Development & Application of NorWeST Stream Temperature Scenarios for PNW Streams

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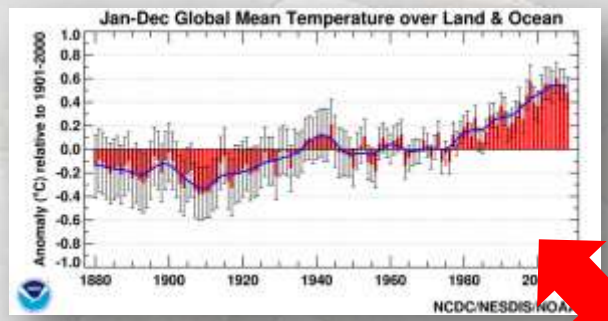
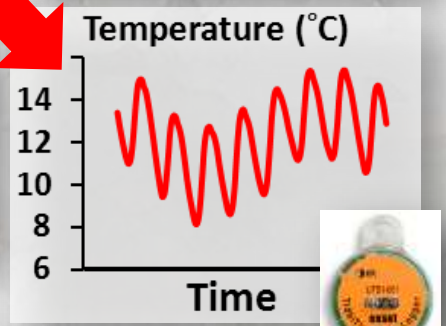


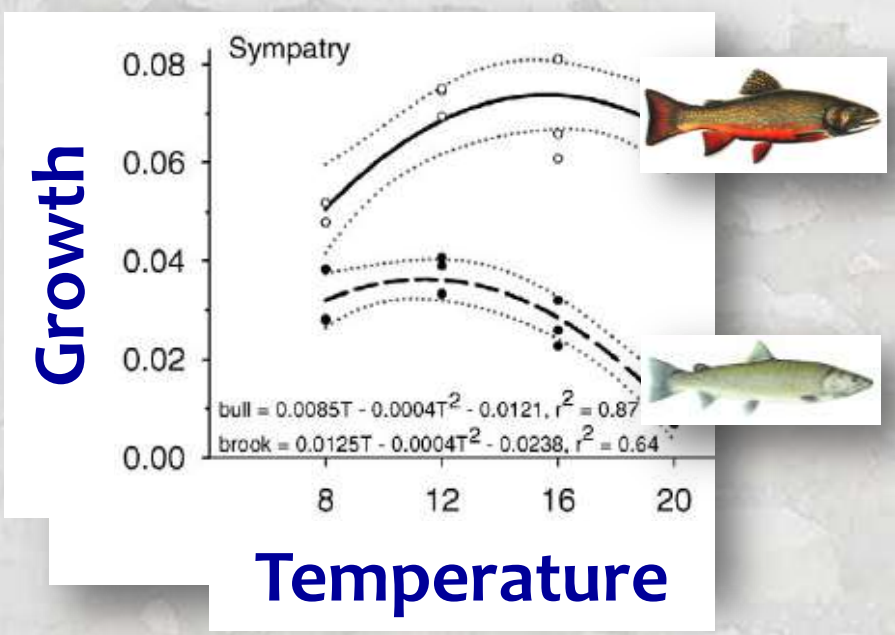


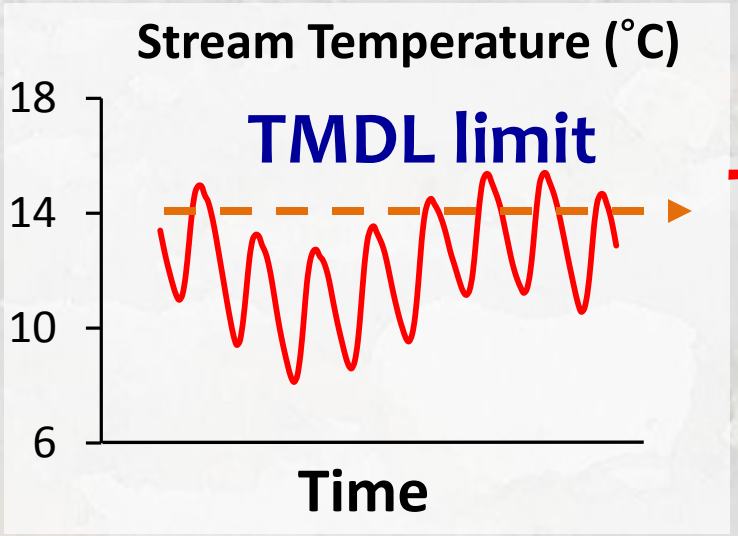
General outline:

1) Background & stream temperature trends
2) NorWeST model & scenarios
3) Uses of NorWeST scenarios
4) Future expansion of NorWeST

Stream Temperature is "Climate" in Streams

Master variable for ectotherms

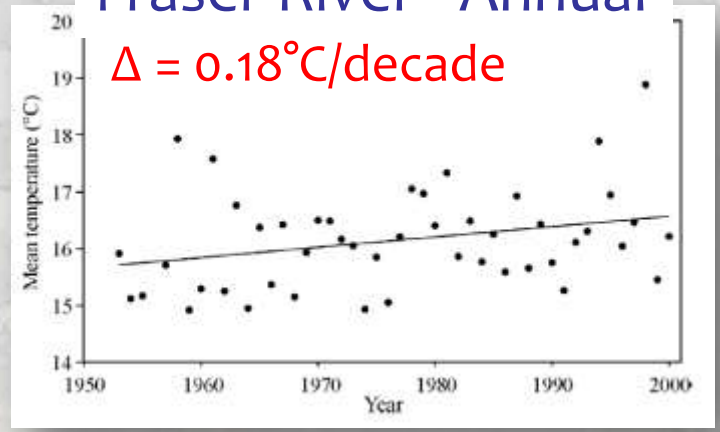




Too Hot!

Temperature Trends In Northwest Rivers

Fraser River - Annual



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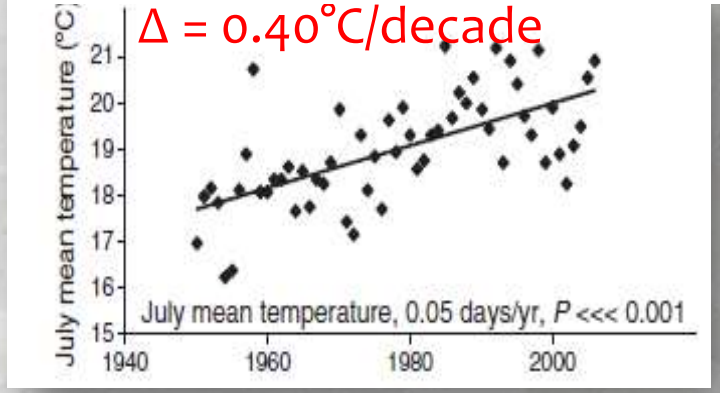
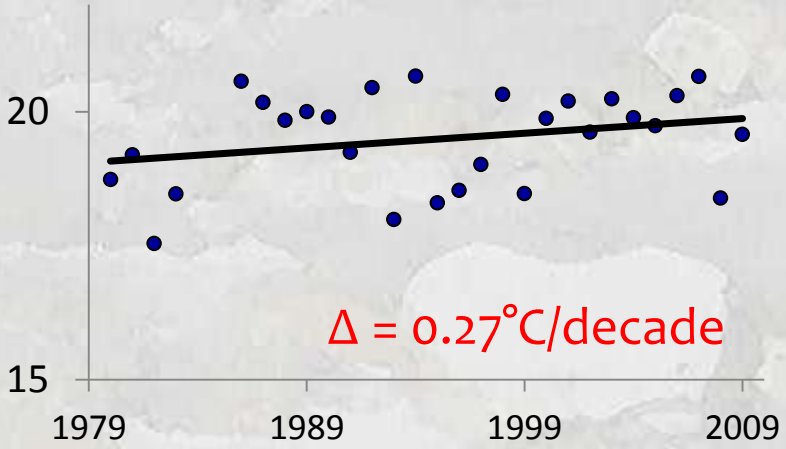
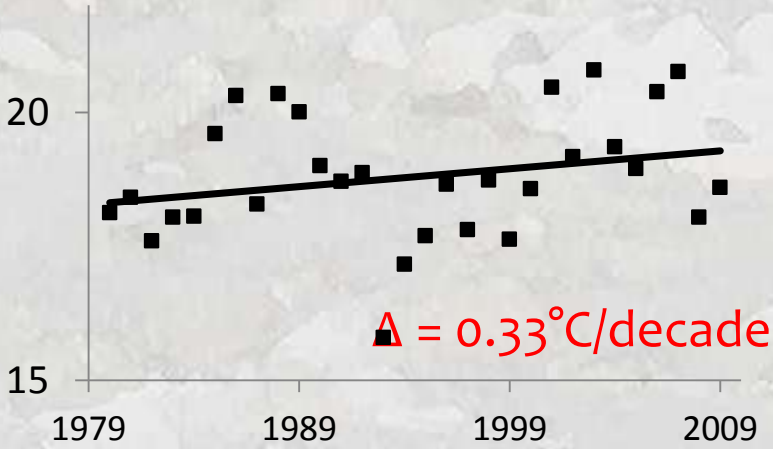


Snake River, ID - Summer



Missouri River, MT - Summer



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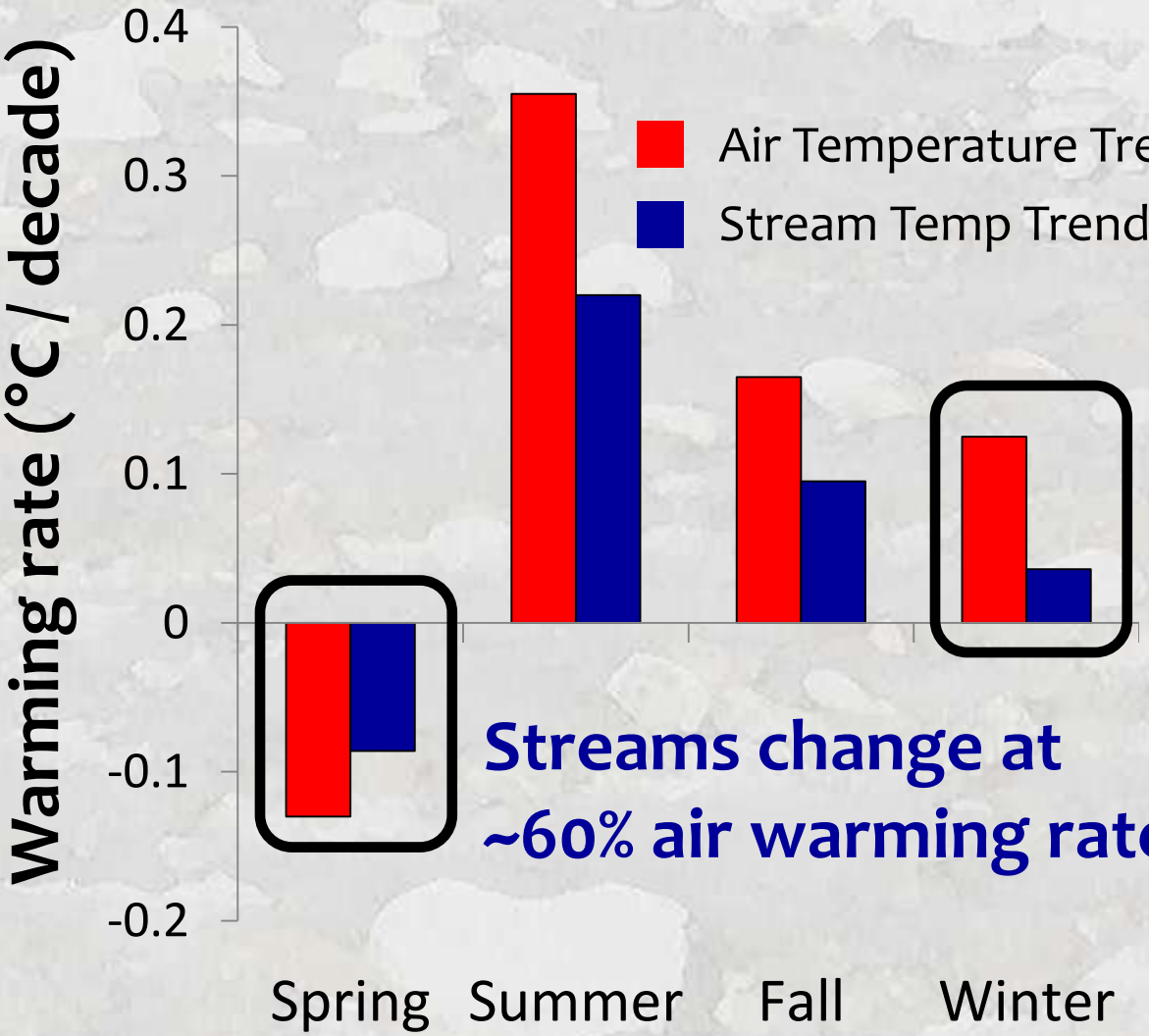

Streams change at ~60% air warming rate

Weather Station Data

Isaak et al. 2012. *Climatic Change* **113**:499-524.

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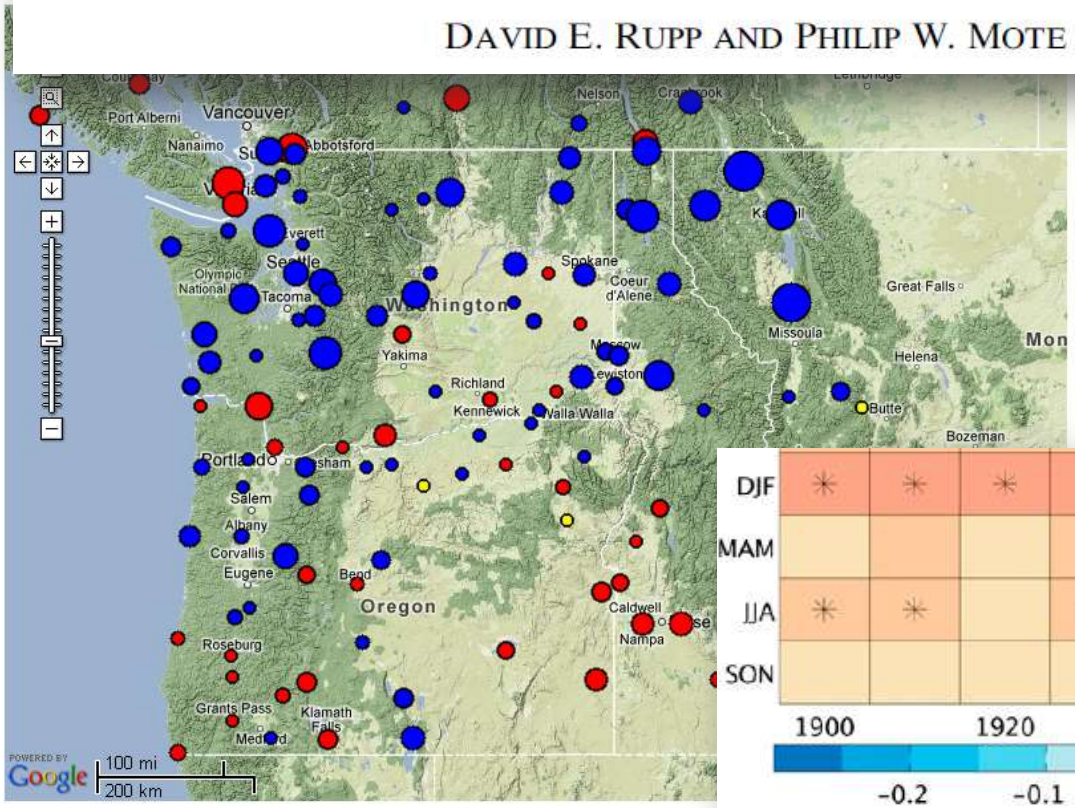

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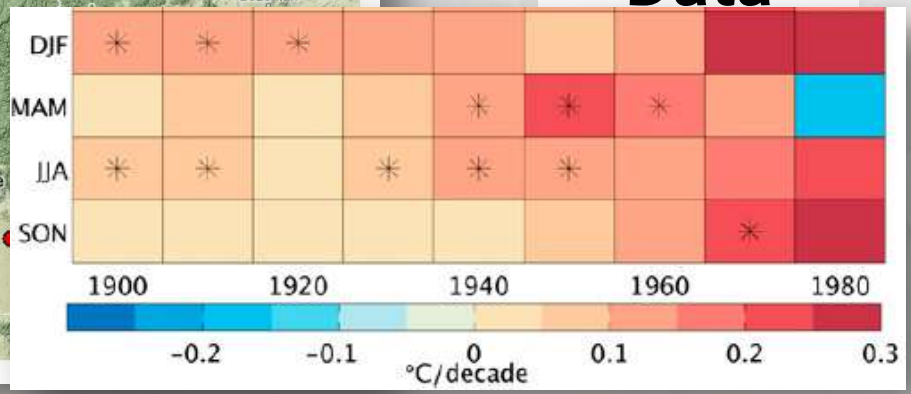

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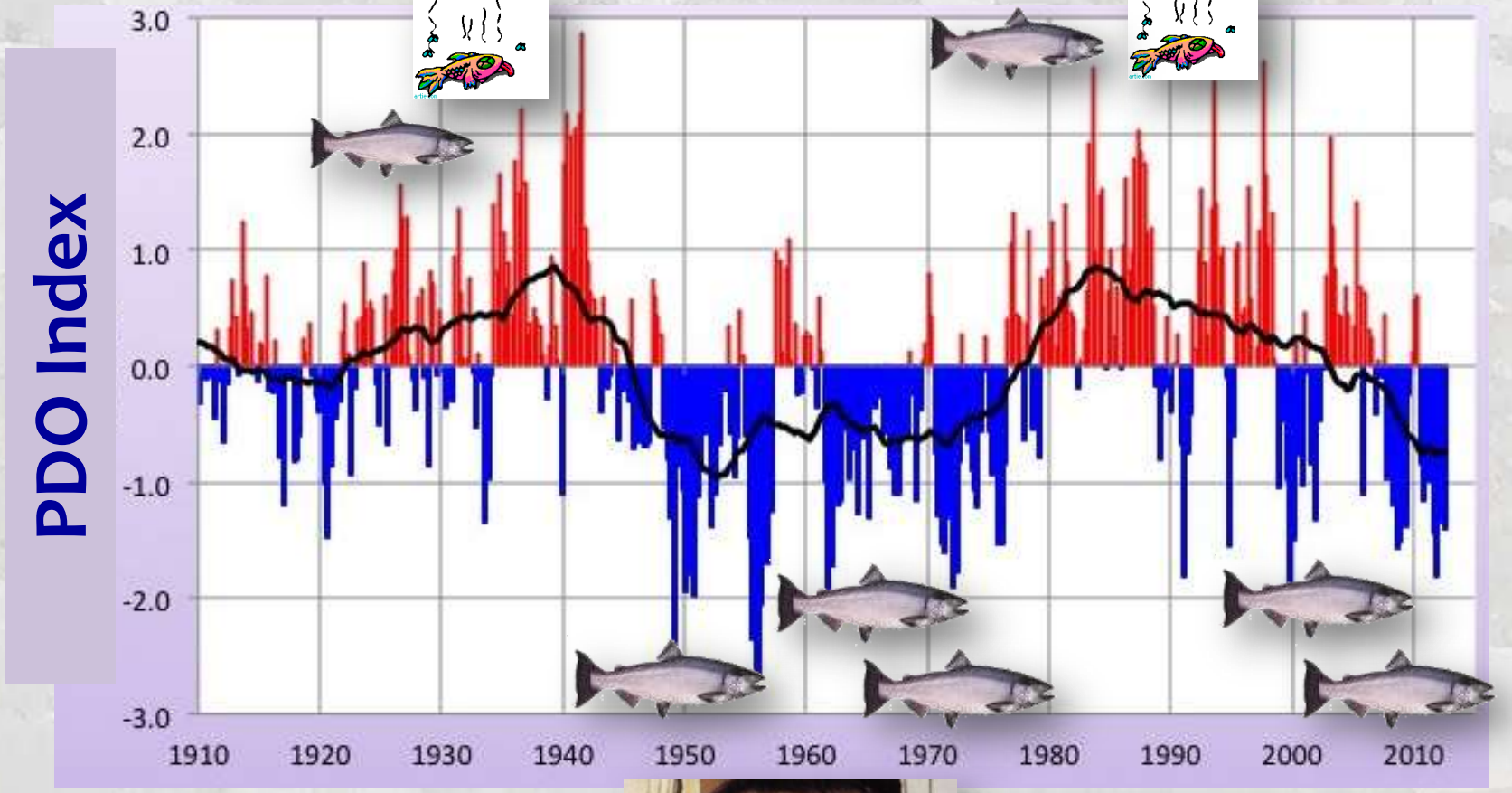

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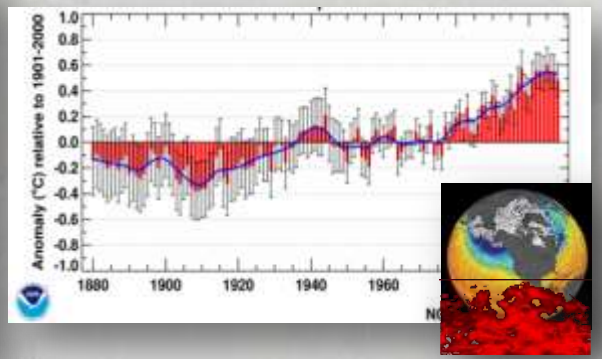

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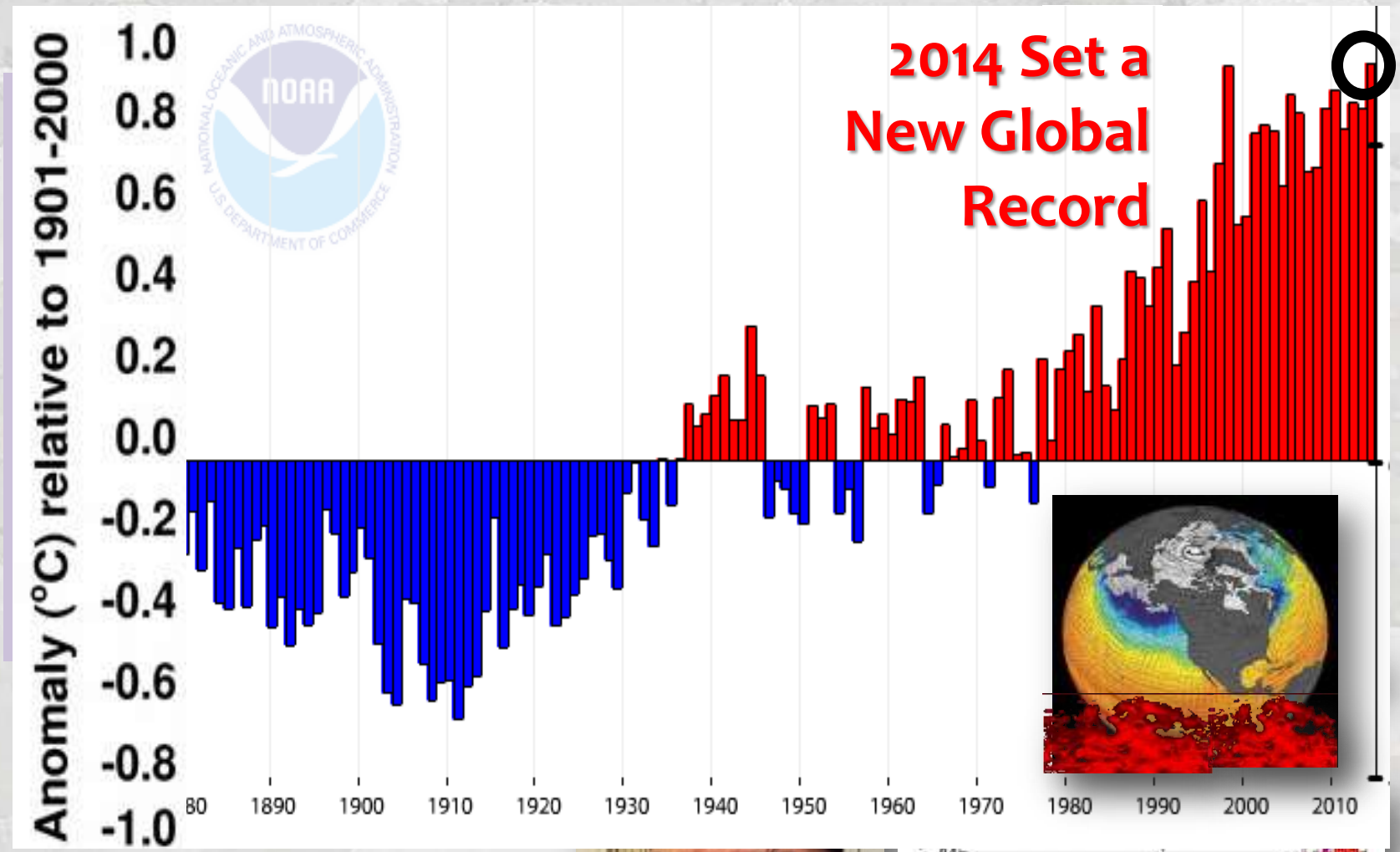

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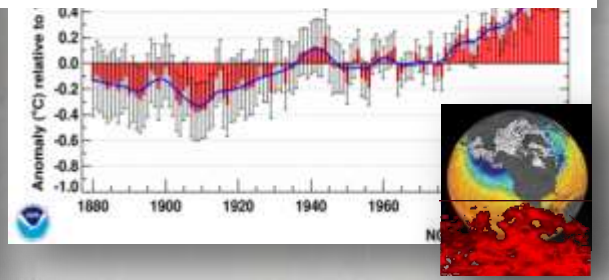
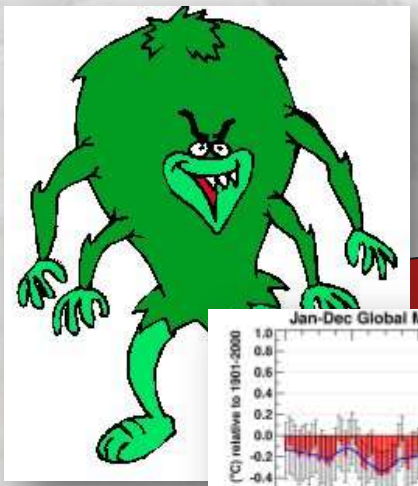
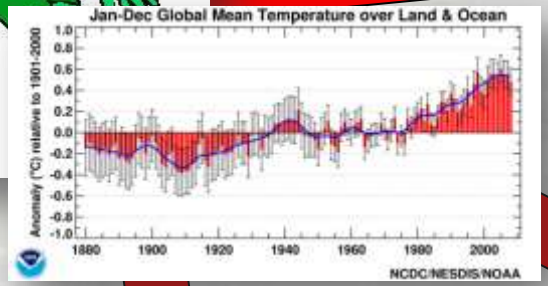


