



# The Evaporative Demand Drought Index (EDDI): Early warning, monitoring, and attribution of drought

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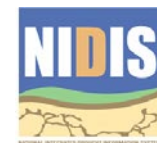
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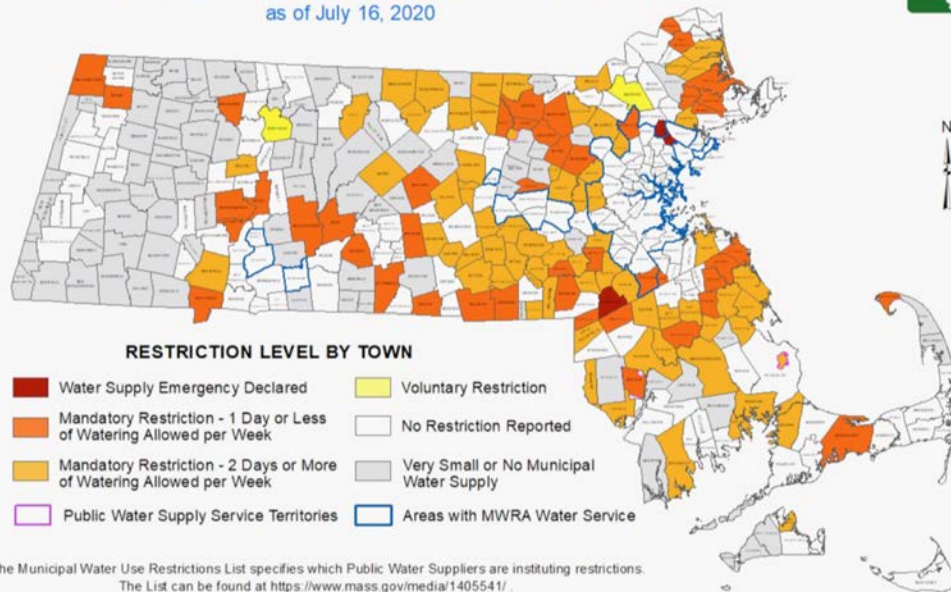
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## CURRENT MUNICIPAL WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

### Non-Essential Outdoor Water Use Restrictions

as of July 16, 2020



**SOURCES:**  
MassDEP Bureau of Water Resources, Water Management Program; MassDEP GIS Program; MassGIS.  
Restriction Level data provided by municipal Public Water Suppliers or by MassDEP internet search.  
For more information contact MassDEP Water Management Program at 617-292-5706.  
NOTE: Sub-town water supply service areas are approximate.

MassDEP GIS Program 7/16/2020

## Known Water Use Restrictions

Last Update: 7/23/2020

### Legend

#### Municipality or Water System Status

- Voluntary Restriction
- Mandatory Restriction
- County Boundary
- Town Boundary

#### Drought Condition

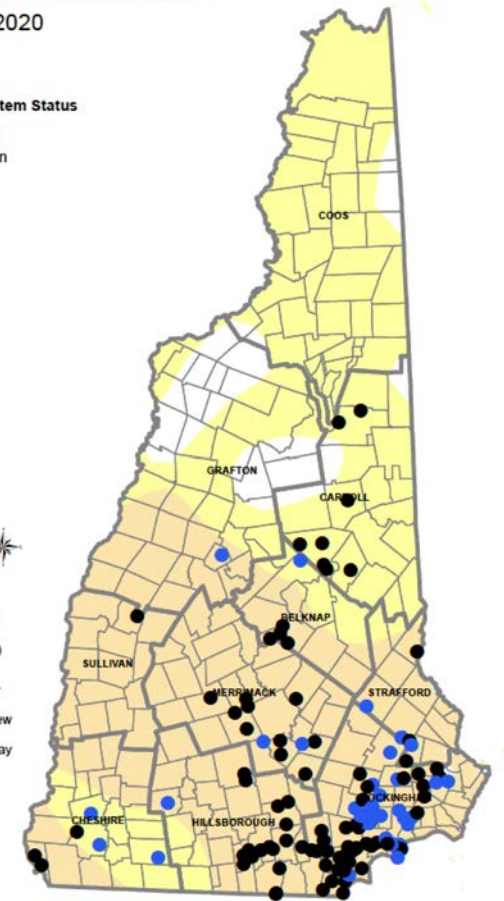
- Abnormally Dry
- Moderate Drought
- Severe Drought
- Extreme Drought



0 5 10 20 Miles

Drought Conditions based on United States Drought Monitor (<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/>)  
StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?NH)

Disclaimer: The status of water use restrictions is based on information submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and may not be comprehensive.



## What is EDDI?

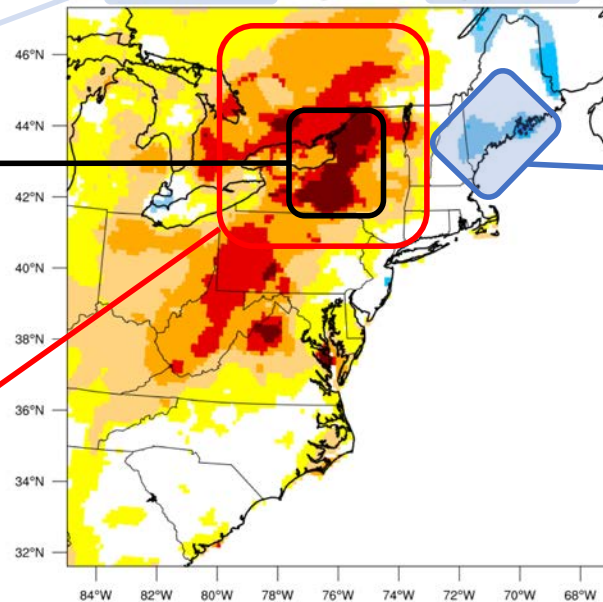
An EDDI month is 30 days, so this 1-month EDDI map is based on  $E_0$  from June 26 - July 25.

There are 24 time scales: 1-12 weeks, 1-12 months.  
ED4 in Upstate NY means that such dry conditions are expected only 2% of June 13 – July 12 periods.

$E_0$  is unusually high in the western NE DEWS region, indicating drier-than-normal surface conditions and atmosphere.

Names, colors, and %ile breaks for EDDI drought categories reflect those of the US Drought Monitor.

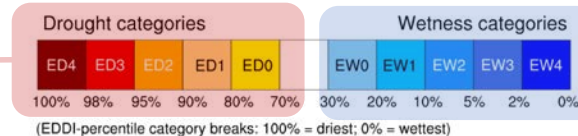
1-month EDDI categories for July 25, 2020



Lag of ~4 days, so this map was released on July 29.

$E_0$  is unusually low in southern Maine, indicating wetter-than-normal surface conditions and atmosphere.

Wetness and dryness categories mirror each other, so ED2 and EW2 have identical expected frequency.



EDDI: the anomaly in evaporative demand at a specified timescale, for a given location, expressed as a percentile.

## Background | What is evaporative demand ( $E_0$ )?

$E_0$  = evaporative demand  
 $ET$  = actual evapotranspiration  
 $ET_0$  = reference  $ET$

- $E_0$  is not evapotranspiration/evaporation

- $E_0$  is evaporation **given an unlimited moisture supply**:

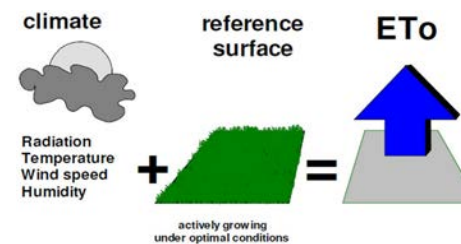
- Reference  $ET$ ,  $ET_0$
- Potential  $ET$  (“ $PET$ ”)
- Pan evaporation

- Good estimate

- physically based
- radiation-based
- temperature-based

- $E_0$  is used for:

- estimating crop water requirements
- scheduling irrigation
- driving  $ET$  estimates in LSMs and R/S fusion
- monitoring drought





## Background | Exploiting $E_0$ in a demand-side treatment of drought

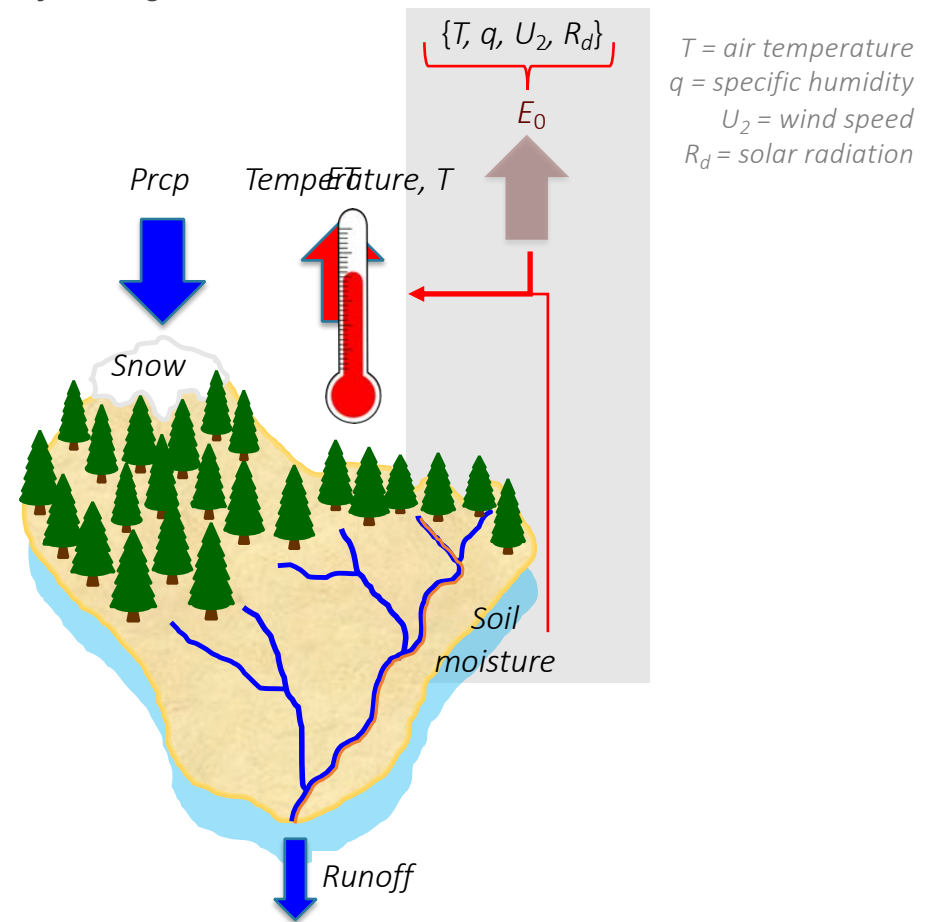
**Drought** = imbalance of supply to, and demand for, surface moisture

Water balance at land surface:

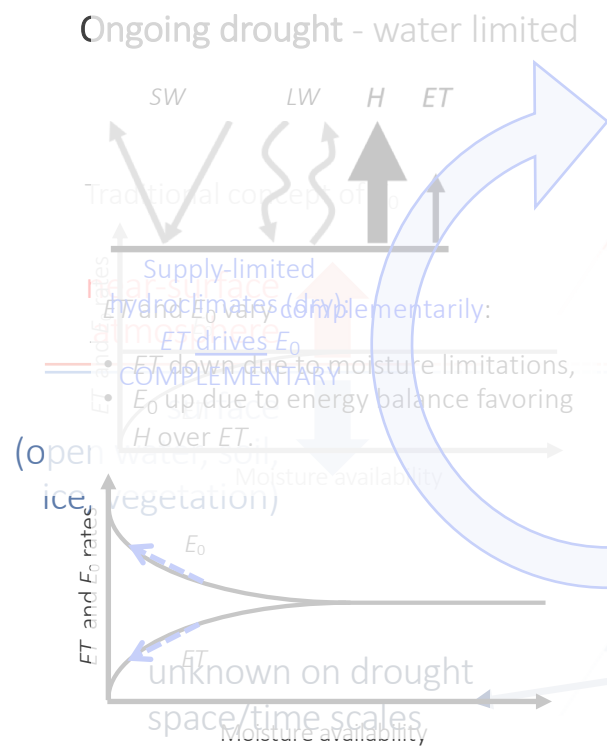
$$\sim f(\text{Pr}cp, \text{ET})$$

where  $\text{ET}$  is more physically driven by:

- surface moisture status,
- evaporative demand ( $E_0$ ),
  - e.g., Penman-Monteith.

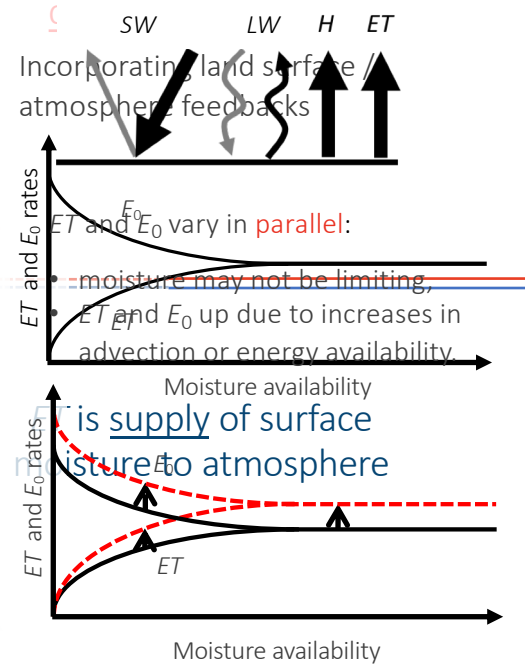


## Background | $E_0/ET$ constraints and interactions



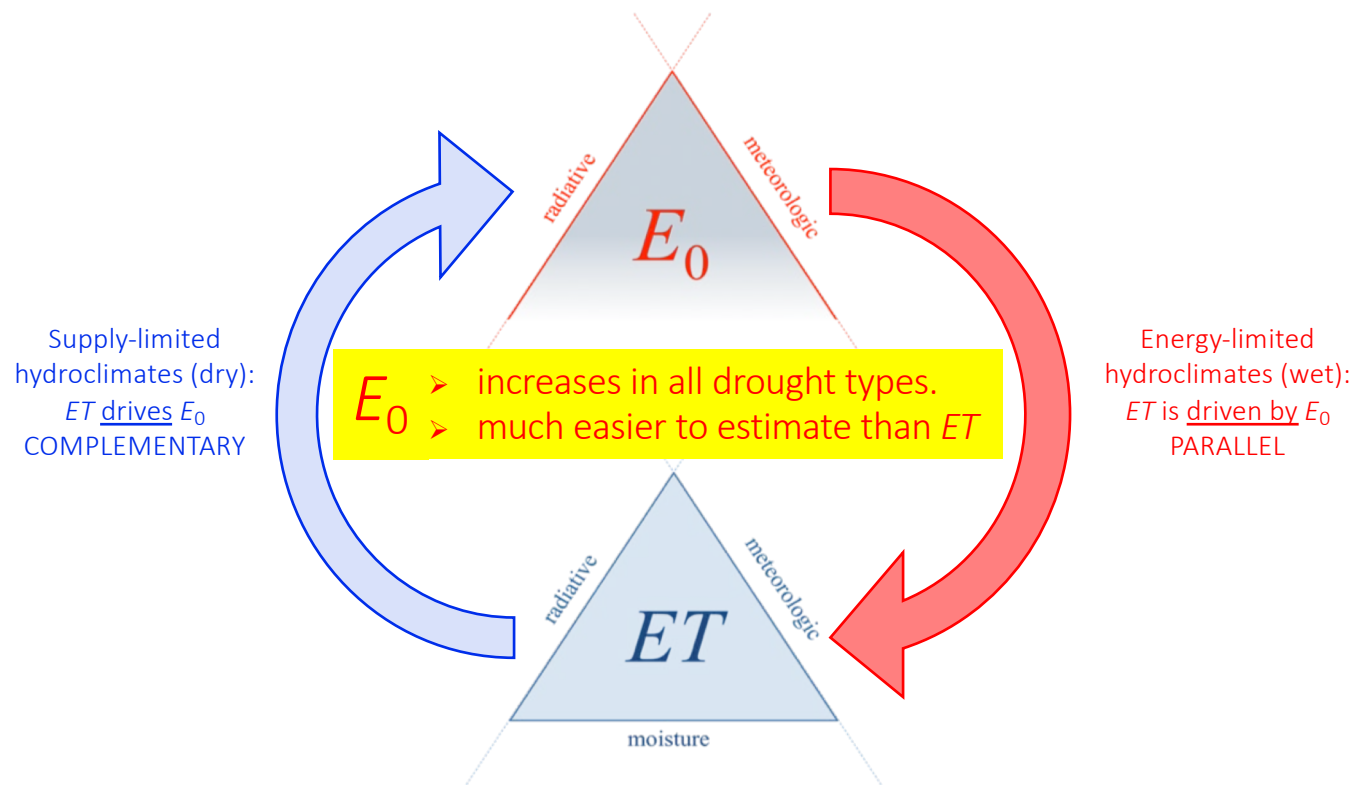
## Flash drought - energy driven

$E_0$  is atmospheric



(Bouchet, IAHS Proc. 1963;  
Hobbins et al., GRL 2004)

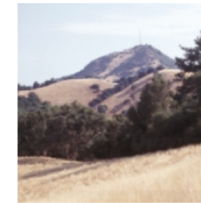
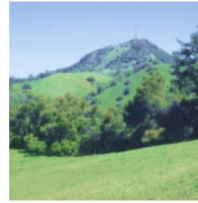
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## Background | $E_0$ and drought

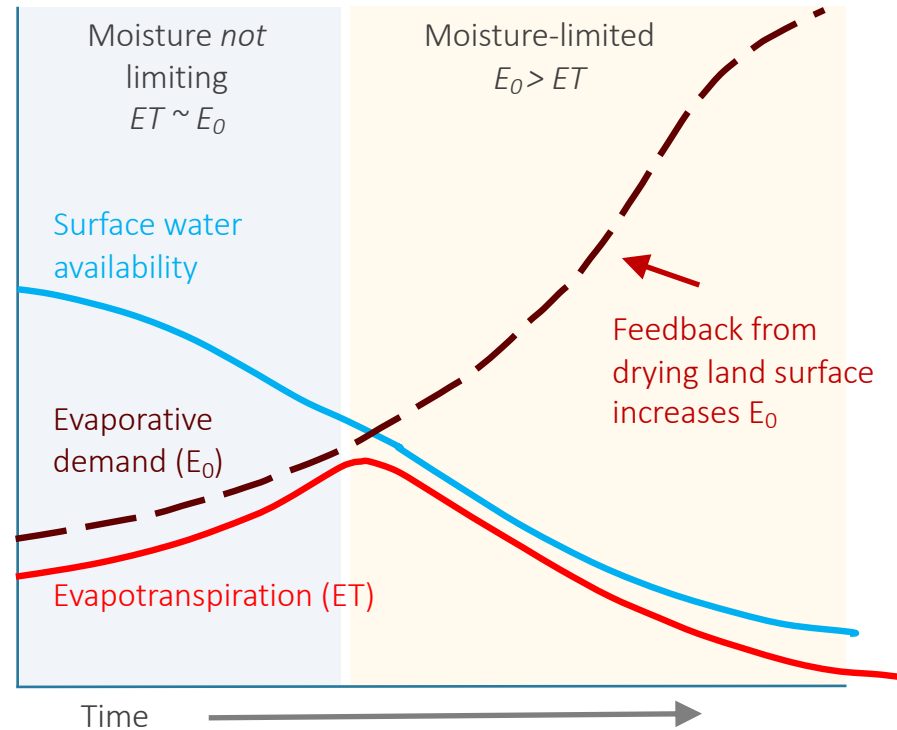
(Lukas et al., WWA 2017)

Relationship between  $E_0$  and  $ET$  changes as land surface dries out



- When surface moisture is sufficient, rising  $E_0$  leads to rising  $ET$
- When moisture is limited,  $ET$  declines, while  $E_0$  rises even more steeply

Evaporative demand rises in all forms of drought.



## Background | *Estimating $E_0$ from reference ET*

Penman-Monteith Reference ET (FAO-56):

$$ET_0 = \underbrace{\frac{0.408\Delta}{\Delta + \gamma(1 + C_d U_2)} (R_n - G) \frac{86400}{10^6}}_{\text{Radiative forcing (sunshine, } T)} + \underbrace{\frac{\gamma \frac{C_n}{T}}{\Delta + \gamma(1 + C_d U_2)} U_2 \frac{(e_{sat} - e_a)}{10^3}}_{\text{Advection forcing (wind, humidity, } T)}$$

Mean daily  $E_0$  (mm), 1981-2010

Reference crop specified:

- 0.12-m grass or 0.50-m alfalfa
- well-watered, actively growing,
- completely shading the ground,
- albedo of 0.23.

Drivers from NLDAS-2:

- temperature at 2 m
- specific humidity at surface
- downward SW at surface
- wind speed at 10 m

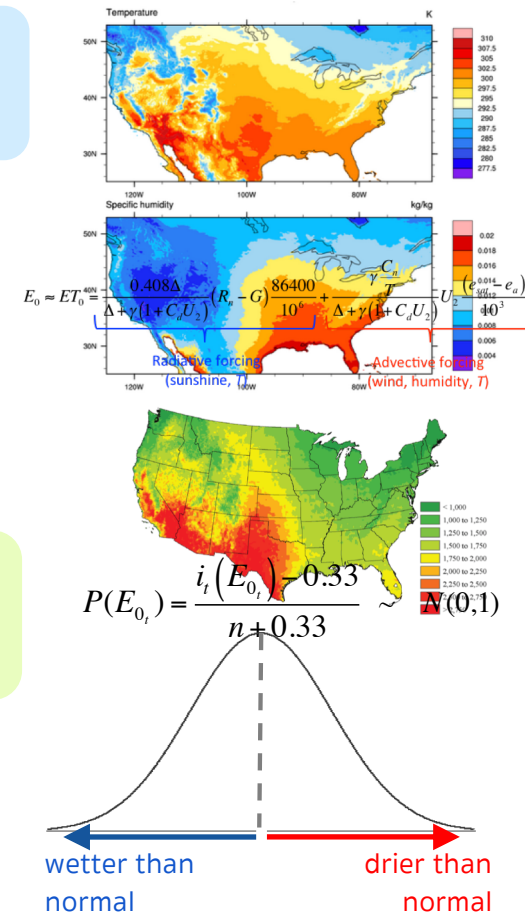
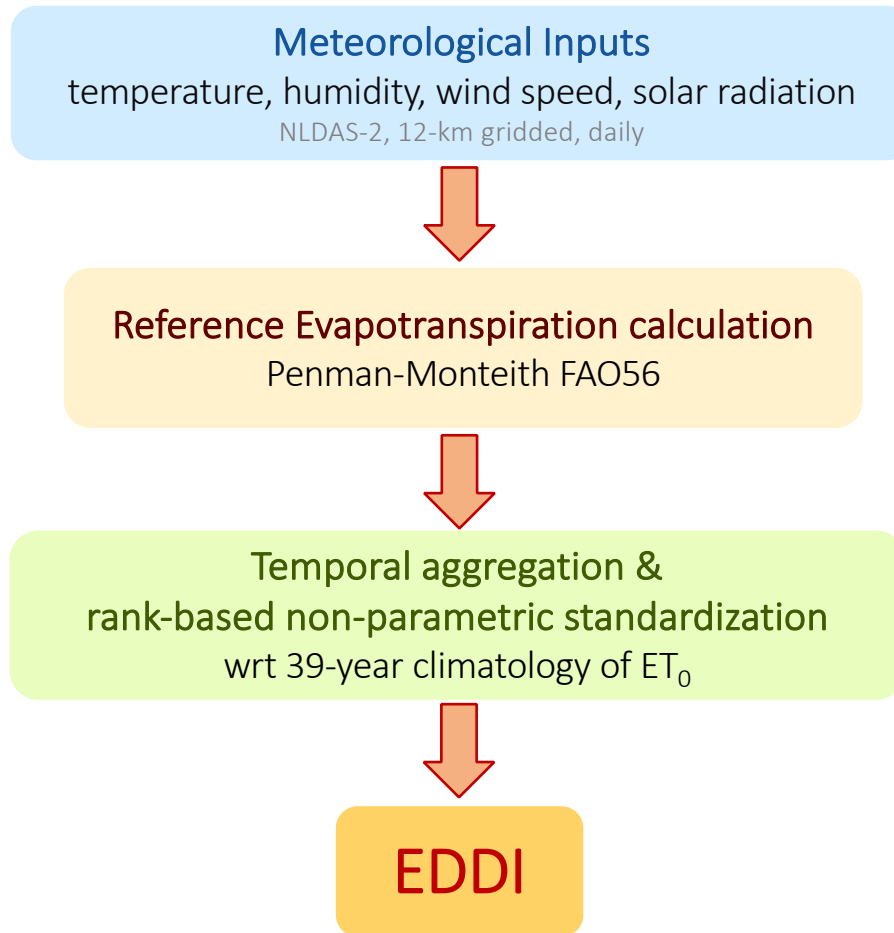
Reanalysis specifications:

- daily, Jan 1, 1979 – present
- latency ~ 5 days
- 0.125° lat x lon, CONUS+ (to 53°N)



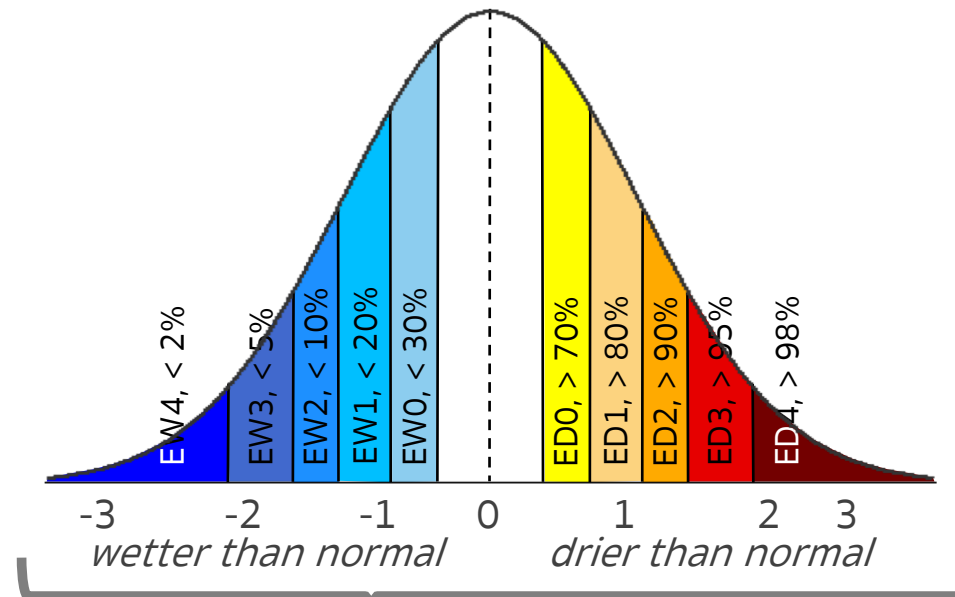
# Exploiting $E_0$ | *Evaporative Demand Drought Index (EDDI)*

(Hobbins et al., JHM 2016;  
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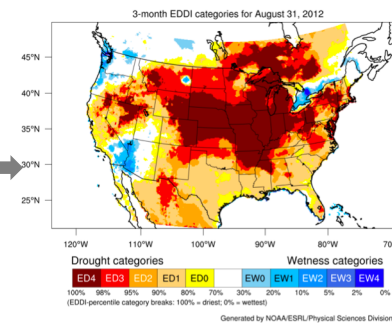


