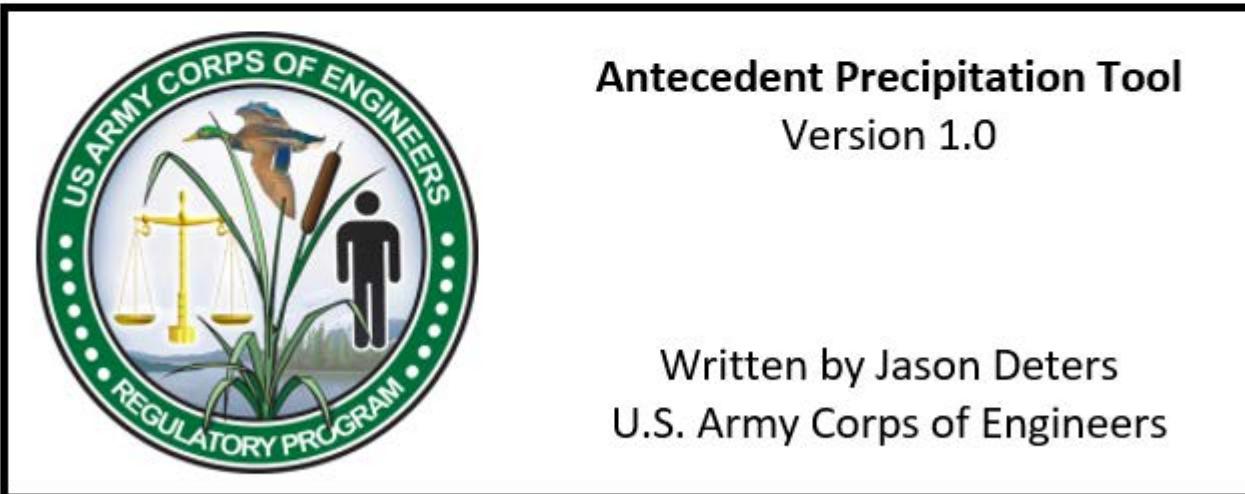


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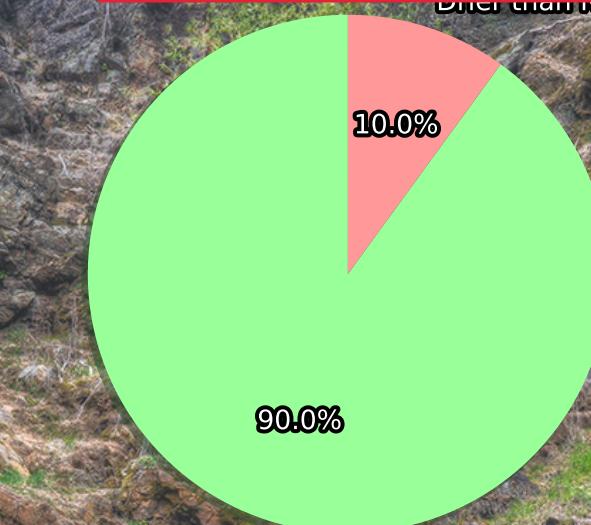
Coordinates of the Observation Location  
(Source: User Input)

## Intermediate Data

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Watershed Size	1221.06 mi <sup>2</sup>
# Random Sampling Points	68

## Preliminary Result

Average Antecedent Precipitation Score	10.6
Preliminary Determination	Normal Conditions



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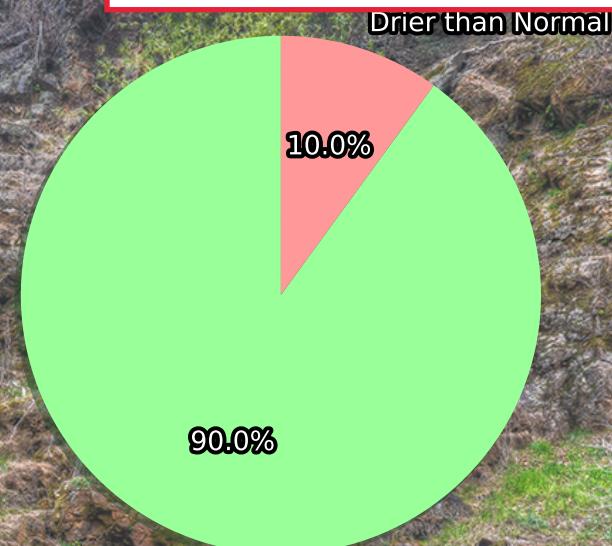
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## Geographic Scope

