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GENERAL OVERVIEW

Snowpack

Current snow conditions vary across the state. The Southeast region has most of its snow courses in the 50 percent of normal water content range. Most of the regions in the state are in the 50 to 69 percent of normal range with the exception of the Valdez area east and north to Kenny Lake where the basin averages are in the 80 to 90 percent range, Kenny Lake snow course is 123 percent of normal. The South Central region has record low snow water content at the Nuka Glacier SNOTEL site with 19 inches of snow depth and estimated 4.4 inches of water content. Talkeetna has a minimum snow pack of 16 inches and 3.3 inches of snow water content, 53 percent of normal. Moving north of the Alaska Range, the Lower Tanana Valley is 47 percent of normal, the Upper Tanana Valley near Delta Junction is 59 percent of normal water content and the Tok area is 72 percent of normal. North of Tok at Eagle the Mission Creek snow course has 3.5 inches of water content, 113 percent of normal. The snow pack decreases going through Fort Yukon and then builds up again to near normal or above along the Dalton Highway at Seven Mile, 7 miles north of the Yukon Crossing. The north side of the Brooks Range appears to be in the 50 percent of normal range and this extends west to the Red Dog Mine, south through Kotzebue, Nome and the Seward Peninsula. For western Alaska, it appears the snow water content is in the 70 to 80 percent of normal range.

Precipitation

The western communities of Bethel and Nome received above normal precipitation in the month of October. Juneau, in Southeast, and Cordova also reported above normal precipitation. The rest of the state was below normal with South Central reporting the least percent of normal with Talkeetna at 26 percent and Anchorage at 13 percent.

For November, Southeast Alaska moving north to Cordova and to the interior where Gulkana received above normal precipitation. The rest of the state was below normal.

In December, the storm track remained similar to November with Southeast Alaska receiving above normal precipitation, however, Gulkana received below normal precipitation as the rest of the state.

January there was only one reporting station above normal precipitation, Dillingham. The rest of the state had below normal precipitation.

The Long Lake SNOTEL site has received a significant amount of rain through January 14th having received 81.7 inches since October 1st, about 15 percent above normal.

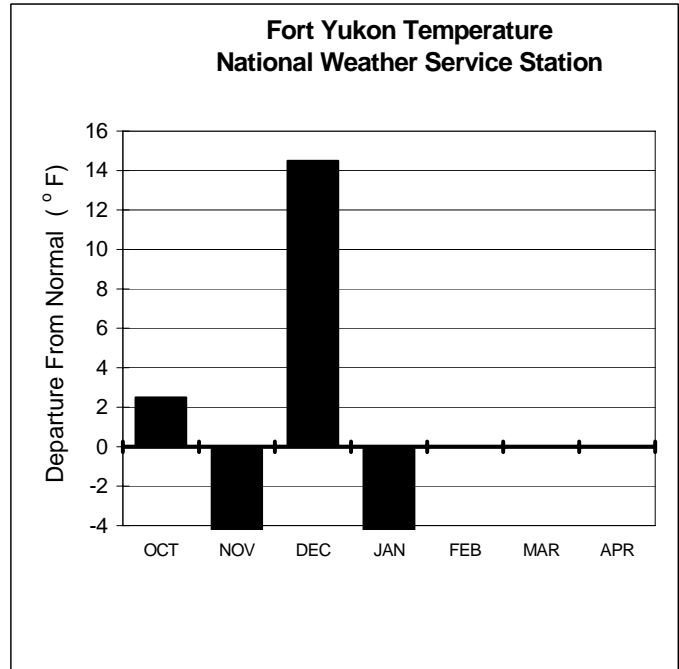
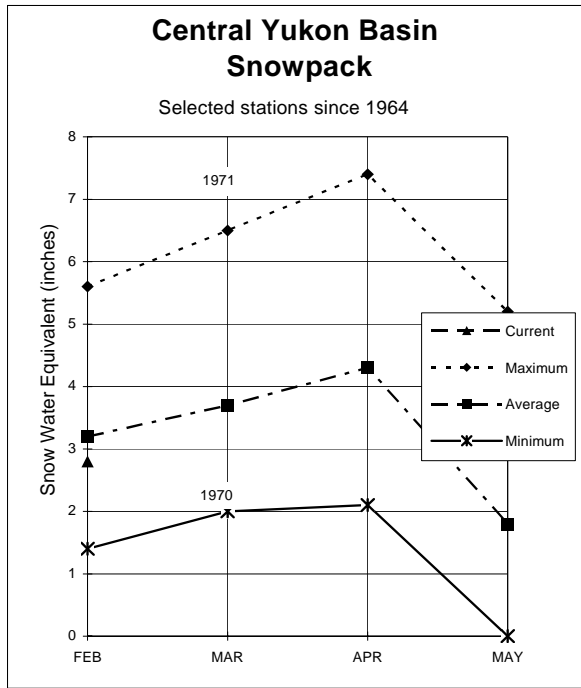
Temperature

The temperatures across the state have varied from above normal to below normal for the first four months of the water year beginning with October. For October, the National Weather Service (NWS) recording station reports across the state were above normal varying from right at normal for the month in Juneau to 9.0 deg F above normal at Barrow.

For November, the state NWS stations reported below normal temperatures for the month with McGrath being the extreme at 10.2 deg F below normal for the month. The exceptions that were above normal were Barrow at +.5 deg F, Juneau at +3.3 deg F and Whitehorse at +2.7 deg F. In December the temperatures swung to the warm side and the NWS station reports were again above normal for the state with Bettles having the greatest departure being +13.3 deg F above normal for the month.

January saw the temperatures swing to the cold side, as November, with Bethel, Nome and McGrath reporting a 14.0 deg F below normal for the month. The exceptions, again with above normal temperatures, as in November, were Barrow at +1.8, Juneau +5.8 and Whitehorse at +3.4 deg F.

CENTRAL YUKON BASIN*



Current Basin Conditions

The Central Yukon has below to near normal snow pack across the very large basin. The snow pack varies from near normal along the Dalton Highway, to below normal at Fort Yukon and then to the east side of the basin near Canada at Eagle where it is near normal. No survey data is available from the Yukon Territories until March 1st.

The SNOTEL site at Fort Yukon shows 14 inches of snow depth with an estimated 1.4 inches of water content or 57 percent of normal.

The snow courses on the south side of the basin in the White Mountains are 46 percent water content of last year and 88 percent of normal.

* For further information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Fairbanks.

Central Yukon Basin

SNOWPACK DATA

Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE	
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth (inches)	Water Content (inches)	Snow Depth	Water Content
December								
Fort Yukon	430	12/01/05	9	0.9	18	2.9	---	---
Hess Creek	1000	11/29/05	16	2.2	21	3.5	---	---
Seven Mile	600	11/29/05	19	1.9	25	3.6	---	---
Thirty Mile	1350	12/01/05	16	3.0	34	6.5	---	---
January								
Fort Yukon	430	12/31/05	12	1.6	20	3.4	---	---
February								
Borealis	1330	2/06/06	18	3.0	30	7.5	25	4.0
Cathedral Creek	1800	No Survey			---	---	---	---
Coal Creek	1000	No Survey			---	---	---	---
Copper Creek	2000	1/31/06	23	3.7	---	---	---	---
Crescent Creek	2600	1/31/06	15	2.5	---	---	---	---
Fort Yukon	430	2/01/06	14	1.6*	22	3.2	18	2.8
Fossil	1400	2/06/06	16	3.5	30	7.0	26	4.1
Hess Creek	1000	1/30/06	22	4.2	31	6.8	22	3.9
Mission Creek	900	2/02/06	17	3.5	17	3.2	15	3.1
Seven Mile	600	1/30/06	22	4.5	33	7.1	22	3.9
Step Mountain	2850	No Survey			---	---	---	---
Tacoma Bluff	1450	1/31/06	22	3.5	---	---	---	---
Thirty Mile	1350	1/30/06	21	4.2	41	10.0	30	6.2
Three Fingers	3350	1/31/06	25	4.0	---	---	---	---
Windy Gap	1900	2/06/06	17	3.5	35	9.0	27	4.3
Wolf	1200	2/06/06	17	3.0	30	6.8	23	3.6

PRECIPITATION DATA

INCHES ACCUMULATED SINCE OCTOBER 1st

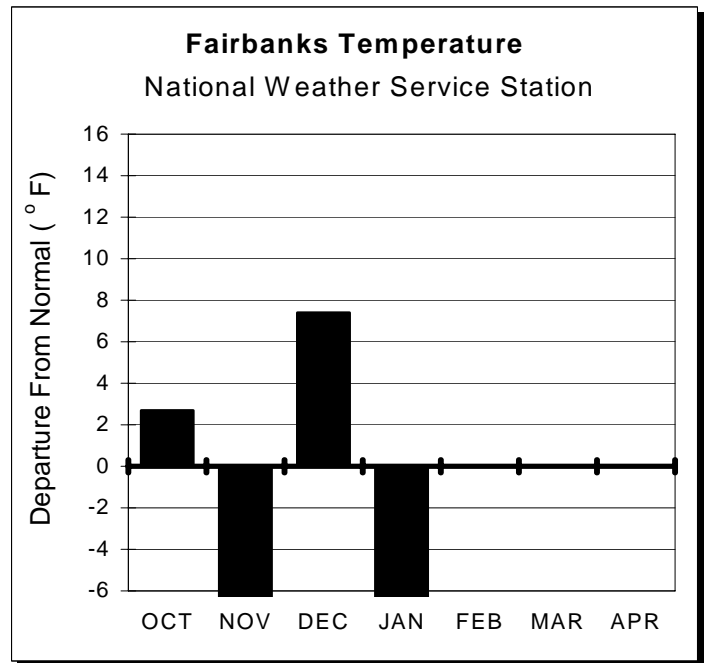
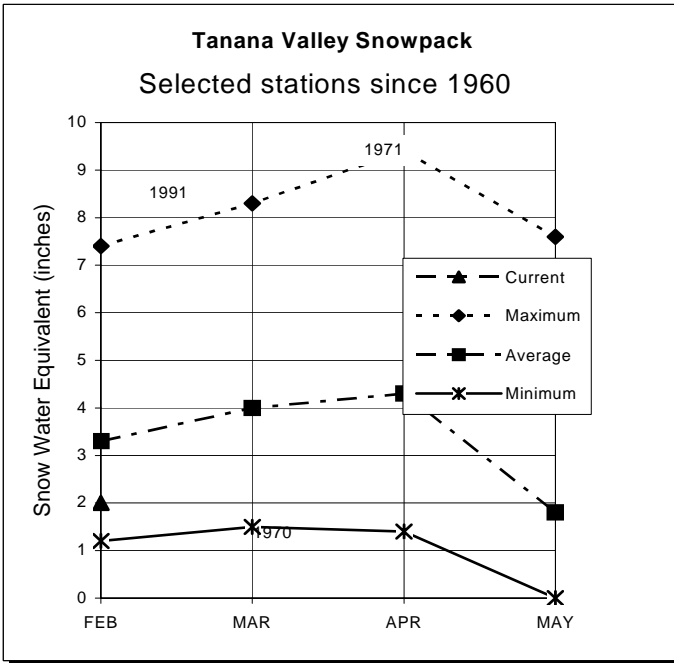
Precipitation Gauge	Elevation (feet)	Date	This Year	Last Year	1971-2000 Ave	% of Average
Atigun Pass**	4800	1/31/06	3.1	4.3	5.9	52
Chandalar Shelf**	3300	1/31/06	3.0	3.8	3.9	79
Fort Yukon	430	1/31/06	1.9	3.4	3.8	50
Mission Creek	900	2/02/06	4.6	4.9	4.0	115