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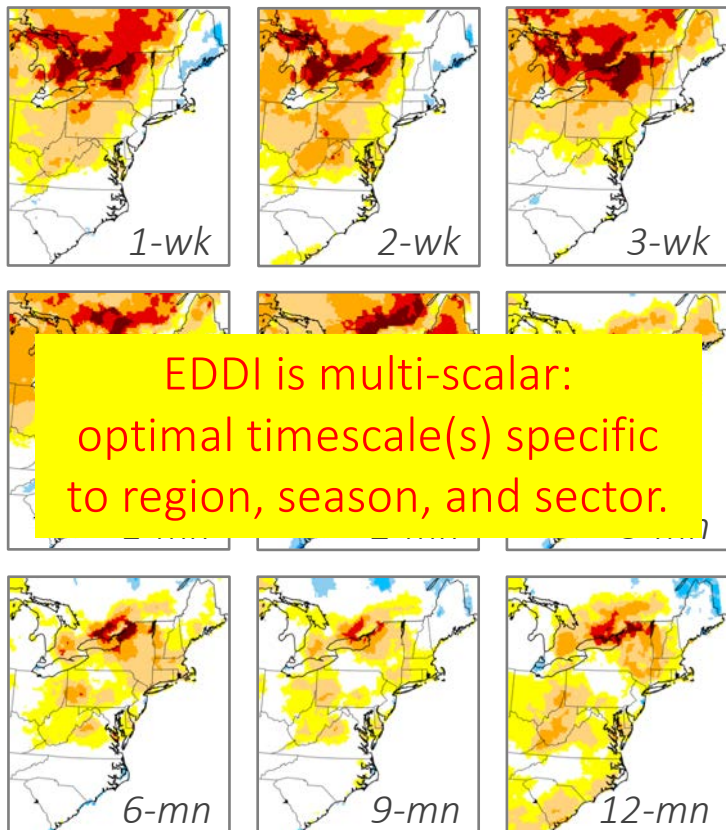


mapping

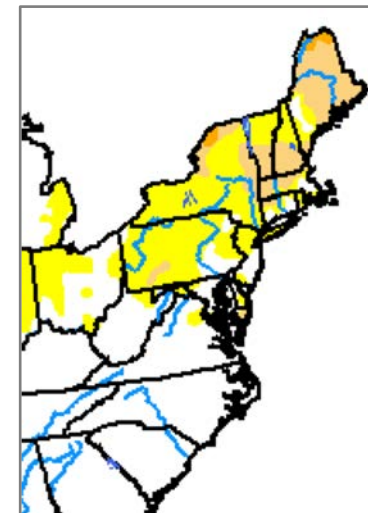


## EDDI | A multi-scalar drought estimator

EDDI, July 7, 2020



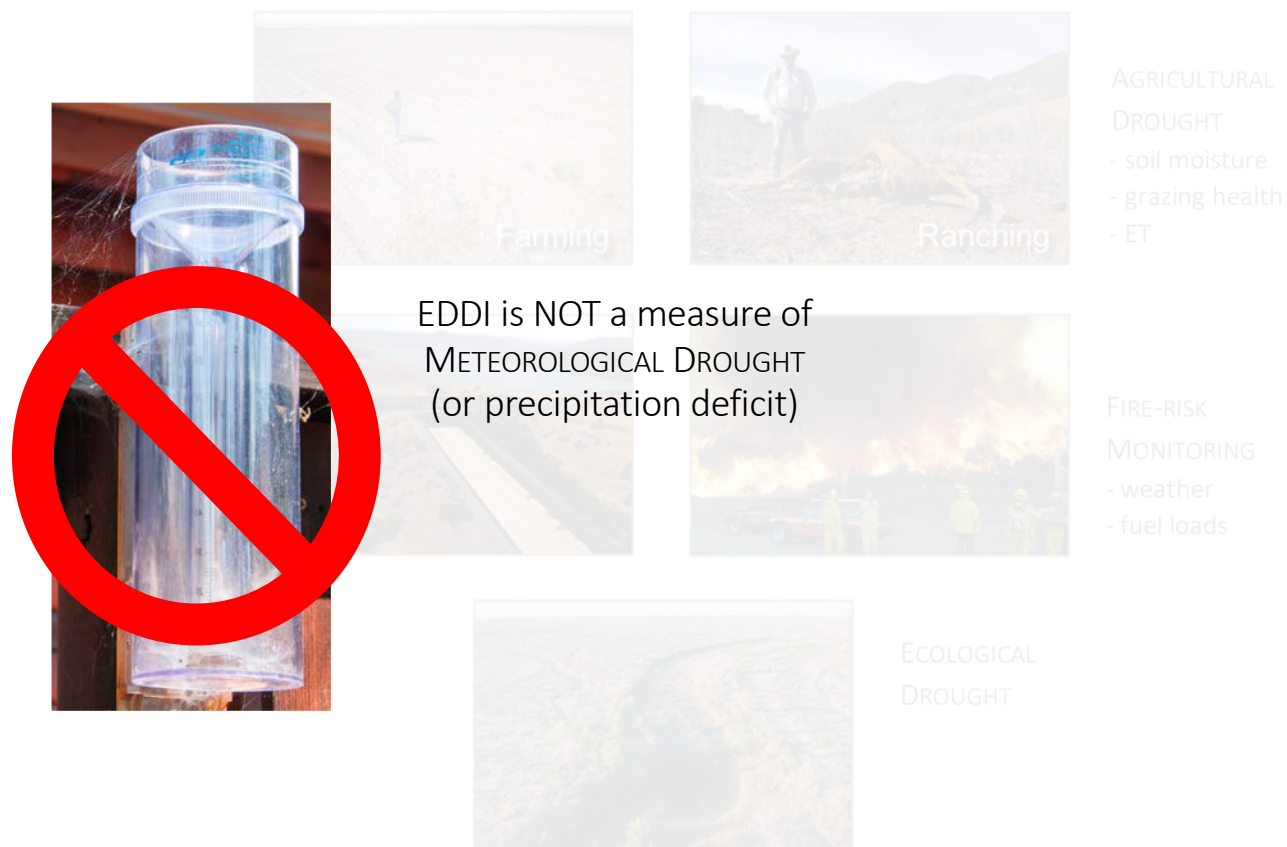
US Drought Monitor,  
July 7, 2020



Intensity:

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

## EDDI | *Cross-sectoral monitoring*

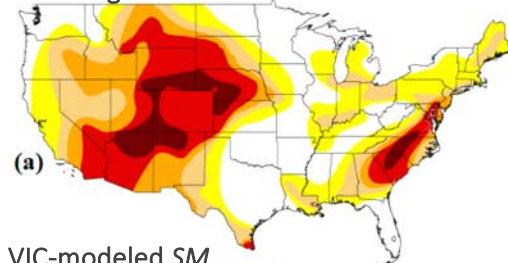


## EDDI | *Agricultural drought*

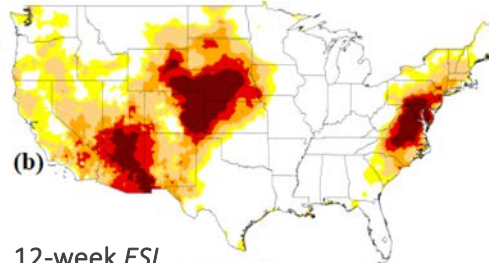
VIC = Variable Infiltration Capacity model  
ESI = Evaporative Stress Index

*Western US, July 31, 2002*

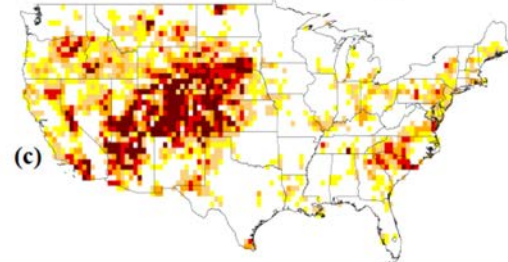
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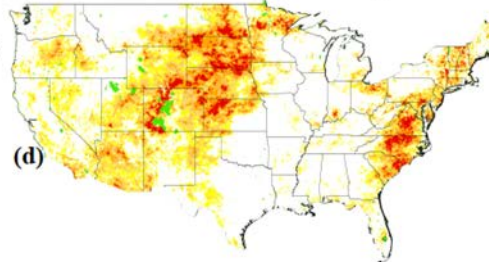
3-month EDDI



VIC-modeled SM



12-week ESI



EDDI shows similar spatial patterns to US Drought Monitor & other ag-related monitors

**EDDI, SM, and ESI percentiles**

> 70%  
> 80%  
> 90%  
> 95%  
> 98%



**USDM drought categories**

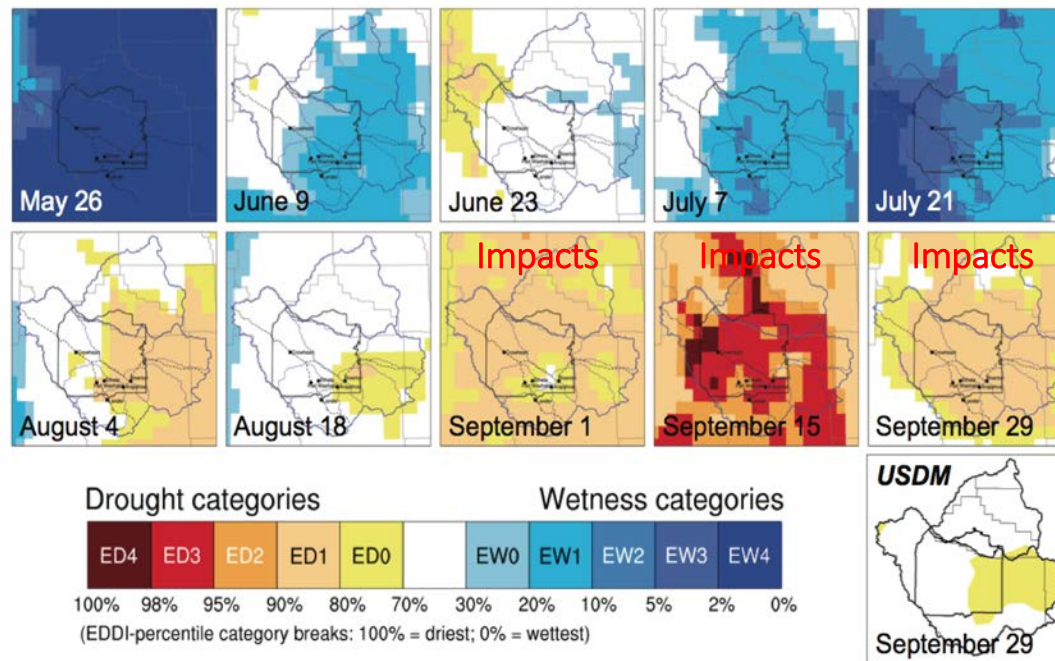
D0, Abnormally dry  
D1, Moderate drought  
D2, Severe drought  
D3, Extreme drought  
D4, Exceptional drought



## EDDI | Early warning of flash drought

Wind River Indian Reservation, WY: 2015

2-week EDDI at 2-week intervals through growing season



McNeeley et al., *Climate Risk Management*, 2018

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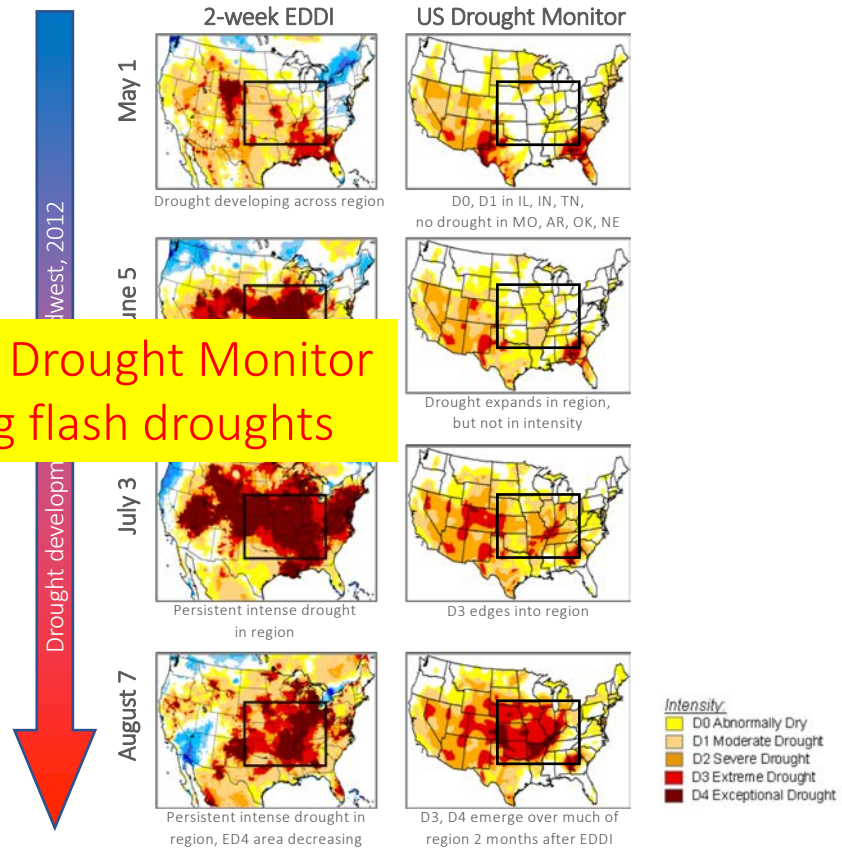
*Midwest US: 2012*

EDDI captured severe drought conditions ~2 months before the US Drought Monitor

**EDDI leads US Drought Monitor in identifying flash droughts**

*Q: Had we been looking at  $E_0$  would this have been a flash drought in Otkin's intensification-rate rubric?*

*Better warning  $\Rightarrow$  fewer flash droughts?*

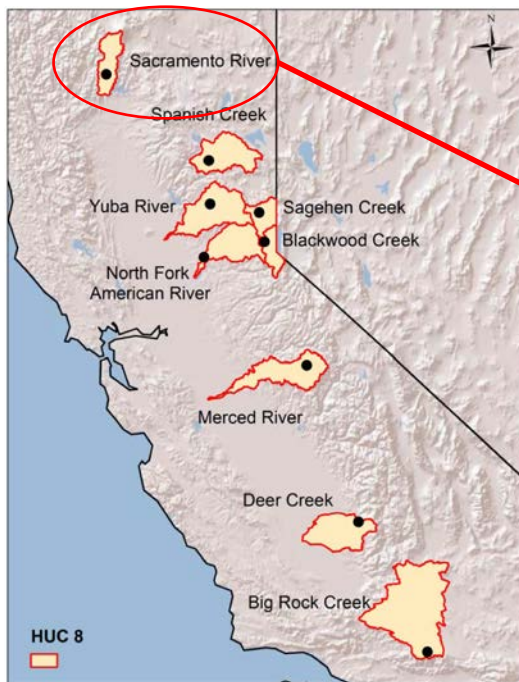


Hobbins et al., *CRC Press*, 2017

## EDDI | *Early warning of hydrological drought*

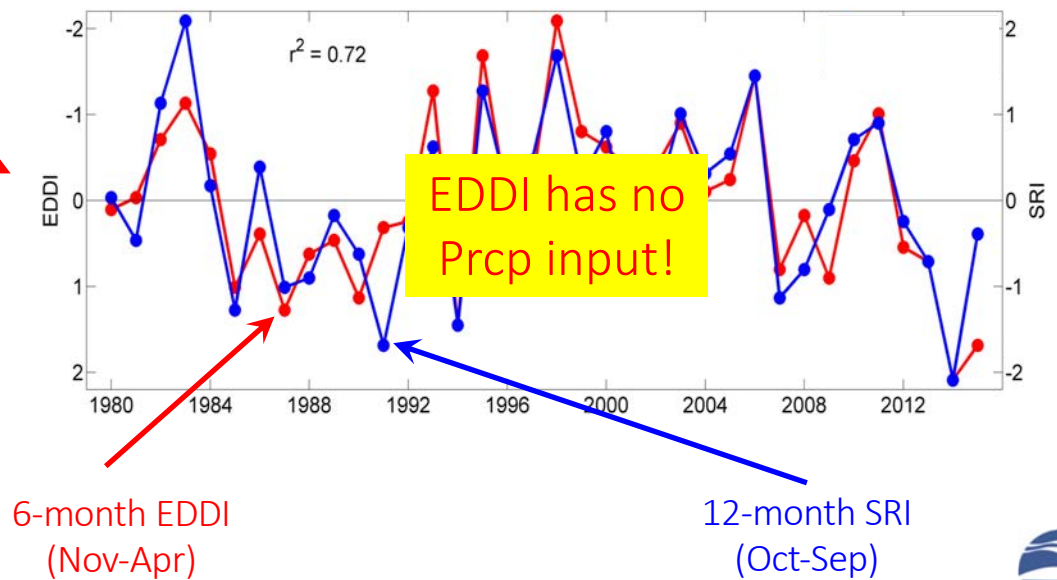
*SRI = Standardized Runoff Index*

EDDI and streamflow in nine  
snowmelt-dominated basins



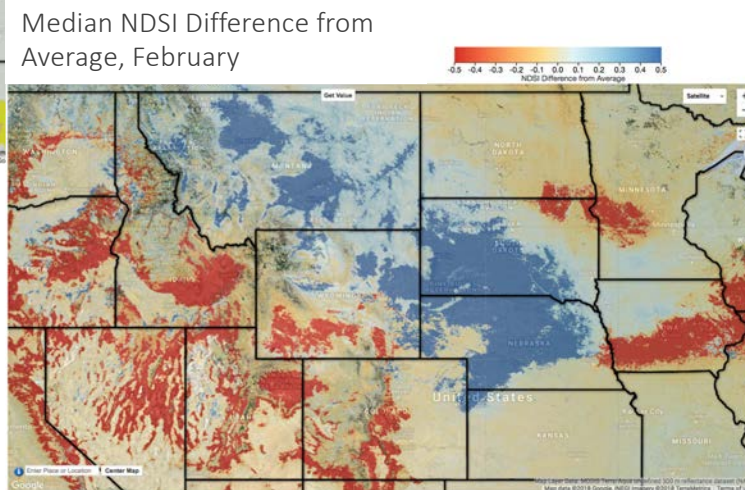
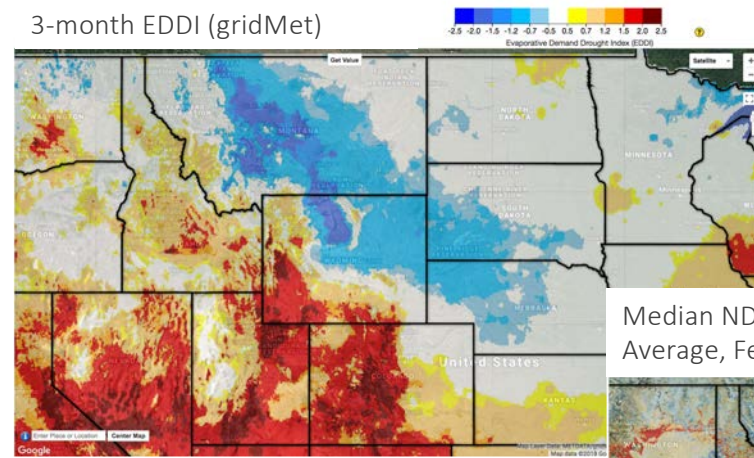
*Q: Can EDDI help predict late-summer (low-flow) streamflow?*

Sacramento River Basin, CA



EDDI | *Snow and snow drought*

*Northern Great Plains: December, 2017 – February, 2018*



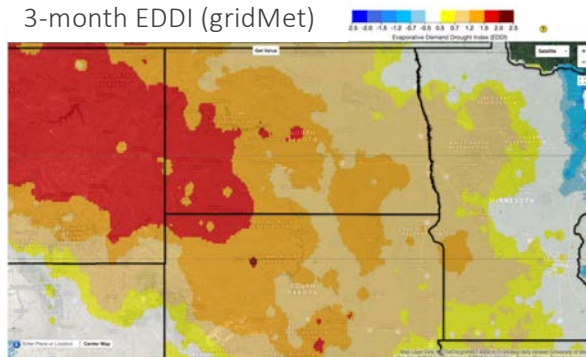
- Useful for evaluating snow and snow drought
- Snow drought can occur due to low  $Prcp$ , or average  $Prcp$  but rain vs. snow



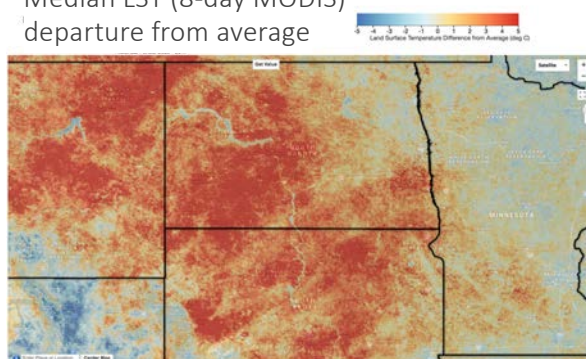
## EDDI | *Complementing remote sensing*

*Northern Great Plains: May – July, 2017*

3-month EDDI (gridMet)

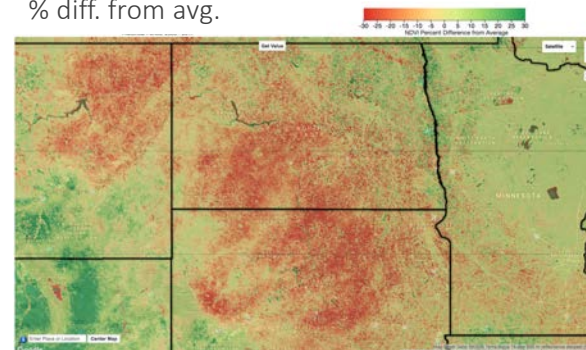


Median LST (8-day MODIS)  
departure from average

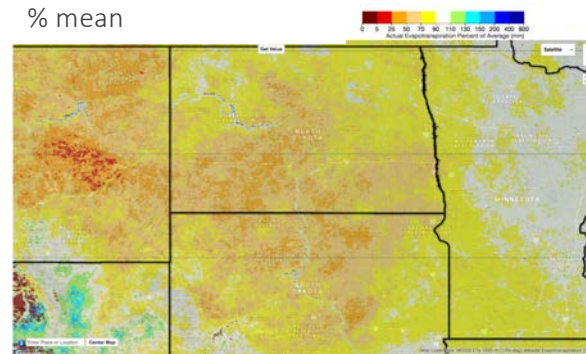


*Understanding remote sensing  
anomalies of land surface  
temperature, vegetation, and ET*

Median NDVI (16-day MODIS)  
% diff. from avg.



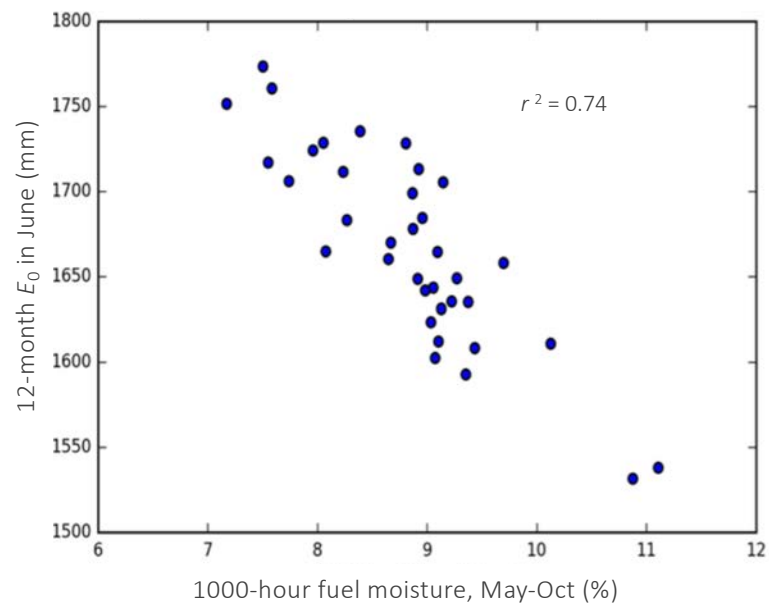
3-month ET (SSEBop)  
% mean



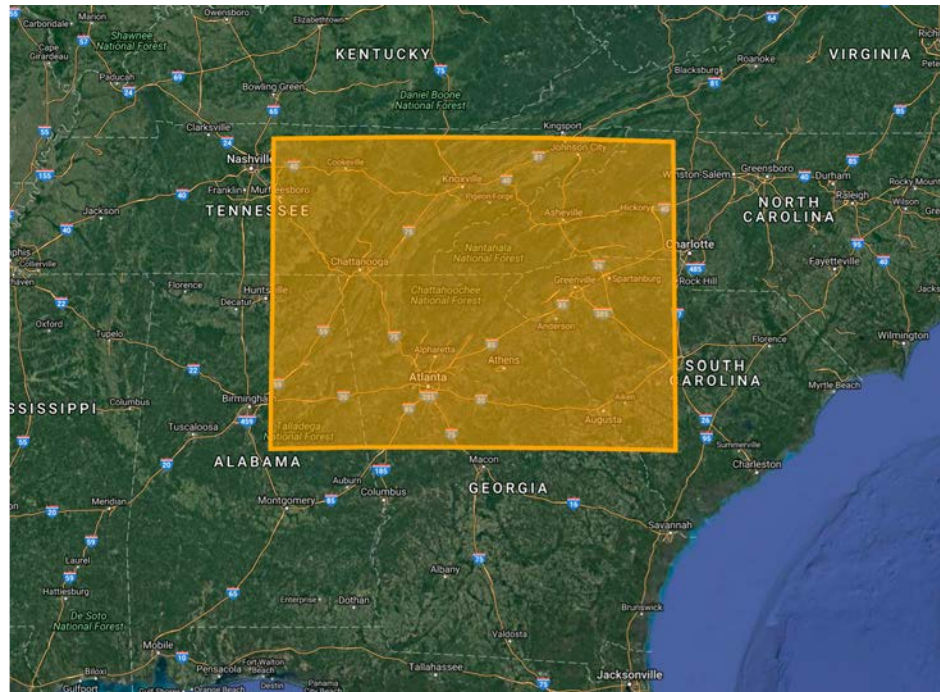


## EDDI | *Wildfire-risk monitoring*

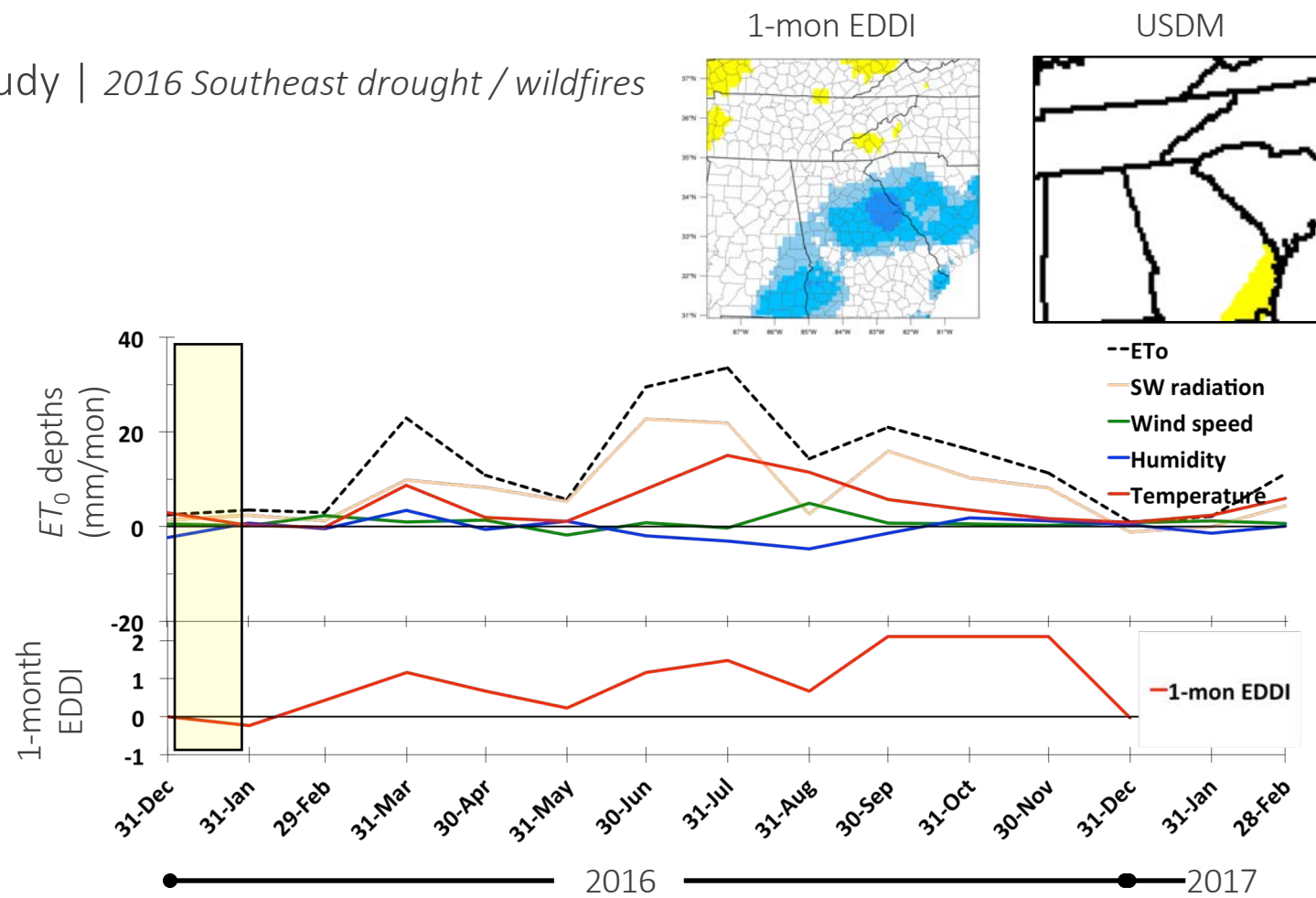
$E_0$  - fuel moisture relationship across S. California GACC



