VWP CIA Summary (TEMPLATE)

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This is an R Markdown document. This will serve as the template for VWP Project Model Summaries moving forward. For related GitHub issue see <https://github.com/HARPgroup/vahydro/issues/317>.

# VAHydro Model Boilerplate:

## VAHydro

The comprehensive VAHydro hydrologic model is used to evaluate surface water supply availability for permitting projects throughout Virginia. The VAHydro model simulates streamflow with inputs such as precipitation, climate, land use, and topography, as well as local data collected through DEQ water supply planning and reporting programs including all known withdrawals and discharges, as well as operational rules of VWP permits and major hydrologic features such as reservoirs.

The VAHydro model is built on rainfall-evaporation-runoff (RER) time-series from the Chesapeake Bay Model Phase 6 which runs from 1984-2014 in the Chesapeake Bay watershed drainage, and 1984-2005 in the rivers flowing outside of the Chesapeake Bay watershed, aka the “southern rivers.” The VAHydro model features high-resolution hydrologic subsections called “river segments” (over 600 river segments in total), roughly the size of HUC 10 hydrologic units, with additional high-resolution segments added for VWP modeling projects as needed.

## CIA

DEQ assesses water supply sustainability through Cumulative Impact Analysis (CIA) modeling. CIA is a modeling and analysis approach that takes into account the varied hydrologic process occurring throughout a river network (including meteorology and human water use). By simulating a daily water balance for every individual river segment within a watershed, DEQ is able to evaluate the potential “cumulative impact” of all streamflow changes occurring upstream of any location within the river network, as well as the downstream impact of individual permitted withdrawal operations.

The goal of the folloing analysis was to estimate the potential impacts of the requested water withdrawal upon existing beneficial uses, including both in-stream and off-stream uses.

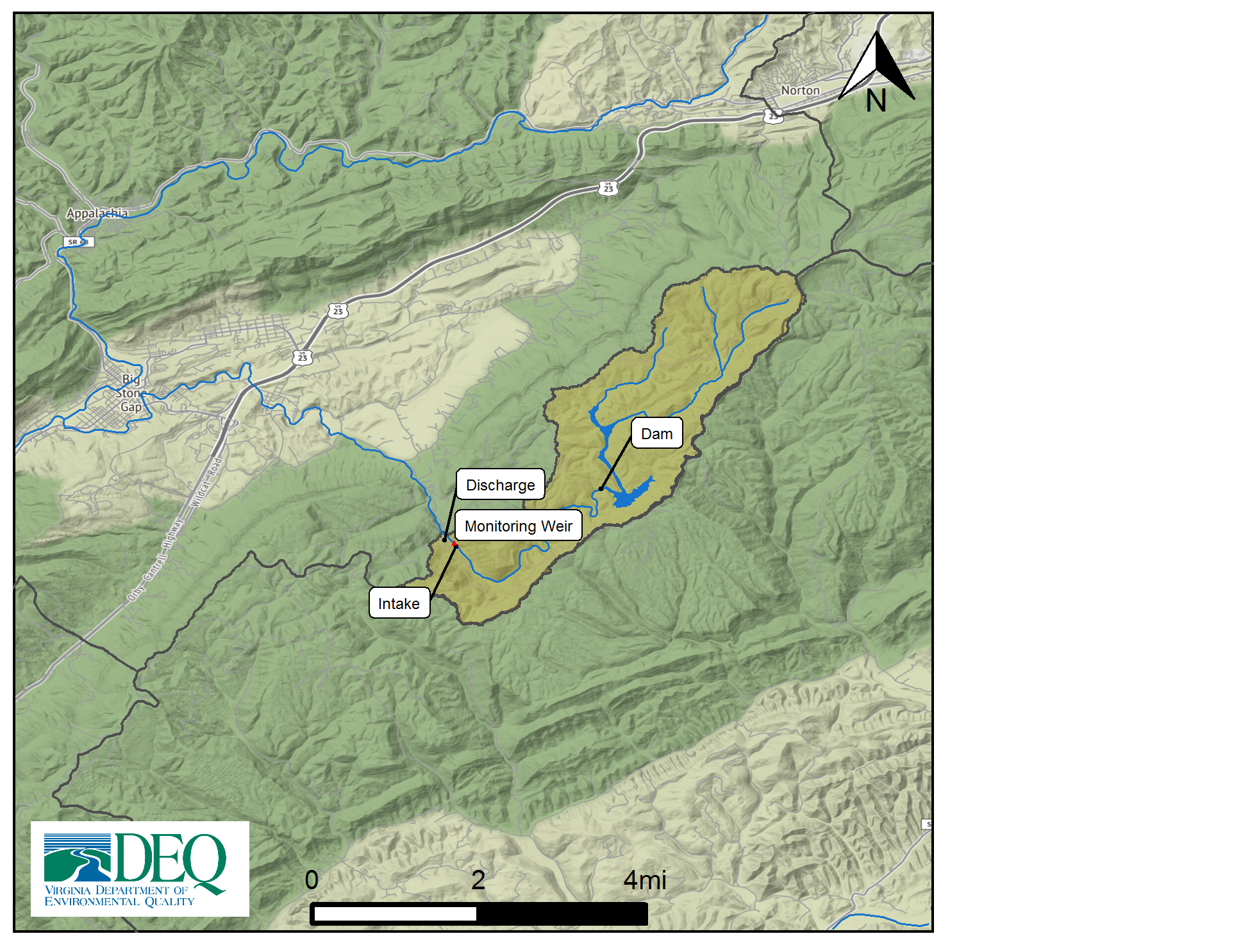
# Project Introduction (To be provided by permit writer)

