

May 20, 2026

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment  
Interim Committee

# State Water Supply and Drought Response

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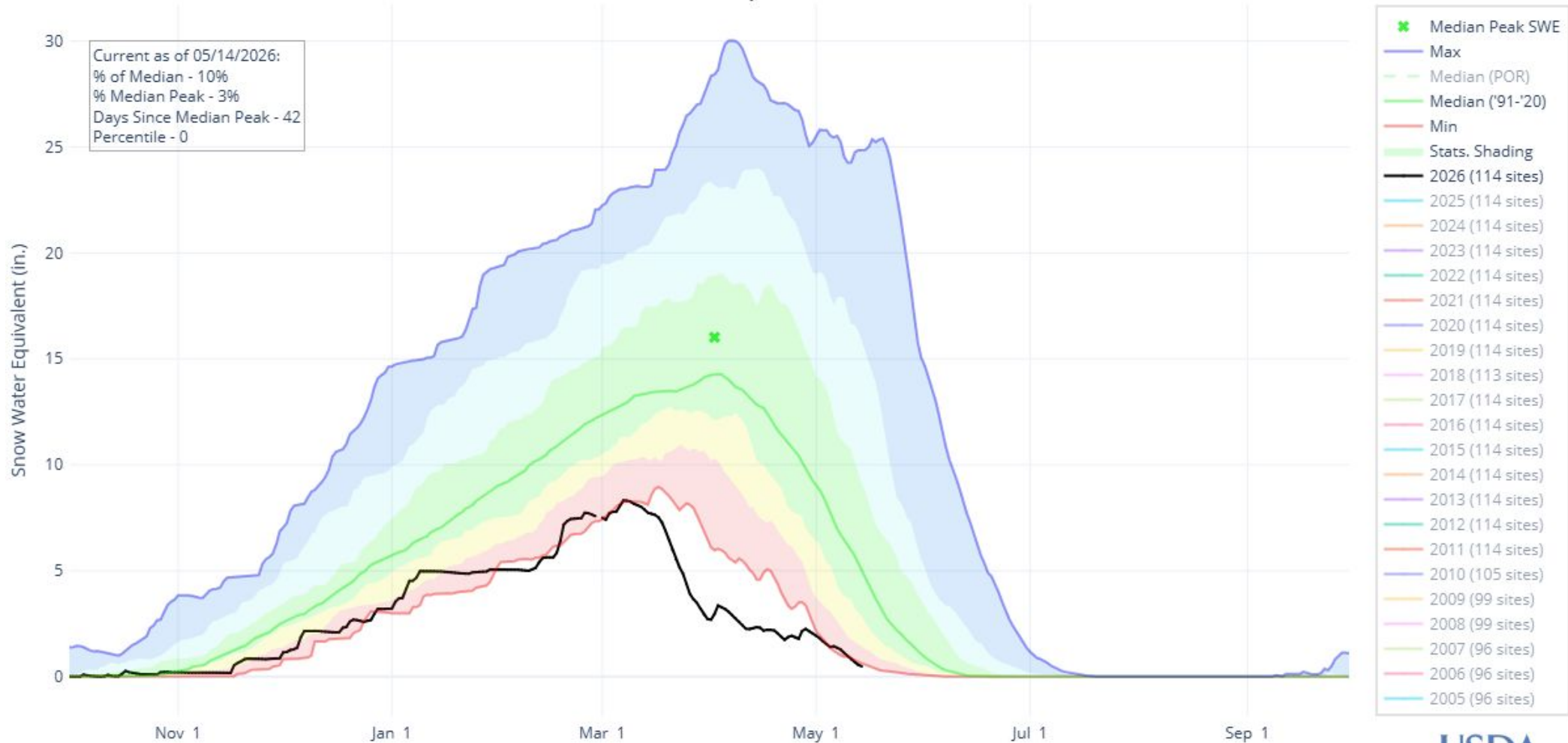
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# Snowpack

## SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN STATE OF UTAH

Reset Range

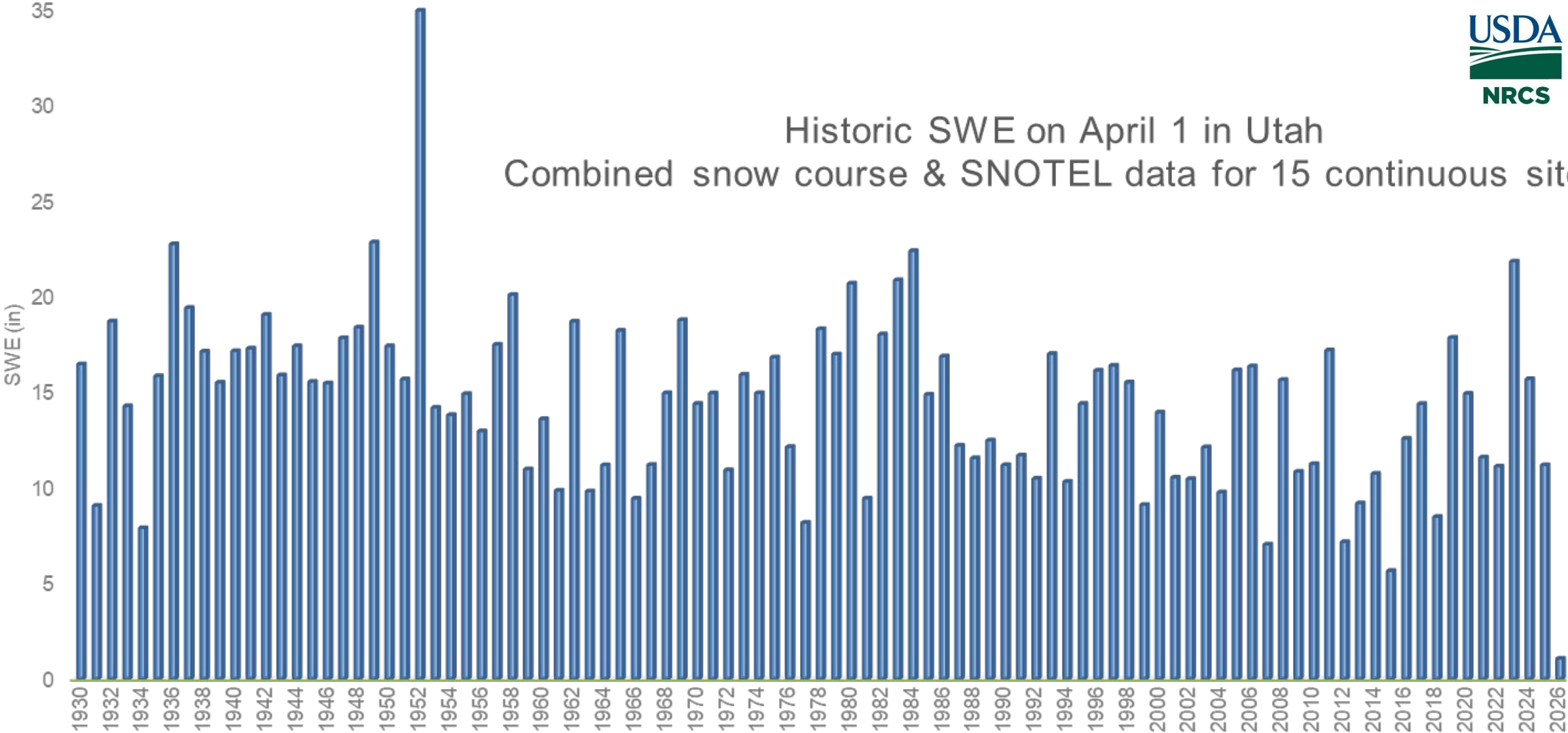
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# April 1 Snowpack

