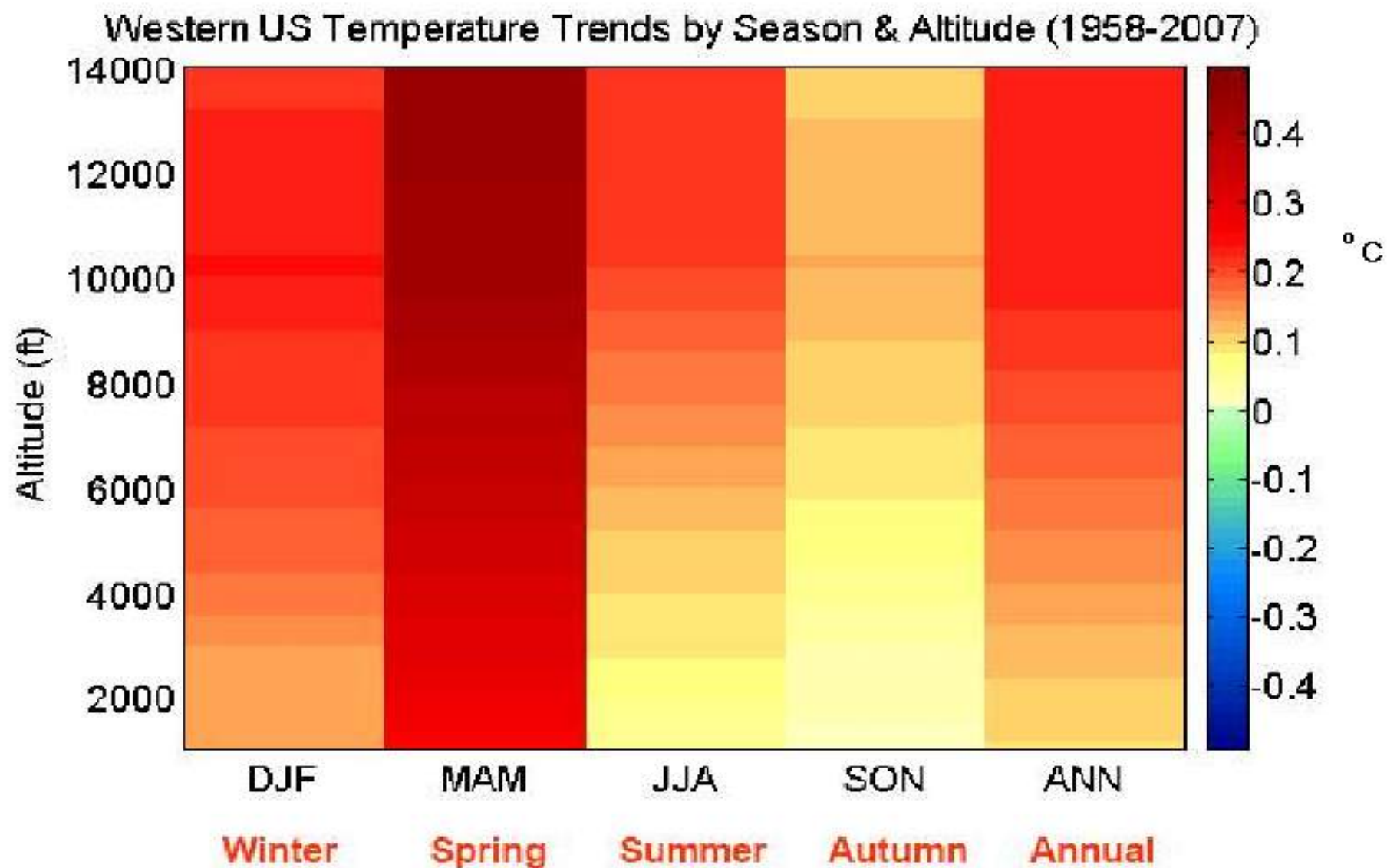
The 2011 Drought in Texas

Average July-Aug. Temperature vs. July-Aug. Rainfall in Texas, 1895-2011



Data Source: J.Nielsen-Gammon, 2011

More Temperature Increases at Higher Elevations



Canada is warming up the fastest in the World



Increases in Mean Temperatures in Degree C 1948-2016					
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Annual
Canada	3.3	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.7
B.C.	3.7	1.9	1.4	0.7	1.9
Arctic	4.3	2.0	1.6	2.3	2.3

% Changes in Mean Precipitation Between 1948-2016					
	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall	Annual
Canada	20	25	13	19	18
B.C.	-9	18	8	12	5
Arctic	54	42	18	32	33

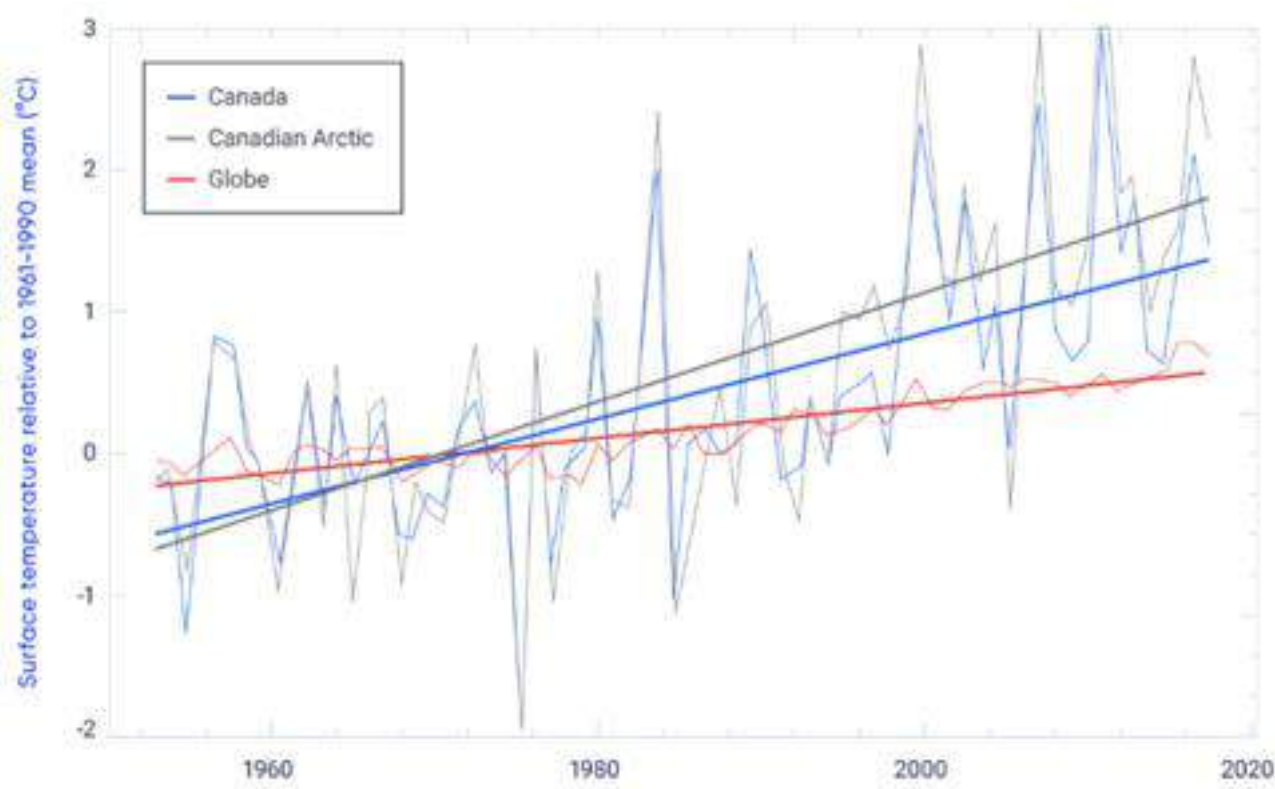
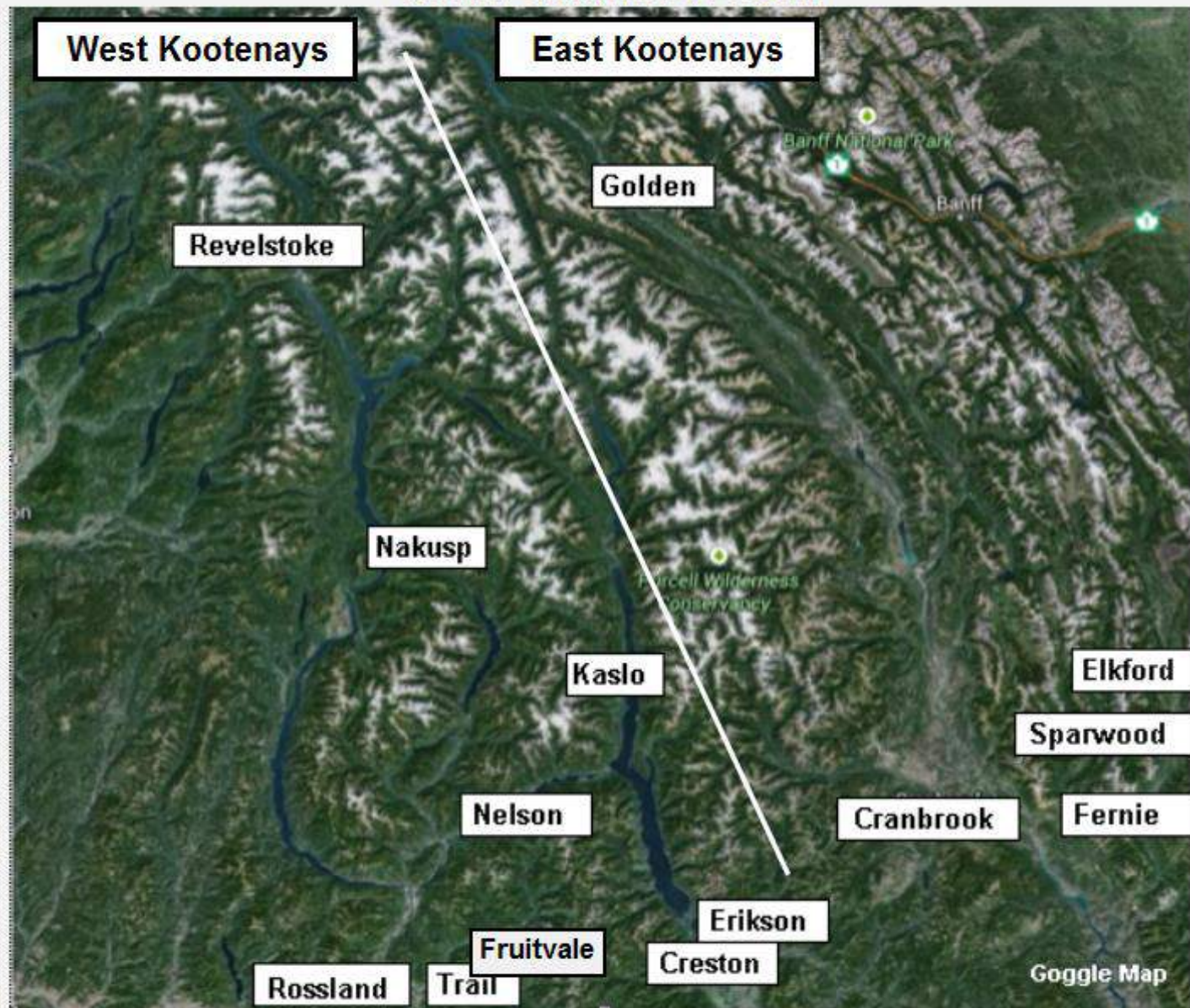


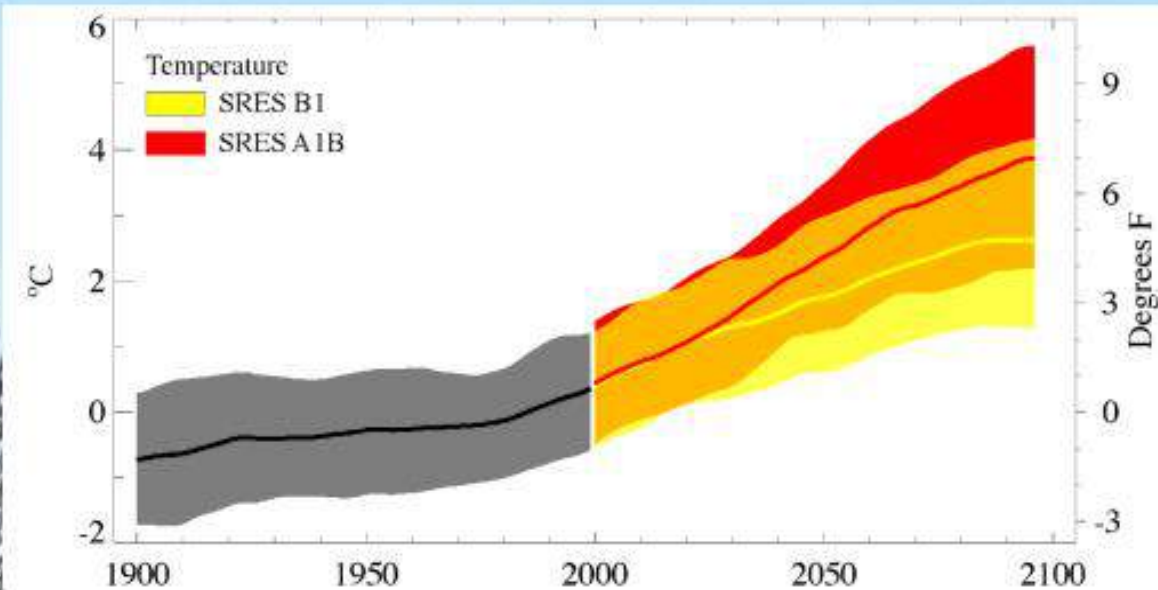
Figure 3.3: Rates of warming for Canada, the Canadian Arctic and the world

Climate Data for 14 Communities in The Canadian Portion of the Columbia Basin

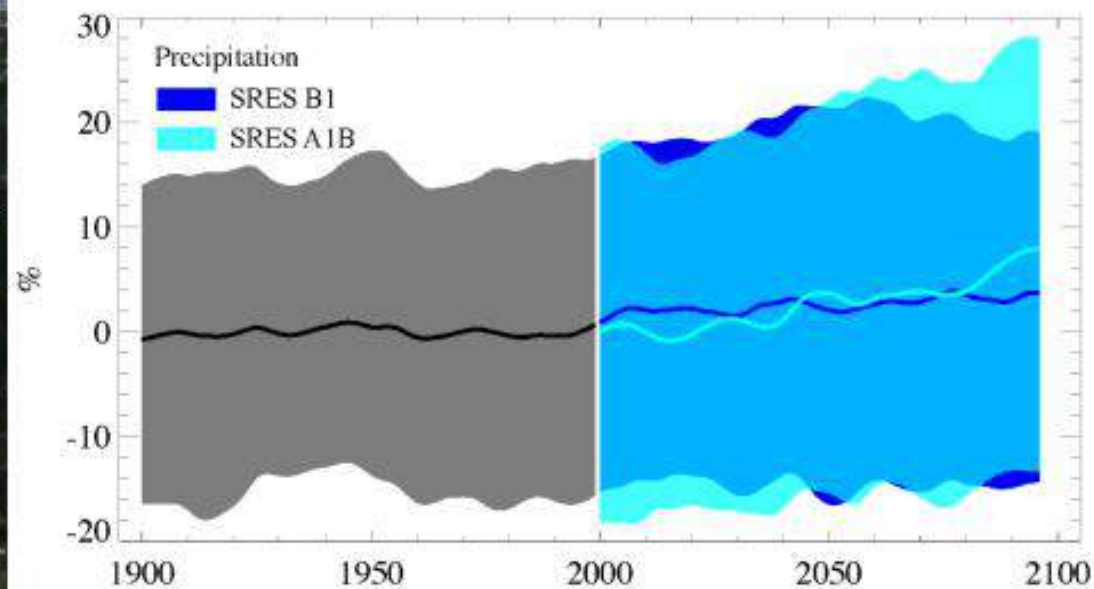


Climate Projections for the Pacific North-West

Temperature



Precipitation

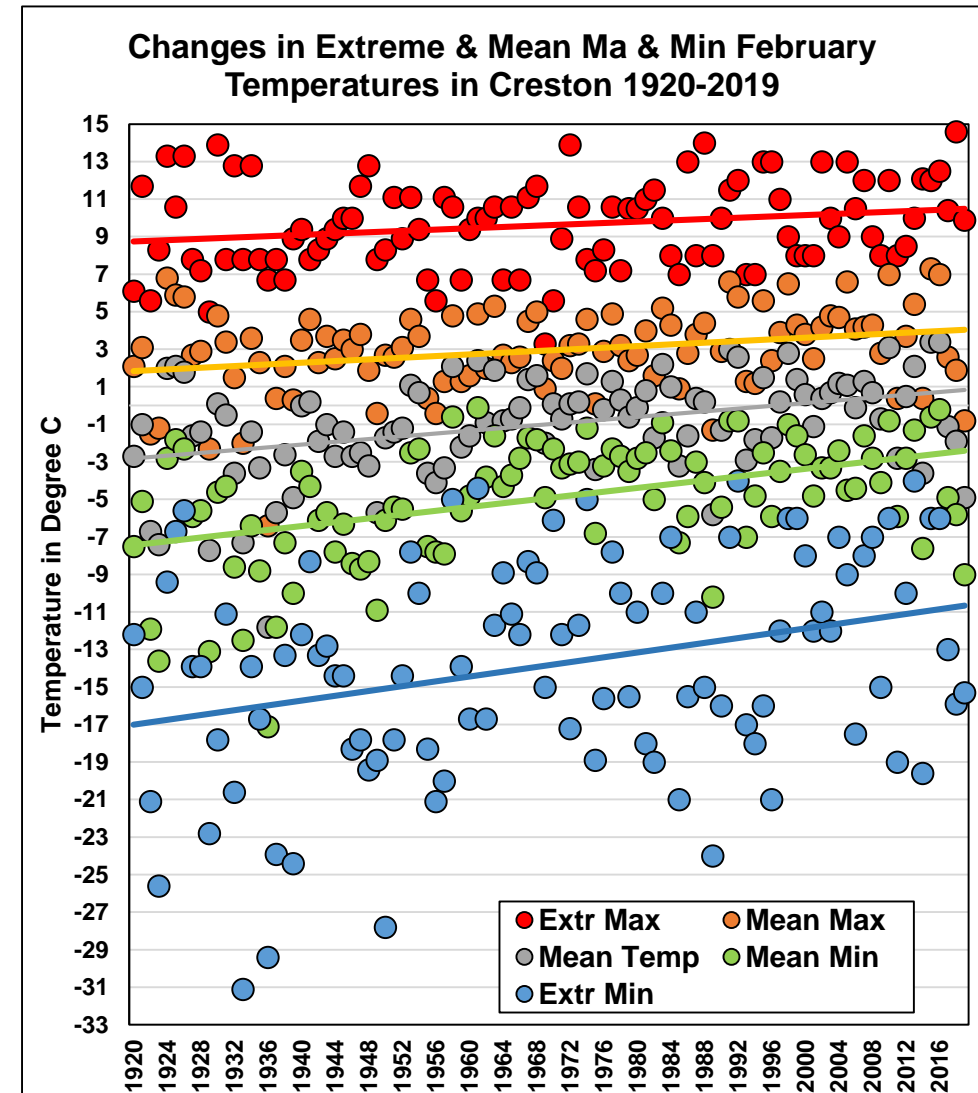
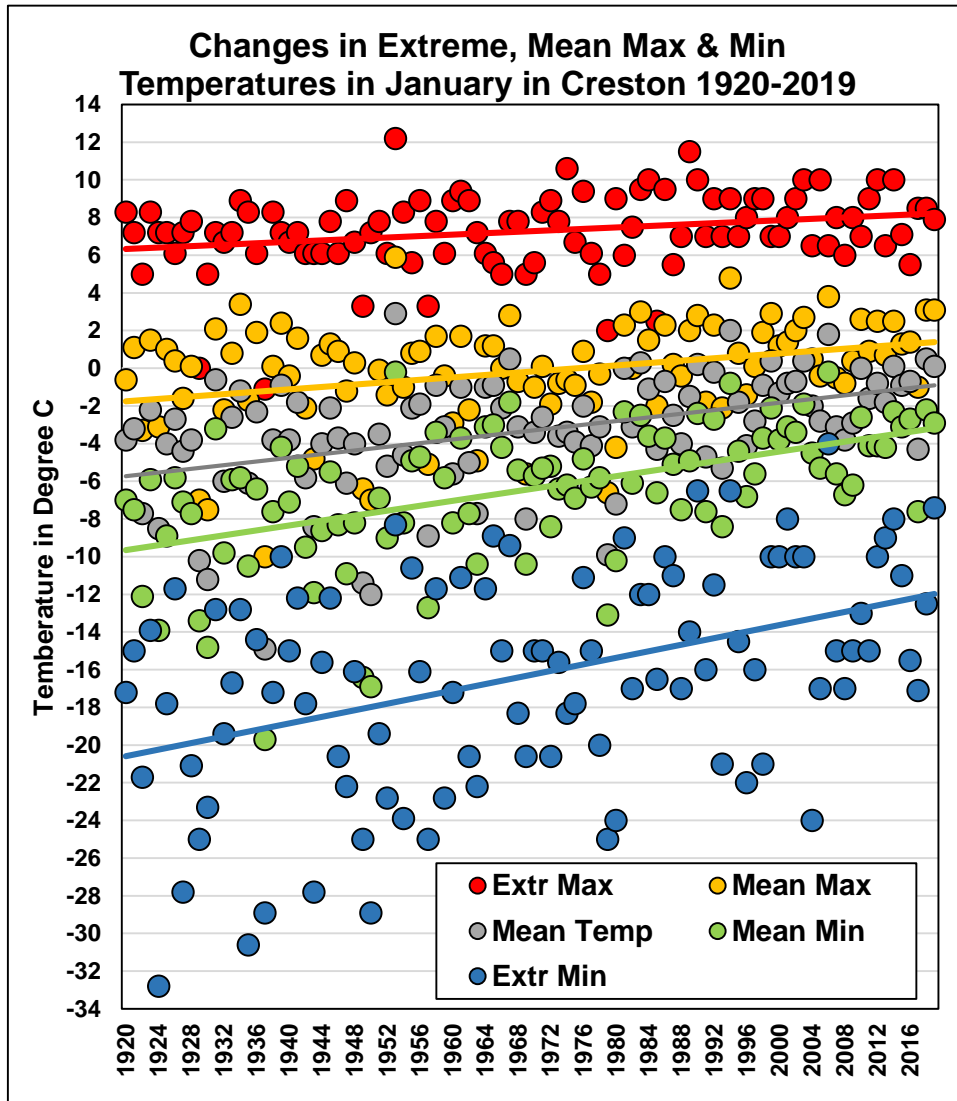


Dates of Record Breaking Monthly Mean Maximum & Mean Minimum Temperatures in the Columbia Basin in Canada (Based on 1920-2017 Climate Record)

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Creston		2015		2016	2015	2015	2006	2017			2016		2017
Warfield		2015		2016		2015	2017				2016		2016
Nelson		2015		2016					2011				2015
Kaslo	2006					2015	2015			2015			2013
Revelstoke	2006		2016	2016									2012
Golden	2006			2016				2017					2011
Cranbrook				2016			2017				2012		2005-07