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## Location Map



# Model Overview and Scenario Descriptions

**River Model Description** River segment model overview not provided.

**Facility & Intake Model Description** Big Cherry Dam on the South Fork Powell River is modeled as an on-stream impoundment with an upstream contributing area of XX square miles. The model simulates the stream below Big Cherry Dam including the withdrawal for use by the Big Stone gap water treatment plant, down to the outfall of the wastewater treatment plant return flow. Analysis of cumulative impacts is based on the net diversion *after* the treated wastewater is discharged back into the stream. The safe yield of the intake is listed as 3.2 mgd from a study published in 2001 (3.2 mgd is equivalent to the permit annual withdrawal limit of 1168 mg/yr). + The data for the study was collected in 1997, which predates the drought period of 1999-2002.

The following model scenarios were simulated in order to determine the most effective means of meeting the project need and all other in-stream beneficial uses:

* **Existing permit conditions** (Current Permit) - The existing permit scenario has an annual withdrawal limit of 1168 mg/yr (3.2 mgd) and a static flowby of 0.5 mgd.

# Intake Site Description & Current Estimated Stream Flows

**Table 1:** Modeled monthly current flow statistics for South Fork Powell River Intake in cubic feet per second (cfs). Columns show non-exceedence flow percentiles, that is, the column header indicates the percent of flows that do *not* exceed the given value. For example, the “10%” states that only 10% of flows in the given month are expected to be less than the indicated value, and therefore, 90% of the flows in that month are expected to be greater than the given value.

| **Month** | **Min** | **5%** | **10%** | **25%** | **30%** | **50%** | **Mean** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Jan | 55.9 | 83.6 | 105.4 | 183.3 | 204.9 | 289.4 | 404.2 |
| Feb | 87.6 | 142.9 | 183.8 | 244.2 | 266.3 | 371.3 | 569.4 |
| Mar | 79.5 | 136.2 | 170.2 | 264.8 | 293.0 | 385.6 | 533.4 |
| Apr | 35.5 | 77.5 | 100.7 | 159.3 | 177.9 | 258.7 | 388.9 |
| May | 15.2 | 59.2 | 79.0 | 110.2 | 121.5 | 179.7 | 271.2 |
| Jun | 6.6 | 25.2 | 36.1 | 69.7 | 76.7 | 111.5 | 192.9 |
| Jul | 3.2 | 29.6 | 39.8 | 59.4 | 65.8 | 87.0 | 124.1 |
| Aug | 12.4 | 26.6 | 33.5 | 51.3 | 58.3 | 85.0 | 126.0 |
| Sep | 2.1 | 11.0 | 21.0 | 42.8 | 49.9 | 74.4 | 127.8 |
| Oct | 4.3 | 22.6 | 29.6 | 43.5 | 49.3 | 85.9 | 132.2 |
| Nov | 1.6 | 20.0 | 26.9 | 56.6 | 74.0 | 155.8 | 223.0 |
| Dec | 24.8 | 44.9 | 70.6 | 135.5 | 169.1 | 242.0 | 349.7 |

# Model Summary Results - Conclusion/Recommendation

* **Existing permit conditions** - Outcomes from the particular set of operational rules and scenario conditions. Ex: The 90% flow-by scenario results in more flexibility to pump under extremely dry conditions, as compared to the current static MIF permit condition. As a result, the operation is able to meet offstream need during all simulated periods, with a small amount of water remaining during the lowest simulated flow.