**Wyoming shielded gauge

WATERSHED SNOW PACK ANALYSIS

Region / River Basin	No. of Courses Averaged	Percent of Last Year	Percent of Average
Yukon Flats	4	59	86
White Mountains	4	46	88

TANANA BASIN*



Current Basin Conditions

The Upper Tanana Valley snow courses, near Delta Junction, are less than 50 percent of normal from French Creek, 29 percent of normal, southeast to the Gerstle River, 46 percent of normal. The Tok snow course is 72 percent of normal with 17 inches of snow and 2.0 inches of water content.

In the Lower Tanana Valley, the permanent snowpack began with 1 inch at the new Kantishna SNOTEL site at an elevation of 1550 feet on October 15th. As of February 1st it has 12 inches of snow on the ground with an estimated 1.7 inches of water content. The two measured snow course sites in the Lower Tanana Valley are 32 percent of last year and 47 percent of normal.

The Chena basin had 3 sites measured and their percent of normal are 36 percent of last year and 49 percent of normal water content.

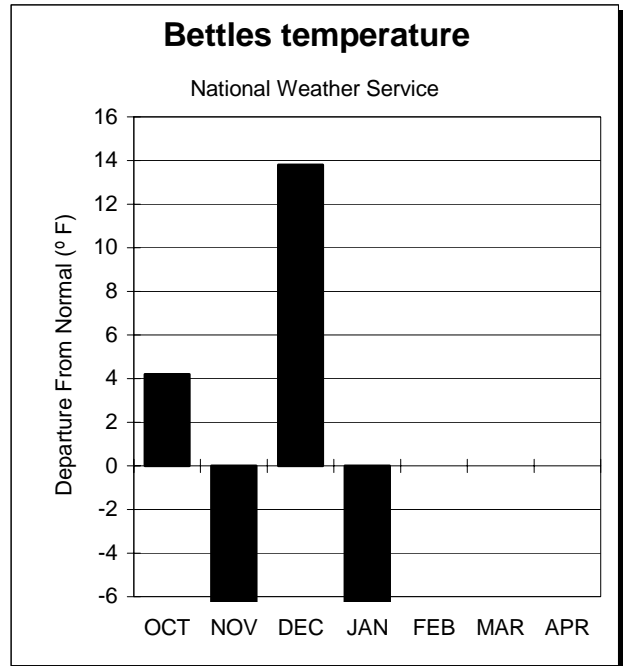
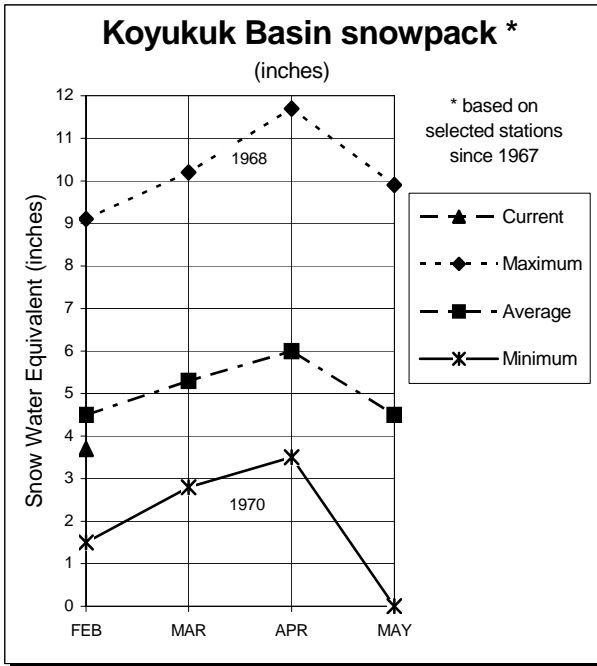
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Tanana Basin

SNOWPACK DATA

Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE		
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content	
			(inches)						
December									
Bonanza Creek	1150	12/01/05	12	0.8	12	2.4	13	2.1	
Cleary Summit	2230	11/30/05	16	2.2	19	3.5	---	---	
Colorado Creek	700	12/02/05	11	1.1	15	2.3	---	---	
Edgar Creek	2400	12/02/05	24	4.0	27	5.0	---	---	
Fairbanks FO	450	12/01/05	11	1.2	12	1.9	16	1.9	
Faith Creek	1900	11/30/05	13	1.5	15	2.5	---	---	
Fort Greely	1500	11/29/05	9	0.8	14	1.9	---	---	
French Creek	1800	11/29/05	10	1.1	17	3.7	---	---	
Gerstle River	1200	11/30/05	10	0.7	10	1.5	---	---	
Gold King	1700	12/02/05	9	1.0	17	2.6	---	---	
Jatahmund Lake	2180	11/29/05	10	0.9	10	1.6	16	2.3	
Kantishna	1550	11/30/05	10	1.2	20	2.8	---	---	
Lost Creek	3030	11/28/05	8	2.0	17	2.6	---	---	
Paradise Hill	2200	11/28/05	10	1.2	7	1.4	---	---	
Ptarmigan Airstrip	2400	12/02/05	8	0.8	19	3.0	---	---	
Rock Creek Bottom	2250	11/29/05	12	1.0	12	1.2	---	---	
Rock Creek Ridge	2600	11/29/05	12	1.0	12	1.8	---	---	
Shaw Creek Flats	980	11/29/05	8	0.7	8	1.2	---	---	
Stampede	1800	No Report			18	2.3	---	---	
Upper Wood River	2990	12/02/06	21	3.5	21	4.0	---	---	
January									
Bonanza Creek	1150	12/30/05	10	1.8	14	2.7	18	3.4	
Lost Creek	3030	12/29/05	16	2.7	29	5.3	---	---	
February									
Bonanza Creek	1150	1/31/06	13	1.9	22	4.6	21	4.1	
Caribou Creek	1250	1/31/06	14	2.6	21	4.8	22	3.9	
Caribou Snow Pillow	900	1/31/06	15	2.5	24	4.6	22	3.8	
Chisana	3320	2/2/06	14	1.9	---	---	---	---	
Cleary Summit	2230	1/31/06	19	3.6	33	6.8	27	5.4	
Colorado Creek	700	2/01/06	13	1.9	29	5.4	31	3.8	
Edgar Creek	2400	No Report			33	8.0	---	---	
Fairbanks FO	450	2/01/06	12	2.0	25	4.3	21	3.5	
Faith Creek	1900	1/31/06	16	3.1	26	4.8	24	3.9	
Fielding Lake	3000	1/31/06	35	6.7	48	12.2	37	8.4	
Fort Greely	1500	1/30/06	11	1.1	24	4.6	15	2.7	
French Creek	1800	1/30/06	12	1.5	33	7.5	24	5.1	
Gerstle River	1200	2/01/06	11	1.2	21	3.7	17	2.6	
Gold King	1700	No Report			26	5.4	---	---	
Granite Creek	1240	1/31/06	11	1.4	21	4.4	17	2.8	
Jatahmund Lake	2180	1/30/06	13	1.4	21	3.6	16	2.3	
Kantishna	1550	1/31/06	12	1.7	31	6.3	---	---	
Lake Minchumina	730	No Survey			28	5.3	19	3.2	
Lost Creek	3030	1/30/06	14	1.9	---	---	---	---	
Mentasta Pass	2430	1/31/2006	18	3.6	38	8.4	24	4.8	
Paradise Hill	2200	1/31/06	16	2.4	20	4.0	---	---	
Ptarmigan Airstrip	2400	No Report			30	6.0	---	---	
Rock Creek Bottom	2250	1/31/06	15	1.5	22	5.1	20	3.7	
Rock Creek Ridge	2600	1/31/06	14	1.8	21	4.8	24	4.3	
Shaw Creek Flats	980	1/30/06	10	1.0	18	2.8	15	2.6	
Stampede	1800	No Survey			24	4.8	---	---	
Tok Junction	1650	1/31/06	17	2.0	22	4.0	17	2.6	
Upper Wood River	2990	No Report			33	7.0	---	---	

WESTERN INTERIOR BASINS



Current Basin Conditions

Koyukuk

The Bonanza Forks snow course is 95 percent of normal. As you travel north along the Dalton Highway the percentages vary from 82 percent of normal at Coldfoot to 91 percent of normal at Table Mountain.

The 5 snow courses averaged in the Basin are 81 percent of normal and 50 percent of last year.

The new snow courses in the Koyukuk near Galena range in snow depth from 18 inches at Pike Trap Lake and Cloverleaf to 27 inches at Squirrel Creek.

Kuskokwim

The McGrath snow course water content is 86 percent of normal and 42 percent of last year.