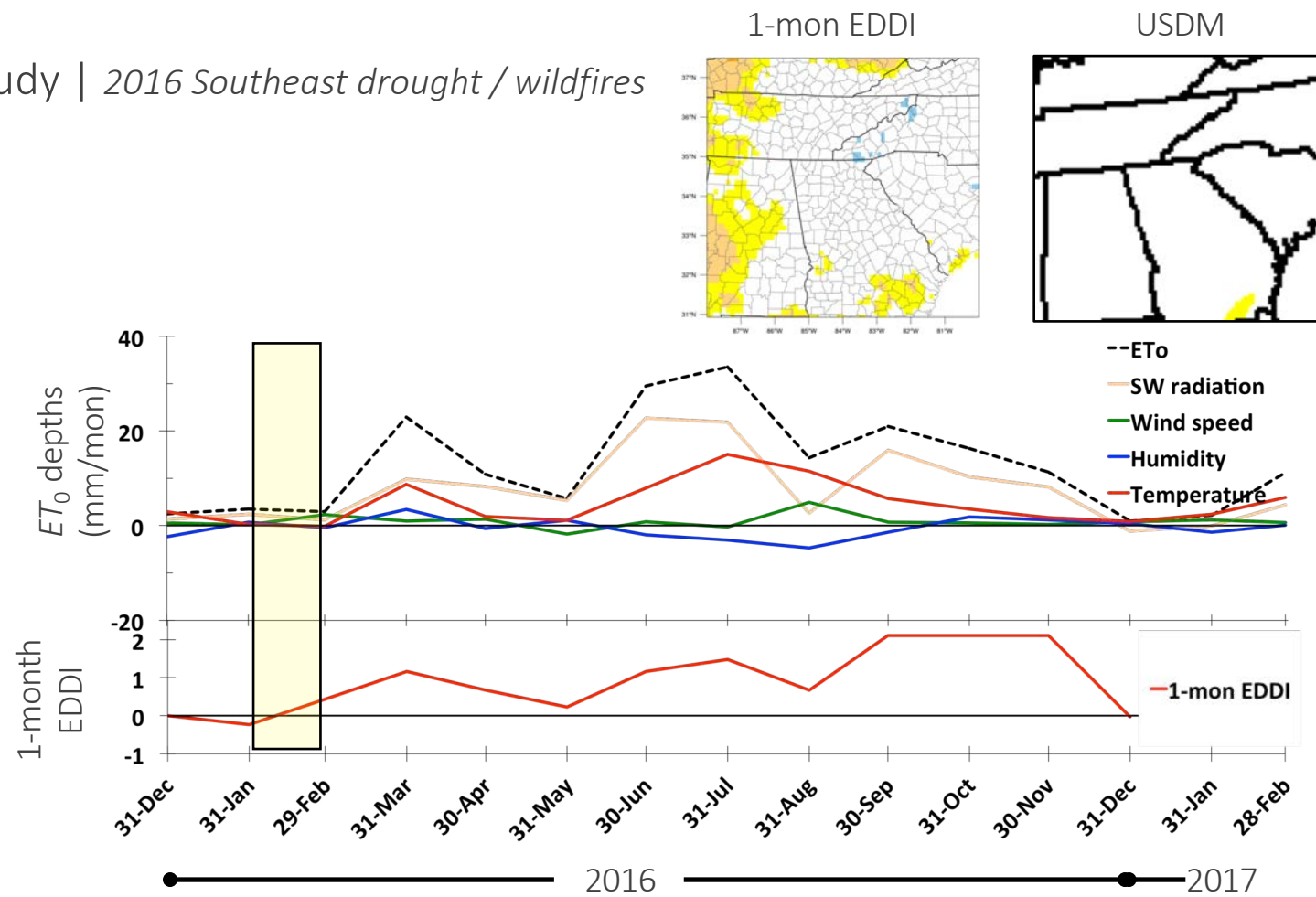
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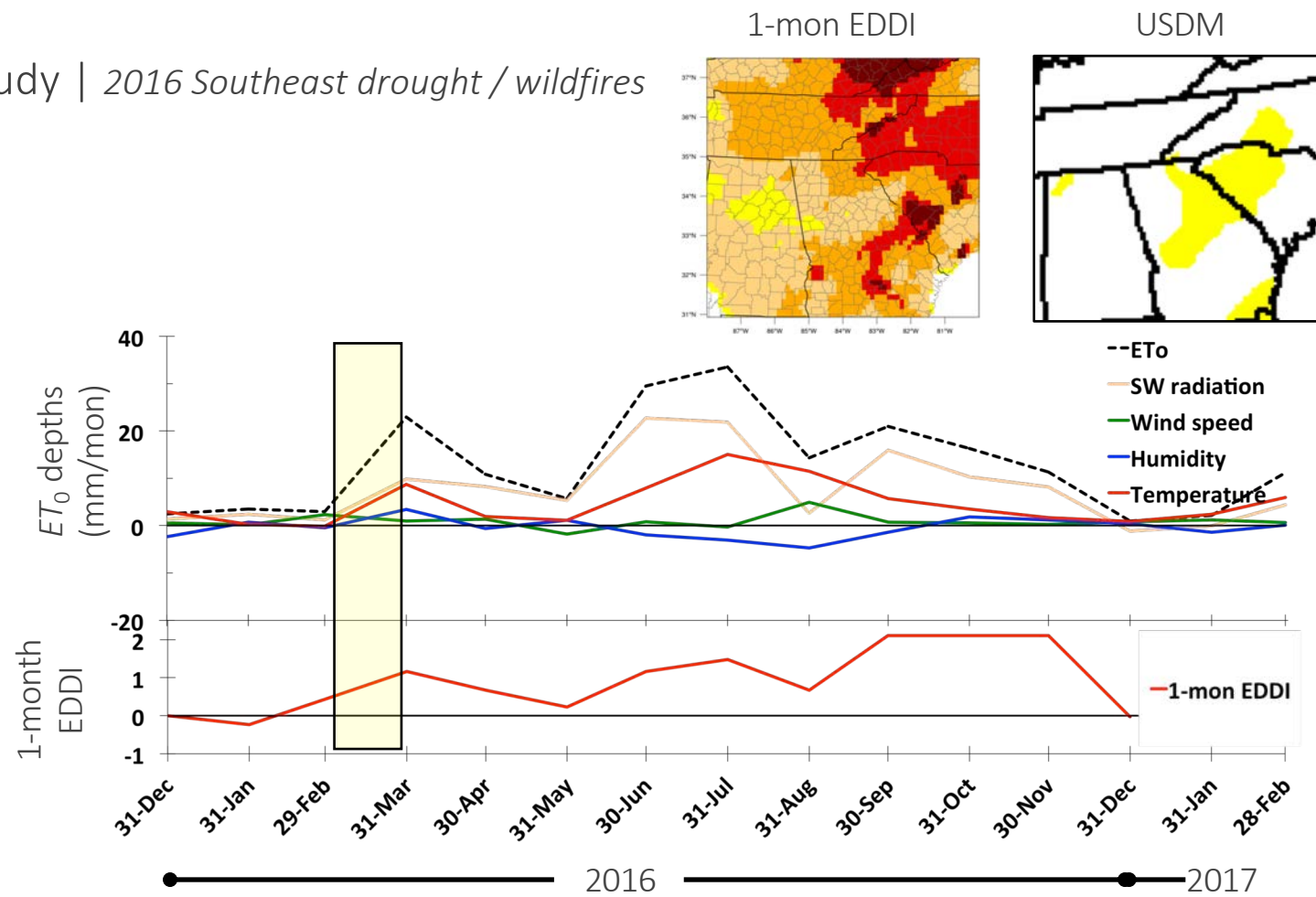
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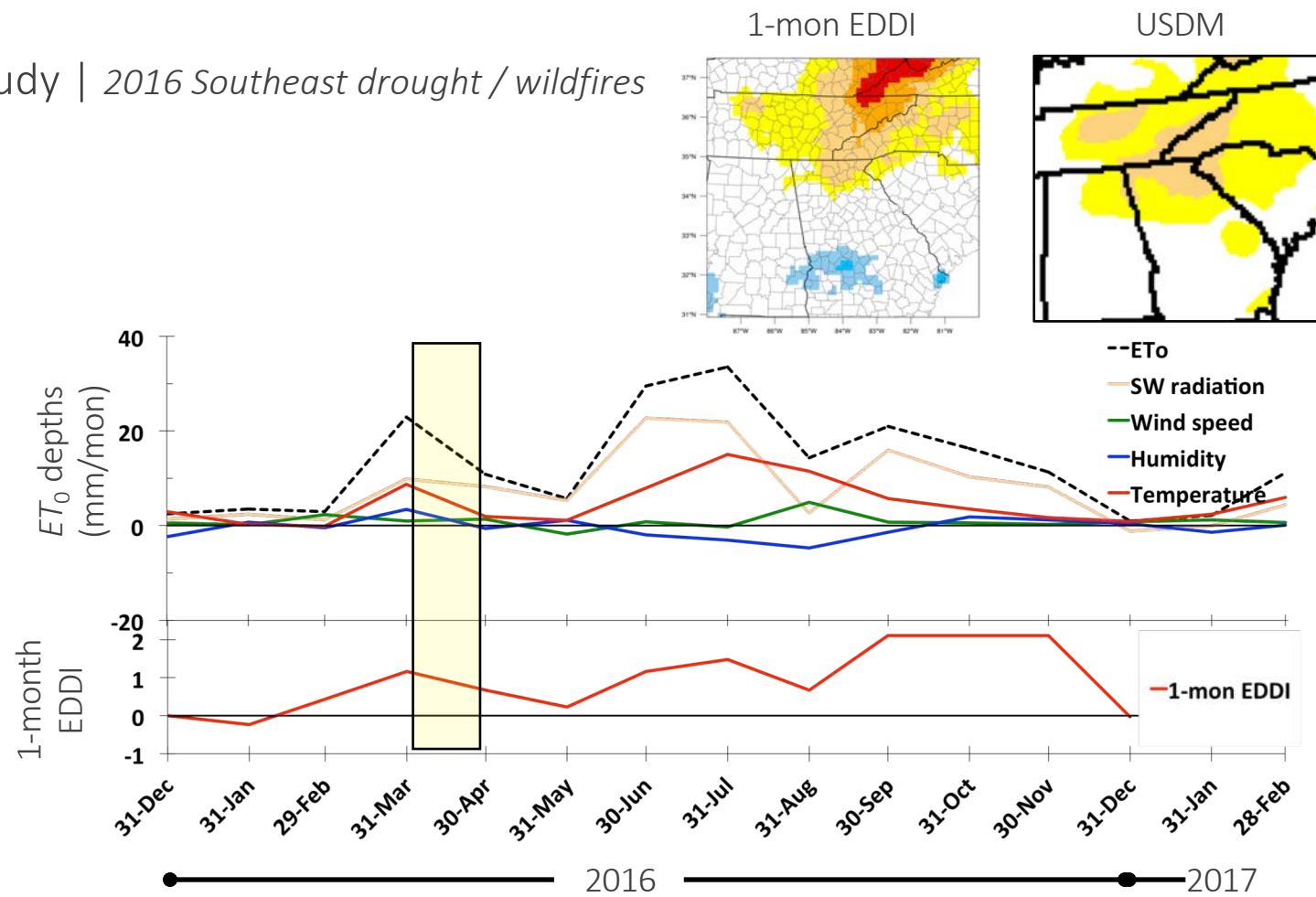


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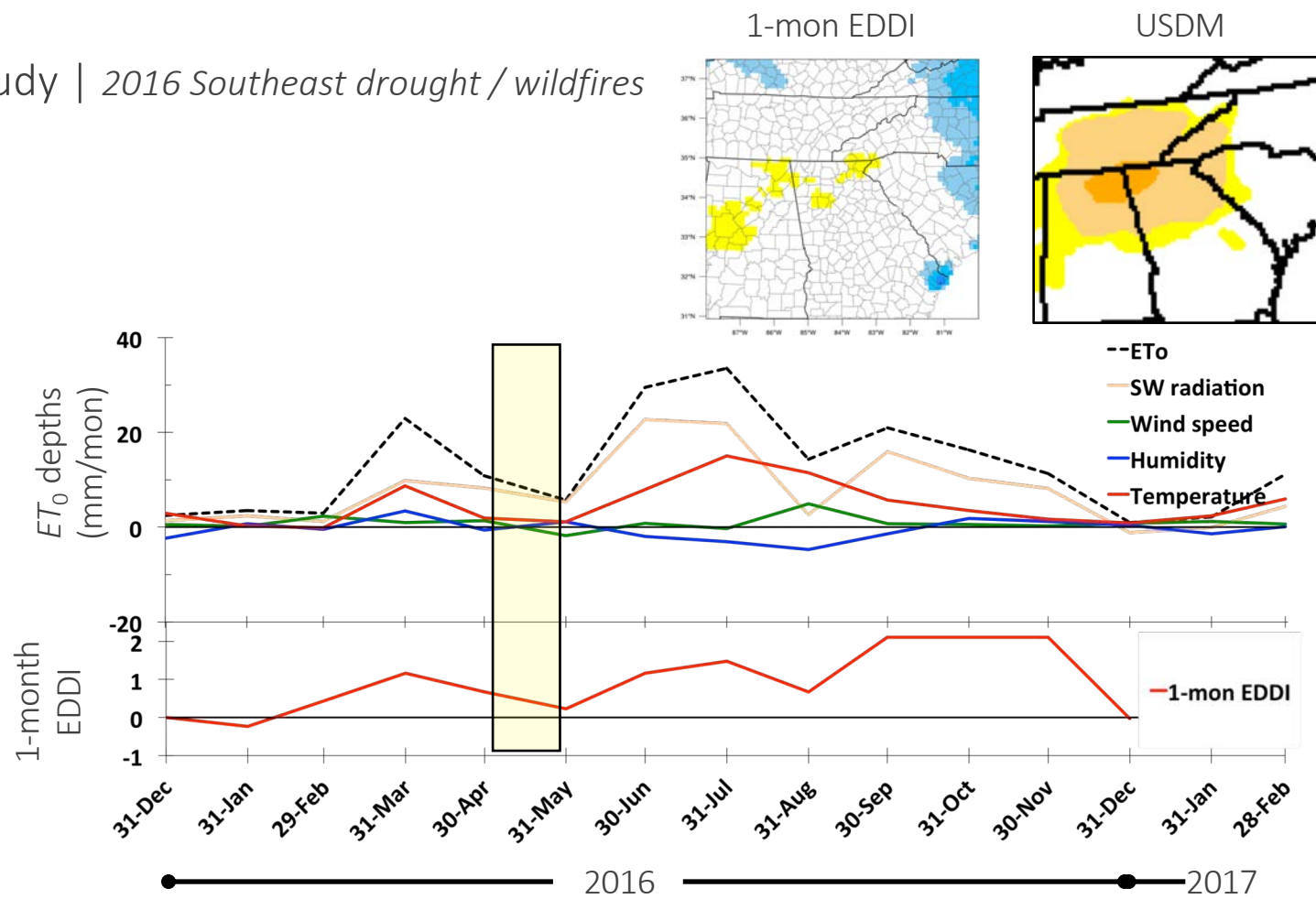




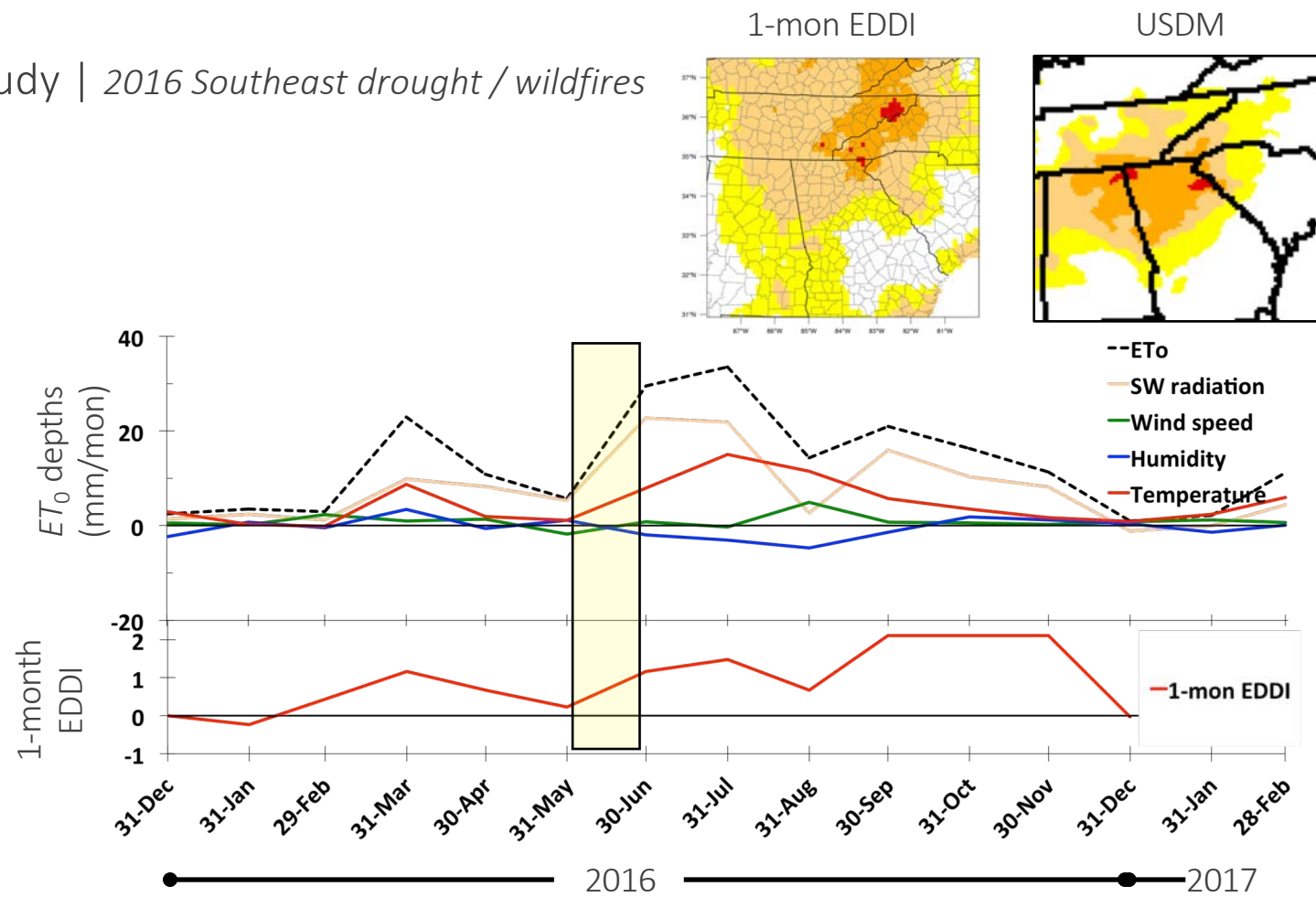
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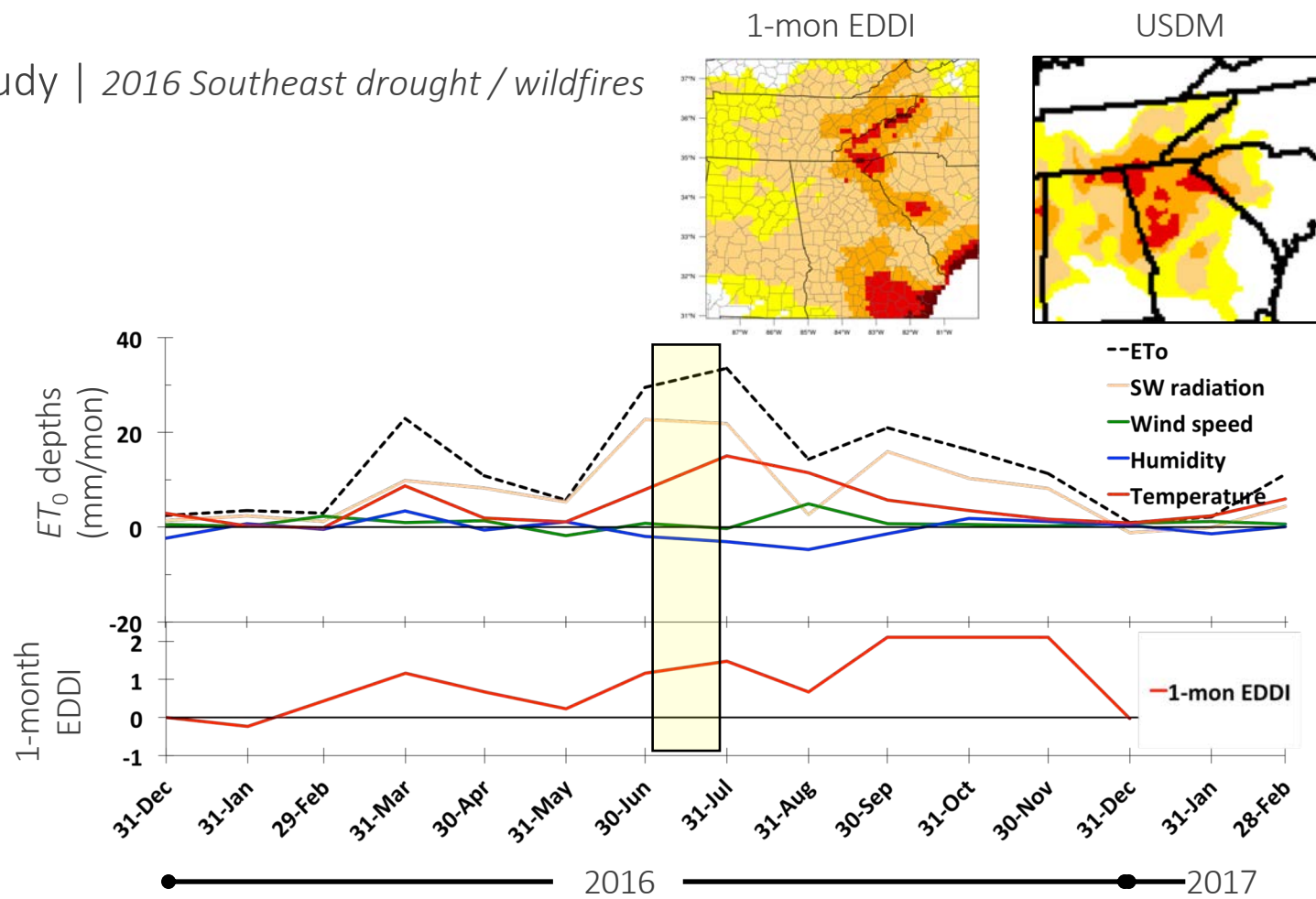
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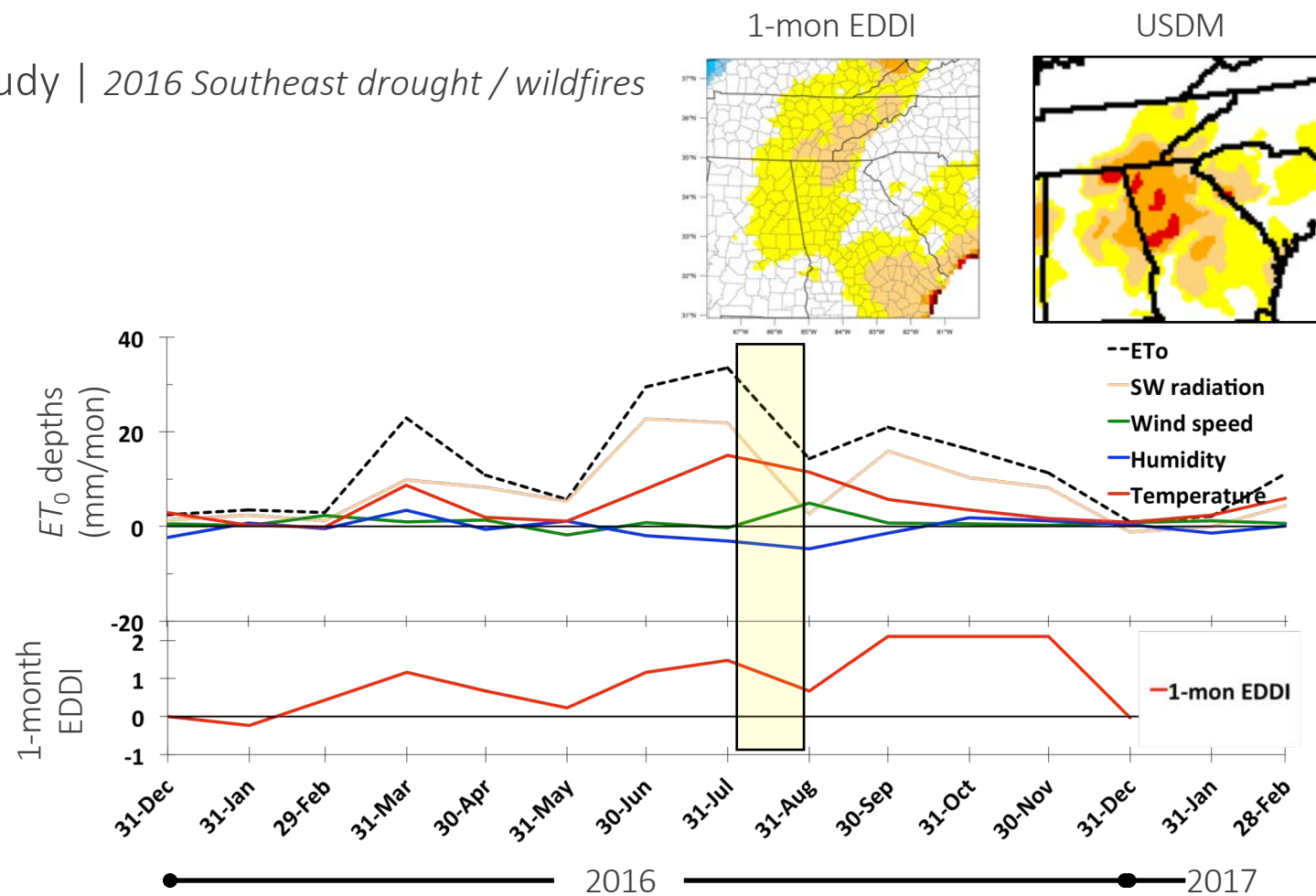
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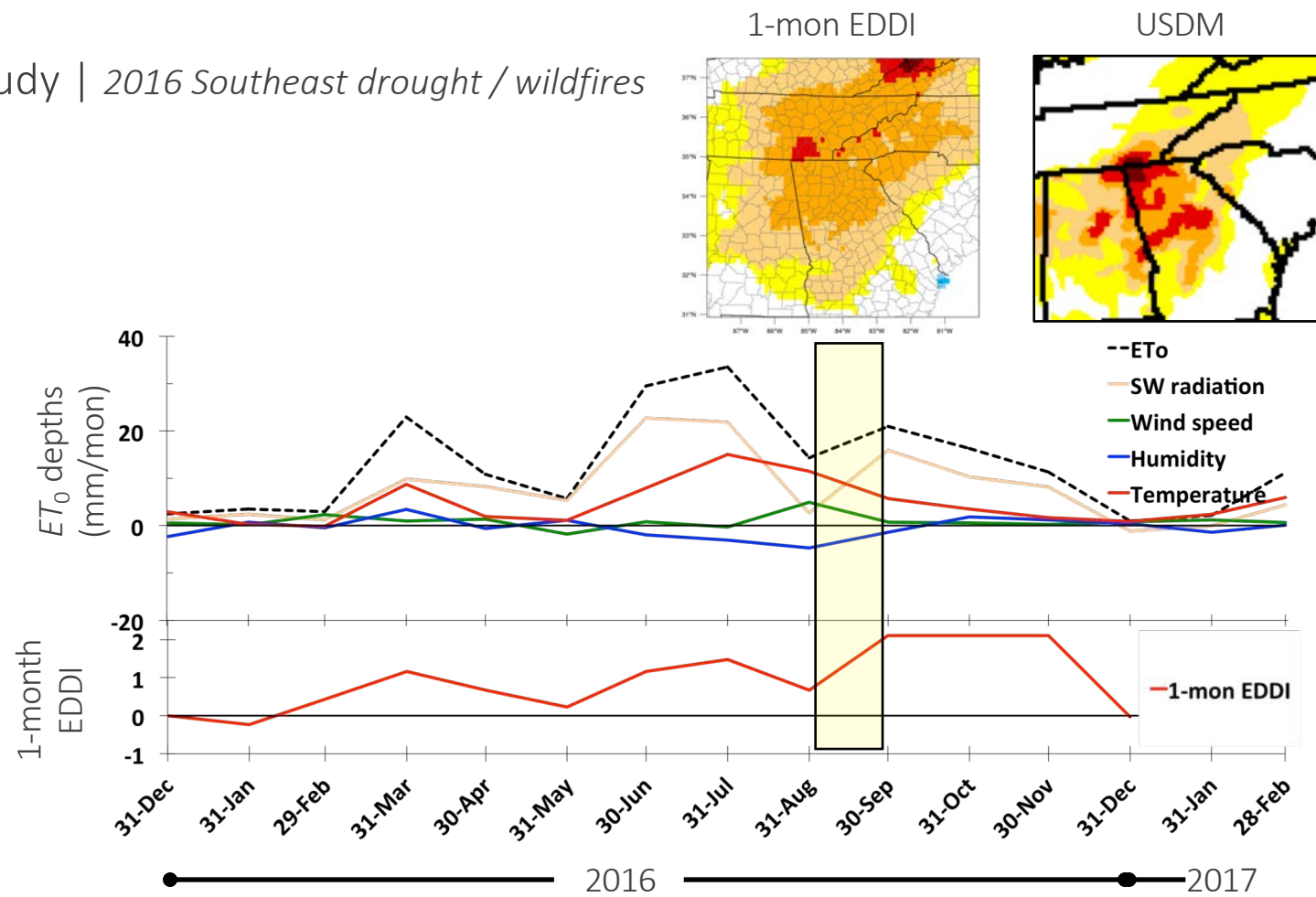
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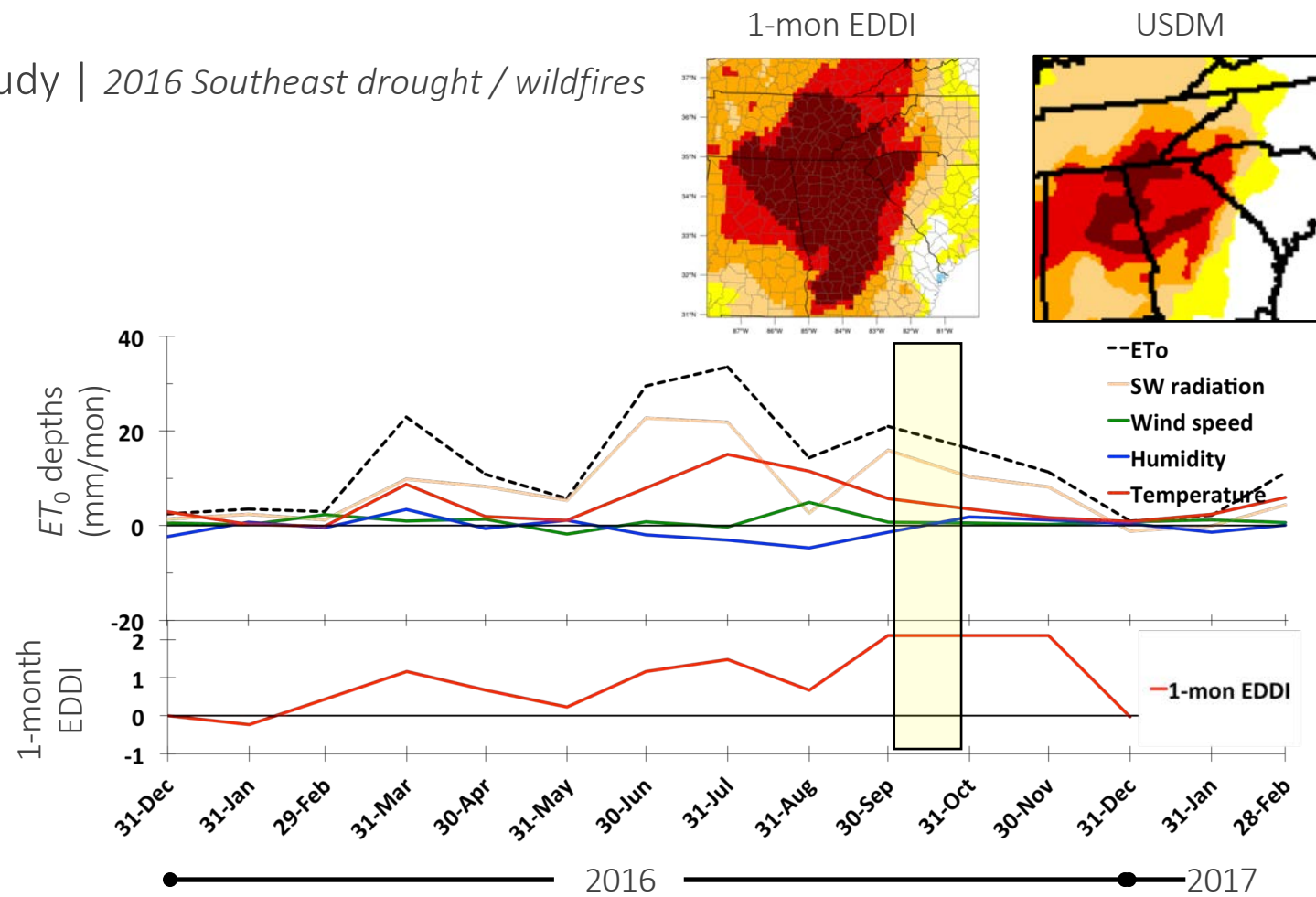
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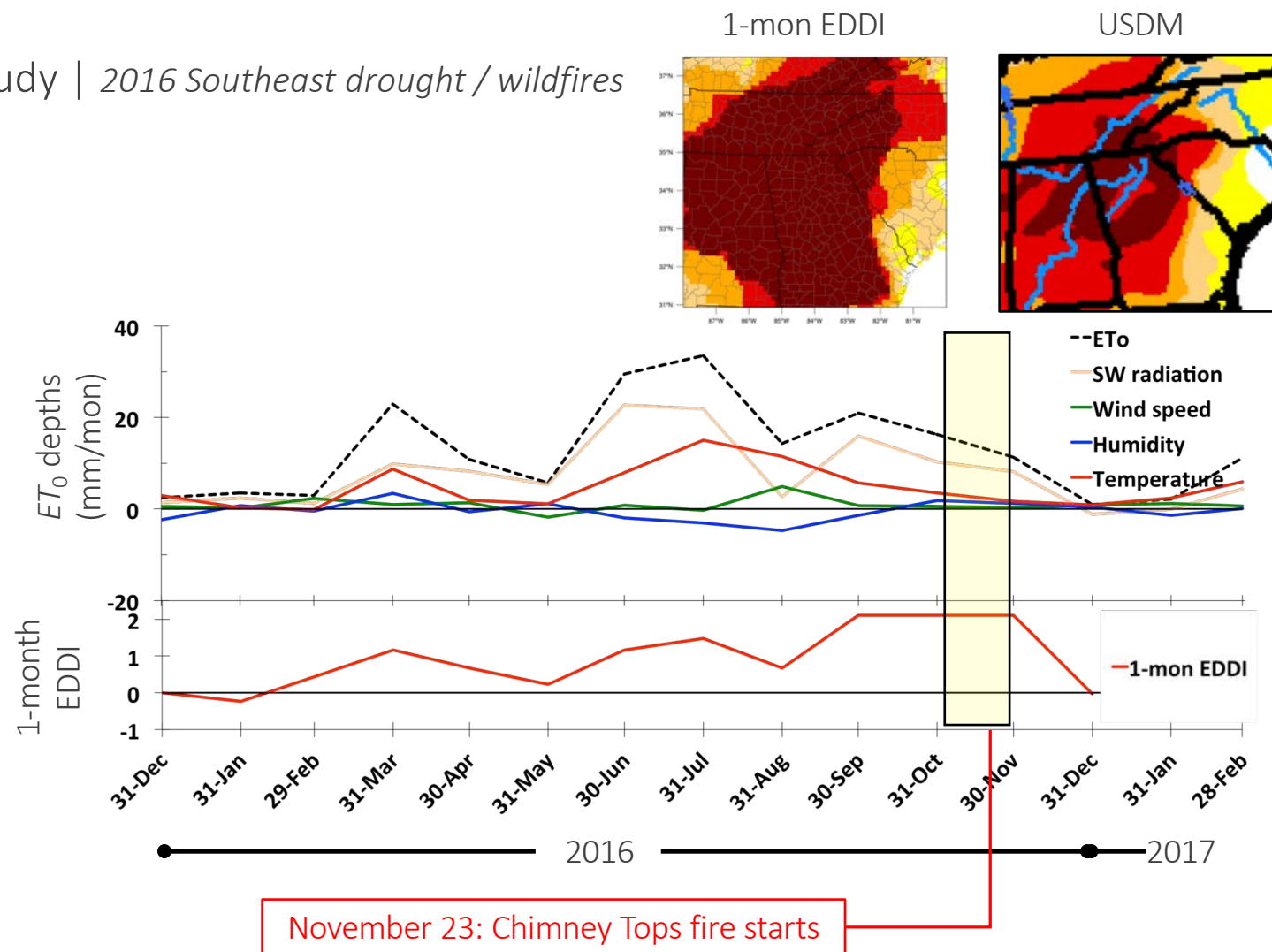
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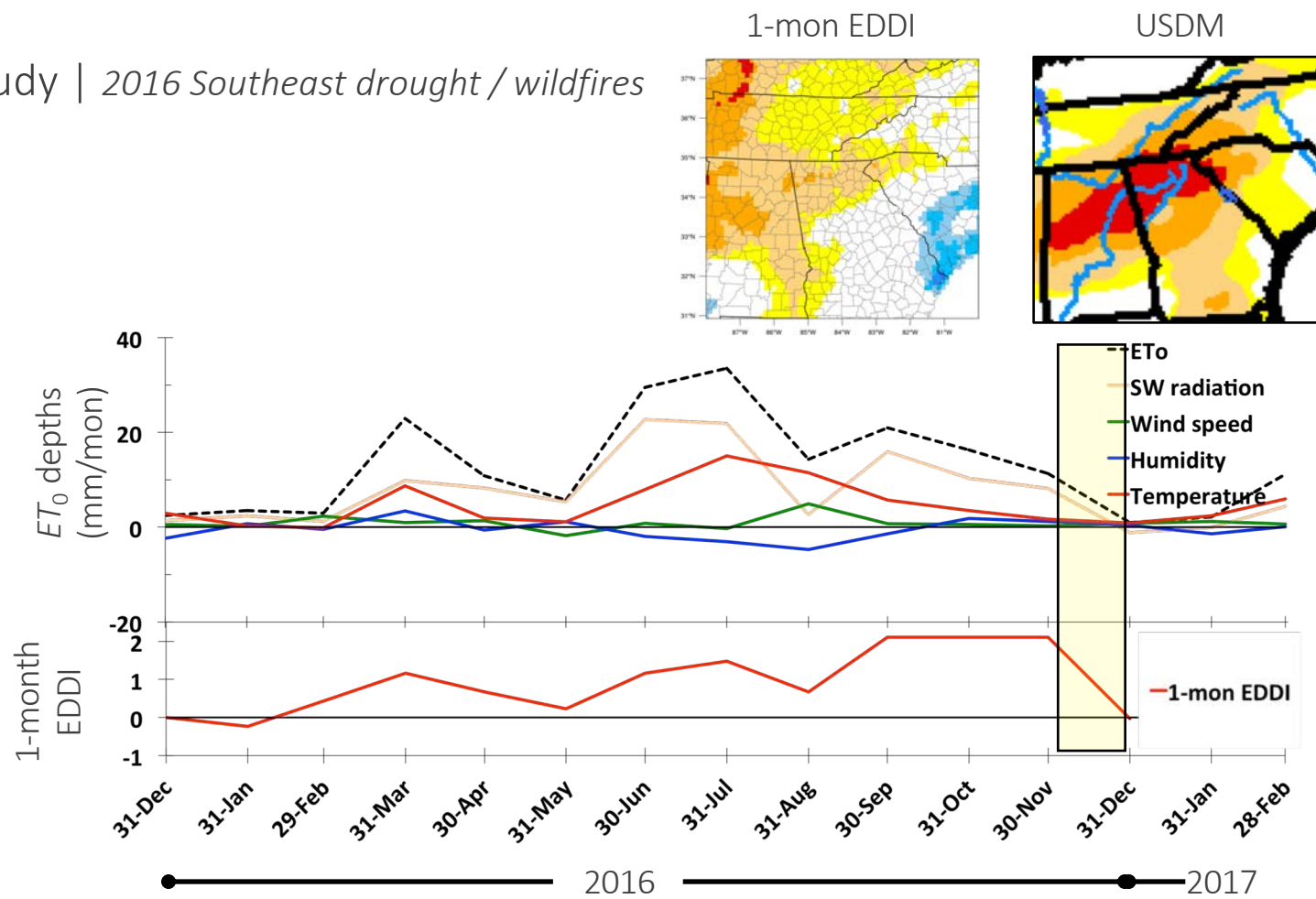


