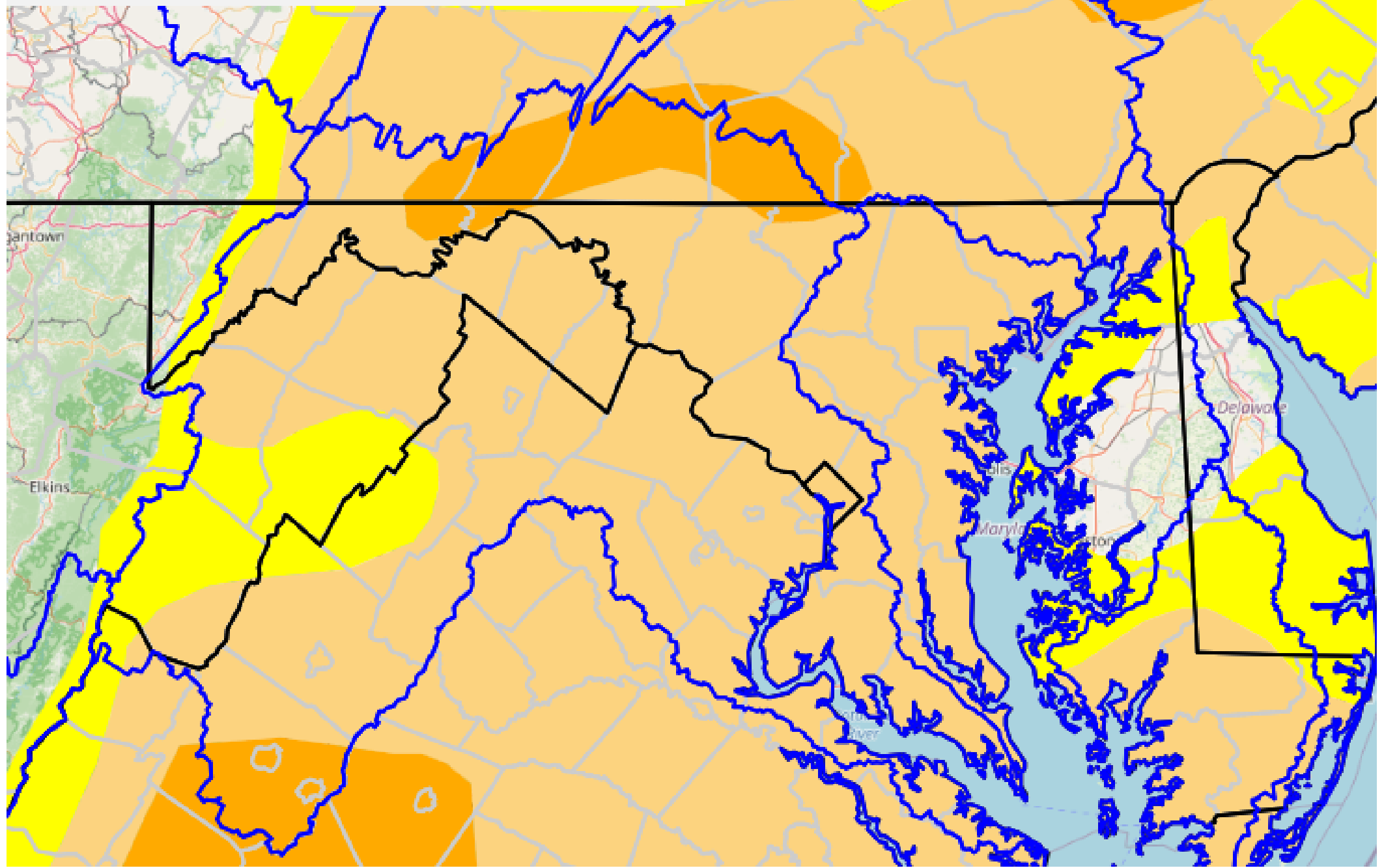


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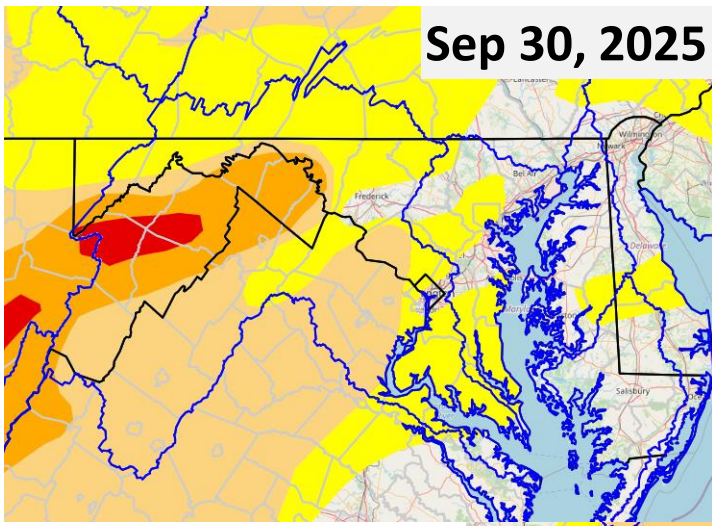
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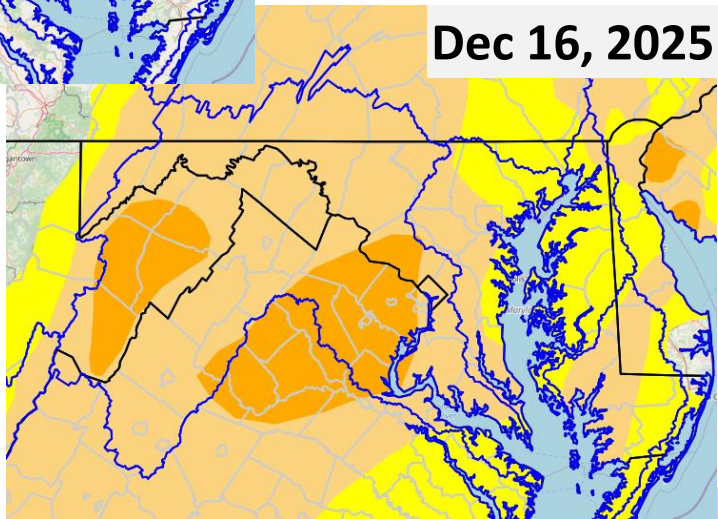


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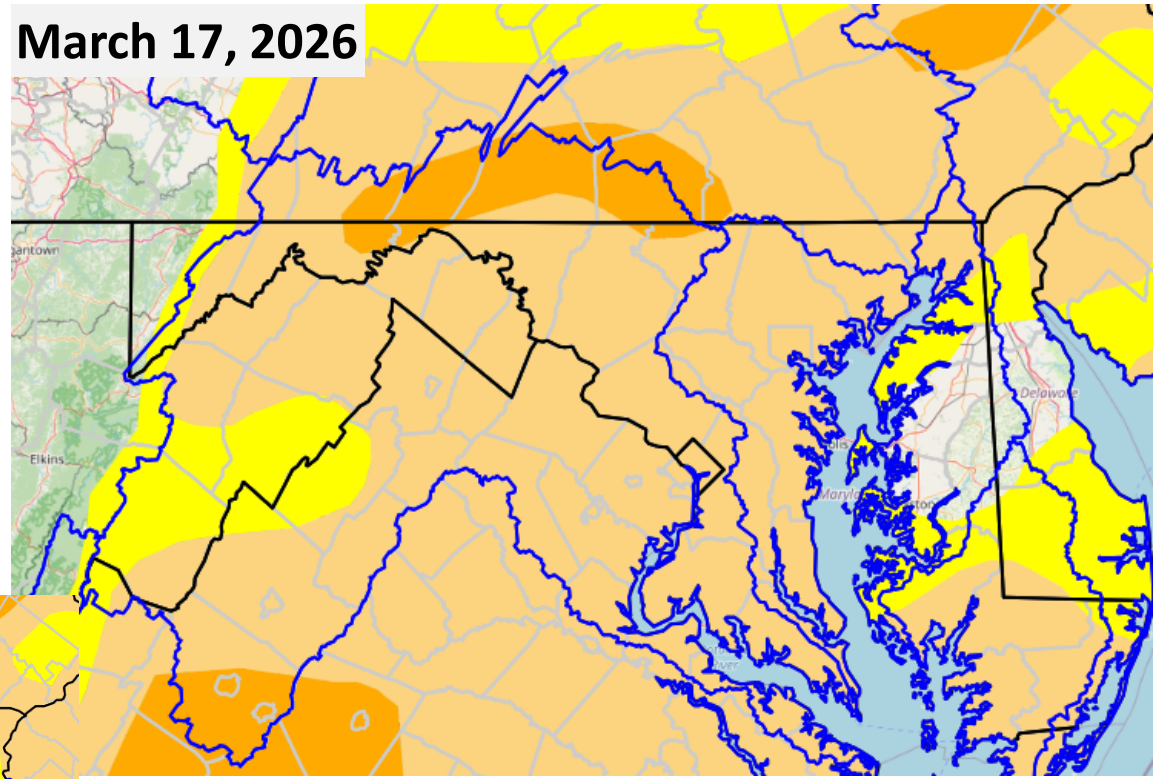
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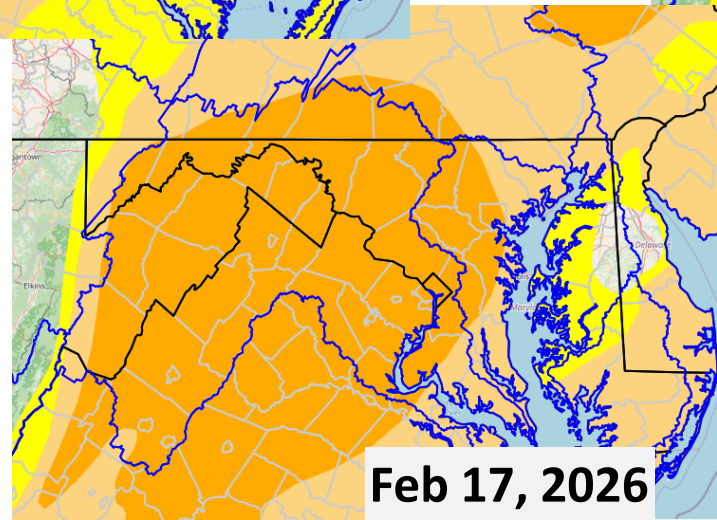
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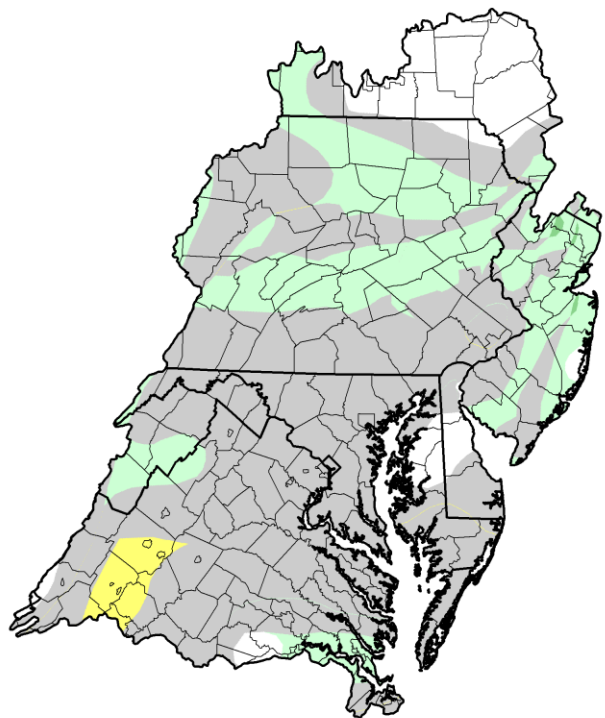
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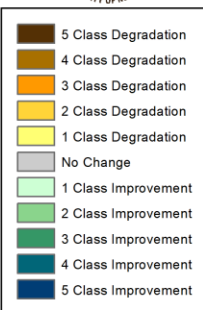