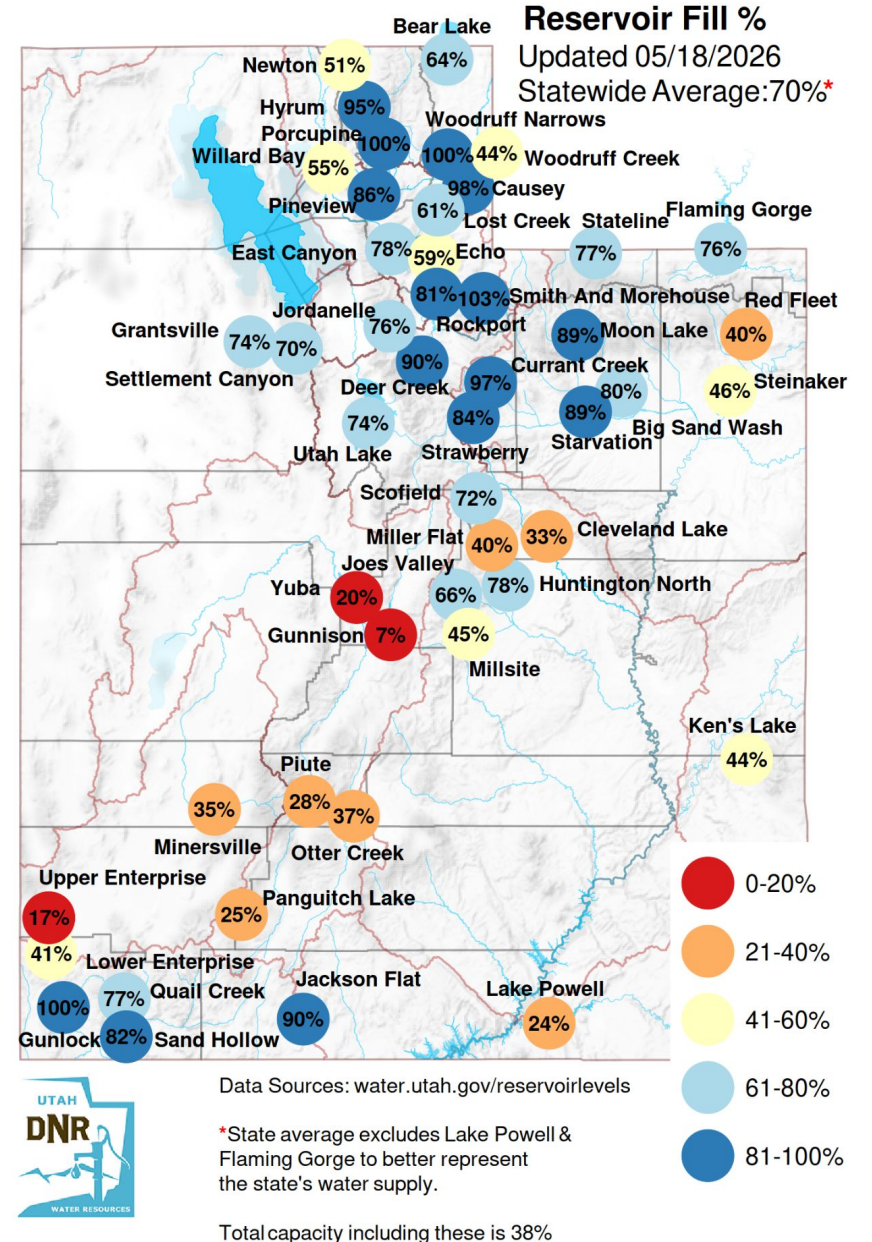
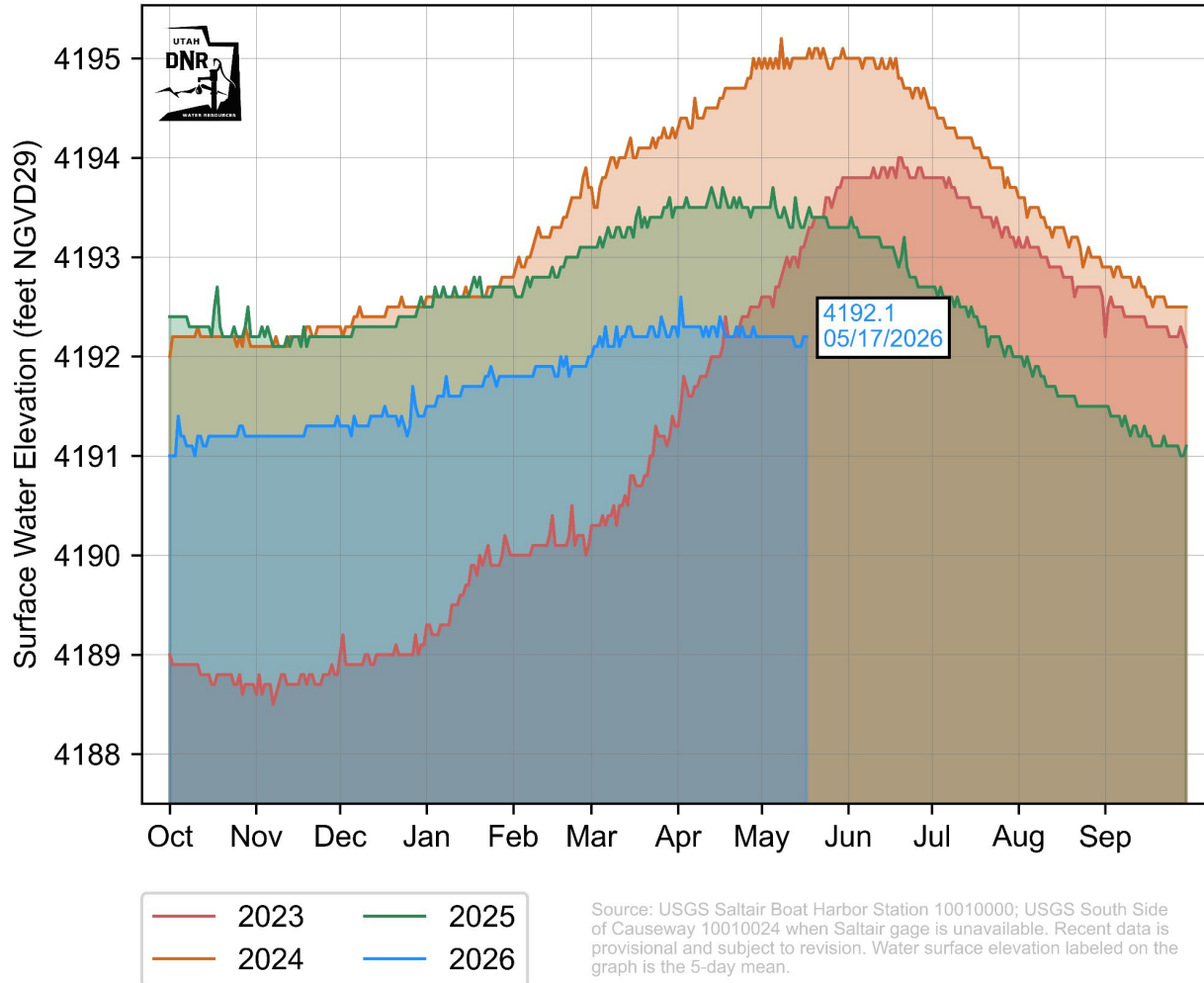