There's A Lot on the Line…

Climate Boogeyman





Tribal & Recreational Fisheries

ESA Listed Species

Land Use & Water Development

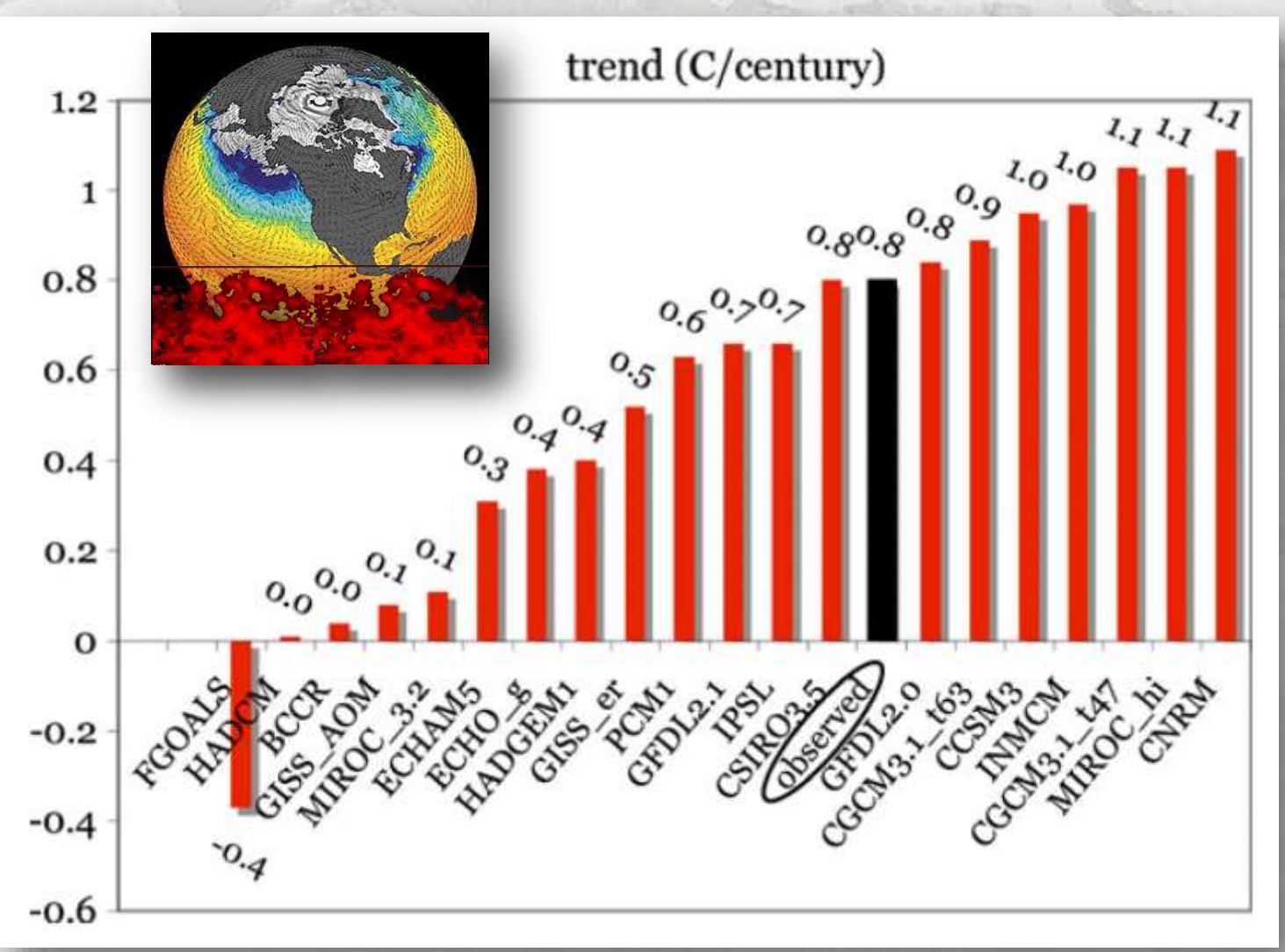
Good News! Lots of Things we Can do to Improve Stream Habitat Resilience

- Maintaining/restoring flow…
- Maintaining/restoring riparian…
- Restoring channel form/function…
- Prescribed burns limit wildfire risks…
- Non-native species control…
- Improve/impede fish passage…

Where to do them?

Is there a grand strategy?

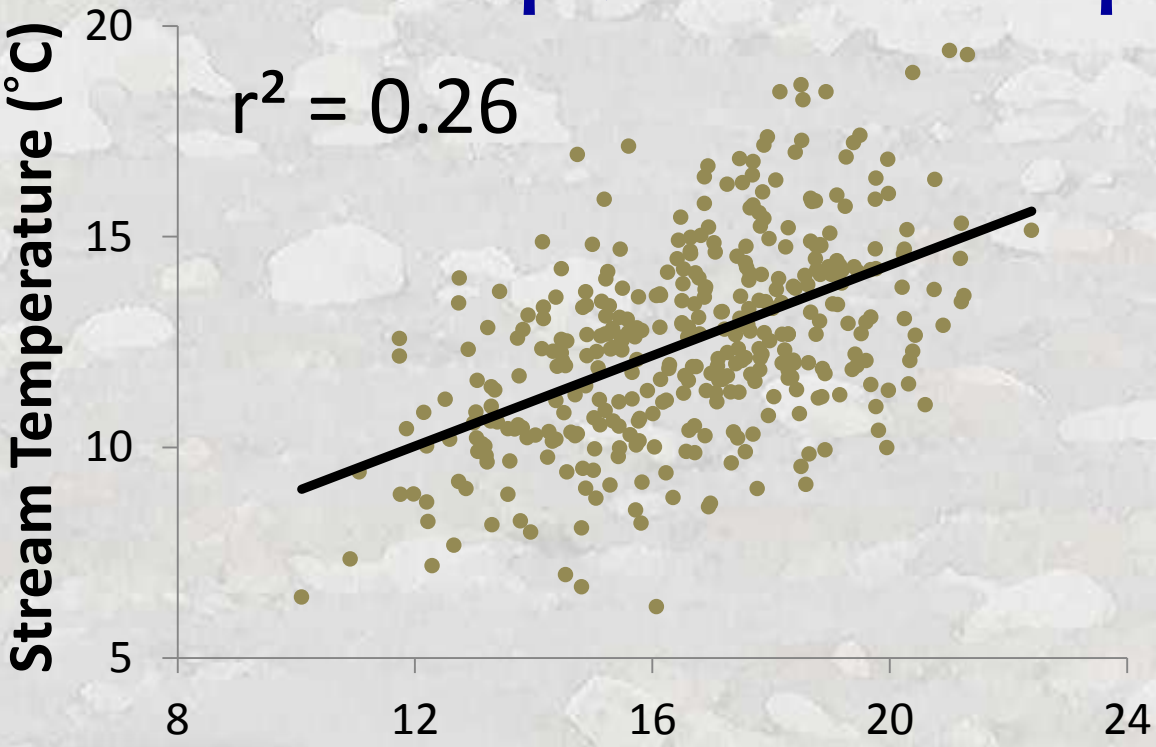
Many Climate Models & Scenarios for Air Temperature & Precipitation Exist…

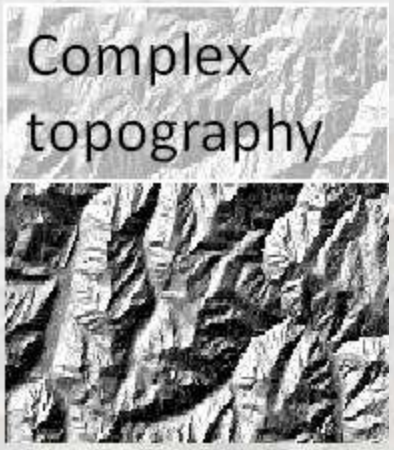


Mote & Salathe 2010

…but None for Stream Temperature

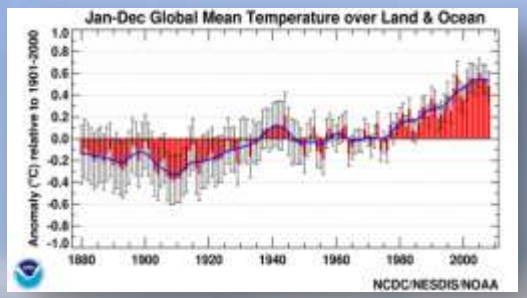
Air Temp ≠ Stream Temp





A Need for Regional Stream Scenarios

Taking Climate into the Water Where Fish Live…



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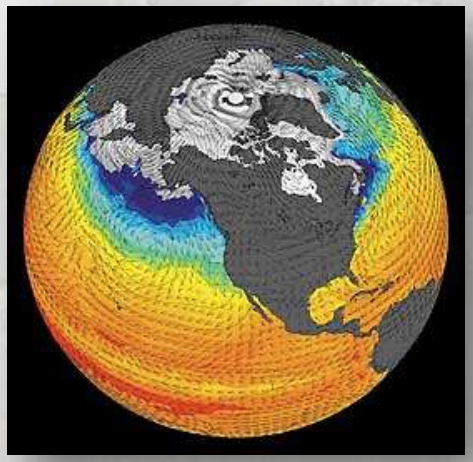
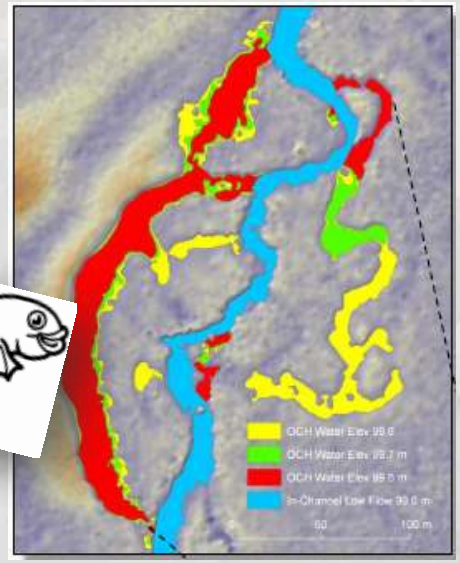
Climate model (air temp & precip)

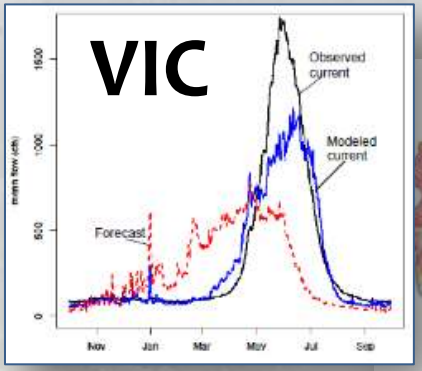


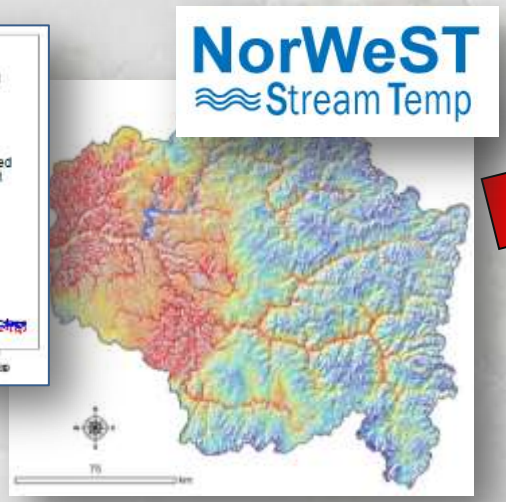
Regional patterns

Stream reach



Stream temperature & flow

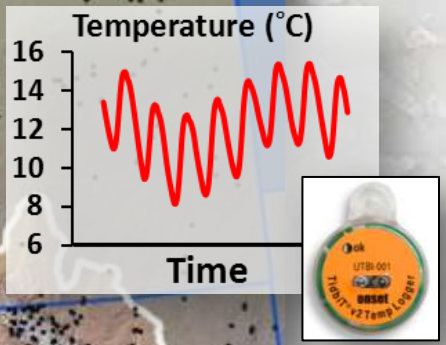




Lots of Data Exist…

NorWeST Stream Temp

>50,000,000 hourly records
>15,000 unique stream sites
>80 resource agencies



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OREGON Fish & Wildlife
NOAA Fisheries
USGS science for a changing world
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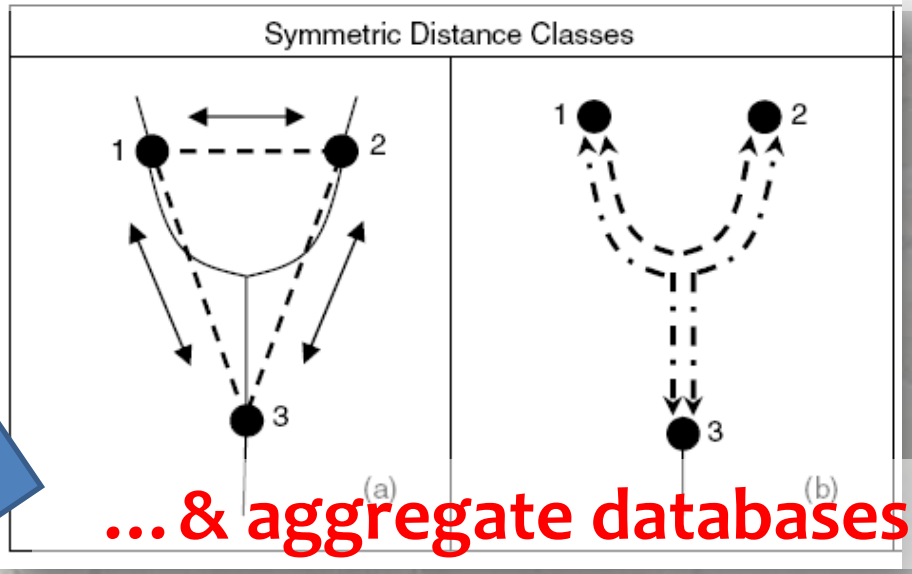
BIG DATA are often Autocorrelated

Spatial Statistical Network Models

Let's us connect the dots…

Valid interpolation on networks



… & aggregate databases

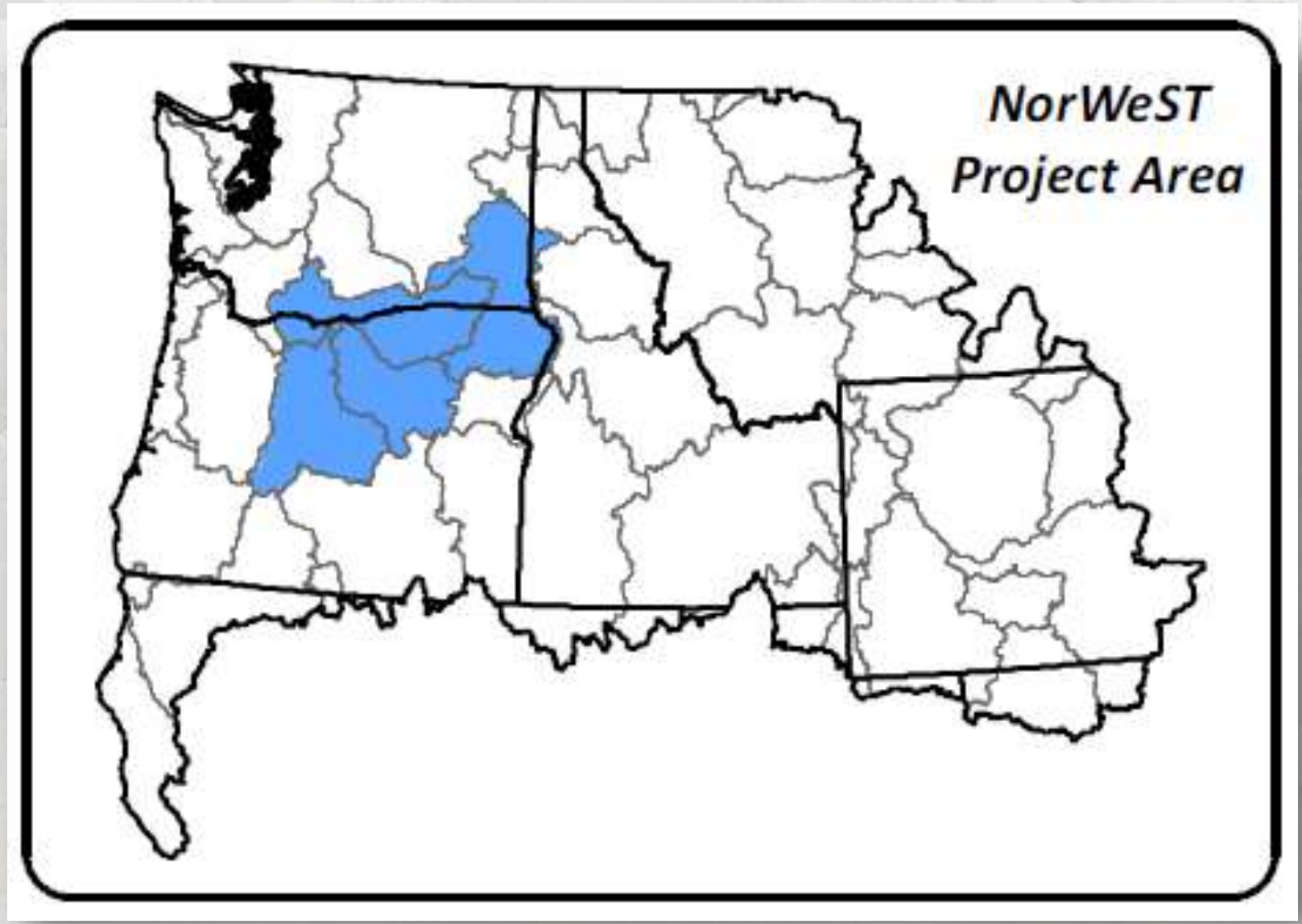
Advantages:

-flexible & valid autocovariance structures that accommodate network topology & non-independence among observations

-improved predictive ability & parameter estimates relative to non-spatial models

Ver Hoef et al. 2006; Ver Hoef & Peterson 2010; Peterson & Ver Hoef 2013

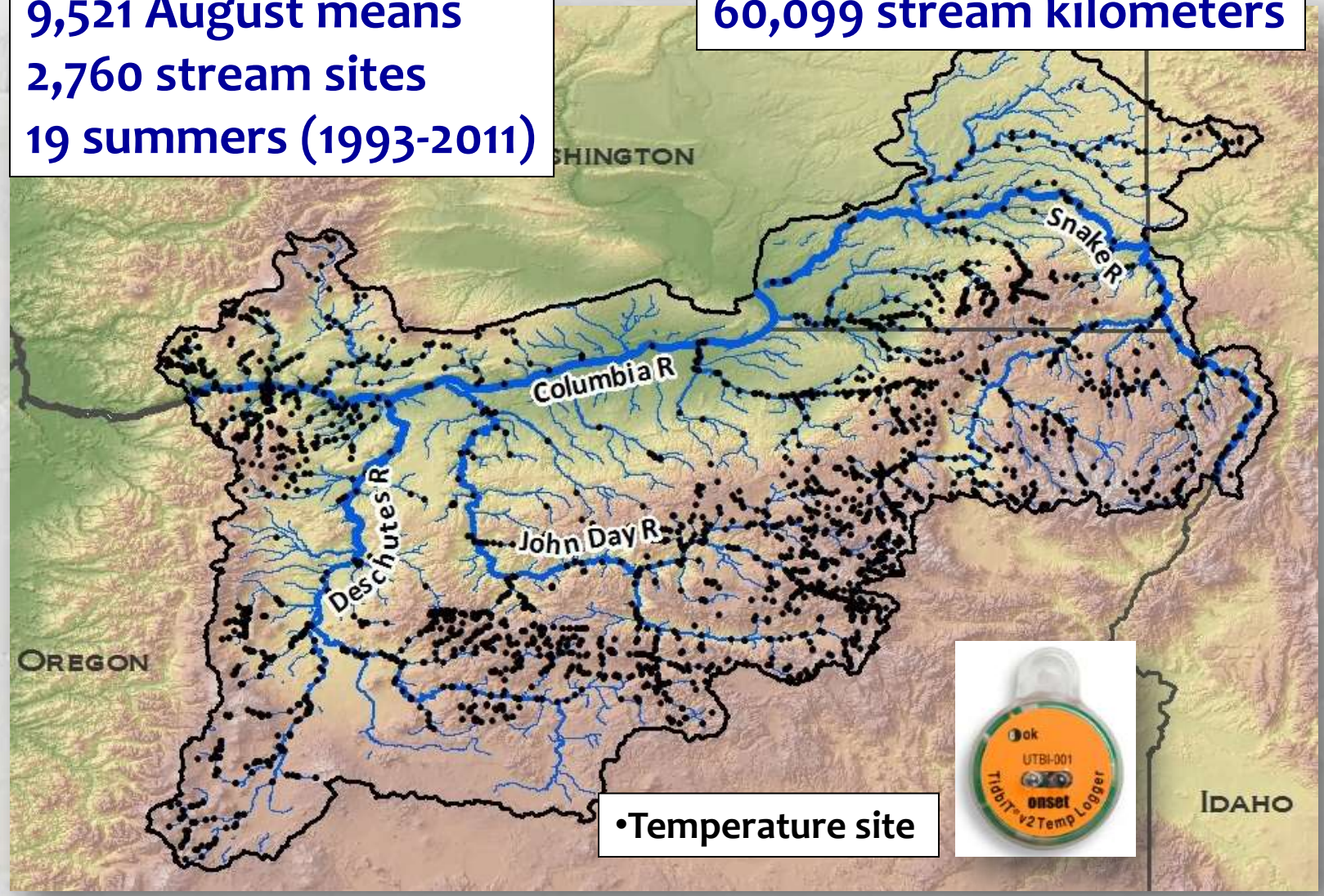
NorWeST Temperature Model for the Mid-Columbia



NorWeST Temperature Model for the Mid-Columbia

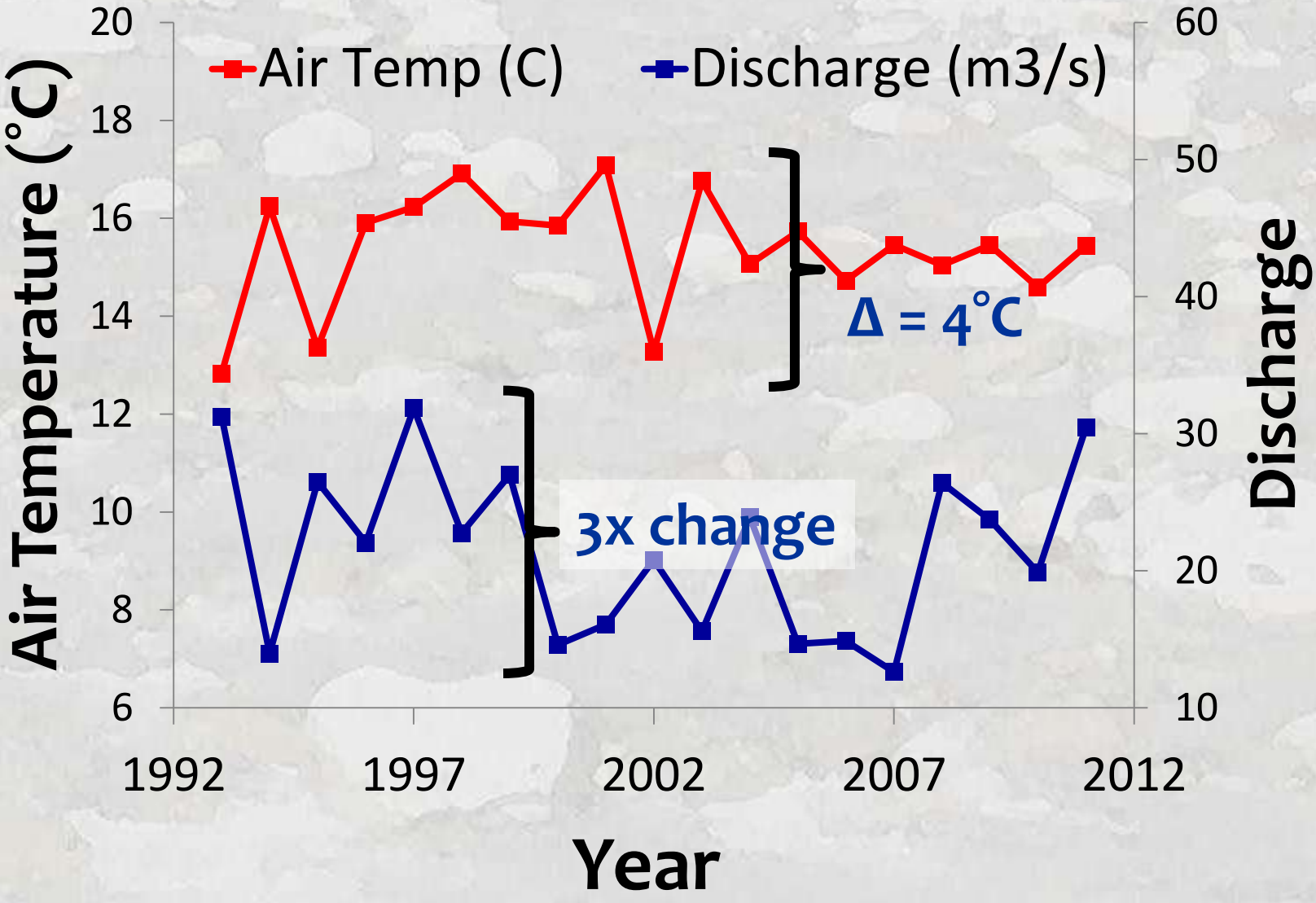
9,521 August means
2,760 stream sites
19 summers (1993-2011)