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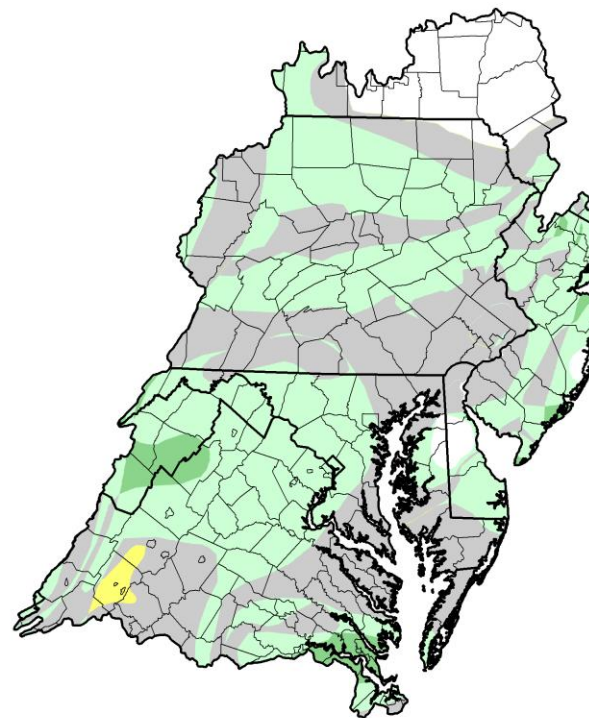


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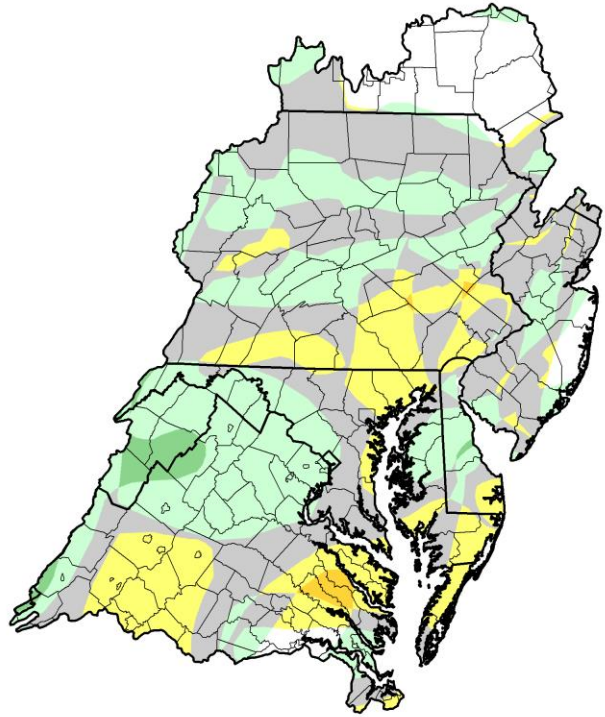