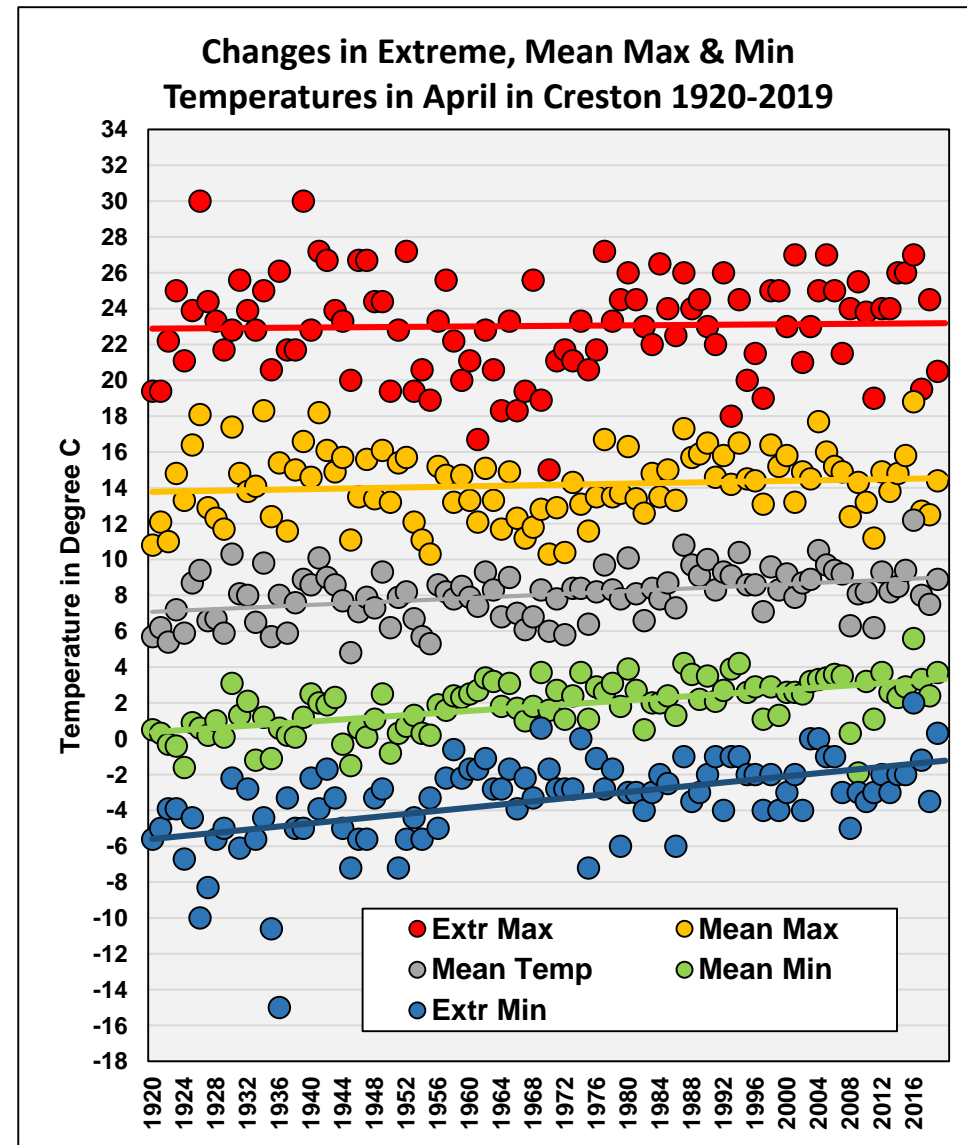
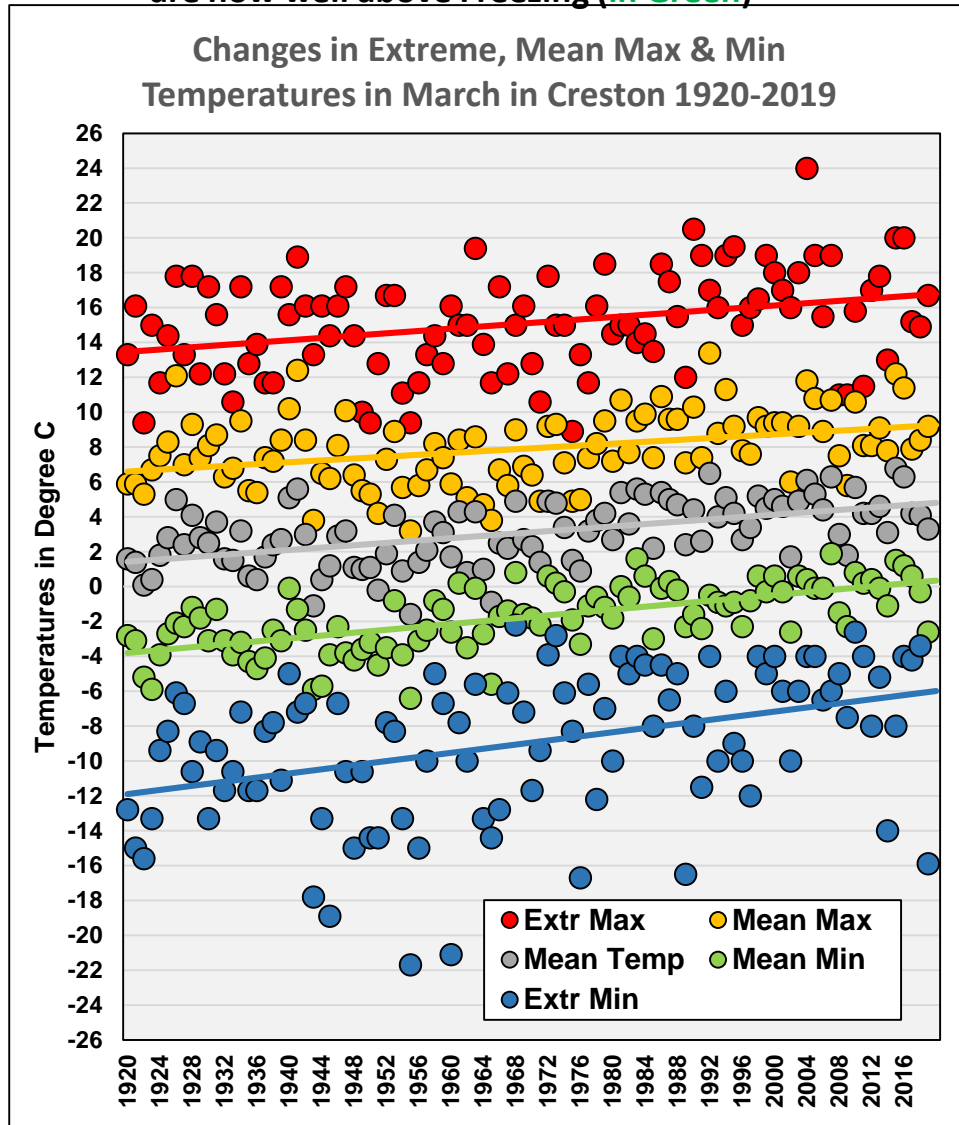
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January and February Data : The Extreme Minimum & Mean Minimum Temperatures are Warming up Faster than the Maximum Temperatures

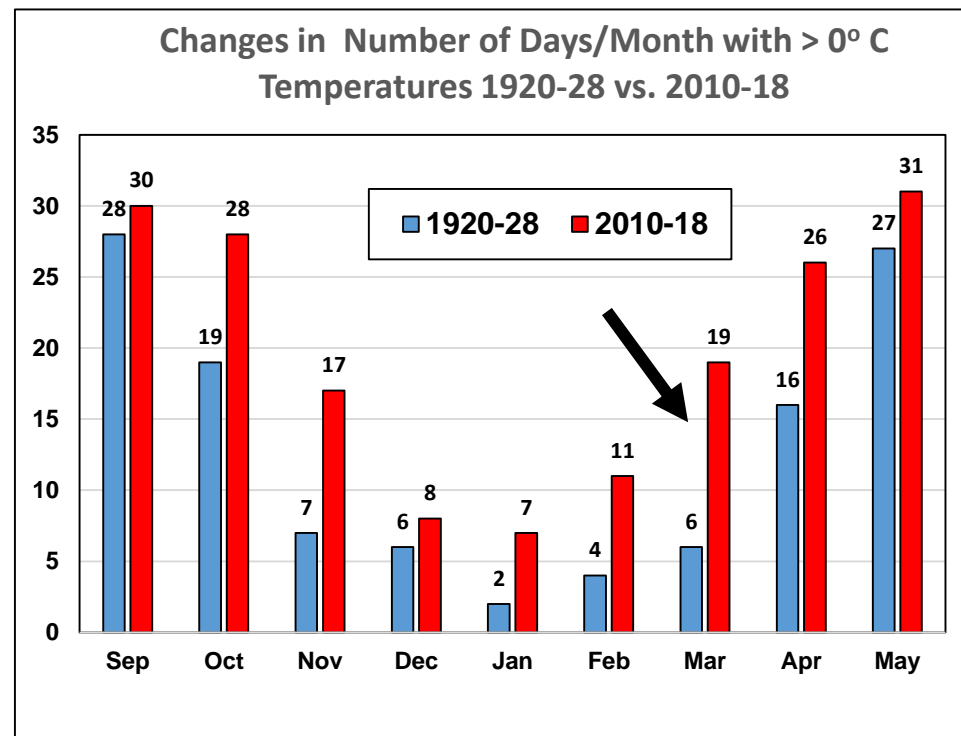
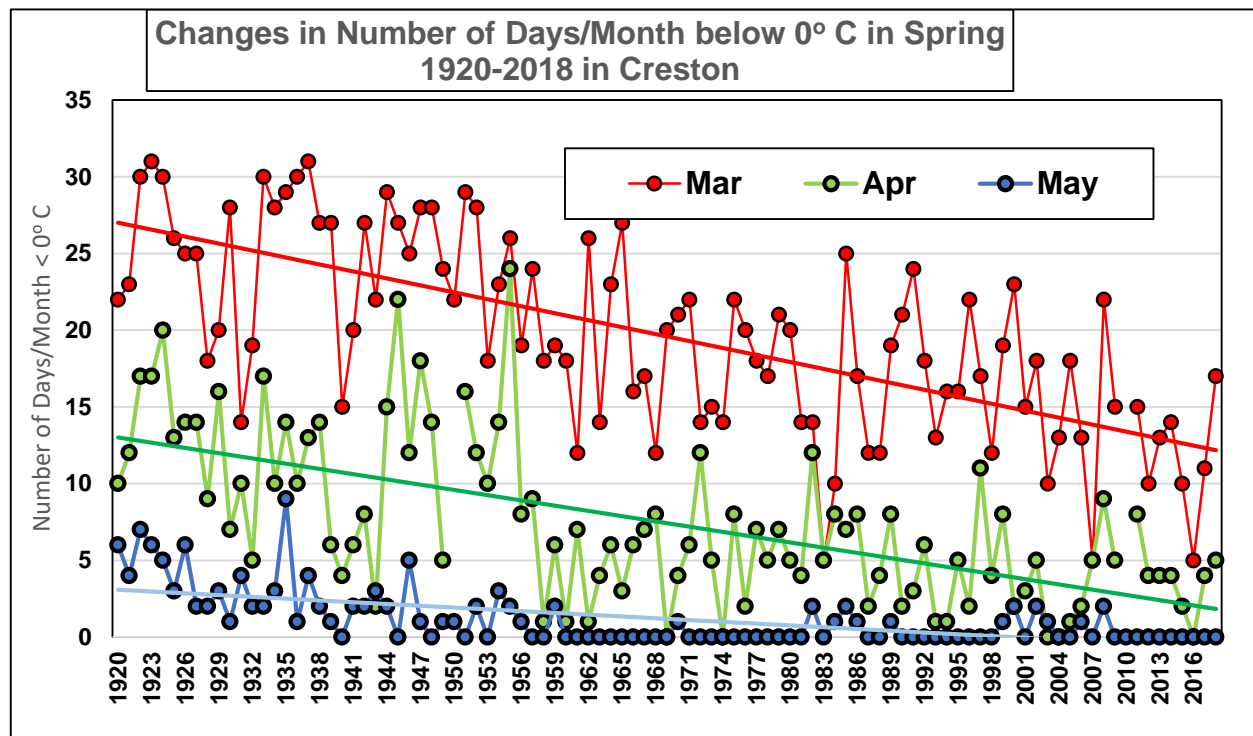


Temperature Changes in March & April in Creston Between 1920-2019

Note: Mean Minimum Monthly Temperatures
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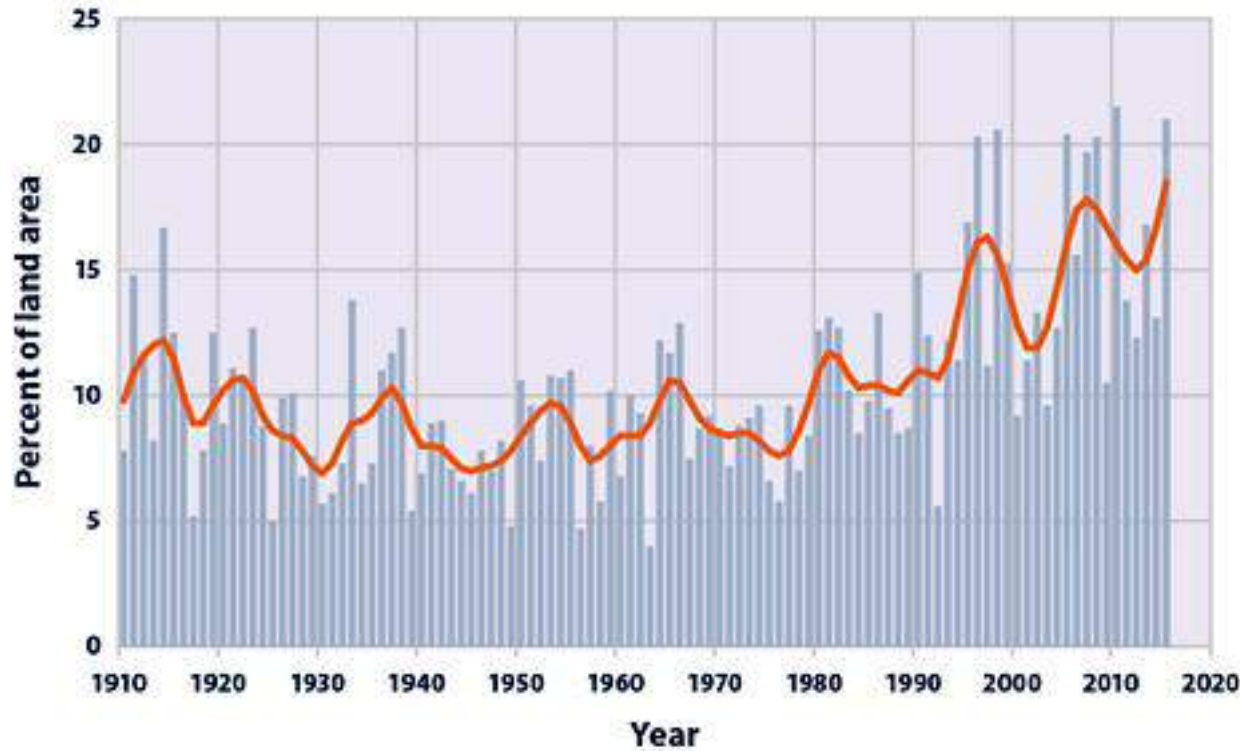
Freeze – Thaw Temperatures Shift During Spring



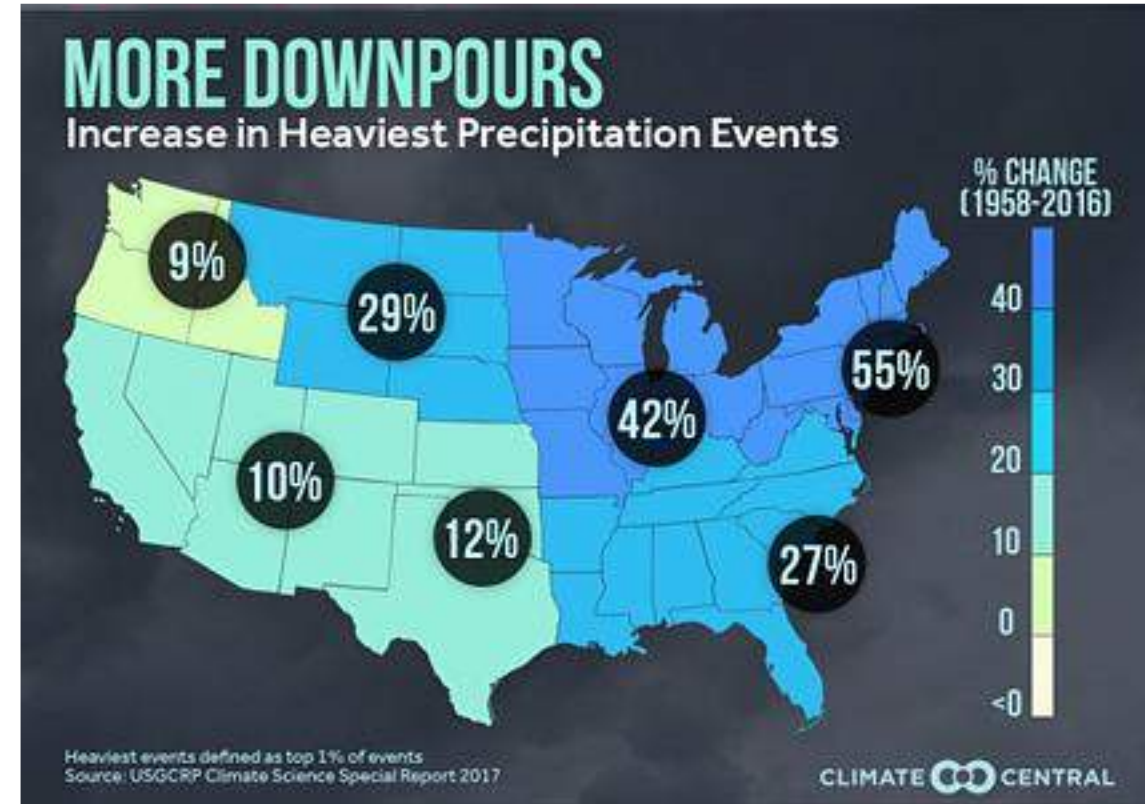
**Earlier & More Rapid Snow-Melt
March - April**

Is Rainfall Intensity, Duration and Frequency Increasing?

Figure 1. Extreme One-Day Precipitation Events in the Contiguous 48 States, 1910–2015

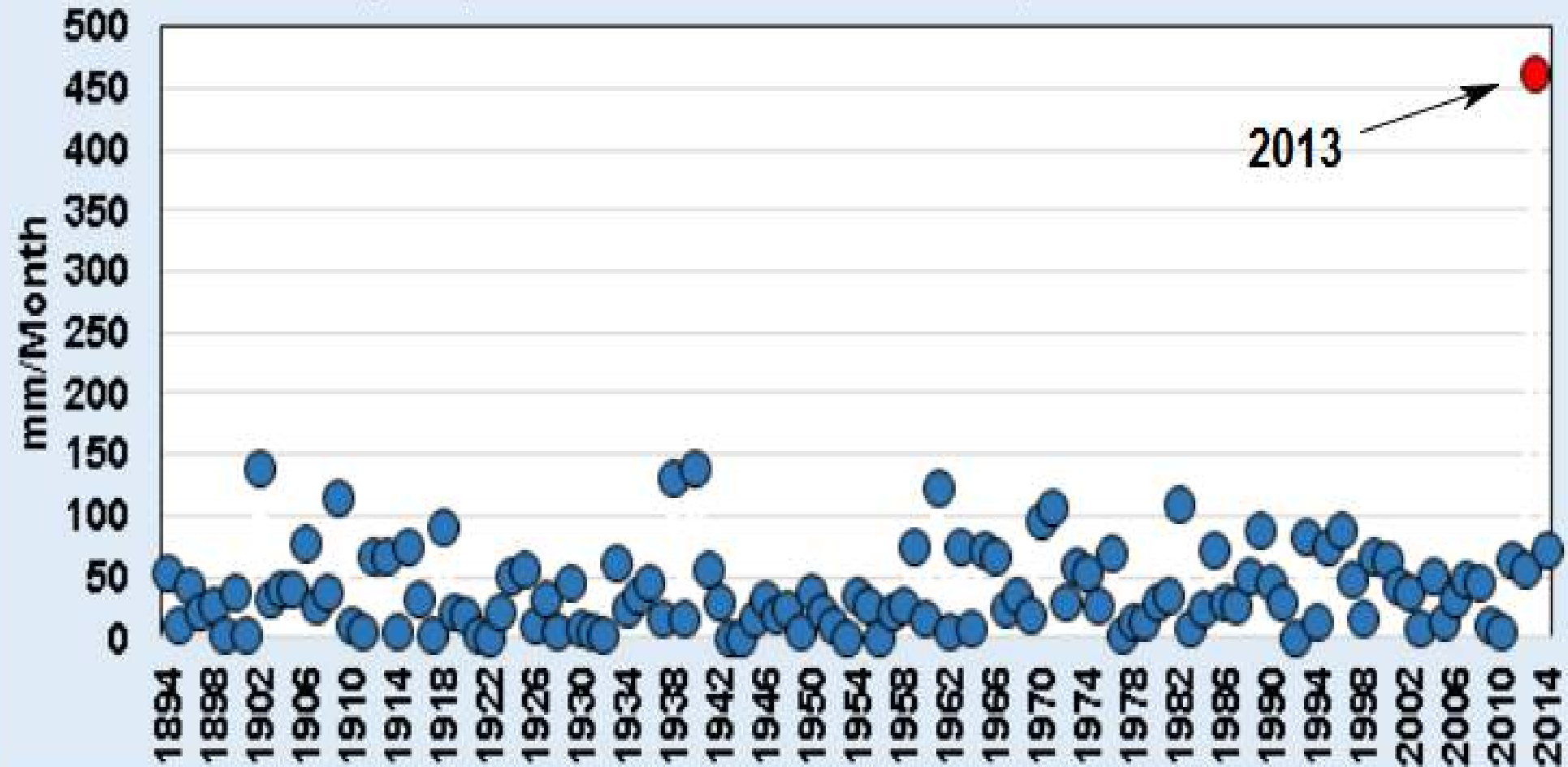


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Monthly September Rainfall in Boulder, Colorado 1894-2014