# Stats Comparison Table:

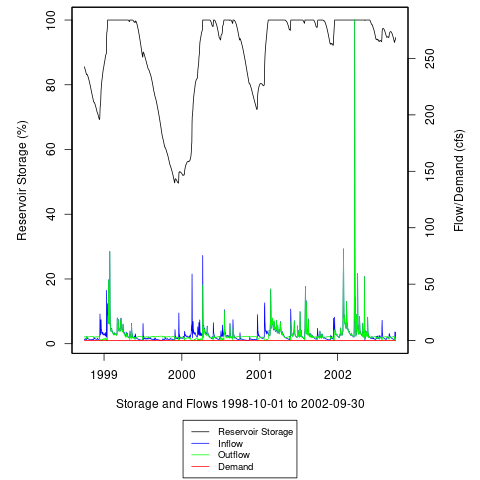
| **Description** | **401** |
| --- | --- |
| scenario | Draft Permit Term Max + Current, 1998-2002 |
| River Segment | TU3\_8880\_9230\_sf\_below\_big\_cherry |
| River Segment Model Statistics: |  |
| Flow Out (cfs) | 7.63 |
| Flow Baseline (cfs) | 8.01 |
| 30 Day Low Flow (cfs) | 3.49 |
| 90 Day Low Flow (cfs) | 3.71 |
| Consumptive Use Fraction | 0.05 |
| Cumulative Withdrawal (mgd) | 2.47 |
| Cumulative Point Source (mgd) | 2.22 |
| Richness Change (abs) | -0.3 |
| Richness Change (%) | -1.28 |
| Facility Model Statistics: |  |
| Withdrawal (mgd) | 2.47 |
| Point Source (mgd) | 2.22 |
| Maximum 30 day potential unmet demand (mgd) | 1.25 |

| **Description** | **401** |
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| River Segment | South Fork Powell River - Big Cherry Reservoir |
| Minimum Days of Storage Remaining | 98.5 |