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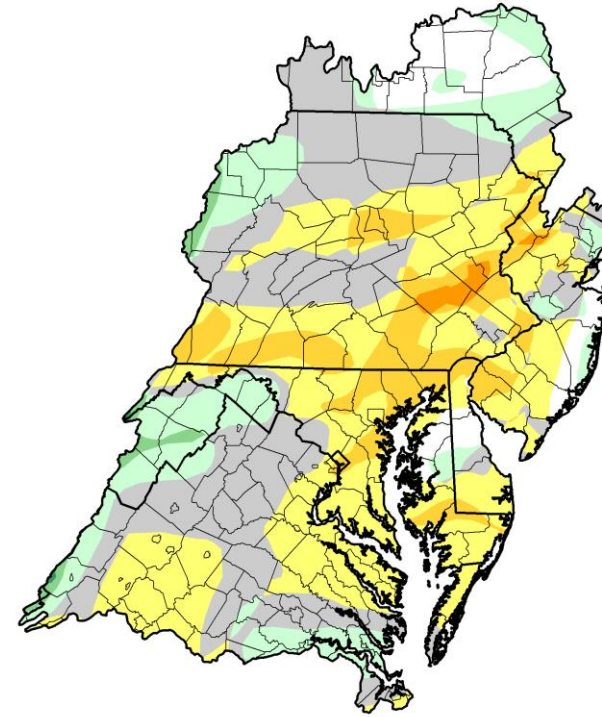
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- 5 Class Degradation
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- 3 Class Degradation
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- 1 Class Degradation
- No Change
- 1 Class Improvement
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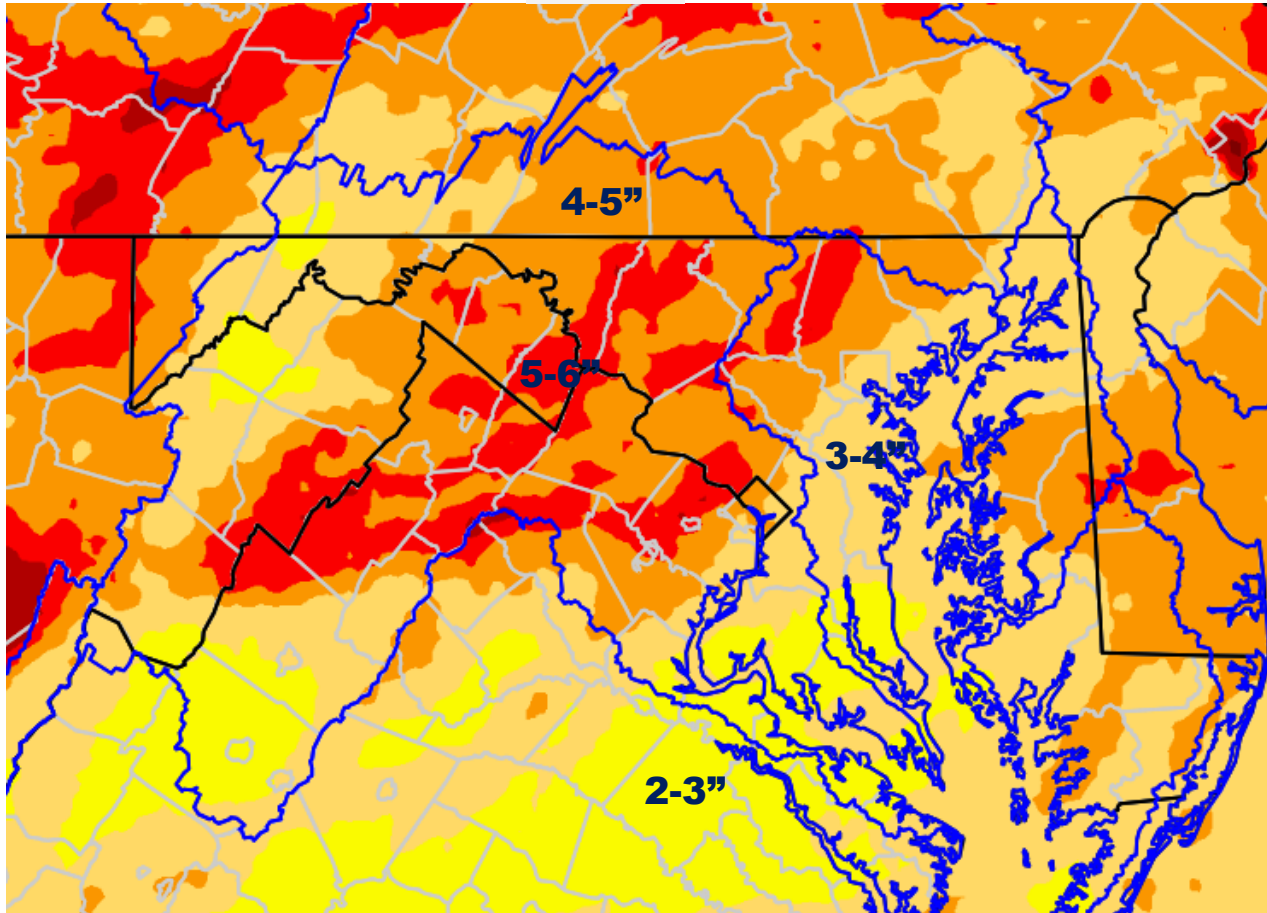
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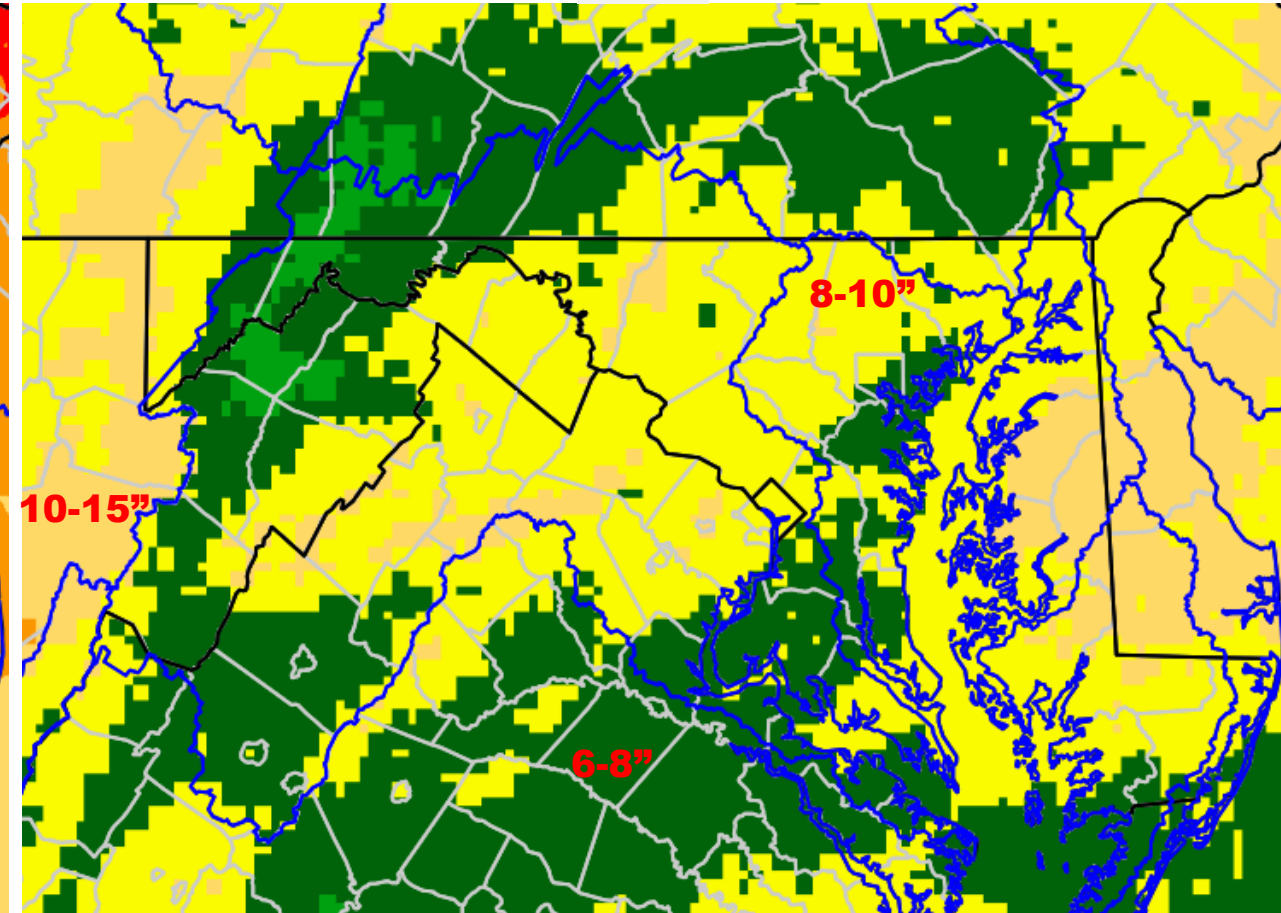
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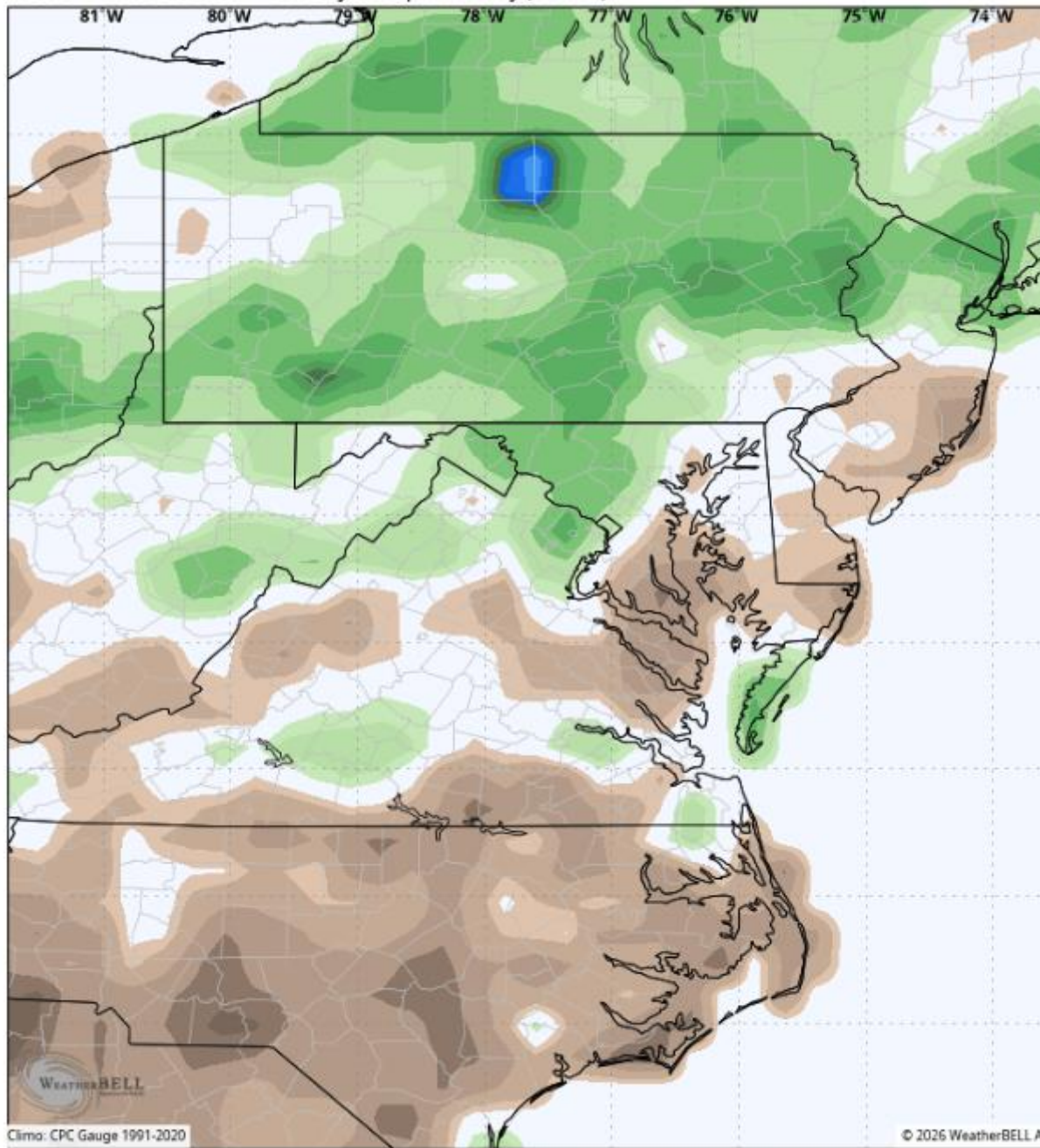
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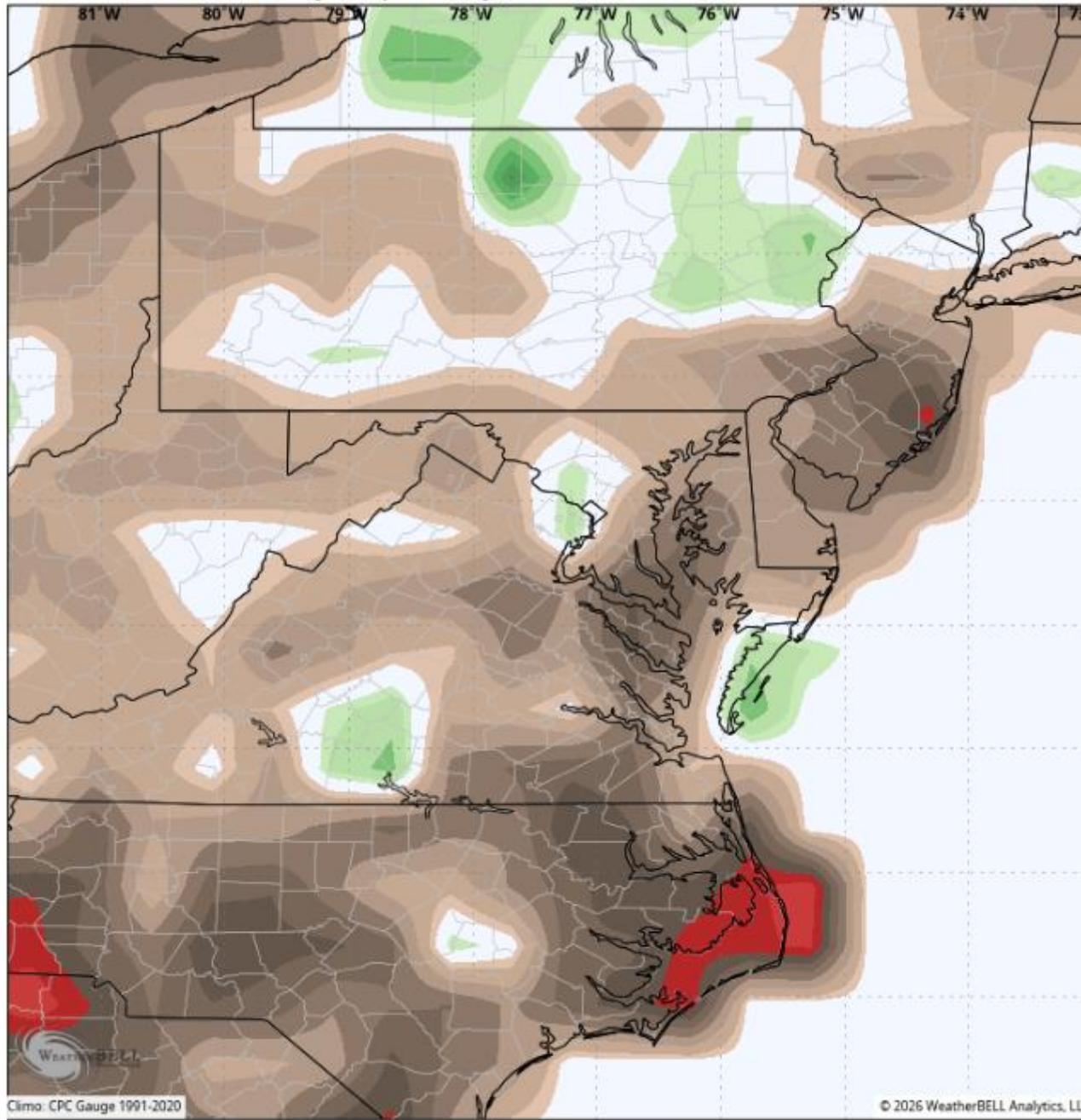
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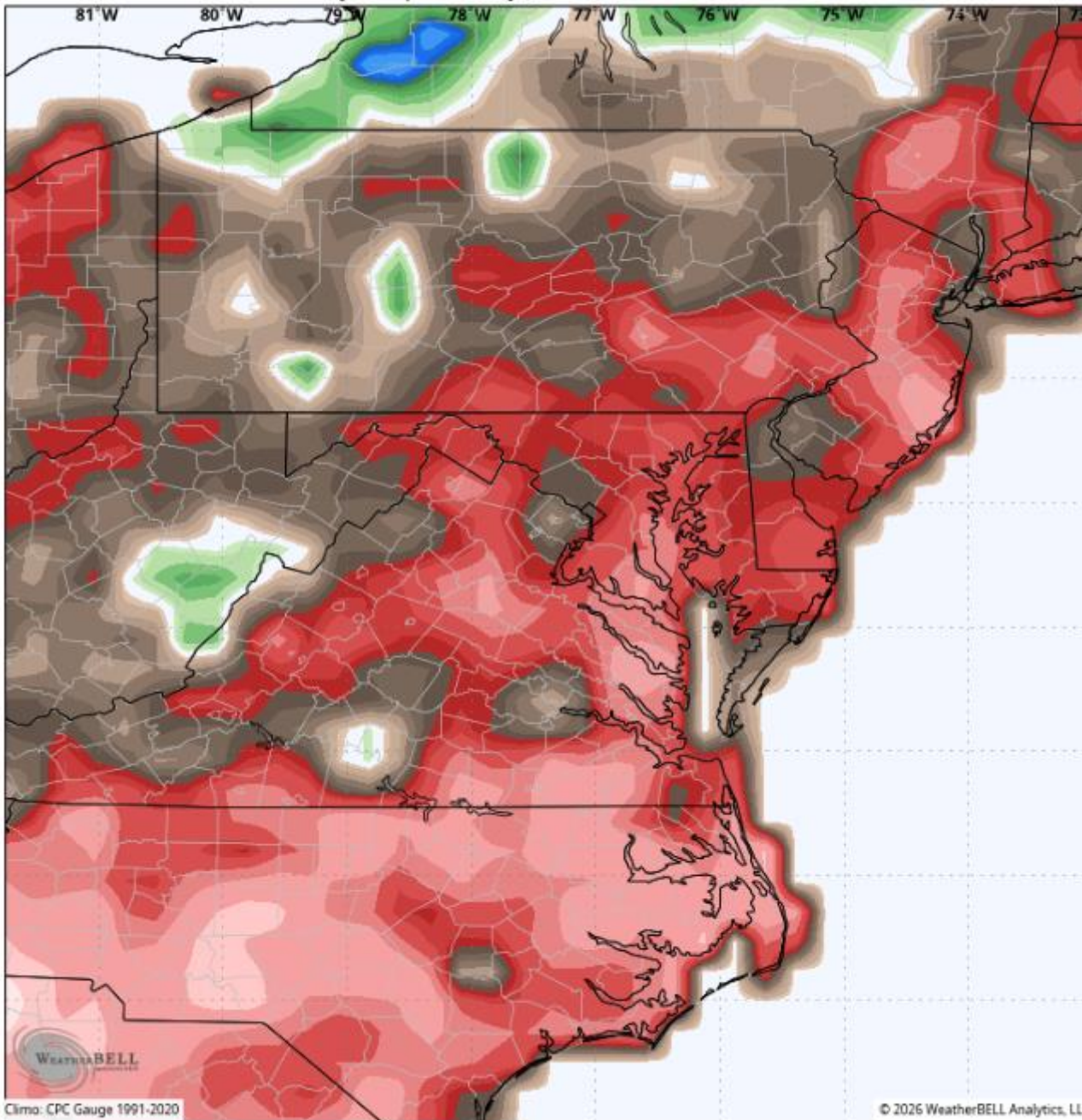
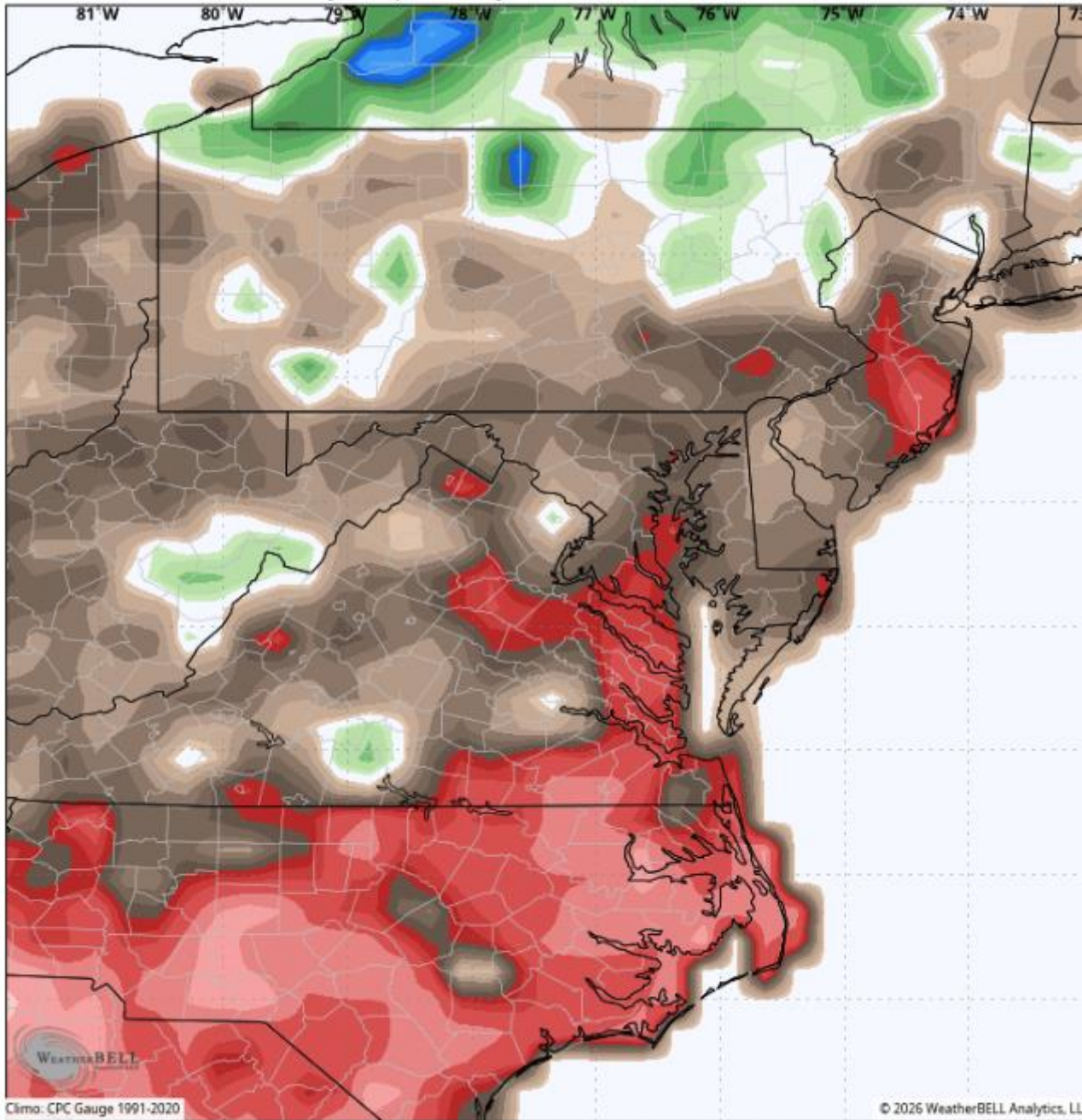
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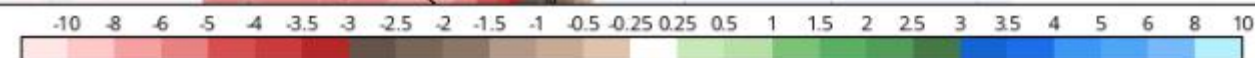
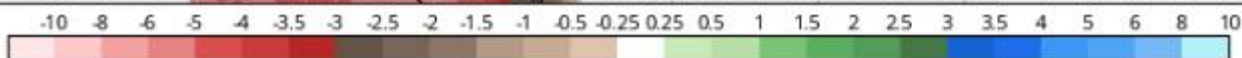
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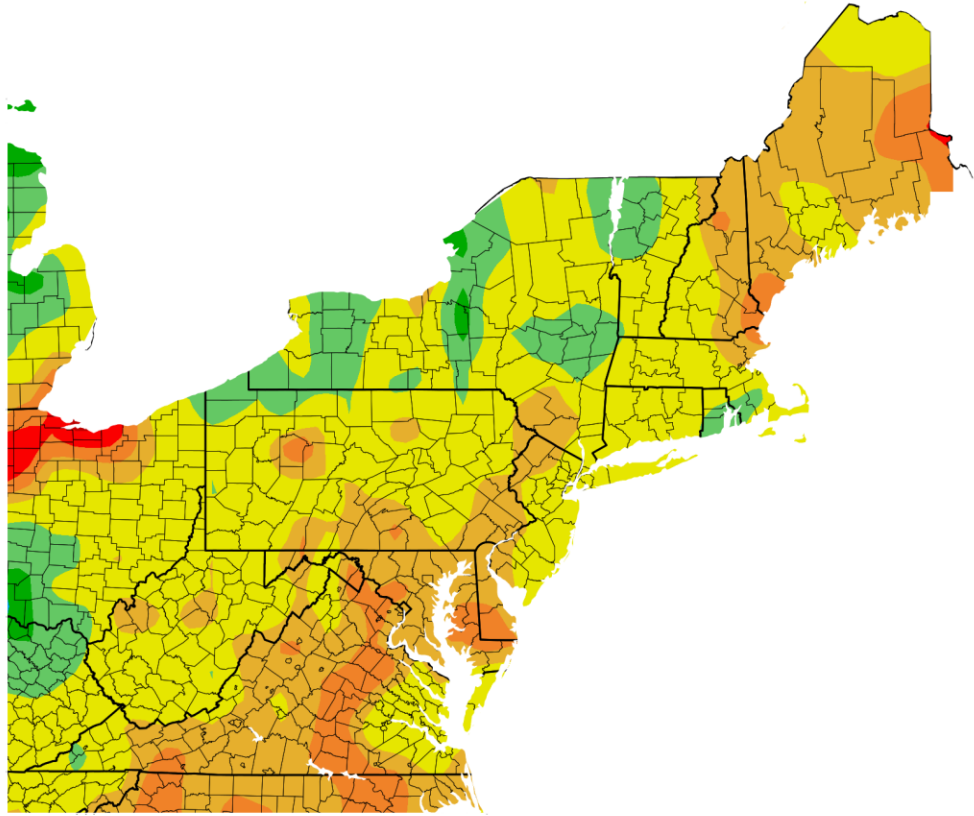


