Historical snowpack

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This file creates a dataset of the annual snowpack in Dana Meadows, Yosemite National Park. The data is from the Dana Meadows snow course (snow course number = DAN), and the annual 01-April data for the period 1927-to-present is downloaded from the California Data Exchange center using this link. I read the query results into

```
library(tidyverse)
-- Attaching packages ----- tidyverse 1.3.1 --
v ggplot2 3.3.6
                 v purrr
                         0.3.4
v tibble 3.1.7
               v dplyr
                        1.0.9
       1.2.0
                v stringr 1.4.0
v tidyr
v readr
        2.1.2
                v forcats 0.5.1
-- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()
               masks stats::lag()
  library(lubridate)
Attaching package: 'lubridate'
The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
   date, intersect, setdiff, union
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Create dataset

Note that the data are in inches.

- year: year in which 01-April snow course measurement was made
- date measure: date on with 01-April snow course measurement was made
- snow_depth: snow depth from snow course, in inches
- swe: snow water equivalent from snow course
- swe_adj: snow water equivalent from snow course, adjusted by jurisdiction that collected data
- swe_pave: adjusted snow water equivalent, as a percentage of the average

Add current-year snowpack from snow pillow

To include current snowpack measured prior to 01-April, use daily data from DAN snow pillow.

```
snow_current <- tibble("year" = 2023, date_measure = ymd("2023-03-04"), snow_depth = 146,
snowpack <- bind_rows(snowpack, snow_current)</pre>
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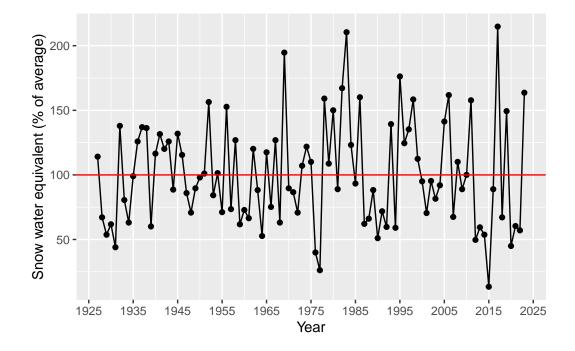
Calculate snowpack as percent of long-term average

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swe_ave <- snowpack %>%
  filter(year != 2023) %>%
  summarise(swe_mean = mean(swe_adj))

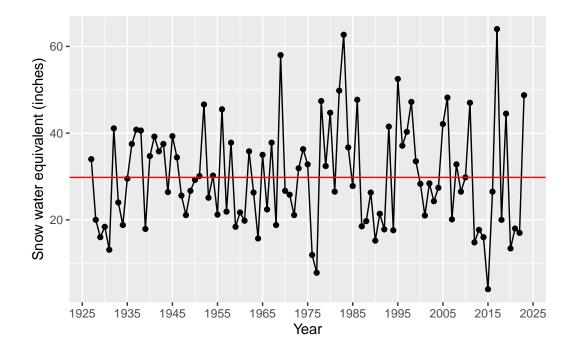
snowpack <- snowpack %>%
  mutate(swe_pave = (swe_adj / swe_ave$swe_mean) * 100)
```

Plot data

```
# Plot of snowpack from 1927 to current year
snowpack %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = year, y = swe_pave)) +
  geom_line() +
  geom_point() +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(1925, 2025, 10)) +
  labs(x = "Year", y = "Snow water equivalent (% of average)") +
  geom_hline(yintercept = 100, color = "red")
```



```
snowpack %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = year, y = swe_adj)) +
  geom_line() +
  geom_point() +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(1925, 2025, 10)) +
  labs(x = "Year", y = "Snow water equivalent (inches)") +
  geom_hline(yintercept = swe_ave$swe_mean, color = "red")
```



```
# Plot of snowpack from 2000 to current year
snowpack %>%
filter(year >= 2000) %>%
ggplot(aes(x = year, y = swe_pave)) +
geom_line() +
geom_point() +
scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(2000, 2024, 1), minor_breaks = NULL) +
labs(x = "Year", y = "Snow water equivalent (% of average)") +
geom_hline(yintercept = 100, color = "red") +
theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 90))
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