September 2013 Rainstorm in Boulder, Colorado

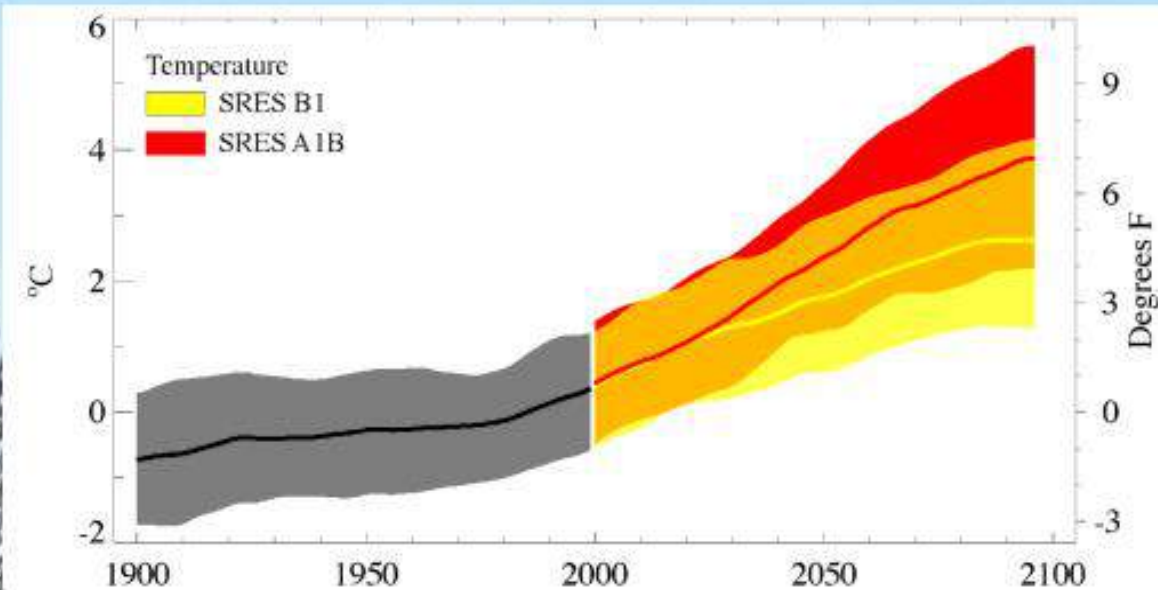


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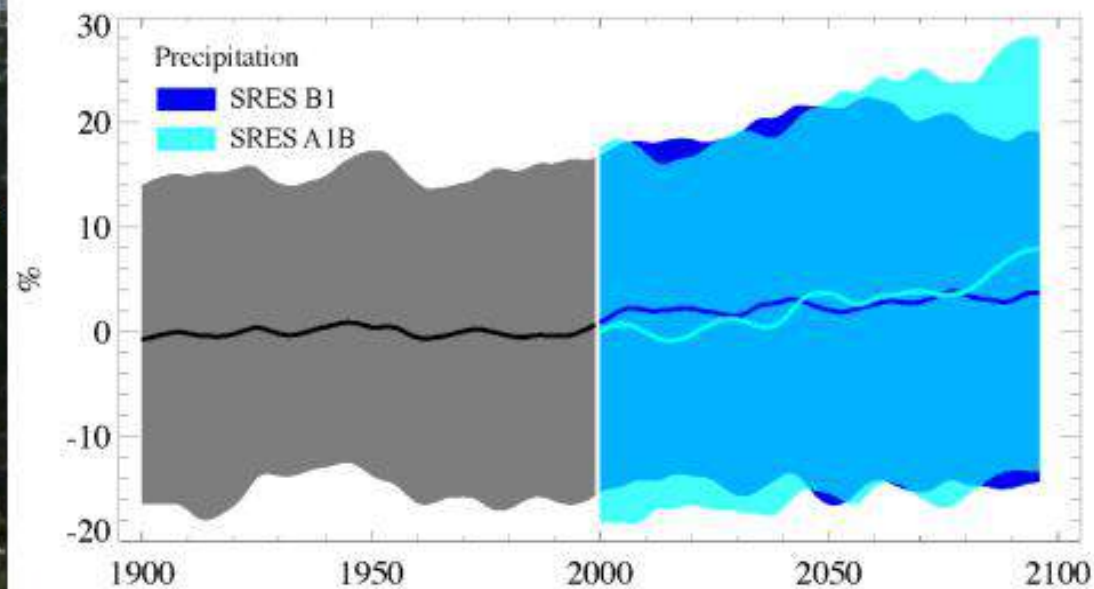


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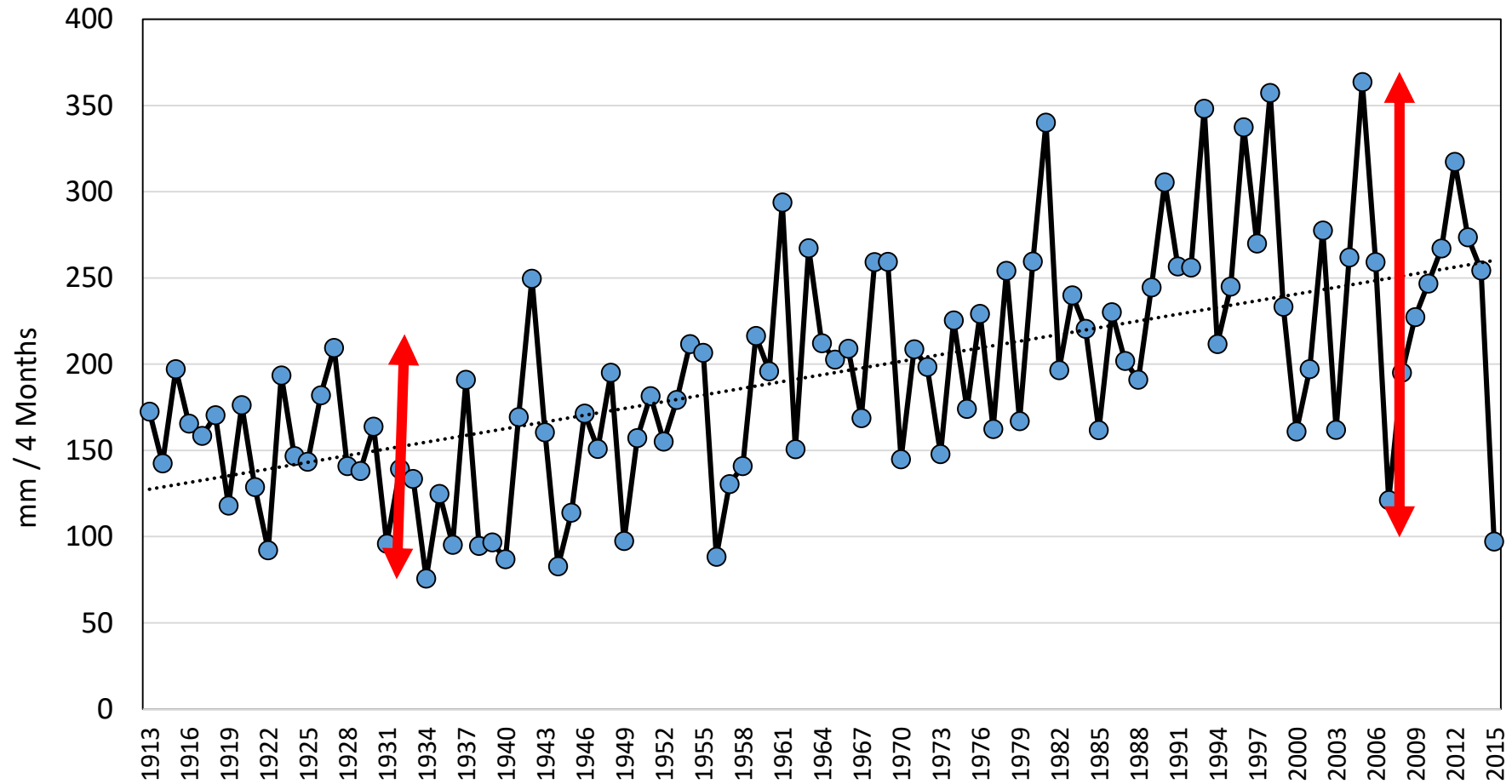
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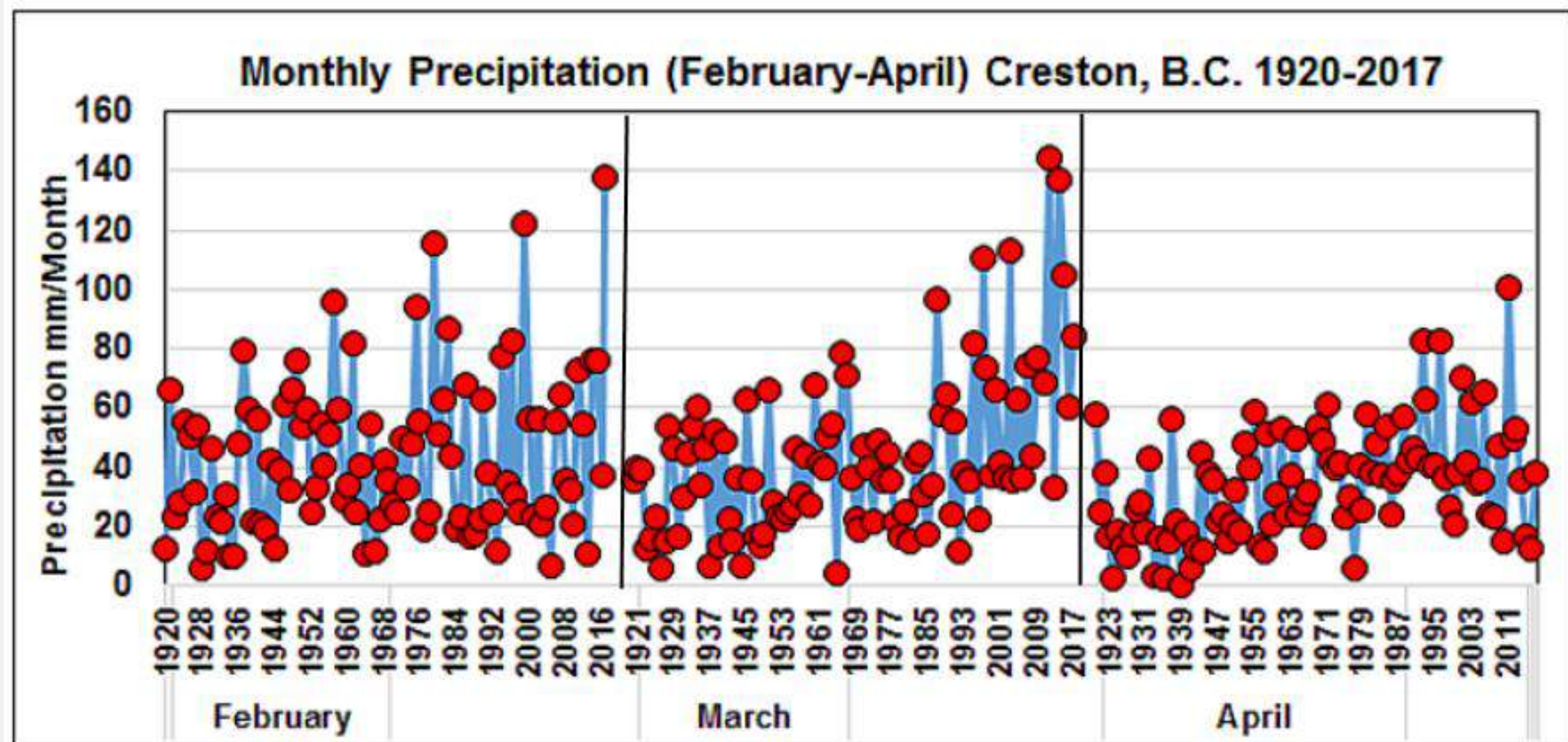
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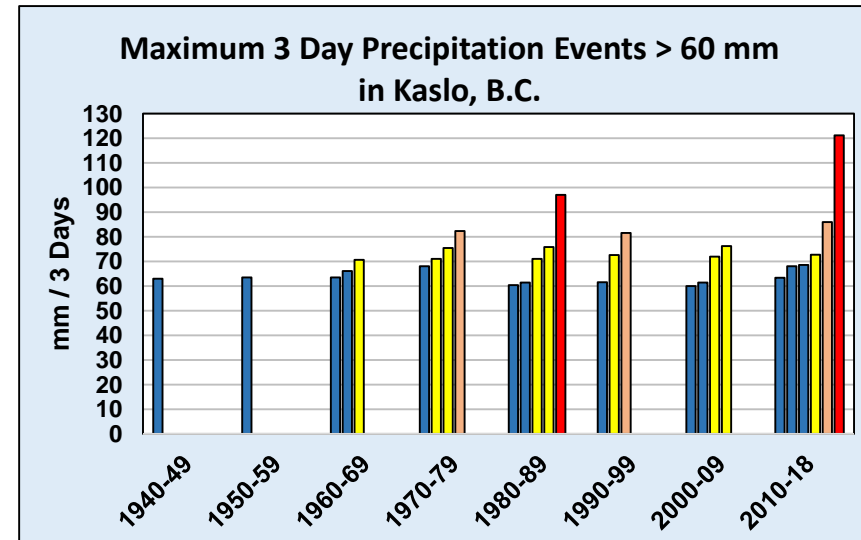
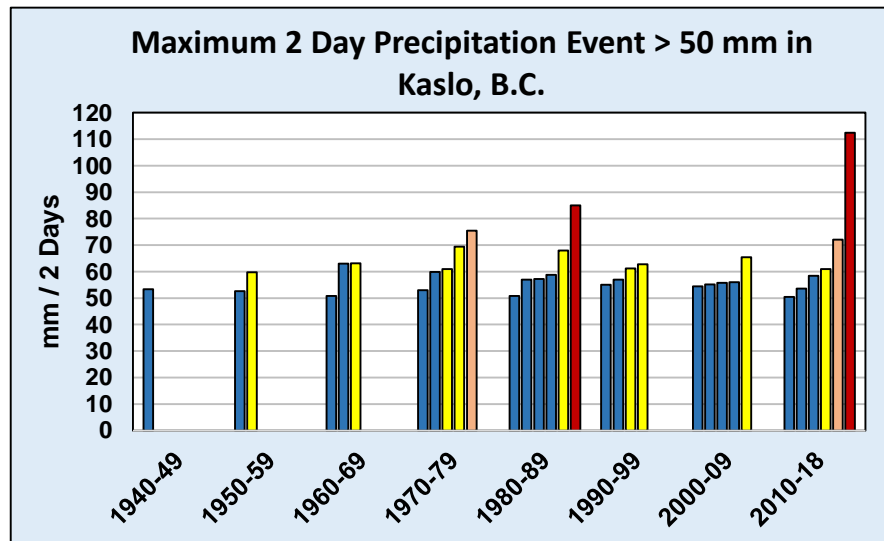
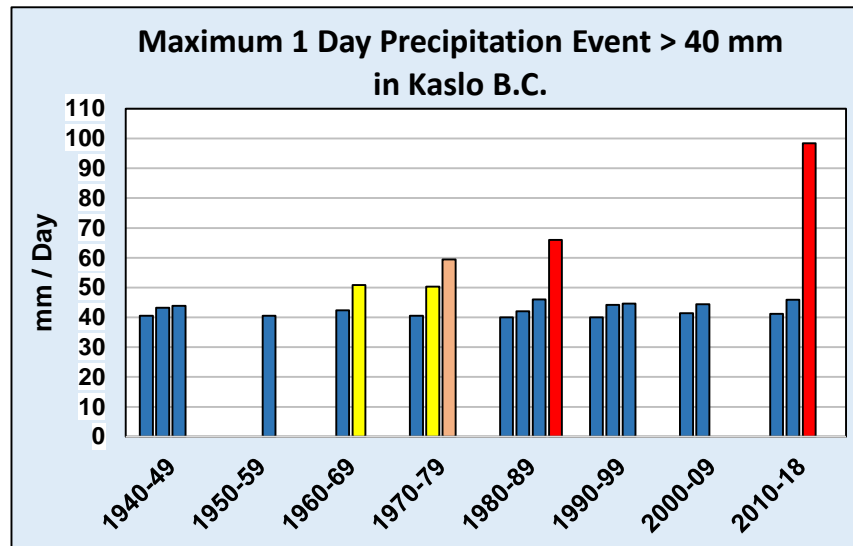
Precipitation April- August 1913-2015 In the Columbia Basin



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Changes in 1, 2 & 3 Day Precipitation Events / Decade in the Columbia Basin