60,099 stream kilometers



Climatic Variability in Historical Record

Extreme years encompass mid-Century averages



Mid-Columbia Temperature Model

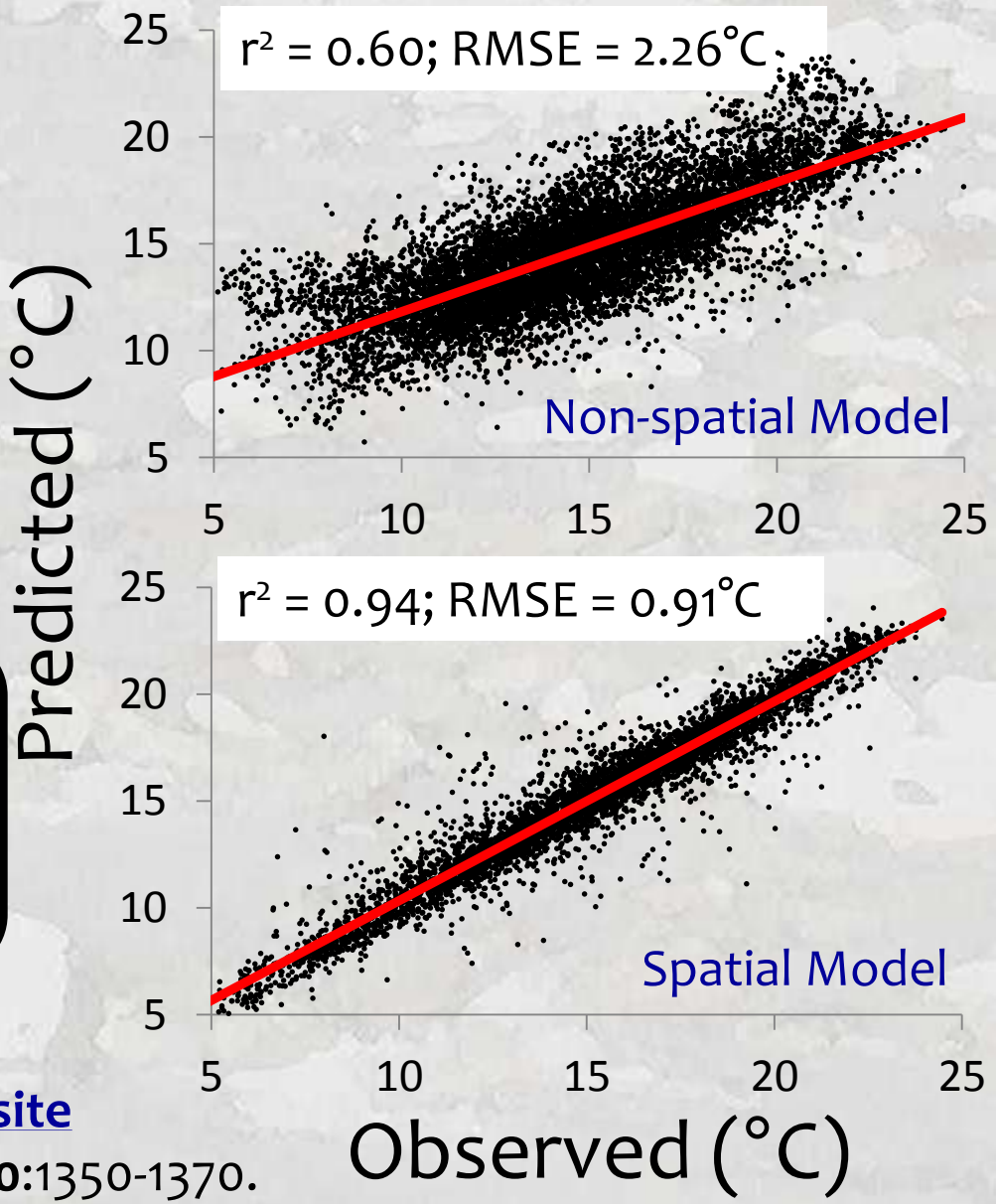
n = 9,521

Covariate Predictors

1. Elevation (m)
2. Canopy (%)
3. Stream slope (%)
4. Ave Precipitation (mm)
5. Latitude (km)
6. Lakes upstream (%)
7. Baseflow Index
8. Watershed size (km^2)
9. Glacier (%)

10. Discharge (m^3/s)
    USGS gage data
11. Air Temperature (˚C)
    RegCM3 NCEP reanalysis
    Hostetler et al. 2011

Mean August Temperature



More details: **NorWeST website**

Isaak et al. 2010. *Ecol. Apps* **20**:1350-1370.

"Means" vs Short-Term Maxima…

- Short-term metrics are difficult to model
  - More variable/less stable than means
  - Occur @ different times each year (GCM linkage)
- Summer metrics are strongly correlated

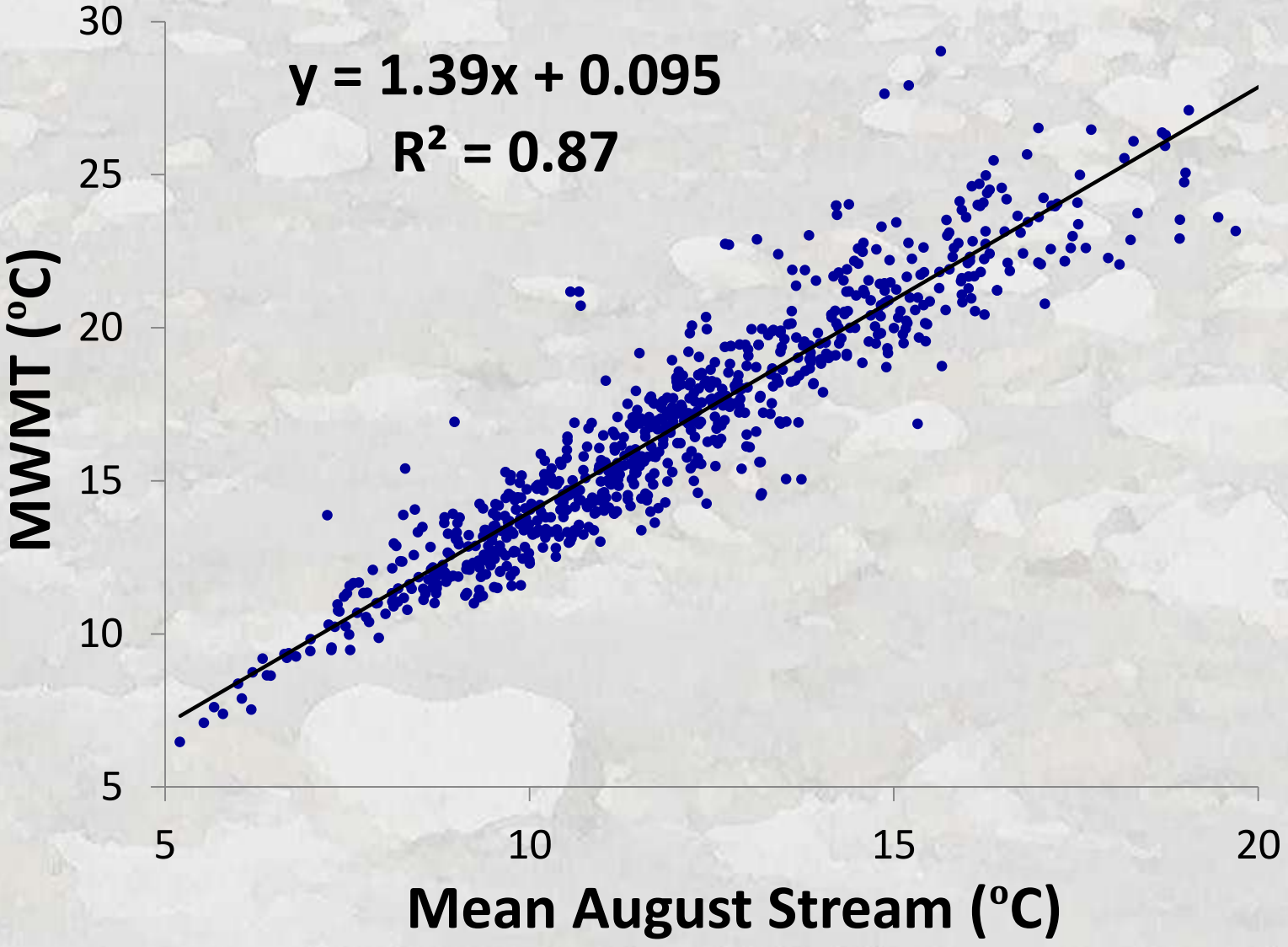
MWAT ~ **Maximum** ~ **Minimum**

MDAT ~ **AWAT** ~ **Degree-days** ~ Mean

	Summer_mn	*Mwmt*	*Mwat*	*awat_mn*	*awmt_mn*	***August Mean***
Summer_mn						
Mwmt	0.93					
Mwat	0.98	0.94				
awat_mn	1.00	0.93	0.97			
awmt_mn	0.96	0.98	0.94	0.96		
August Mean	**0.99**	**0.92**	**0.96**	**0.99**	**0.95**	
August MWMT	0.92	0.99	0.92	0.92	0.98	**0.92**

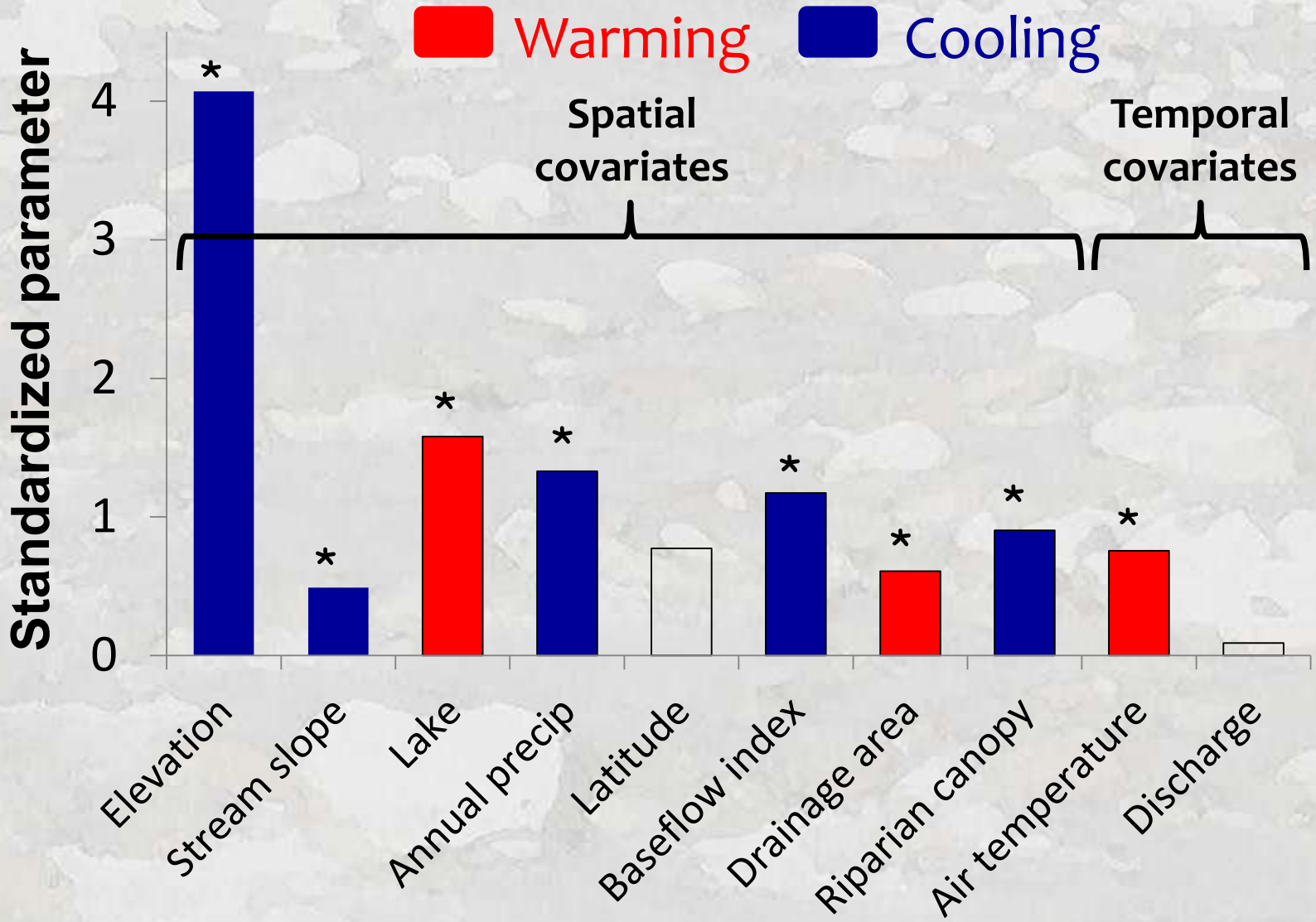
It's the Same "Information"

So Metric Conversions are Easy…



Relative Effects of Predictors

Mid-Columbia River Basin Model



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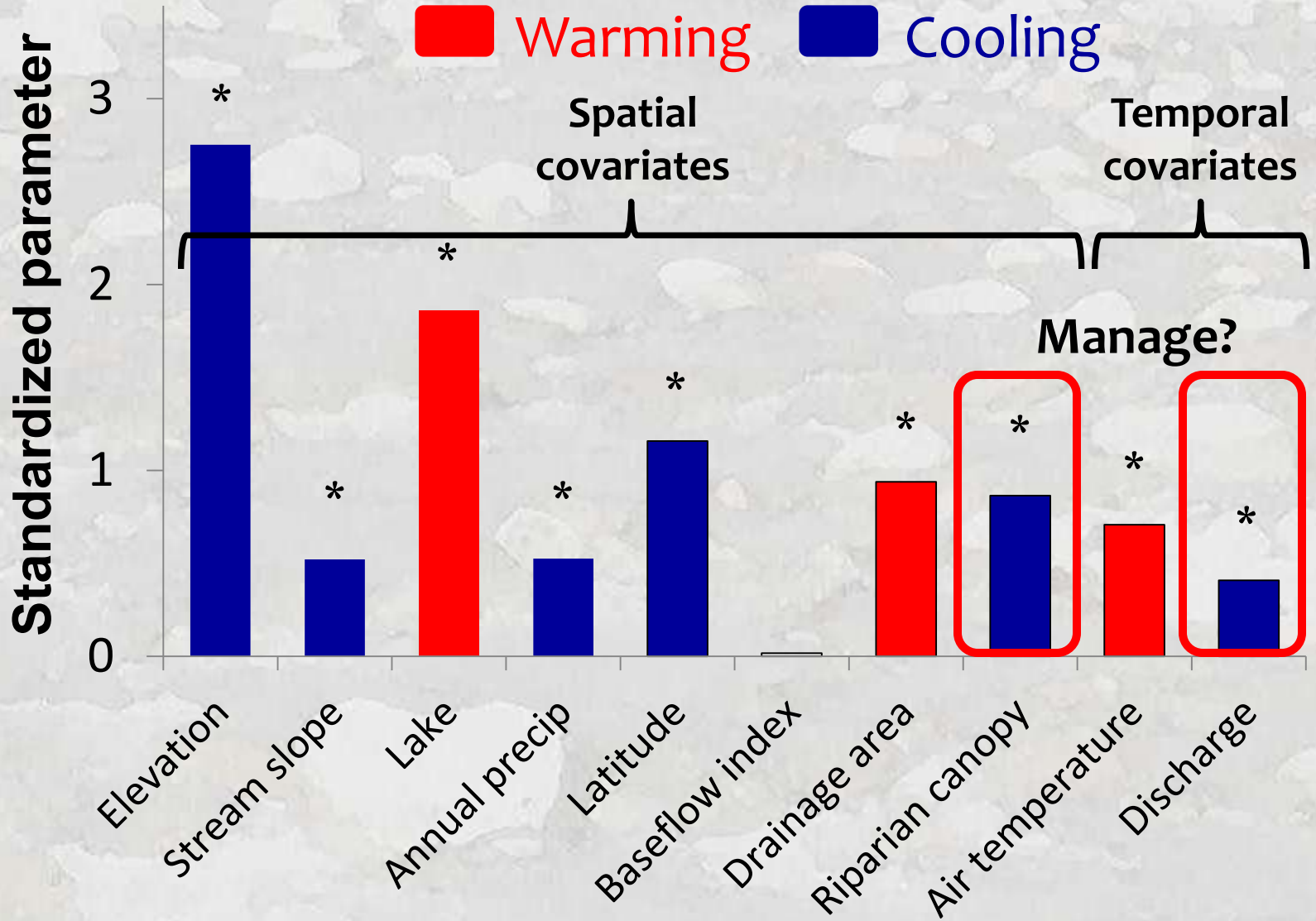
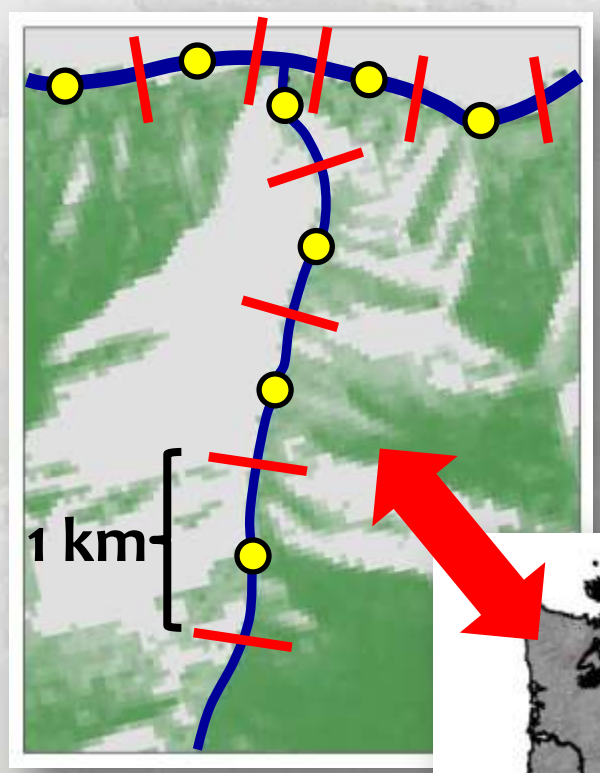
Northwest Montana Model

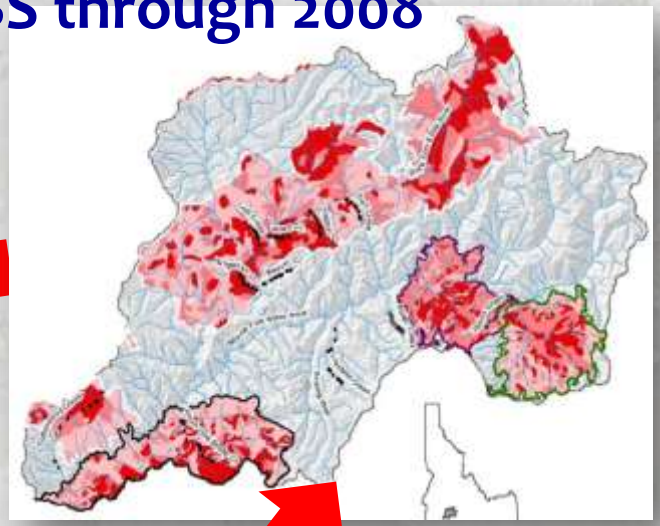


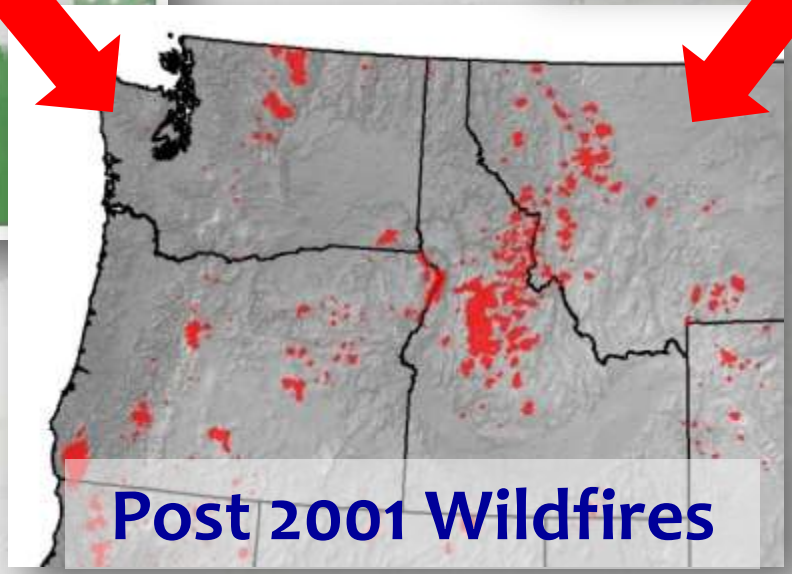
Riparian Canopy Predictor

%Canopy variable from 2001 NLCD

%Canopy adjusted by MTBS through 2008



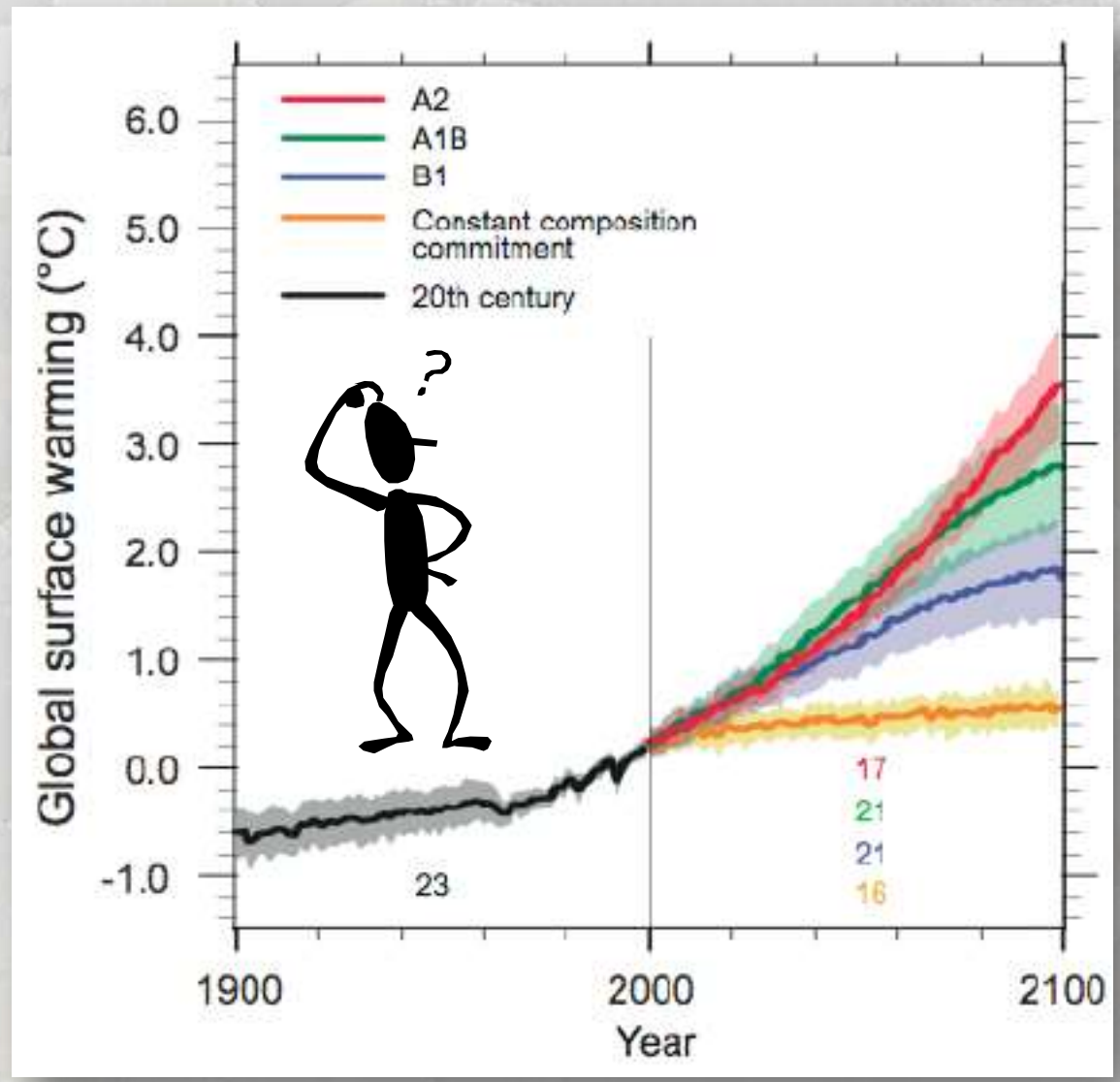




Post 2001 Wildfires

Models Enable Climate Scenario Maps

Many possibilities exist…



Adjust…

- **Air**
- **Discharge**
- **%Canopy**

…values to create scenarios

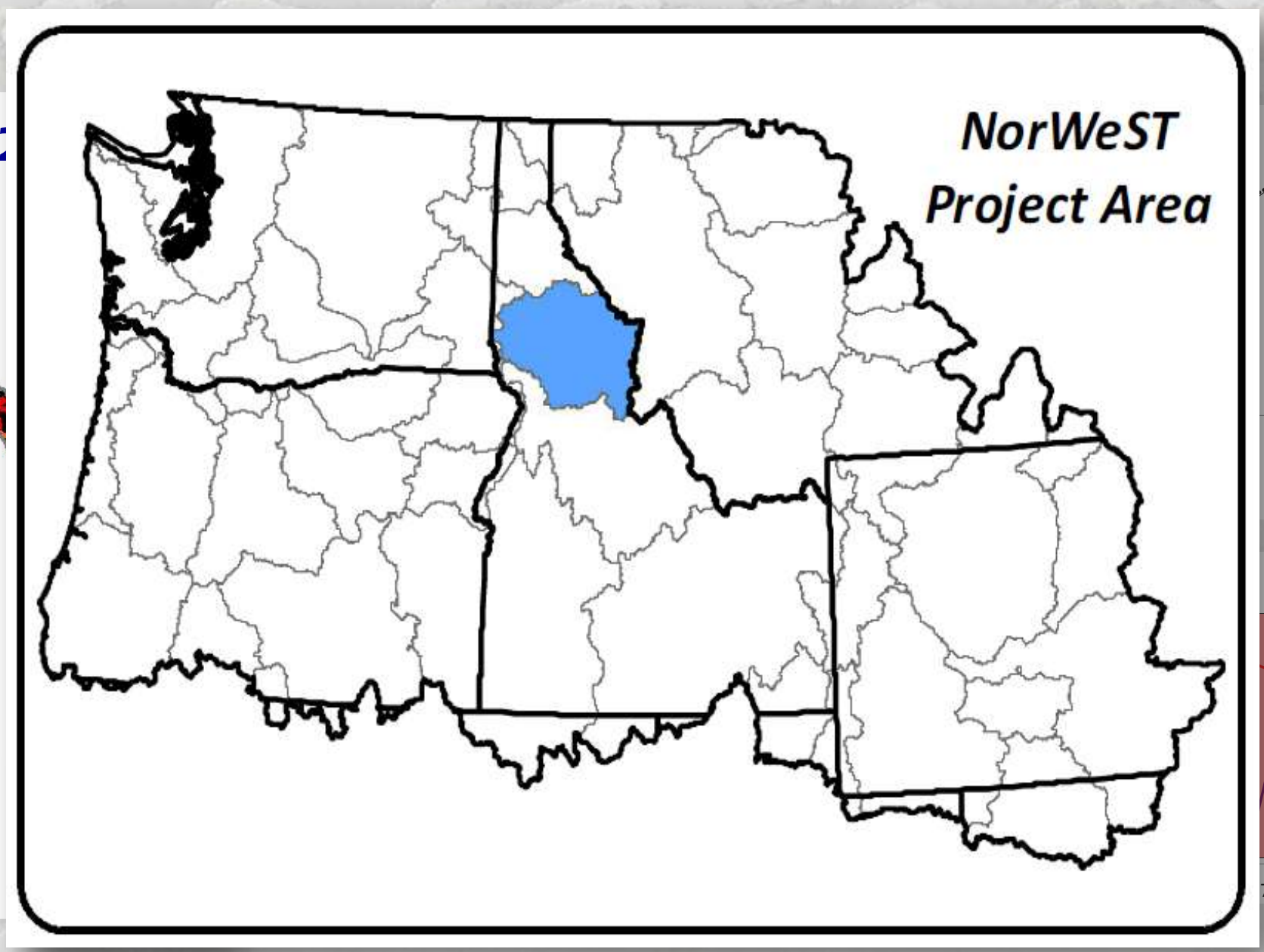
NorWeST Historical Scenarios

Scenario	Description
S1_93_11	Historical scenario representing 19 year average August mean stream temperatures for 1993-2011
S2_02_11	Historical scenario representing 10 year average August mean stream temperatures for 2002-2011
S3_1993	Historical scenario representing August mean stream temperatures for 1993
S4_1994	Historical scenario representing August mean stream temperatures for 1994
Etc…	
S21_2011	Historical scenario representing August mean stream temperatures for 2011