# Reservoir Storage Plots:

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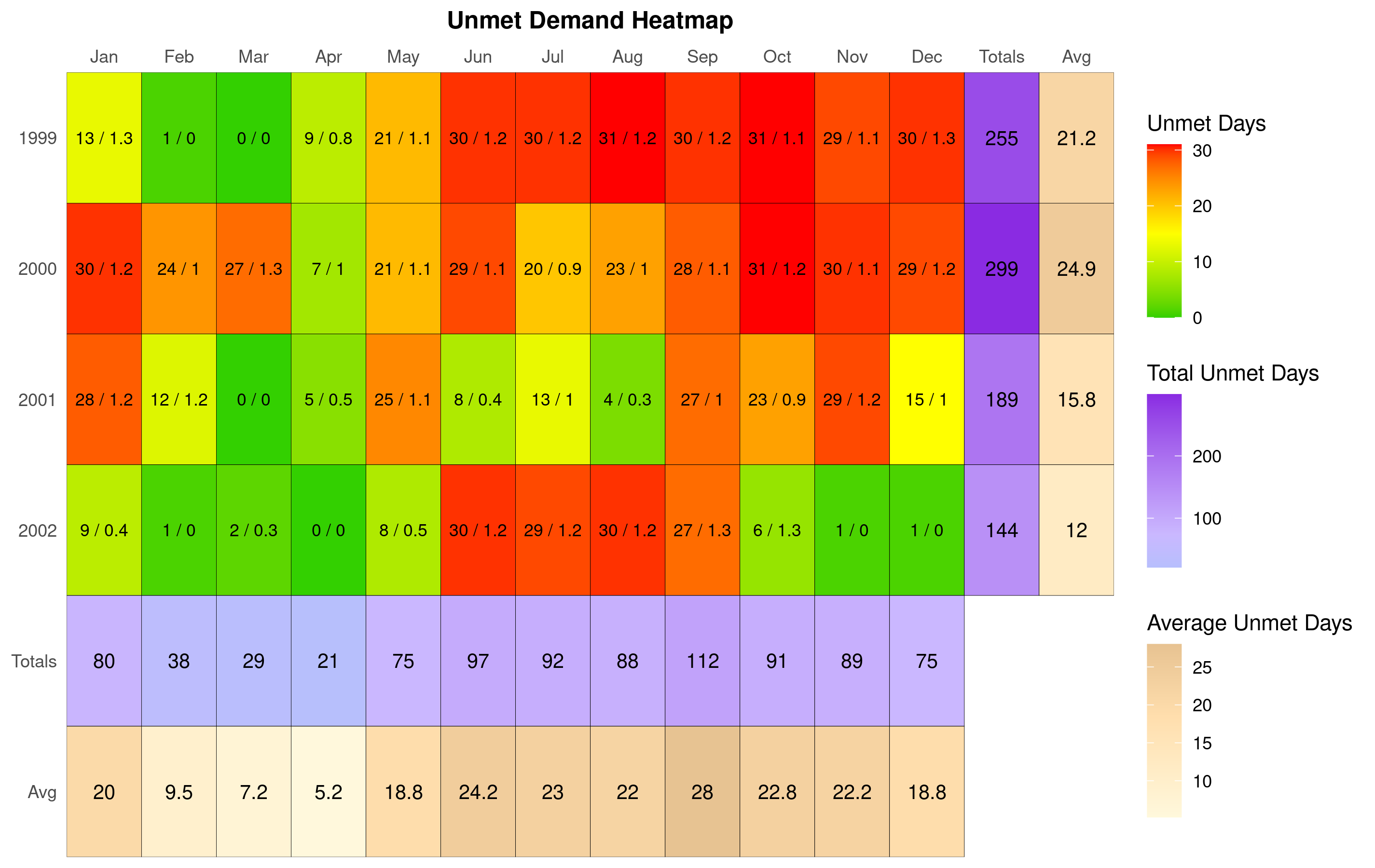
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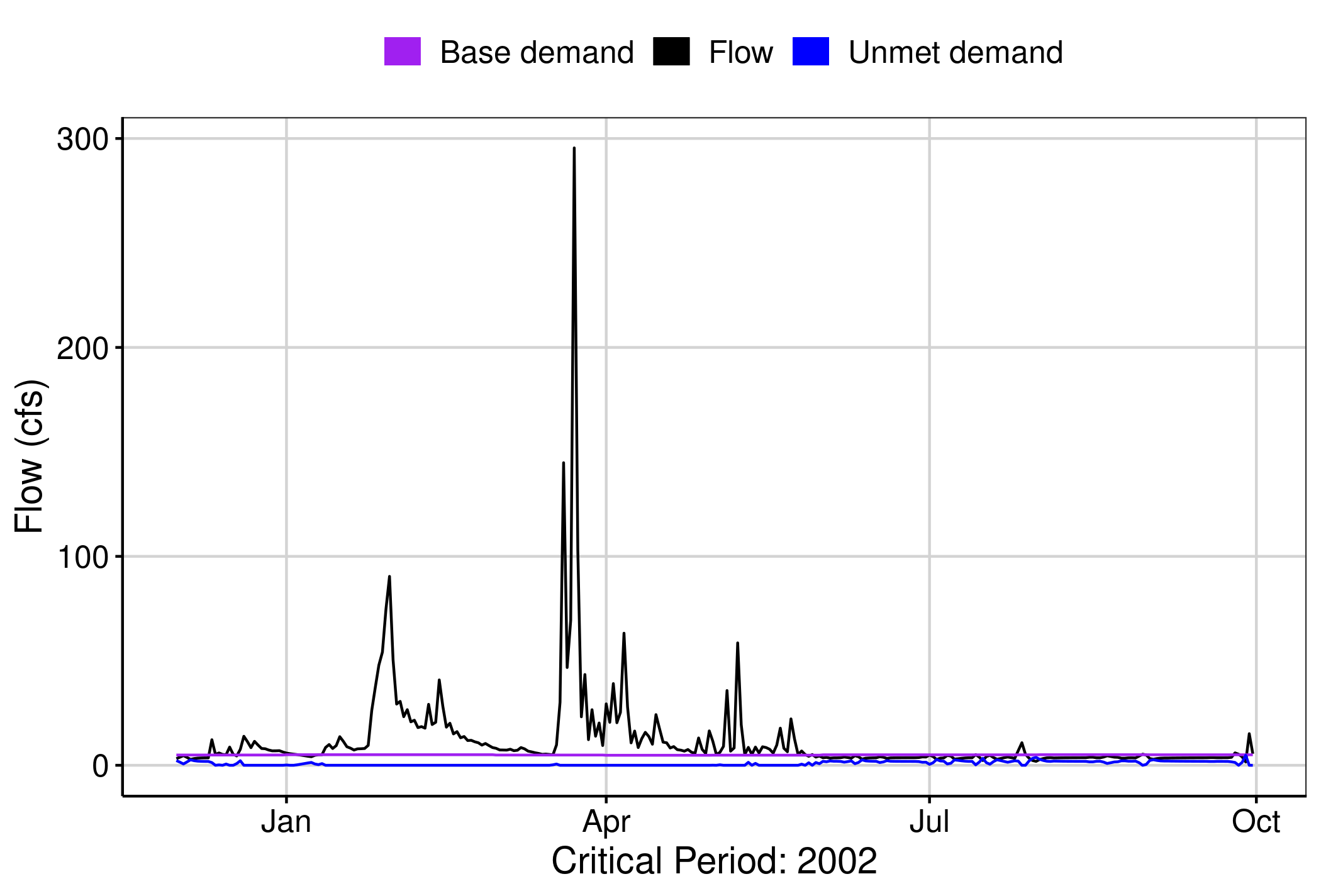
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