Lower Yukon

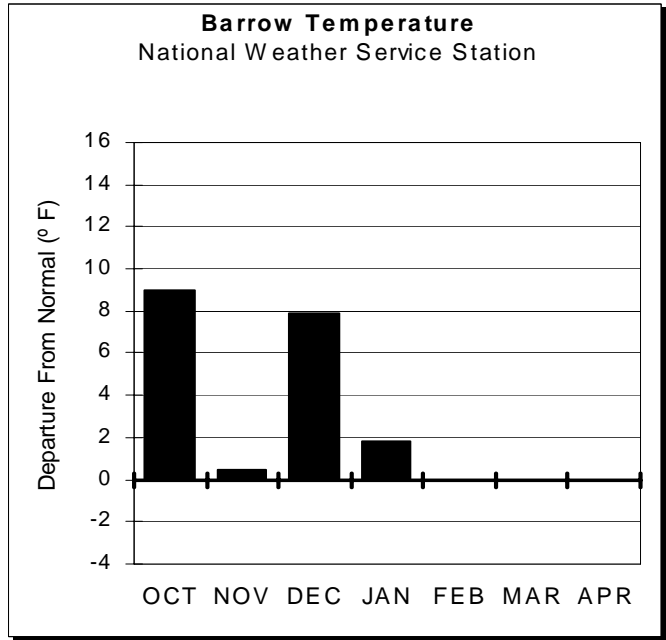
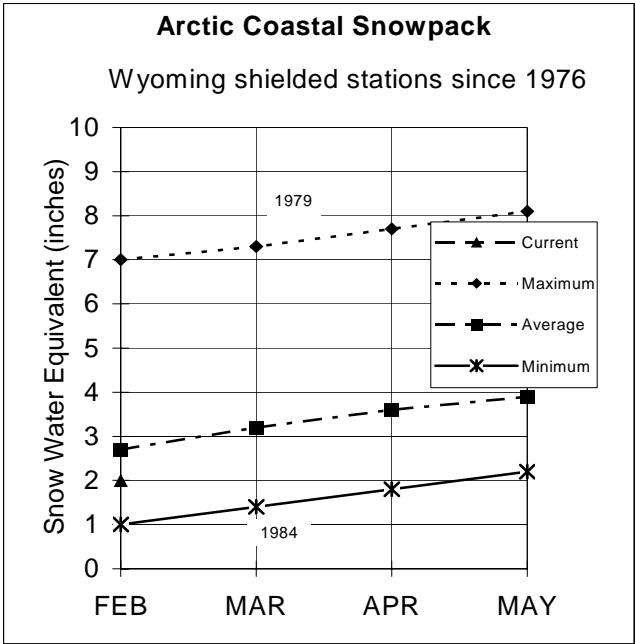
The Lower Yukon snow courses in the Innoko Wildlife Refuge are about 60 percent of last year and 70 to 80 percent of normal.

Western Interior Basins

SNOWPACK DATA

Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE	
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth (inches)	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content
December								
Koyukuk								
Bettles Field	640				31	5.0	20	3.1
Bonanza Forks	1200	12/01/05	12	0.8	28	5.0	---	---
Cloverleaf	170	12/01/05	12	1.5	26	5.0	---	---
Coldfoot	1040	11/30/05	14	1.6	29	5.7	27	5.1
Disaster Creek	1550	12/02/05	10	1.1	18	2.6	---	---
JR Slough	160	12/01/05	19	3.0	31	5.5	---	---
Kaldoyeit	750	12/02/05	18	3.0	18	3.5	---	---
Kanuti Chalatna	670	12/02/05	19	3.2	29	5.0	---	---
Kanuti Kilolitna	550	12/02/05	18	3.0	26	4.6	---	---
Minnkokut	580	12/02/05	16	2.6	27	4.8		
Nine Mile Island	140	12/01/05	15	2.2	37	6.2	---	---
Nolitna	560	12/02/05	18	3.0	32	5.5	---	---
Pike Trap Lake	130	12/01/05	16	2.4	8	2.0	---	---
Squirrel Creek	150	12/01/05	7	0.9	36	6.0	---	---
Table Mountain	2200	12/02/05	10	1.1	22	3.4	---	---
Kuskokwim								
McGrath	340	No Survey			20	3.5	---	---
Purkeypile Mine	2030	No Survey			23	3.8	---	---
Lower Yukon								
Holikachuk	100	12/02/05	33	6.0	24	4.2	---	---
Horsefly Creek	180	12/02/05	30	5.3	21	3.7	---	---
Menotl Creek	380	No Survey			33	6.4	---	---
Middle Innoko	150	12/02/05	20	3.4	18	3.1	---	---
Upper Innoko	180	12/02/05	27	4.7	31	6.0	---	
Wapoo Hills	220	12/02/05	27	4.7	36	7.2	---	---
Yankee Slough	100	12/02/05	20	3.4	23	4.0	---	---
Yetna River	120	No Survey			19	3.4	---	---
February								
Koyukuk								
Bonanza Forks	1200	1/30/06	20	4.1	36	8.5	21	4.3
Cloverleaf	170	2/01/06	18	3.3	28	6.2	---	---
Coldfoot	1040	1/30/06	20	4.2	35	8.3	27	5.1
Disaster Creek	1550	1/31/06	15	2.3	23	3.8	18	3.0
JR Slough	160	2/01/06	24	4.2	31	6.4	---	---
Nine Mile Island	140	2/01/06	24	4.2	43	7.6	---	---
Pike Trap Lake	130	2/01/06	18	3.5	15	3.5	---	---
Squirrel Creek	150	2/01/06	27	4.2	42	7.3	---	---
Table Mountain	2200	1/31/06	15	3.1	25	4.9	22	3.4
Kuskokwim								
Lake Minchumina	730	No Survey			28	5.3	19	3.0
McGrath	340	2/09/06	20	3.6	36	8.6	26	4.2
Purkeypile Mine	2030	No Survey			30	6.8	20	3.9
Stampede	1800	No Survey			24	4.8	---	---
Lower Yukon								
Grouch Creek	220	2/08/06	30	5.3	42	10.2	---	---
Holikachuk	100	2/08/06	32	6.2	33	7.4	---	---
Horsefly Creek	180	2/08/06	36	7.0	31	6.9	---	---
Innoko Cabin	200	2/08/06	16	2.4	25	5.2	---	---
Menotl Creek	380	2/08/06	36	7.0	45	11.2	---	---
Middle Innoko	150	2/08/06	30	5.3	34	7.8	---	---
Upper Innoko	180	2/09/06	33	6.1	45	10.7	---	---
Wapoo Hills	220	2/09/06	34	6.3	41	10.5	---	---
Yankee Slough	100	2/08/06	24	4.5	32	7.2	---	---
Yetna River	120	2/08/06	27	5.0	30	6.6	---	---

ARCTIC AND KOTZEBUE SOUND*



Current Basin Conditions

Arctic

The Dalton Highway, north of Atigun Pass, has another lean year of snow cover with 2 sites, Atigun Camp and Imnaviat Creek being 37 percent of normal.

Kotzebue

As of January 31st, Red Dog Mine had received 2.8 inches of precipitation since October 1st, 57 percent of normal.

* For further information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Anchorage.

Arctic and Kotzebue Sound

SNOWPACK DATA

Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE	
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content
Kugarak	225	No Survey			---	---	---	---

PRECIPITATION DATA

INCHES ACCUMULATED SINCE OCTOBER 1ST

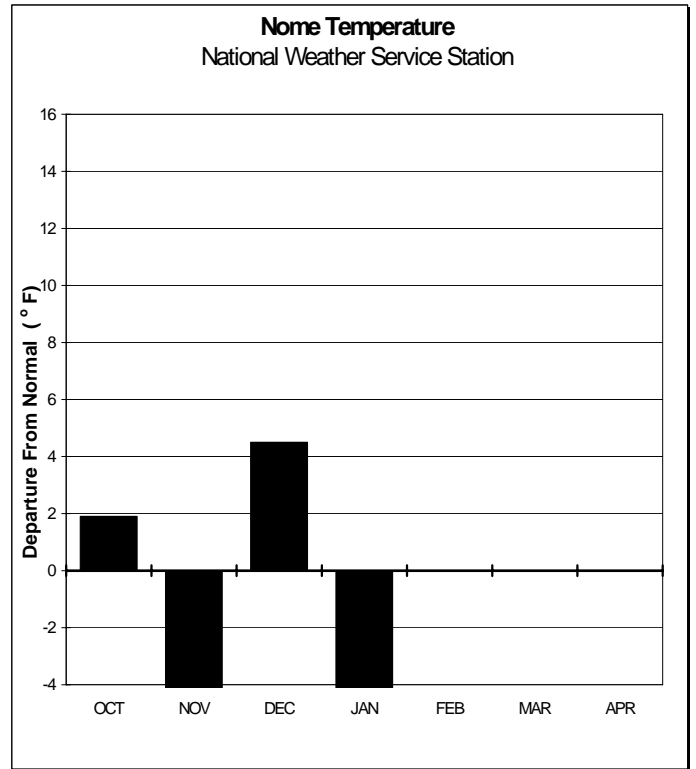
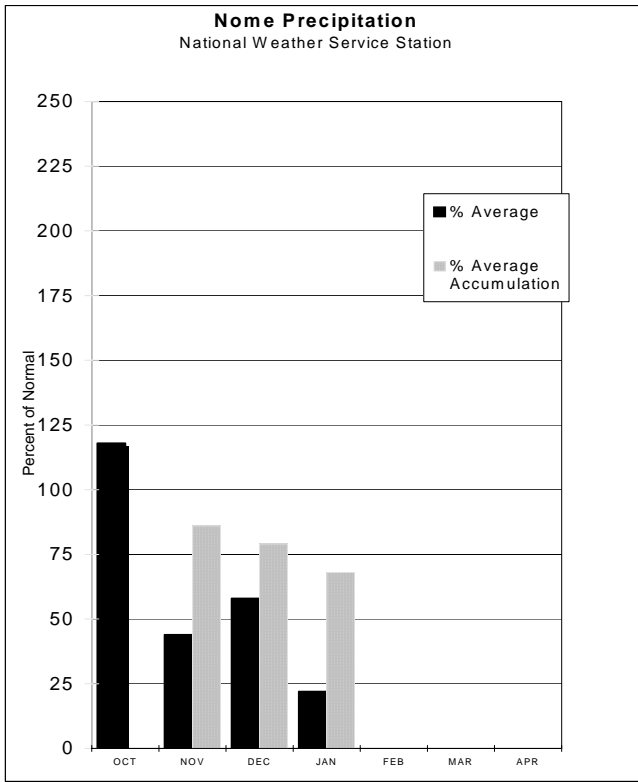
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Arctic						
Atigun Camp	3400	1/31/06	1.7	1.4	3.9	44
Atigun Pass	4800	1/31/06	3.1	4.3	5.9	73
Barrow	25	1/11/06	1.6	1.6	2.2	73
Imnaviat Creek	3050	1/31/06	0.8	1.5	2.9	28
Prudhoe Bay	30	No Report			2.9	---
Kotzebue Sound						
Kivalina	50	No Report		---	---	---
Red Dog**	950	1/31/06	2.8	3.8	4.9	57

** Wyoming Shielded Gauge

WATERSHED SNOW PACK ANALYSIS

Region / River Basin	No. of Courses Averaged	Percent of Last Year	Percent of Average
Arctic Coast	No Report		
Dalton Highway	2	79	37

NORTON SOUND/SOUTHWEST DELTA/BRISTOL BAY*



Current Basin Conditions

Norton Sound

The precipitation received since October 1st at Rocky Point SNOTEL (SNOW TELEmetry) site south of White Mountain was 2.0 inches as of February 1st, 50 percent of last year and probably less than 50 percent of normal. The conditions are tough for traveling outside of Nome due to lack of snow.