***2012 & 2013 starting with Washington**

***Extensive metadata on website**

Historical Year Sequence (1993-2011)



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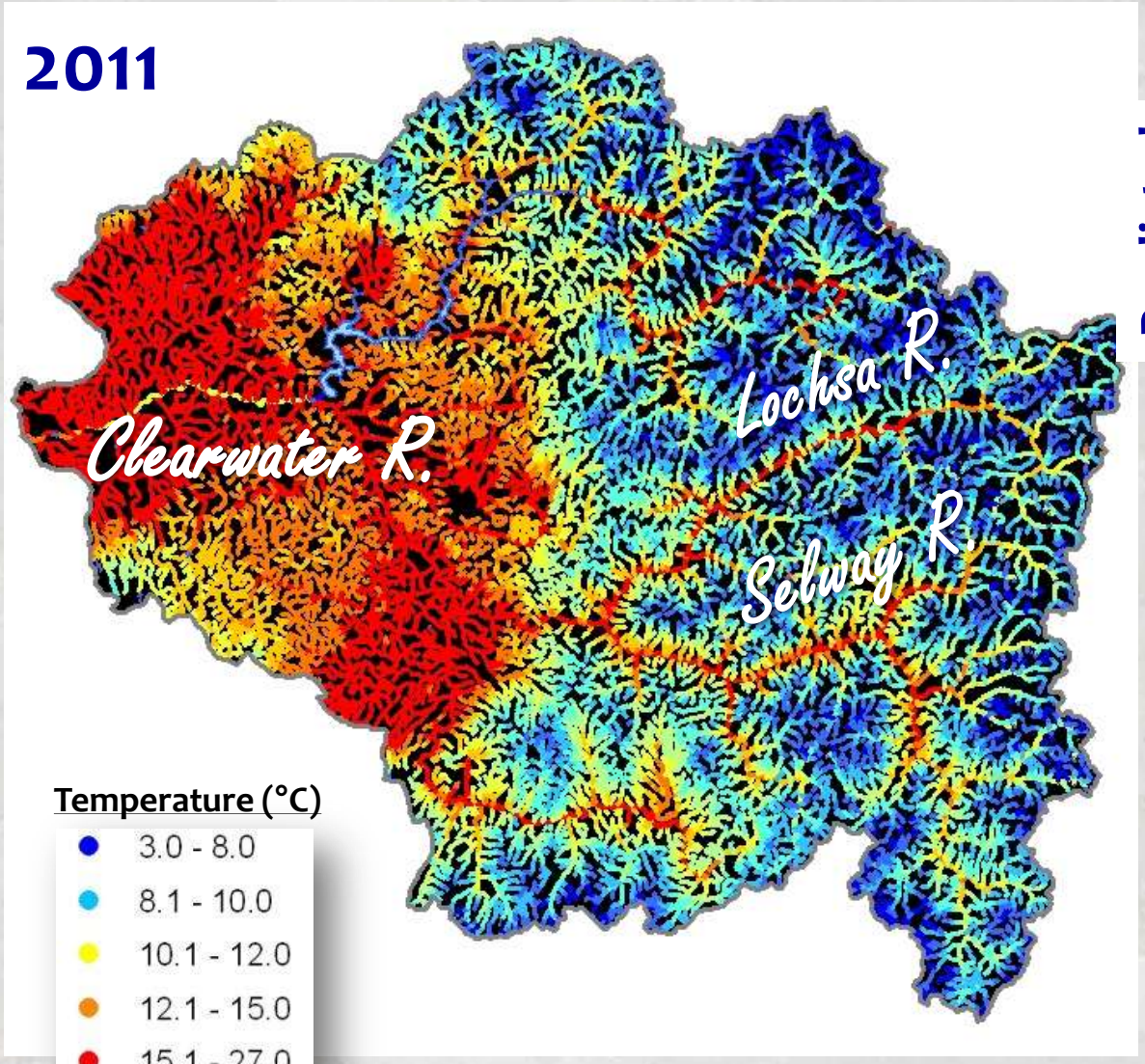
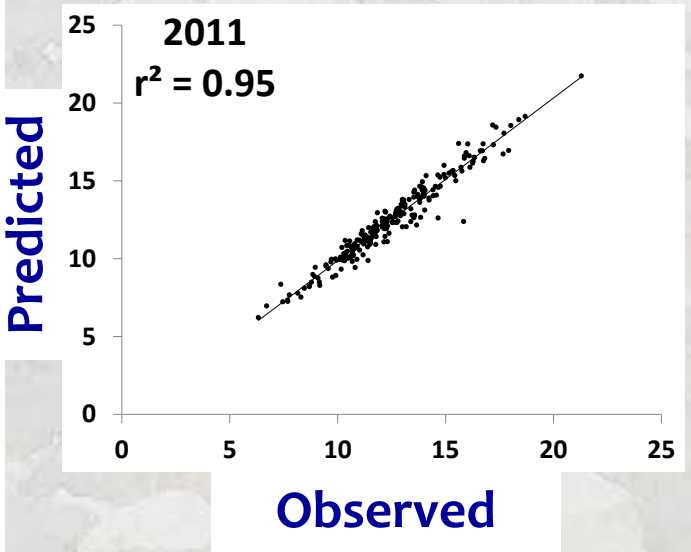
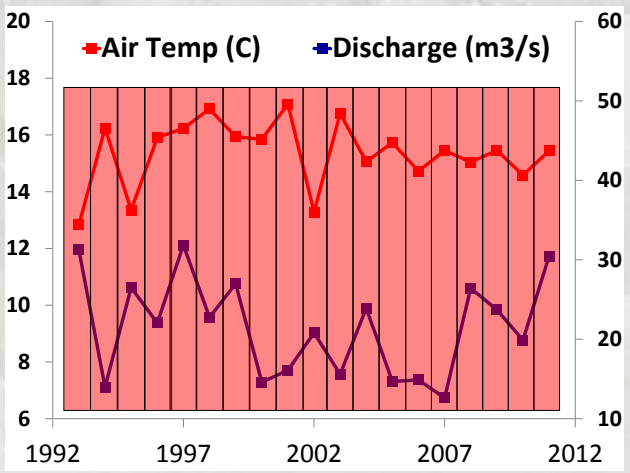
Mean August Temperature - Clearwater Basin

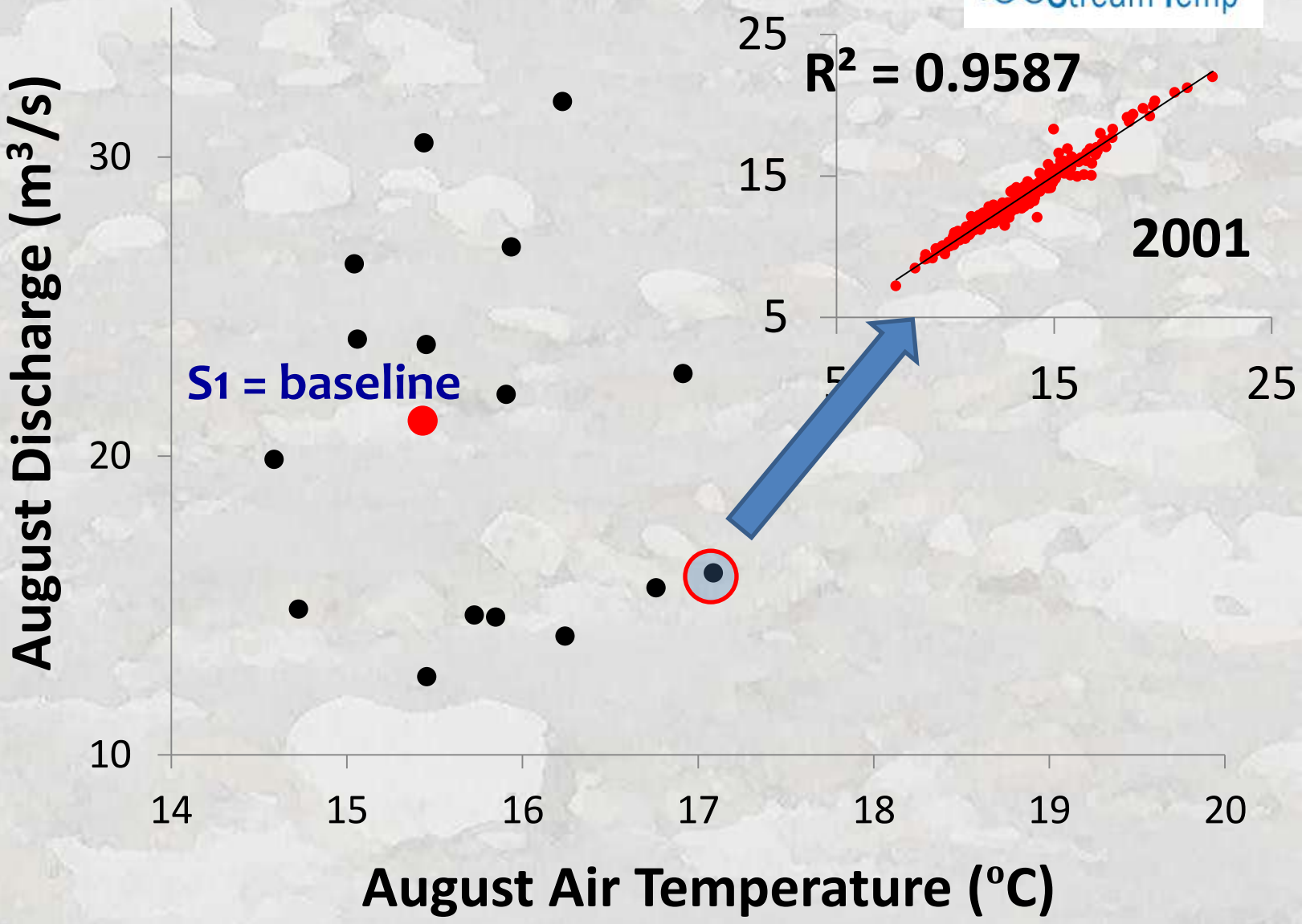






Climate Envelope Model Assessment

Clearwater Basin (1993-2011)



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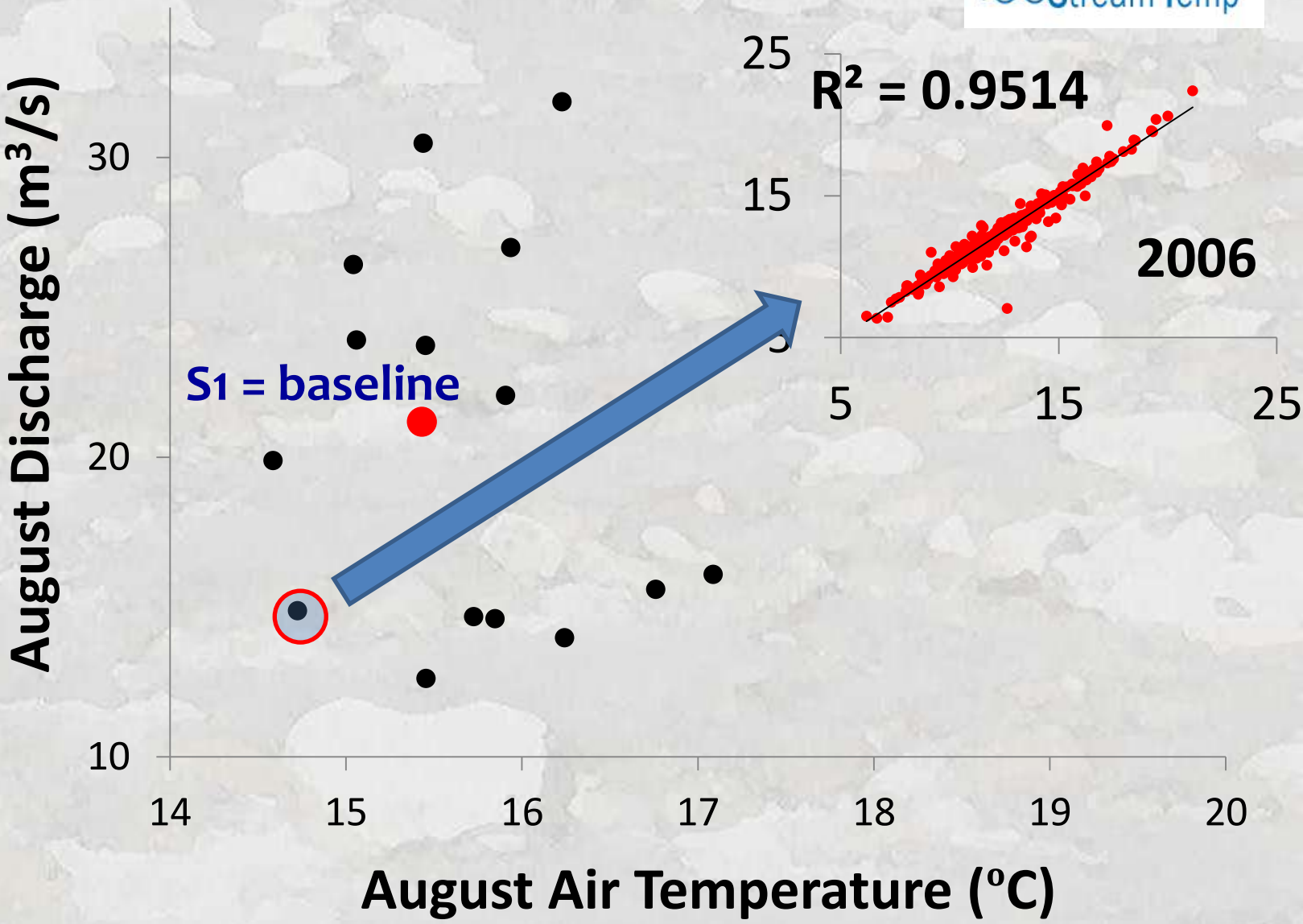

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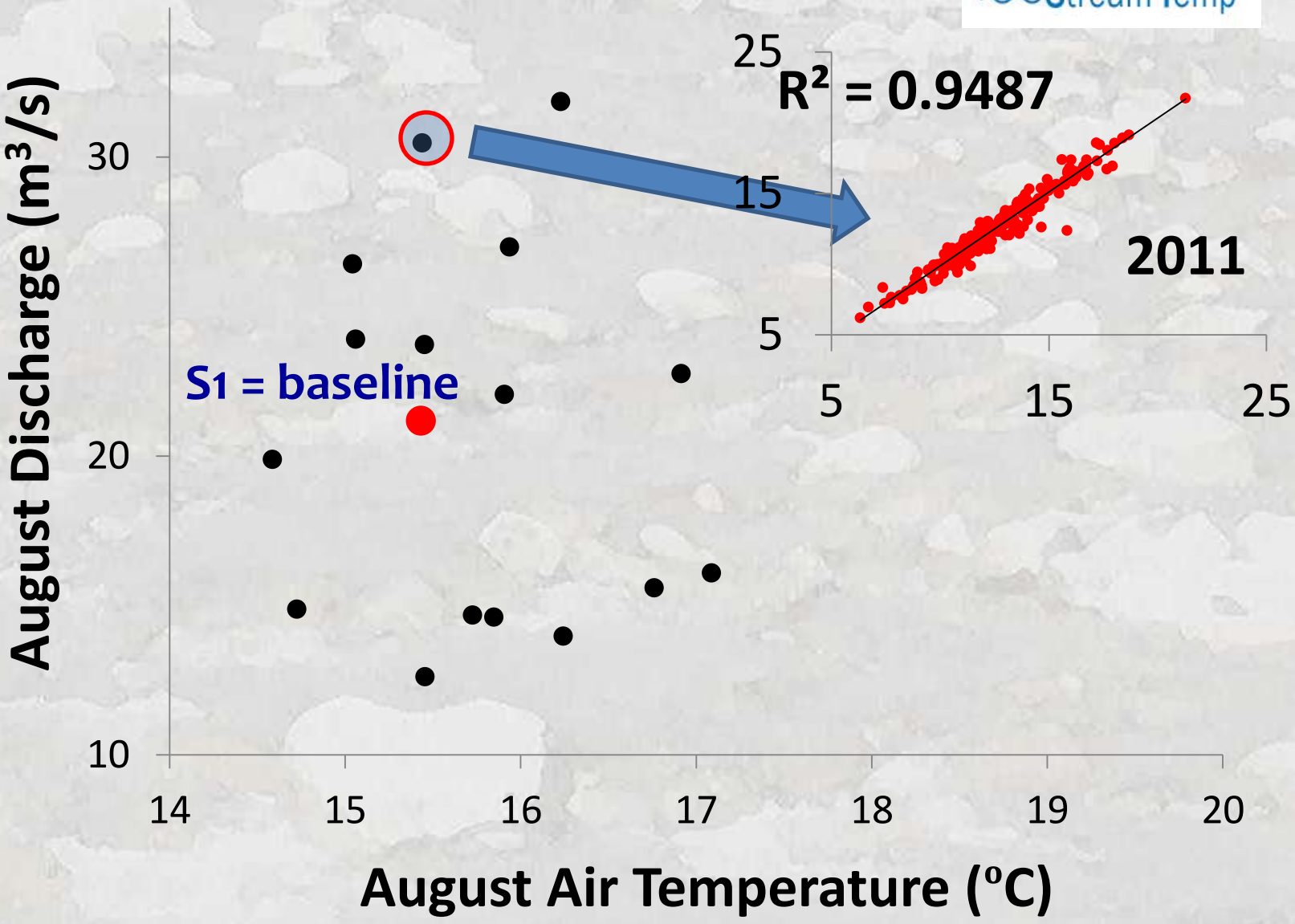

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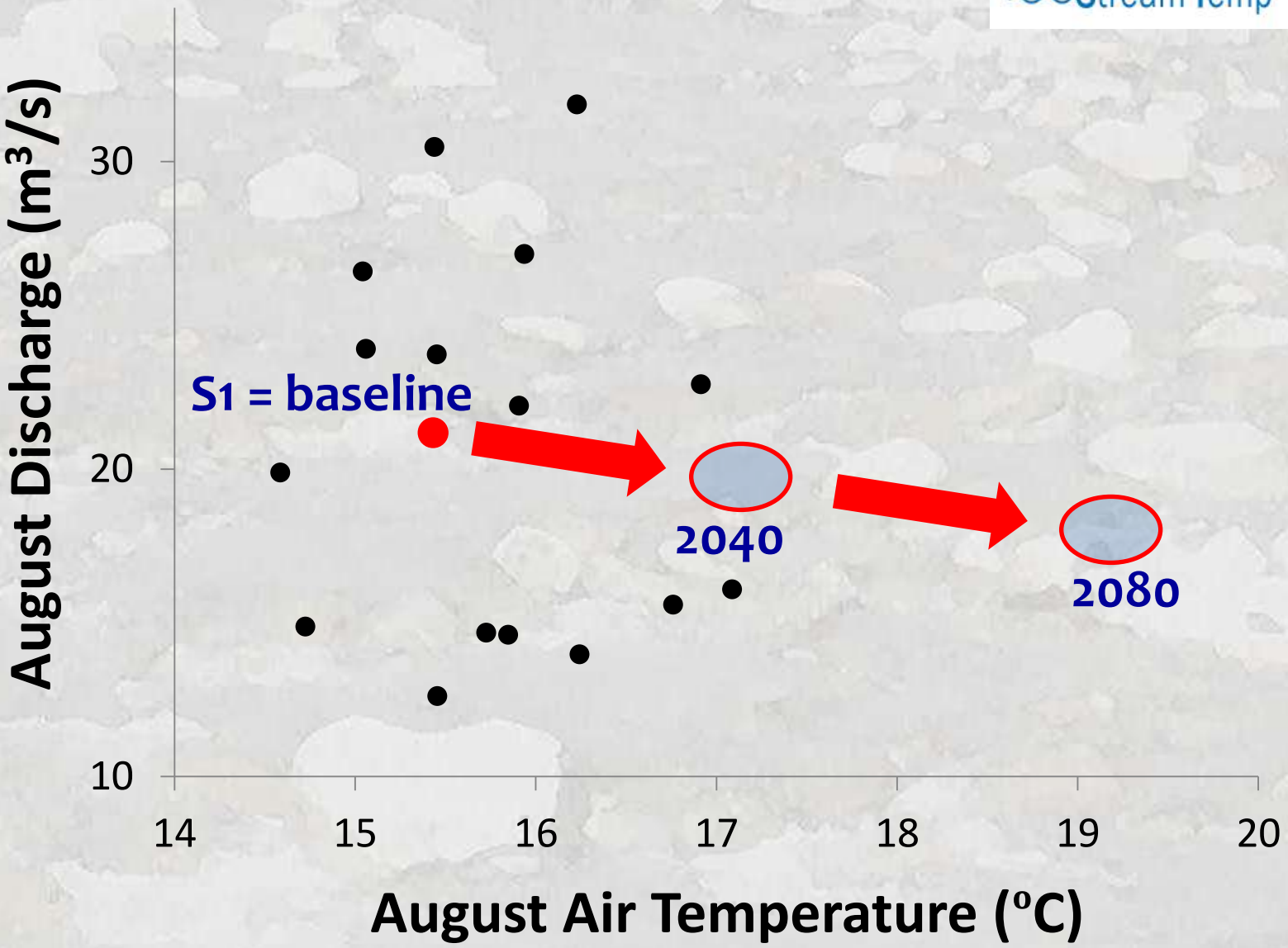
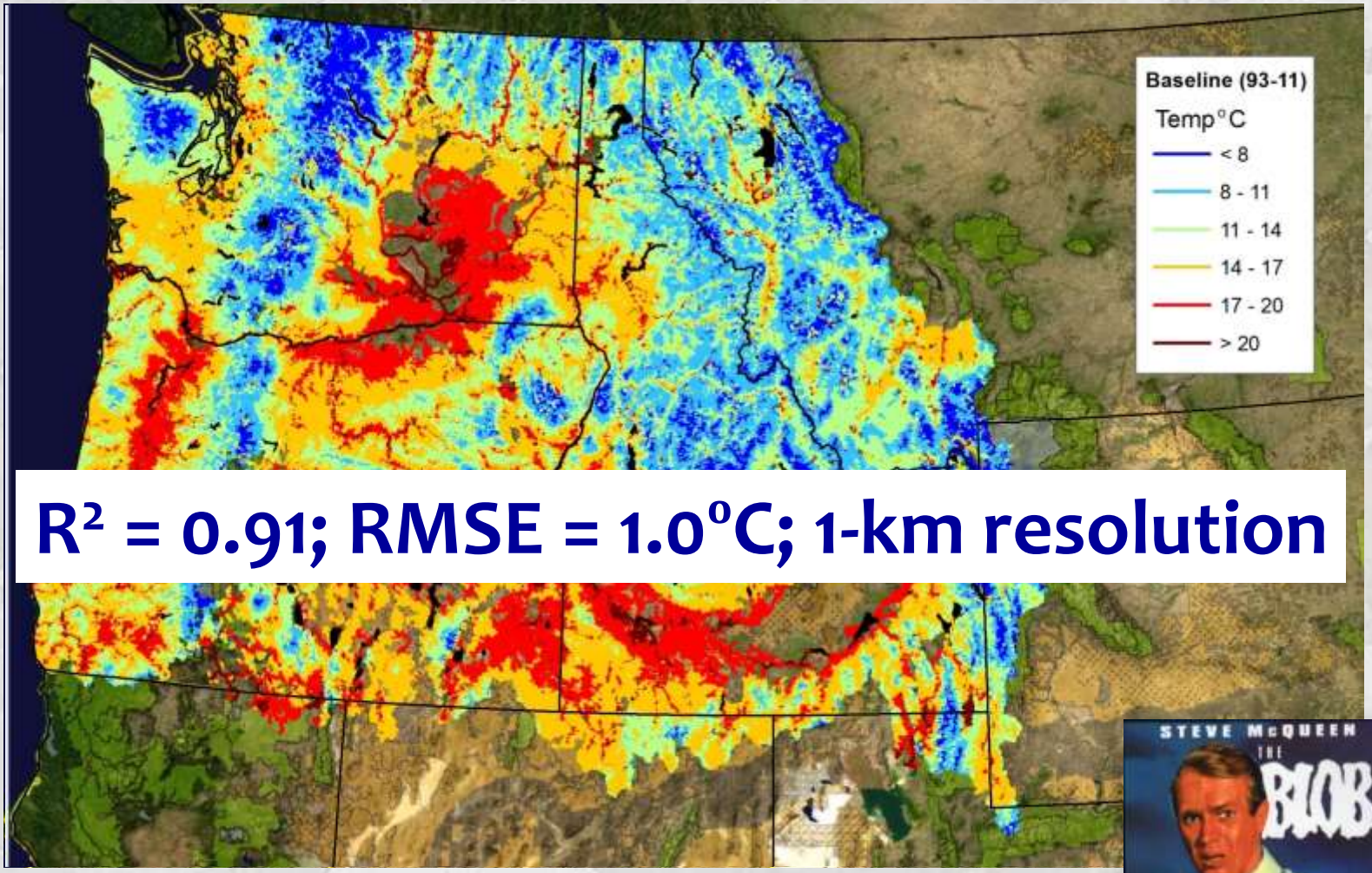