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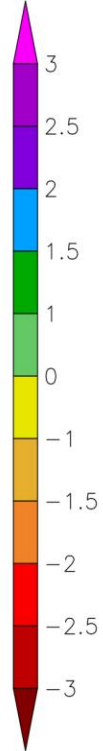
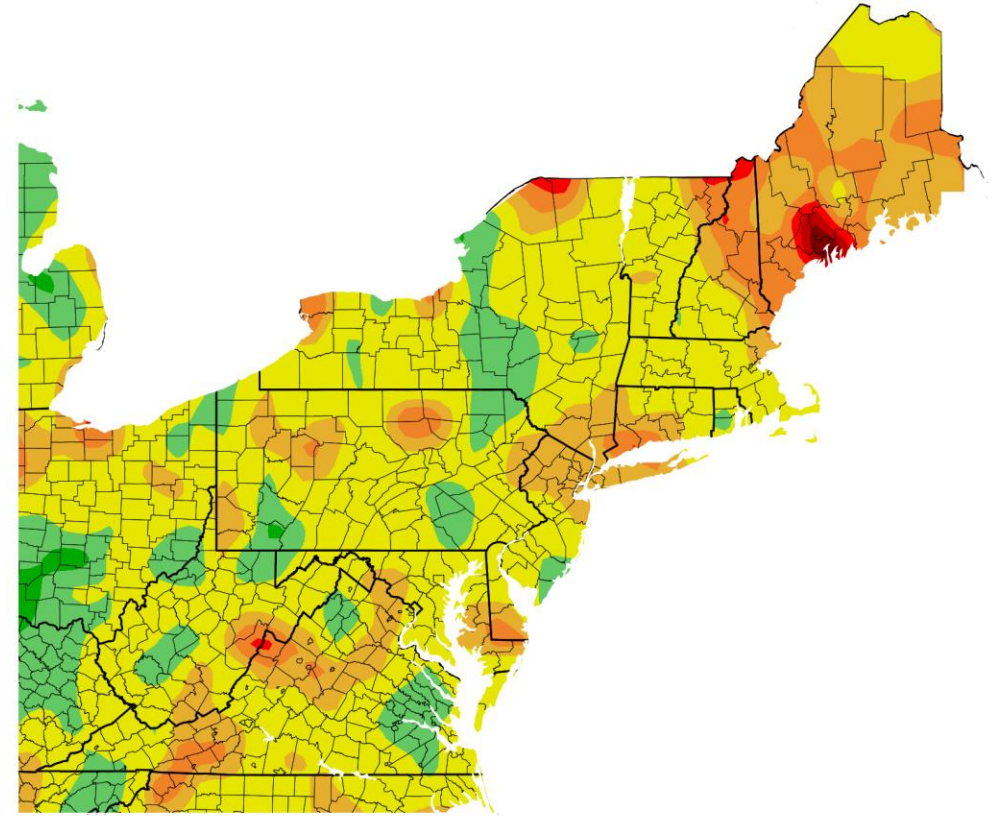
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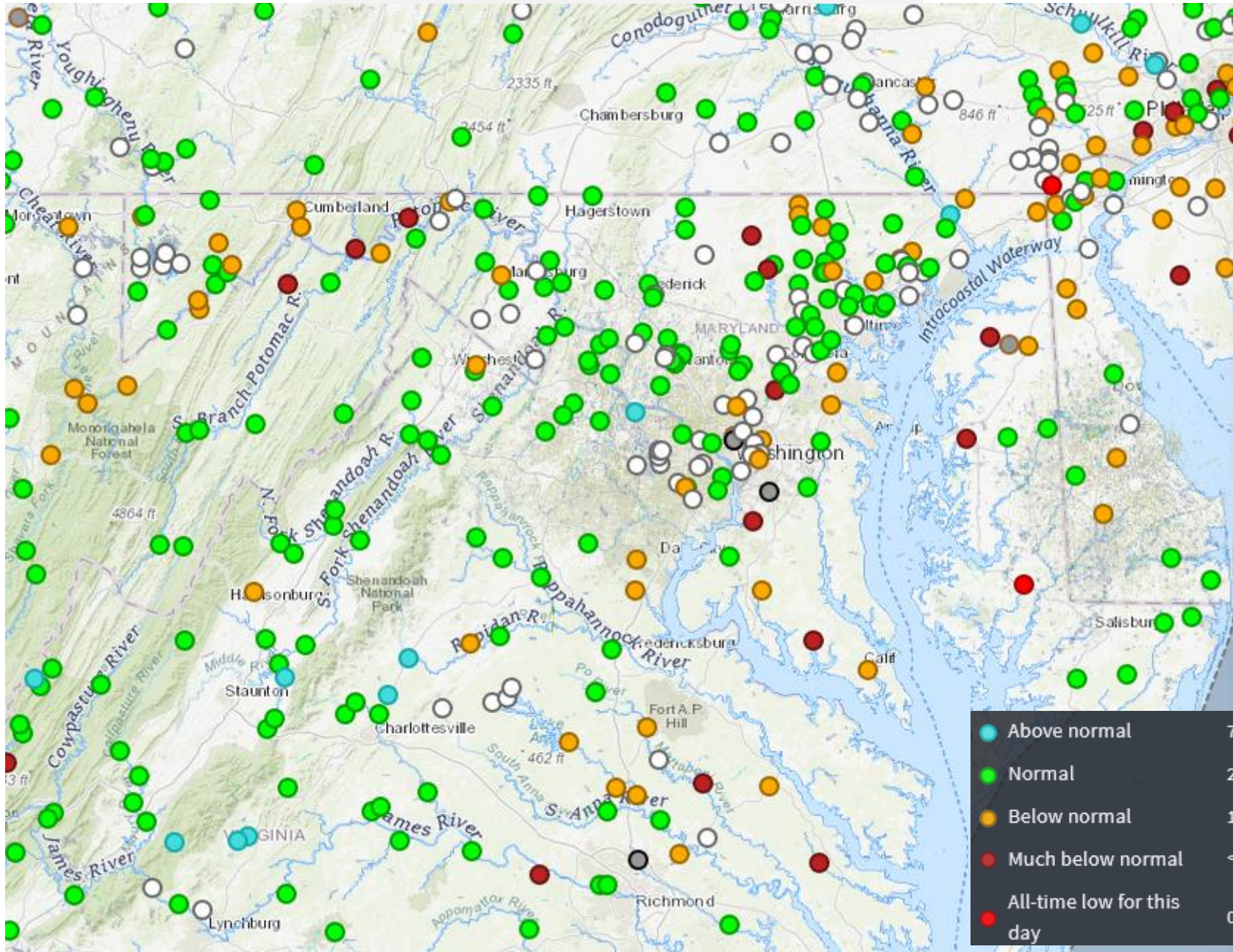