Southwest Delta/Bristol Bay

The only course to be read in the basin is Port Alsworth on Lake Clark. It had 11 inches of snow with 2.2 inches of water content on December 1st and 12 inches of snow depth on February 1st with the same snow water content of 2.2 inches. This is 72 percent of the 11 year average.

No readings have been reported from the Brooks Camp and Three Forks snow course aerial markers.

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Norton Sound / Southwest Delta / Bristol Bay

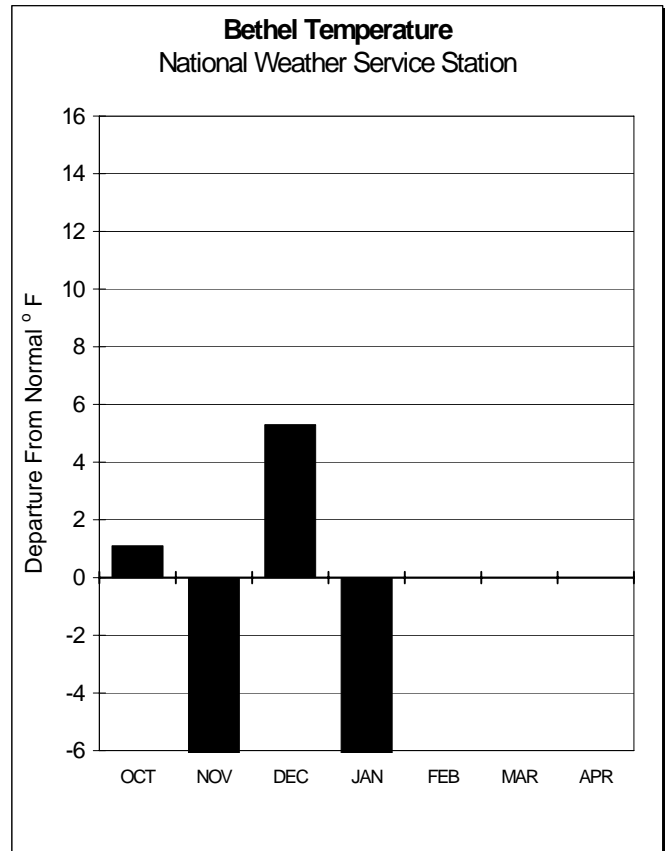
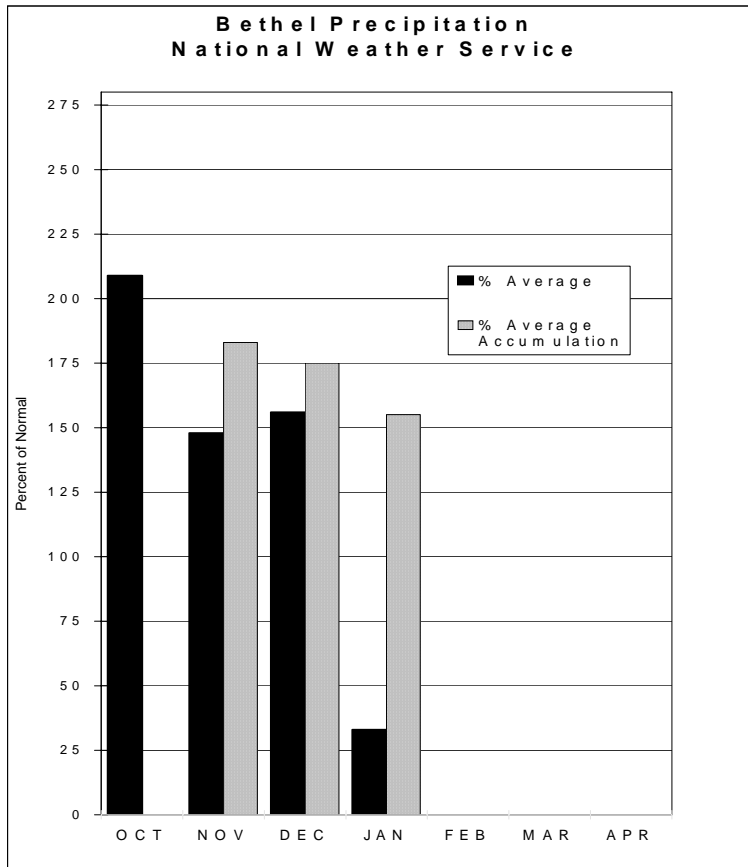
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Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE	
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content
December								
Bristol Bay								
Port Alsworth	270	12/05/06	11	2.2	--	---	---	---
Upper Twin Lakes	2000	No Survey			--	---	---	---
February								
Norton Sound								
Pargon Creek	100	No Report			13	2.6	---	---
Rocky Point	250	No Report			14	2.8	---	---
Bristol Bay								
Brooks Camp	150	No Survey			---	---	---	---
Fishtrap Lake	1800	No Survey			---	---	---	---
Port Alsworth	270	2/02/06	12	2.2	---	---	---	---
Three Forks	1300	No Survey			---	---	---	---
Upper Twin Lakes	2000	No Survey			---	---	---	---

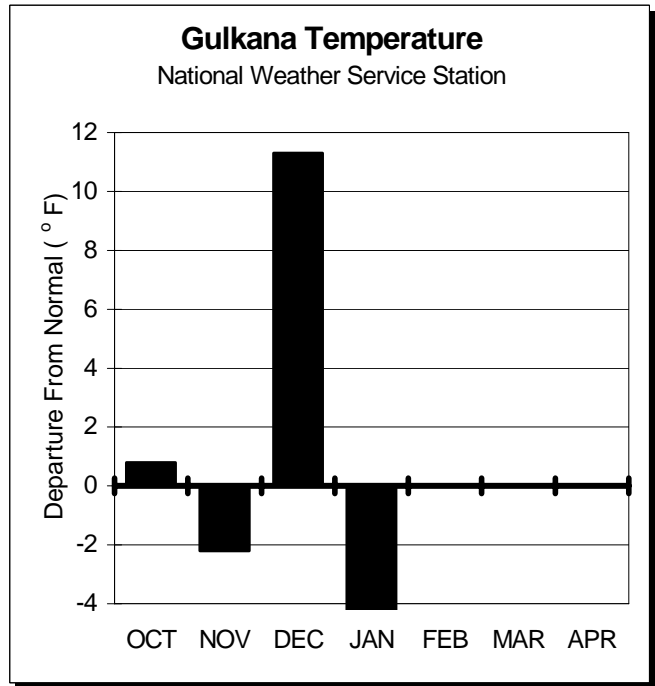
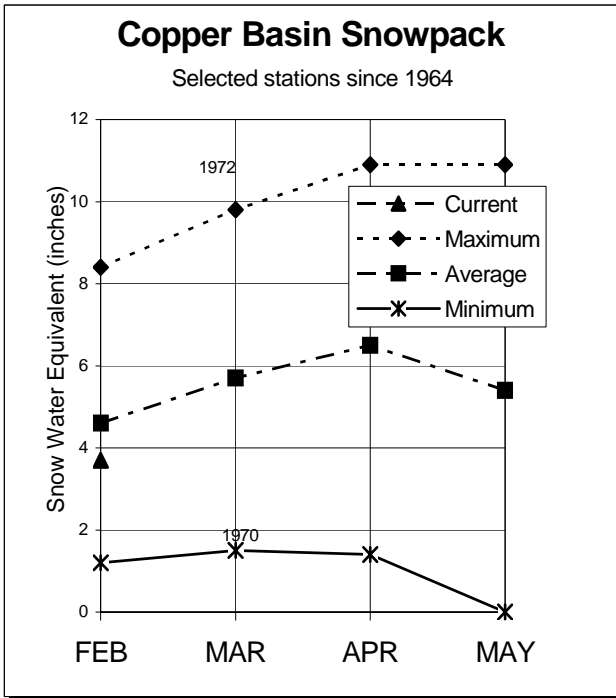
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Precipitation Gauge	Elevation (feet)	Date	This Year	Last Year	1971-2000 Ave	% of Average
Pargon Creek	100	No Report		5.5	---	
Rocky Point	500	1/31/06	2.0	4.0	---	50



COPPER BASIN*



Current Basin Conditions

The Copper Basin snow courses range from 123 percent of normal snow water content at Kenny Lake to 73 percent of normal at Twin Lakes.

On the south side of the basin the Chugach Range is 99 percent of normal and the Basin Floor is 81 percent of normal, about the same as the Alaska Range at 78 percent of normal water content. To the west side of the Basin near the Talkeetna Mountains the snow courses are 62 percent of normal.

The Upper Tsaina SNOTEL site, northeast of Thompson Pass has 62 inches of snow depth and estimated 14.0 inches of snow water content. This is probably in the normal range for the Worthington Glacier snow course is at 99 percent of normal water content.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Copper River, Delta Junction or Anchorage.