Historic SWE on April 1 in Utah  
Combined snow course & SNOTEL data for 15 continuous sites

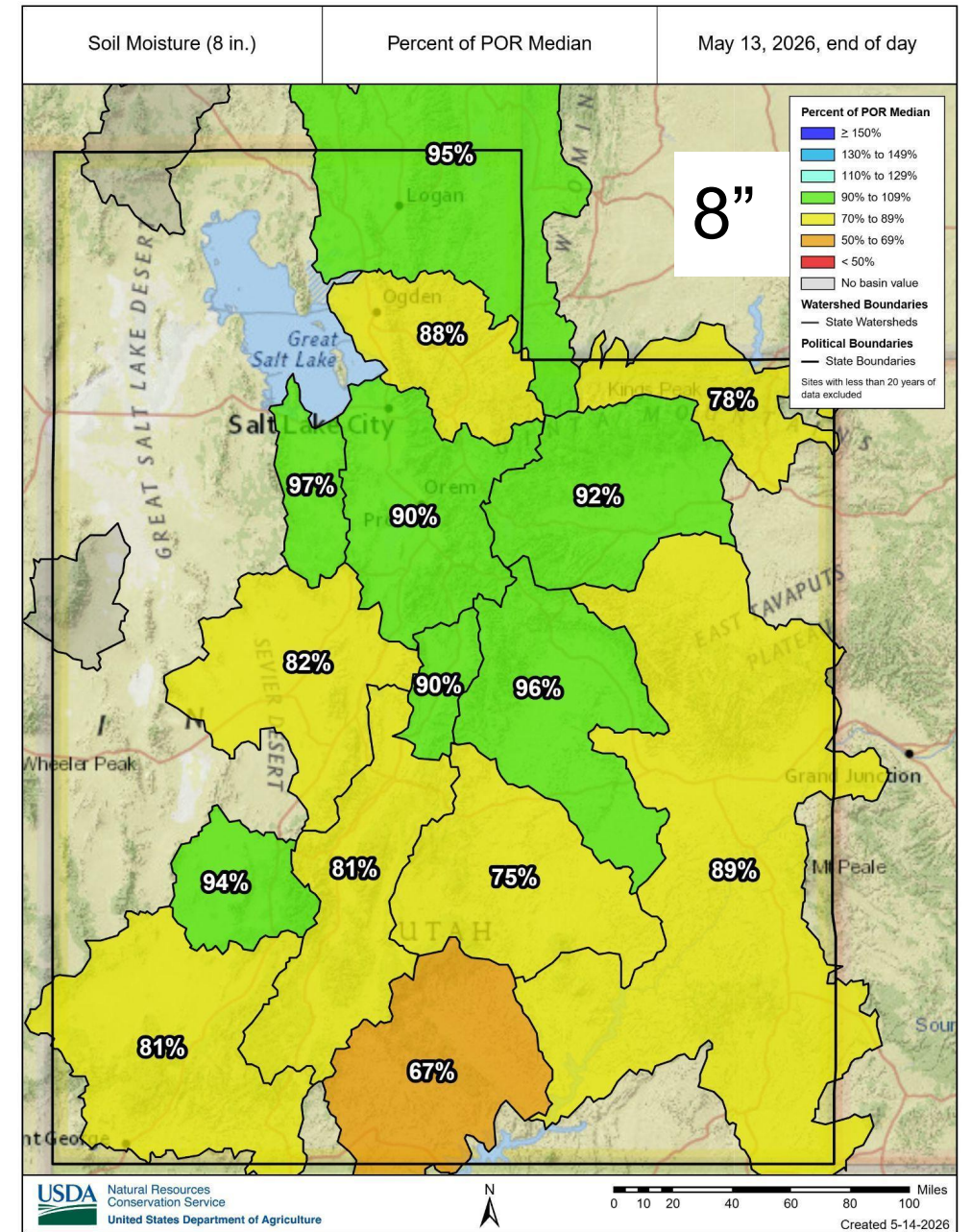
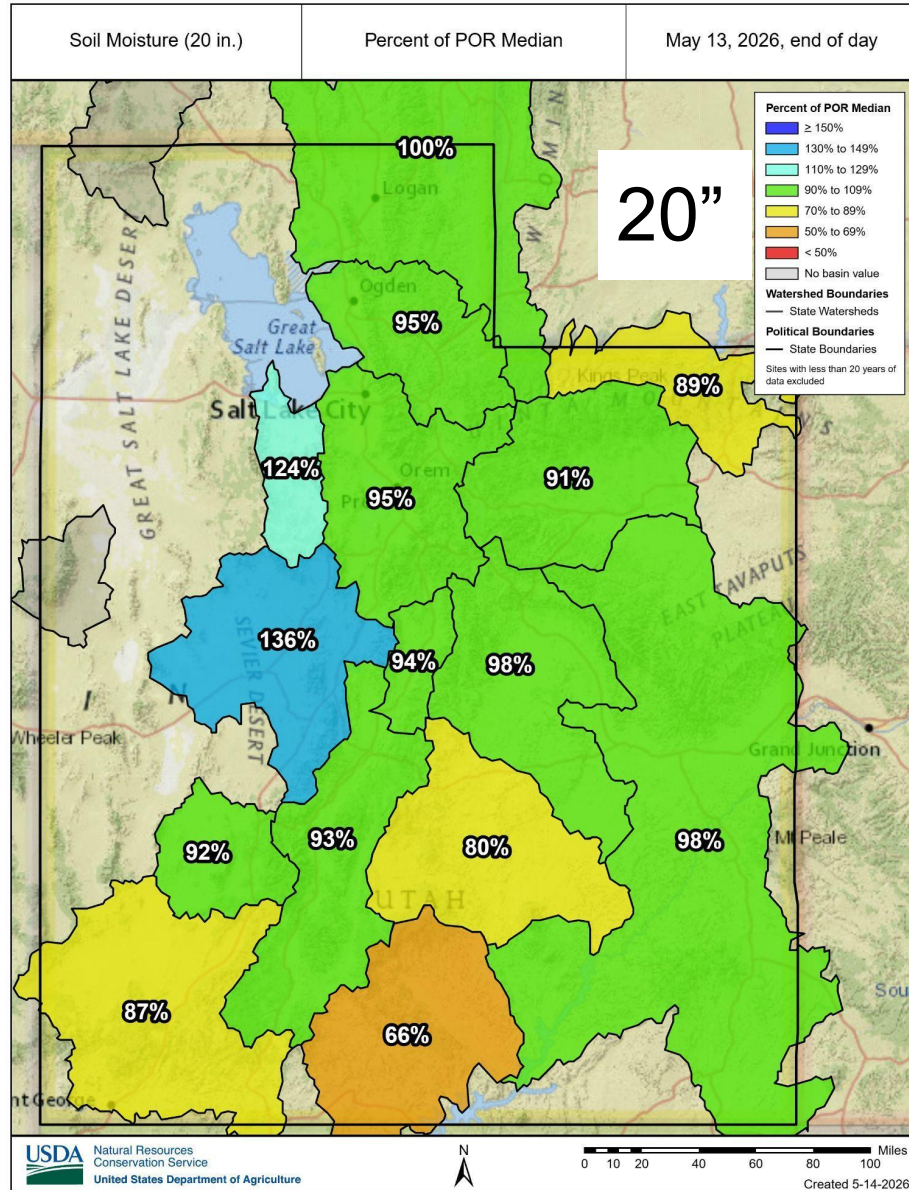