- Single Point
- HUC8, HUC10, HUC12
- Custom Watershed

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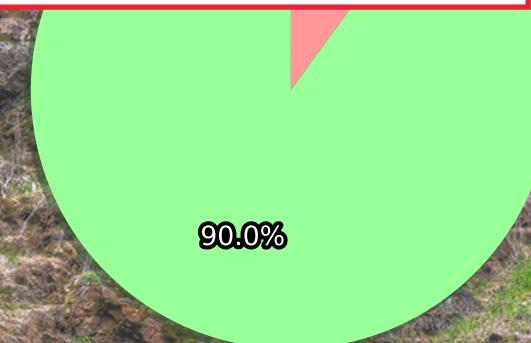
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## Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC)

The specific identification code of the watershed feature within which the Observation Location falls.

If Custom Polygon is selected, this will be the name given by the user for the Custom Watershed Polygon (E.g. EPA MyWaters Drainage Area)

## Normal Conditions

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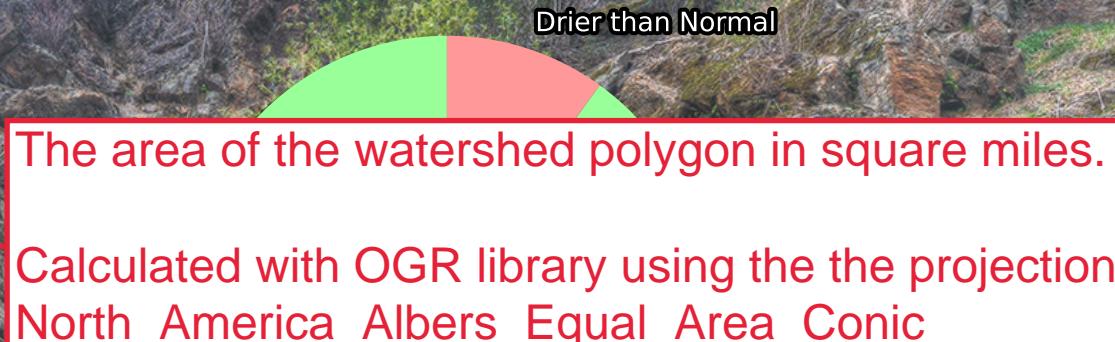
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## Number of Random Sampling Points

# Points = Watershed Size / 18

- Minimum of 3 for small HUC12s
- Denominator arrived at through iterative analysis of randomly selected HUC8, HUC10, and HUC12 watersheds, followed by a visual examination in ArcGIS Pro to ensure all major regions of each watershed were being sampled. Early versions took hours to run, so it was deemed important to try to get this number as low as possible without omitting significant portions of watersheds.

## Sampling methodology:

- Generate random latitudes and longitudes between the minimum and maximum values of each for a given watershed polygon.
- Drop any points falling outside the watershed polygon.
- Drop any points falling within the minimum point spacing, created to reduce the workload required to cover sample the entire polygon.
- Continue until required number met.

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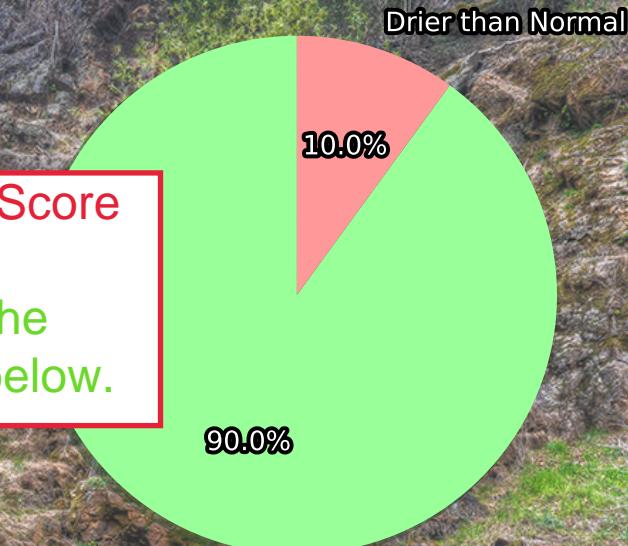
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# Random Sampling Points

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## Average Antecedent Precipitation Score

The source numbers are listed in the Sampling Point Breakdown table below.