Copper Basin

SNOWPACK DATA

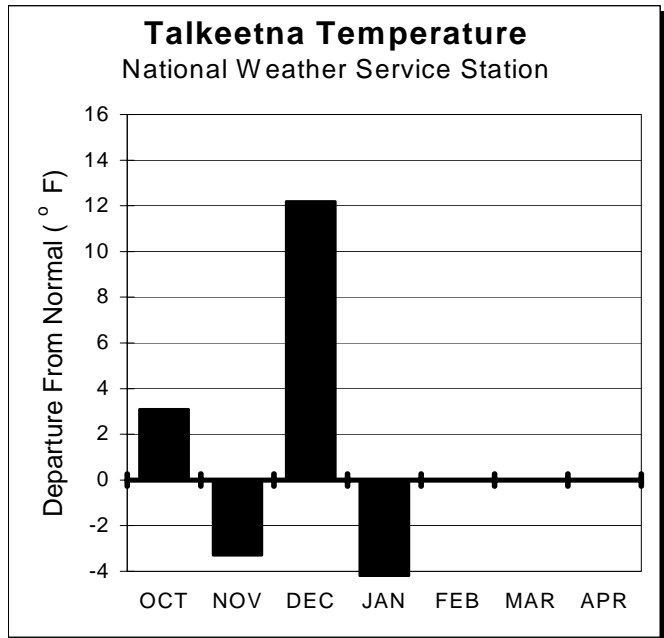
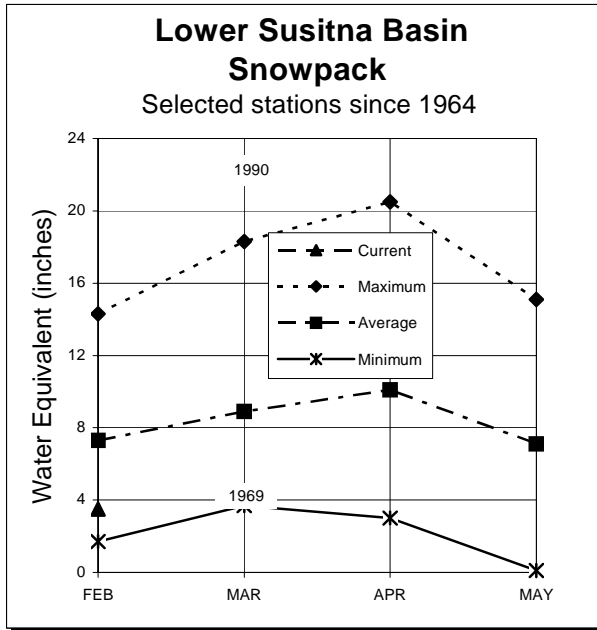
Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE	
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth (inches)	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content
December								
Kenny Lake School	1300	11/29/05	15	2.5	4	0.9	---	---
Lake Louise	2400	12/01/05	13	1.2	14	3.0	---	---
Little Nelchina	2650	11/30/05	15	1.5	18	3.1	---	---
Tazlina	1225	11/29/05	13	1.9	7	0.9	---	---
Tolsona Creek	2000	12/01/05	12	1.6	11	1.8	---	---
January								
Chokosna	1550	1/04/06	8	2.3	12	2.8	---	---
Dadina Lake	2160	No Survey			27	4.5	19	3.0
Horsepasture Pass	4300	No survey			39	7.0		
Kenny Lake School	1300	1/03/06	12	2.4	11	2.3	13	2.2
Lake Louise	2400	12/29/05	14	1.5	24	4.4	---	---
Little Nelchina	2650	12/29/05	16	2.7	28	4.8	---	---
Long Glacier	4818	1/06/06	25	5.5	66	13.5	---	---
May Creek	1610	12/27/05	19	4.9	16	3.7	---	---
Monsoon Lake	3100	12/29/06	16	2.4	31	6.0	22	3.8
Sanford River	2280	No Survey			22	3.8	18	3.2
St. Anne Lake	1990	12/29/05	17	3.3	24	4.2	---	---
Tazlina	1225	1/03/06	10	2.6	16	3.2	---	---
Tebay Lake	1930	1/06/06	56	12.3	45	9.5	---	---
Tolsona Creek	2000	12/29/05	12	1.6	21	3.2	---	---
February								
Chistochina	2170	1-31-06	18	3.1	24	4.8	18	3.0
Chokosna	1550	2/01/06	11	2.5	---	---	---	---
Dadina Lake	2160	No Survey			35	6.6	24	4.1
Fielding Lake	3000	1/31/06	35	6.7	48	12.2	37	8.4
Haggard Creek	2540	1/31/06	28	5.3	25	4.4	24	4.5
Horsepasture Pass	4300	No Report			32	9.4	24	4.6
Kenny Lake School	1300	2/01/06	14	3.2	10	2.2	14	2.6
Lake Louise	2400	2/02/06	13	2.2	26	5.5	20	3.3
Little Nelchina	2650	1/31/06	19	2.8	23	5.3	22	3.8
Long Glacier	4820	2/03/06	28	6.4	---	---	---	---
May Creek	1610	2/03/06	22	5.4	---	---	---	---
Mentasta Pass	2430	1/31/06	18	3.6	38	8.4	24	4.8
Monsoon Lake	3100	2/02/06	16	2.7	28	6.5	25	4.7
Notch		2/03/06	16	3.7	New		---	---
Paxson	2650	1/31/06	21	3.7	32	6.8	28	5.5
Sanford River	2280	No Survey			38	7.5	24	4.2
St. Anne Lake	1990	1/30/06	21	3.6	22	4.5	21	4.0
Tazlina	1225	2/01/06	12	2.8	15	3.2	---	---
Tebay Lake	1930	2/03/06	65	15.8	---	---	---	---
Tolsona Creek	2000	2/02/06	15	2.0	20	4.2	19	3.2
Tsaina River	1650	1/30/06	51	11.4	38	9.6	50	12.5
Twin Lakes	2400	1/30/06	19	3.6	---	---	26	4.9
Worthington Glacier	2100	1/30/06	66	16.4	51	15.9	62	16.6

WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

Region / River Basin	No. of Courses Averaged	Percent of Last Year	Percent of Average
Alaska Range	4	54	78
Basin Floor*	6	61	81
Chugach Range	4	99	95
Talkeetna Mountains	2	43	62
Wrangell Mountains	No Report		

*At the foot of the Alaska Range.

MATANUSKA - SUSITNA BASINS*



Current Basin Conditions

The Independence Mine snow course has 9.1 inches of water content which is 50 percent of normal. Archangel Road is 52 percent of normal and Little Susitna snow course is 57 percent of normal.

Along the Parks Highway, the Talkeetna snow course is 53 percent of normal and north to mile 151, Blueberry Hill snow course is 76 percent of normal.

In the Matanuska basin, the Sheep Mountain snow course is 49 percent of normal. This is the 2nd lowest record amount, the lowest year of 1996 had 9 inches and 1.4 inches of water content.

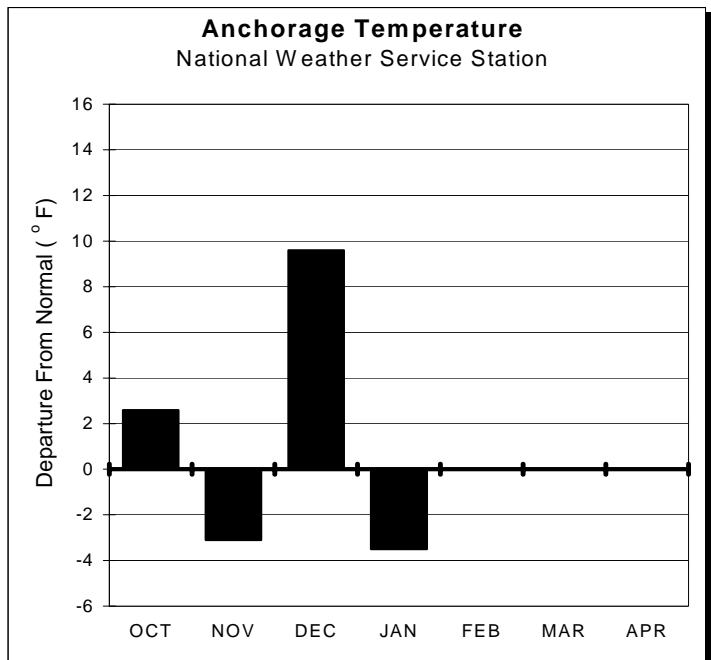
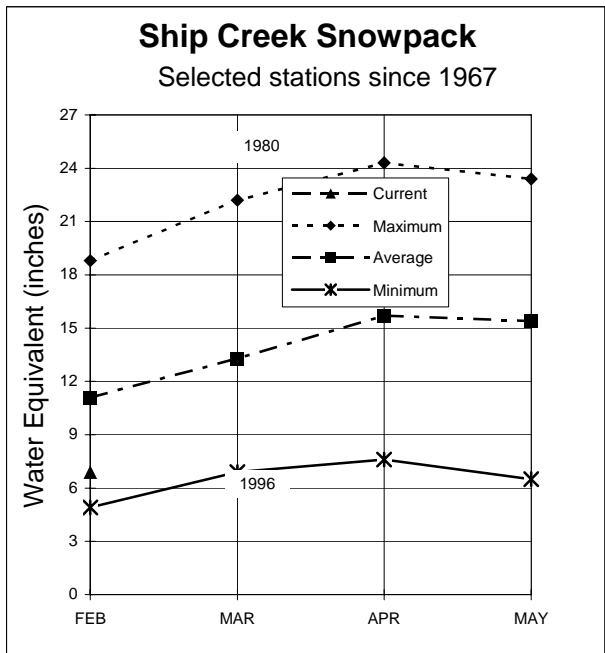
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Matanuska - Susitna Basins