High-Resolution Stream Temp Scenarios

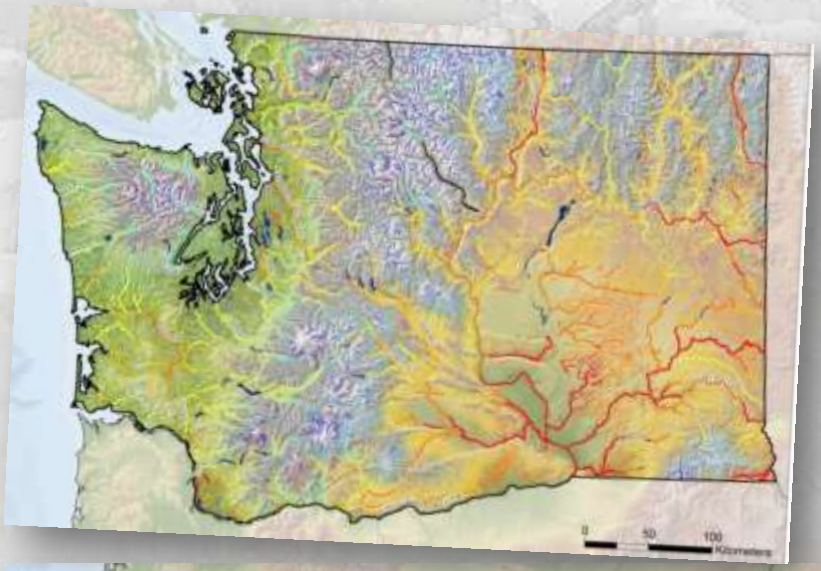


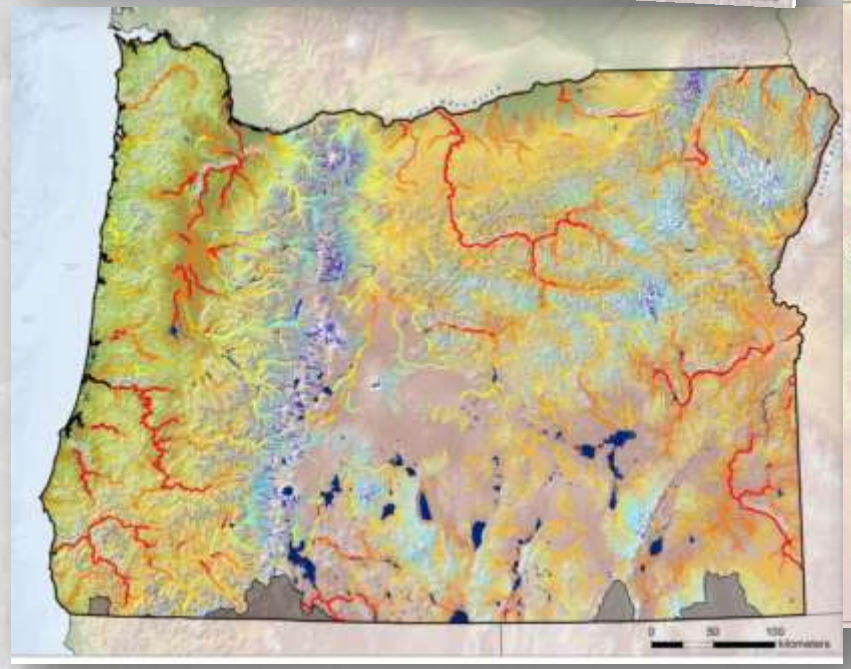
R^2 = 0.91; RMSE = 1.0°C; 1-km resolution

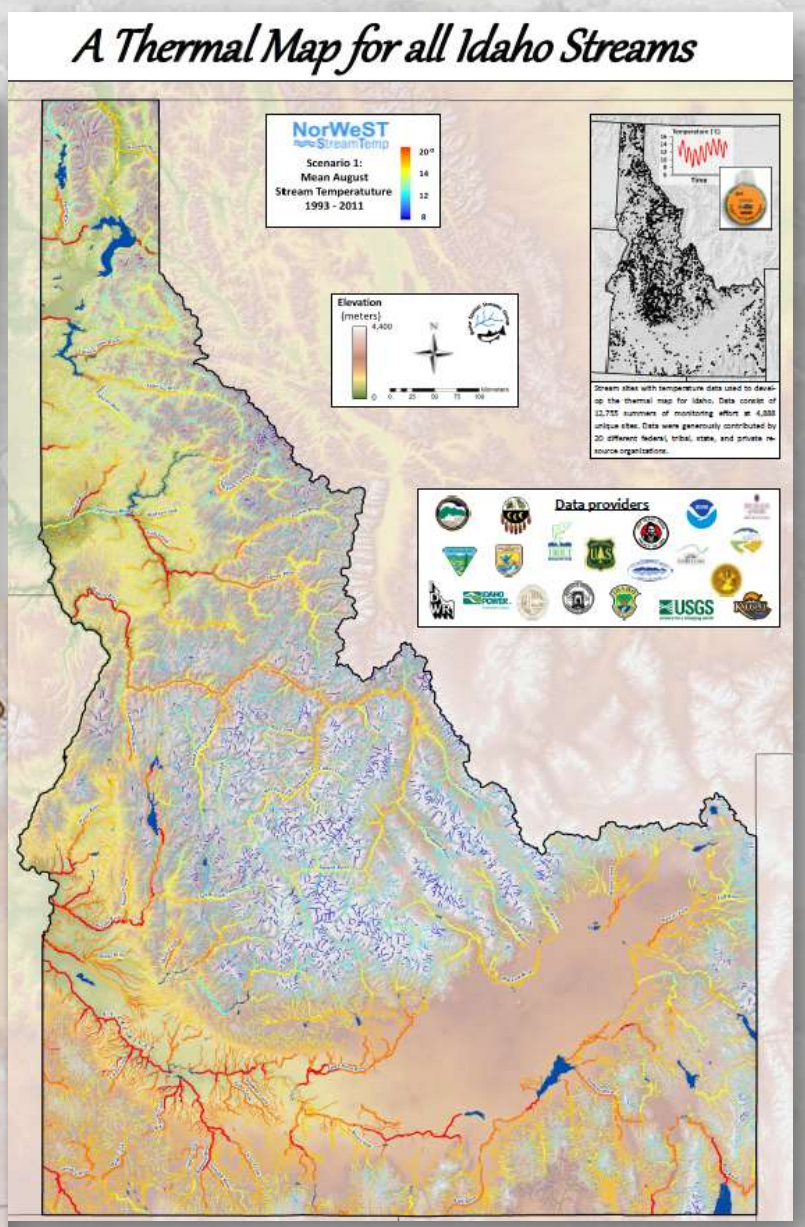
The BLOB… it just keeps growing…

- 46,674 summers of data swallowed
- 467,000 stream kilometers of thermal ooze

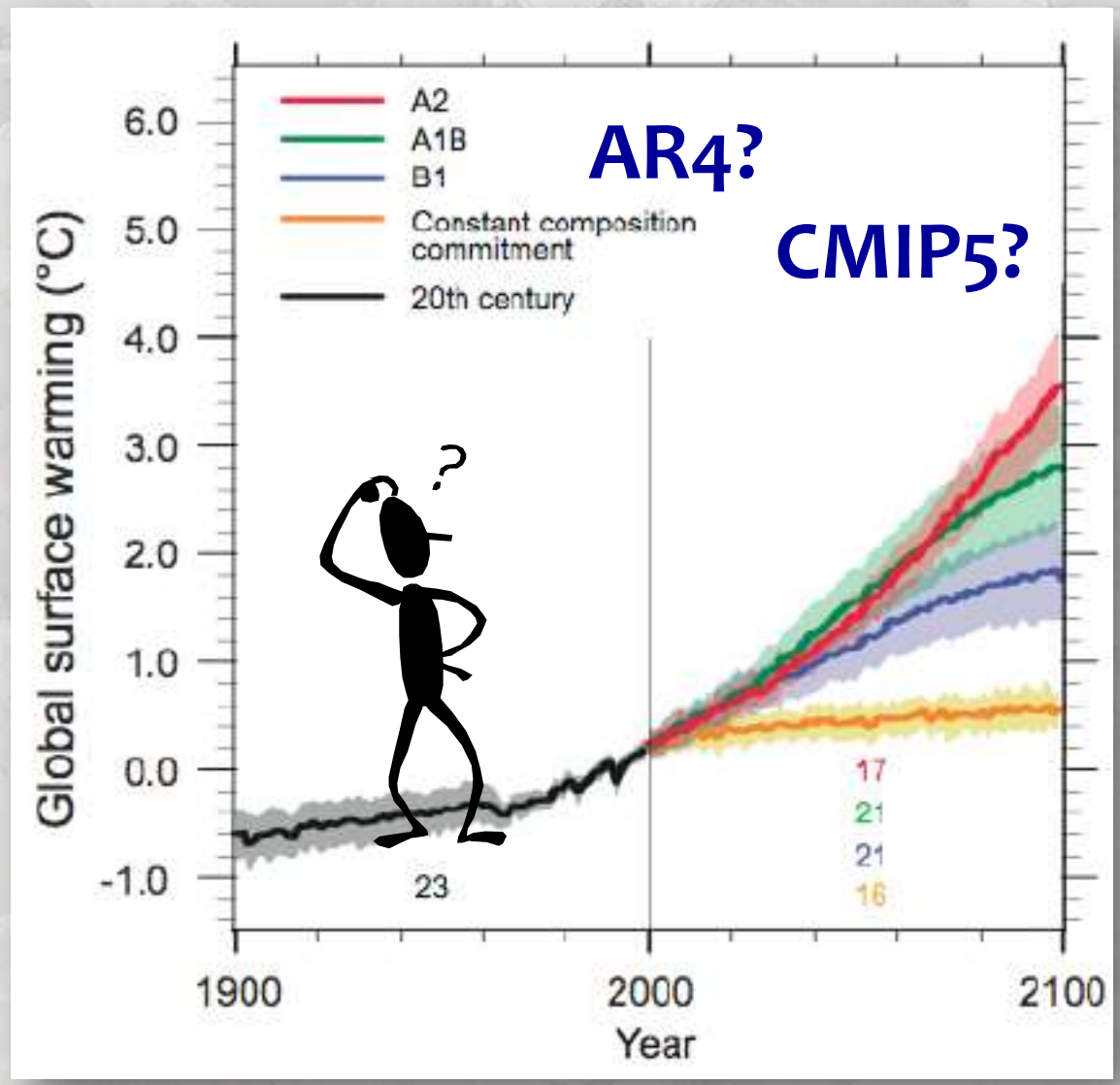
State Stream Temperature Maps…







Future Scenarios – Which to Choose?



The Specifics are an "Unknowable Unknown"

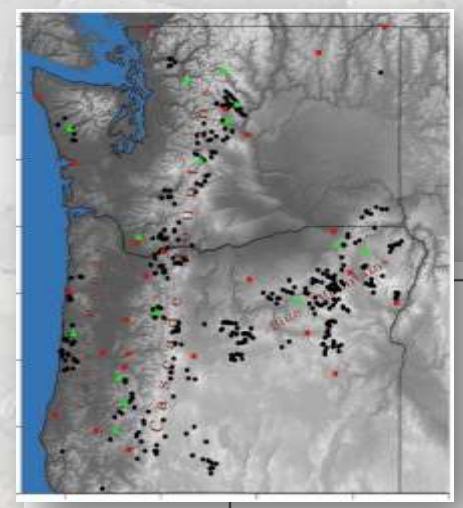
Just plan on it gradually getting warmer…

10 NorWeST Future Scenarios

Scenario	Description
S23_1C	Future scenario adds 1ºC to S1_93-11
S24_1C_D	Future scenario adds 1ºC to S1_93-11 & incorporates differential stream sensitivity
Etc…	For +2ºC & +3ºC
S29_2040	Future scenario based on August air and VIC flow deltas at 2040s from A1B GCM ensemble.
S30_2040_D	Future scenario based on August air and VIC flow deltas at 2040s from A1B GCM ensemble. Adjustment applied for differential sensitivity.
S31_2080	Etc…

***Extensive metadata on website**

Cold Streams Less Sensitive to Climate Forcing



246 stream sites with >7 summers of data

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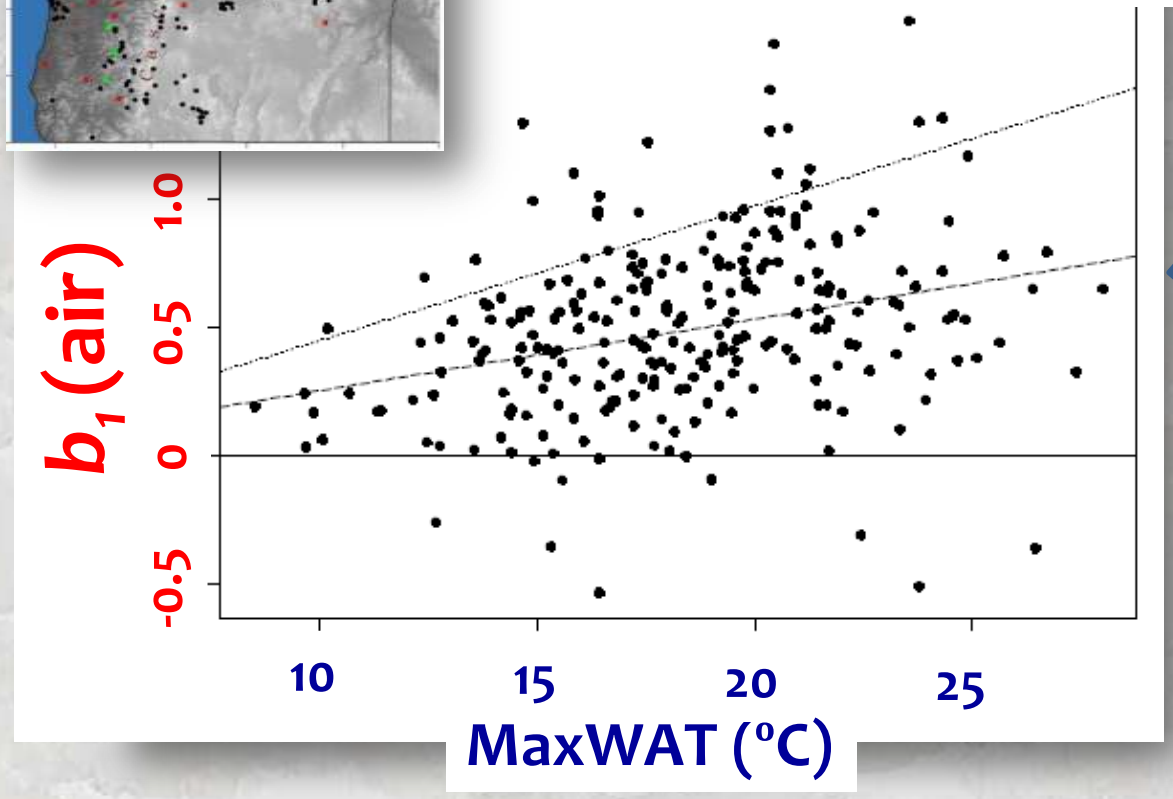

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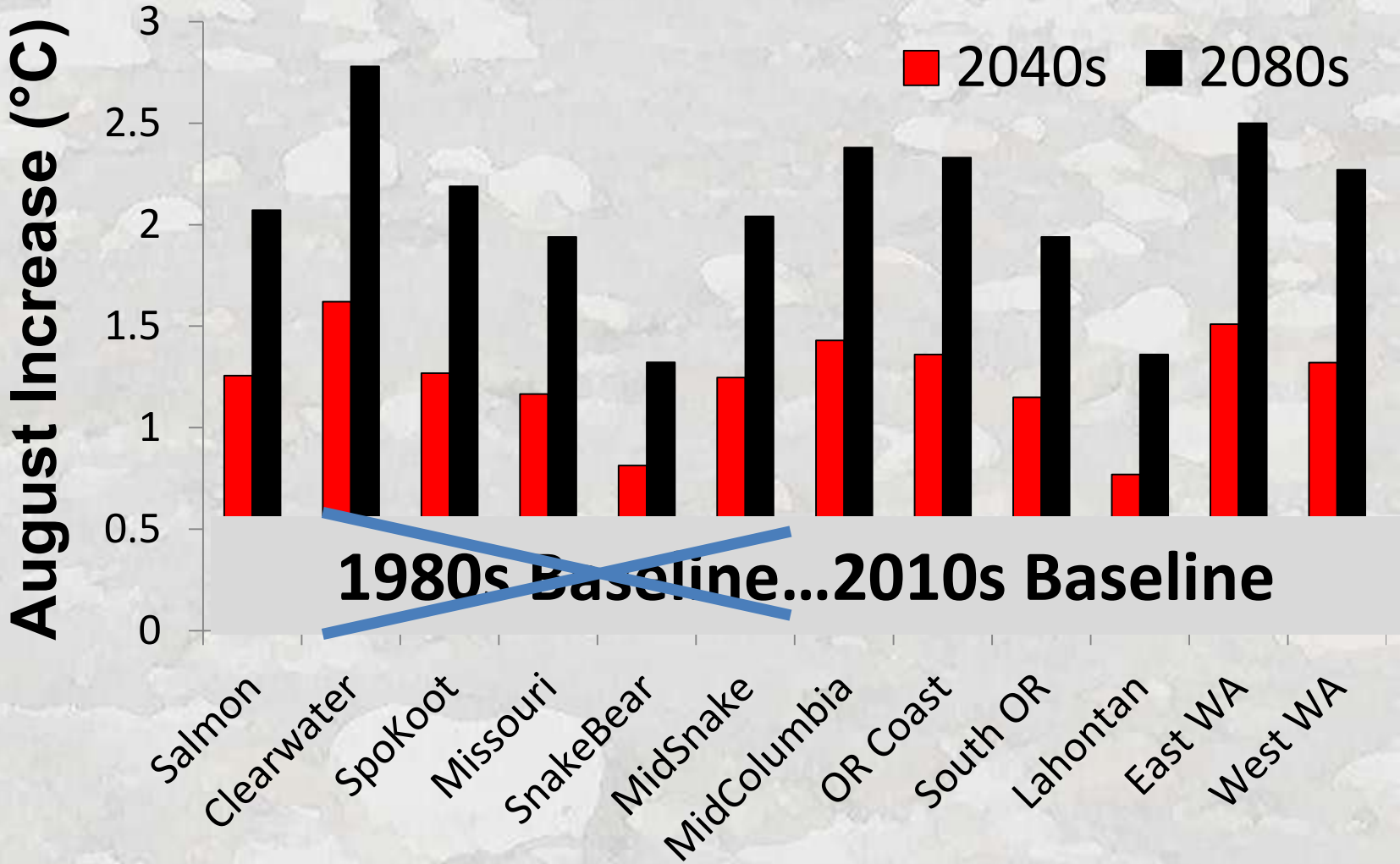
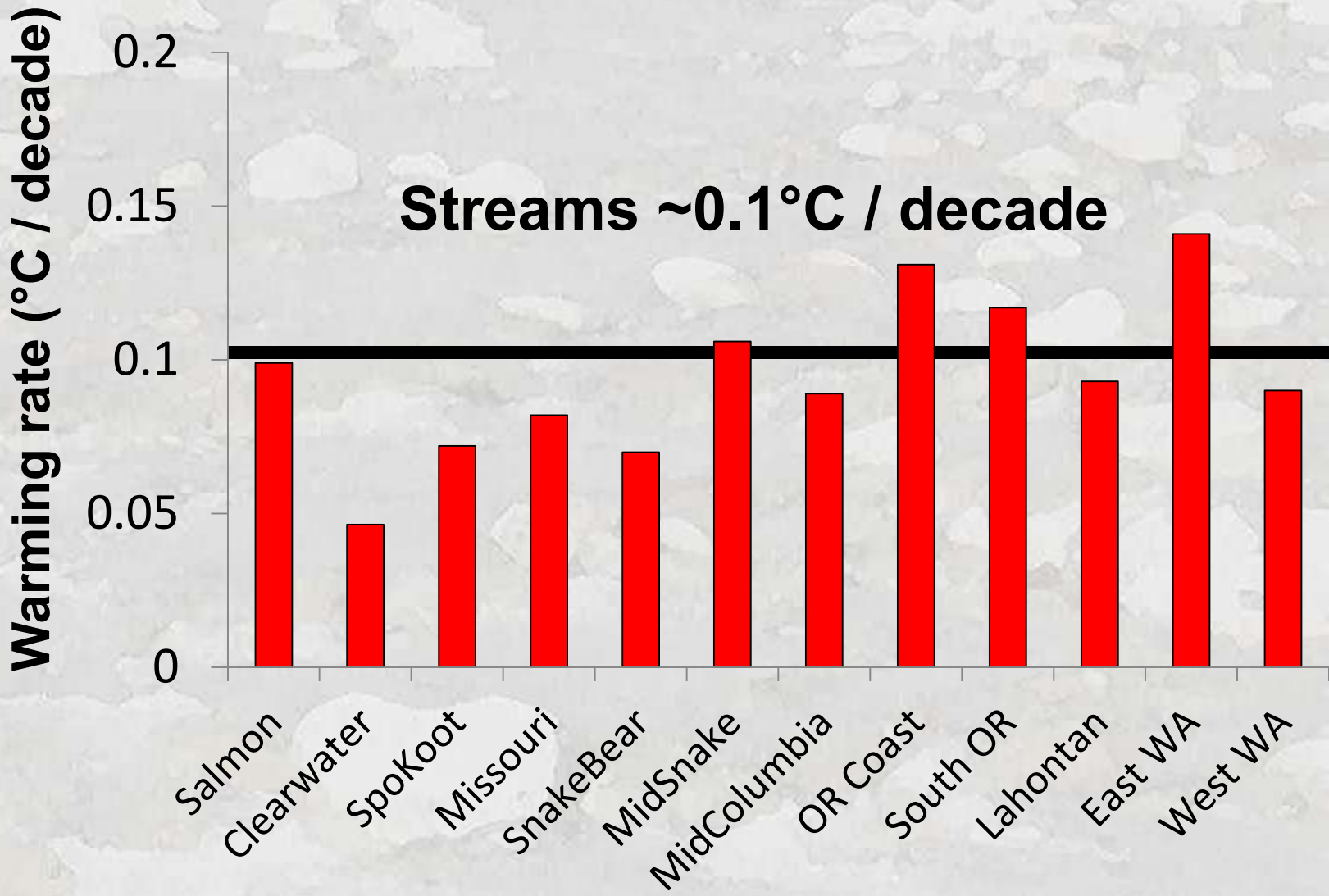
Future Increases Relative to 1980s (1970-1999) Baseline: CIG 10 GCM ensemble for A1B trajectory



*Variation within basins +/-50% from sensitivity adjustment

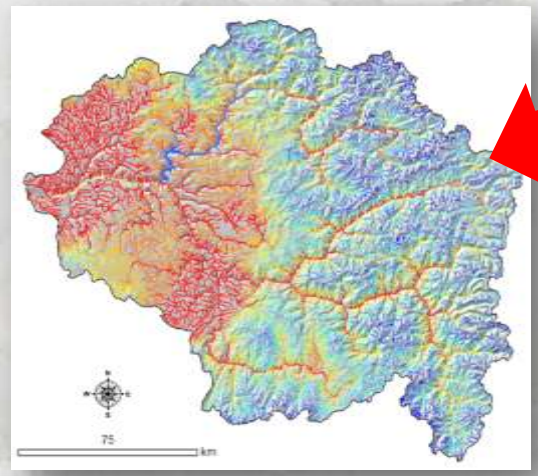
Reality Check: Past August Warming Rates