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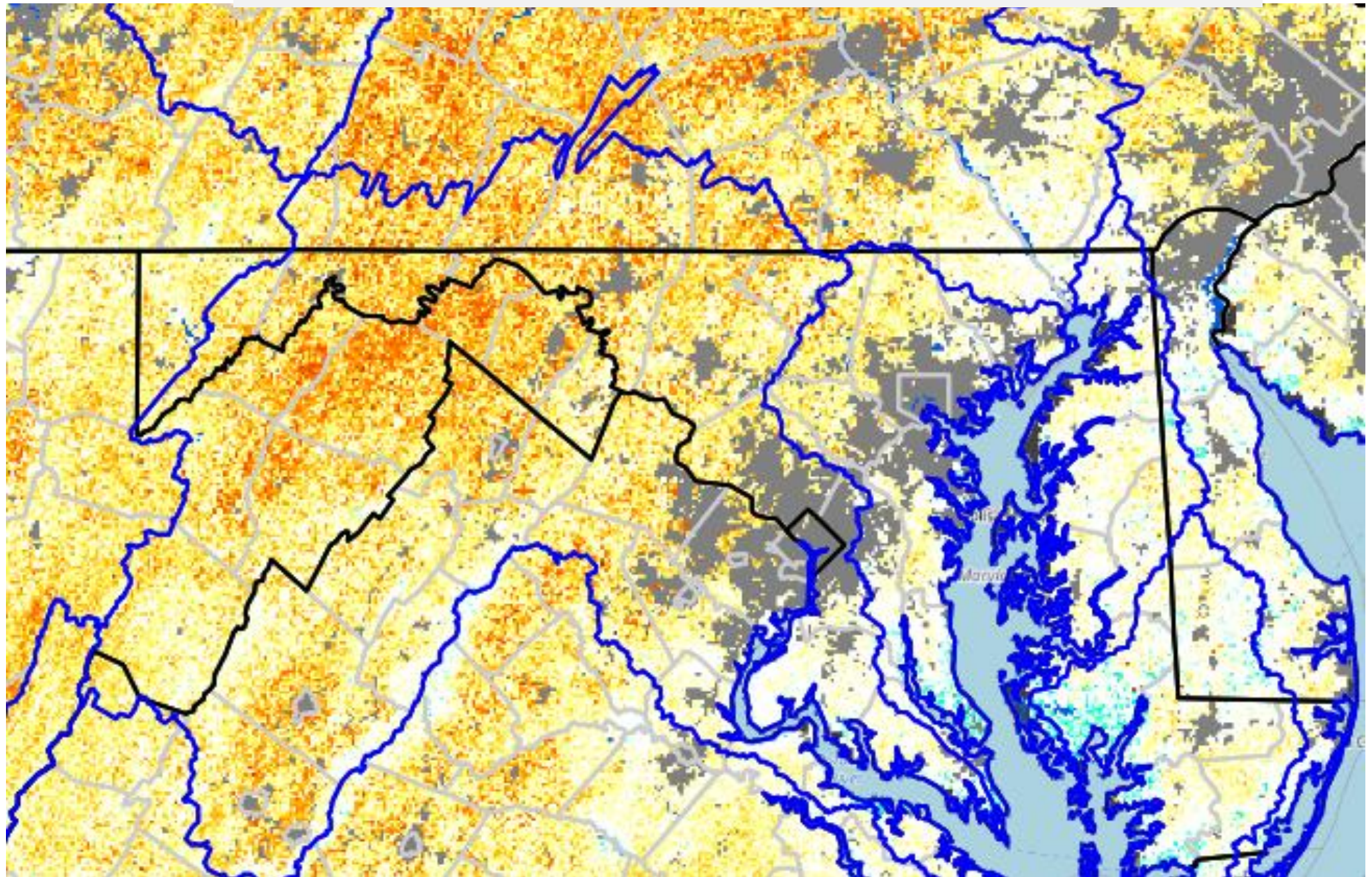
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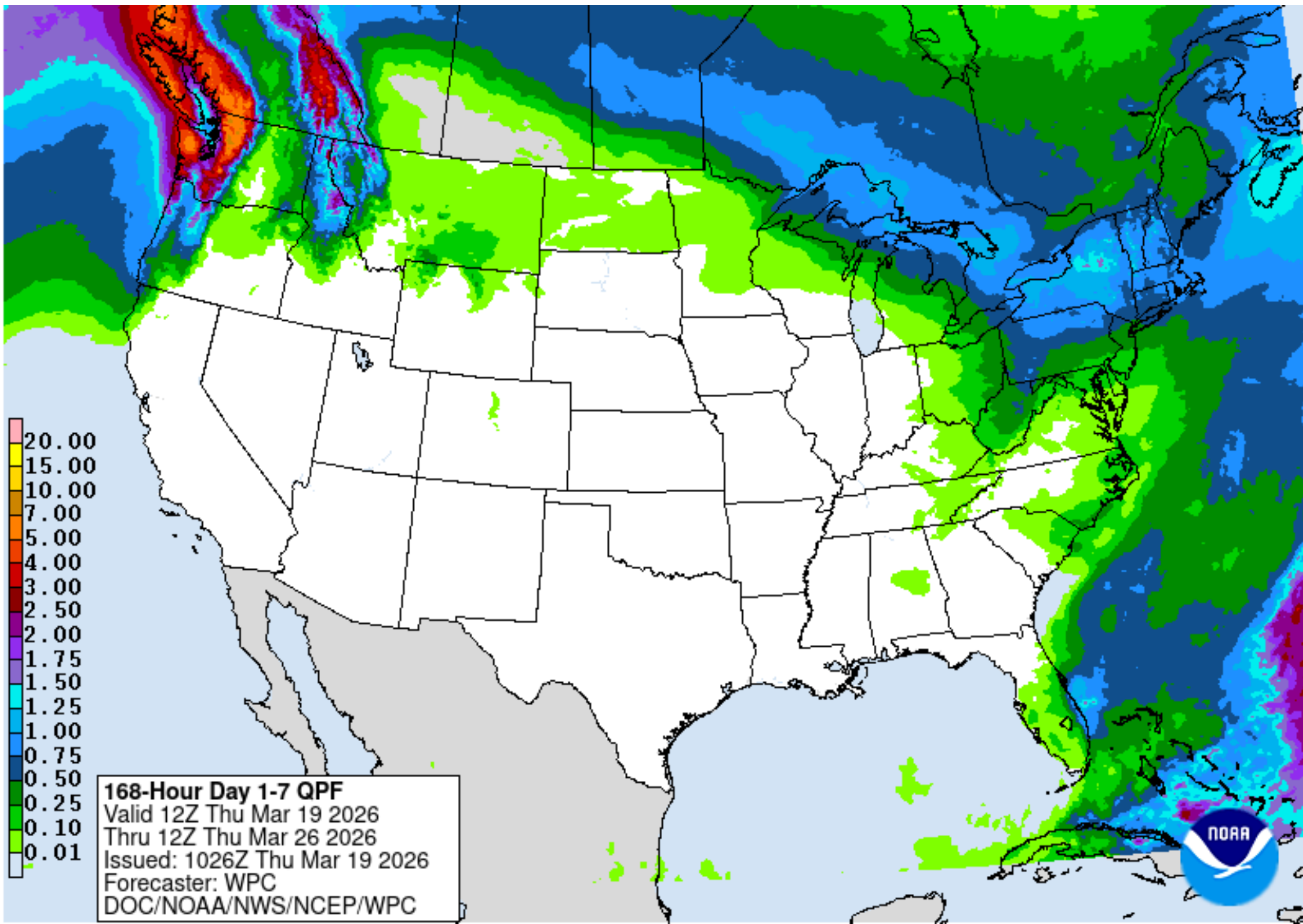
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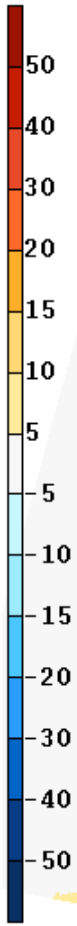


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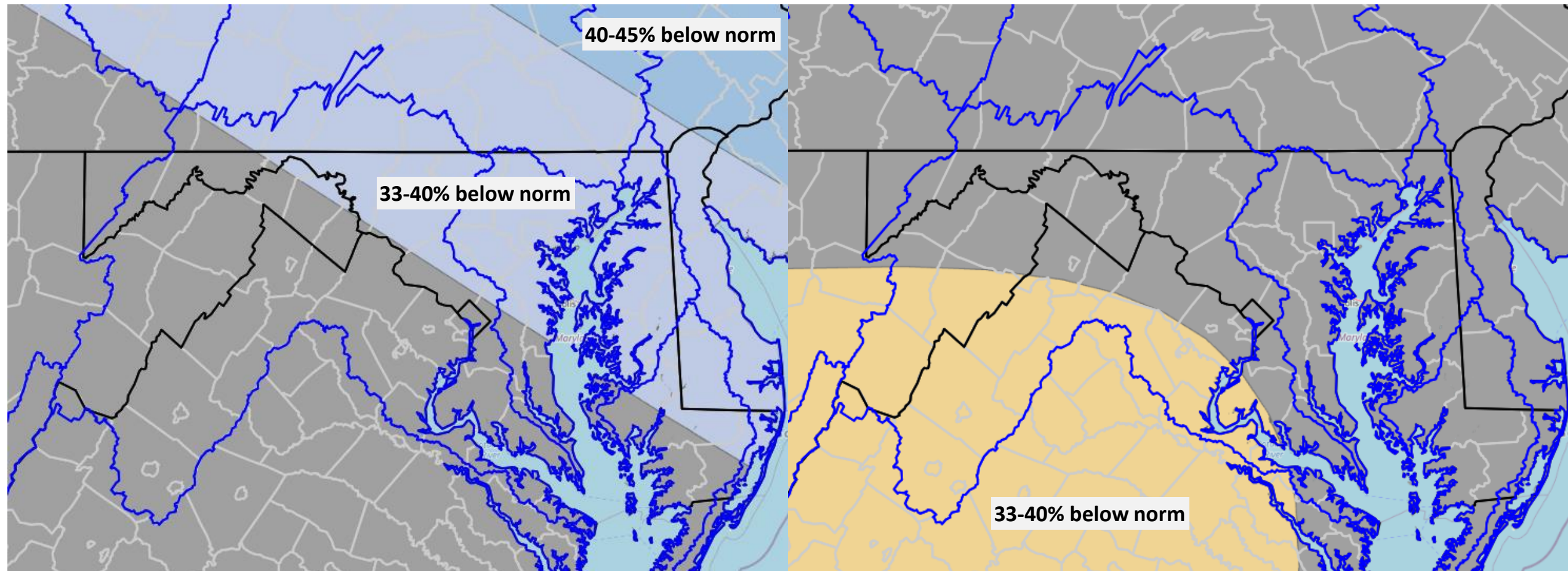