SNOWPACK DATA

Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE	
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth (inches)	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content
December								
Archangel Road	2200	11/30/05	23	3.6	43	9.3	---	---
Blueberry Hill	1200	12/02/05	23	4.4	66	13.5	---	---
Chelatna Lake	1450	11/29/05	23	4.1	44	8.8	---	---
Denali View	700	12/02/05	19	3.4	55	11.3	---	---
Dutch Hills	3100	11/29/05	46	10.5	113	25.1	---	---
E. Fork Chulitna	1800	12/02/05	20	3.4	63	14.1	---	---
Eldridge Glacier	3400	11/29/05	27	5.4	28	6.5	---	---
Fishhook Basin	3300	11/30/05	26	5.0	--	---	---	---
Halfway Slough	350	12/06/05	15	1.9	30	6.9	---	---
Independence Mine	3550	11/30/05	29	6.2	--	---	---	---
Lake Louise	2400	12/01/05	13	1.2	14	3.0	---	---
Little Susitna	1700	11/30/05	19	3.0	36	8.0	---	---
Moose Creek Ranch	450	11/30/05	12	1.5	20	3.9	---	---
Nugget Bench	2010	11/29/05	27	4.9	52	10.7	---	---
Ramsdyke Creek	2220	11/29/05	45	9.8	66	14.0	---	---
Sheep Mountain	2900	11/30/05	14	1.1	21	3.1	---	---
Susitna Valley High	375	12/06/05	15	2.3	30	7.1	---	---
Talkeetna Airport	350	12/06/05	15	2.0	33	7.4	---	---
Tokositna Valley	850	11/29/05	27	4.9	70	15.4	---	---
West Fork Yentna	950	11/29/05	9	1.0	45	10.0	---	---
Willow Airstrip	200	12/06/05	17	3.0	16	3.4	---	---
February								
Alexander Lake	160	1/31/06	37	7.4	44	13.4	37	8.6
Archangel Road	2200	2/01/06	28	6.3	52	14.1	43	12.1
Blueberry Hill	1200	1/30/06	37	8.7	65	19.1	49	11.5
Chelatna Lake	1650	No Survey			47	14.3	36	8.3
Clearwater Lake	2650	2/02/06	17	3.0	--	---	24	4.2
Curtis Lake	2850	1/30/06	16	2.5	24	4.6	---	---
Denali View	700	1/30/06	27	6.7	56	17.4	42	9.6
Dutch Hills	3100	No Survey			88	32.0	69	19.6
E. Fork Chulitna	1800	1/30/06	31	6.9	64	19.8	45	10.5
Eldridge Glacier	3400	No Survey			27	8.4	---	---
Fishhook Basin	3300	2/01/06	32	8.1	76	26.6	51	15.4
Fog Lakes	2120	2/02/06	17	2.7	35	8.9	25	4.5
Halfway Slough	350	1/30/06	15	2.9	32	7.1	---	---
Independence Mine	3550	2/01/06	36	9.1	82	28.9	61	18.1
Lake Louise	2400	2/02/06	13	2.2	26	5.5	20	3.3
Little Susitna	1700	2/01/06	25	5.5	44	11.2	37	9.6
Monahan Flat	2710	2/02/06	23	4.0	44	11.9	31	6.1
Moose Creek Ranch	450	1/31/06	10	2.1	20	5.9	---	---
Nugget Bench	2010	No Survey			55	17.0	45	10.9
Ramsdyke Creek	2220	No Survey			75	22.8	61	16.3
Sheep Mountain	2900	1/31/06	15	2.2	28	6.1	23	4.6
Skwentna	160	1/31/06	32	6.4	48	14.7	37	8.5
Square Lake	2950	2/02/06	17	2.6	23	5.0	19	3.2
Susitna Valley High	500	1/31/06	18	5.6	38	9.9	34	6.8
Talkeetna	350	1/31/06	16	3.3	41	10.3	28	6.2
Tokositna Valley	850	No survey			61	18.6	55	13.6
Tyone River	2500	No Survey			21	4.6	21	3.4
Upper Sanona Creek	3100	1/30/06	23	3.9	28	6.2	---	---
West Fork Yentna	950	No survey			55	16.0	---	---
Willow Airstrip	200	1/31/06	23	3.9	27	6.9	26	5.7

NORTHERN COOK INLET*



Current Basin Conditions

The new Anchorage Hillside SNOTEL site has 27 inches of snow with 5.6 inches of water content, 79 percent of normal. The Indian Pass SNOTEL site has 9.7 inches of water with an estimated depth of 42 inches. The water content is 58 percent of normal. Portage snow course at the head of Turnagain Arm has 22 inches of snow and 3.4 inches of water content, last year it had 5 inches of snow depth and 2.7 inches of water content.

* For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Wasilla or Anchorage.

Northern Cook Inlet

SNOW PACK DATA

Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE	
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content
December								
Anchorage Hillside	2080	11/30/05	18	3.7	23	5.3	---	---
Indian Pass	2350	12/01/05	23	4.8	50	12.2	34	7.9
Kincaid Park	250	No Survey			7	0.9	---	---
Moraine	2100	12/01/05	10	2.0	11	2.9	---	---
Mt. Alyeska	1540	12/01/05	24	5.1	32	8.2	---	---
Point Mackenzie	200	12/01/05	11	1.4	11	2.1	---	---
Portage Valley	50	12/01/05	15	2.6	8	3.2	---	---
South Campbell Creek	1200	12/01/04	14	2.2	7	2.1	---	---
January								
Indian Pass	2350	12/31/05	34	7.9	60	16.9	50	13.9
Kincaid Park	250	No Survey			10	2.3	14	2.6
Point Mackenzie	200	12/31/05	15	3.4	15	3.4	16	3.5
Portage Valley	50	12/30/05	0	0.0	15	4.8	---	---
February								
Anchorage Hillside	2080	2/04/06	27	5.6	33	10.2	30	7.1
Indian Pass	2350	1/31/06	42	9.7	68	20.4	57	16.8
Kincaid Park	250	2/02/06	14	3.0	4	1.6	17	3.4
Moraine	2100	1/31/06	11	3.0	17	5.3	---	---
Mt. Alyeska	1540	2/01/06	52	13.6	51	15.2	78	23.5
Point Mackenzie	200	1/31/06	16	4.1	18	4.1	19	4.3
Portage Valley	50	1/31/06	22	3.4	5	2.7	33	10.4
South Campbell Creek	1200	2/02/06	19	3.6	14	4.2	22	5.0

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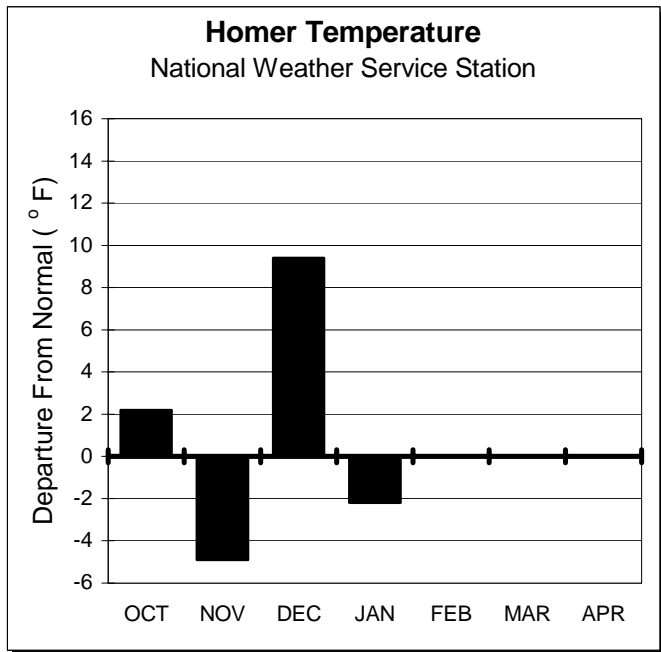
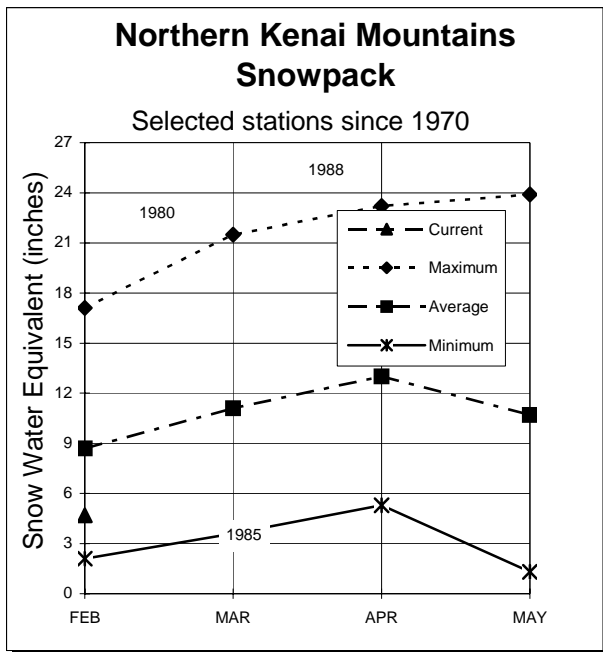
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Precipitation Gauge	Elevation (feet)	Date	This Year	Last Year	1971-2000 Ave	% of Average
Anchorage Hillside	2080	1/31/06	5.4	New	---	
Indian Pass	2350	1/31/06	9.8	24.3	18.1	54
Moraine	2100	1/31/06	5.7	7.3	---	
Mt. Alyeska	1540	2/01/06	31.6	28.5	28.3	112
Point Mackenzie	200	2/01/06	4.4	8.1	6.5	68

WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

Region / River Basin	No. of Courses Averaged	Percent of Last Year	Percent of Average
Campbell Creek	2	64	76
Ship Creek	2	50	64
Turnagain Arm	3	108	62

KENAI PENINSULA*



Current Basin Conditions

The Northern Kenai Mountain snow courses average 58 percent of normal with the Moose Pass snow course at 13 percent of normal snow water content, the Jean Lake snow course at 16 percent of normal water content. The Bertha Creek snow course at 53 percent of normal water content and as you increase in elevation to the Turnagain Pass snow course the percent of normal increases to 77 percent of normal water content.

The Nuka Glacier snow course has 19 inches of snow depth with an estimated 4.4 inches of water content. This is a new record low water content for February 1st, this snow course having 25 years of measurements recorded.

* For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Homer.