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## Preliminary Determination

By preliminary, this means that it is not considering any factors outside of the average Antecedent Precipitation Score.

Drier than Normal: Avg. Score < 10

Normal Conditions: Avg. Score >10 and <15

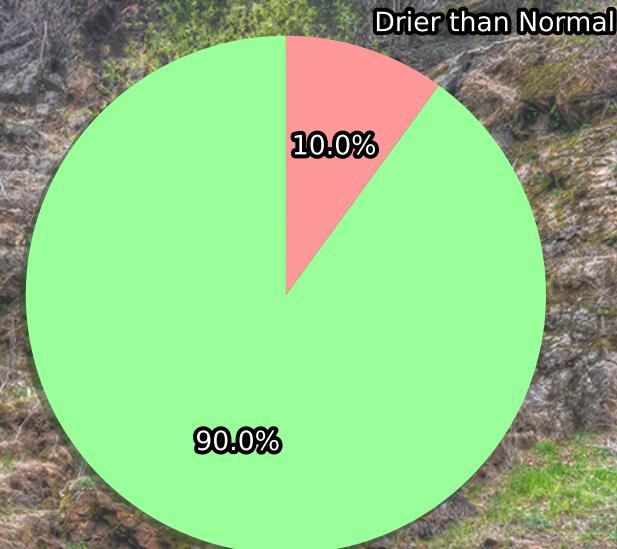
Wetter than Normal: Avg. Score >15

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7-10
8

11.0108
1.06 mi <sup>2</sup>
68

Preliminary Results



Normal Conditions

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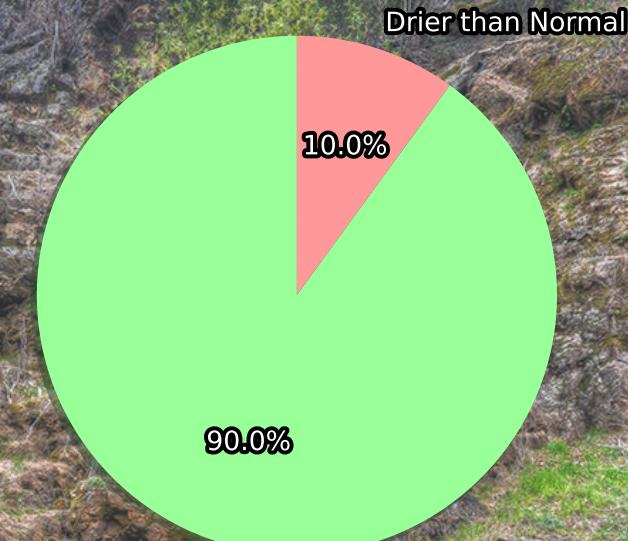
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## Things to consider in addition to the Average Score:

1. The distribution of the individual scores. Was the average brought up or down by outliers?

Sampling Point Breakdown Table Column 1 provides each unique Antecedent Precipitation Score, and Column 5 provides the frequency that each of those scores occurred in the among the Sampling Points.

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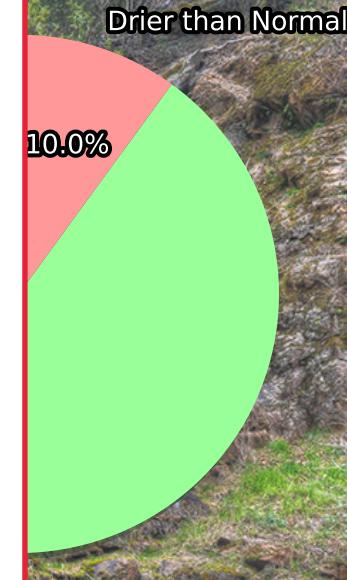
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## Things to consider in addition to the Average Score:

2. Whether the Observation Date is typically considered to fall within the Wet Season or the Dry Season for the Observation Location (Based on the Web-based Watershed Interactive Modeling Program WebWIMP, and the definitions of Wet Season and Dry Season found in the Regional Supplements to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual.)

If we are looking for indicators of greater than ephemeral flow for a given feature, and we determine we are in the dry season, we may not want to give as much weight to the absence of compelling field indicators as we would in the wet Season.