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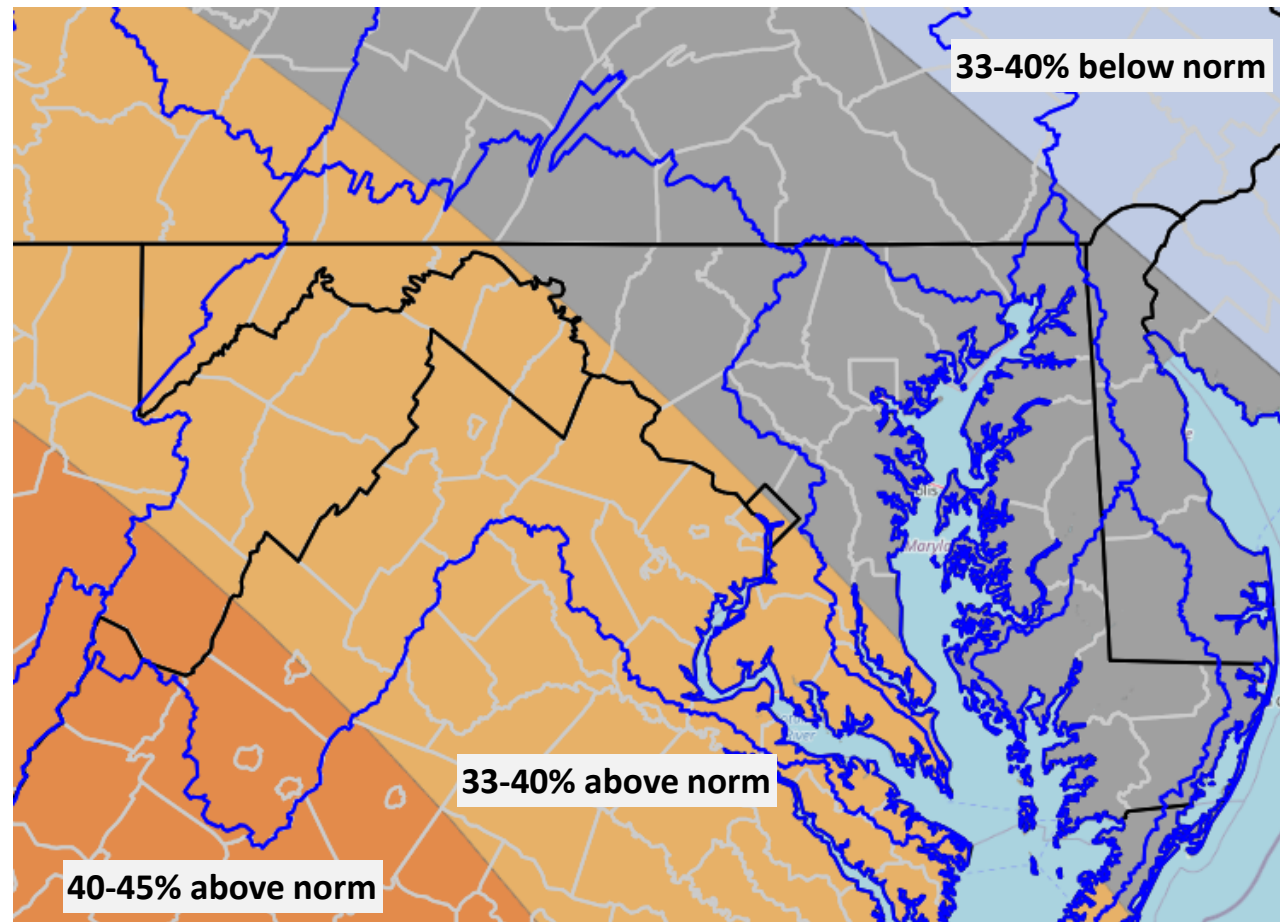
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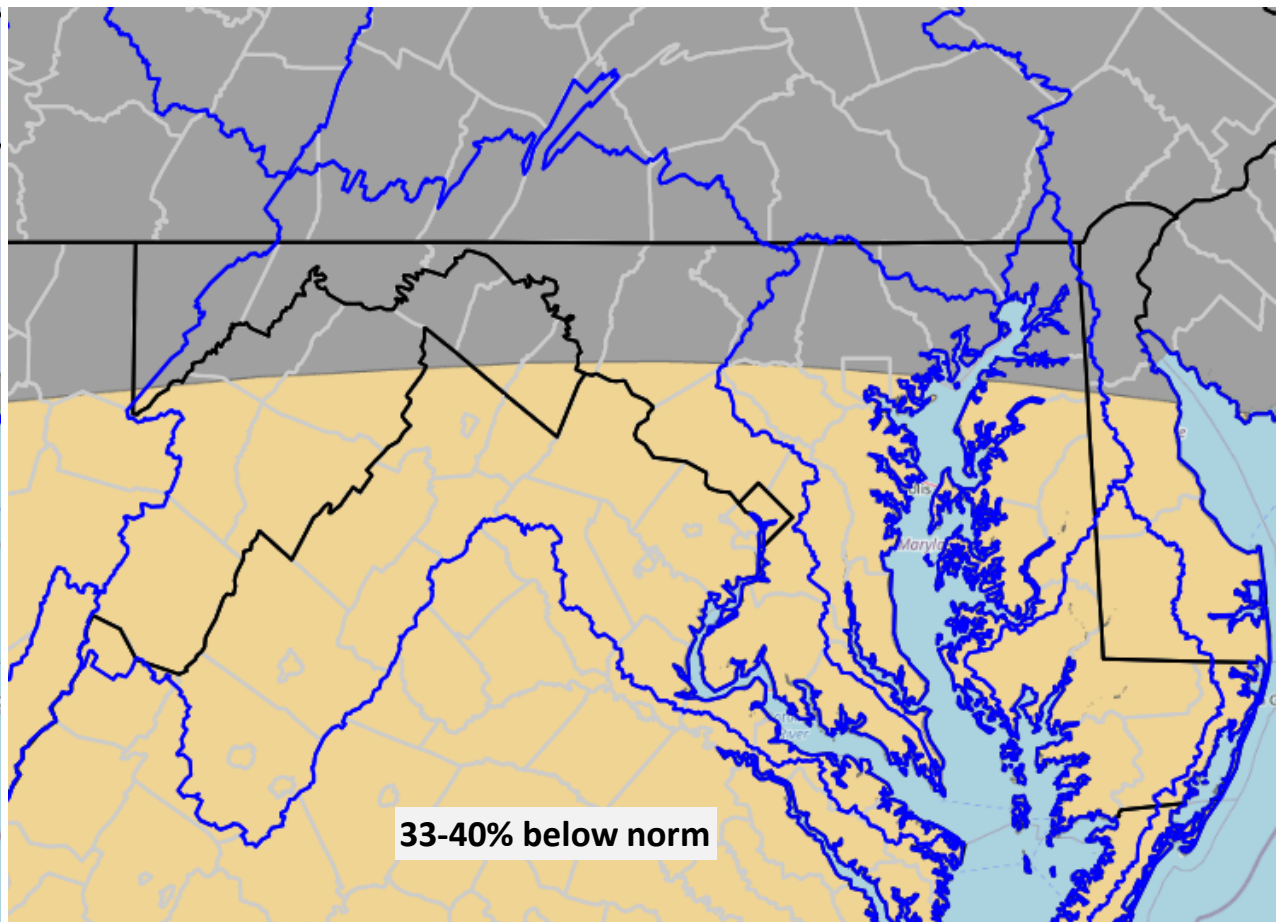
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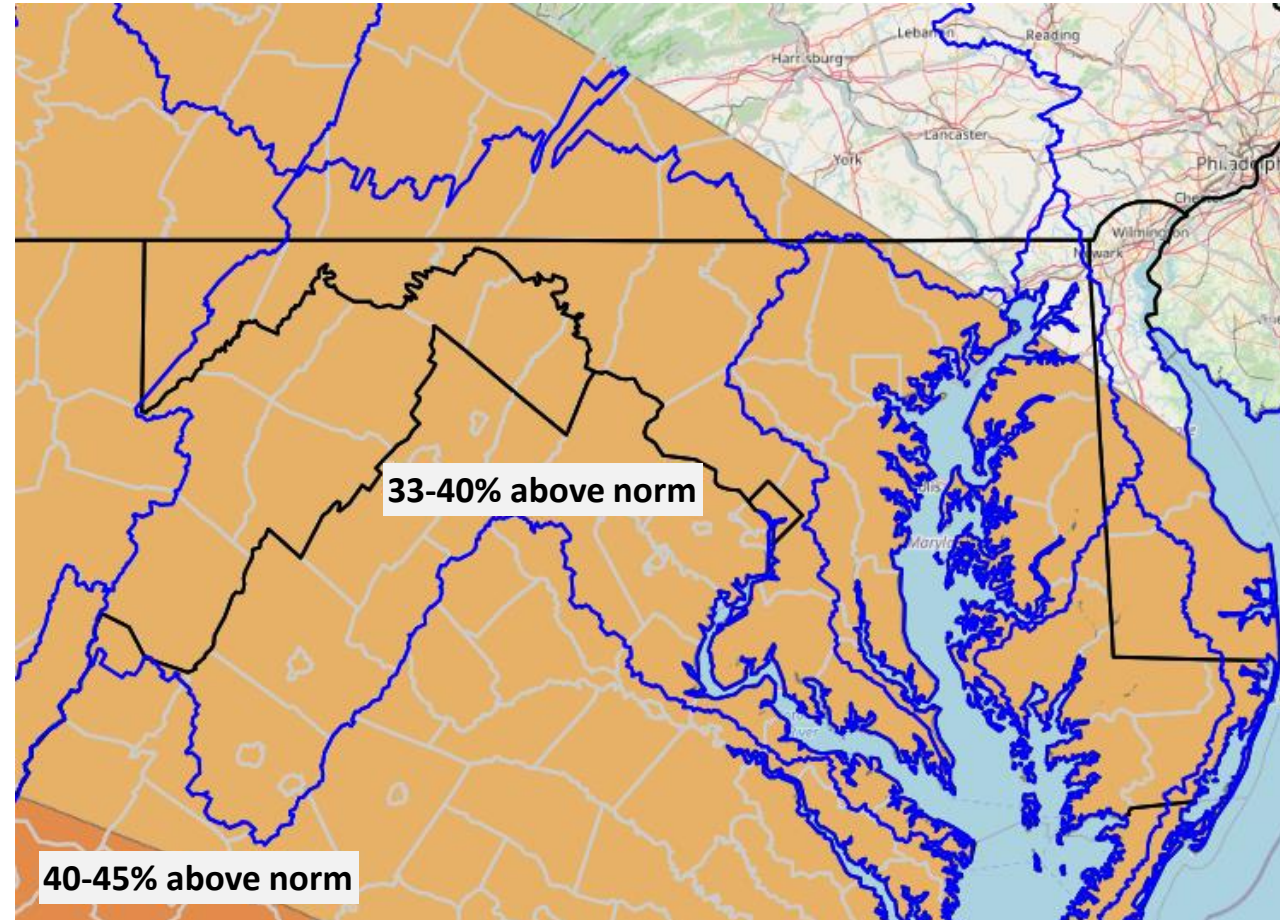