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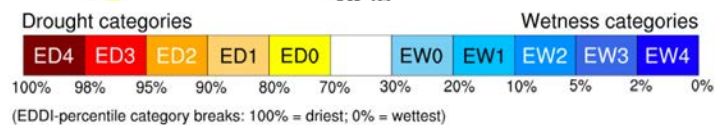
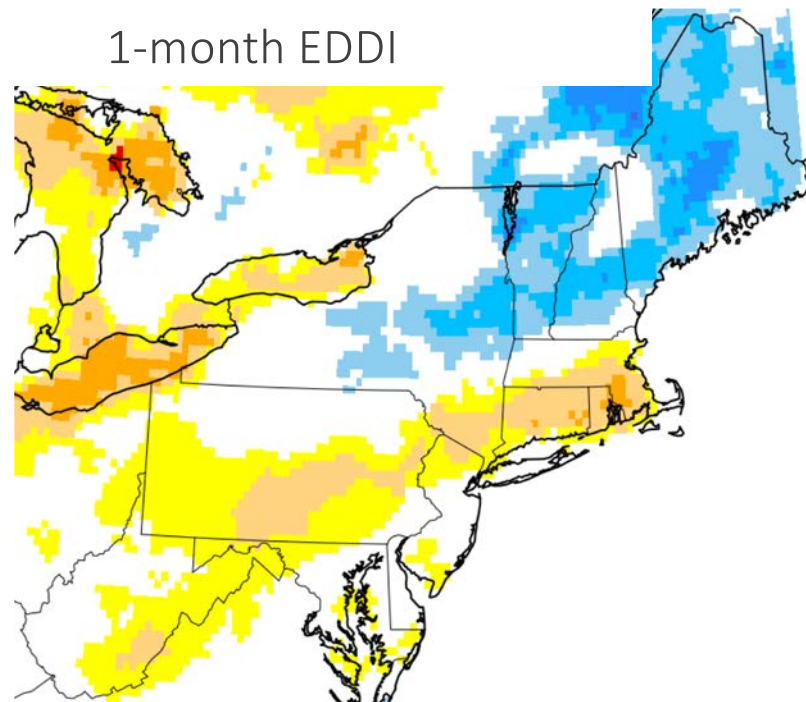


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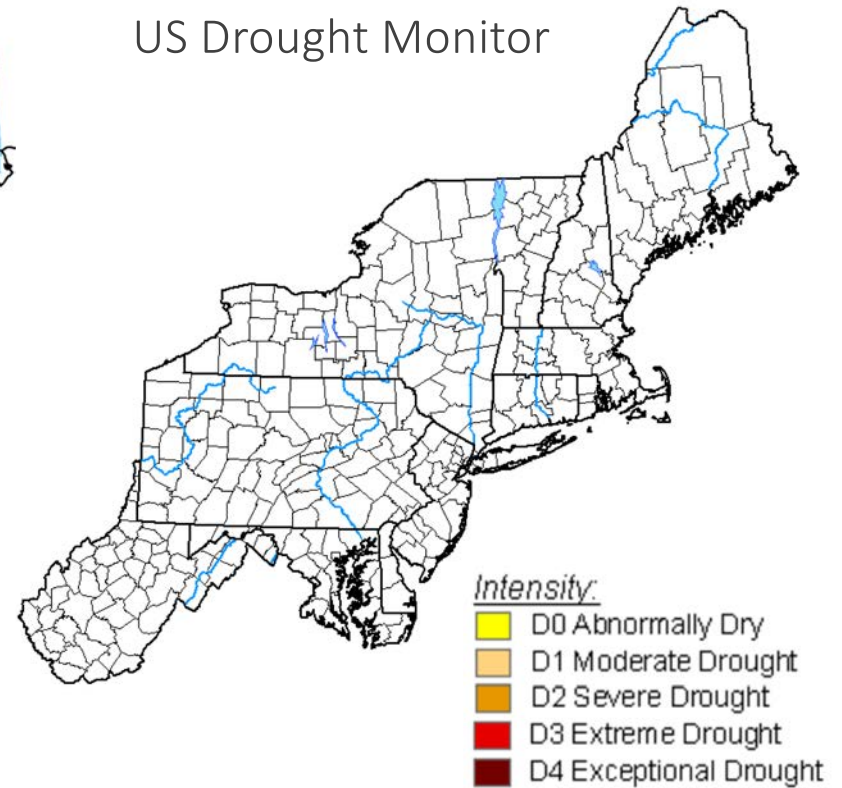
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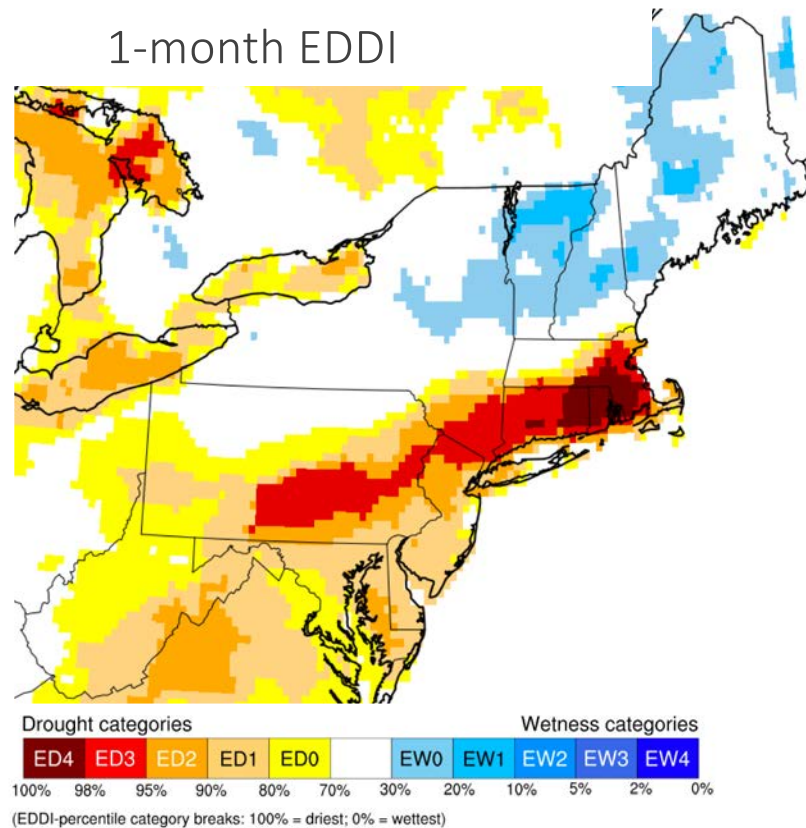
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... drought in NE