# Great Salt Lake

## Great Salt Lake South Arm Elevation

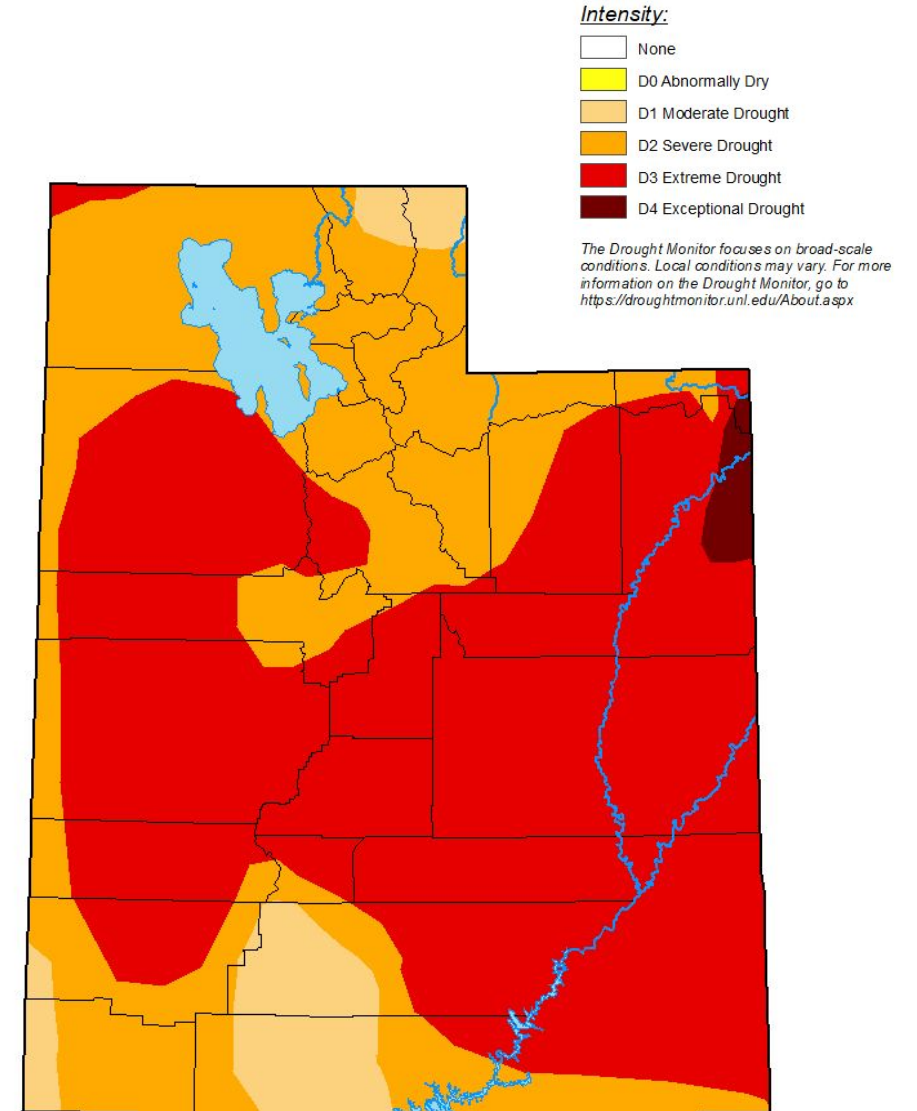


# Soil Moisture



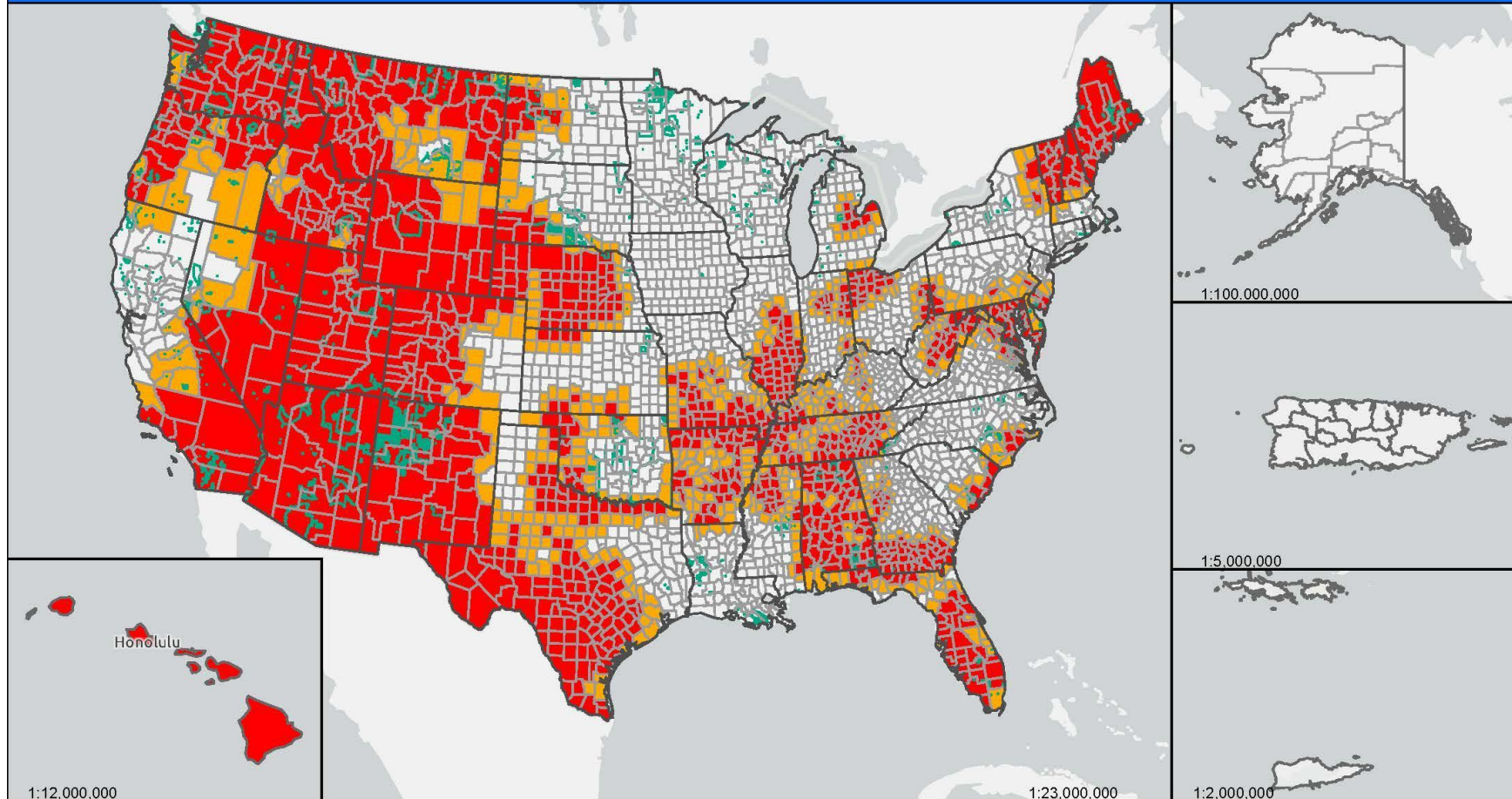
# U.S. Drought Monitor

- All counties have Severe Drought
  - High Dust
  - Streams and ponds dry
  - Pasture and water is inadequate for cattle
- Most counties have Extreme Drought
  - Fire danger increases; fire bans
  - Native vegetation is stressed
  - Streamflow is low



# Secretarial Disaster Designations - CY 2025

## Primary and Contiguous Counties Designated for Crop Disaster Losses



All Secretarial Designations as of January 28, 2026  
Total All Crop Approval Designations



United States Department of Agriculture  
Farm Service Agency  
Program Delivery/Safety Net Division  
January 28, 2026

- State Boundary
- County Boundary
- Tribal Lands
- Primary Counties: 1,012
- Contiguous Counties: 648

# Drought Response Committee



- Meets at minimum twice a year
- Proactive
- Identify impacts & unmet needs
- Provide unified messaging
- Increases agency coordination
- Conveys conditions to the Governor