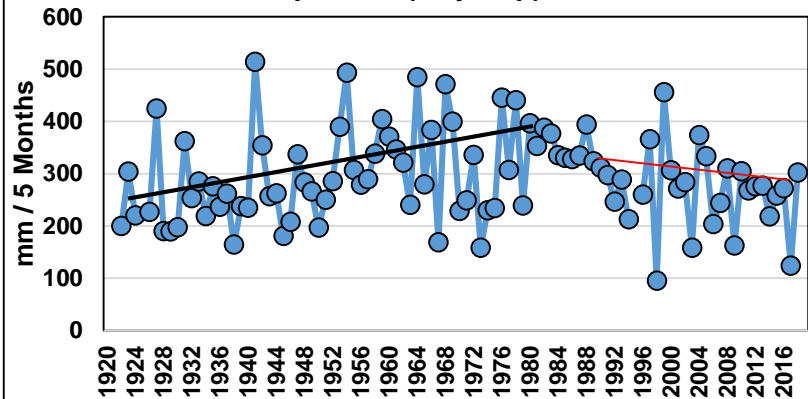
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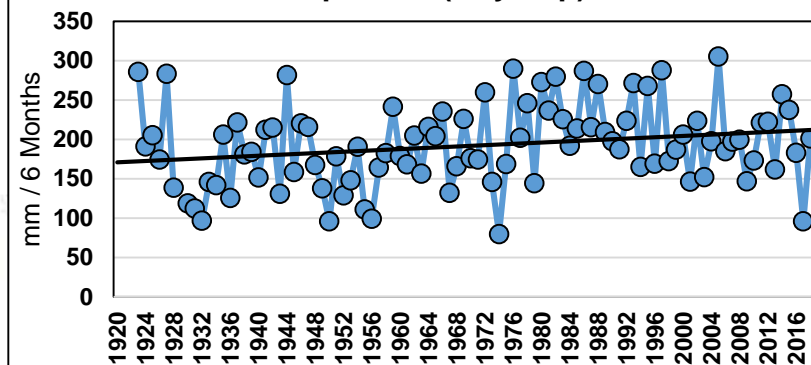
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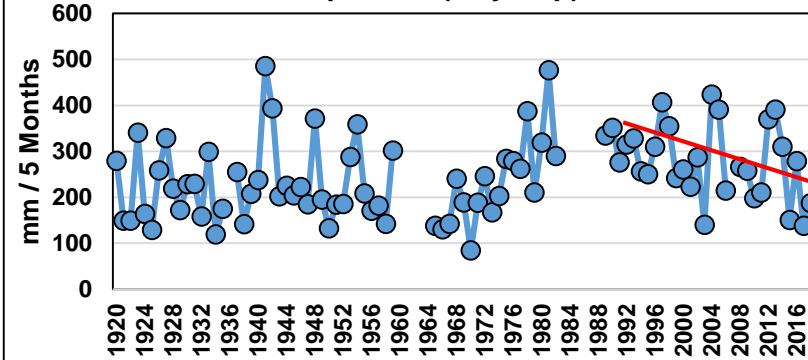
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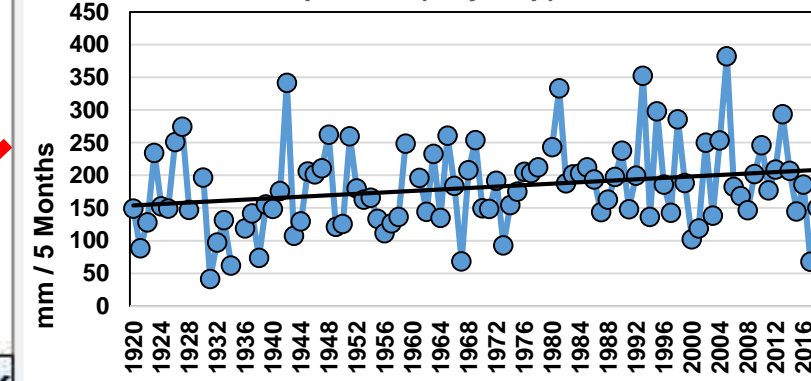
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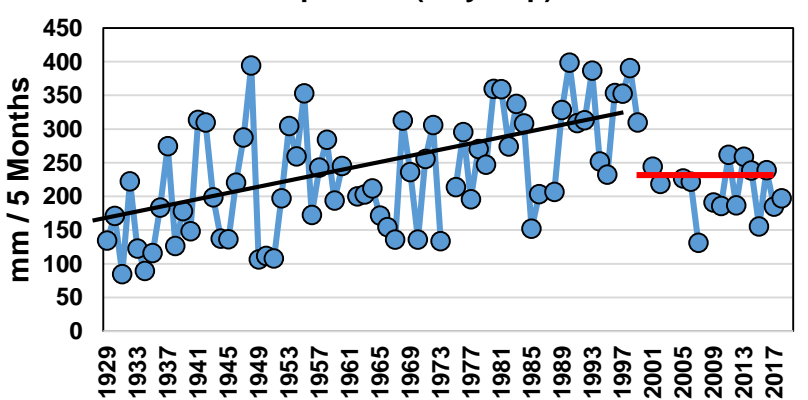
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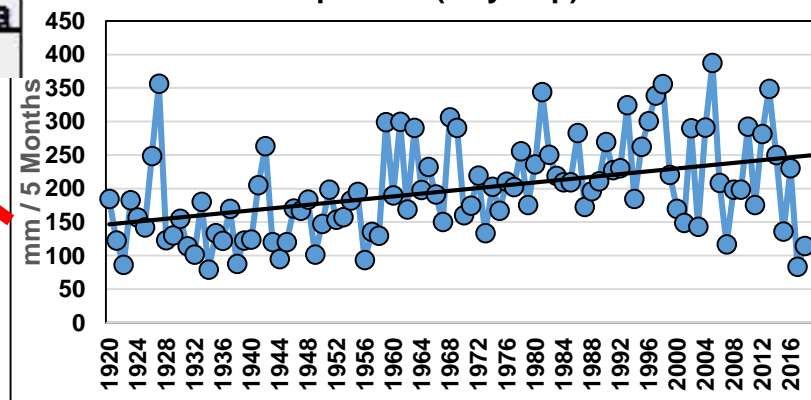
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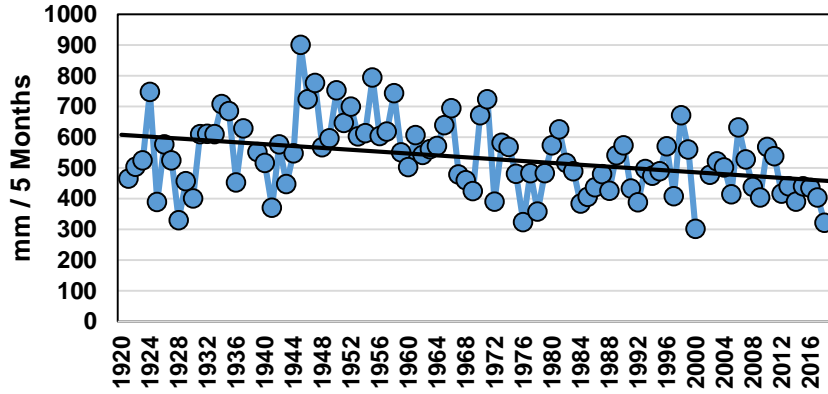
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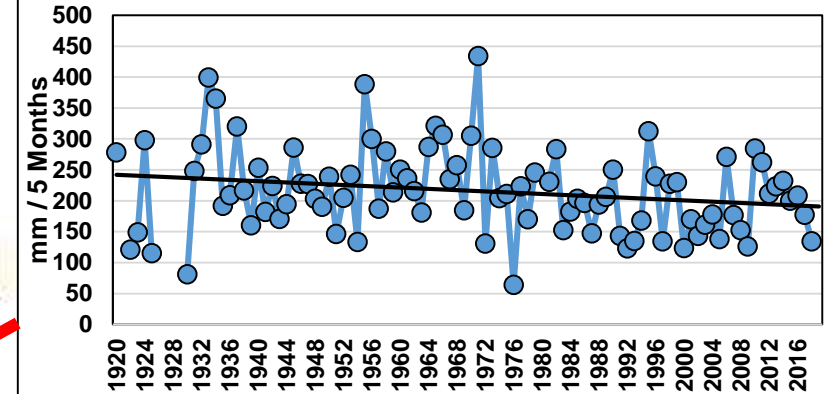
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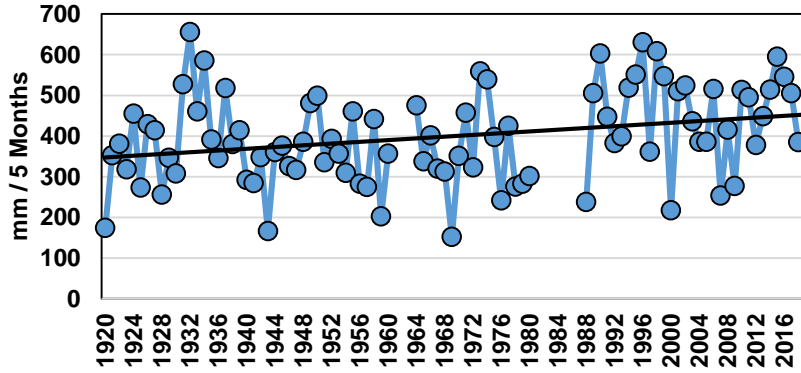
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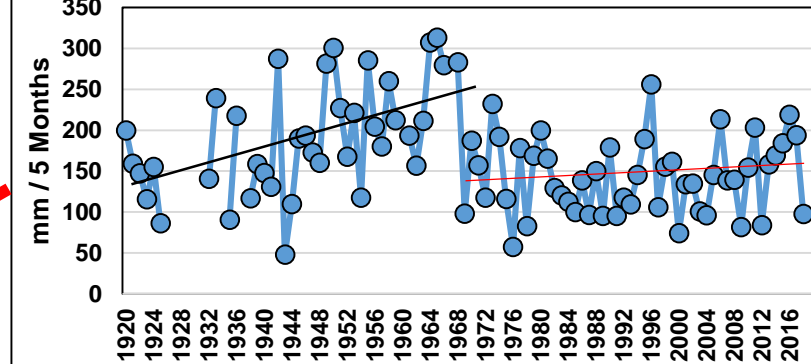
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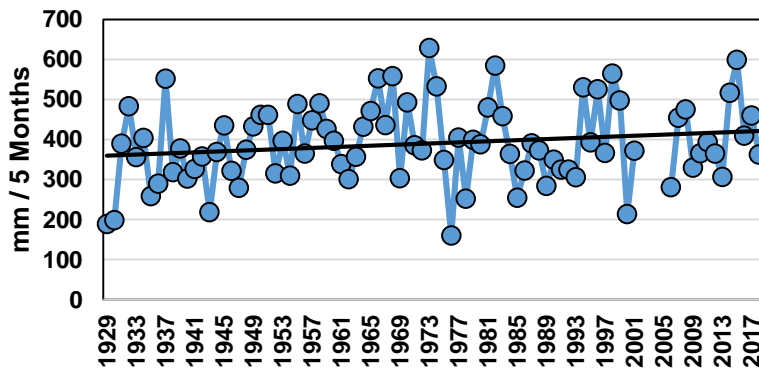
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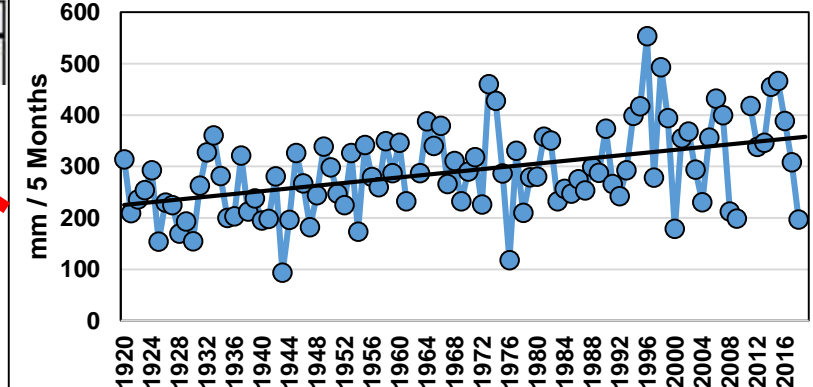
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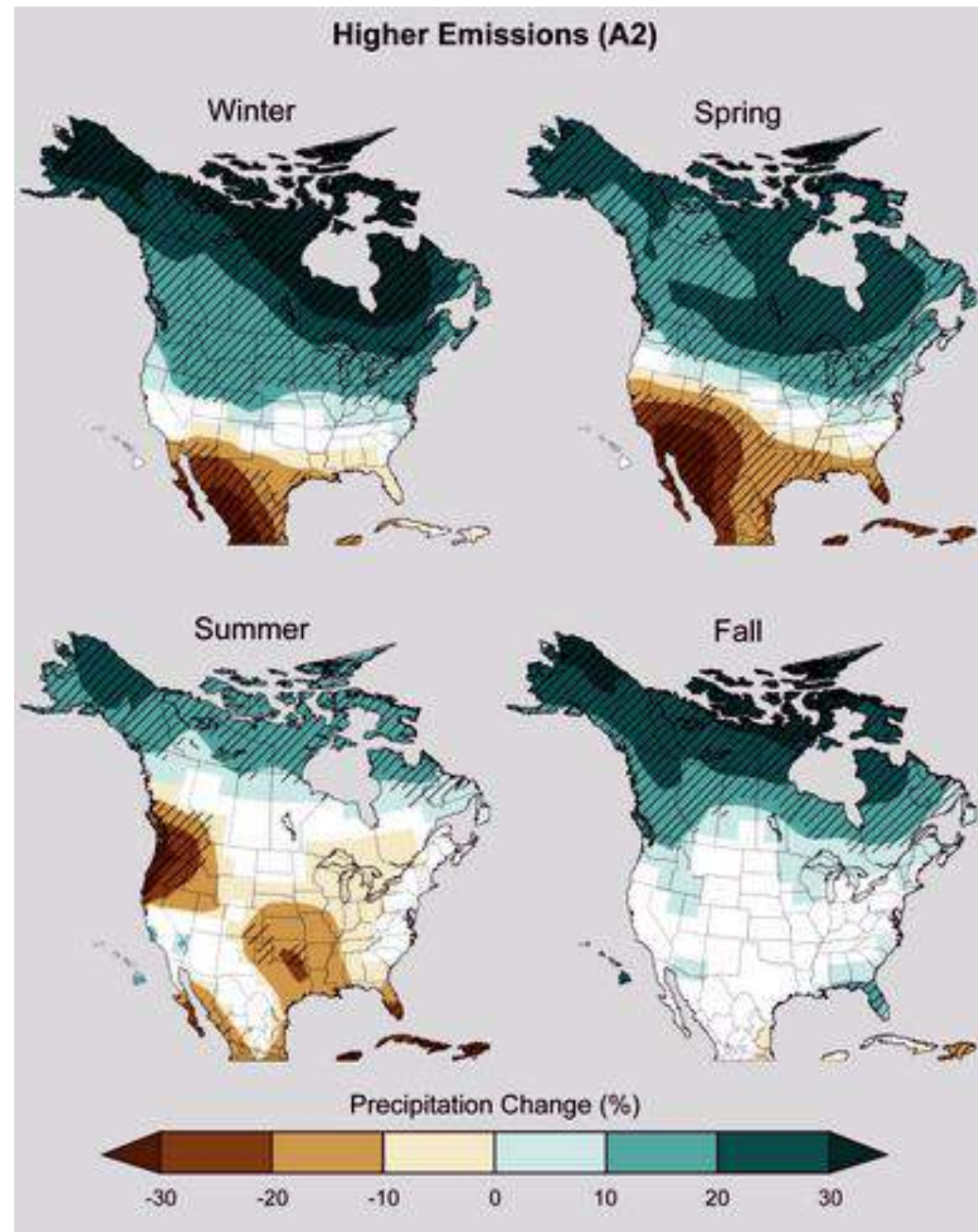
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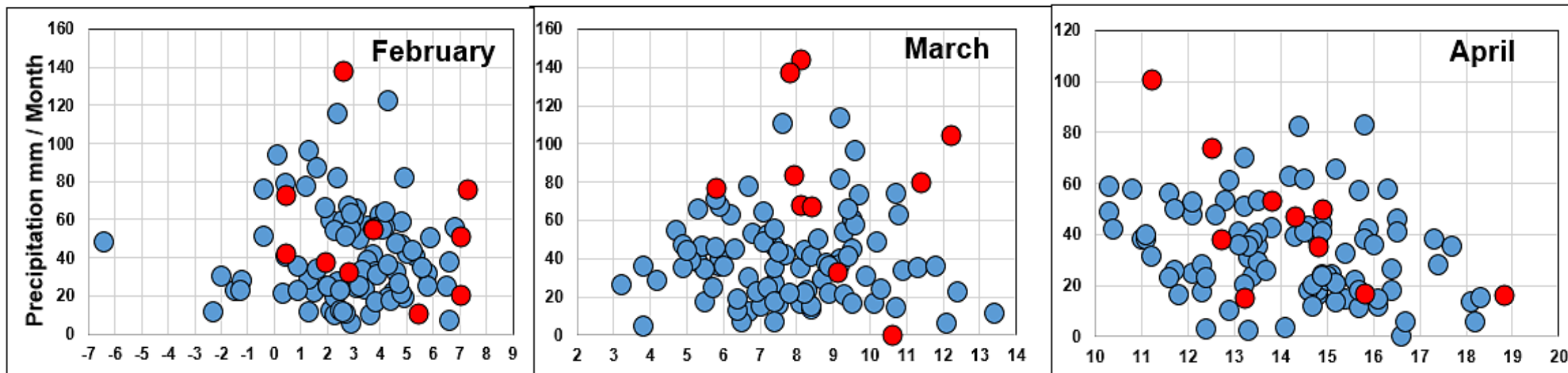
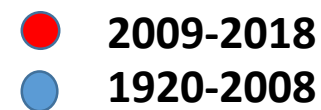
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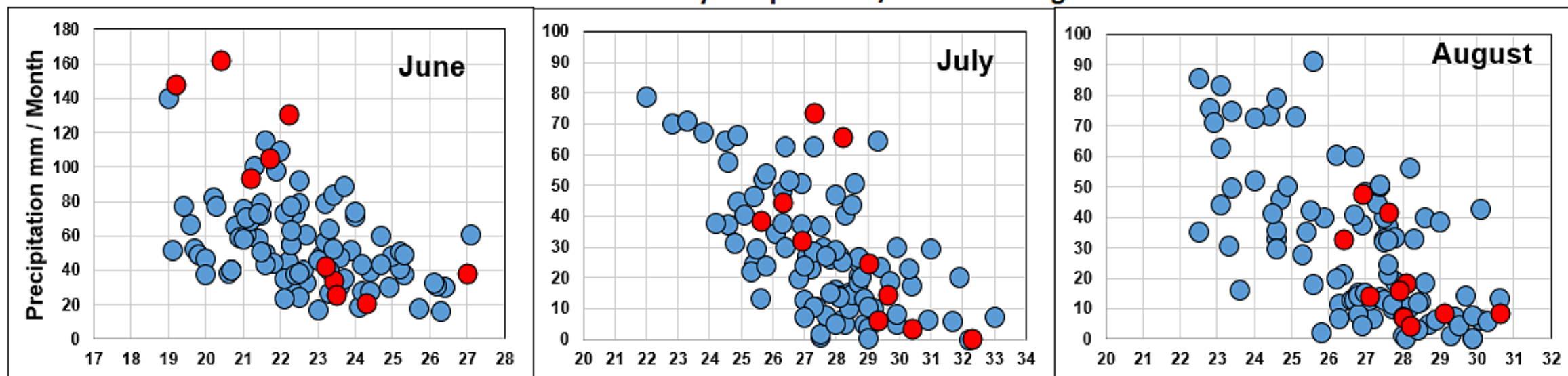
Projected Seasonal Changes in Precipitation



Mean Maximum Temperature vs. Precipitation in Creston 1913-2018

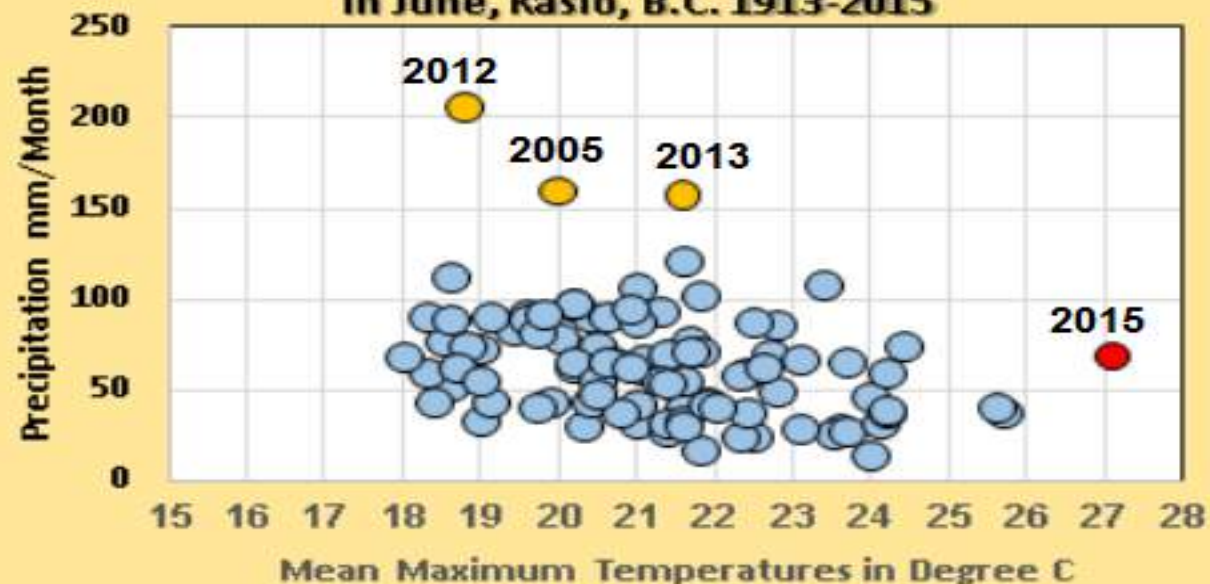


Mean Maximum Daily Temperature / Month in Degree C



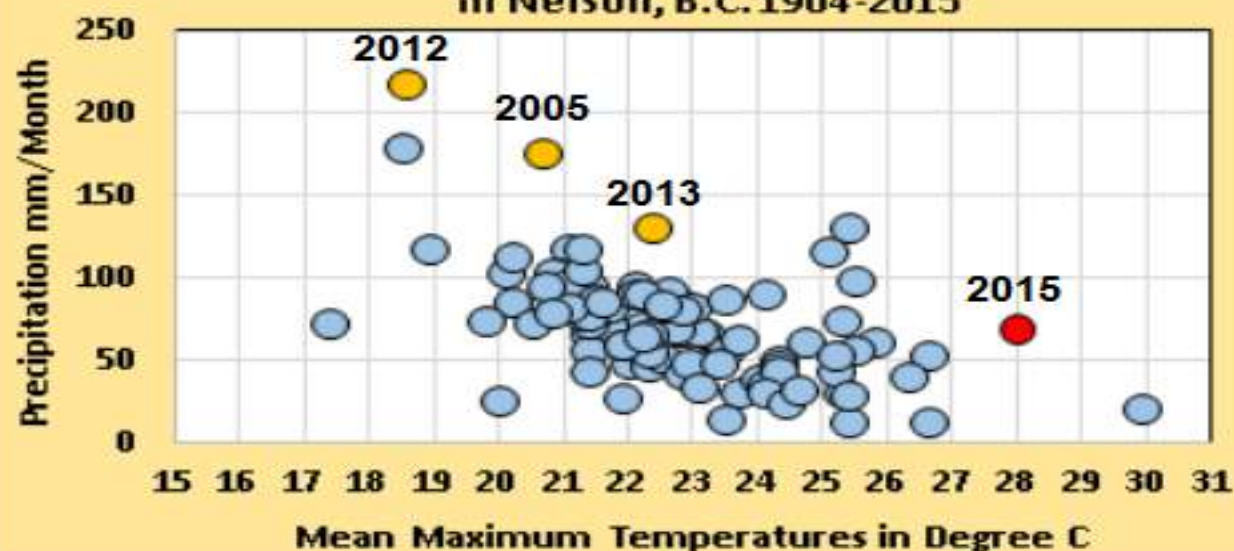
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**Mean Maximum Temperatures vs. Precipitation
in June, Kaslo, B.C. 1913-2015**



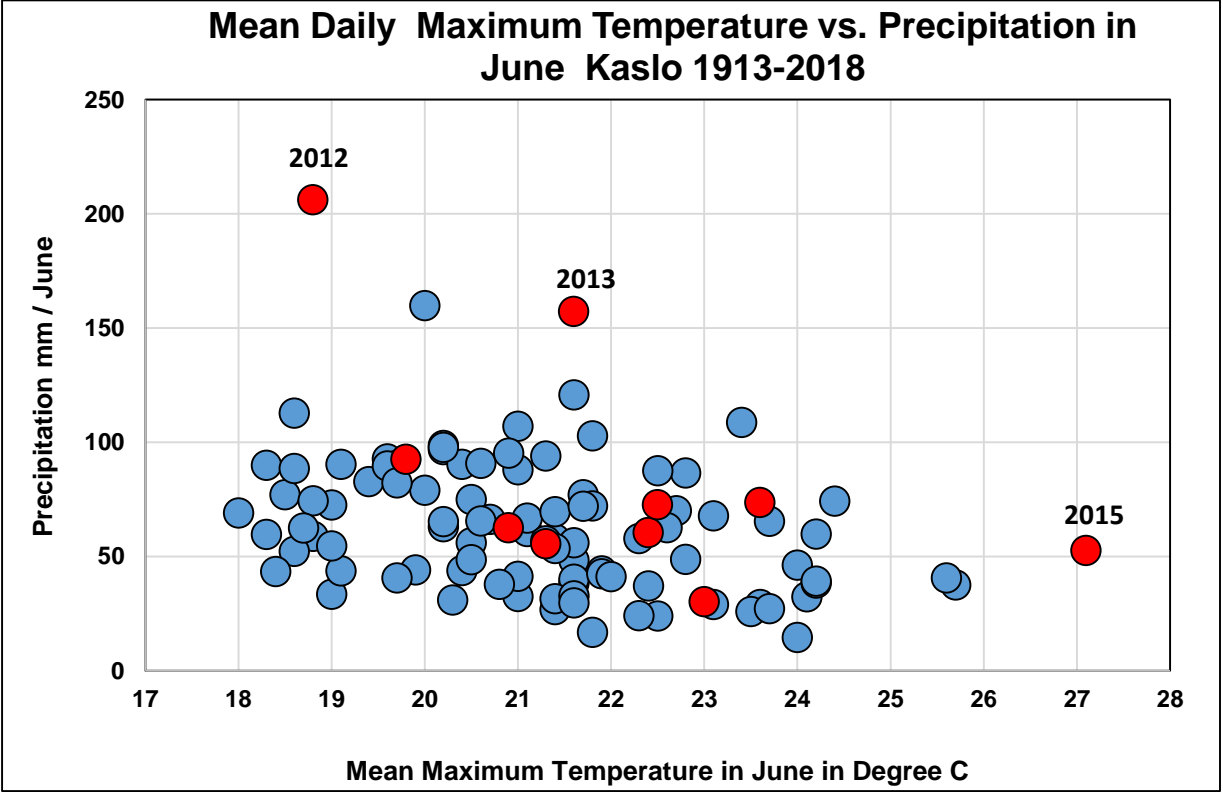
Data Record: 102 Years
Wettest June : 2012- 206 mm
Warmest June: 2015- 27.1°C

**Mean Maximum Temp. vs. Precipitation in June
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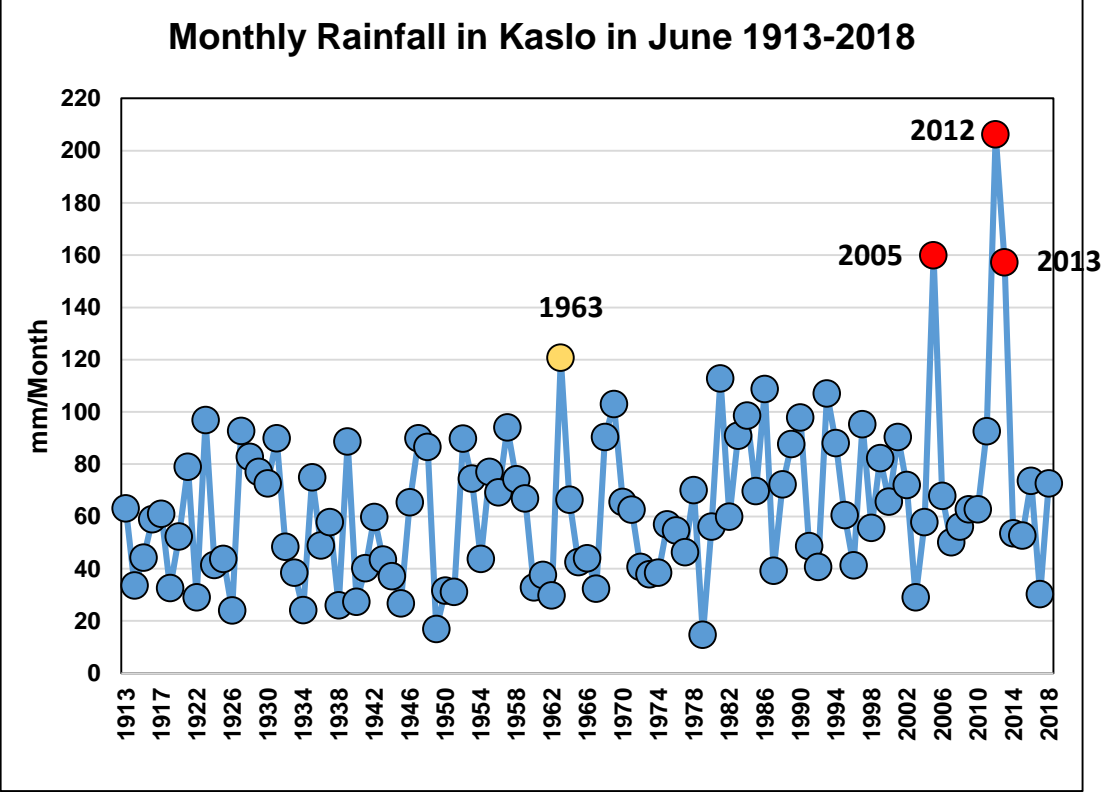
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June Temperatures and Precipitation in Kaslo, B.C. 1913-2018