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### 3. The primary contributing source of flowing water:

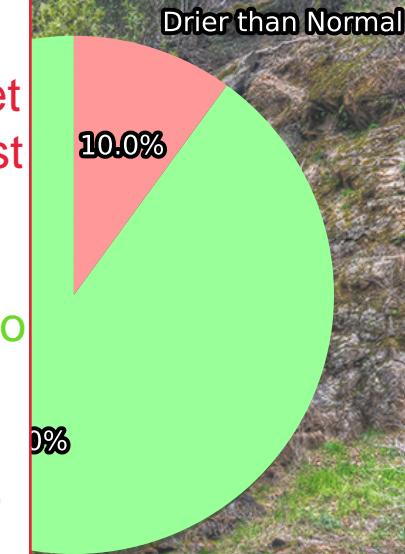
In the Arid West, a stream may be fed primarily by precipitation during the wet season, but for most of the dry season that same stream may receive the vast majority of its water from snow melt.

For a stream that is mostly fed by snow melt in the dry season, one seeking to determine whether a dry season observation date fell in a typical year might have less interest in the normalcy of rainfall over the past 90 days, and more interest in the normalcy of snow telemetry (SNOWTELE) data recorded over the preceding winter season by the NRCS National Water and Climate Center.

Even in a case like the above, one cannot ignore rainfall altogether, as the most damaging floods in Sierra Nevada (California) rivers happened during warm storms when rain fell on snow-covered catchments. (Kattelmann, 1997)

This is why it is so important to review the actual figures that follow the Watershed Sampling Summary. If you look at how much snow the watershed received compared to normal, and check for any potential rain-on-snow events taking place around the Observation Date, you will be getting much closer to a complete picture.

*Flooding from rain-on-snow events in the Sierra Nevada, Richard Kattelmann, 1997*



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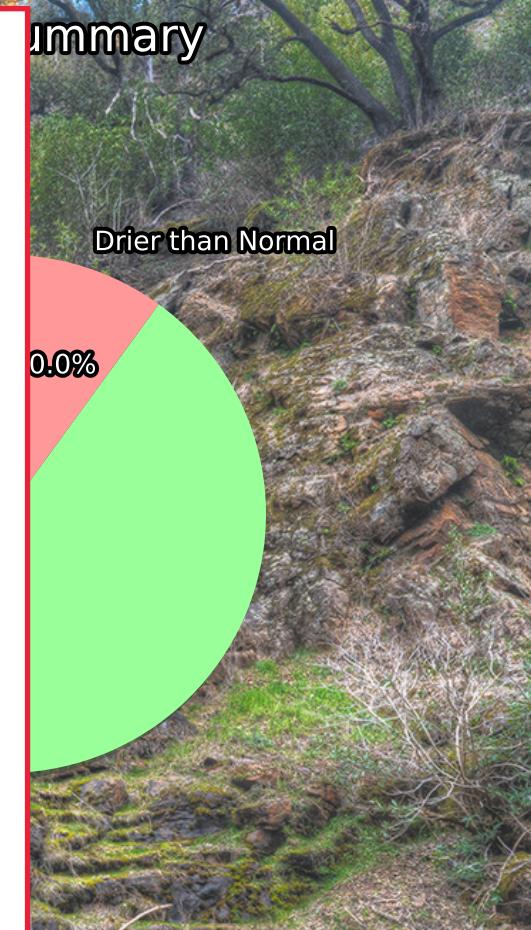
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#### 4. Drought Indices:

From Palmer Drought Severity Index: attempts to measure the duration and intensity of the long-term drought-inducing circulation patterns. Long-term drought is cumulative, so the intensity of drought during the current month is dependent on the current weather patterns plus the cumulative patterns of previous months. Since weather patterns can change almost literally overnight from a long-term drought pattern to a long-term wet pattern, the PDSI can respond fairly rapidly.

<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/temp-and-precip/drought/historical-palmers/overview>

NOTE: PDSI is not the only drought index. It happens to be the drought index for which I was able to locate a reliable data source (Hosted by NOAA) for the entire United States, which is why it was incorporated into the APT. Additional indices may be added to the APT as options at a later date, but until that time users are encouraged to consult whichever index they deem most appropriate for their region.



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