House Water Committee Drought Impacts to Municipal Water Providers

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Municipal Water Supply Planning and the Need to Think Long-Term



• Responsibility to plan for and serve our growing communities



• Limited future water supply options



Long-term climate change impacts to existing supplies



Improve federal partnerships for water supply needs/advocacy





Increasing average annual temperatures



More frequent extreme temperatures



Increased risks of algal blooms



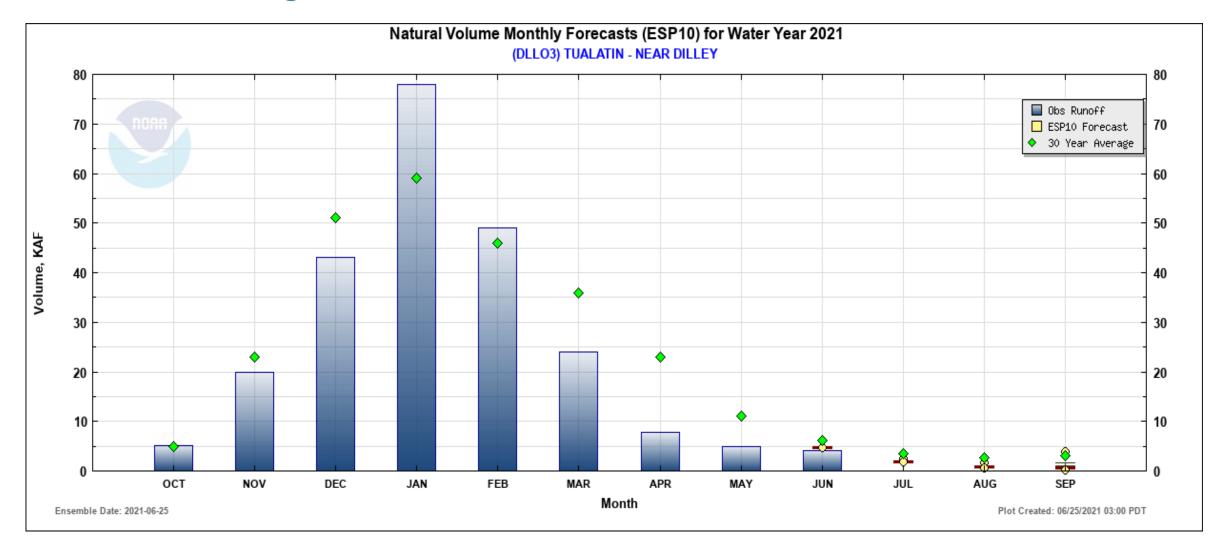
Increased risks of wildfires



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Streamflow Average, Predicted & Observed

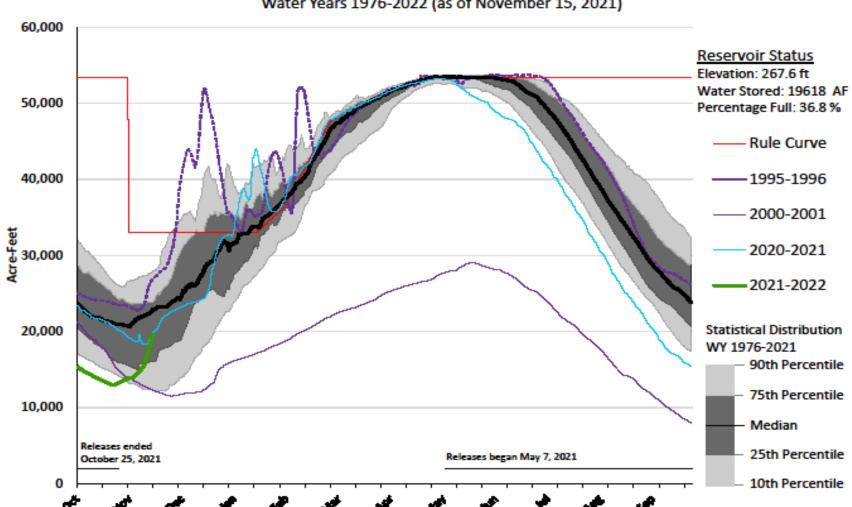




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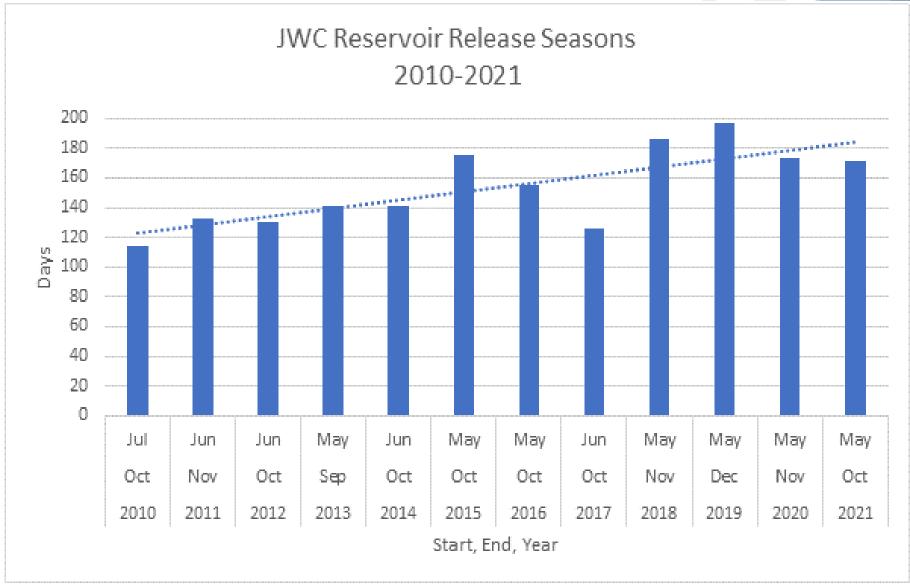
Scoggins Reservoir Storage
Water Years 1976-2022 (as of November 15, 2021)





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Emergency Events







Redundant Water Supplies

- Key to Resiliency and Adaptability
- Avoid Curtailment or Loss of Service
- Oregon Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (ORWARN)
 - Water and wastewater provider members support each other in times of need with equipment, expertise, and staffing.





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What do Water Providers need?







Support for infrastructure resiliency and modernization



- Support for innovative technology and water management strategies
- Multi-agency coordination and problem-solving