● 1913-2008

● 2009-2018



June Rainfall: 1963 highest historic rainfall

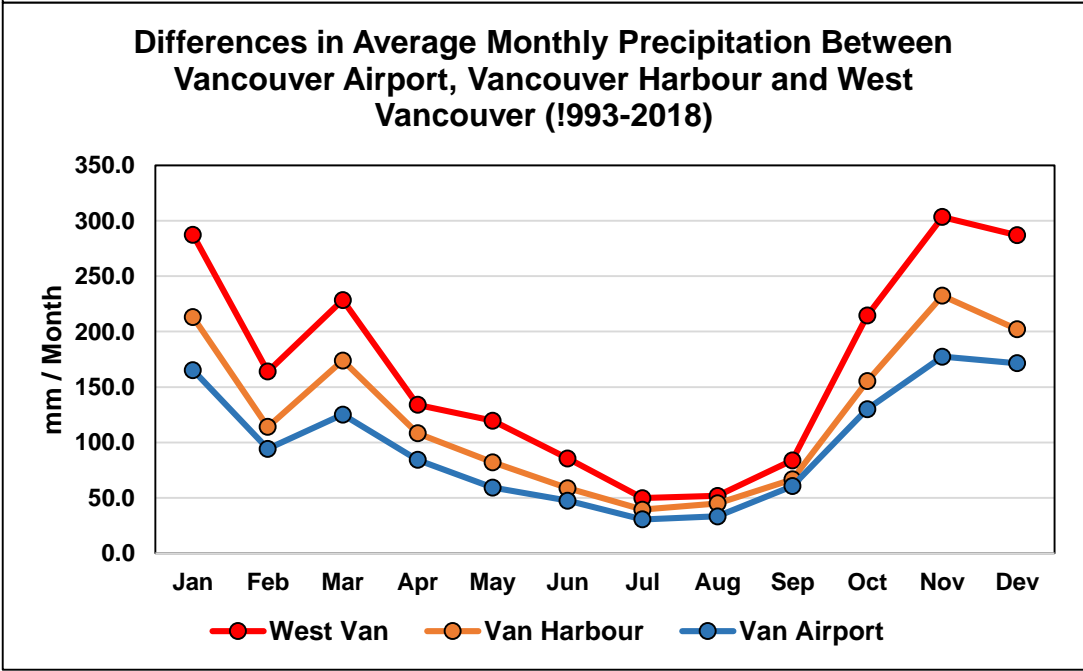
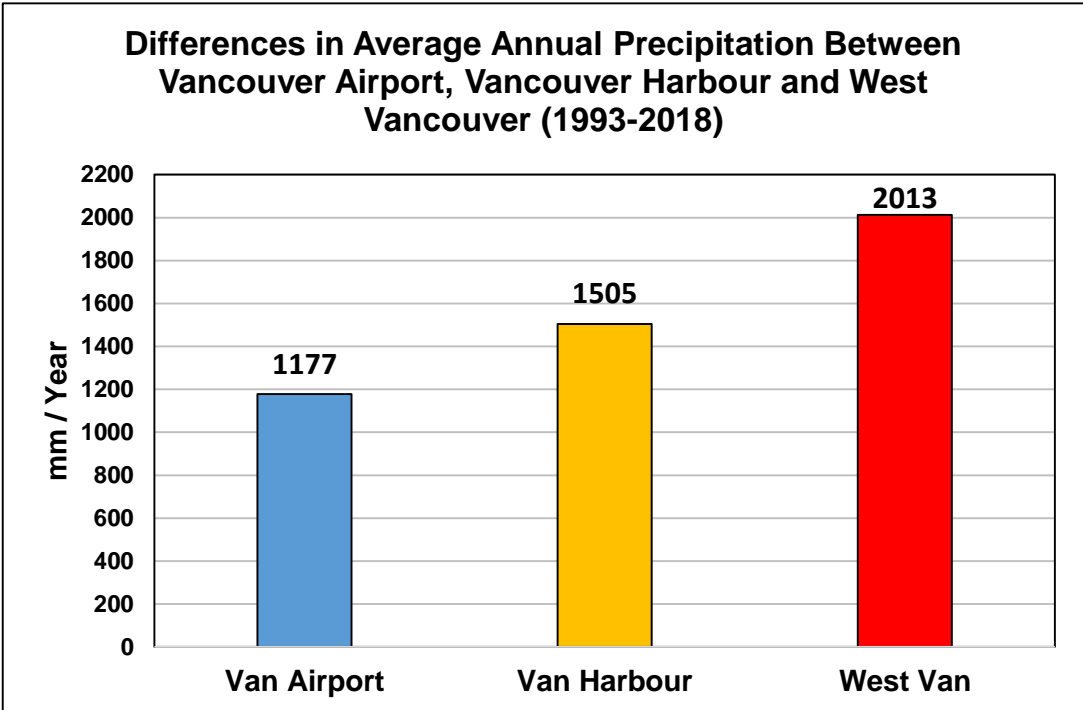
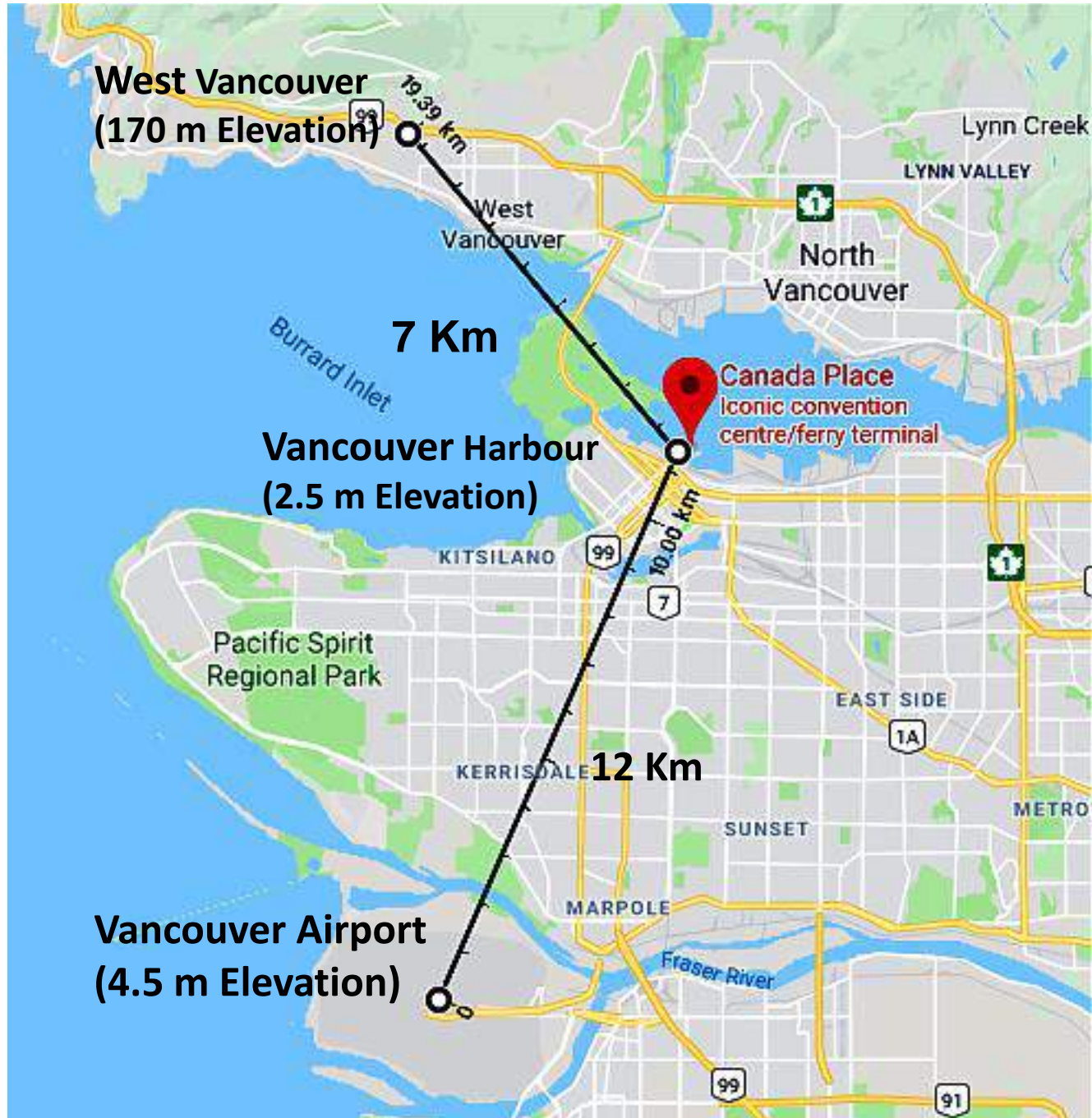
2005, 2012, 2013 had 30-70% more rain in June than over the historic record

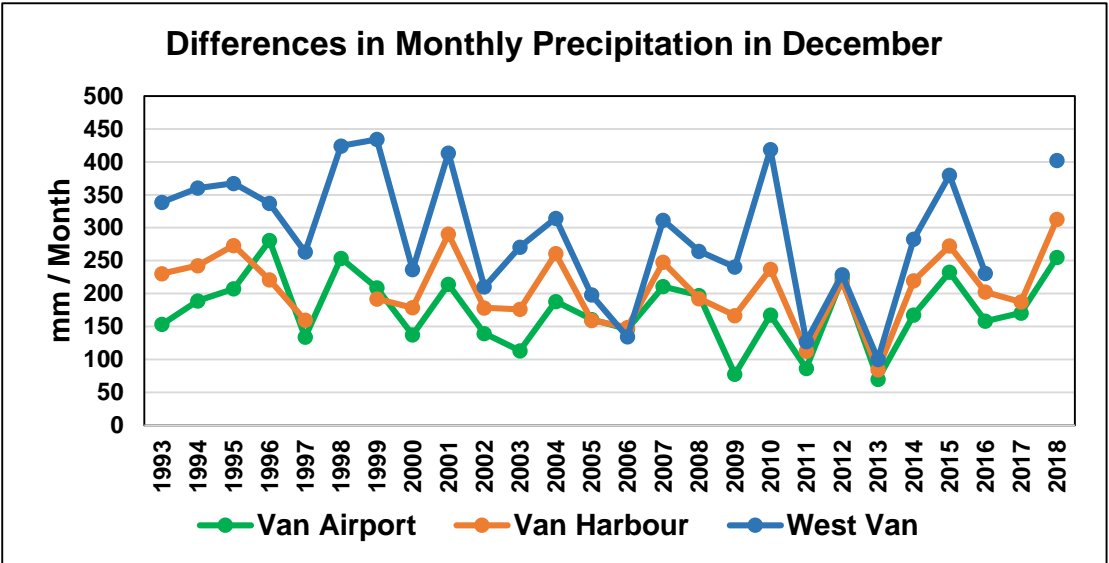
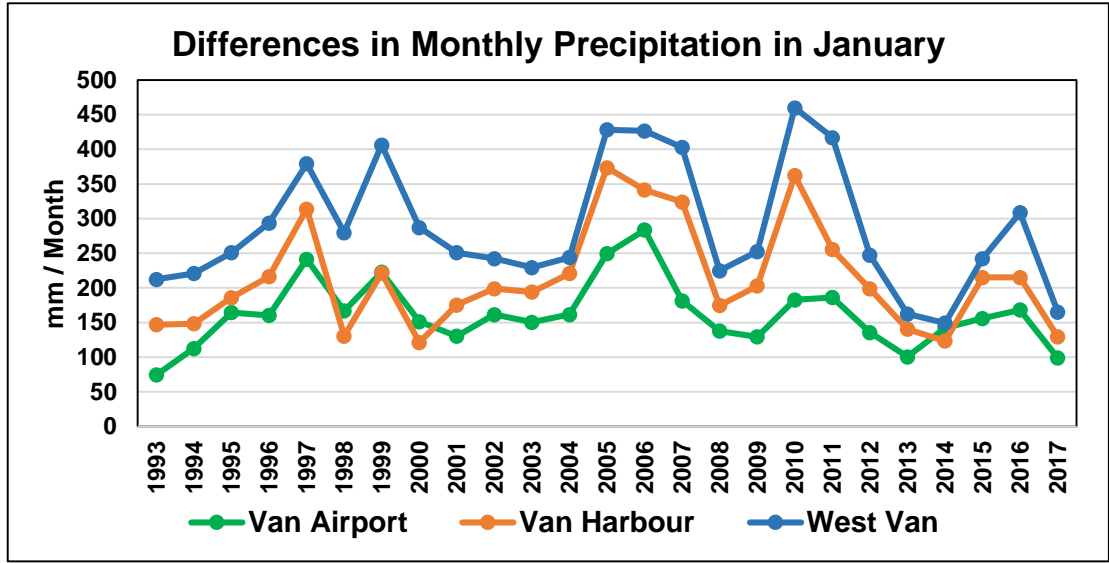
2012 Flood Event in Nelson B.C.



How does Topography Impact Rainfall & Runoff?





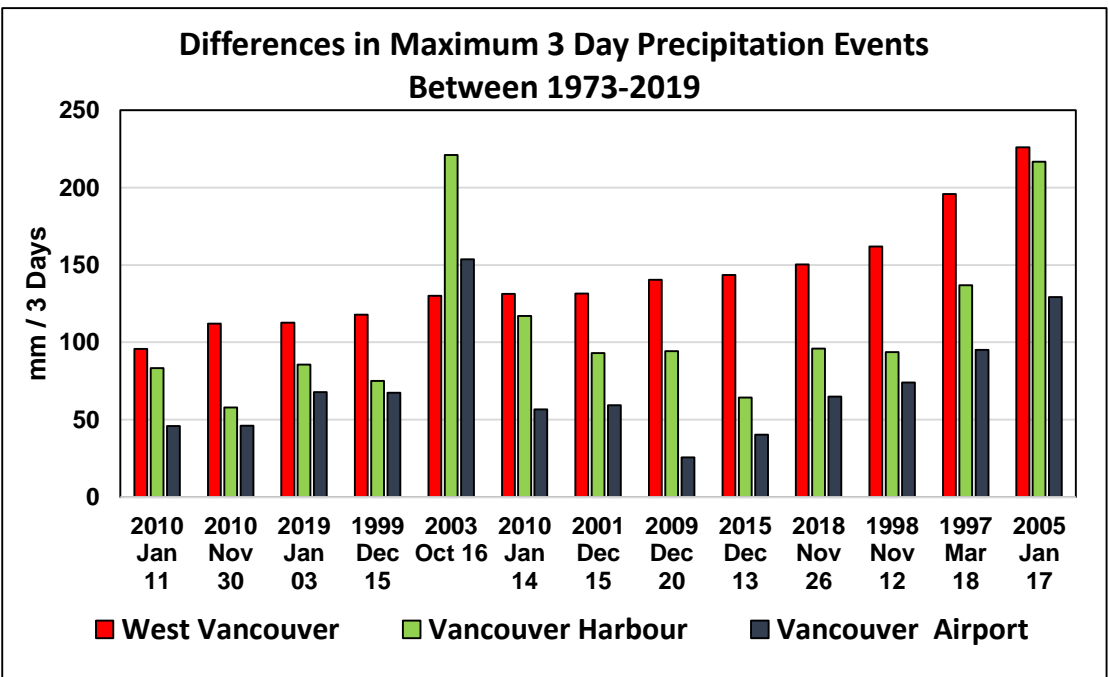


Elevation Difference: 170 m

Differences in Precipitation between West Vancouver & Van Airport

Annually > 70% Monthly or Daily 2-3 times more

Largest 3 Day Precipitation Events



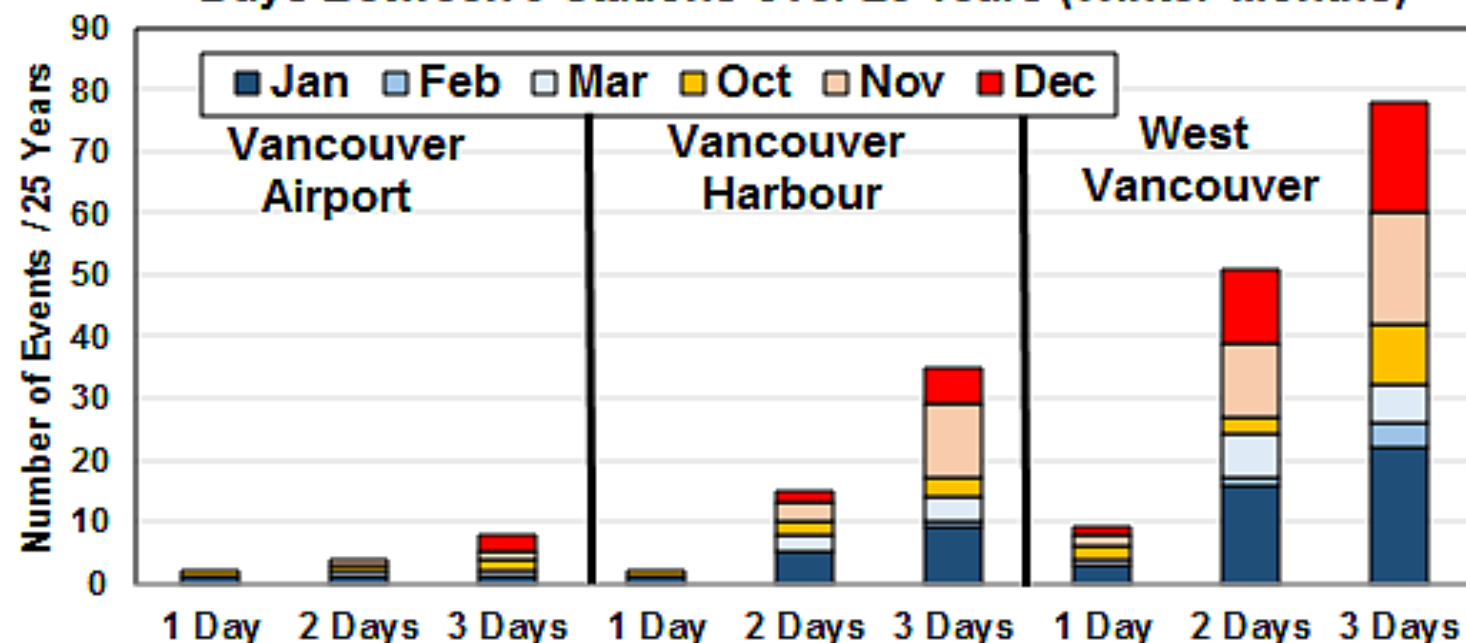
No. of Precipitation Events > 80 mm over 25 Years (1993-2018)

	Vancouver Airport	Vancouver Harbour	West Vancouver
1 Day	2	2	10
2 Days	4	15	60
3 Days	10	38	102

No. of Precipitation Events > 100 mm over 25 Years (1993-2018)

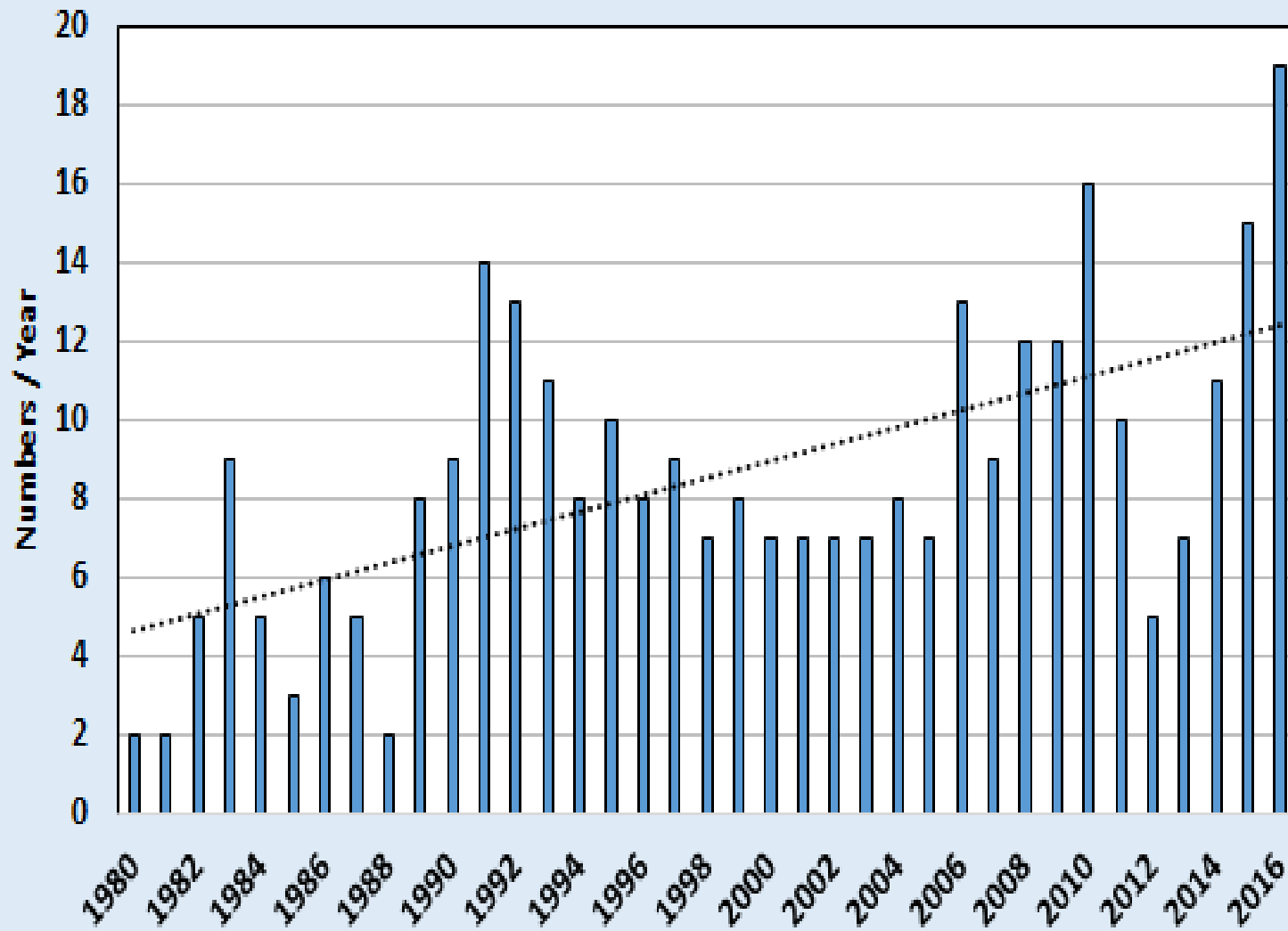
	Vancouver Airport	Vancouver Harbour	West Vancouver
1 Day	0	2	1
2 Days	2	15	21
3 Days	3	38	49

Number of Precipitation Events > 80 mm over 1, 2 & 3 Days Between 3 Stations over 25 Years (Winter Months)