Reconstructions for 44 Year Period (1968 – 2011)



Website Distributes BLOB Scenarios & Temperature Data as GIS Layers

1) GIS shapefiles of stream temperature scenarios



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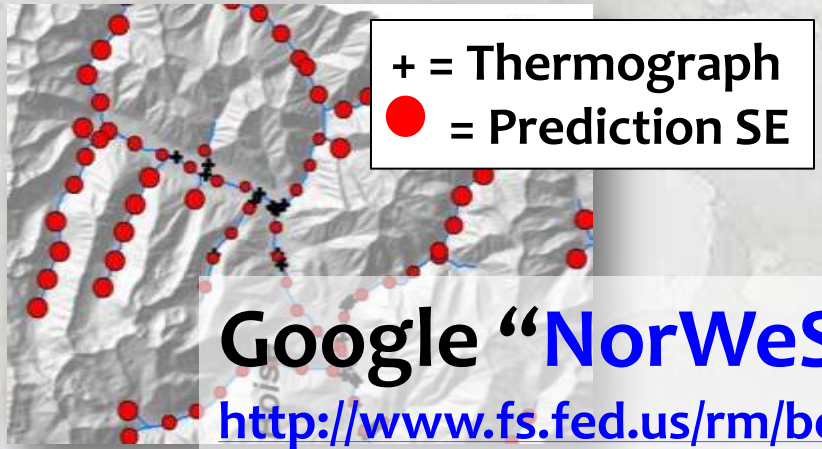


3) Temperature data summaries

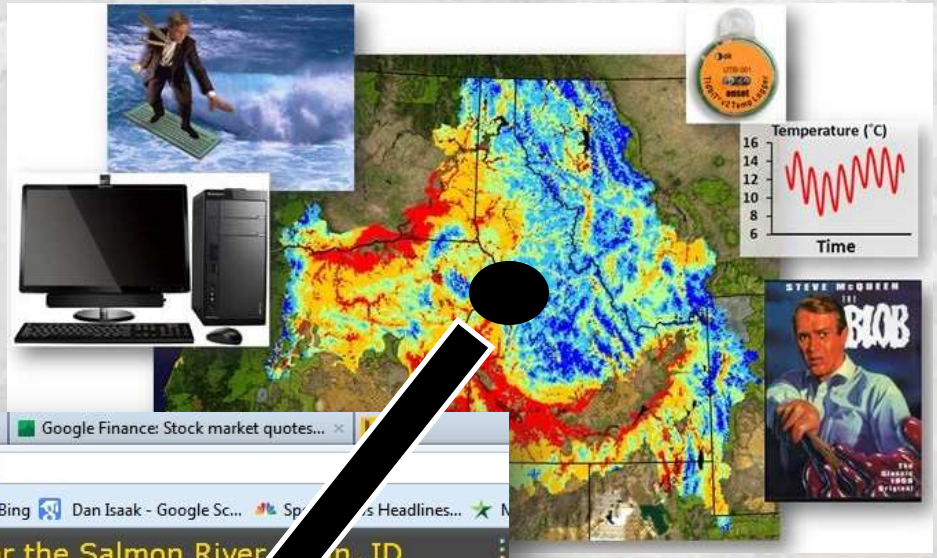
Google "NorWeST" or go here…

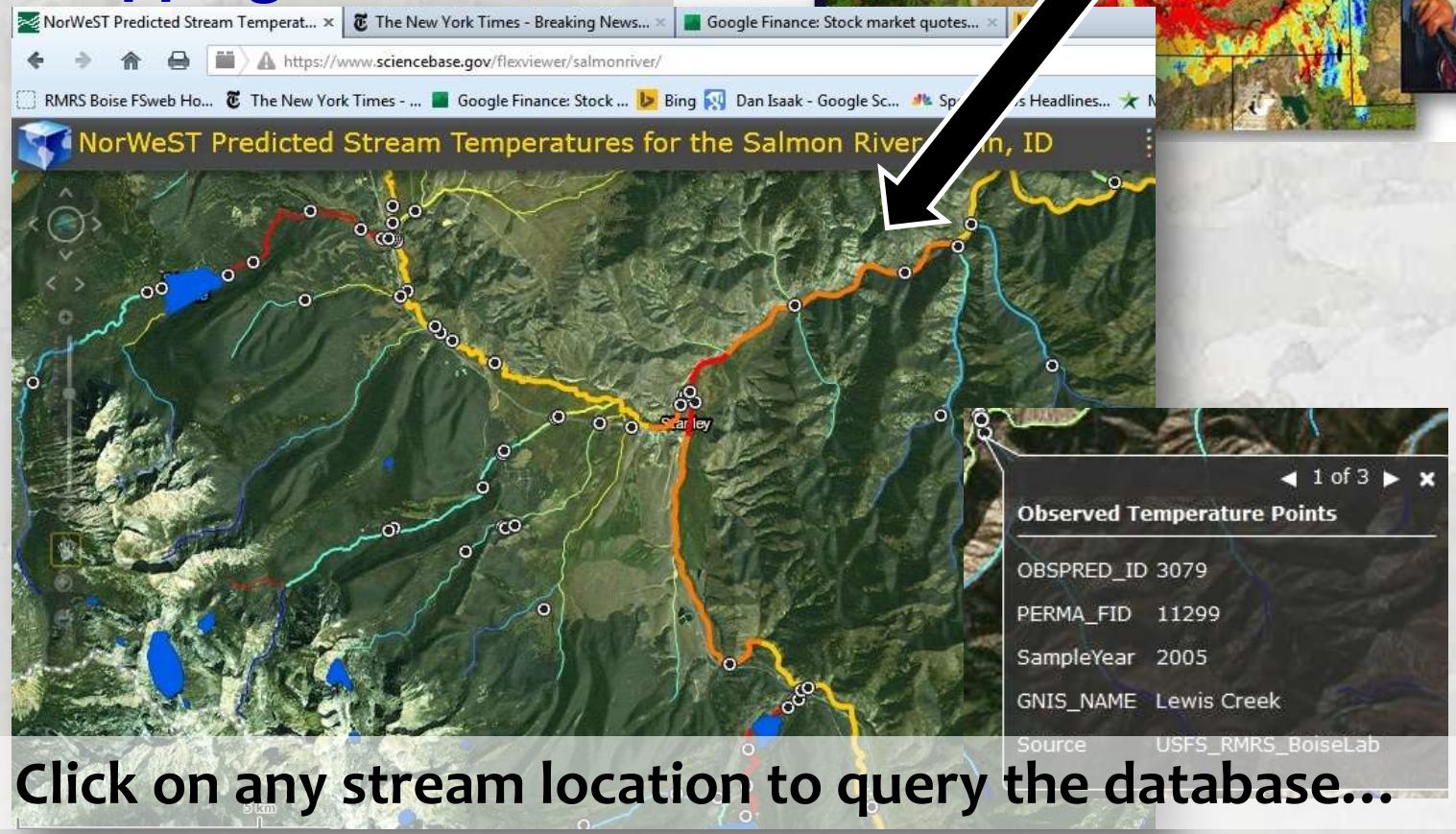
http://www.fs.fed.us/rm/boise/AWAE/projects/NorWeST.shtml

Web-Surf the Blob from Your Desktop!

LC MAP

Interactive Online Mapping Tool

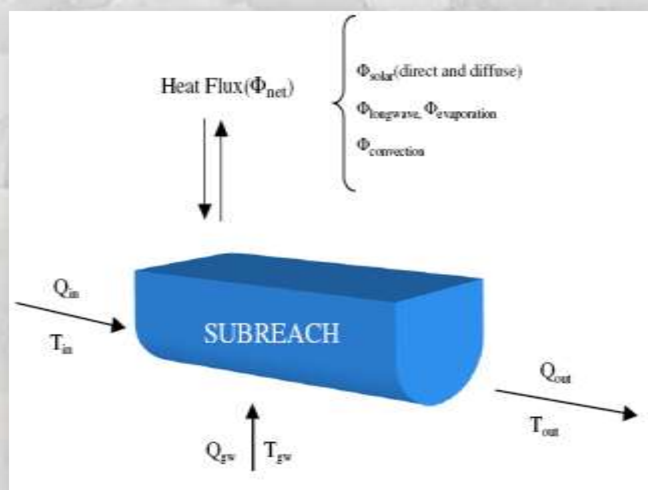


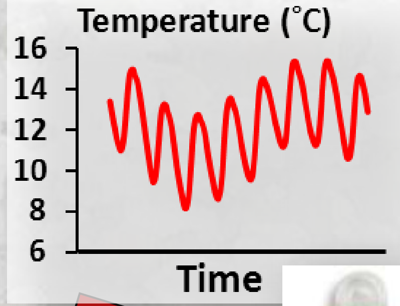


Click on any stream location to query the database…

Data feeds All Models…

Mechanistic & Statistical





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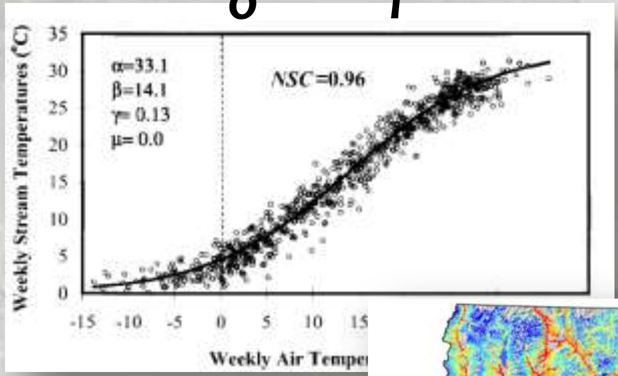

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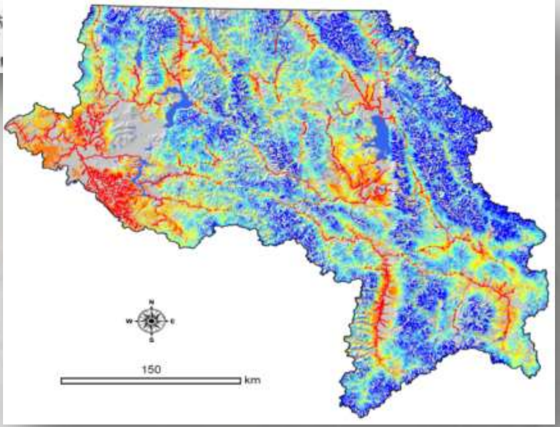


Network

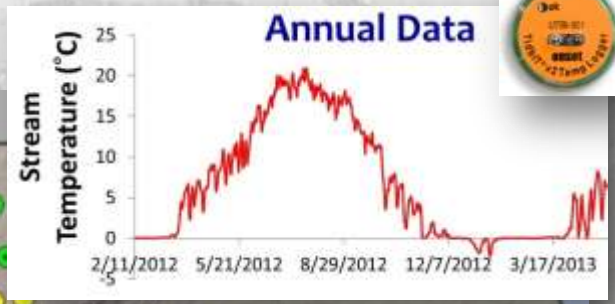
Examples…

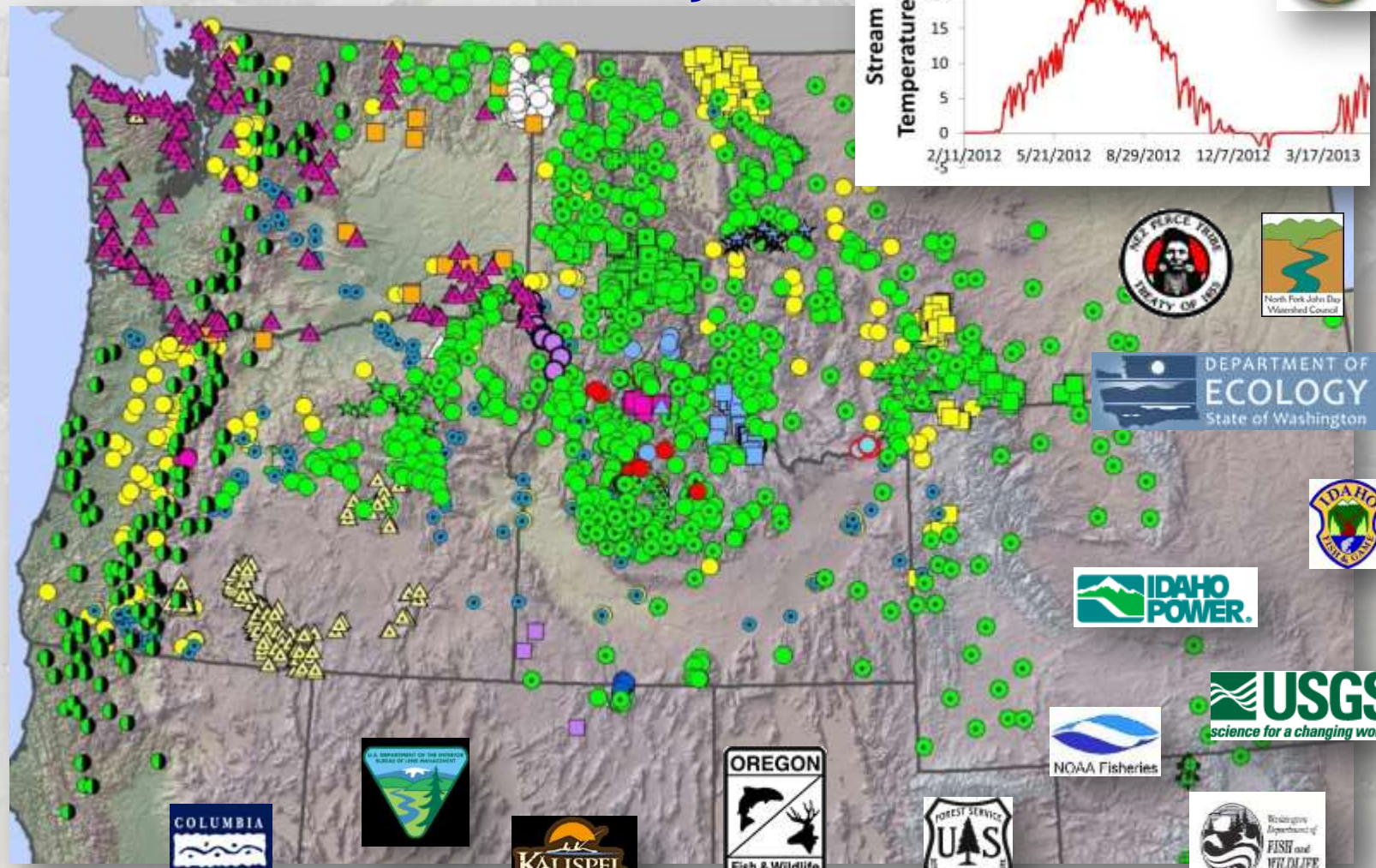
- QUAL2Kw
- SSTEMP/SNTEMP
- BasinTemp
- Heat Source
- WET-Temp

Lots of Annual Data Coming…

>3,000 sites in Pacific Northwest

>200 new sites last year





Correlations Among Monthly Means

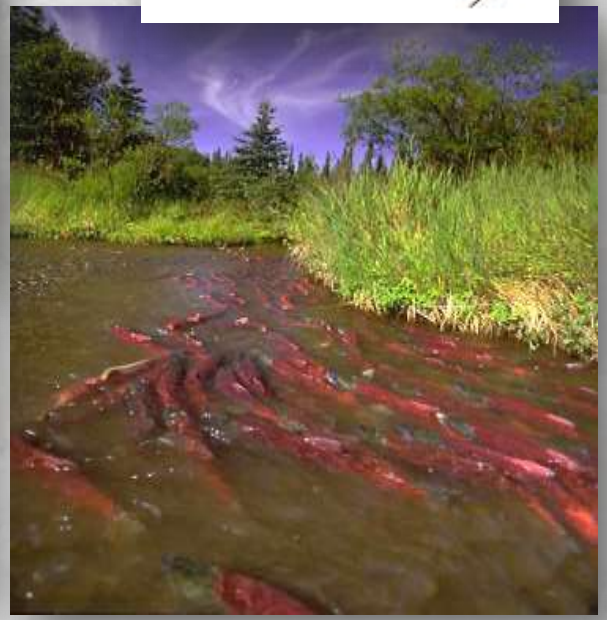
Strong Correlations Except for Winter

	Sept	*Oct*	*Nov*	*Dec*	*Jan*	*Feb*	*March*	*April*	*May*	*June*	*July*
Oct	0.97										
Nov	0.85	0.94									
Dec	0.29	0.48	0.71								
Jan	0.34	0.47	0.63	0.79							
Feb	0.56	0.62	0.68	0.57	0.90						
March	0.89	0.94	0.96	0.62	0.67	0.78					
April	0.93	0.96	0.93	0.47	0.45	0.60	0.95				
May	0.90	0.92	0.83	0.31	0.29	0.47	0.84	0.95			
June	0.82	0.83	0.71	0.21	0.23	0.39	0.72	0.85	0.95		
July	0.87	0.84	0.75	0.15	0.21	0.42	0.72	0.82	0.88	0.91	
Aug	0.98	0.92	0.75	0.14	0.23	0.48	0.79	0.87	0.88	0.84	0.93

Non-winter months **r = 0.87**

Winter months (DJF) **r = 0.47**

The Reasons Temperature Matters…



How NorWeST data are Being Used…

NorWeST Stream Temp

Monitoring & Temperature Standards

- Interagency coordination & less redundancy
- Annual, long-term data instead of summer, short-term
- Oregon DEQ macroinvertebrate habitat indices & riparian conditions
- Total Maximum Daily Loads & site potential

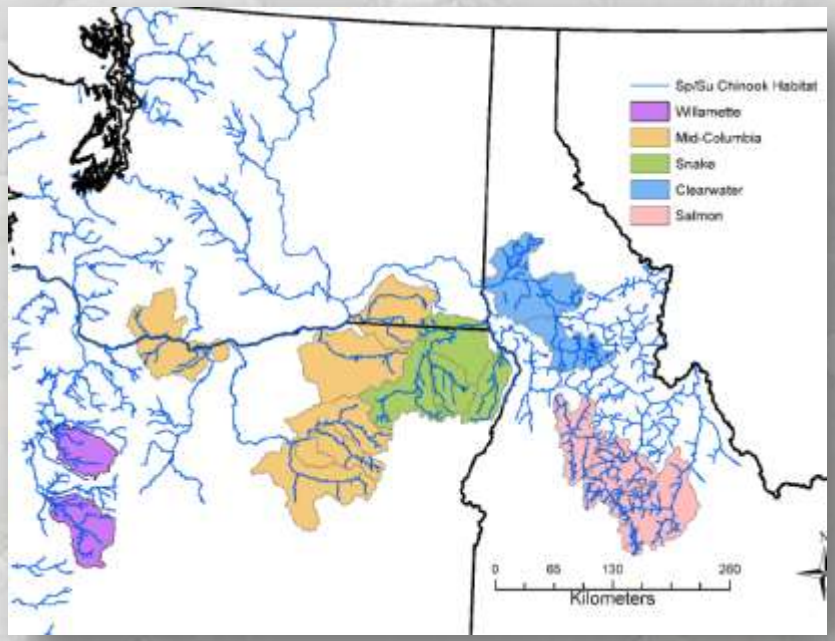
Salmon & Resident Fish Research

- Hatchery stray rates (Westerley & Dittman, U Washington)
- Pre-spawn mortality rates in Chinook salmon (Bowerman, Keefer, & Caudill, U Idaho)
- Descriptions of historical species distribution shifts (Lemoine Ph.D., U Montana)

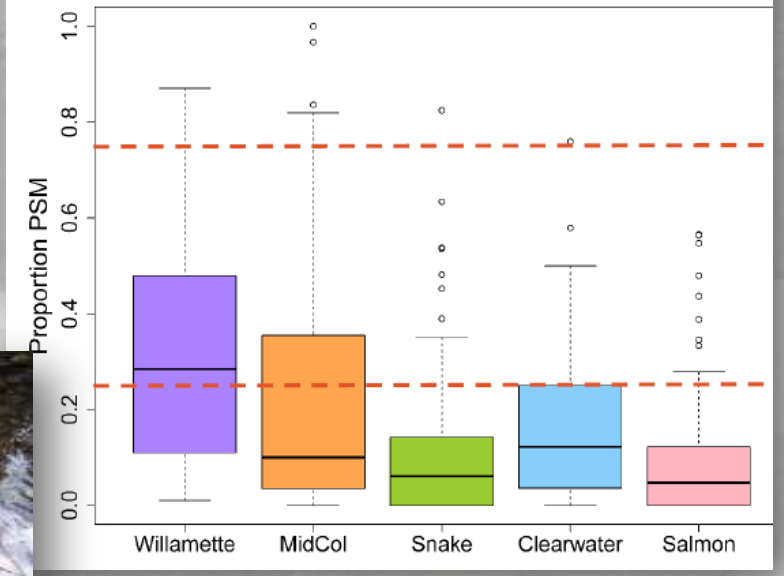
Climate Vulnerability Assessments & Land Management Planning

- Blue Mountains Adaptation Partnership, Northern Rockies Adaptation Partnership, Clearwater – EcoAdapt, etc.
- Forest Plan revisions (30 - 50 national forests) in Regions 1, 2, 4, & 6
- Southwest Crown of the Continent initiative
- Regional bull trout & cutthroat trout vulnerability assessments

NorWeST Temperature & Prespawn Mortality in Salmon



450 site years of PSM data
8 different agencies
3 ESUs



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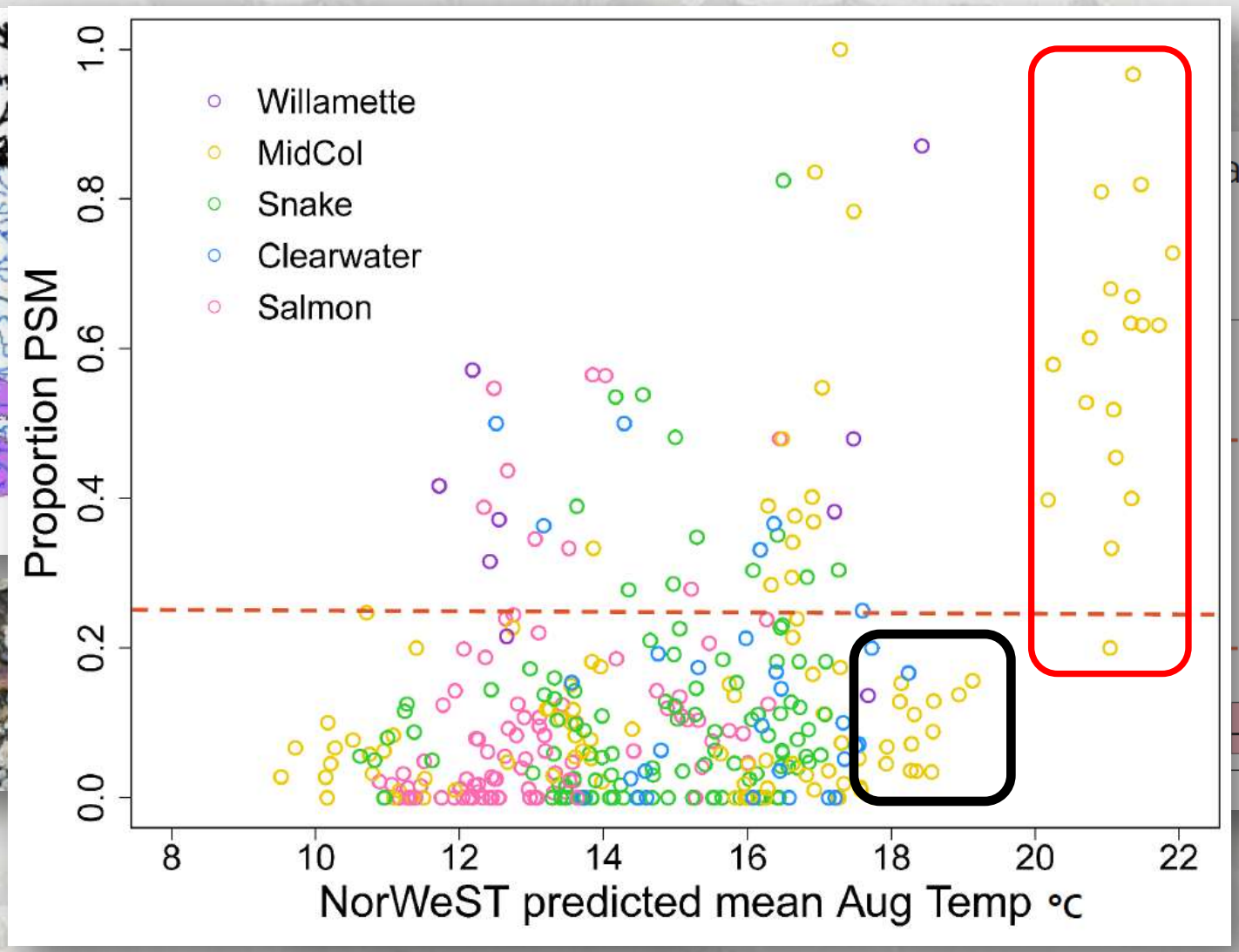