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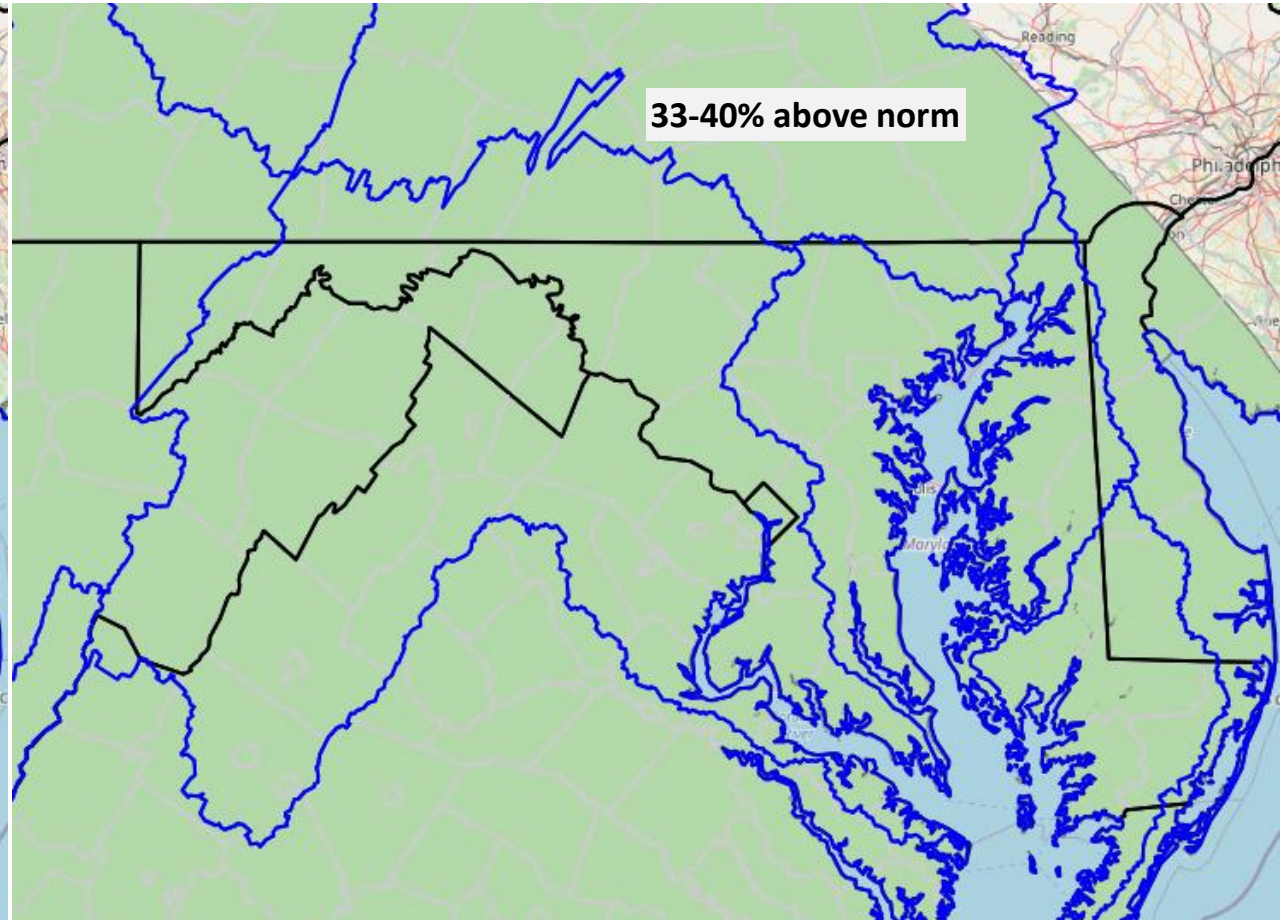


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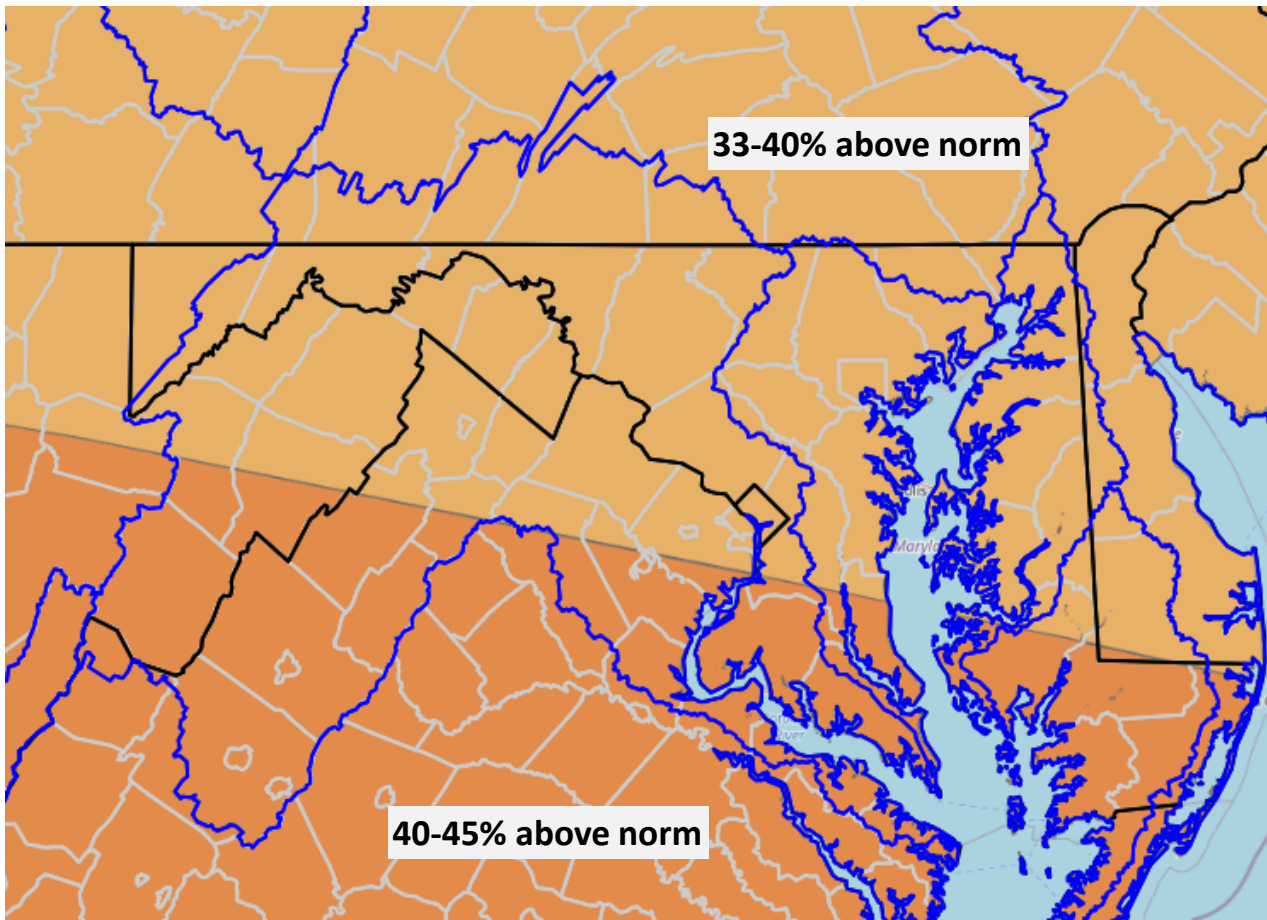


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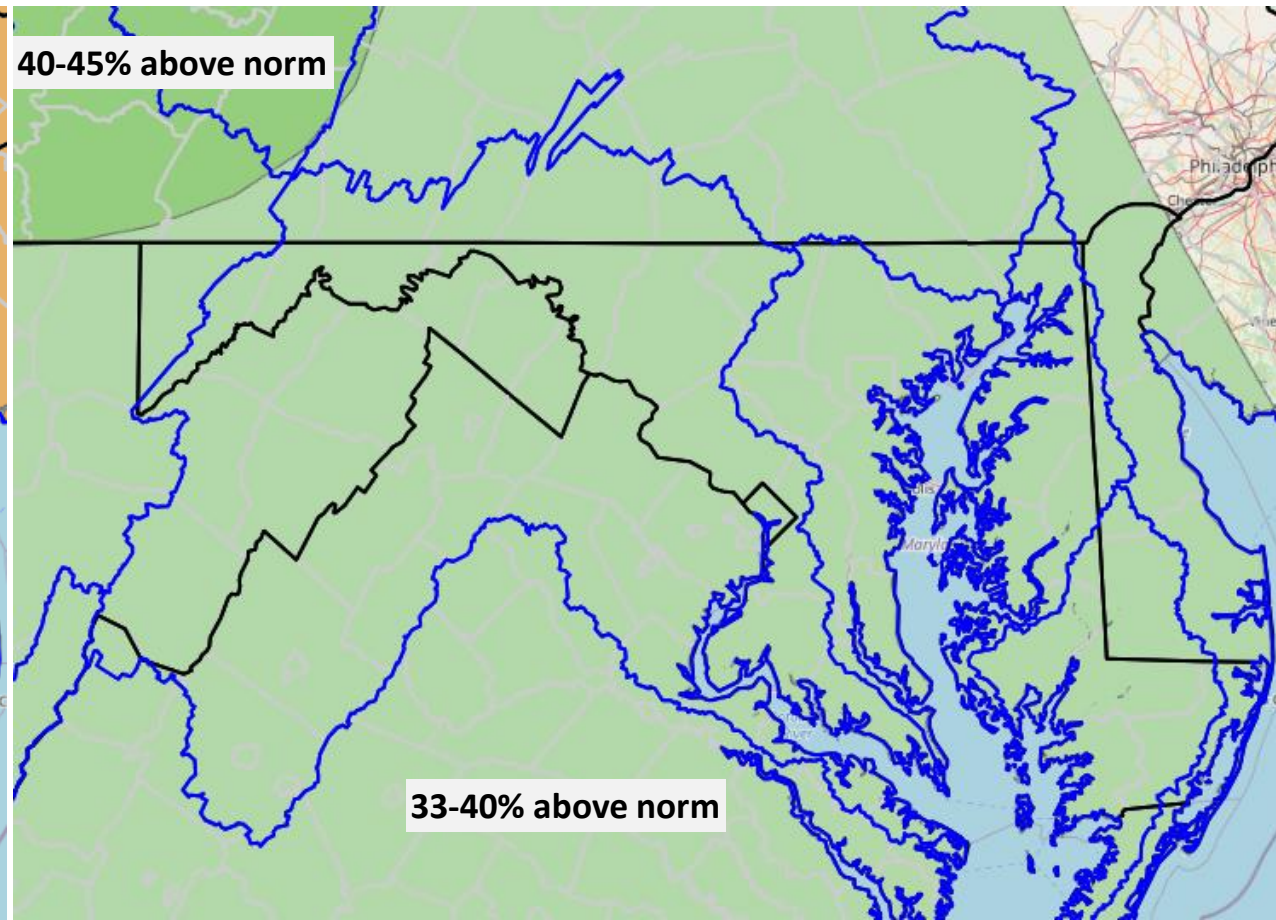


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Seasonal Outlook, April-June 2026