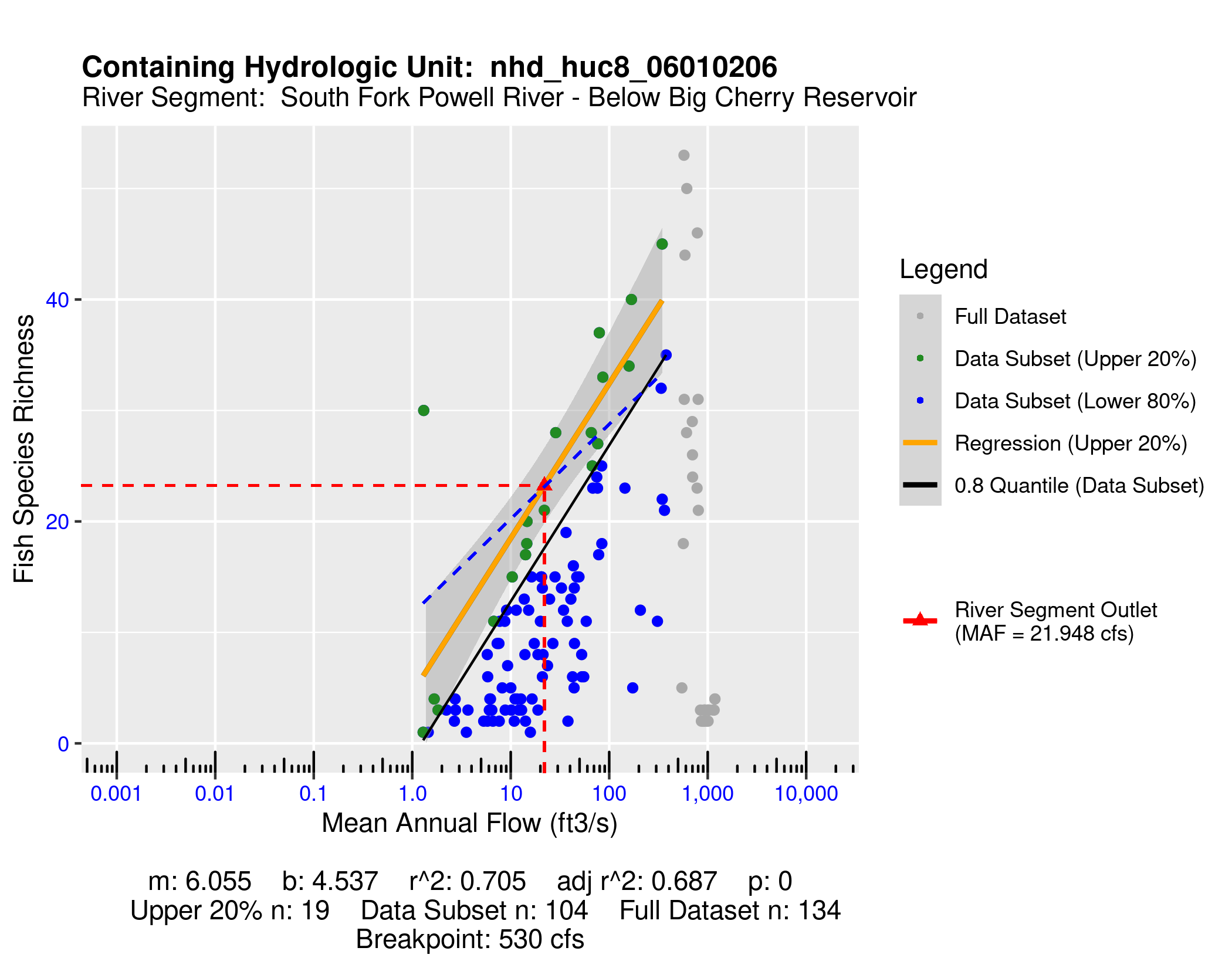


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# Ecological Impacts Assessment:

## Elfgen:



## Habitat (If Applicable):

# Additional Sections

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