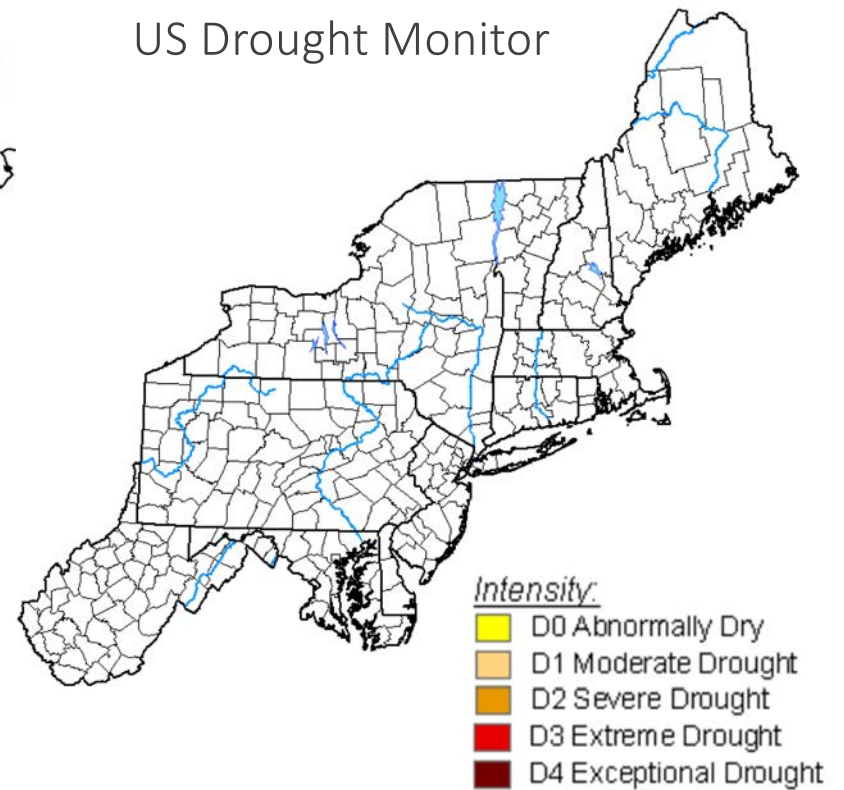
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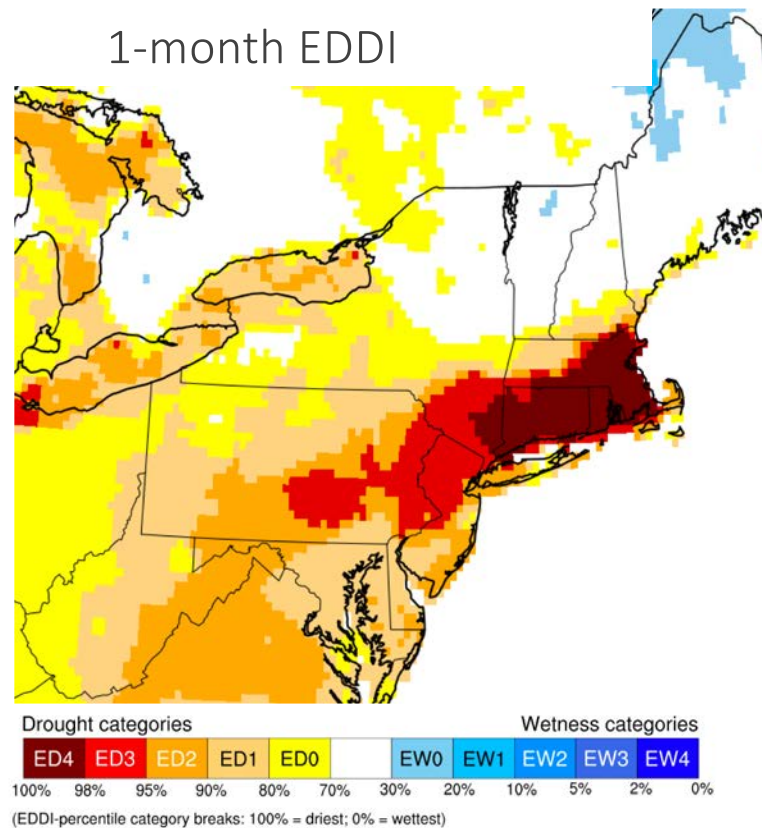
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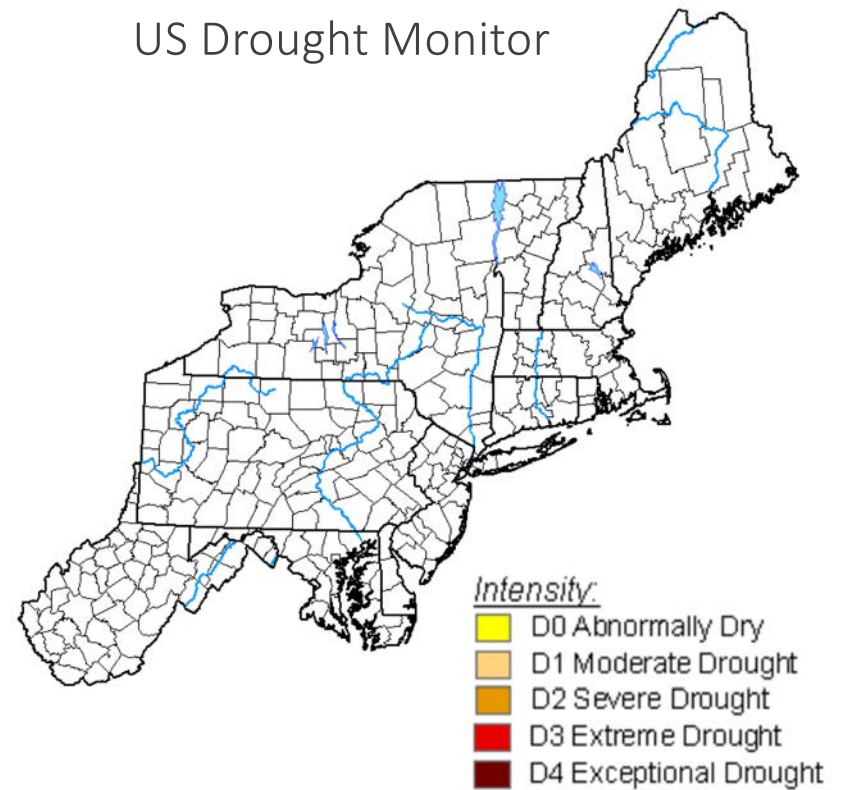
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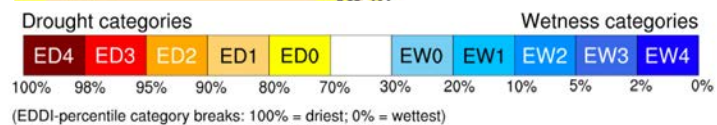
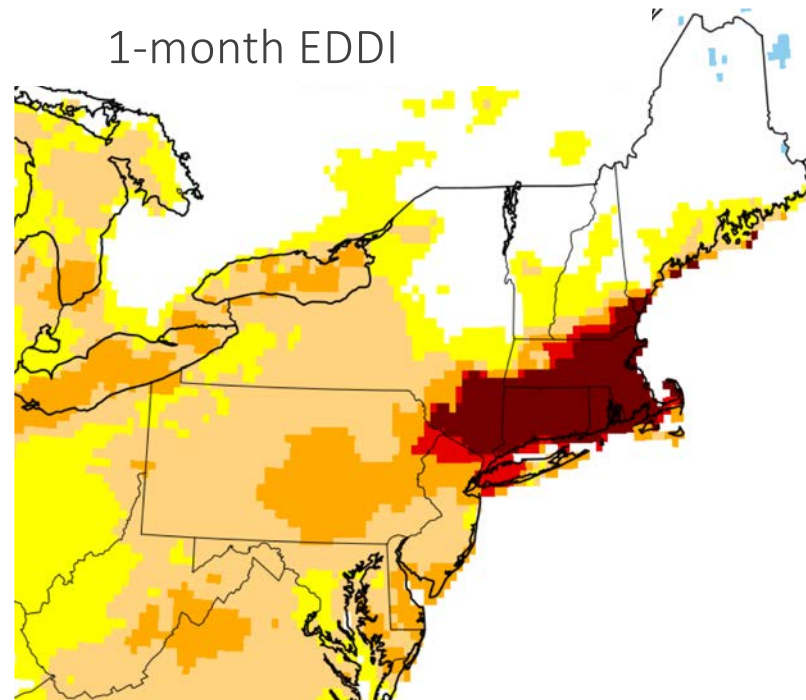
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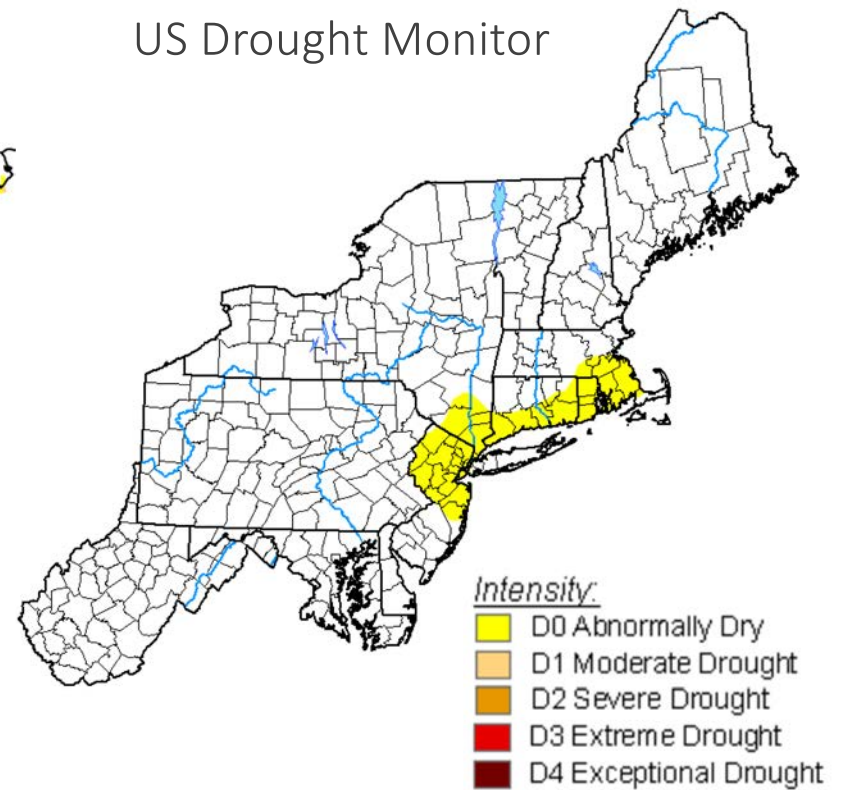
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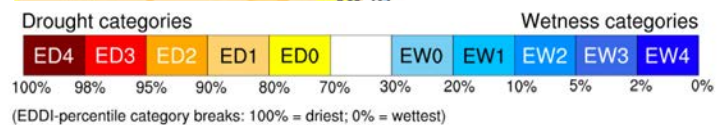
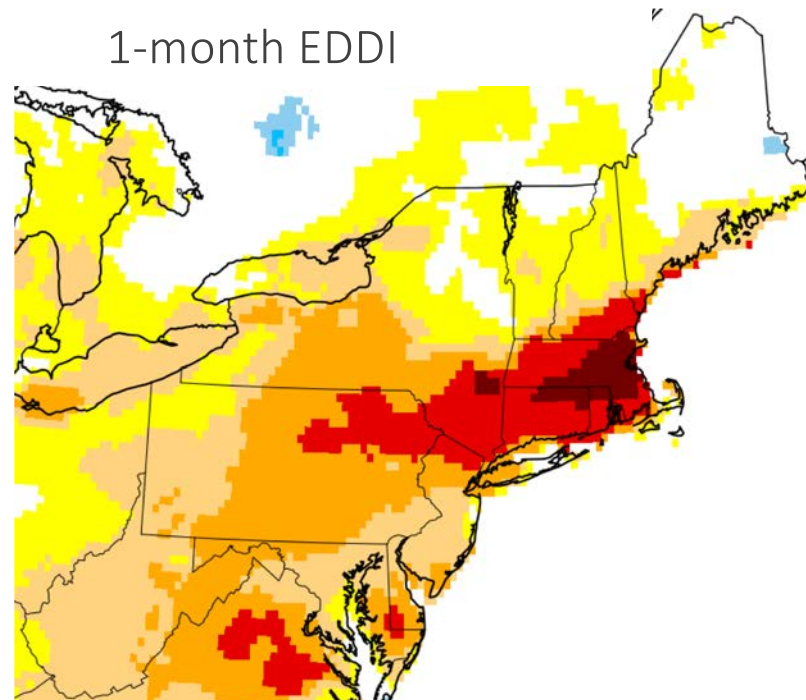
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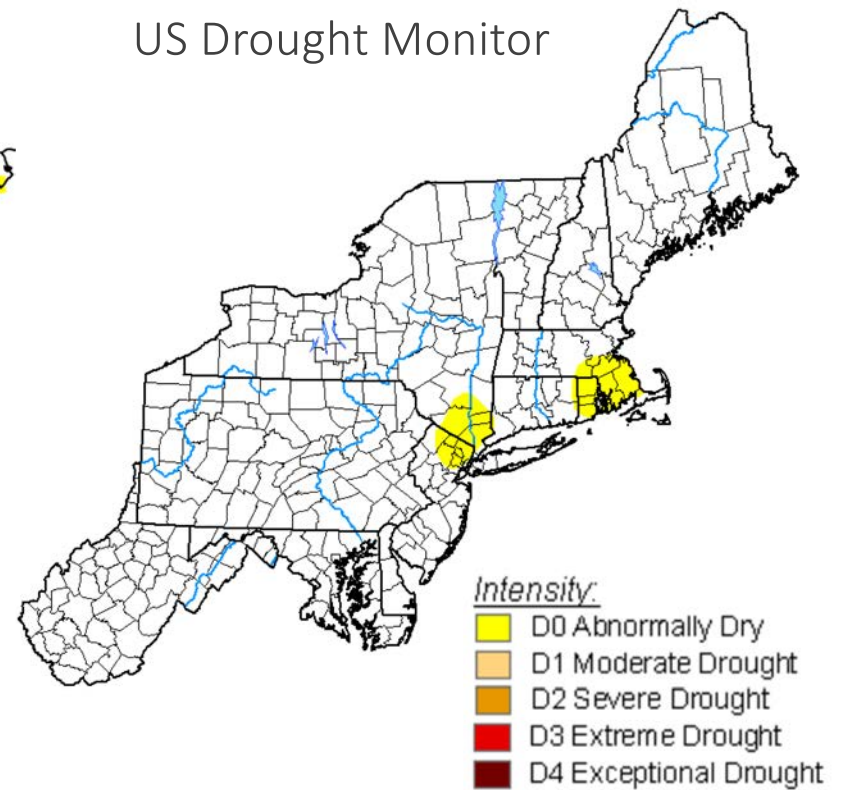
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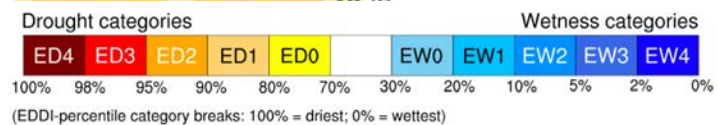
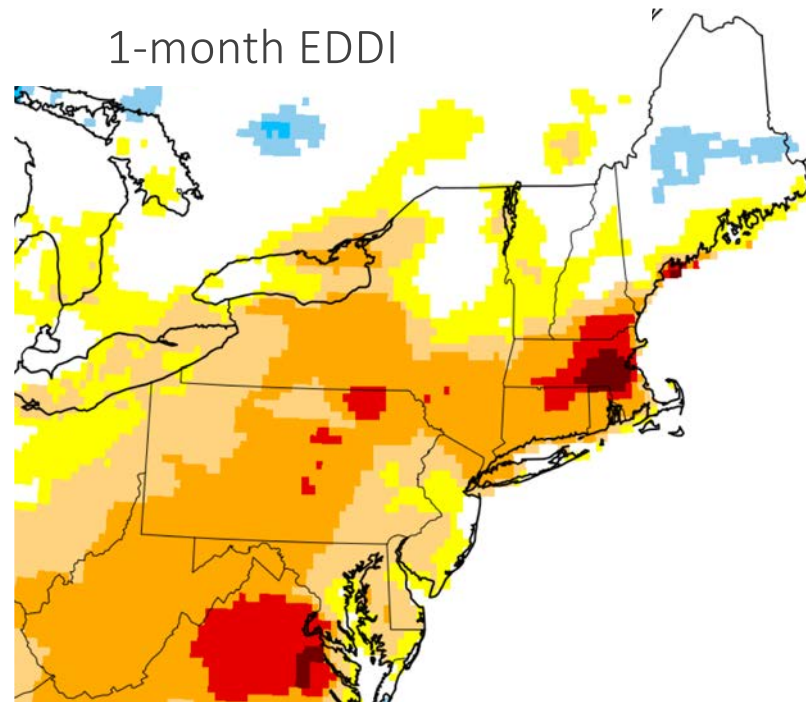
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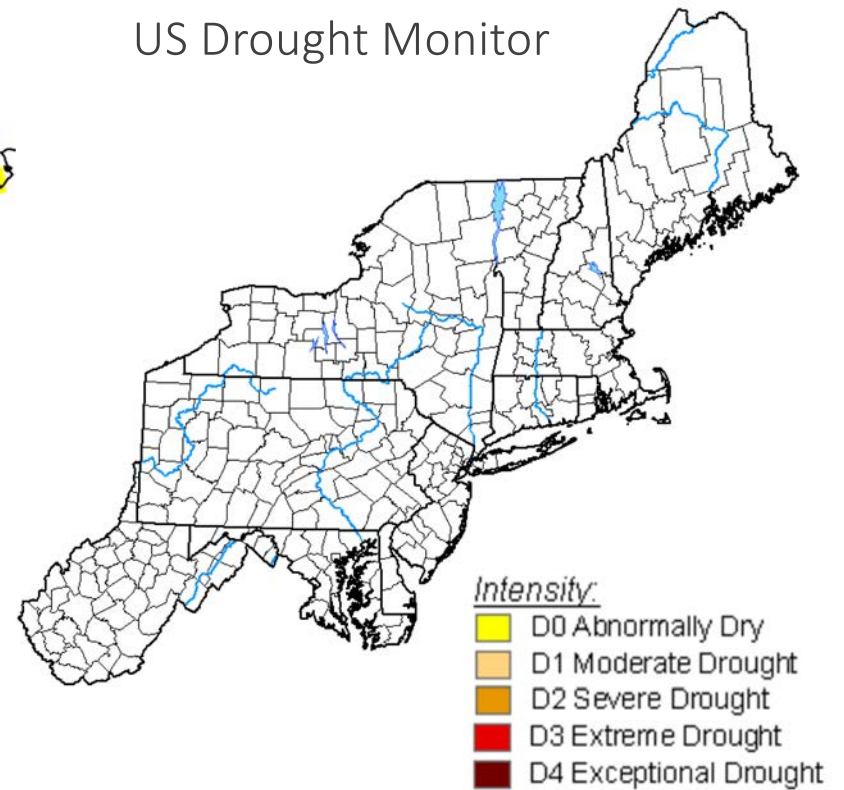
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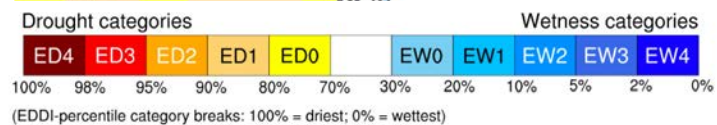
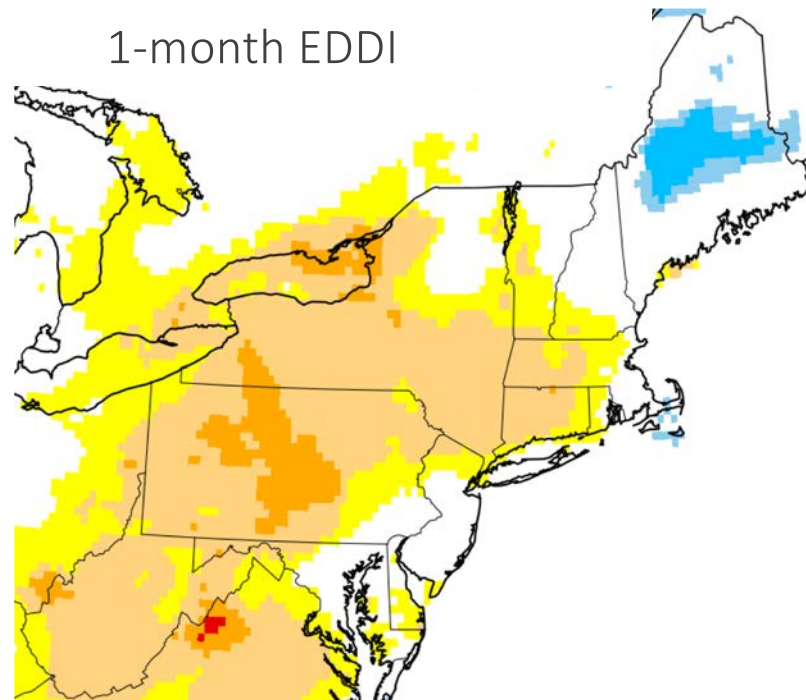
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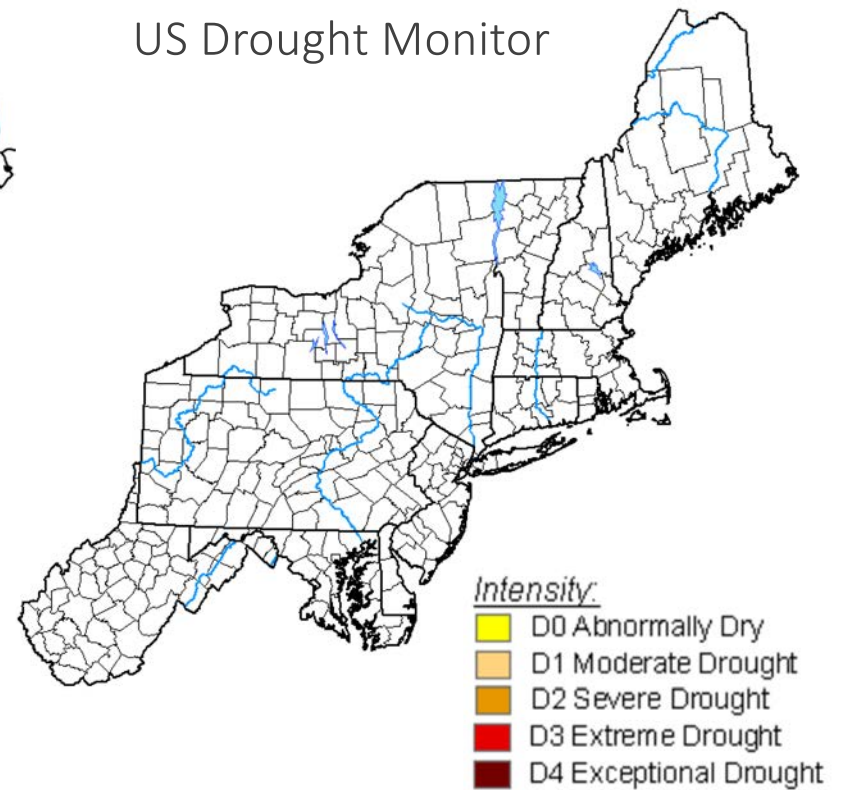
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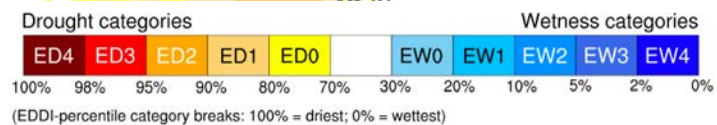
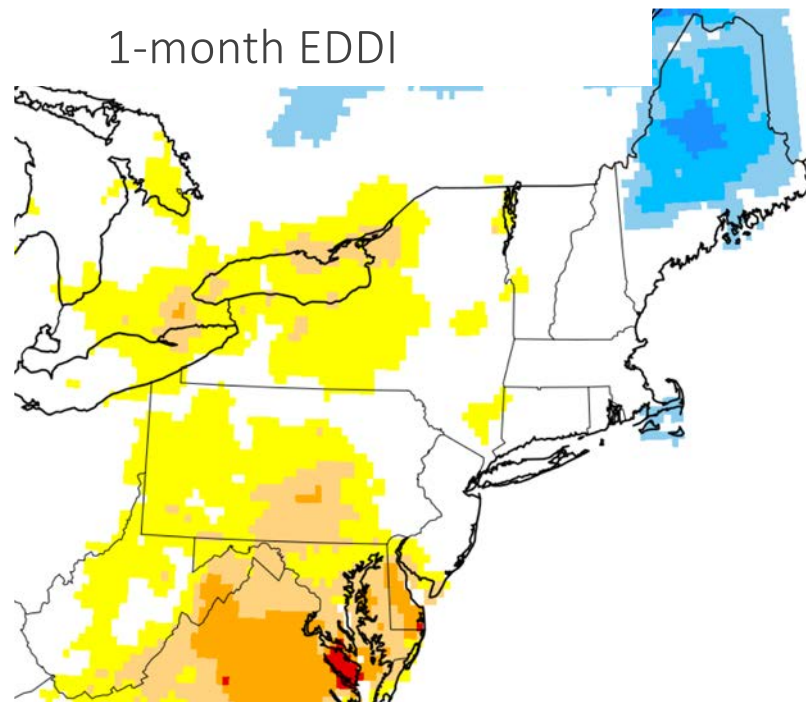
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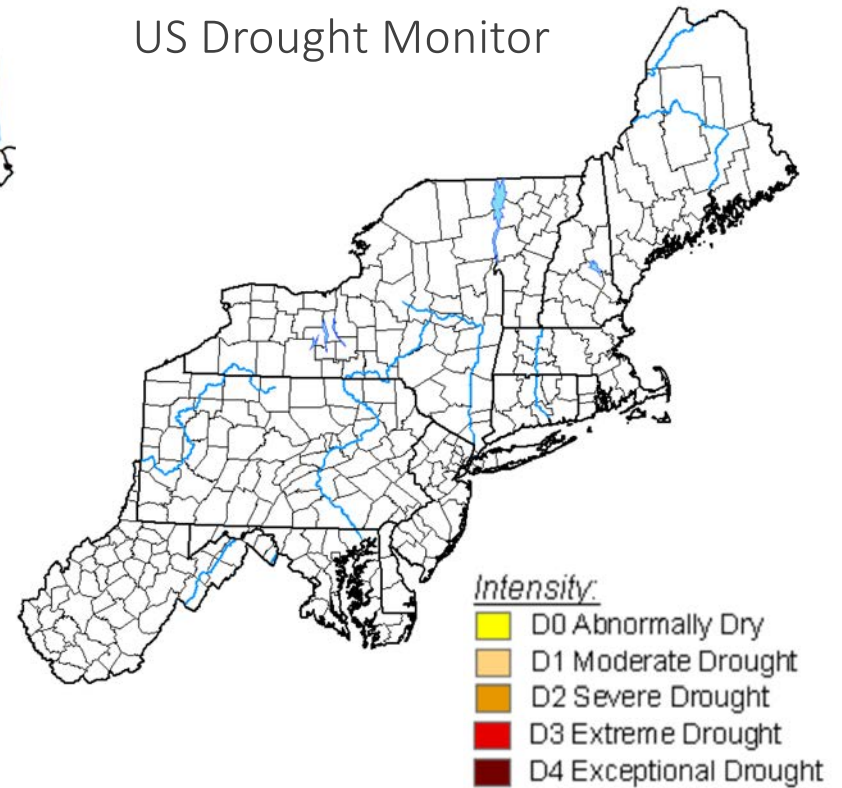
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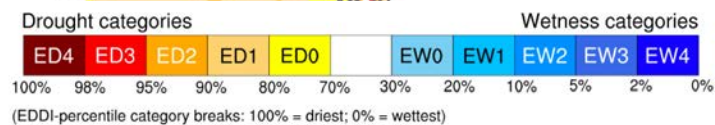
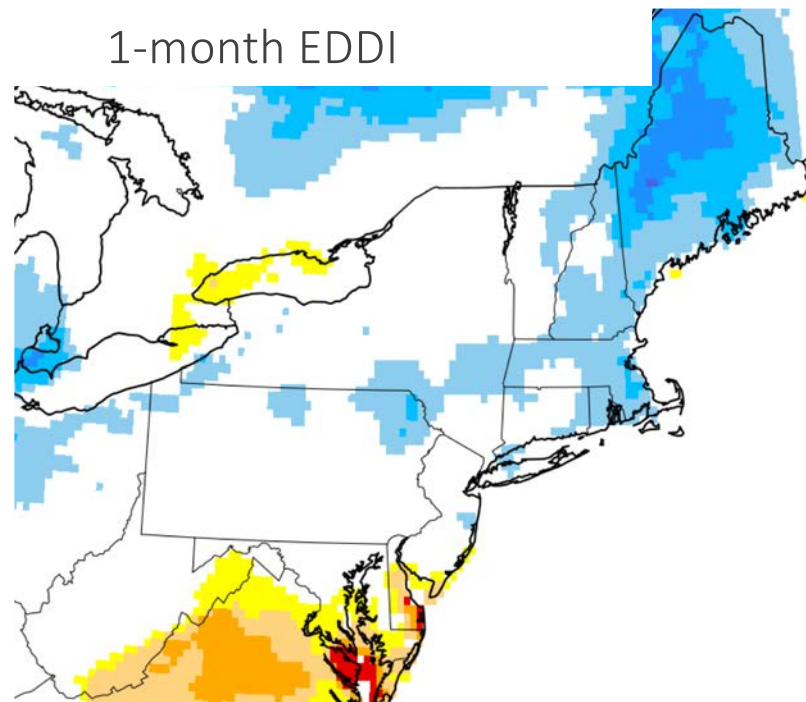
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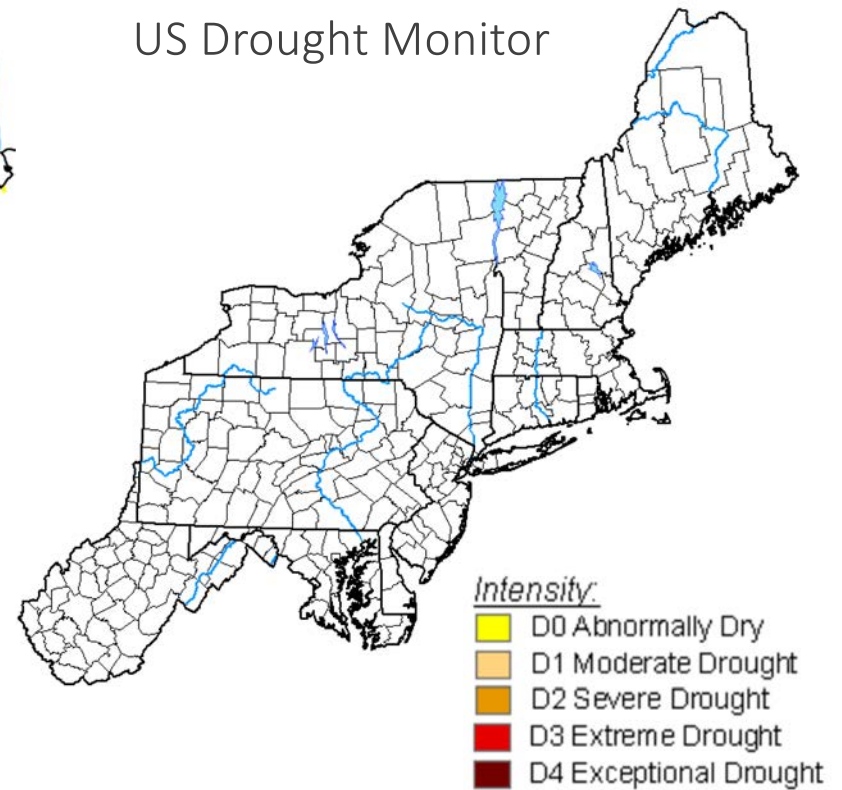
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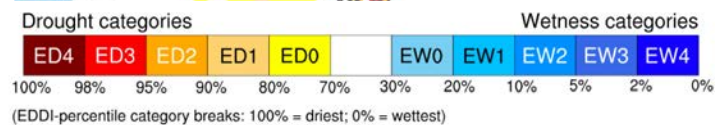
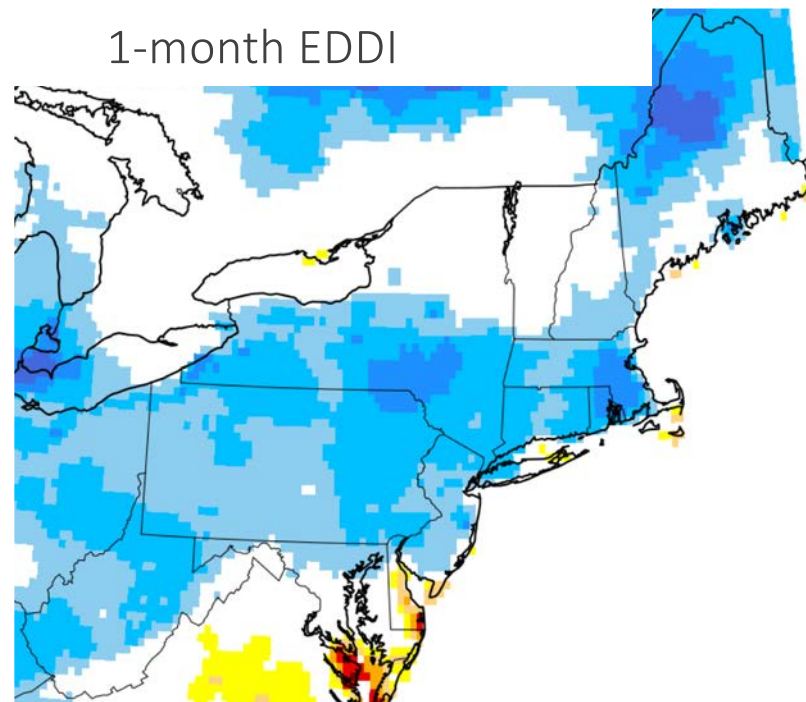
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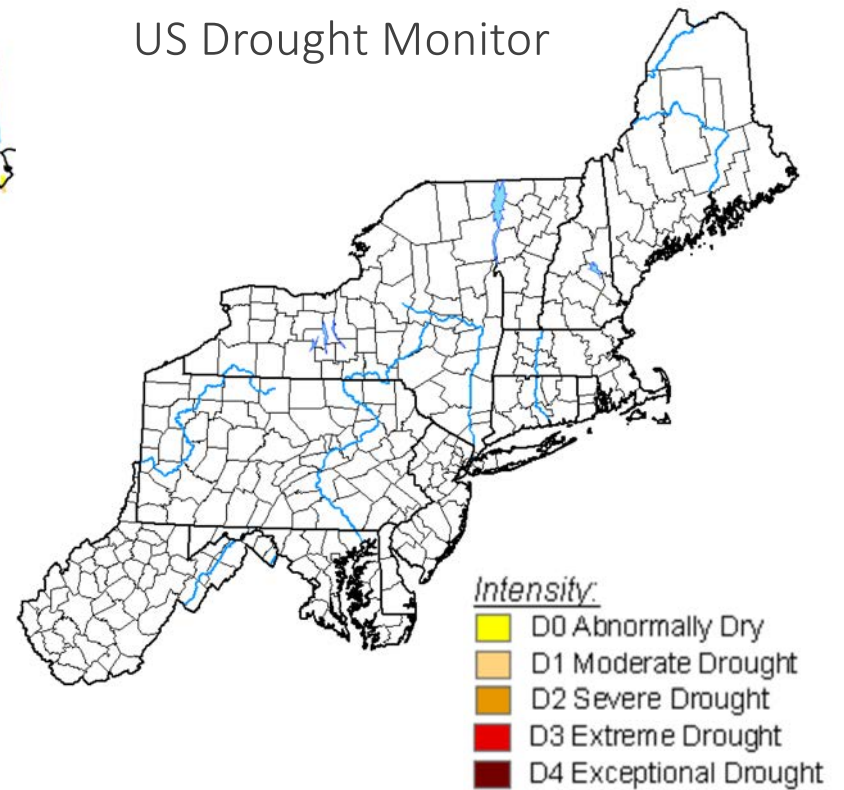
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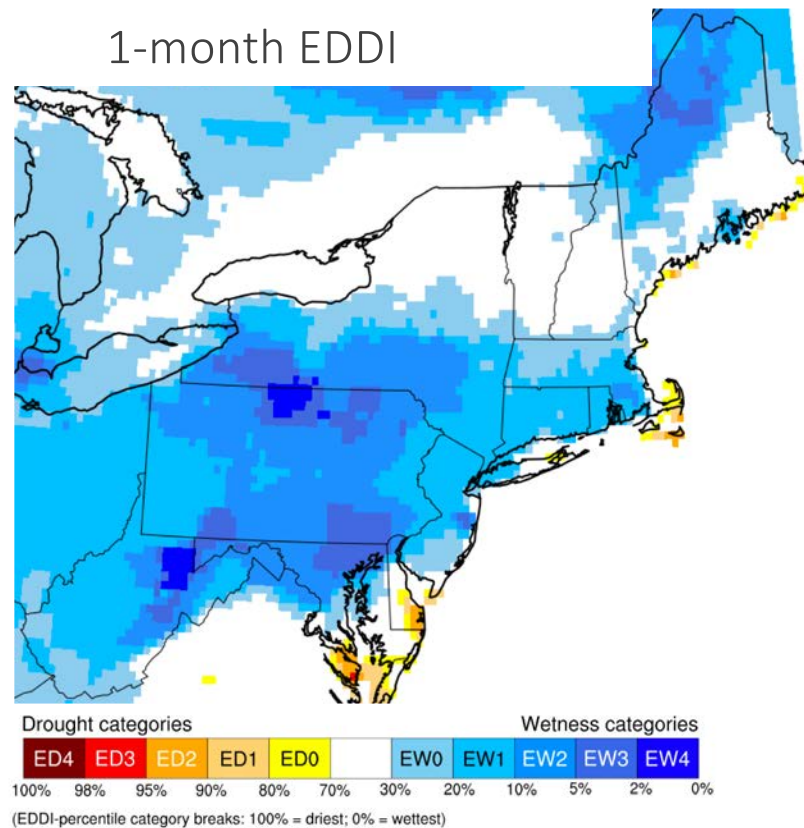
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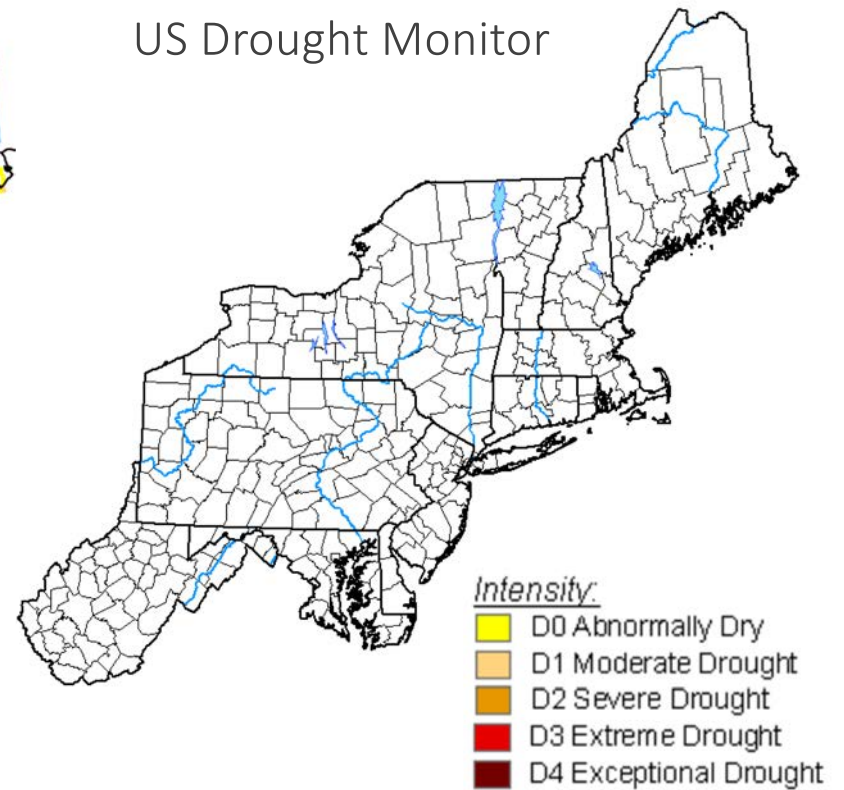
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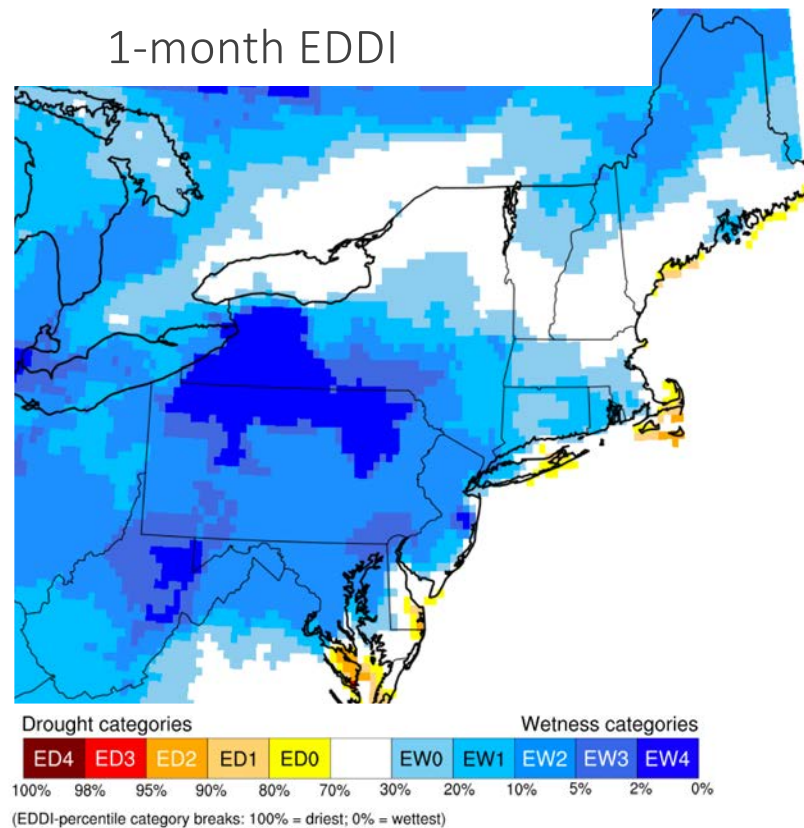
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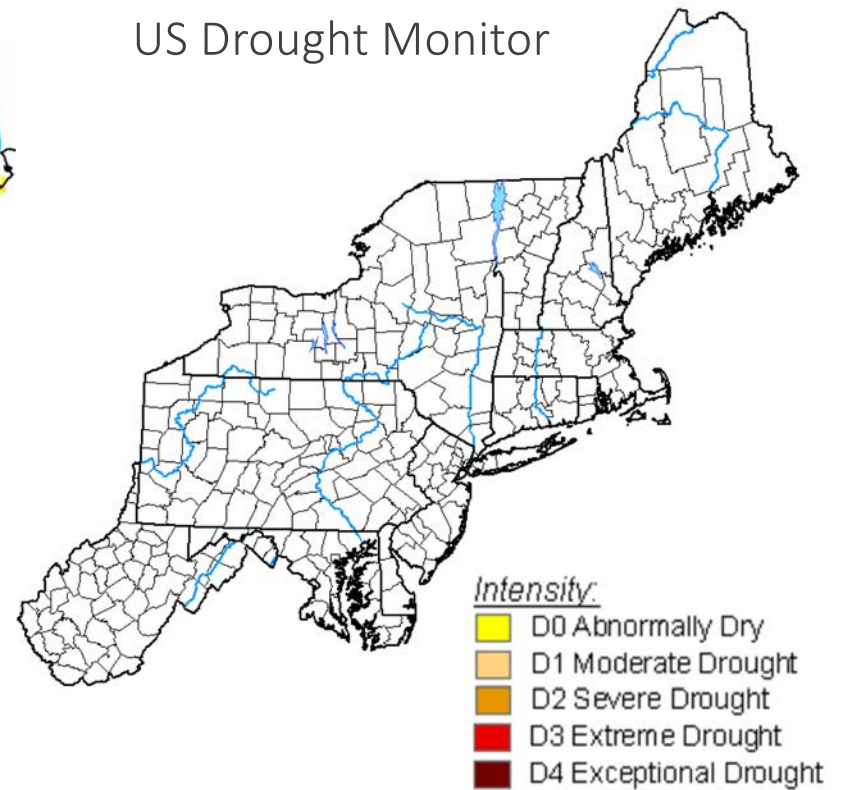
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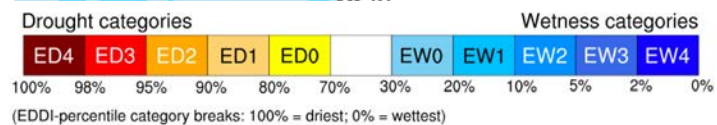
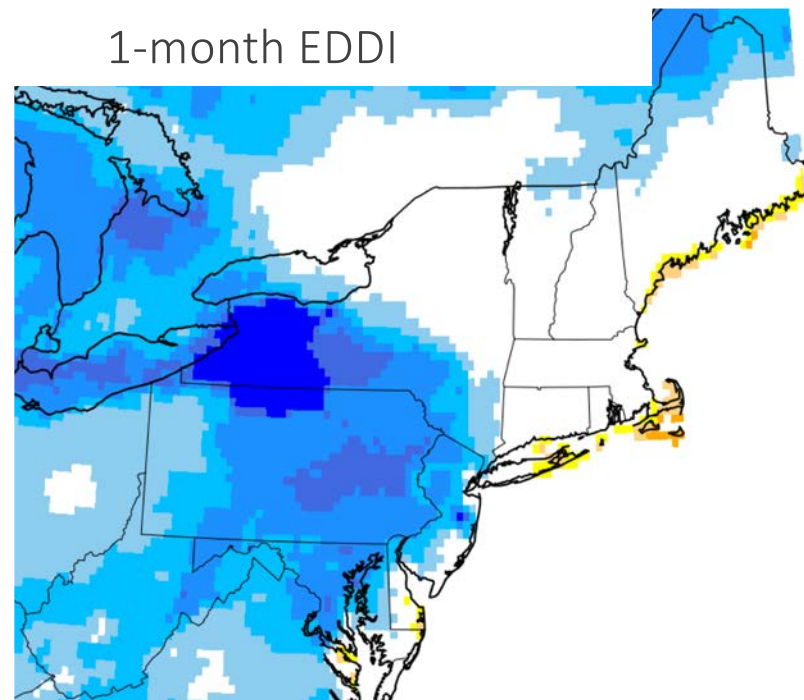
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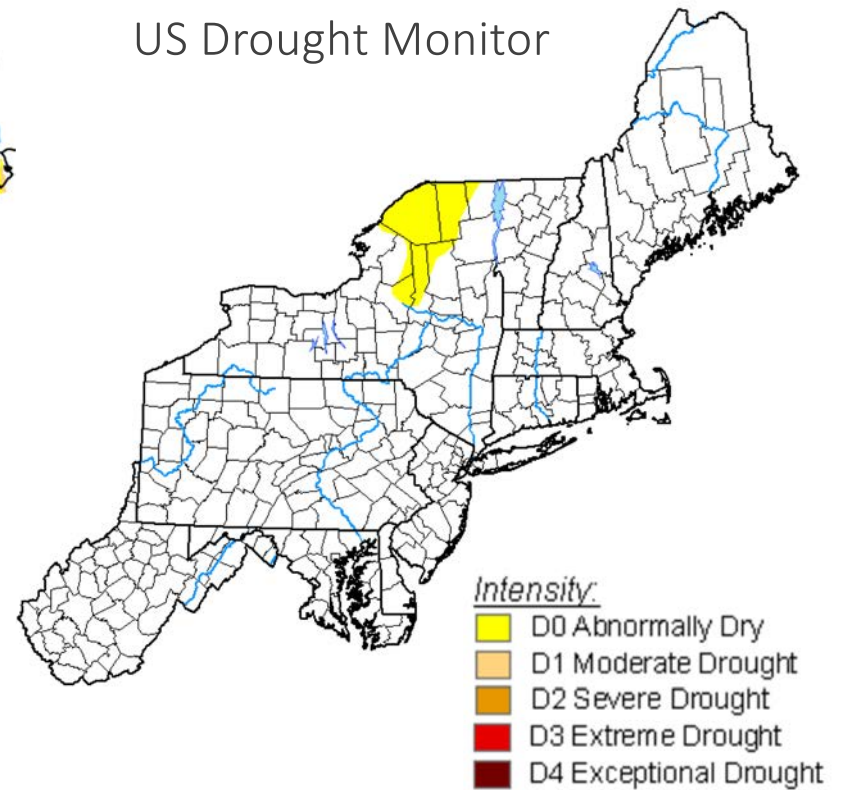
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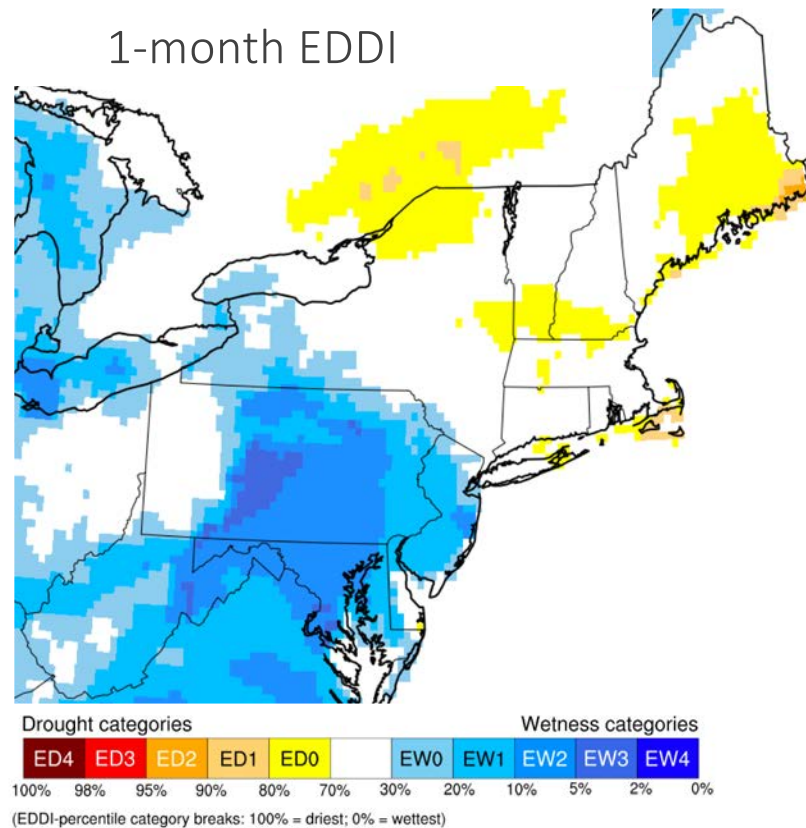
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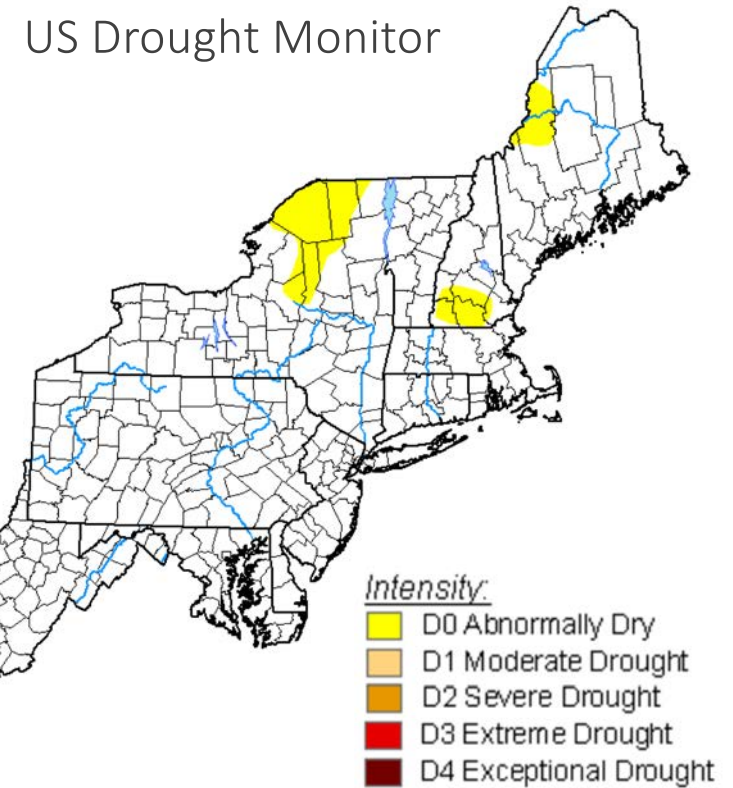