Kenai Peninsula

SNOWPACK DATA

Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE	
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content
			(inches)					
December								
Anchor River Divide	1650	11/30/05	15	2.0	11	2.9	---	---
Bertha Creek	950	12/05/05	20	3.1	9	2.3	---	---
Bridge Creek	1300	12/01/05	21	3.9	10	1.9	---	---
Cooper Lake	1200	11/30/05	16	2.2	19	5.0	---	---
Demonstration Forest	780	12/01/05	16	2.2	0	0.0	---	---
Eagle Lake	1400	11/30/05	13	2.4	12	2.2	---	---
Grandview	1100	12/07/05	28	6.6	21	5.0	---	---
Grouse Creek Divide	700	11/30/05	6	1.2	19	5.4	---	---
Jean Lake	620	11/30/05	8	1.6	3	0.6	---	---
Kenai Summit	1390	12/05/05	22	2.8	21	4.6	---	---
McNeil Canyon	1320	12/03/05	20	2.8	10	2.0	21	3.9
Moose Pass	700	12/03/05	8	1.0	4	1.4	---	---
Nuka Glacier	1250	11/30/05	4	1.3	36	8.5	---	---
Snug Harbor Road	500	11/30/05	7	2.0	0	0.0	---	---
Summit Creek	1400	12/02/05	15	1.7	21	4.9	23	5.6
January								
Bertha Creek	950	1/04/06	18	4.4	23	4.9	33	8.6
Grouse Creek Divide	700	1/03/06	2	0.2	32	8.1	32	8.0
Jean Lake	620	1/03/06	3	0.3	9	2.2	---	---
Kenai Summit	1390	1/06/06	24	5.4	33	7.1	31	7.3
Moose Pass	700	1/03/06	0	0.0	12	3.0	13	3.0
Summit Creek	1400	1/03/06	17	3.6	30	7.2	26	6.4
February								
Anchor River Divide	1650	1/31/06	21	3.9	27	8.0	37	8.9
Bertha Creek	950	2/02/06	27	6.2	20	6.0	43	11.6
Bridge Creek	1300	2/03/06	30	6.1	24	6.3	32	7.8
Cooper Lake	1200	1/31/06	22	5.9	31	9.0	45	12.0
Demonstration Forest	780	2/03/06	20	2.8	8	1.6	23	5.7
Eagle Lake	1400	2/02/06	20	3.8	29	7.2	32	8.1
Grandview	1100	1/31/06	54	15.0	11	2.4	64	18.9
Grouse Creek Divide	700	1/31/06	13	1.6	26	8.1	41	11.5
Jean Lake	620	1/31/06	6	0.5	6	1.2	15	3.1
Kenai Moose Pens	300	1/31/06	13	2.3	11	2.4	15	3.3
Kenai Summit	1390	2/02/06	31	7.2	30	7.9	39	9.9
McNeil Canyon	1320	1/31/06	13	3.9	19	7.9	31	7.1
Moose Pass	700	2/02/06	8	0.6	5	2.0	18	4.6
Nuka Glacier	1250	1/31/06	19	4.4*	34	10.2	61	24.2
Port Graham	300	1/31/06	11	3.2	0	0.0	---	---
Snug Harbor Road	500	1/31/06	9	1.9	1	0.4	17	3.6
Summit Creek	1400	2/02/06	23	4.8	30	8.3	33	8.2
Turnagain Pass	1880	1/31/06	64	17.9	49	14.7	81	23.2

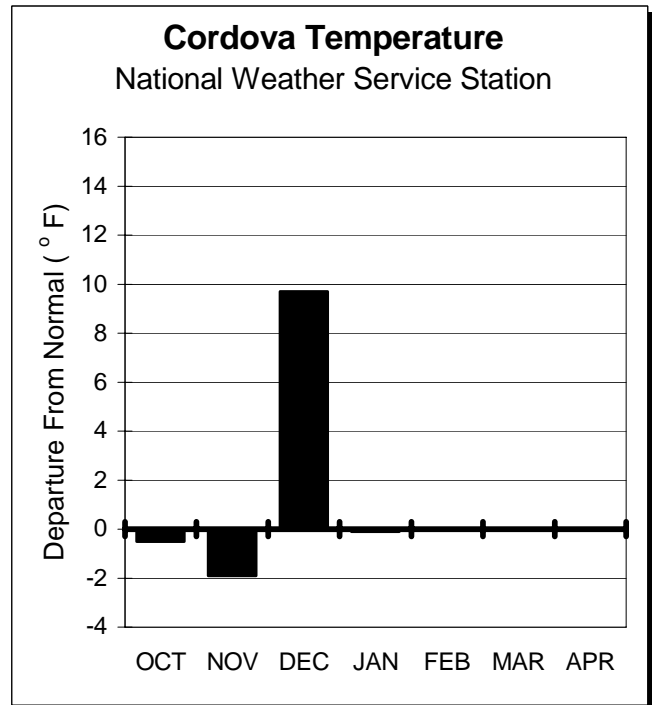
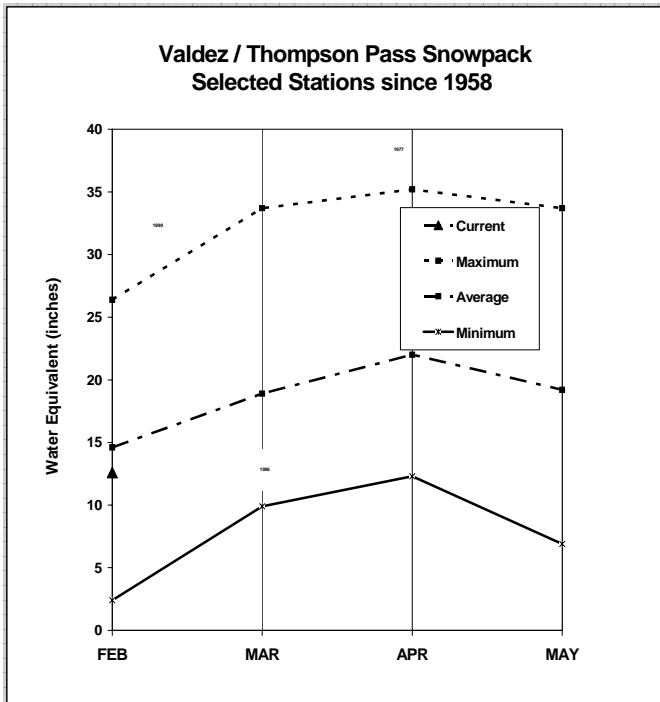
PRECIPITATION DATA

INCHES ACCUMULATED SINCE OCTOBER 1ST

Precipitation Gauge	Elevation (feet)	Date	This Year	Last Year	1971-2000 Ave	% of Average
Anchor River Divide	1650	1/31/06	9.7	16.2	---	---
Cooper Lake	1200	1/31/06	13.7	20.7	17.9	76
Grandview	1100	1/31/06	29.3	22.1	27.1	108
Grouse Creek Divide	700	1/31/06	19.3	27.8	25.8	75
Kachemak Creek	1660	1/31/06	27.3	38.1	---	---
Kenai Moose Pens	300	1/31/06	3.4	5.5	6.3	54
McNeil Canyon	1320	1/31/06	8.7	12.2	11.3	77
Middle Fork Bradley	2300	1/31/06	17.7	28.5	26.0	68
Nuka Glacier**	1250	1/31/06	36.8	43.3	40.3	91
Port Graham	300	1/31/06	27.4	41.1	---	---
Summit Creek	1400	1/31/06	6.9	8.4	12.5	55
Turnagain Pass	1880	1/31/06	22.9	19.4	28.9	79

* Estimate **Wyoming Shielded gauge

WESTERN GULF*



Current Basin Conditions

The new SNOTEL site at Mt Eyak has 27 inches of snow depth with and estimated 5.0 inches of snow water content. It is located a short 15 minute hike above the top of the chair lift.

The Sugarloaf Mountain precipitation gauge has received 29.5 inches of precipitation since October 1st, 99 percent of normal. In contrast the snow course is 72 percent of normal water content.

The Worthington Glacier snow course on Thompson Pass is near normal at 98 percent of normal water content with 66 inches of snow and 16.4 inches of water content.

* For more information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Delta Junction.

Western Gulf

SNOWPACK DATA

Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE	
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth (inches)	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content
December								
Exit Glacier	400	12/03/05	9	1.9	20	7.0	---	---
Grouse Creek Divide	700	11/30/05	6	1.2	19	5.4	16	2.8
Nuka Glacier	1250	11/30/05	4	1.3	36	8.5	---	---
January								
Exit Glacier	400	No Report			39	11.2	---	---
February								
Exit Glacier	400	1/31/06	24	4.1	--	--	48	11.7
Grouse Creek Divide	700	1/31/06	13	1.6	26	8.1	41	11.5
Low River	425	1/30/06	41	9.5	44	10.8	46	11.8
Mt. Eyak	1405	1/31/06	27	5.0*	New			
Nuka Glacier	1250	1/31/06	19	4.4*	34	10.2	61	24.2
Sugarloaf Mountain	550	1/29/06	53	13.2	70	21.7	65	18.2
Tsaina River	1650	1/30/06	51	11.4	38	9.6	50	12.5
Upper Tsaina River	1750	1/31/06	62	14.0*	44	11.7	---	---
Valdez	50	1/30/06	42	11.1	51	15.8	45	11.9
Worthington Glacier	2100	1/30/06	66	16.4	51	15.9	62	16.6

*Estimate

PRECIPITATION DATA

INCHES ACCUMULATED SINCE OCTOBER 1ST

Precipitation Gauge	Elevation (feet)	Date	This Year	Last Year	1971-2000 Ave	% of Average
Grouse Creek Divide	700	1/31/06	19.3	27.8	25.8	75
Mt. Eyak	1405	1/31/06	54.8	New		
Nuka Glacier**	1250	1/31/06	36.8	43.3	40.3	91
Solomon Gulch*	30	No Report			30.5	
Sugarloaf Mountain	550	1/28/06	29.5	40.2	29.9	99
Upper Tsaina River	1750	1/31/06	18.5	20.5	---	