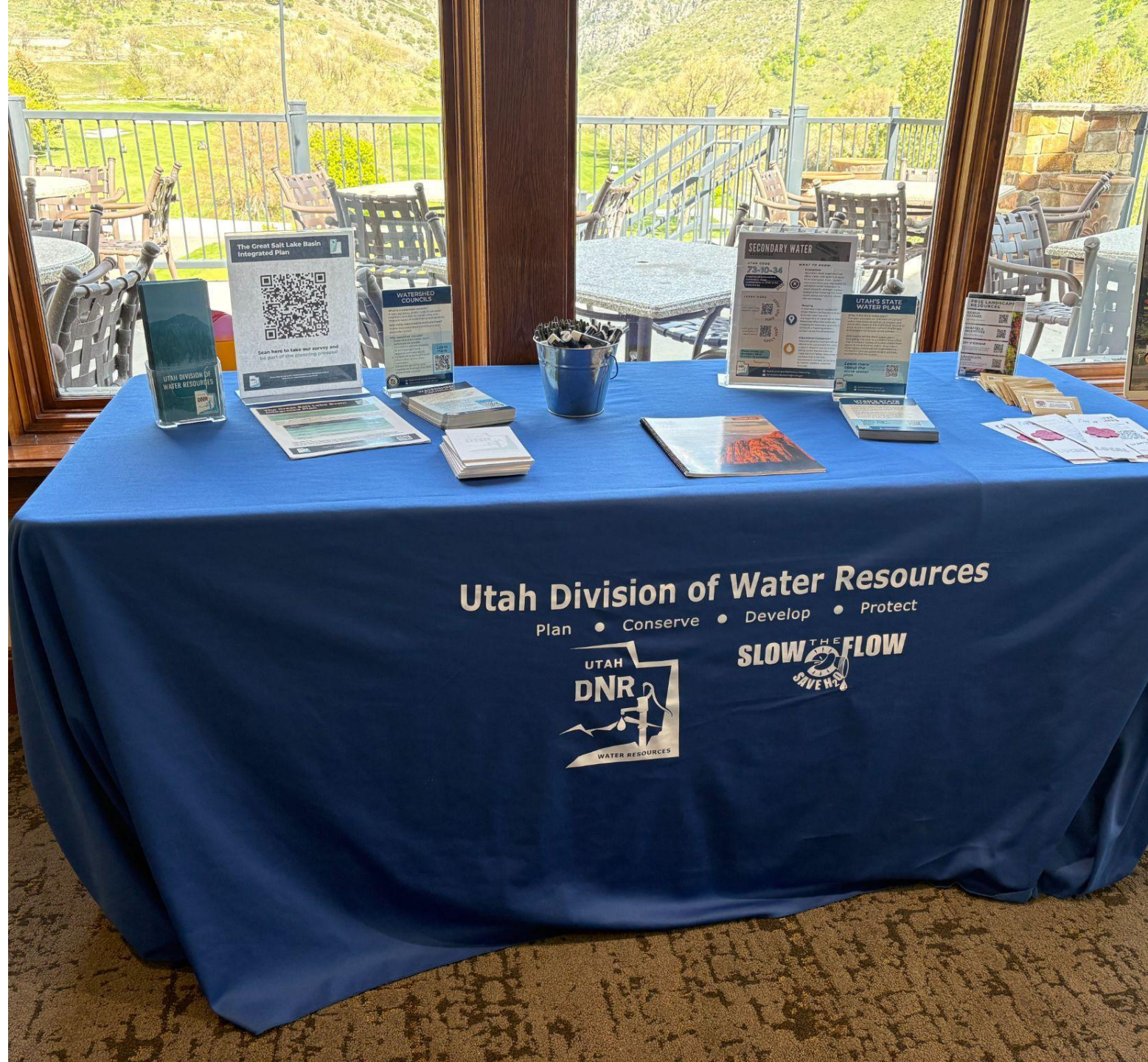
# Conservation Outreach

- 11 localscapes classes taught, 2 more soon
- 3 landscape DIY webinars, 6 more planned
- 4 community fair events in the next month



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- Three new rural communities reached
- One city adopted water-efficient landscape ordinances
- Booths at 12 community events
- 7 school outreaches
- More to come!



# Media Outreach



- Virtual informational meeting for County Commissioners
- Virtual press conference with State Engineer on direct flow rights
- Collaborative DNR wide media release bi-weekly
- Virtual press conferences scheduled for the summer
- Media event with the Governor scheduled this week



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