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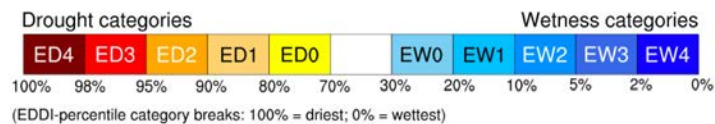
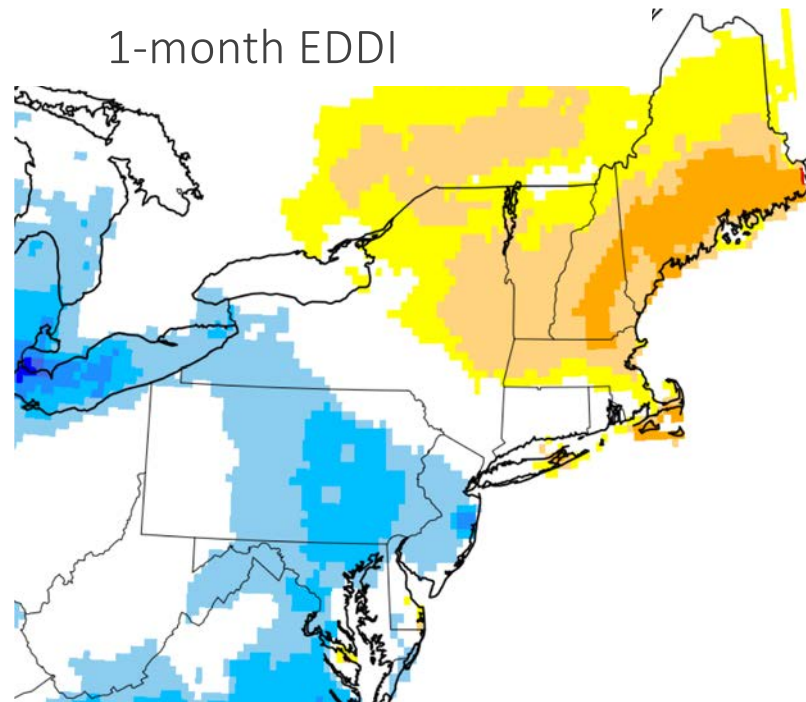
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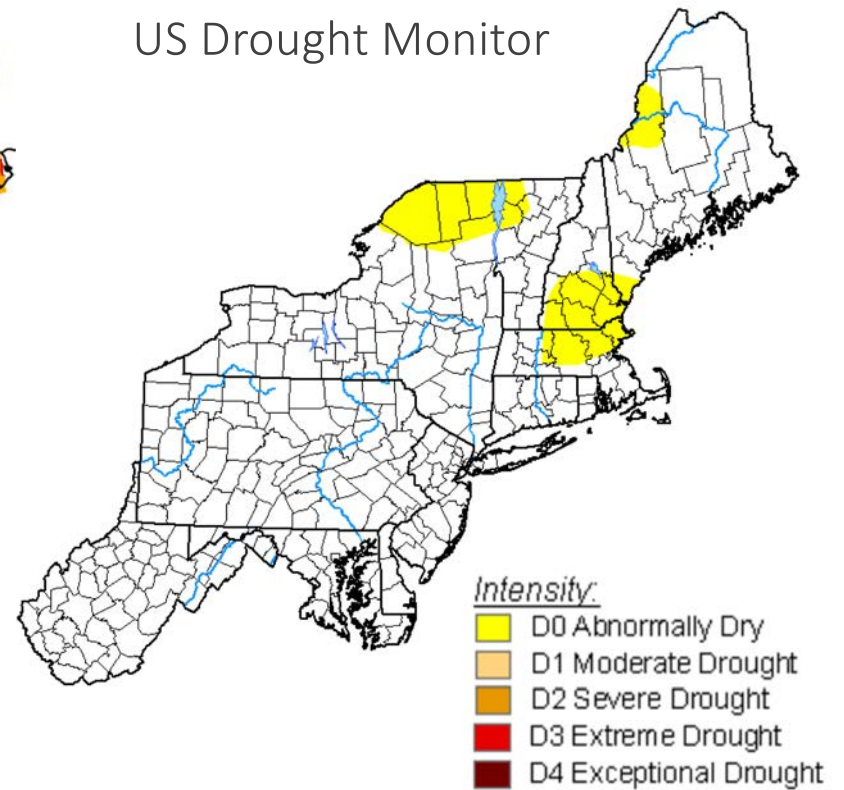
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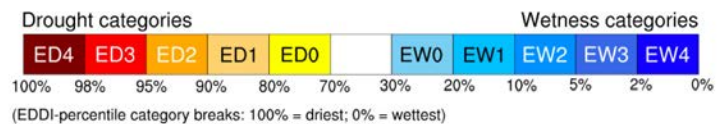
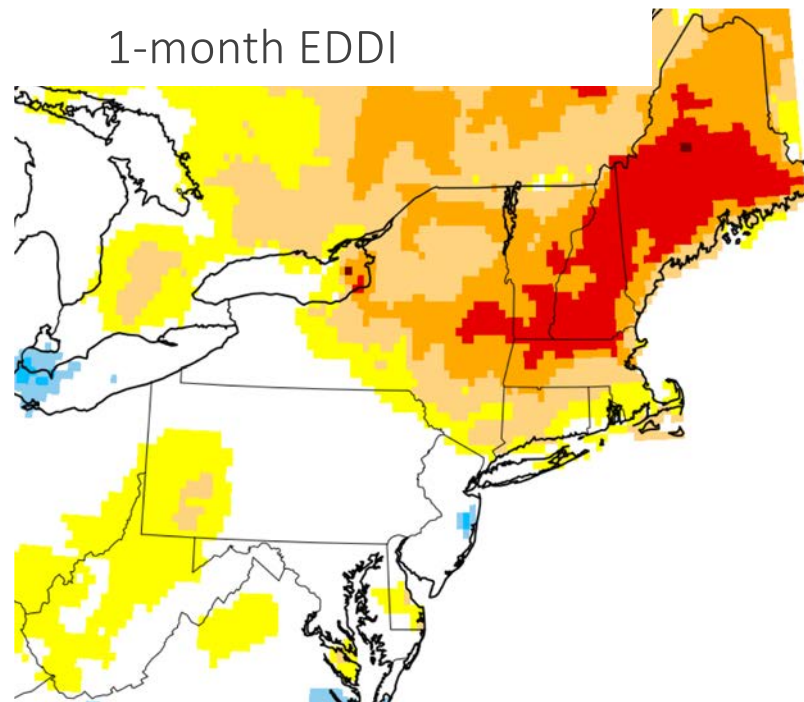
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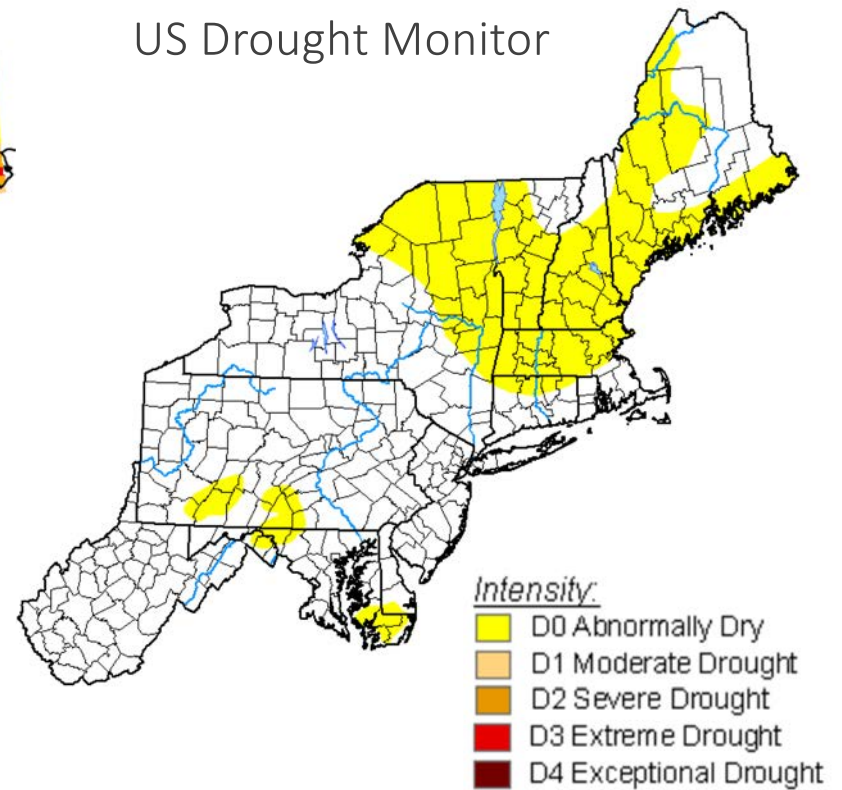
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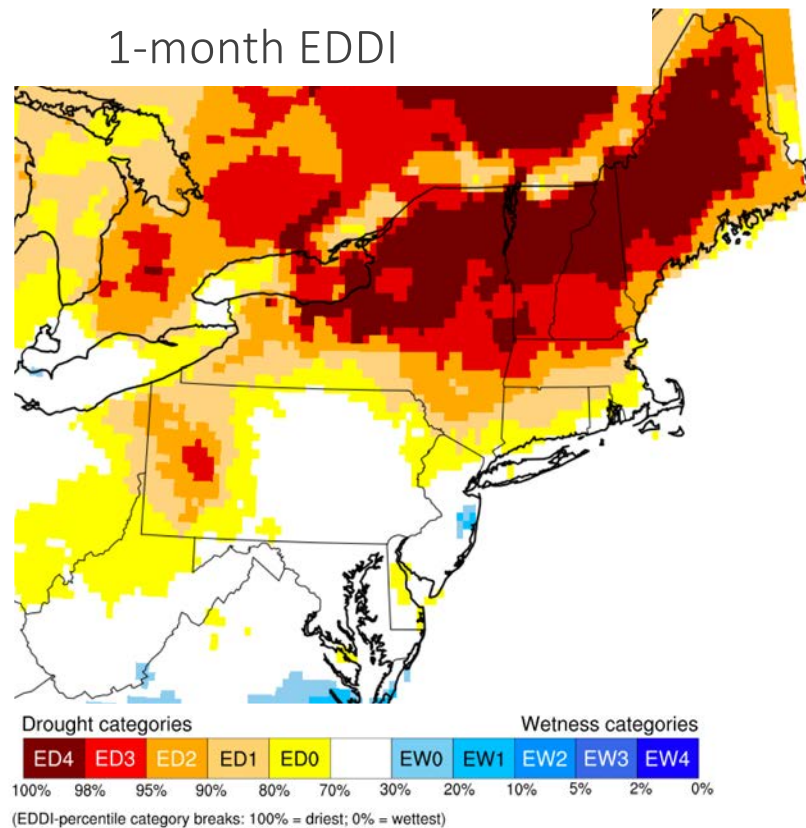
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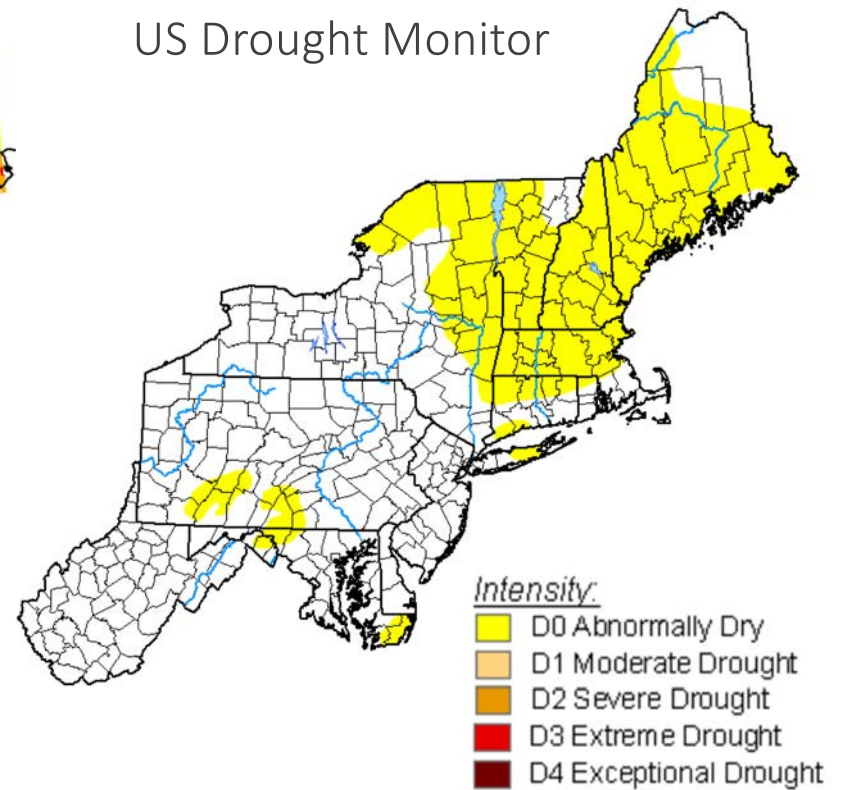
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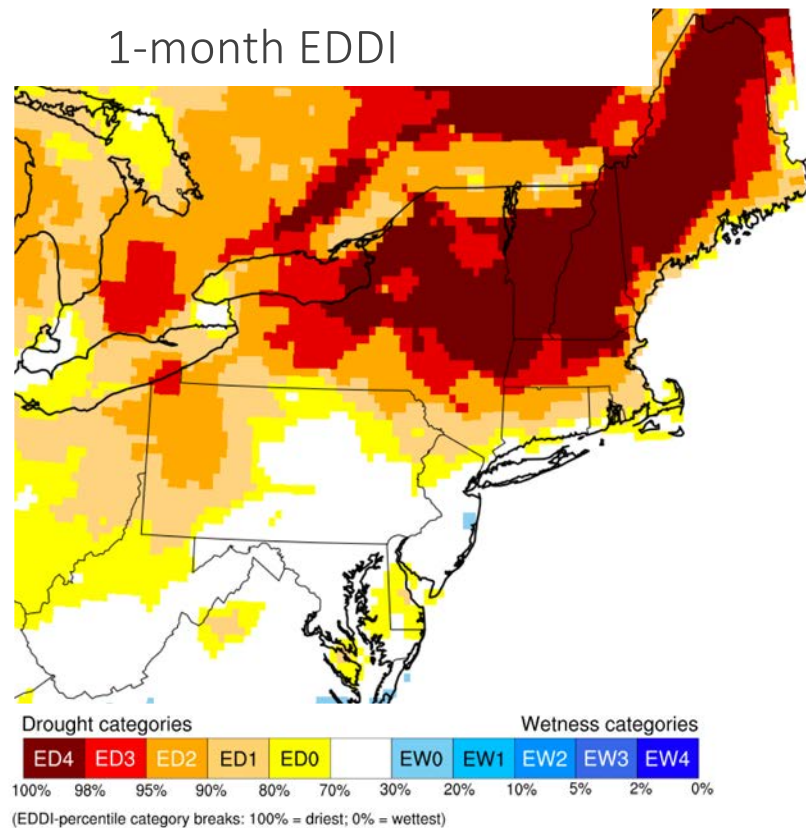
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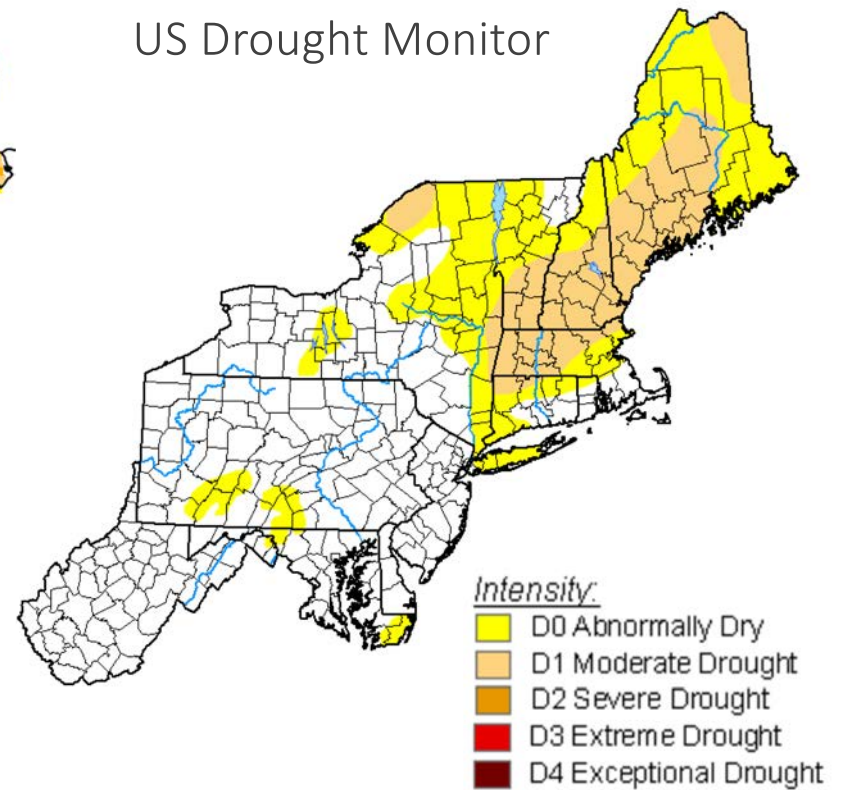
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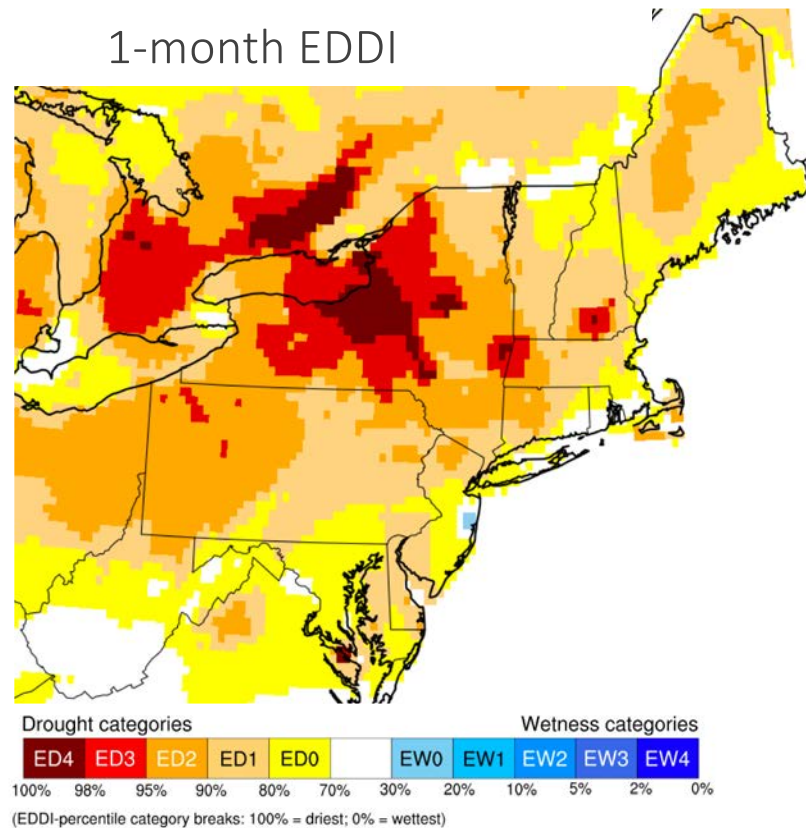
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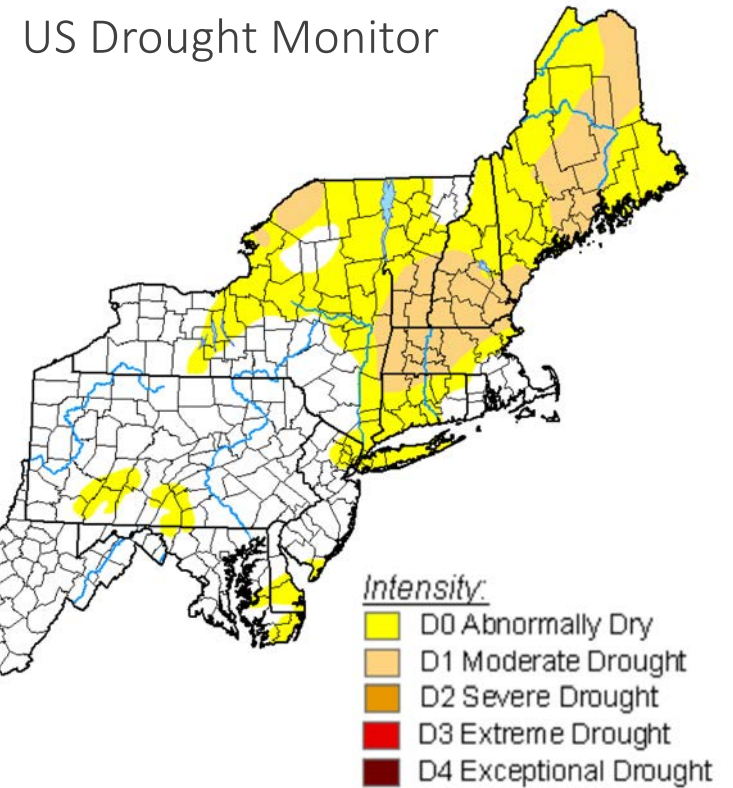