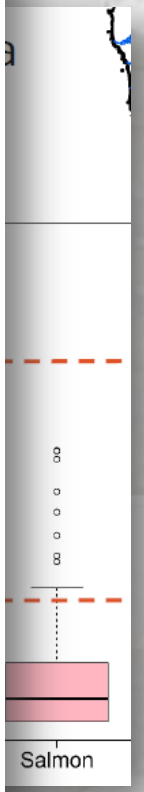

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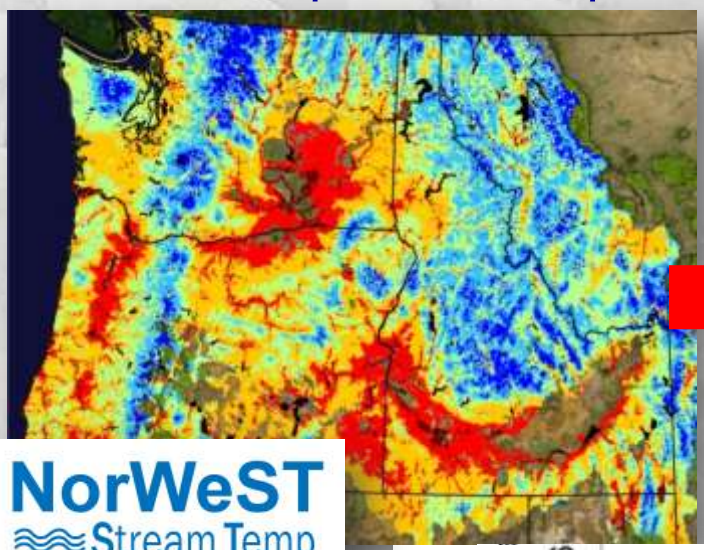
Field-Based Temperature Standards using BIG FISH Databases

Stream temperature maps



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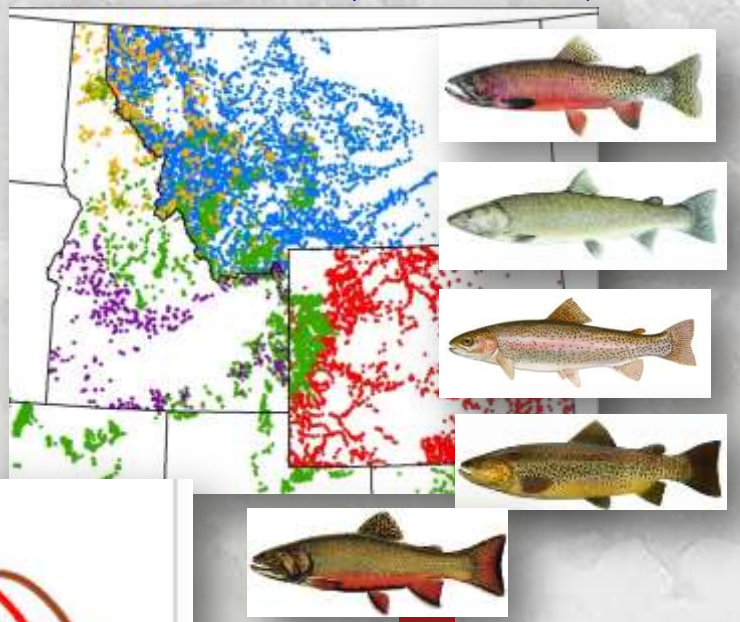
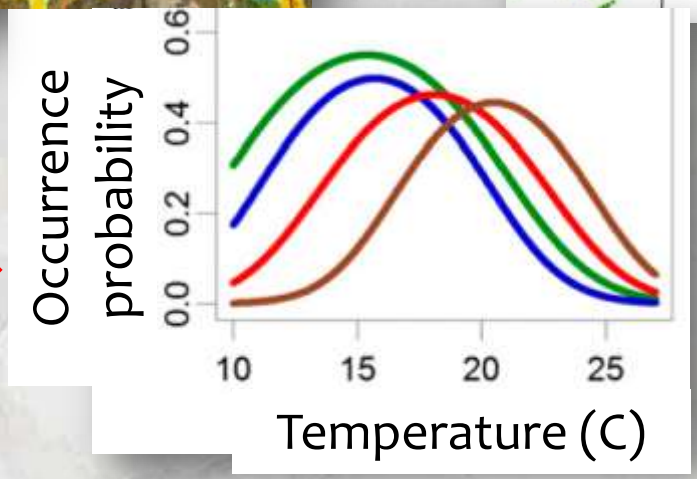
Regional fish survey databases (n ~ 13,000)





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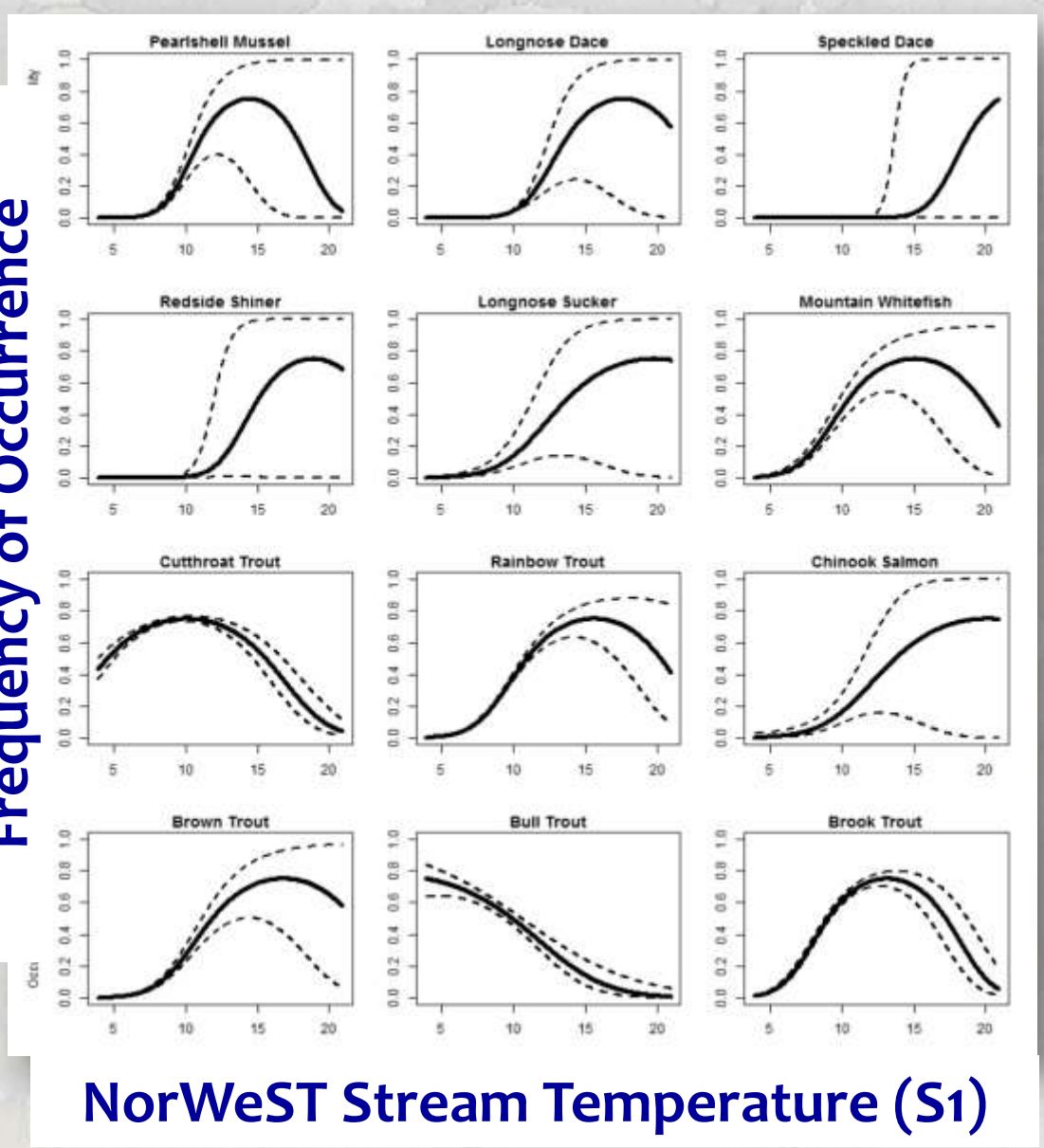
A Generalizable Approach…

Just need georeferenced biological survey data

Too warm…Too cold… Just right

Thermal Niches in Batch Mode…



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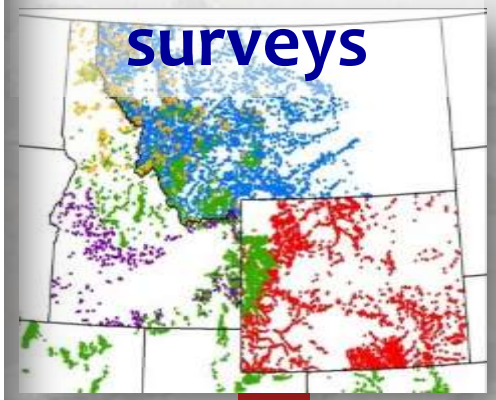

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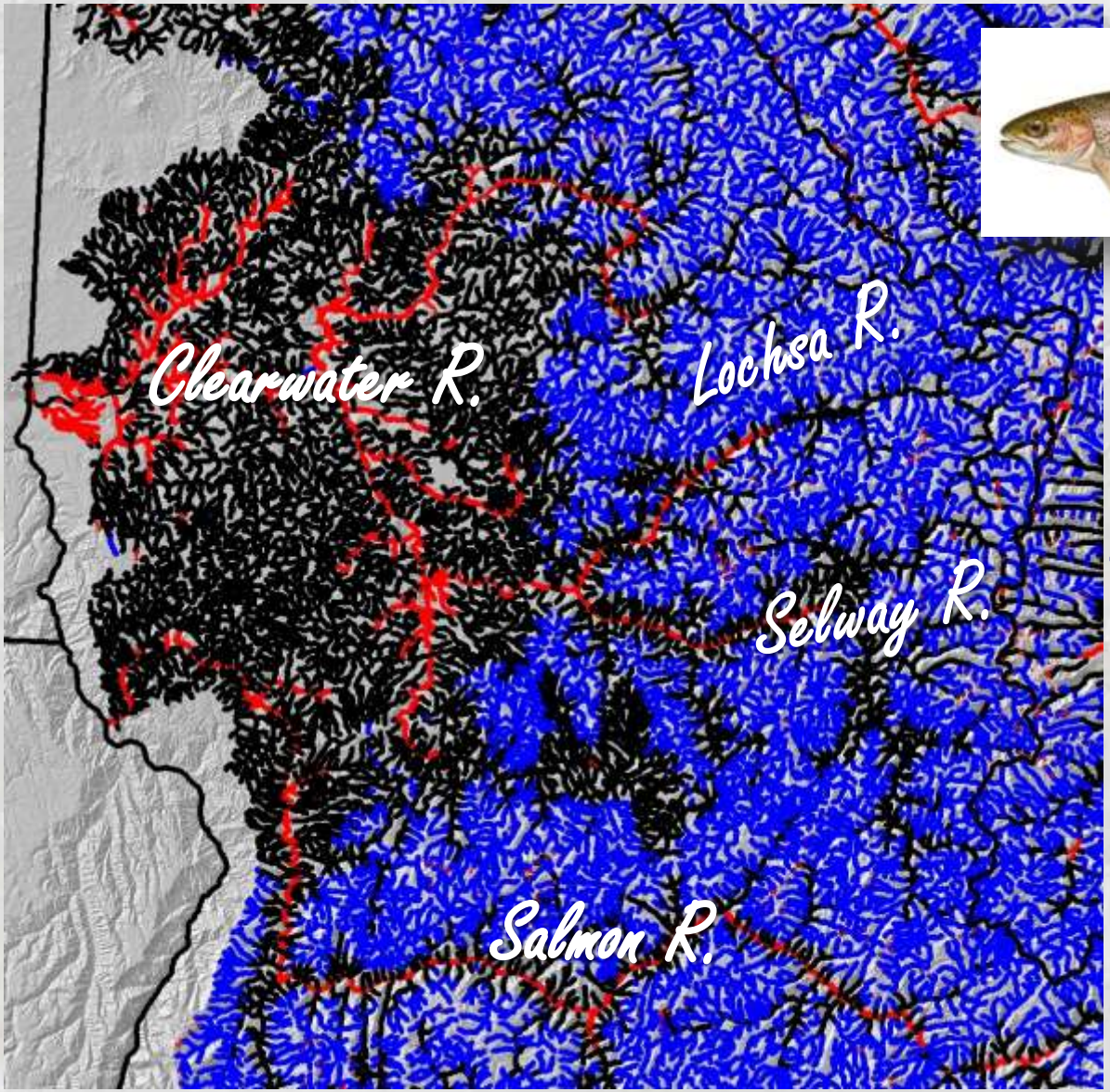

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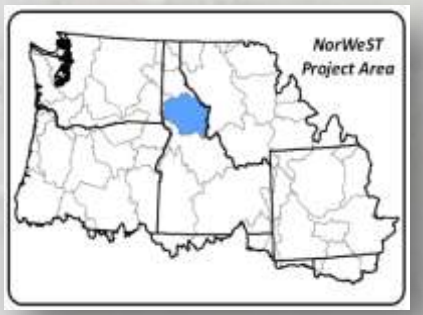

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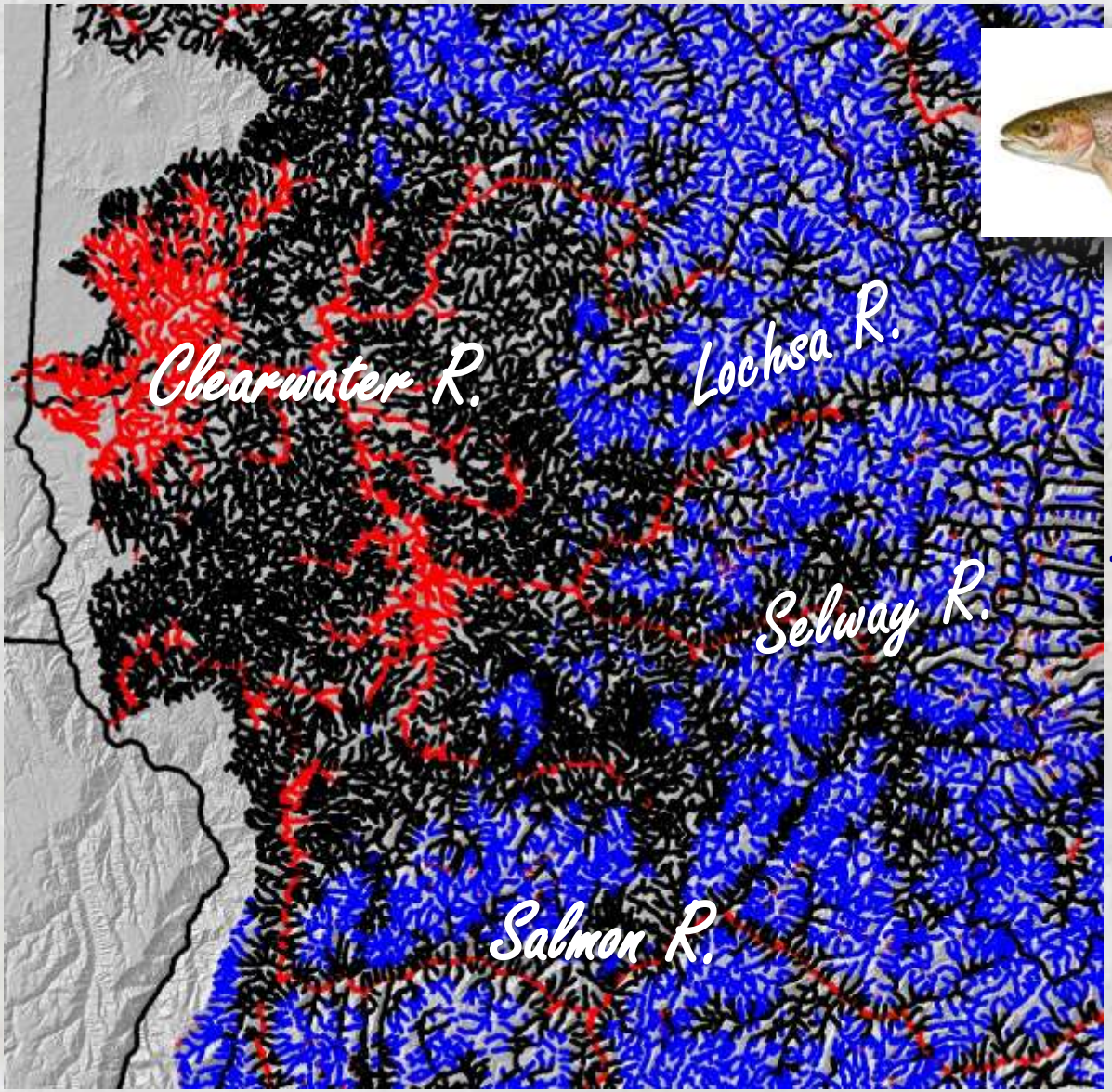

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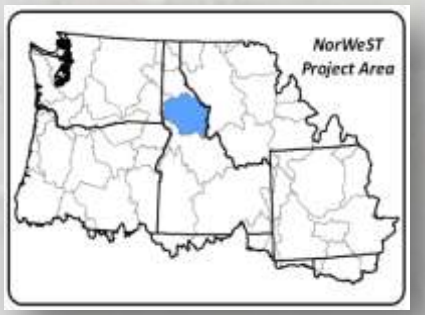

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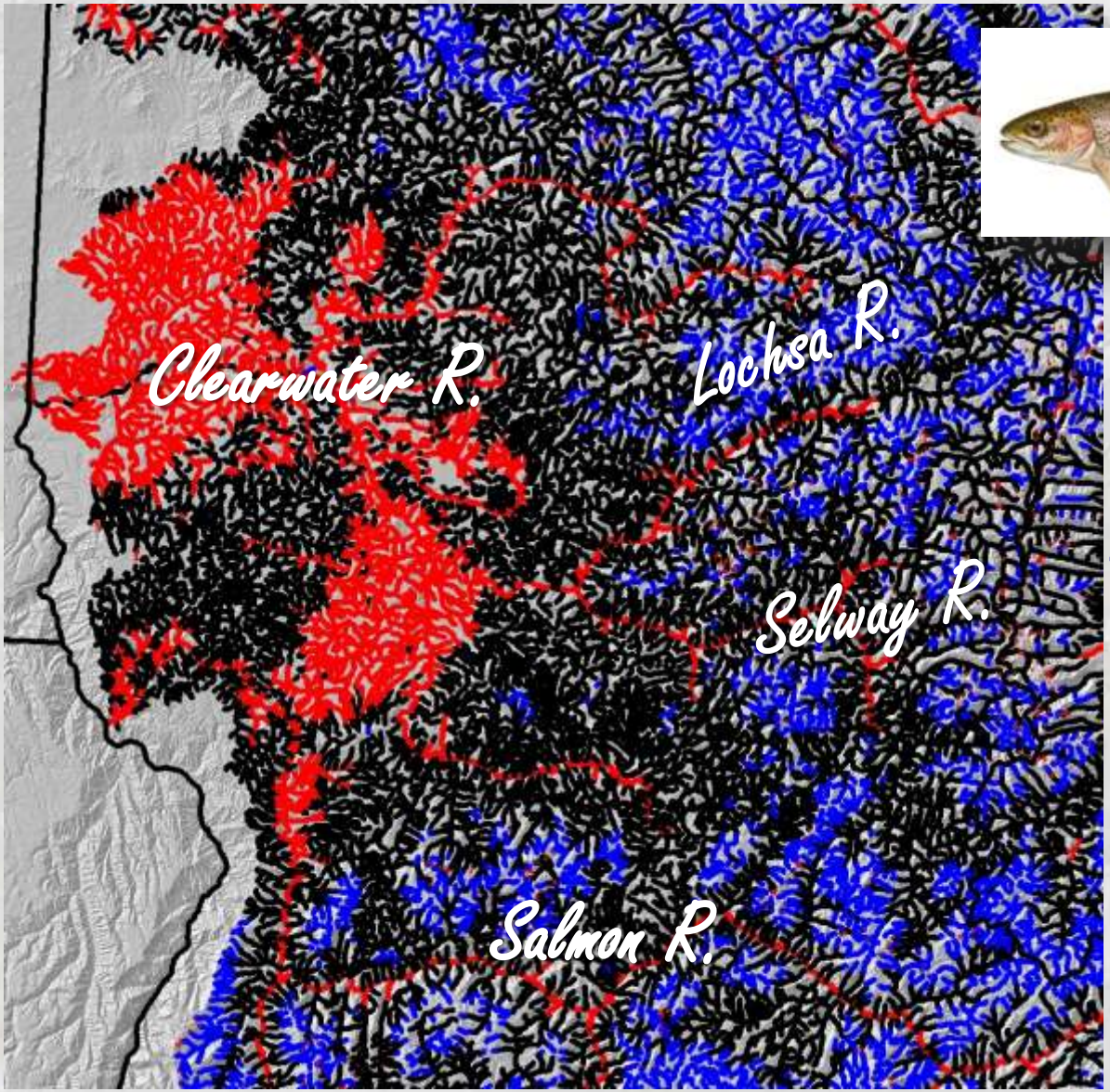

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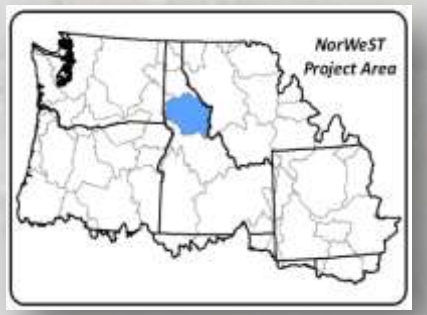

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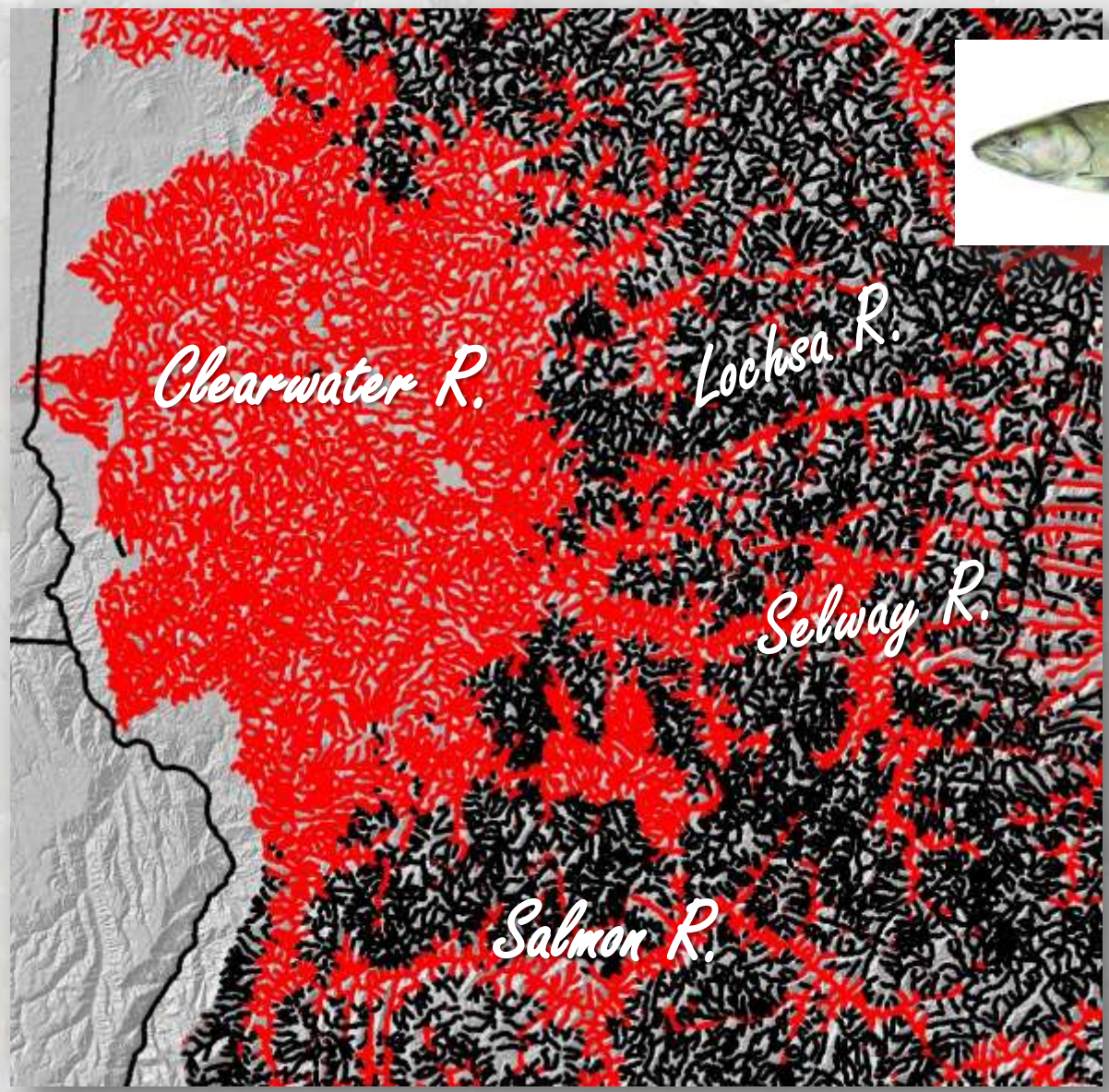