Number of Major Floods in the USA Between 1980-2016



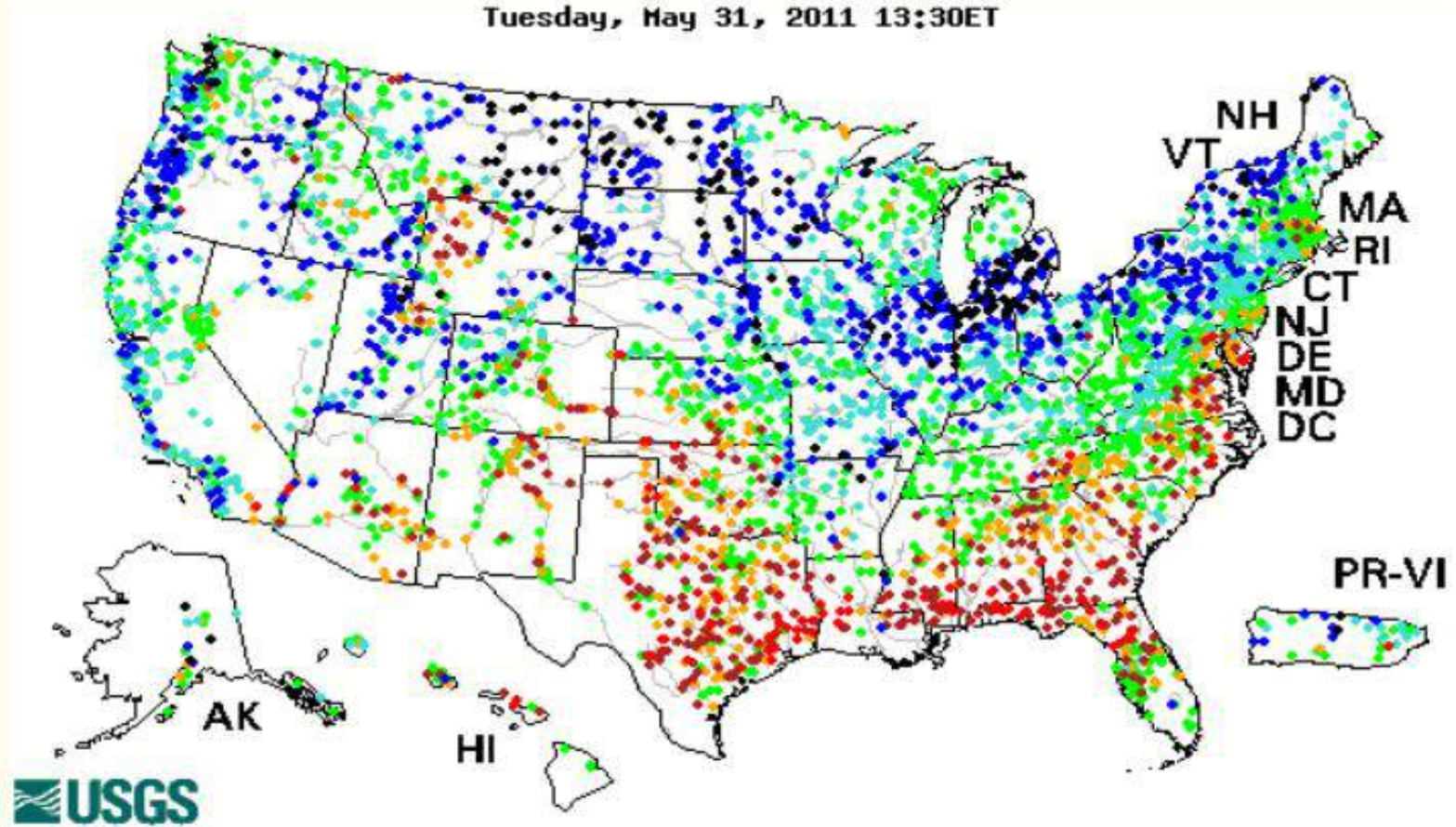
19 Major Floods in 2016

Data Source:
Munich Re-Insurance 2017

Insurance Cost \$ 10 Billion

Hydrometric Data: USGS

28 Day
Average
Streamflow
compared to
Historic
Streamflow for
this time of
the Year

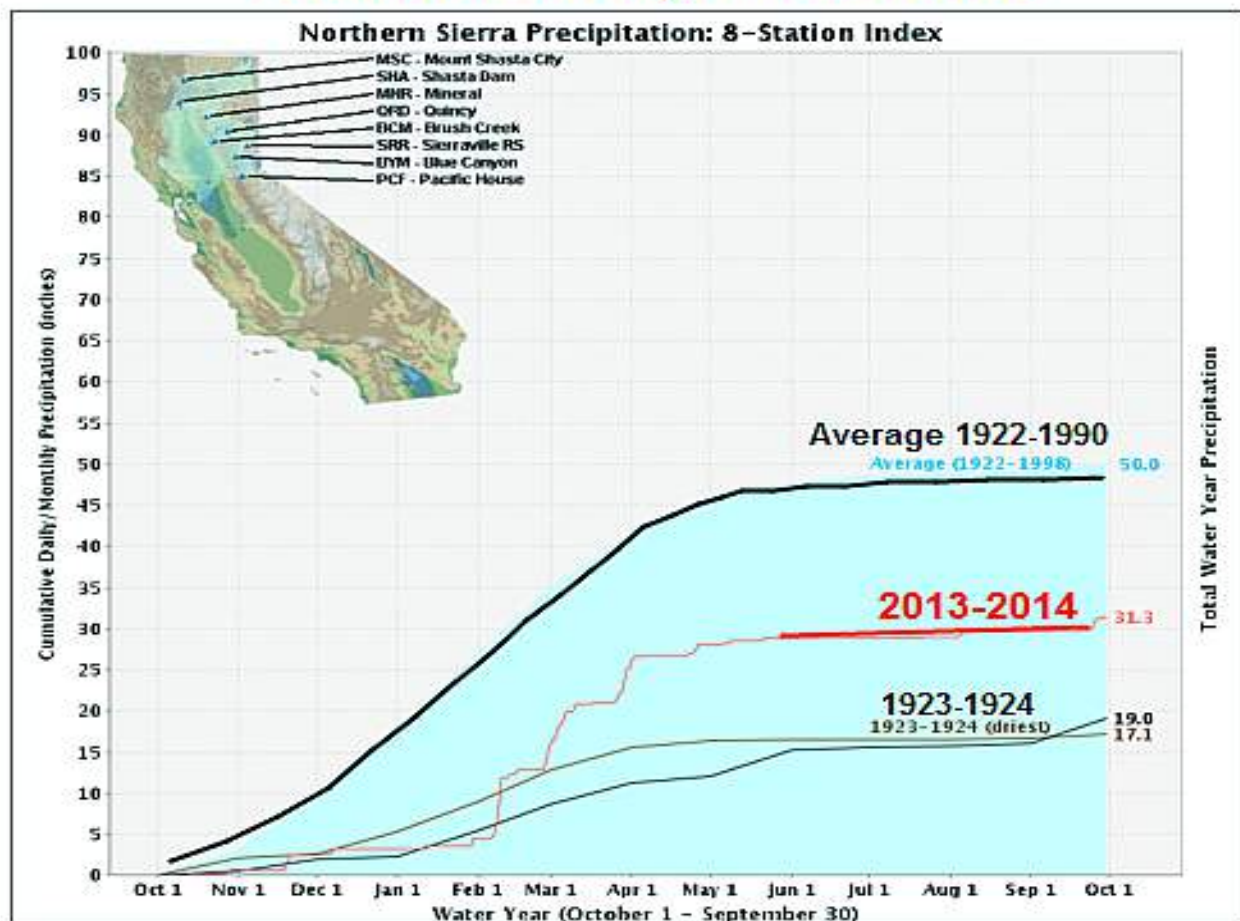


Choose a data retrieval option and select a location on the map

☐ List of all stations in state, ☒ State map, or ☐ Nearest stations

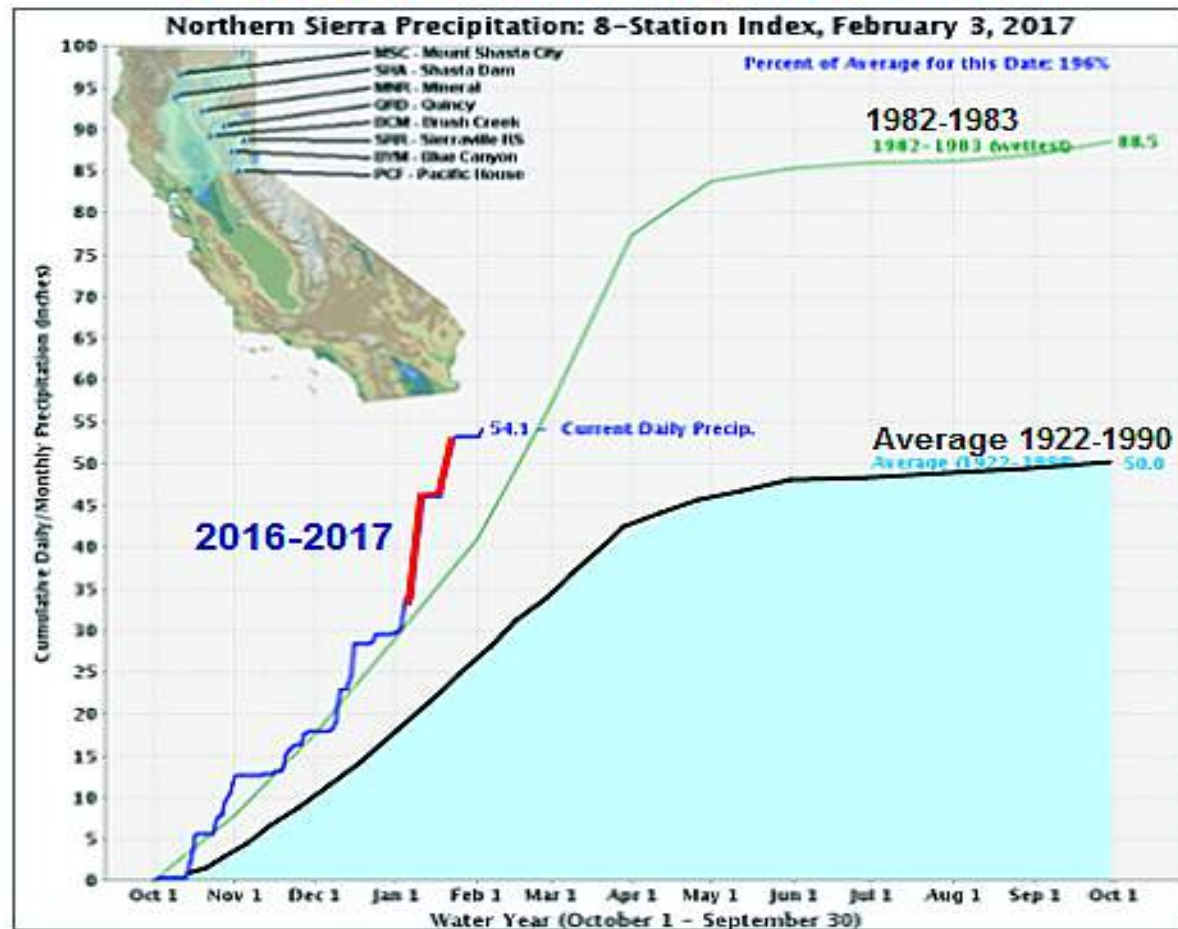
Explanation - Percentile classes						
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal	

2013-2014 Drought in California



Extreme Minimum and Average Annual Precipitation in Northern California Since 1922

2016-2017 Wet Winter in California



Extreme Maximum and Average Annual Precipitation in Northern California Since 1922

Source: California Department of Water Resources 2017

Floods

Droughts

Key Factors

Climate & Land Use

Primarily Climate

Predictability

Somewhat

Difficult

**Start and Size is Predictable
Timing is more difficult**

**Start, Size and Length of
Drought is difficult to Predict**

Reasons

**Based on Rainfall, Snow Cover,
Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)
Land Use, Imperviouness,
Antecedent Soil Moisture, lag-
time between Rainfall & Runoff,
Historic Streamflow Record**

**Depends on Climate factors
(Temperatures & Precipitation).
Minor information soil moisture
conditions at start can help.
Historic Record is not
Particularly Useful.**

Preparedness

**Advanced Notice, Some
Time to Respond to Fast
Moving Event**

**Little Advanced Notice, Requires
Adaptive Response. Slow
Progressive Event**

Snow Sensitive Basins

Winter Warming Results in:

Less Snow
Earlier Season Melt
Less Summer Streamflow

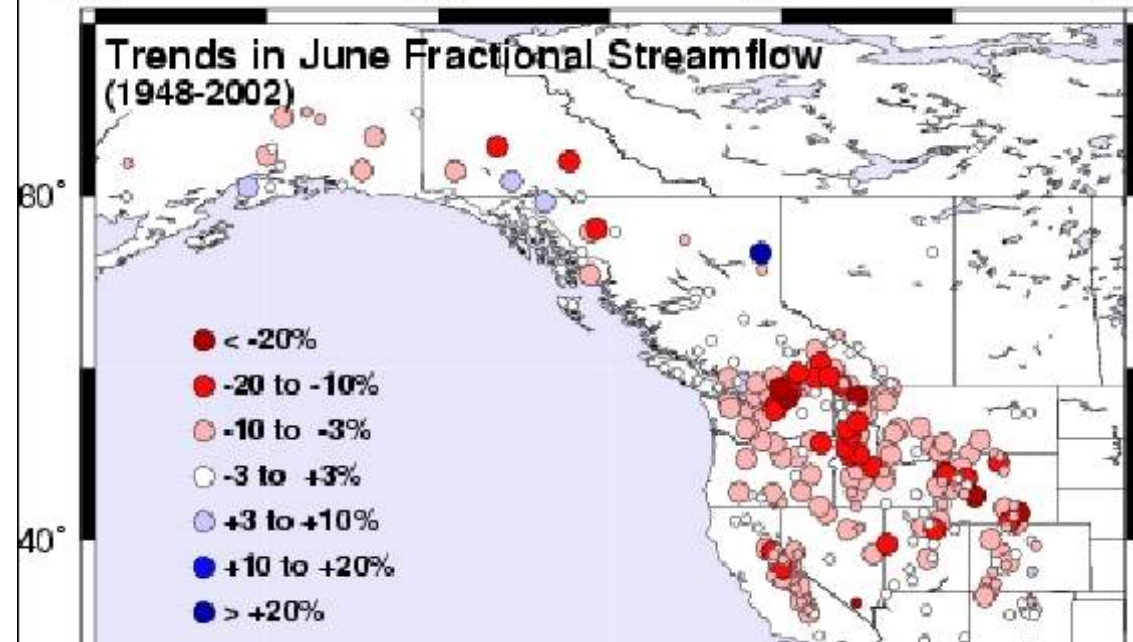
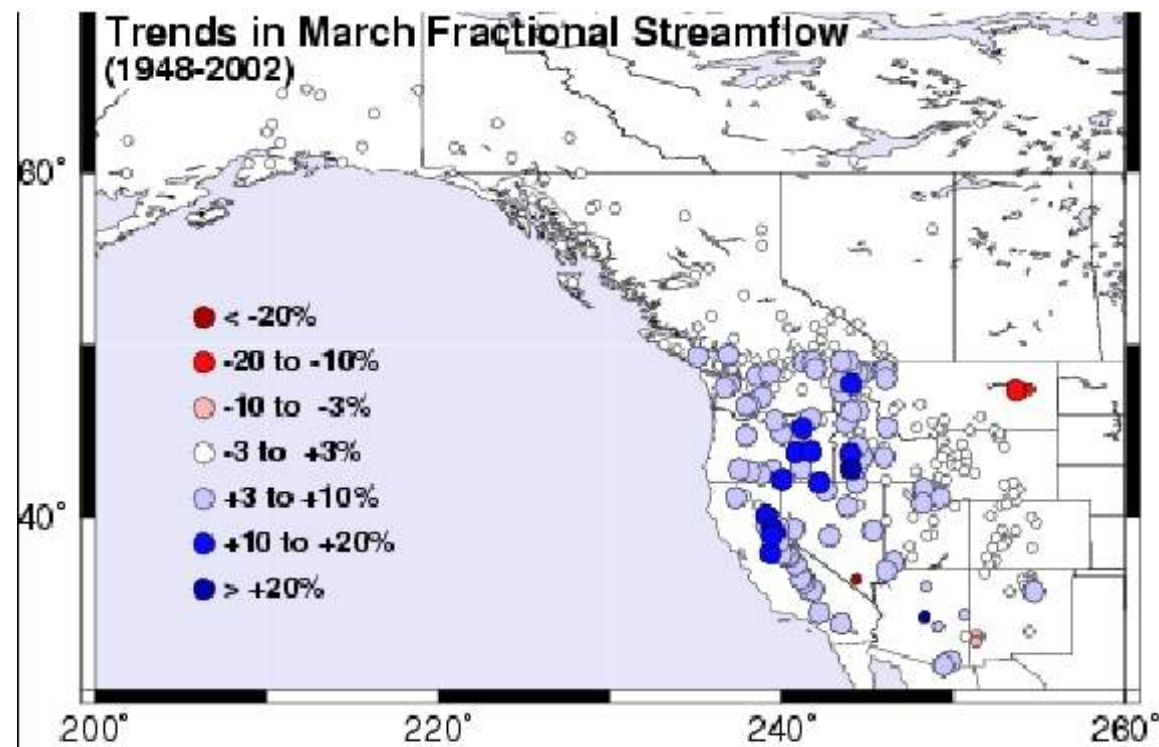
Winter without Snow
Snow Sensitive Watersheds
Snow Drought
Snow Water Equivalent SWE

Hamlet et al. 2013 *Atmo. Oceans*
Resouli et al. 2014 *Hydro.Proc.*
Manlin et al. 2015 *Env.Res. Let.*
Huss et al. 2017 *Earth Future*

It is estimated that about
20% of all streams will be
affected by the shift from
snow to rain

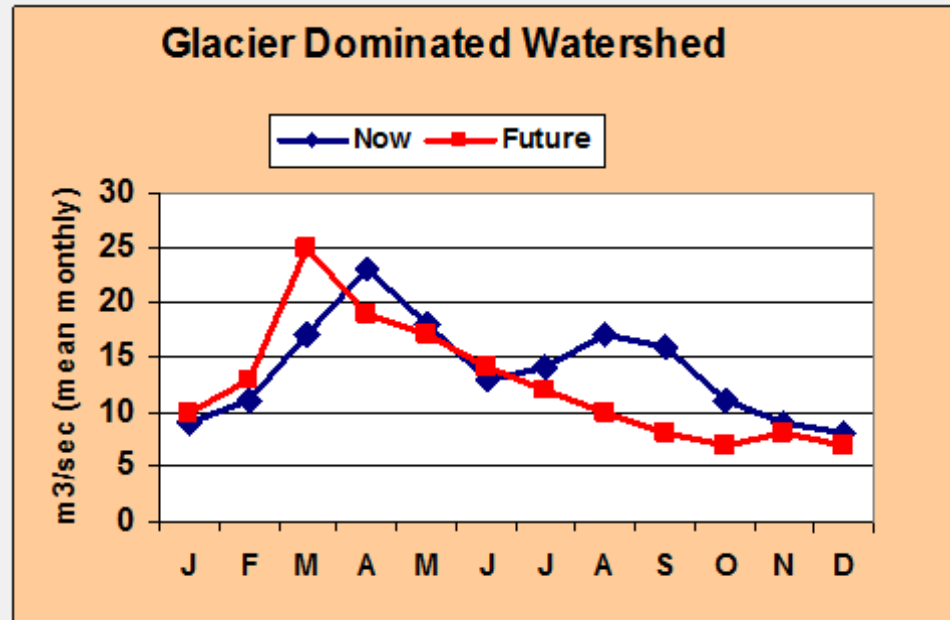
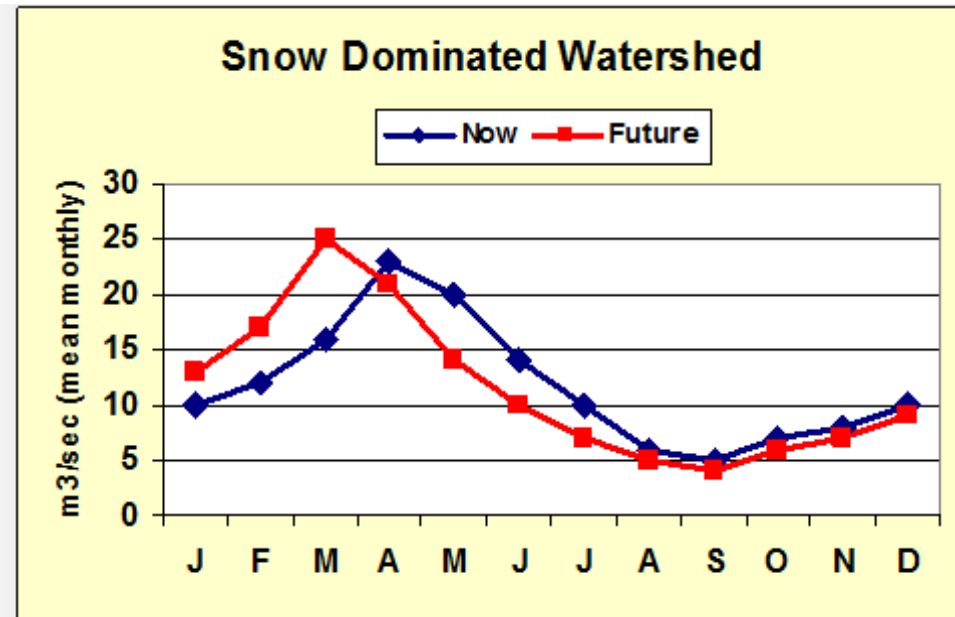
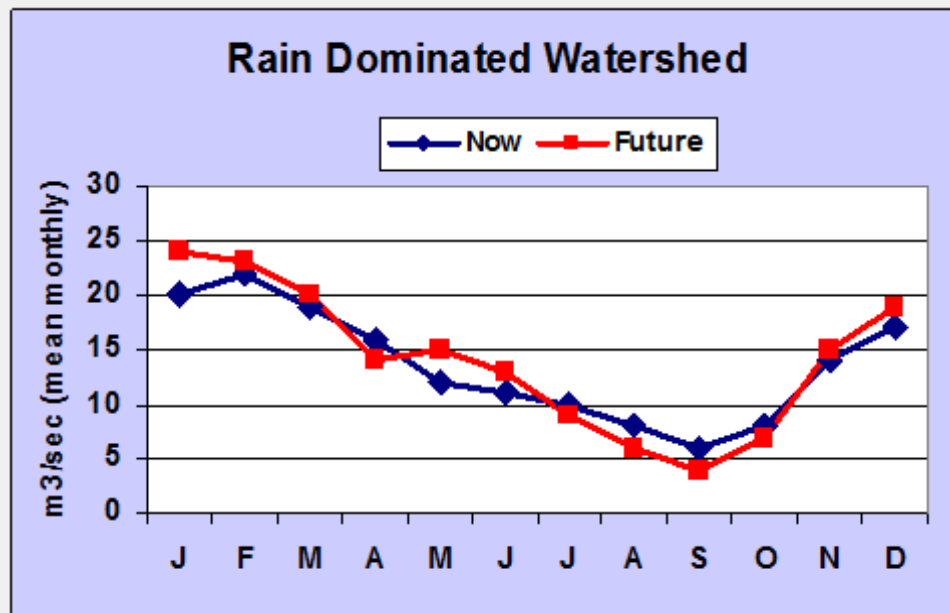
Impacts

Hydropower Production
Fish Movement & Distribution
Irrigation & Domestic Water Use
Maintaining Environmental Services
Shift in Vegetation & Land Uses



As the West warms,
spring flows rise
and summer flows
drop

Stewart IT, Cayan DR,
Dettinger MD, 2005:
Changes toward earlier
streamflow timing across
western North America, J.
Climate, 18 (8): 1136-1155

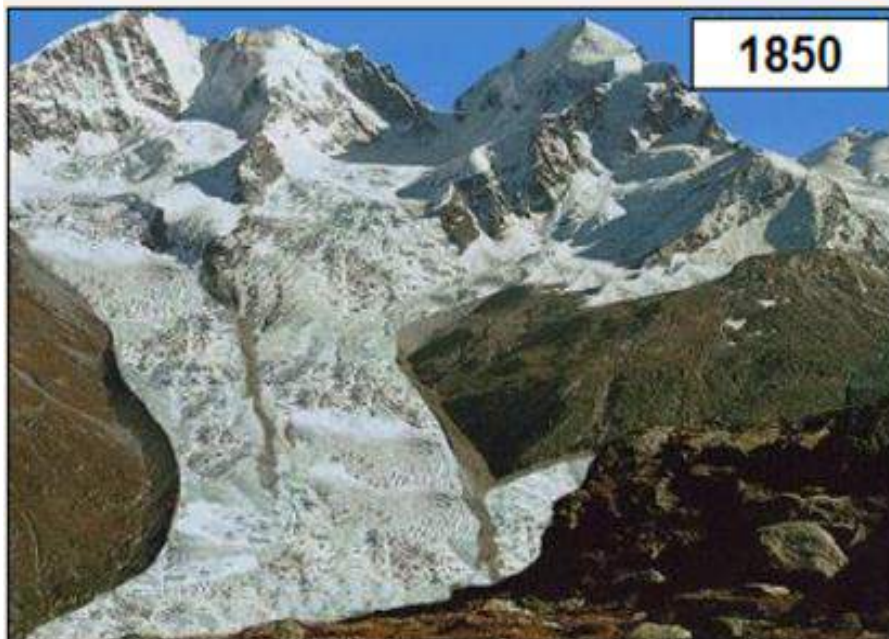


Anticipated Hydrological Changes:

Greatest changes in glacier dominated watersheds

Major shift in peak and low flow in snow dominated watershed

More variability in rain dominated watershed



Shepard Glacier

W. C. Alden/ USGS photo. **1913**

W. C. Alden/ USGS photo. **1913**

B. Reardon/ USGS photo **2005**



Nevado del Ruiz, Colombia
Ice cover at Equator

1900 = 100 km²

1959 = 34 km²

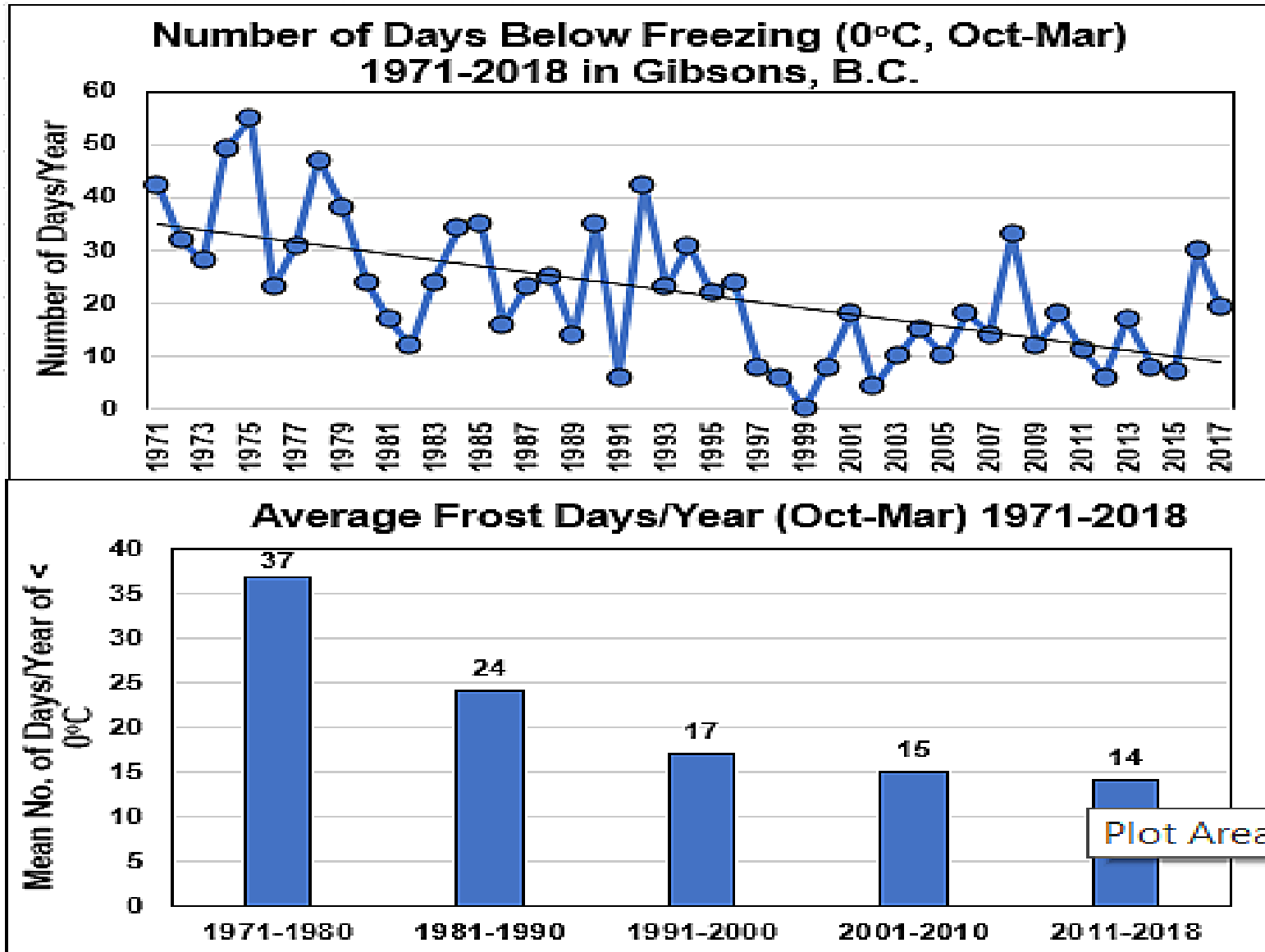
1985 = 20 km²

2003 = 10 km²

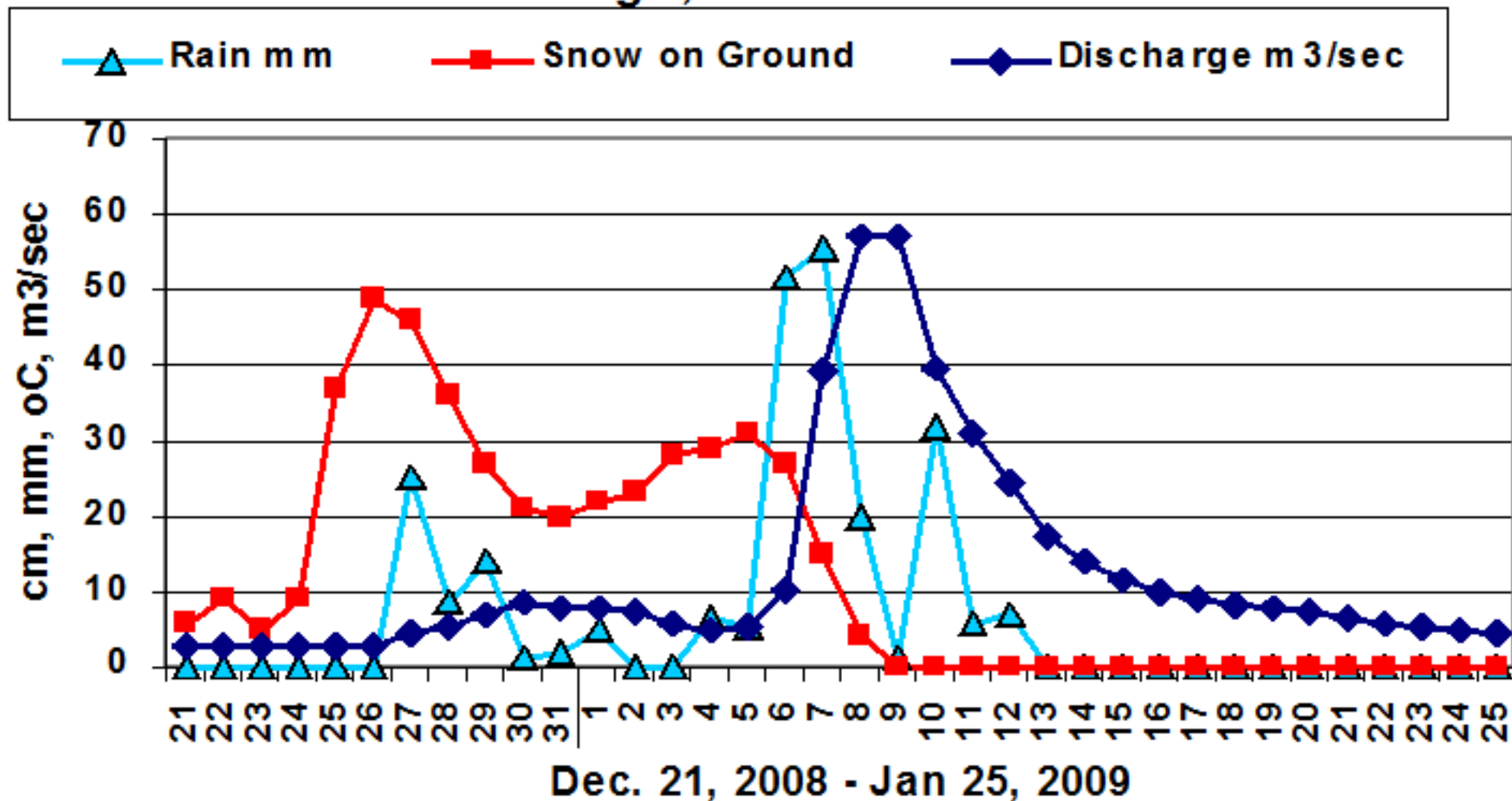
Volcanic Eruption 1985
impacted Albedo

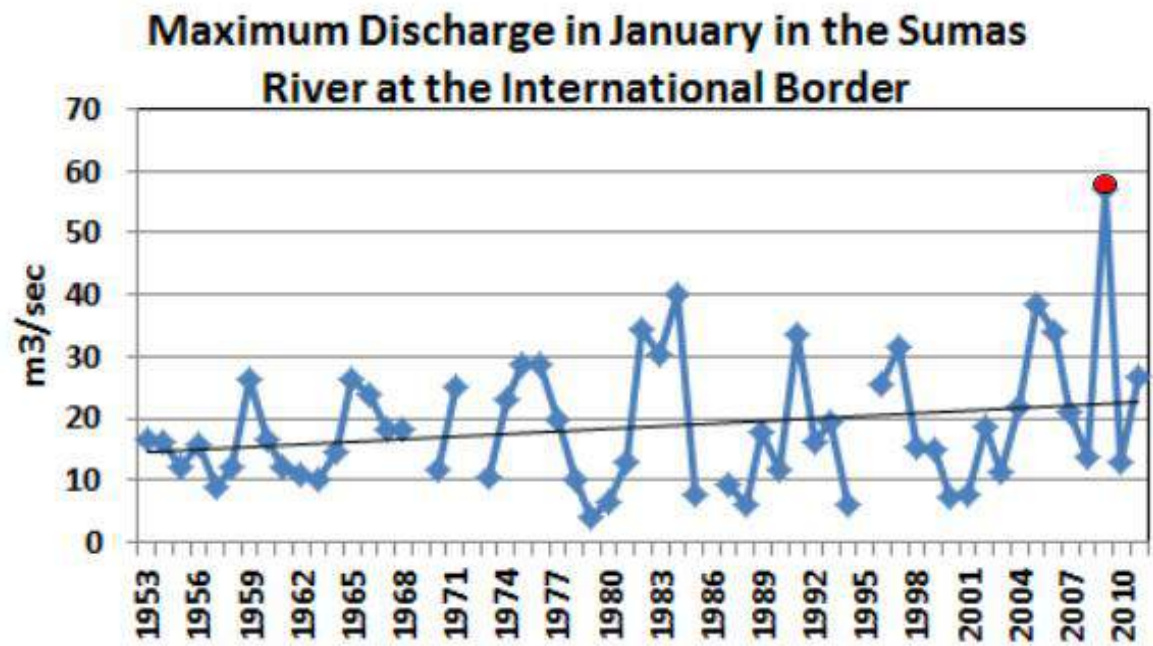


Winter Temperature Fluctuation Affecting Snow Security



Snow on the Ground, Rainfall, & Stream Discharge, Sumas River



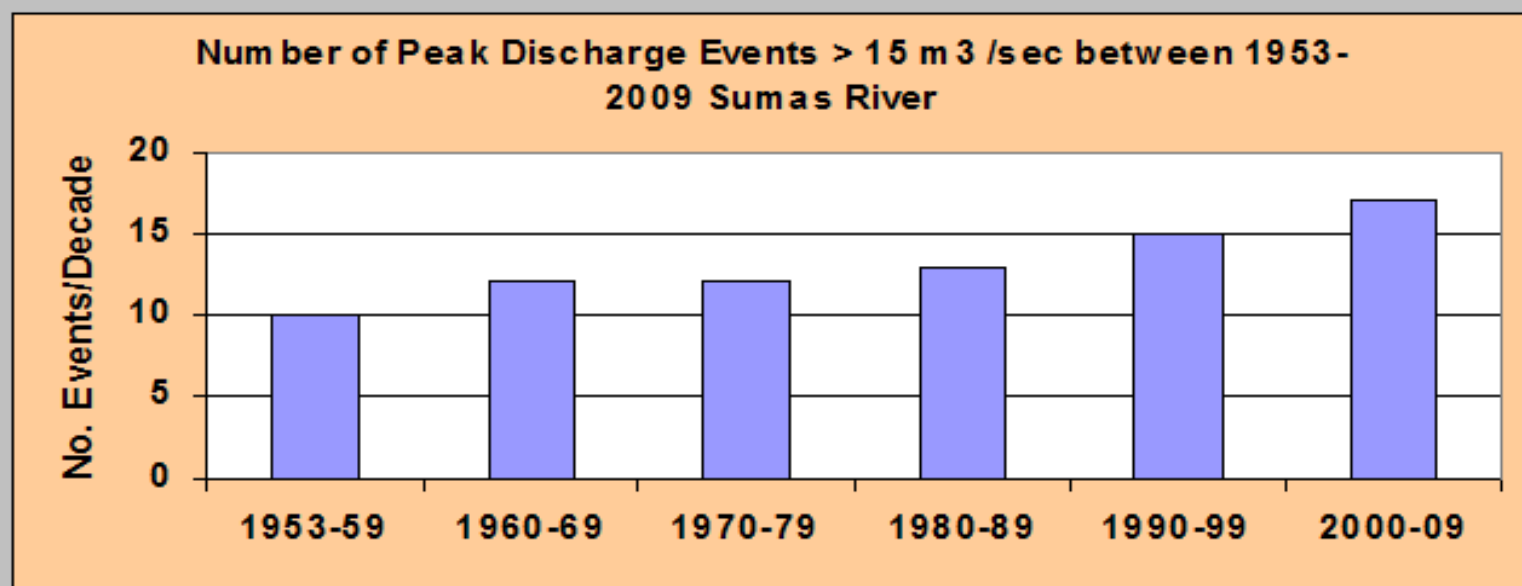


Increases in Storm Runoff Events (1950'-2010)

Combined effect of increased climatic variability and land use intensification

Storm Events 1953-2009 - Sumas River, B.C.

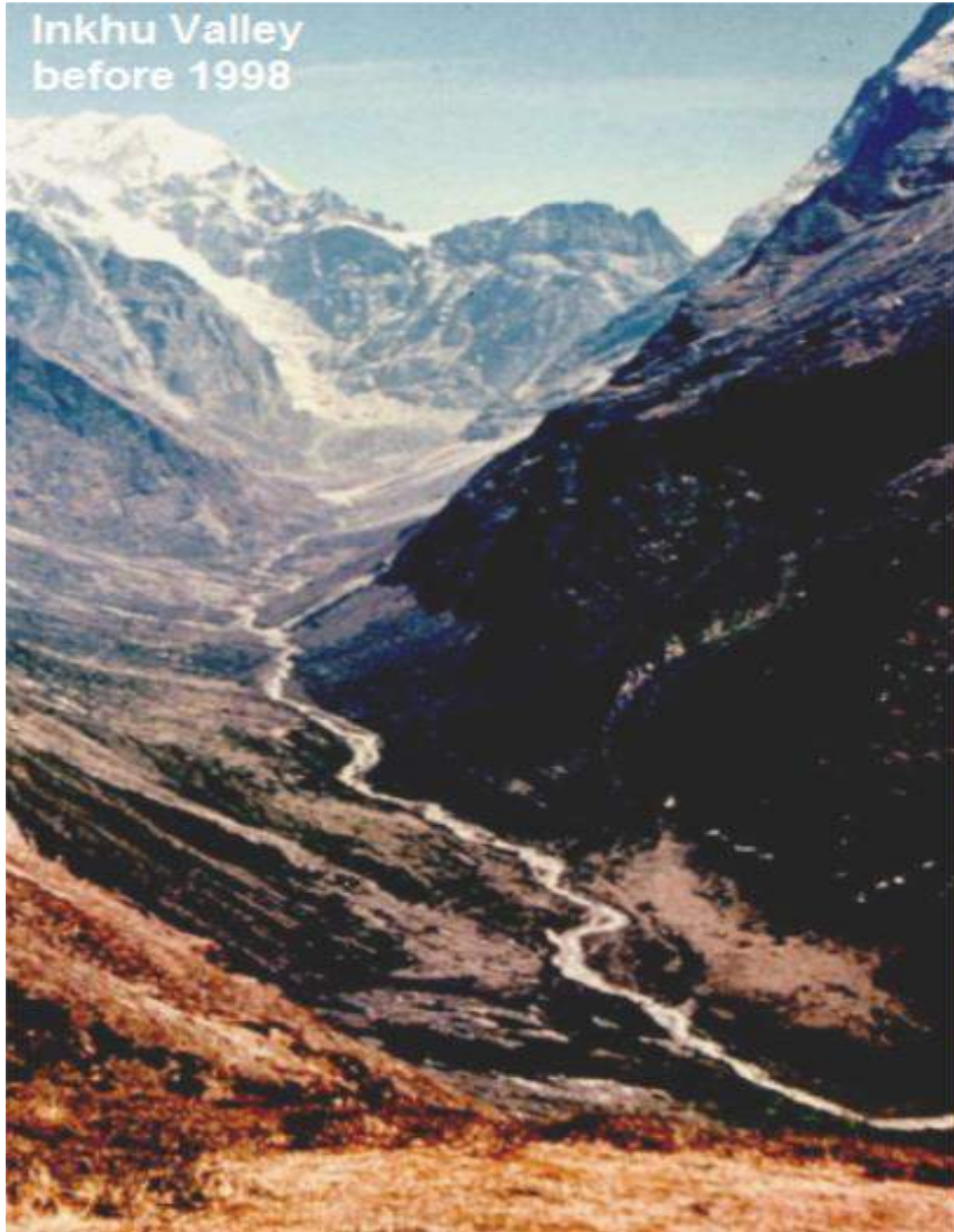
	1953-59	1960-69	1970-79	1980-89	1990-99	2000-09	# Events
15-19.9 m ³ /sec	8	6	2	5	5	5	31
20-24.9 m ³ /sec	1	4	2	1	2	5	15
25-29.9 m ³ /sec	1	1	4	1	2	1	10
30-34.9 m ³ /sec	0	1	2	2	5	3	13
35-57 m ³ /sec	0	0	2	4	1	3	10



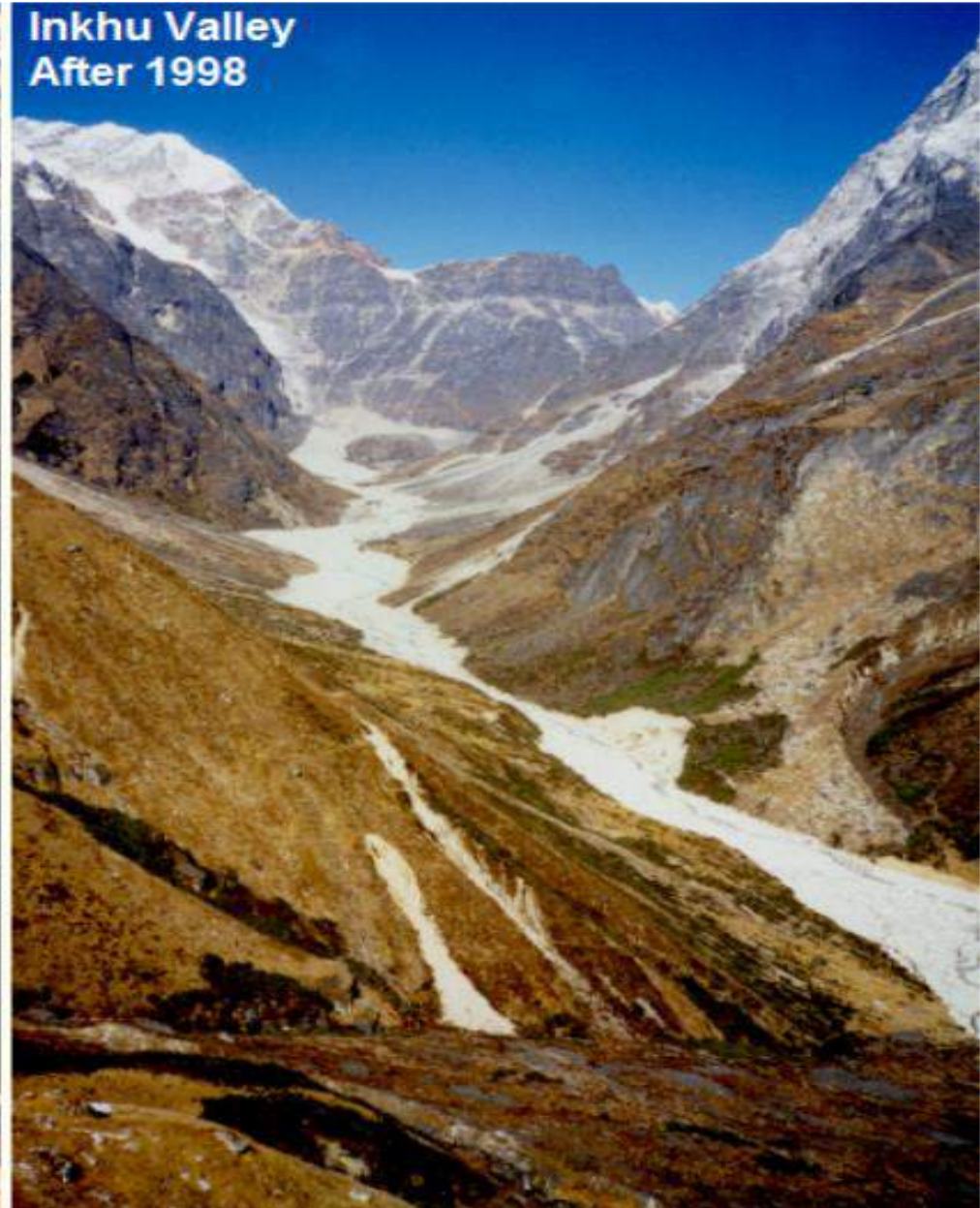




**Inkhu Valley
before 1998**



**Inkhu Valley
After 1998**

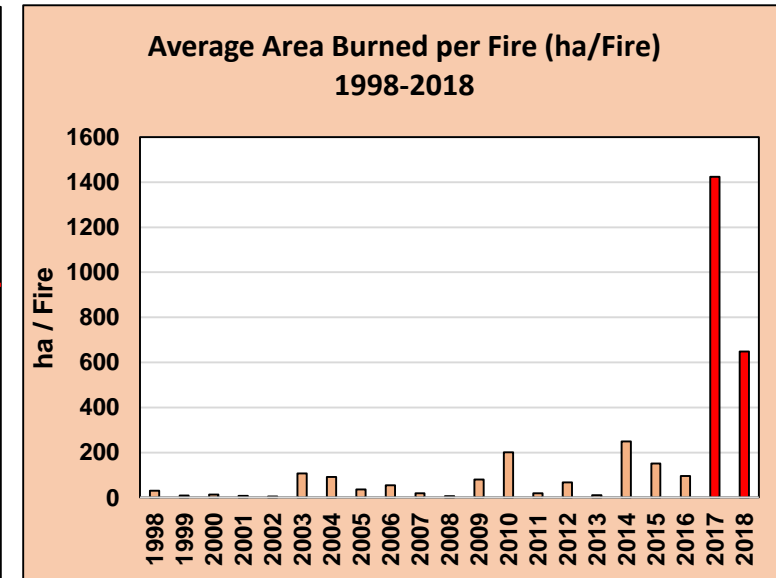
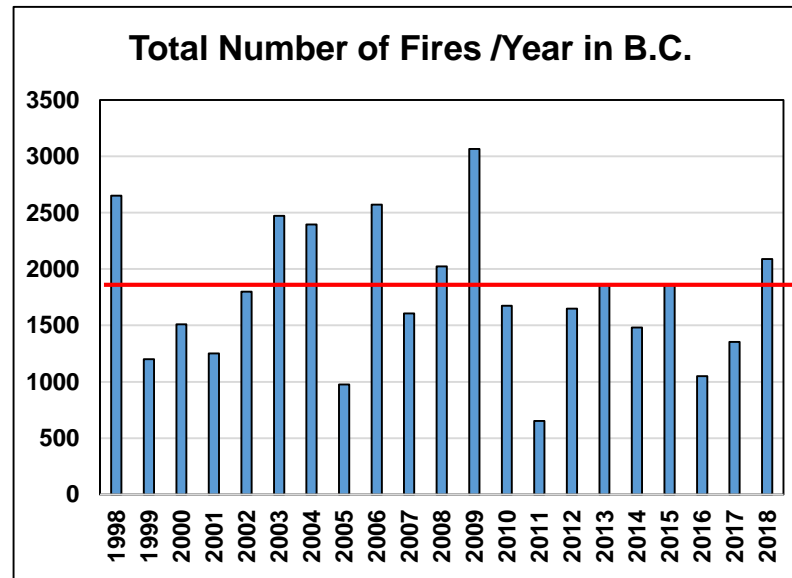
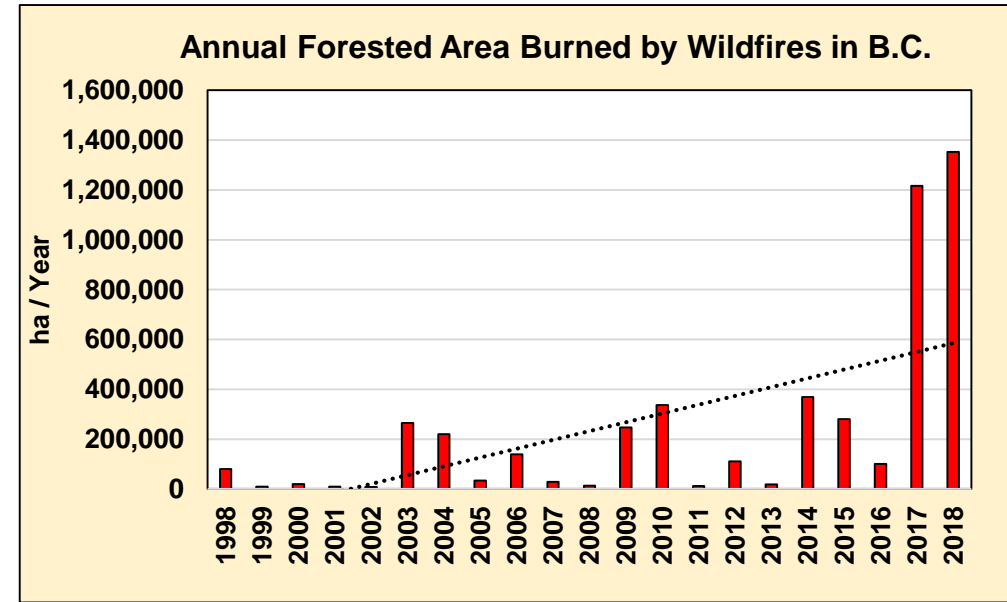