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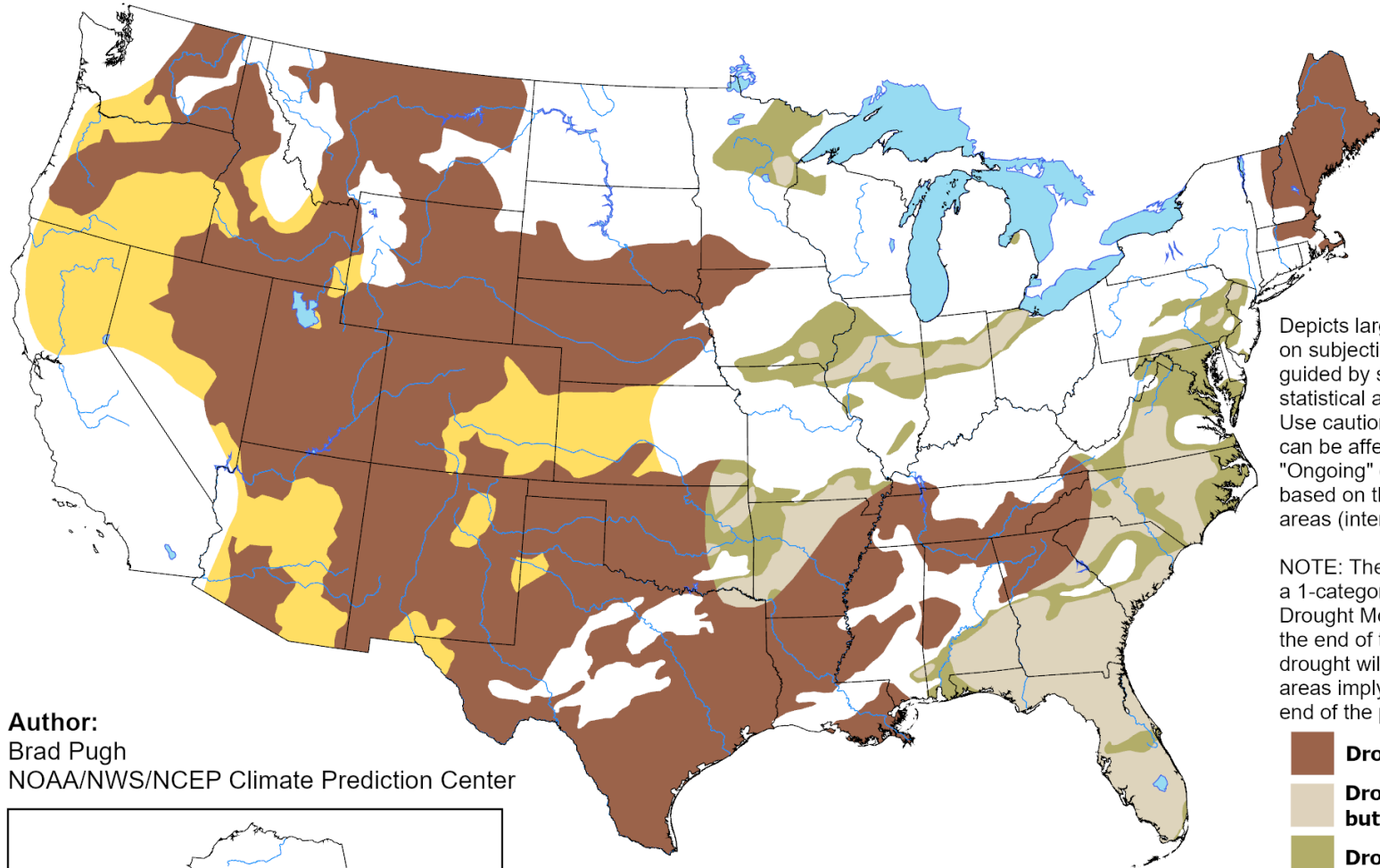


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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook






Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for March 19 - June 30, 2026
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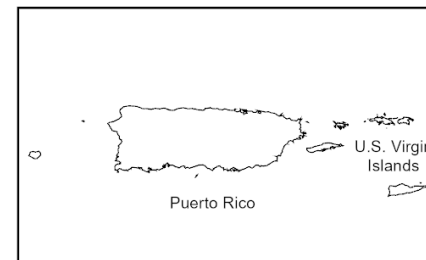
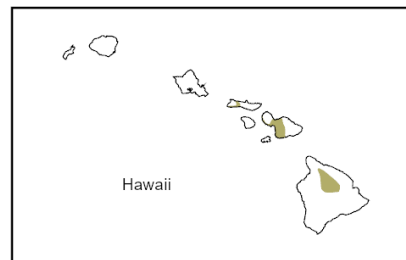
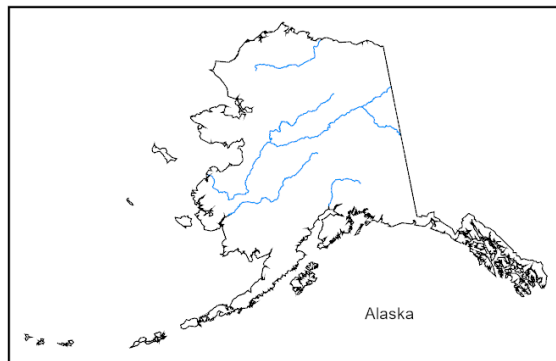


Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

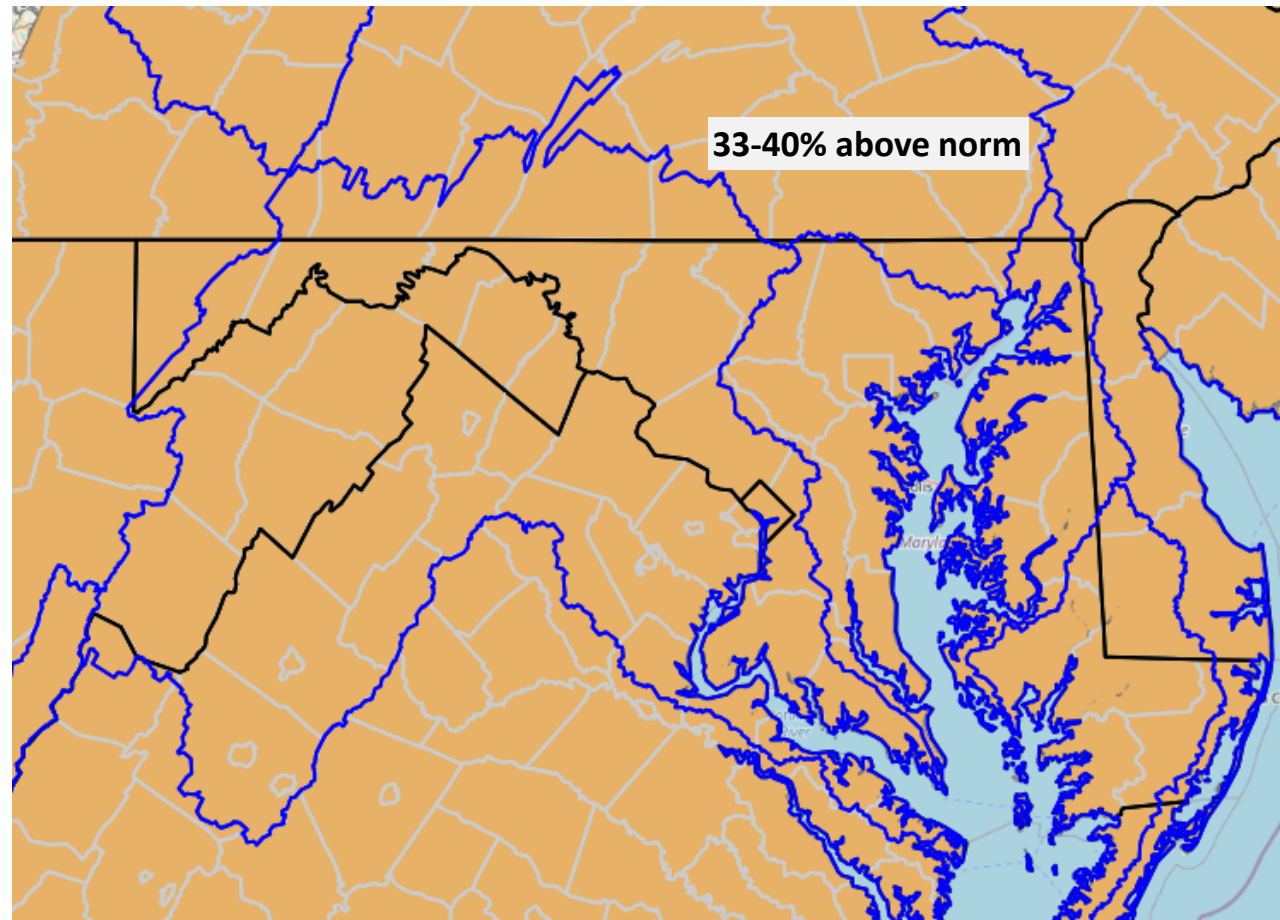
-  **Drought persists**
-  **Drought remains, but improves**
-  **Drought removal likely**
-  **Drought development likely**
-  **No drought**

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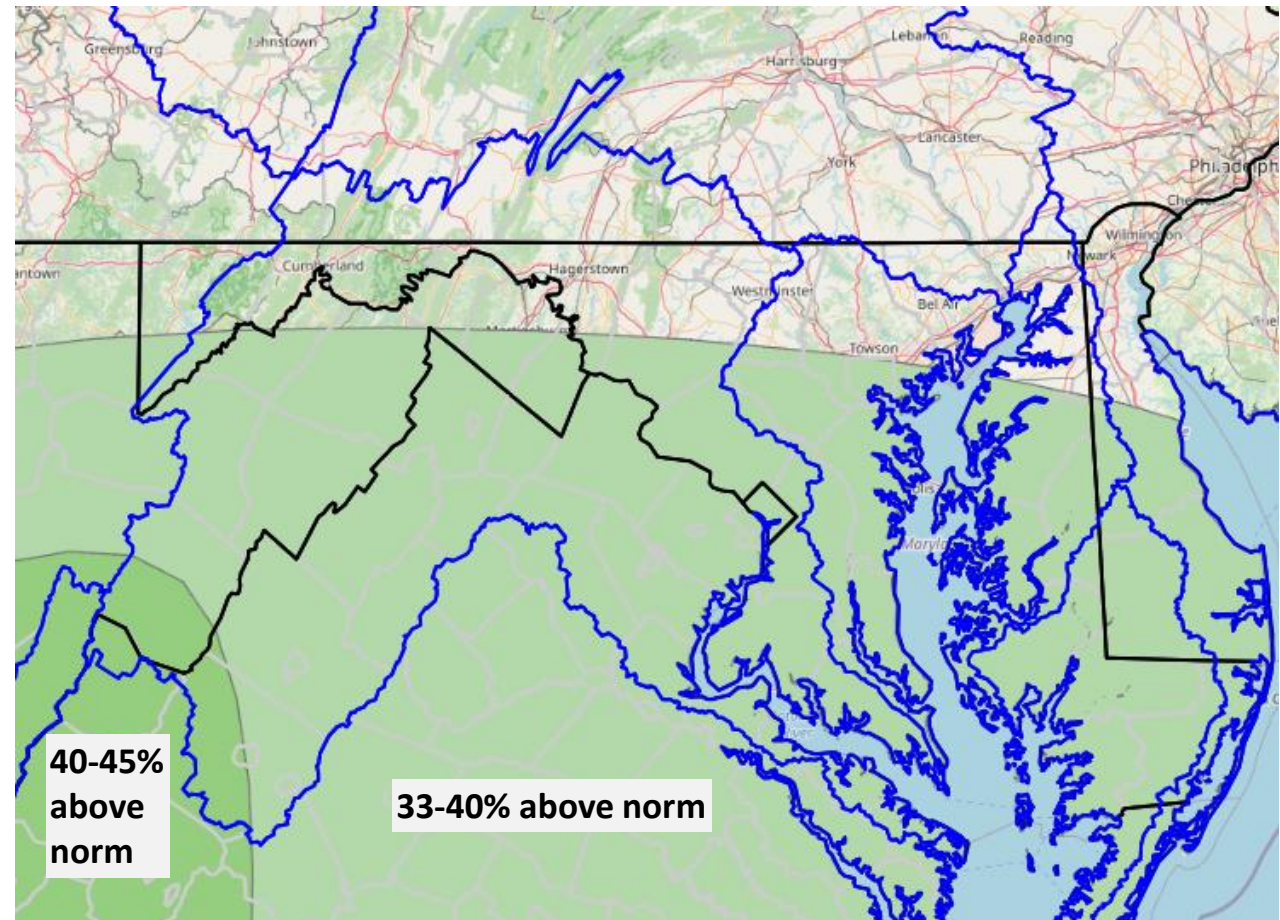


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Seasonal Outlook, April-June 2026



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