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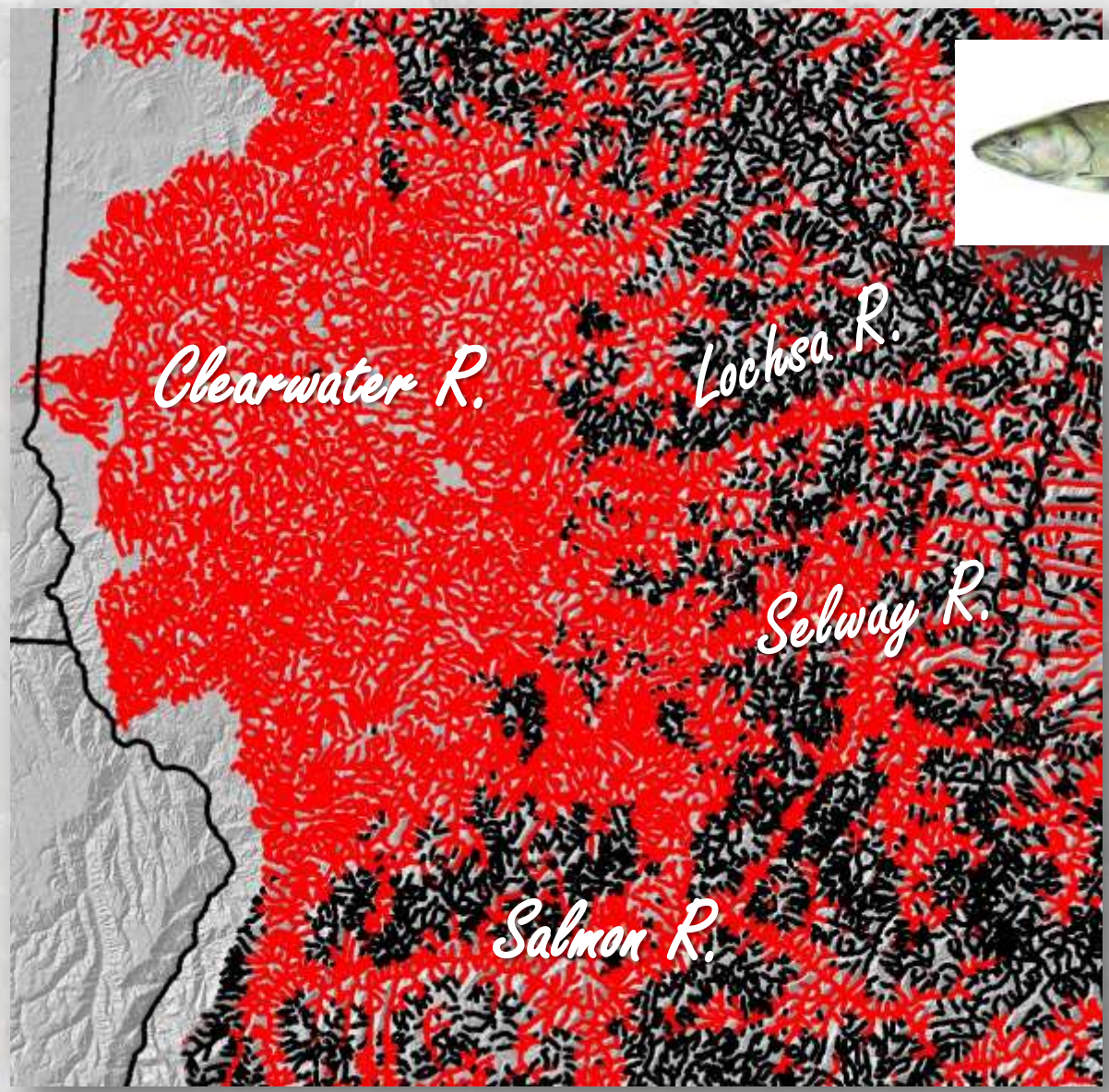

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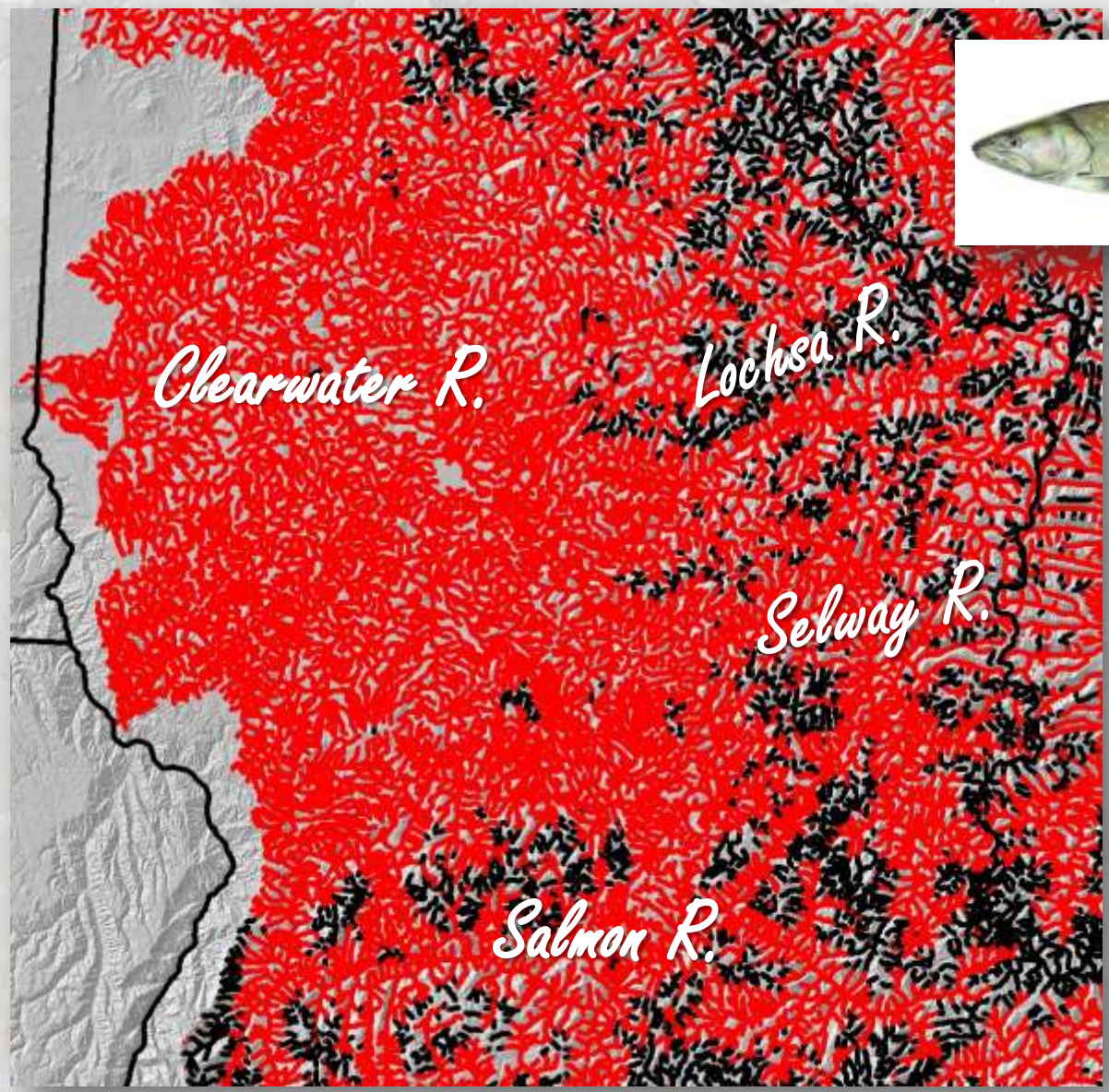

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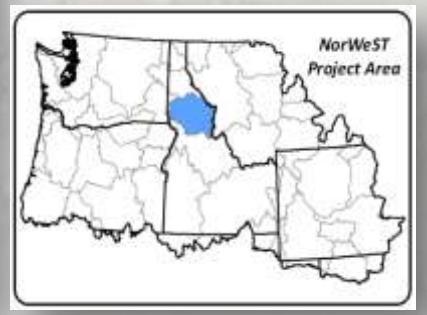

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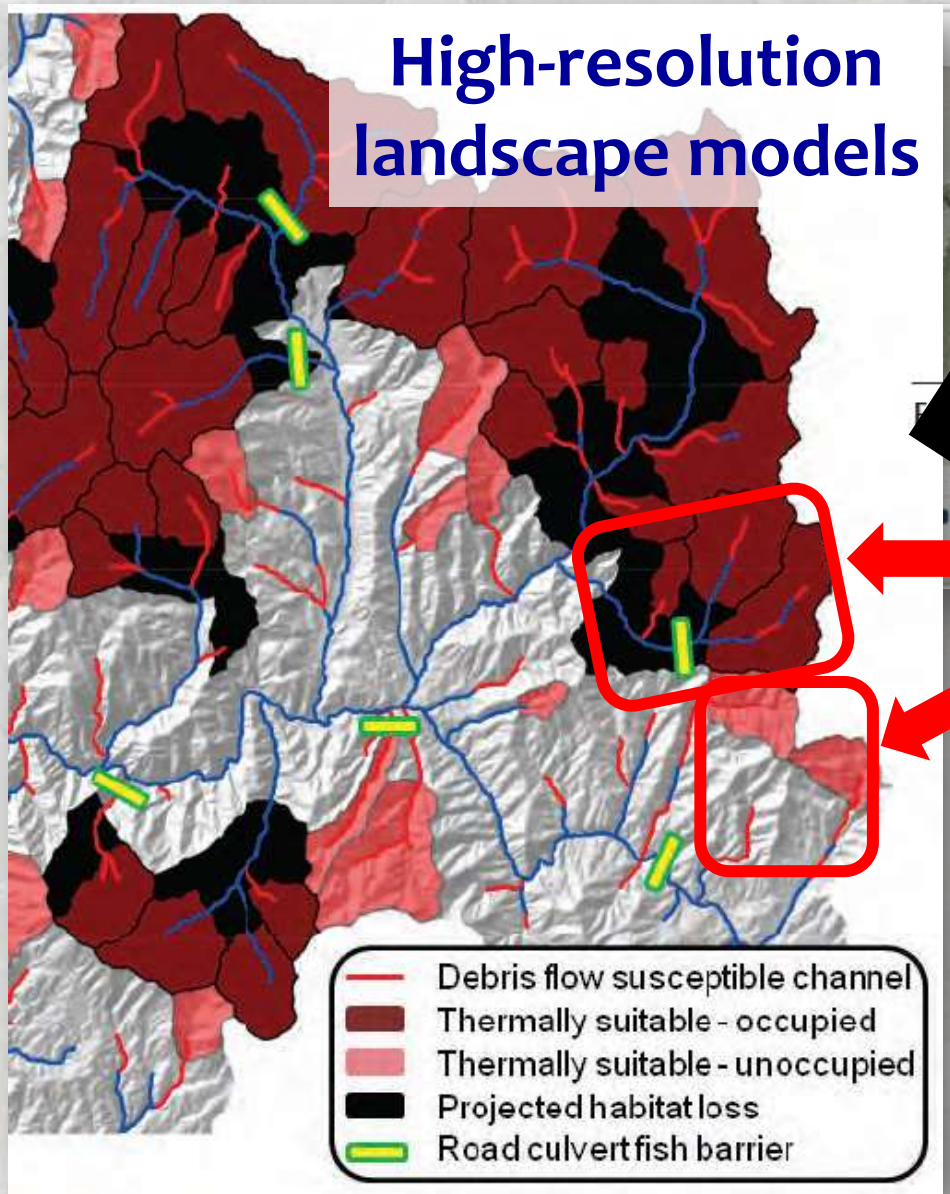

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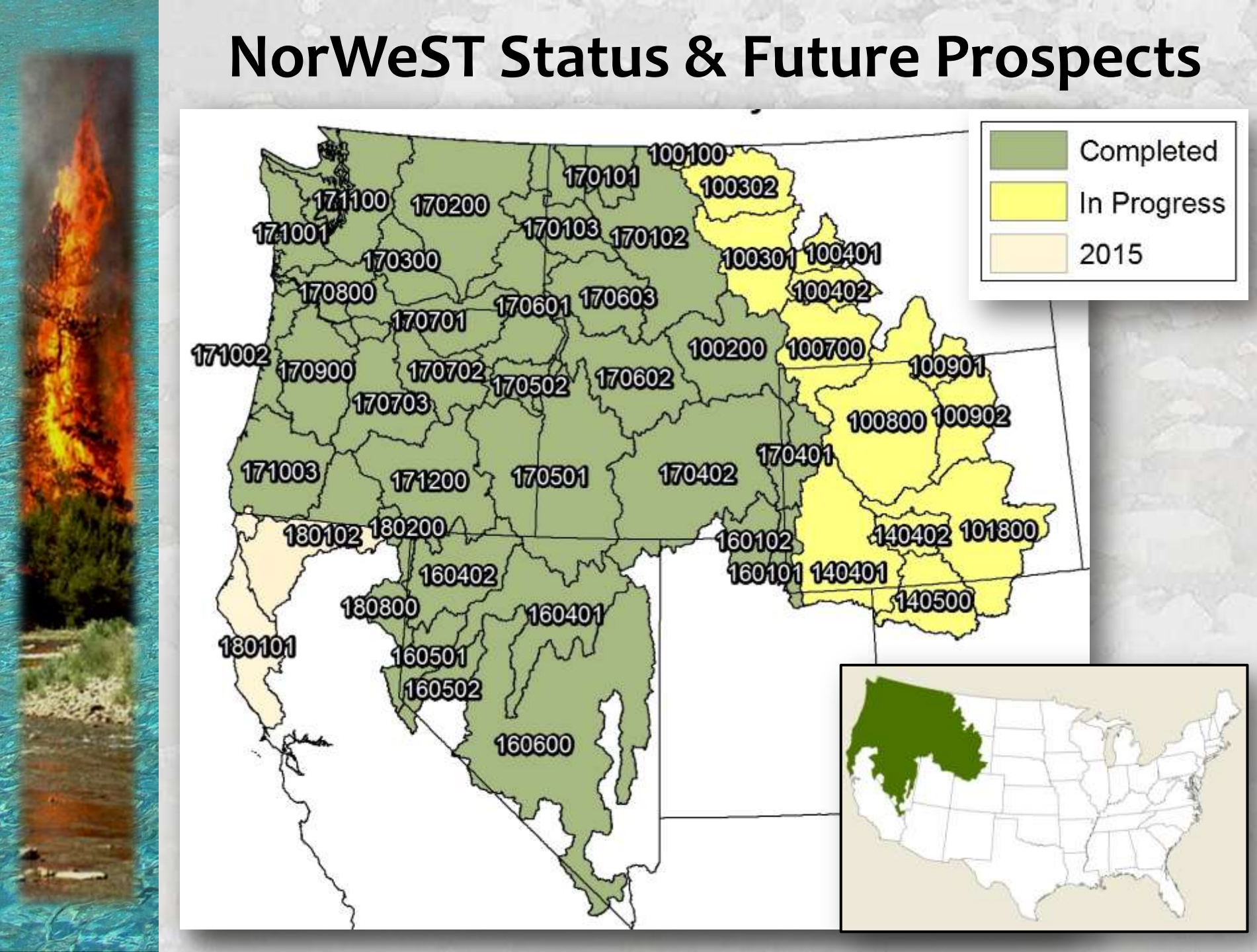

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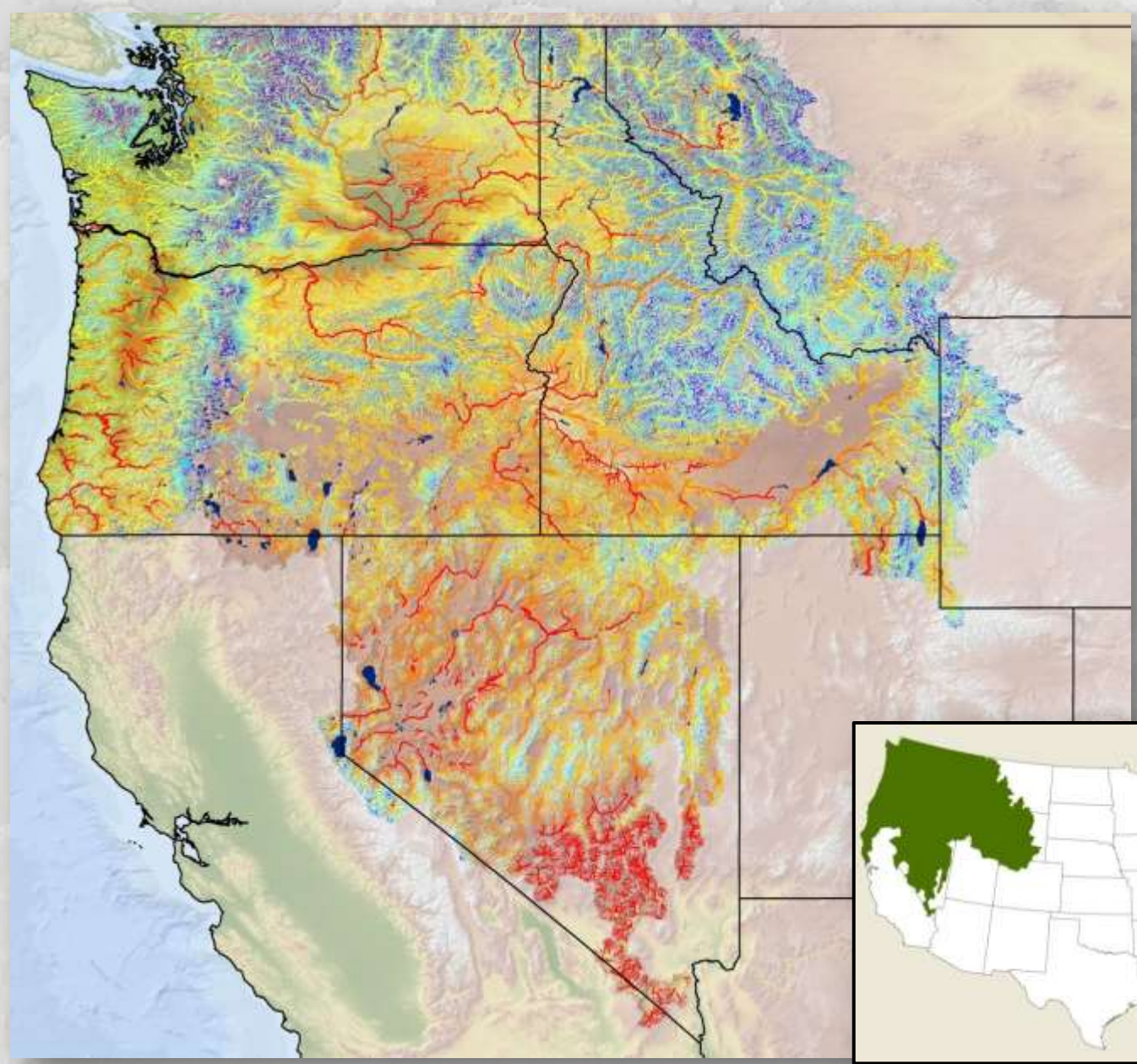

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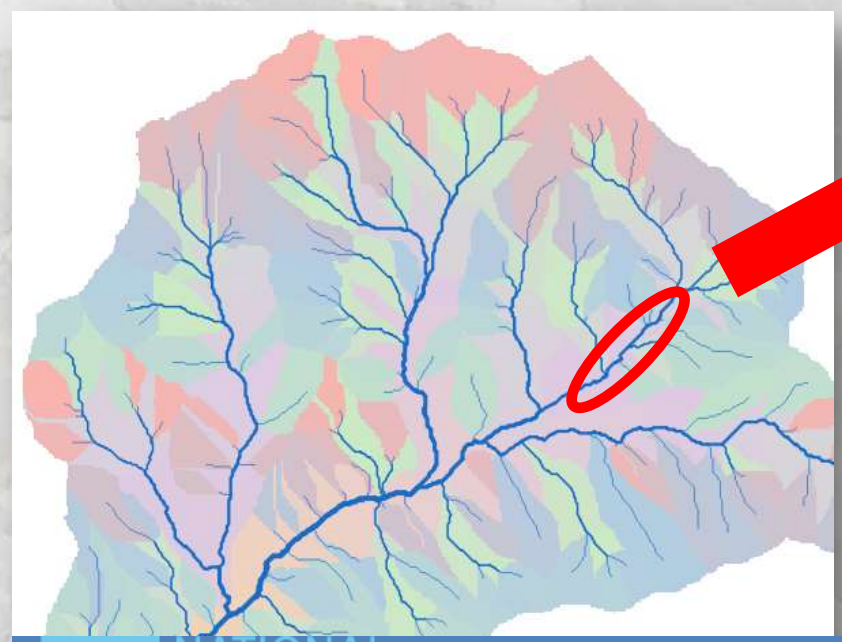

Reach Descriptors:

- Elevation
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100's more…

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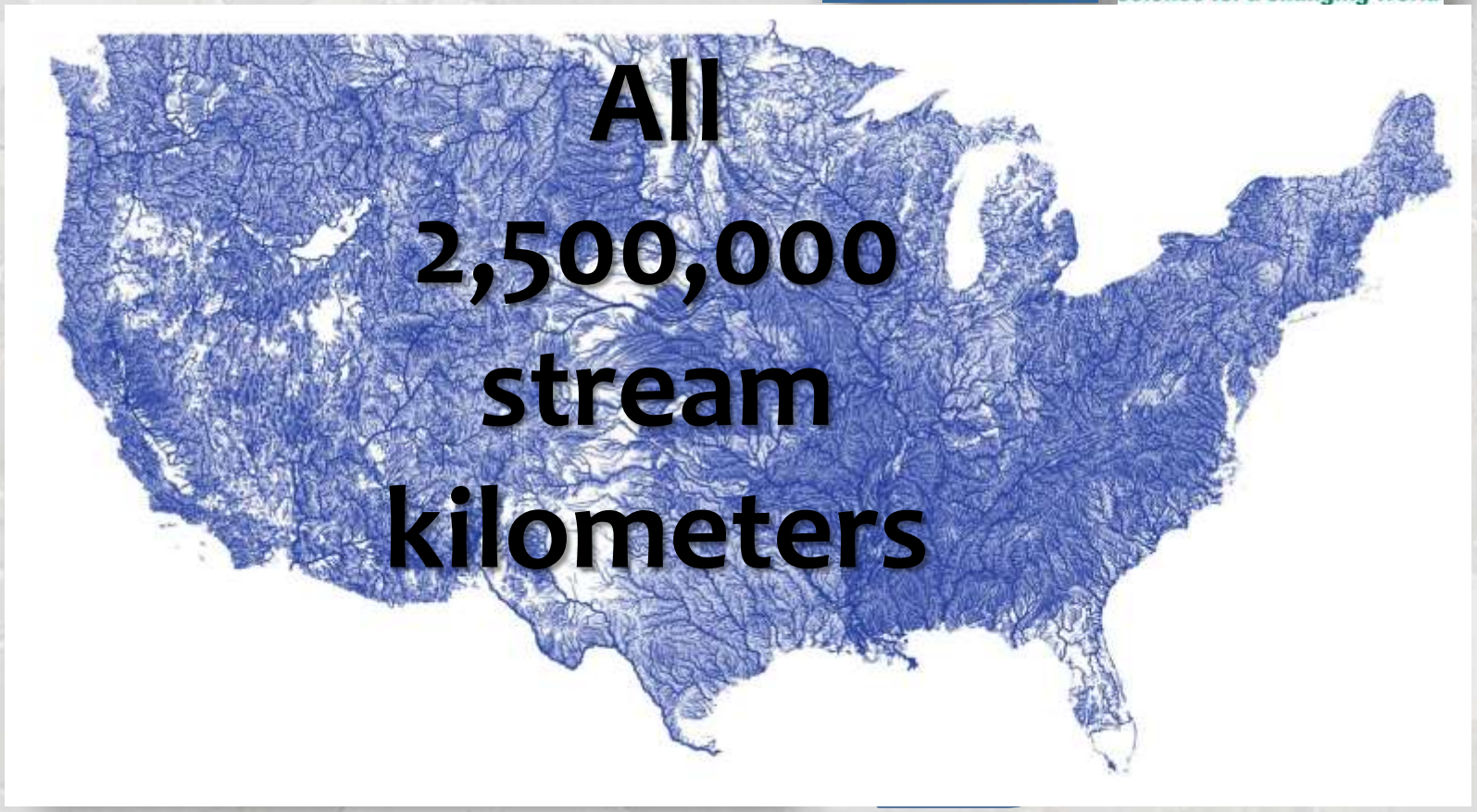

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80+ agencies & counting…

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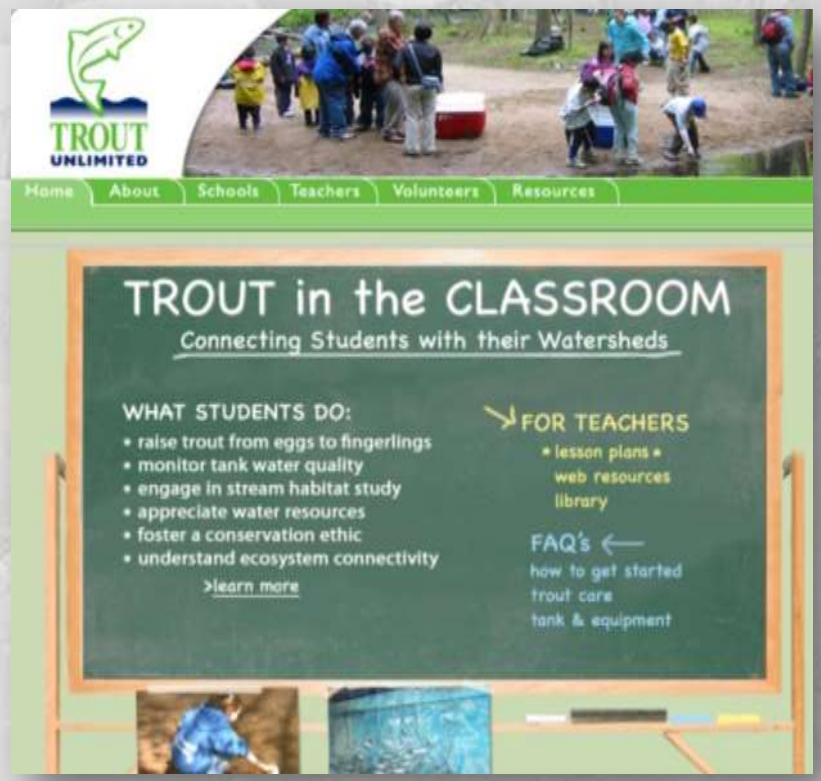

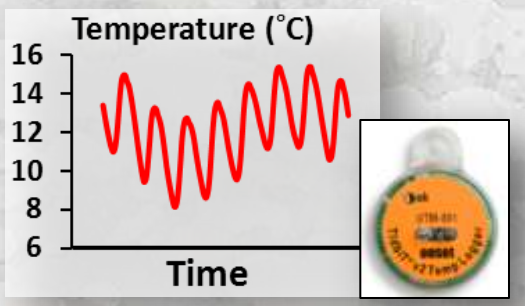

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