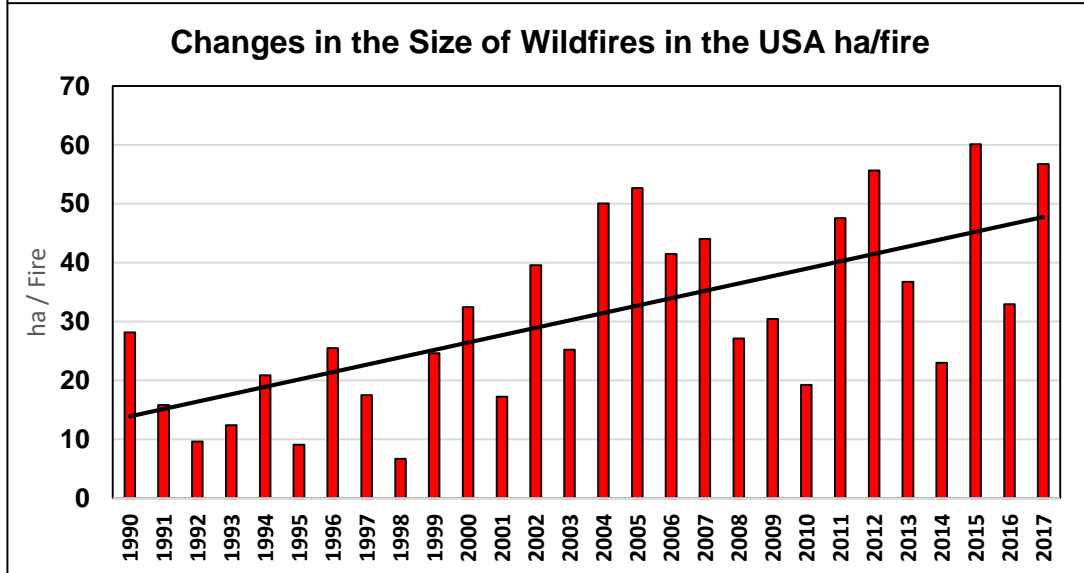
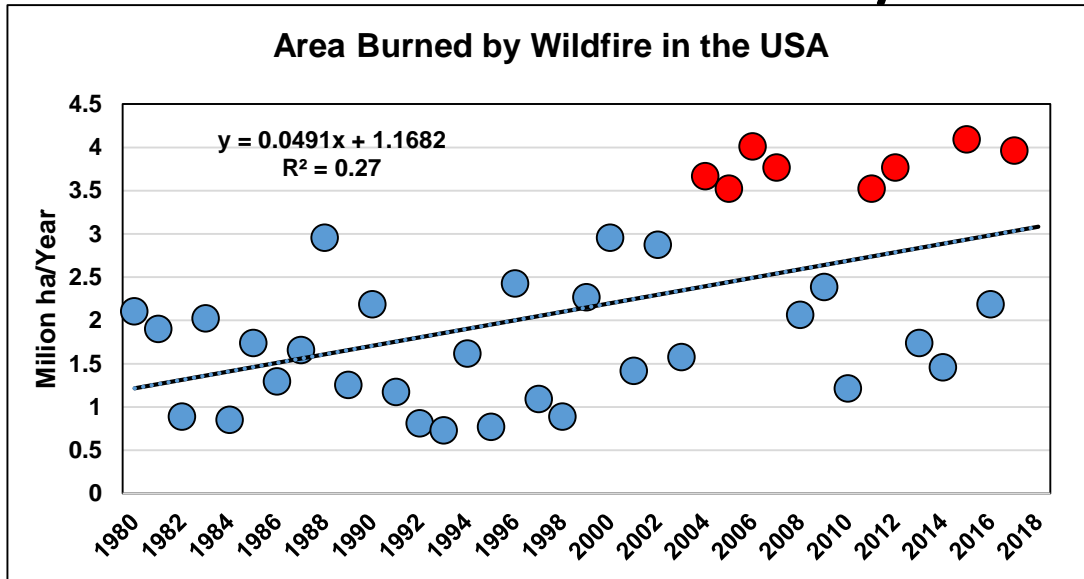
Forest Fires

64% of Land Area in B.C.
is Covered in Forests

60 Million ha of Forests



Wildfire History in the USA 1990-2017



Reasons for Change in fires

1. Higher Temperature (stressing trees)
2. Mono-Culture (Same Species Even Age)
3. Increase in Disease (Changing Climate)
4. Air-pollution stressing trees
5. Neglected Fuel-loads
6. More Access Roads – Careless People



Pine Beetles and Fire

Estimated Area Affected in between
1999 and 2014: 18 Million ha
(2 times the size of Austria)

Impact since 1999: 800 Mio m³ of timber



Dilemma:

If harvested within 2-3 years the wood can still be used

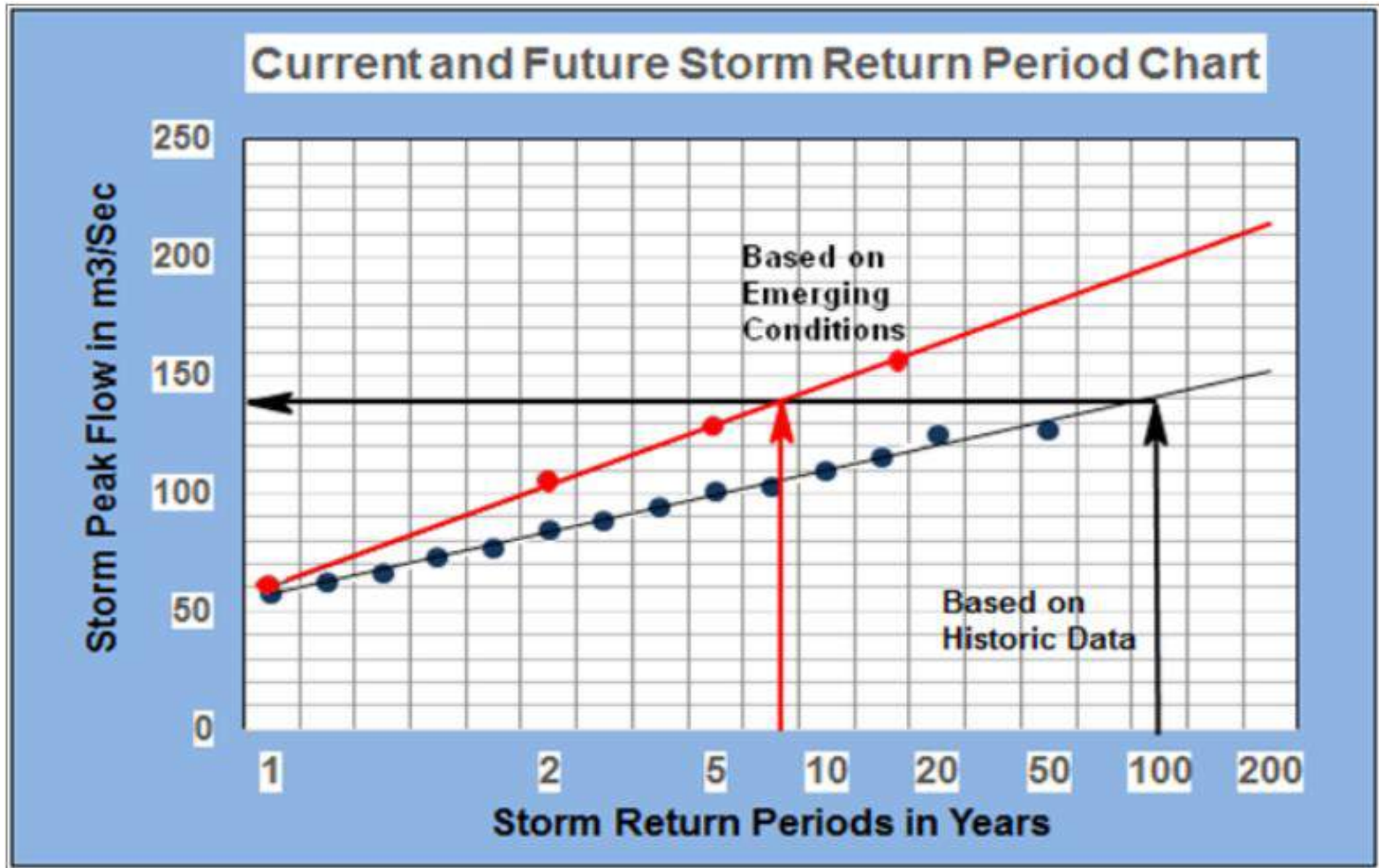
If left standing it creates a forest fire hazard

In both cases it is a problem for Carbon Balance

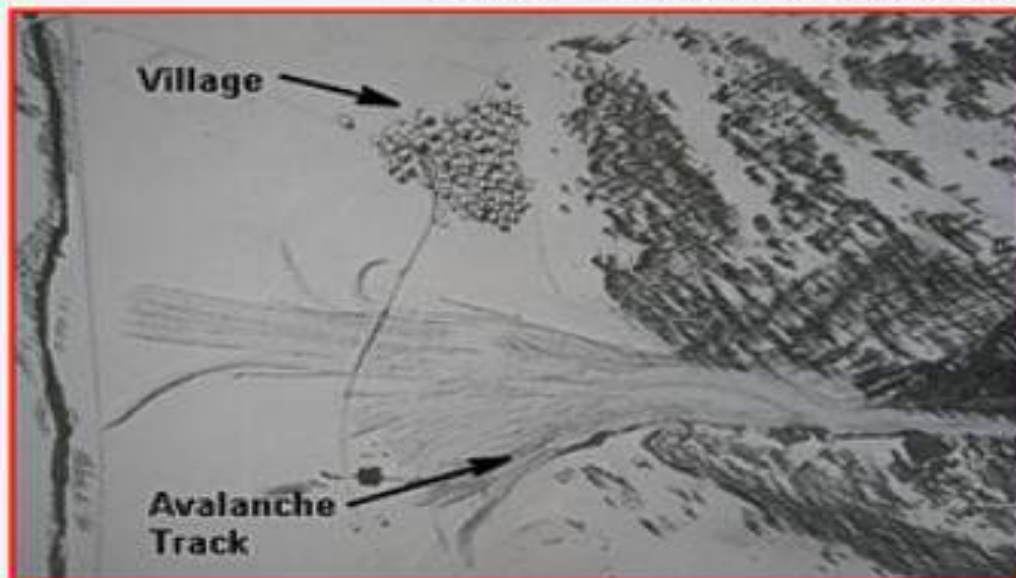
The impact on the hydrological cycle is uncertain



Implications



Natural Hazards and its Impact Downstream



Summary

Focus on Increased climatic Variability

**Increased Windstorms
Increased Extreme Rainfall Events
Less Snow and Earlier Snowmelt
More Freeze and Thaw Event
More Rain on Snow Events
Accelerated Glacial Melt
Reduced Summer Flow after Glacier Melt
Shift in Timing of Peakflow
More peakflow, Less Summer Baseflow**

Focus on Adaptations:

**More Water Infiltration into Soil
Green Water Storage
Recharge of Aquifers
Water Harvesting
Water Detention during Peakflow
Water Conservation
Wetland Storage
Innovative Flood Control
Demand Management**

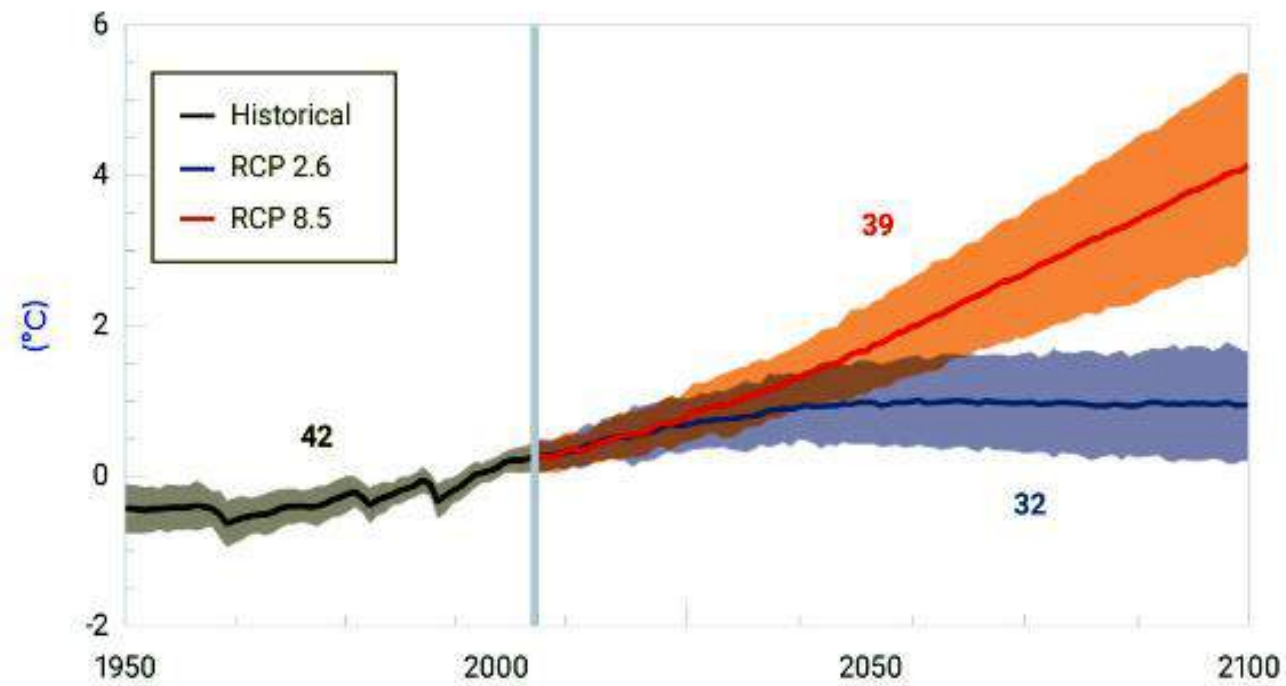


1. Decrease CO₂ Emissions

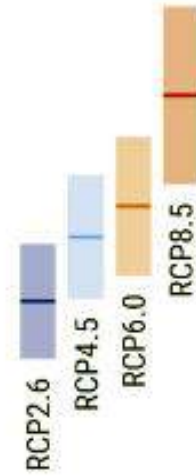
2. Adaptation Measures

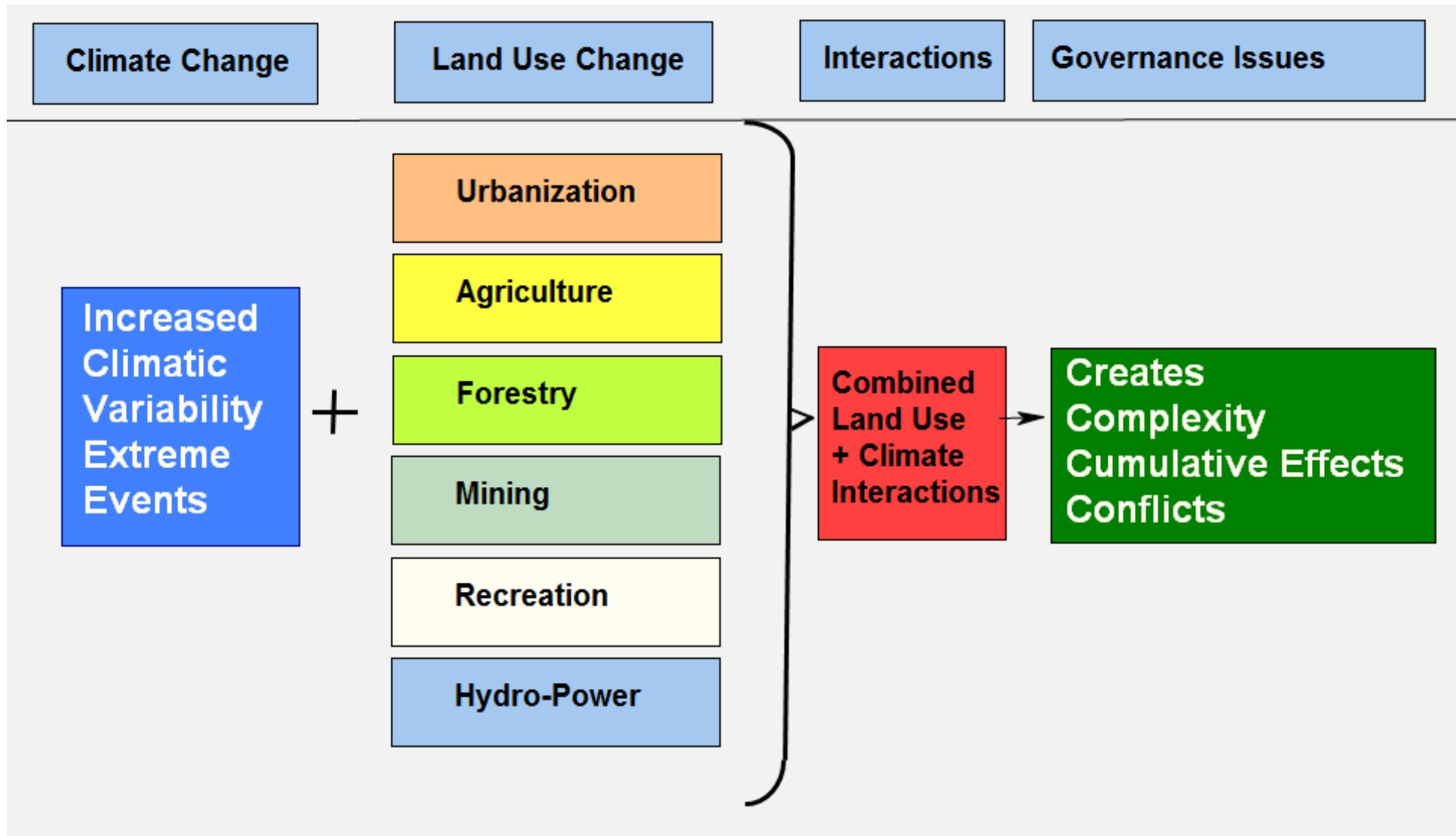
- Who needs to Adapt?
- What are the best Adaptation options?
- What adaptation measures will be most effective?
- What are the most likely adaptations to be implemented?
- Who will pay for it?

a) Global average surface temperature change
(relative to 1986–2005)



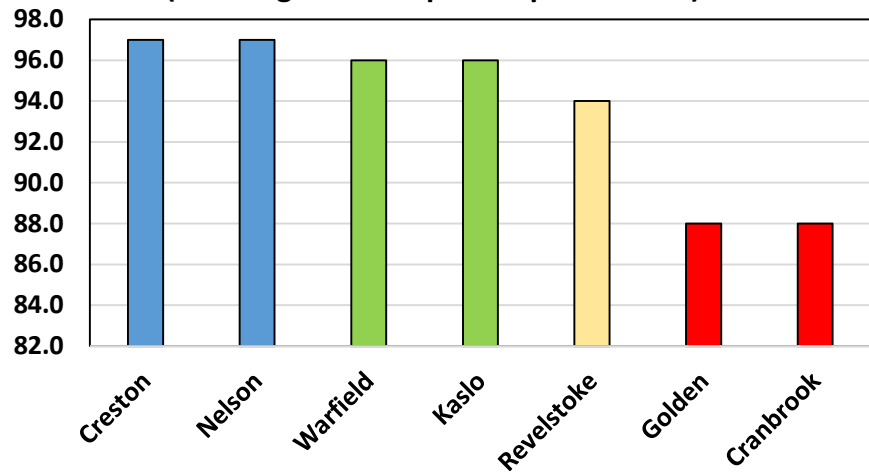
Mean over
2081–2100





Land Use Activities	Water Demand & Use	Surface Runoff	Water Pollution
Urbanization	Increasing Demand Summer Peak Use	Increased Surface Runoff & Floods	NPS & Wastewater Discharge
Agriculture	More Irrigation	More Runoff due to Soil Compaction	Nutrient, Sediments Pathogen Leaching
Forestry	Water for Fire Fighting	Road and after Fire Runoff	Sediments
Mining	Fracking Water & Processing	Runoff from Tailing Failures	Metals & Organics Hg and Cyanide
Recreation	Water for Snow Increasing Peak Use	Changes in Seasonal Runoff	Pathogens & Sediments
Hydro-Power	More Reservoirs Pump Storage	Release during Peak Demand	Flushing during Summer
Combined Land Use	Cumulative Effect on Water Use, Runoff & Pollution		

% of Growing Season without Frost 2007-2016
(Growing Season April - September 30)



Number of Days Below Freezing in April in
Creston 1920-2019