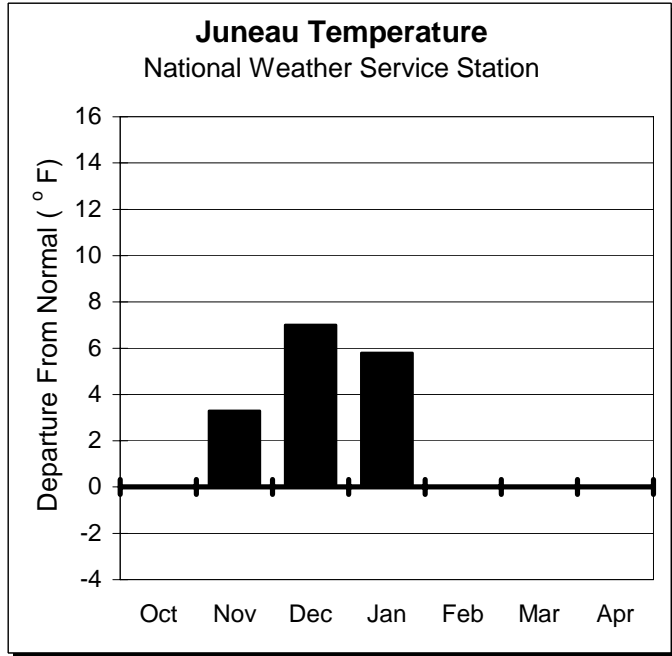
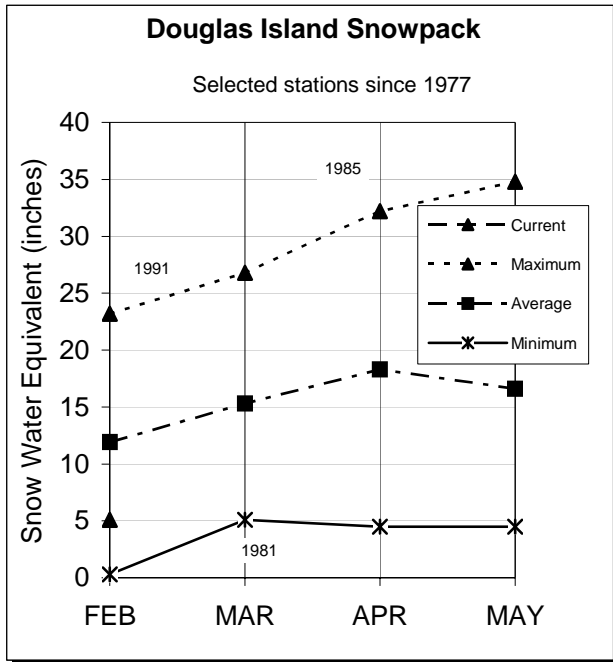
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WATERSHED SNOWPACK ANALYSIS

Region / River Basin	No. of Courses Averaged	Percent of Last Year	Percent of Average
Low River (Valdez)	4	83	87

SOUTHEAST*



Current Basin Conditions

The Petersburg Ridge snow course water content has gone from no snow to 38 inches and 9.2 inches of water content since December 29th. The 9.2 inches is 54 percent of normal. The Swan Lake snow courses had less snow than last year for their January 1st measurement ranging from 0 inches of snow at Lost Lake (425 feet) to 5 inches of snow depth and an estimated 1.5 inches of water content at Mint Creek Ridge (1900 feet). Two years ago Lake Grace Pass (1900 feet) had 77 inches of depth with 25.3 inches of water content. The Long Lake SNOTEL site reported 35 inches of snow depth and 9.6 inches of water content the 14th of January.

* For further information contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Anchorage.

Southeast

SNOWPACK DATA

Snow Course	Elev. (feet)	Date	THIS YEAR		LAST YEAR		1971-2000 AVERAGE	
			Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content	Snow Depth	Water Content
December								
Cropley Lake	1650	11/29/05	3	0.6	28	10.1	---	---
Eagle Crest	1200	11/29/05	0	0.0	6	2.3	---	---
Fish Creek	500	11/29/05	0	0.0	0	0.0	---	---
Long Lake	850	11/30/05	1	0.3	10	3.9	---	---
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	11/29/05	1	0.2	20	5.6	---	---
Petersburg Reservoir	550	11/30/05	1	0.2	0	0.0	---	---
Petersburg Ridge	1650	11/30/05	3	0.3	13	3.2	---	---
January								
Cropley Lake	1650	12/31/05	1	0.2	40	9.7	48	14.1
Eagle Crest	1200	12/31/05	0	0.0	14	2.0	33	9.2
Fish Creek	500	12/31/05	0	0.0	6	1.2	17	3.3
Lake Grace Pass	1900	1/03/06	2	0.6	38	11.8	---	---
Long Lake	850	12/31/05	11	3.5	29	8.4	---	---
Lost Lake	425	1/03/06	0	0.0	5	0.5	---	---
Mint Creek Ridge	1900	1/03/06	5	1.5	14	1.9	---	---
Petersburg Reservoir	550	12/29/05	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	3.3
Petersburg Ridge	1650	12/29/05	0	0.0	17	3.3	40	11.3
Upper Swan Lake	1700	1/03/06	3	0.9	7	0.7	---	---
February								
Cropley Lake	1650	1/31/06	31	6.6	58	15.3	58	18.4
Eagle Crest	1200	1/31/06	26	5.8	29	6.7	41	12.2
Fish Creek	500	1/31/06	14	2.9	18	4.9	20	5.0
Long Lake	850	1/14/06	35	9.6	78	21.0	---	---
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	1/29/06	22	7.1	54	12.4	62	16.9
Petersburg Reservoir	550	1/27/06	24	5.0	0	0.0	17	4.5
Petersburg Ridge	1650	1/27/06	38	9.2	7	2.8	57	16.9

PRECIPITATION DATA

INCHES ACCUMULATED SINCE OCTOBER 1ST

Precipitation Gauge	Elevation (feet)	Date	This Year	Last Year	1971-2000 Ave	% of Average
Long Lake	850	1/14/06	81.7	78.7	77.5	105
Moore Creek Bridge	2250	1/29/06	25.3	18.4	---	---
Snettisham	25	1/31/06	92.1	103.2	81.6	113
Swan Lake	50	1/31/06	93.2	87.4	65.1	143

WATERSHED SNOW PACK ANALYSIS

Region / River Basin	No. of Courses Averaged	Percent of Last Year	Percent of Average
Douglas Island	3	58	46
Petersburg	2	507	66
Long Lake	No Report		

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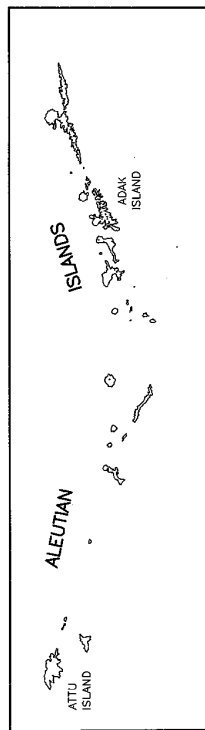
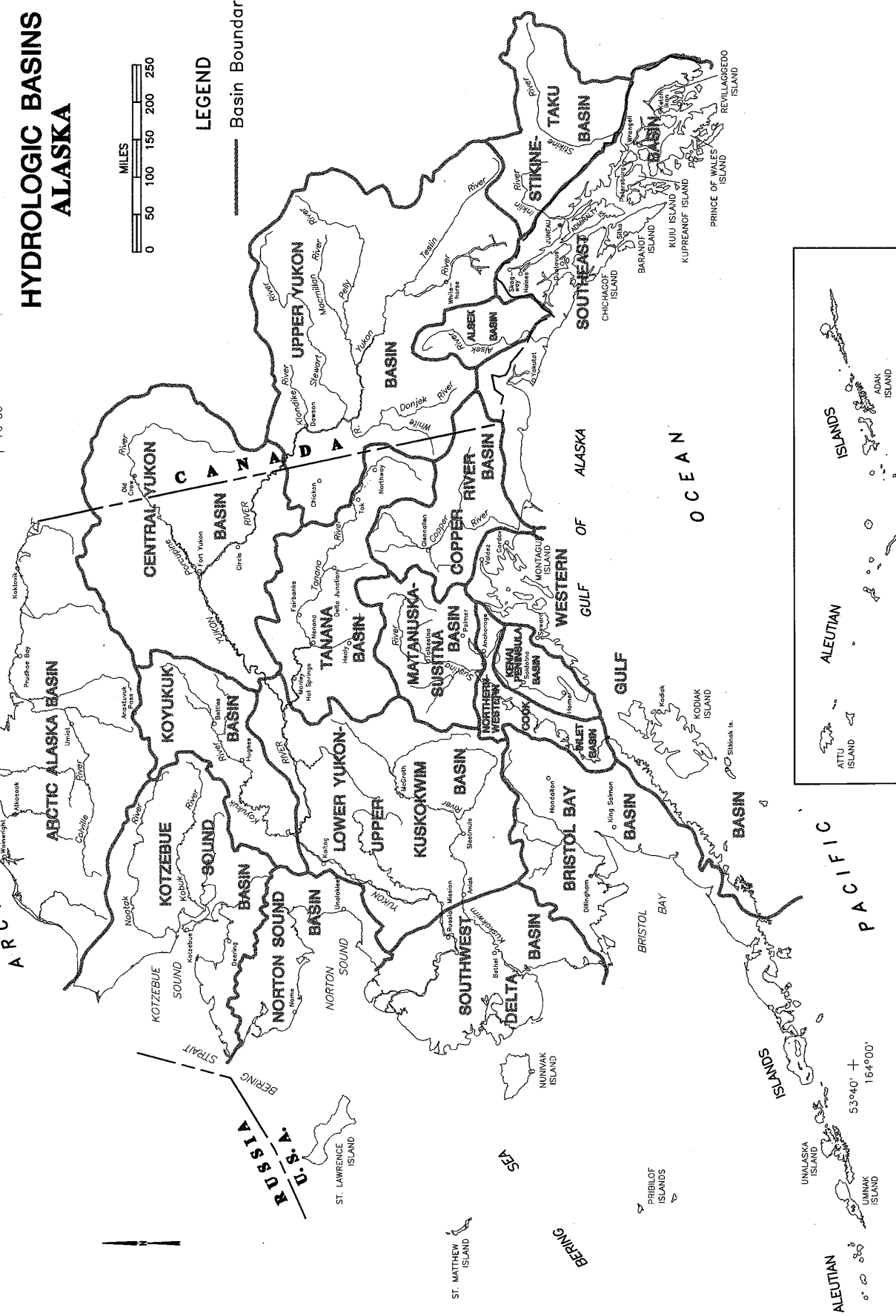
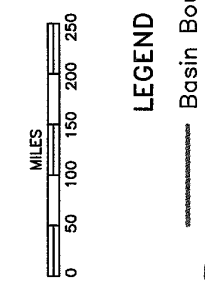
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