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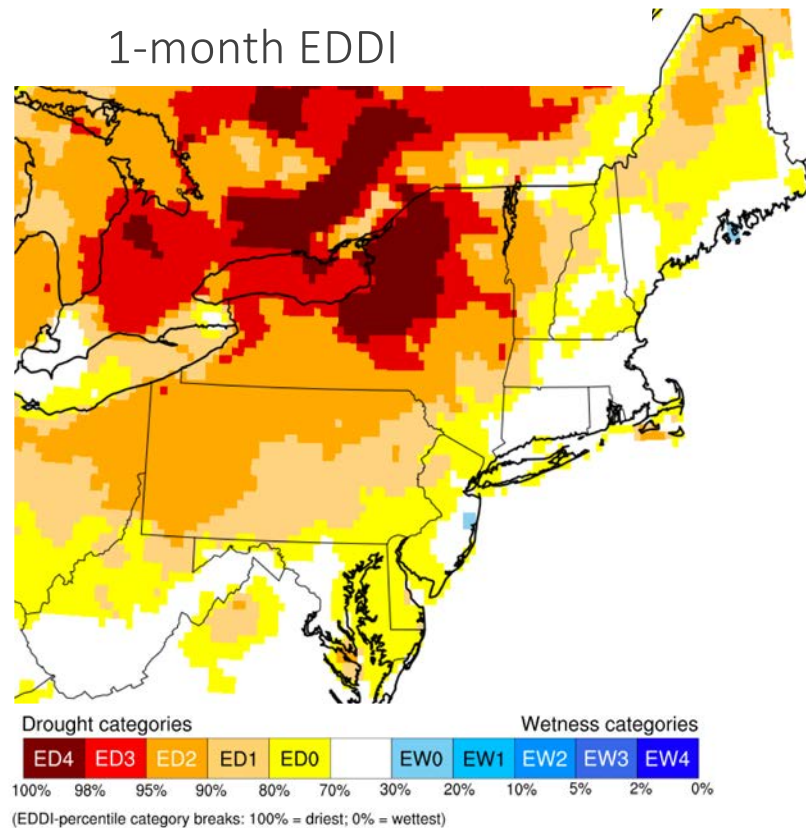


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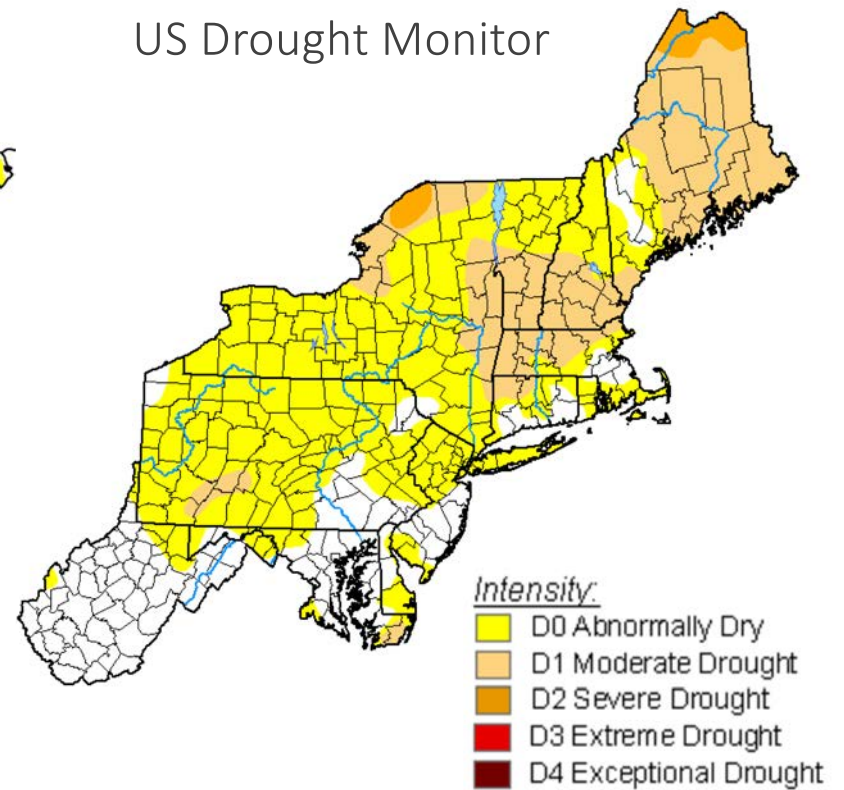
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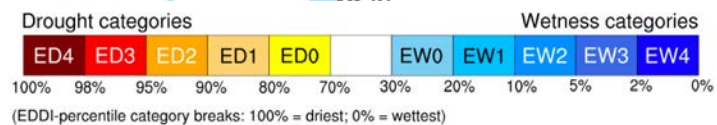
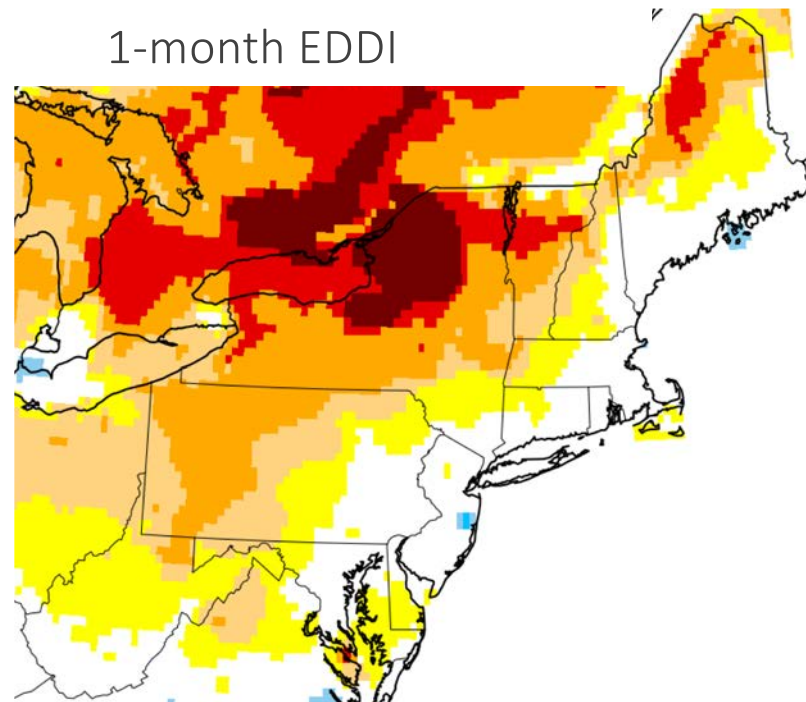
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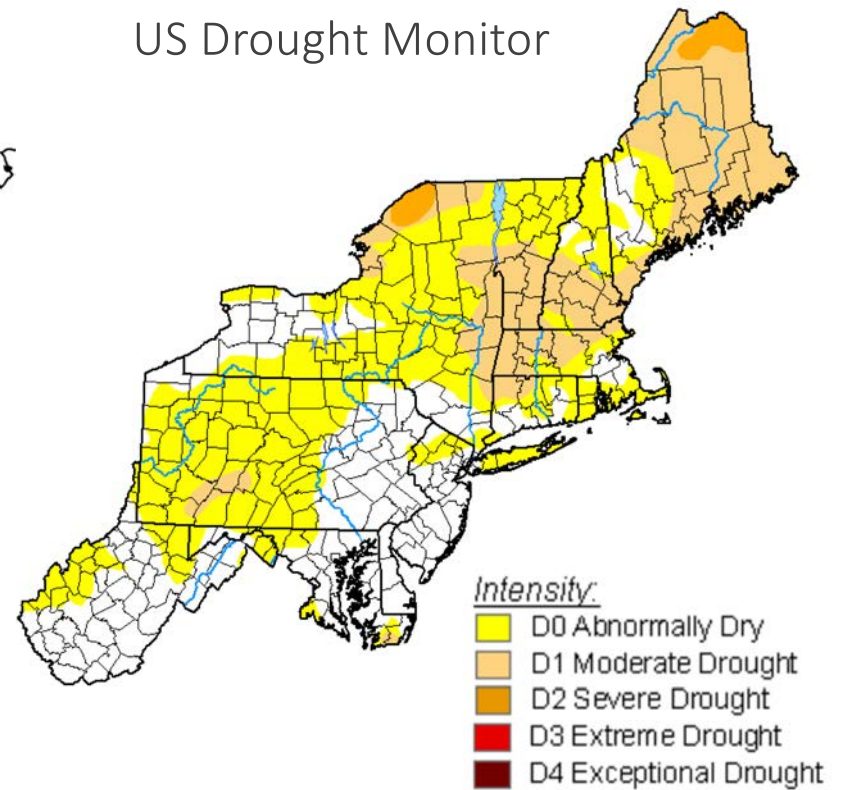
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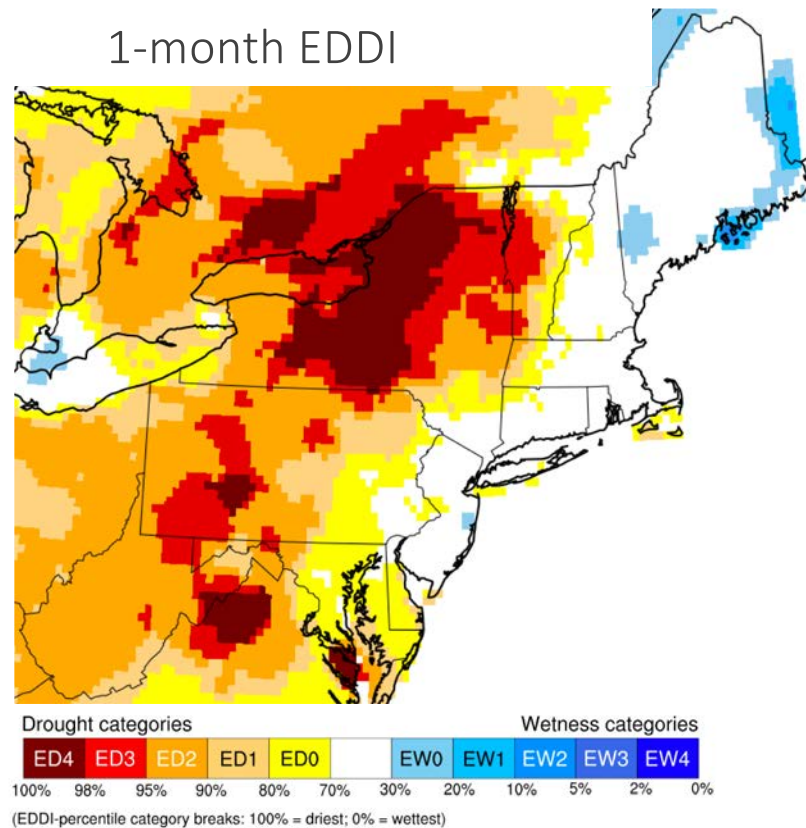
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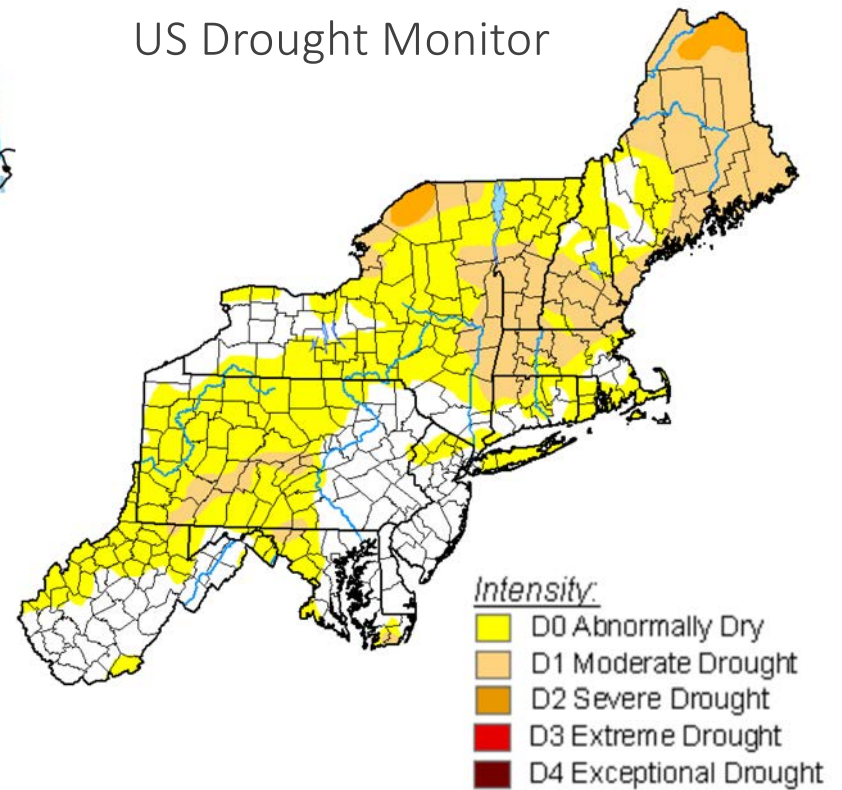
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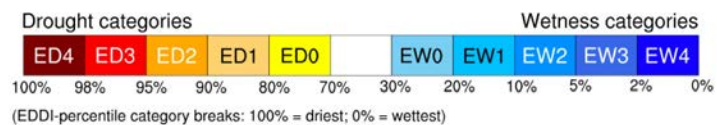


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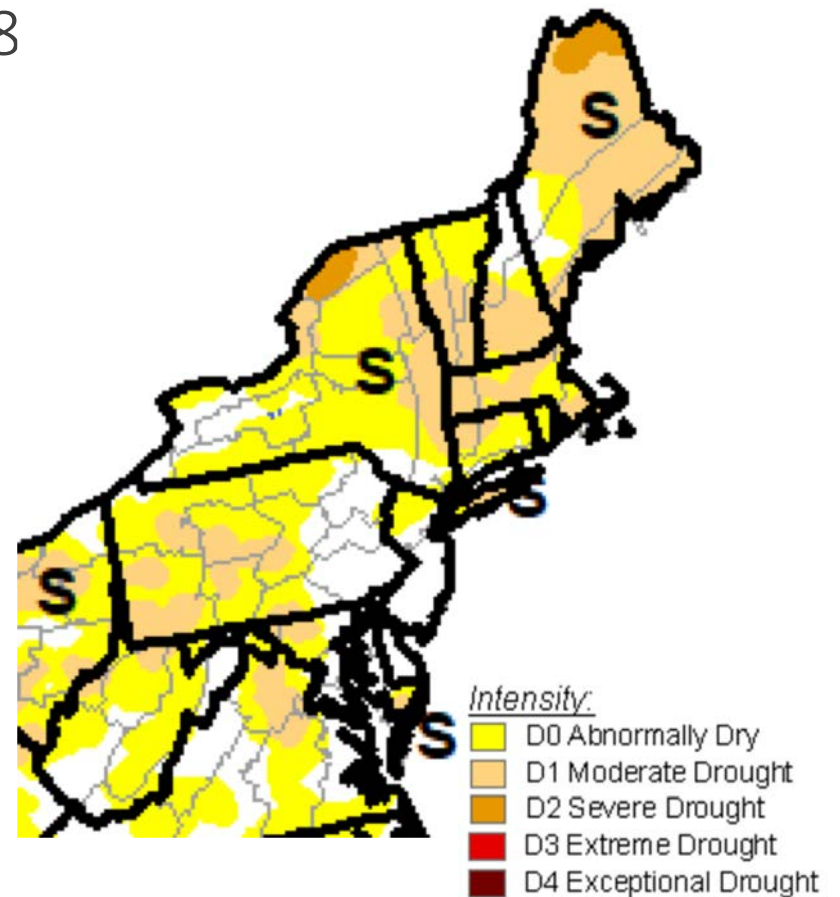
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1-month EDDI

*EDDI for July 28 not  
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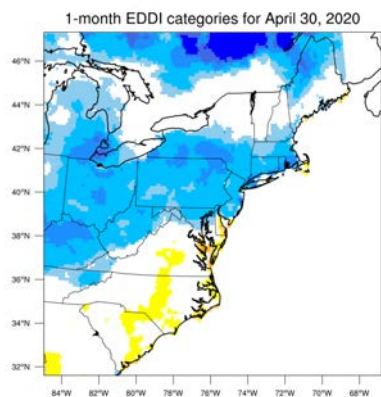
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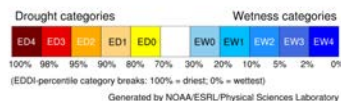
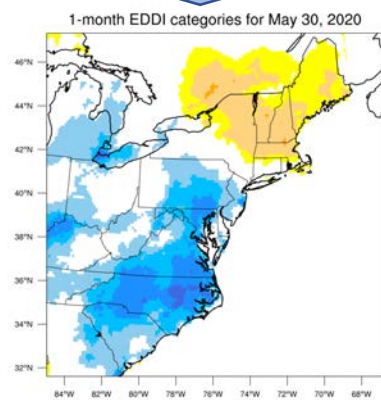
## EDDI | *Change maps*

1-month EDDI  
April 30, 2020



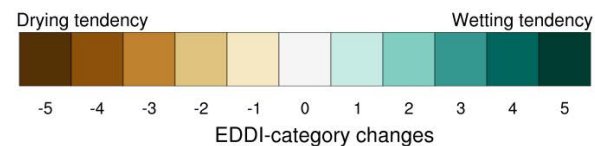
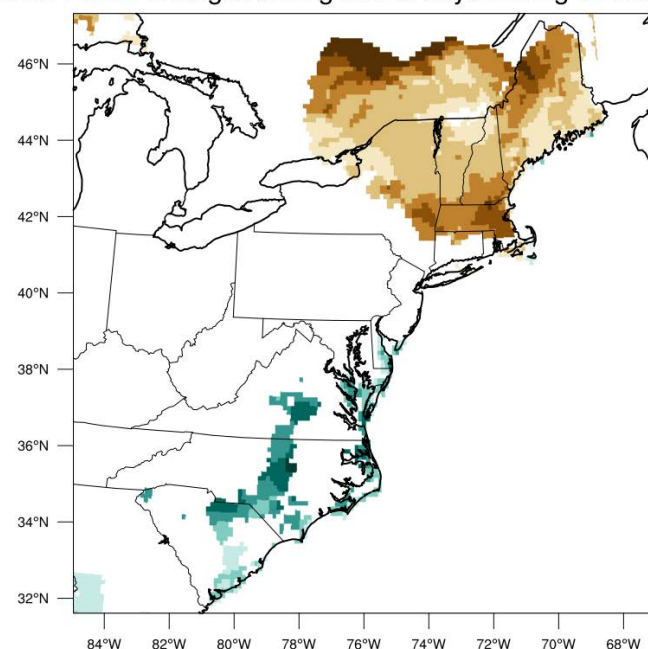
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1-month EDDI  
May 30, 2020



## 30-day changes in 1-month EDDI

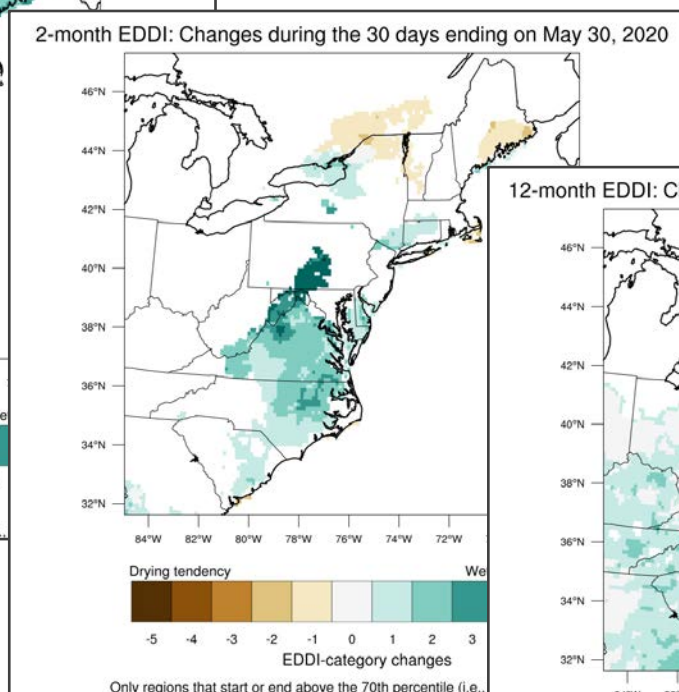
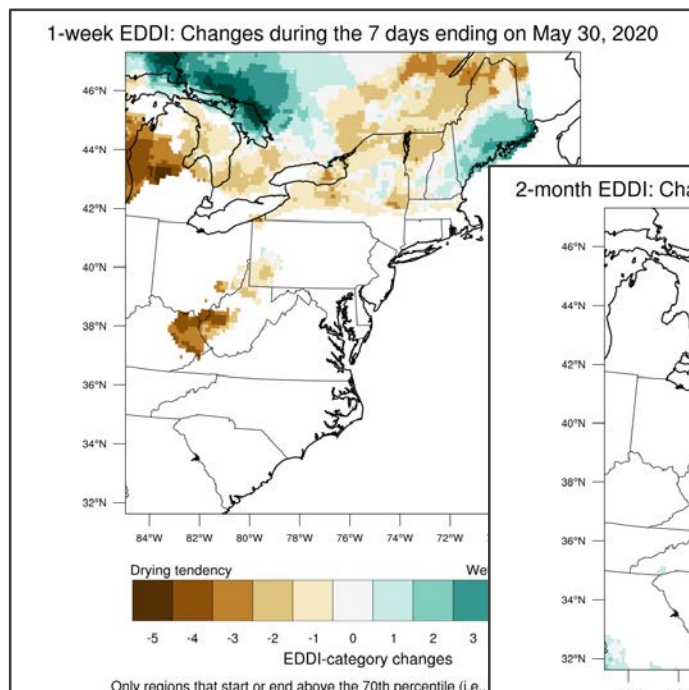
1-month EDDI: Changes during the 30 days ending on May 30, 2020



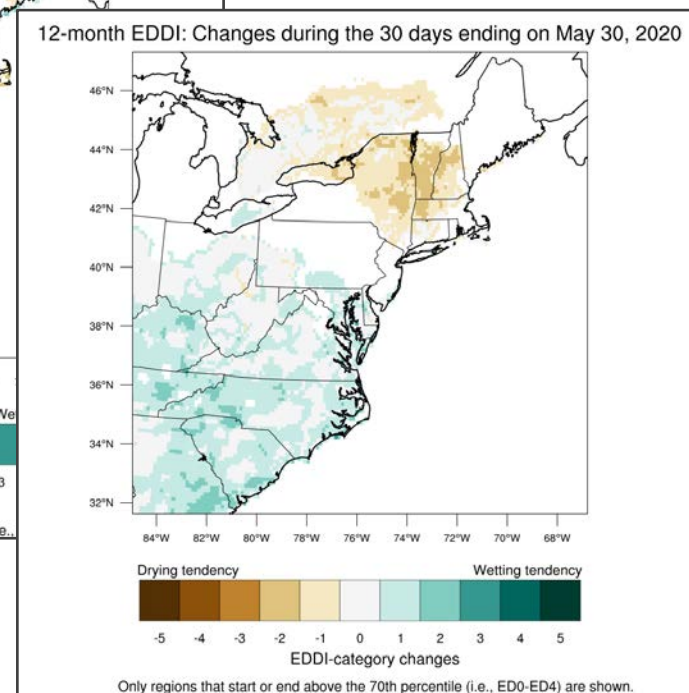
Only regions that start or end above the 70th percentile (i.e., ED0-ED4) are shown.

## EDDI | *Change maps*

Very dynamic:  
timescale =  
change interval



Long memory:  
timescale = 12 x change interval



## EDDI and $E_0$ application | Attribution – diagnosing drought's demand side

How much are changes in  $E_0$  due to each driver's changes?

$E_0 = f(T, R_d, q, U_2)$ , so

$$\Delta E_0 = \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial T} \Delta T + \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial R_d} \Delta R_d + \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial q} \Delta q + \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial U_2} \Delta U_2$$

derived  
analytically

anomalies  
observed in  
reanalyses

$$\frac{\partial E_0}{\partial T} = \left\{ \frac{0.408 \bar{\Delta} \left[ \bar{R}_n \frac{4169.871 - 2\bar{T}}{(\bar{T} - 35.85)^2} - 4\sigma_{\text{cd}} (0.34 - 0.14\sqrt{\bar{e}_a}) \bar{T}^3 \right]}{\bar{\Delta} + \gamma(1 + C_d \bar{U})} + \frac{4169.871 - 2\bar{T}}{(\bar{T} - 35.85)^2} \frac{0.408 \bar{\Delta} \bar{R}_n + \gamma \frac{C_n}{\bar{T}} \bar{U} (\bar{e}_{\text{sat}} - \bar{e}_a)}{[\bar{\Delta} + \gamma(1 + C_d \bar{U})]^2} \right\}$$

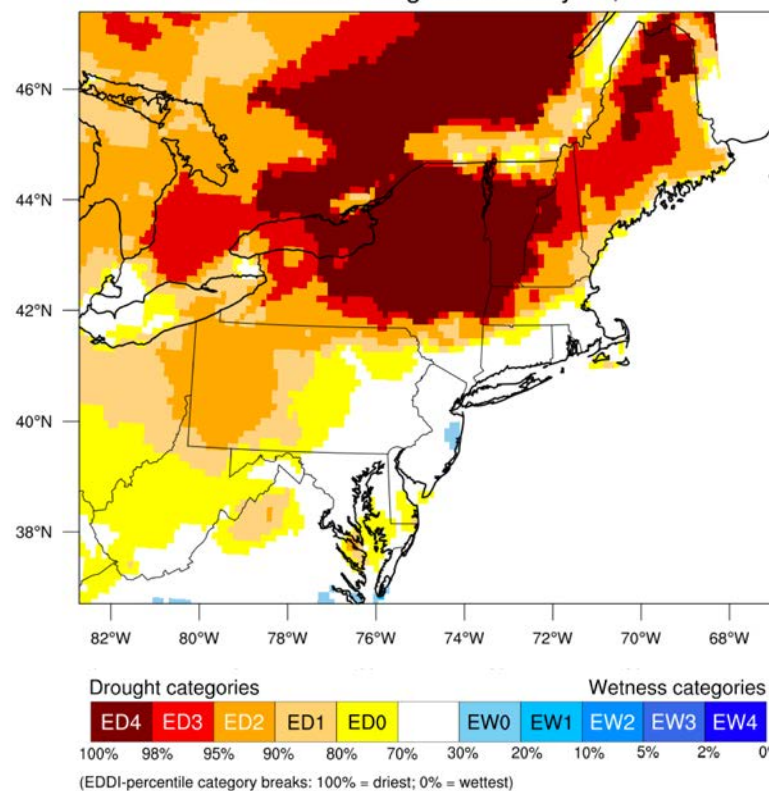
(Hobbins, TransASABE 2016)

$T$  = temperature  
 $R_d$  = solar radiation  
 $q$  = humidity  
 $U_2$  = wind speed

## EDDI and $E_0$ application | Attribution – diagnosing drought's demand side

EDDI across length of drought so far (per US Drought Monitor)

2-month EDDI categories for July 17, 2020



Decomposition of 2-month  $E_0$  anomaly,  
May 18 – July 17, 2020

$$\Delta E_0 = \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial T} \Delta T + \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial R_d} \Delta R_d + \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial q} \Delta q + \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial U_2} \Delta U_2$$

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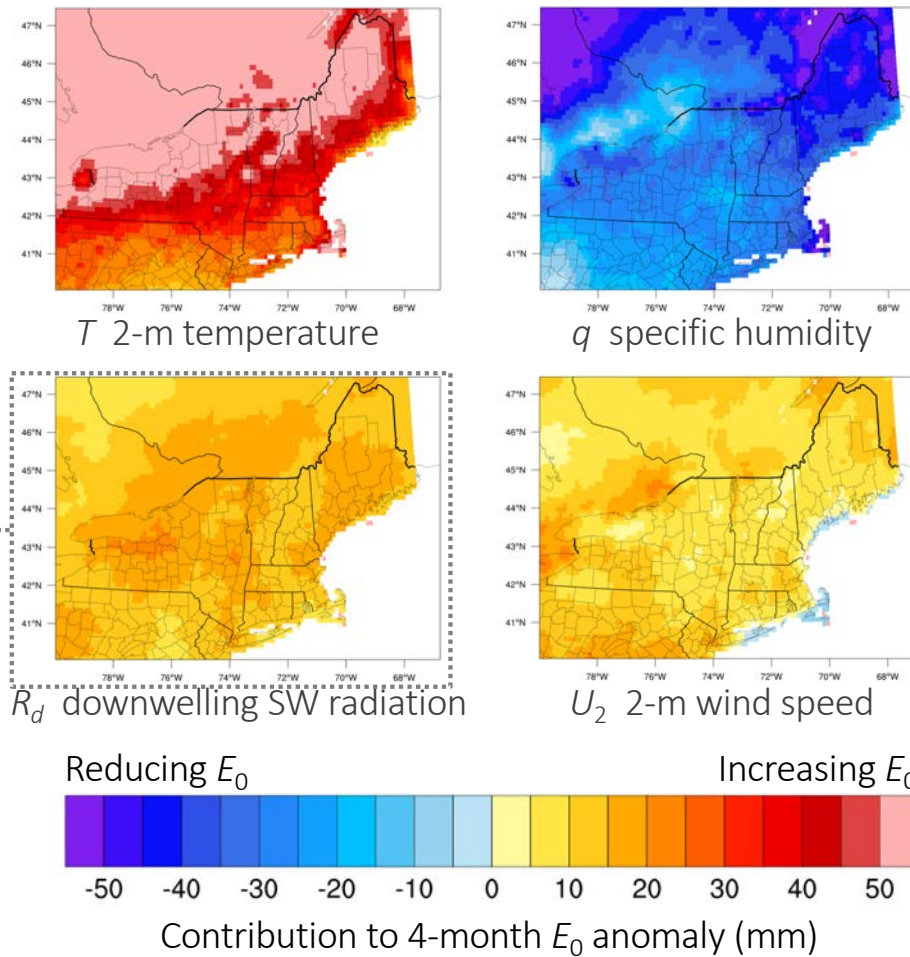
$U_2$  = wind speed

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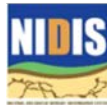


Coming work | *NIDIS-funded project for Northeast DEWS*

## Identifying and quantifying triggers, time scales, and tools to support management of different drought types in the Northeastern United States

A NOAA Climate Program Office (CPO) Sectoral Applications Research Program (SARP) funded project

- Dan McEvoy (PI), Imtiaz Rangwala, Heather Yocum, Mike Hobbins
- Art DeGaetano - Cornell University and NOAA-Northeast Regional Climate Center, Ithaca, NY



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## Project Objectives

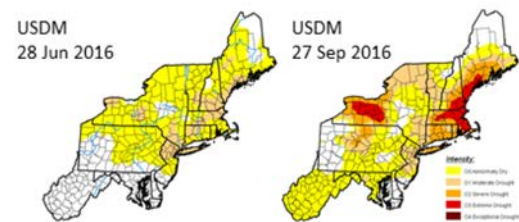
Identify the most effective drought indicators for hydrologic and agricultural drought monitoring in the Northeast DEWS region:

- What time scales align with impacts seen on the ground?
- What index or combination of indices works best?
- Some drought index inputs: Prcp, Temp,  $E_0$ , ET, soil moisture, snow water equivalent, runoff

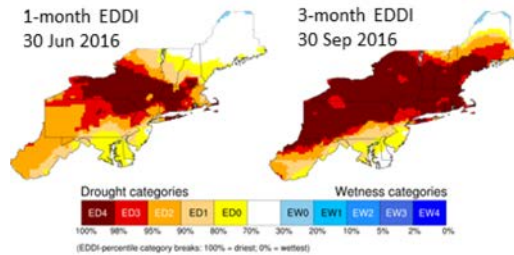
Understand how to use this information to strengthen the Northeast DEWS and incorporate it into management, planning, and decision-making.

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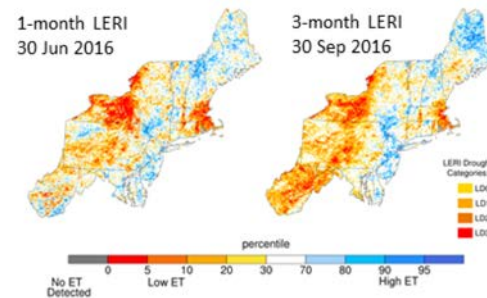
Example indices  
during 2016 drought



United States Drought Monitor  
(USDM)



Evaporative Demand Drought Index  
(EDDI)



Landscape Evaporative Response Index  
(LERI)

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Questions  
for project  
collaborators

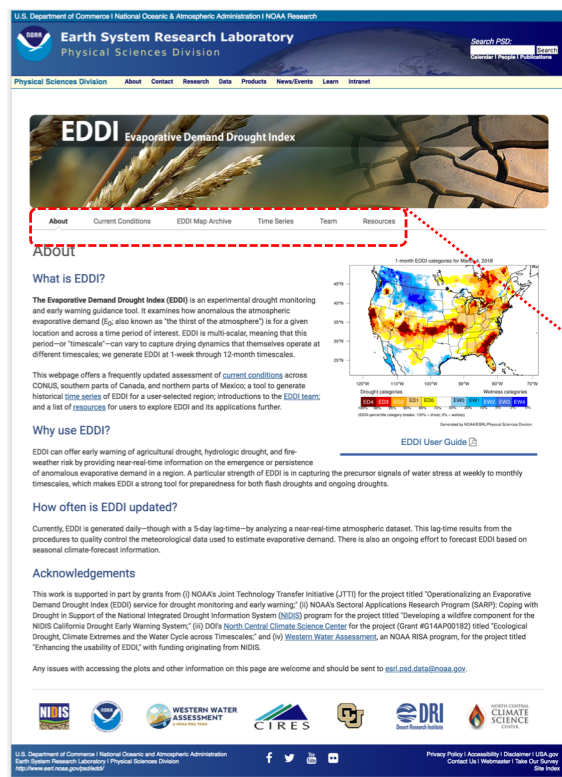
How is drought information and data used in different sectors?

- Agriculture
- Water resources
- City, county, or state drought planning
- Research and academics
- Recreation
- Others?

Are there obvious needs for development of new drought information resources?

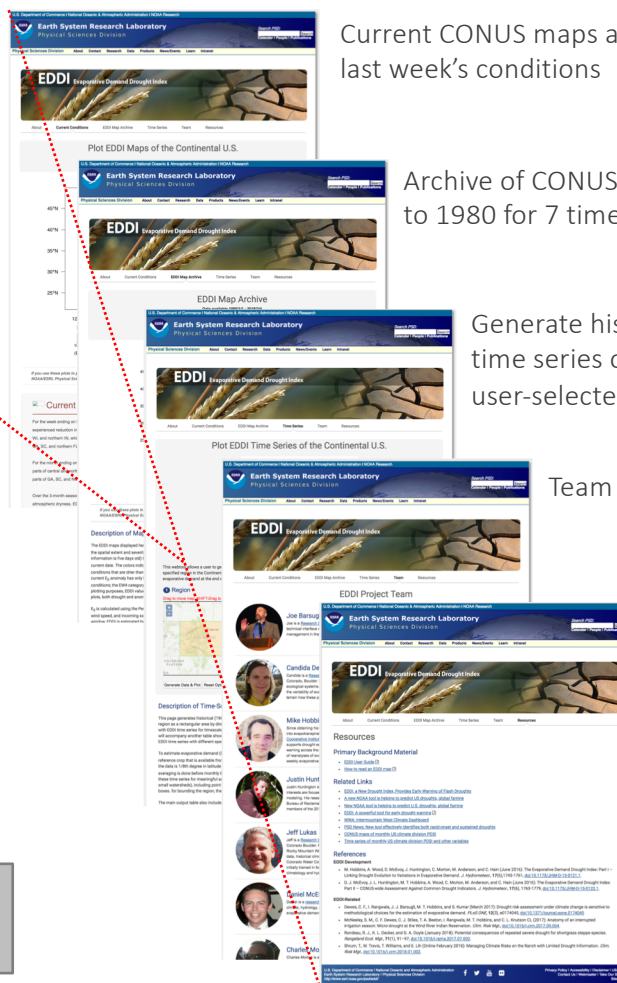
Are there other people or agencies who might be interested in providing feedback on this project?

## Got EDDI? | NOAA webpage



The screenshot shows the NOAA EDDI homepage. At the top is the NOAA logo and the title 'Earth System Research Laboratory Physical Sciences Division'. Below this is a navigation bar with links: Physical Sciences Division, About, Contact, Research, Data, Products, News/Events, Learn, and Intranet. The main content area features a large image of cracked earth with the text 'EDDI Evaporative Demand Drought Index'. Below this is a red dashed box containing the 'About' link. To the right of the 'About' box is a map of the United States showing EDDI values. Below the map is a 'What is EDDI?' section. The text explains that EDDI is an experimental drought monitoring and early warning guidance tool. It examines how anomalous the atmospheric evaporative demand (E<sub>a</sub>) is for a given location and across a time period of interest. EDDI is multi-scale, meaning that this period—or 'timescale'—can vary to capture drying dynamics that themselves operate at different timescales; we generate EDDI at 1-week through 12-month timescales. This webpage offers a frequently updated assessment of current conditions across CONUS, southern parts of Canada, and northern parts of Mexico. A tool to generate historical time series of EDDI for a user-selected region; introductions to the EDDI team; and a list of resources for users to explore EDDI and its applications further. Below this is a 'Why use EDDI?' section. EDDI can offer early warning of agricultural drought, hydrologic drought, and fire-weather risk by providing near-real-time information on the emergence or persistence of anomalous evaporative demand in a region. A particular strength of EDDI is in capturing the precursor signals of water stress at weekly to monthly timescales, which makes EDDI a strong tool for preparedness for both flash droughts and ongoing droughts. Below this is a 'How often is EDDI updated?' section. Currently, EDDI is generated daily—though with a 5-day lag time—by analyzing a near-real-time atmospheric dataset. This lag-time results from the procedures to quality control the meteorological data used to estimate evaporative demand. There is also an ongoing effort to forecast EDDI based on seasonal climate-forecast information. Below this is an 'Acknowledgements' section. This work is supported in part by grants from (i) NOAA's Joint Technology Transfer Initiative (JTII) for the project titled 'Operationalizing an Evaporative Demand Drought Index (EDDI) service for drought monitoring and early warning'; (ii) NOAA's Sectoral Applications Research Program (SARP); Coping with Drought in Support of the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) program for the project titled 'Developing a wildfire component for the NIDIS California Drought Early Warning System'; (iii) DOE's North Central Climate Science Center for the project (Grant #01-NA001862) titled 'Ecological Drought, Climate Extremes and the Water Cycle across Timescales'; and (iv) Western Water Assessment, an NOAA RISA program, for the project titled 'Enhancing the usability of EDDI' with funding originating from NIDIS. Below this is a 'Any issues with accessing the plots and other information on this page are welcome and should be sent to [esrl.esd.data@noaa.gov](mailto:esrl.esd.data@noaa.gov)' section. At the bottom are logos for NIDIS, NOAA, Western Water Assessment, CIRES, and EDDI. Below these are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. At the very bottom is the NOAA logo and the text 'U.S. Department of Commerce | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration | Earth System Research Laboratory | Physical Sciences Division | [esrl.esd.data@noaa.gov](mailto:esrl.esd.data@noaa.gov)'.

<https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/eddi/>  
- or search for “EDDI NOAA”



The collage shows several screenshots of the EDDI website. The top left screenshot shows the 'Current Conditions' page, which displays a map of the United States with EDDI values. The top right screenshot shows the 'EDDI Map Archive' page, which displays a map of the United States with EDDI values. The middle left screenshot shows the 'EDDI Project Team' page, which lists the team members. The middle right screenshot shows the 'Resources' page, which lists various resources. The bottom left screenshot shows the 'About' page, which provides information about EDDI. The bottom right screenshot shows the 'References' page, which lists various references. A red dashed line connects the 'About' link on the NOAA homepage to the 'About' page in the collage.

Current CONUS maps and synopsis of last week's conditions

Archive of CONUS maps back to 1980 for 7 time scales

Generate historical (> 38-year) time series of EDDI values for user-selected rectangle

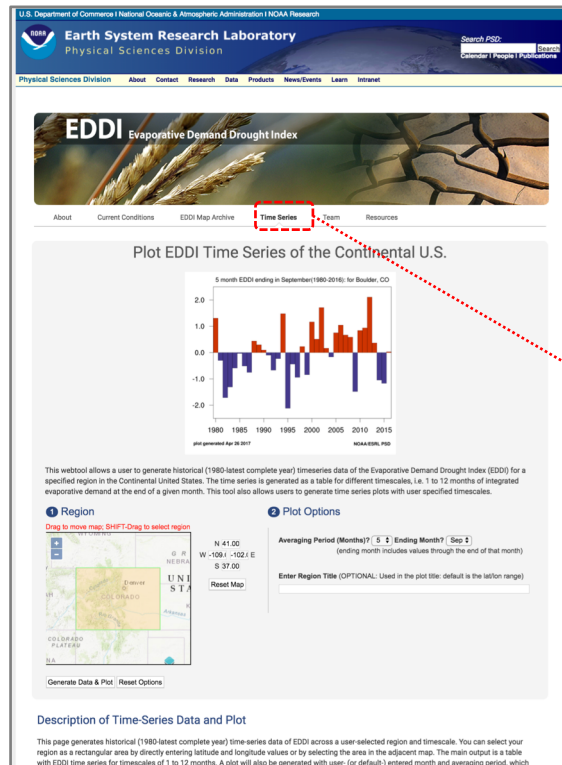
Team bios

Resources:

- user guide
- papers
- related links

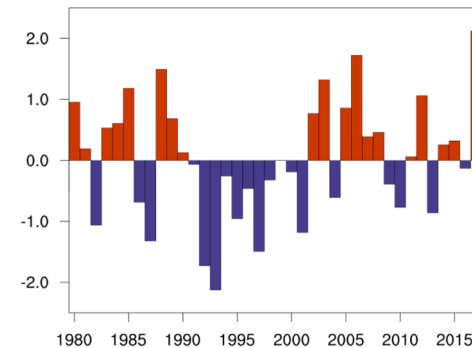


## Got EDDI? | NOAA webpage – historical timeseries tool



- Tool generates and plots historical EDDI time series for user-selected rectangle at 1- to 12-monthly time scales
- Time period: 1980-present
- Research into understanding past impacts
- Helpful for exploring relevant EDDI timescales for user-relevant impacts

1 month EDDI ending in July(1980-2017): for NE Montana (46.5-49N, 104-108.5W)

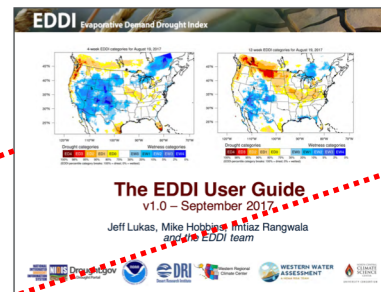
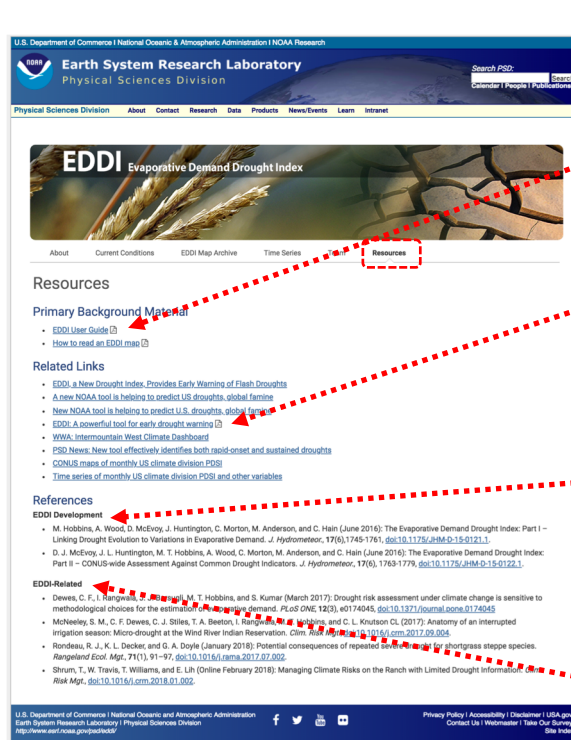


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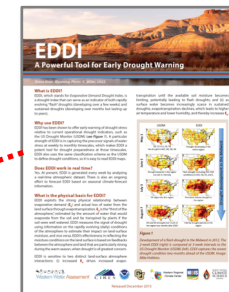
NOAA/ESRL PSD

<https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/eddi/>  
- or search for “EDDI NOAA”

Got EDDI? | NOAA webpage – resources and user guide



(Lukas et al., WWA 2017)



(Rangwala et al., NOAA 2015)

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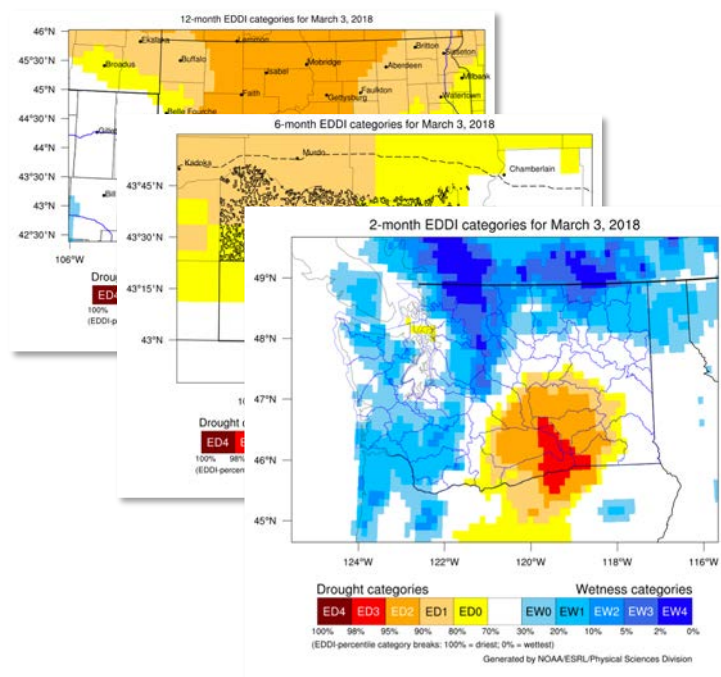
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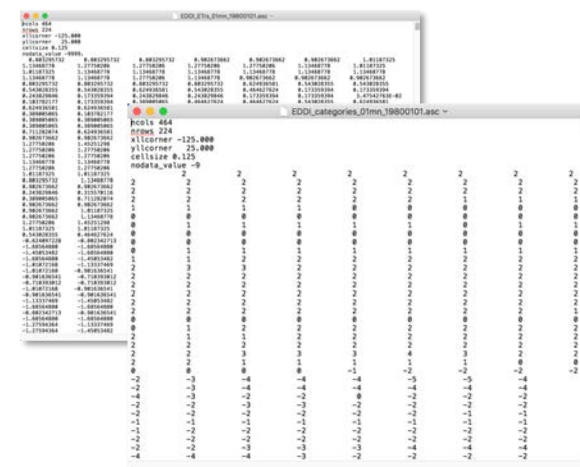
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## Got EDDI? | *Variety of formats*

EDDI maps with user-provided context:  
e.g., highways, towns, reservations,  
watersheds, rivers



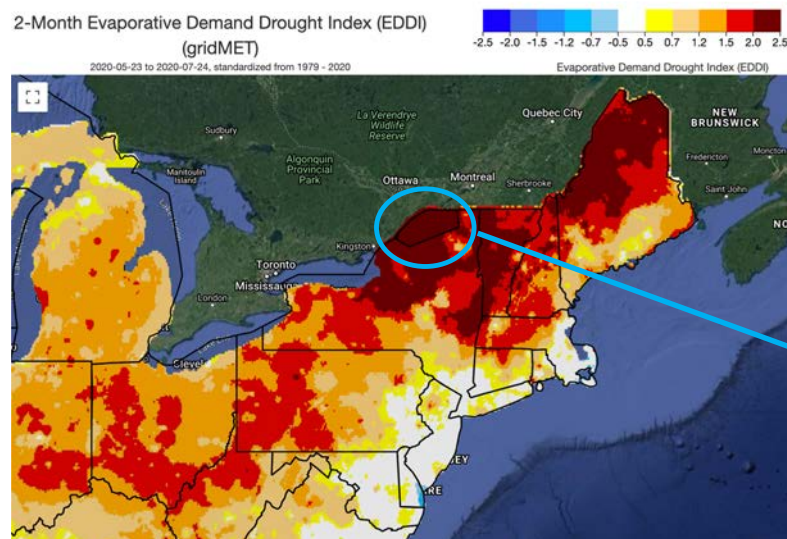
Flat ascii grids of EDDI data:  
e.g., raw EDDI values, EDDI drought /  
wetness categories



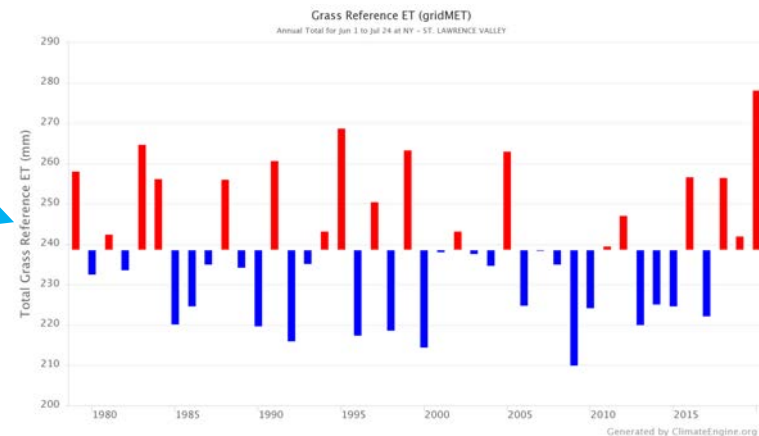
Coming soon...

...NetCDFs

## EDDI in the Cloud | *Climate Engine*



St. Lawrence Valley, NY Climate Division  
Total  $E_0$ , June 1 – July 24, 2020



- Interactive maps; zoom to desired region
- Download maps as geotiffs
- Download time series graphs and data

<https://app.climateengine.org/climateEngine>

- or contact Dr. Dan McEvoy, DRI  
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- Other drought indices: SPEI, SPI, PDSI
- Remote sensing data (e.g., NDVI), and other climate data available globally

## Got EDDI? | *Access to data*

EDDI and downloadable archives:

- EDDI - <ftp://ftp.cdc.noaa.gov/Projects/EDDI/>

EDDI webpage:

- <https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/eddi/>  
- or search for “EDDI NOAA”

FTP map and data access for Denver Water:

- <ftp://ftp.cdc.noaa.gov/Public/mhobbins/EDDI/DW/>

Off-site hosting:

- Drought.gov
- NIDIS DEWS pages
- RISA and RCC climate dashboards

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