Winter 2005-2006 Climate Forecast

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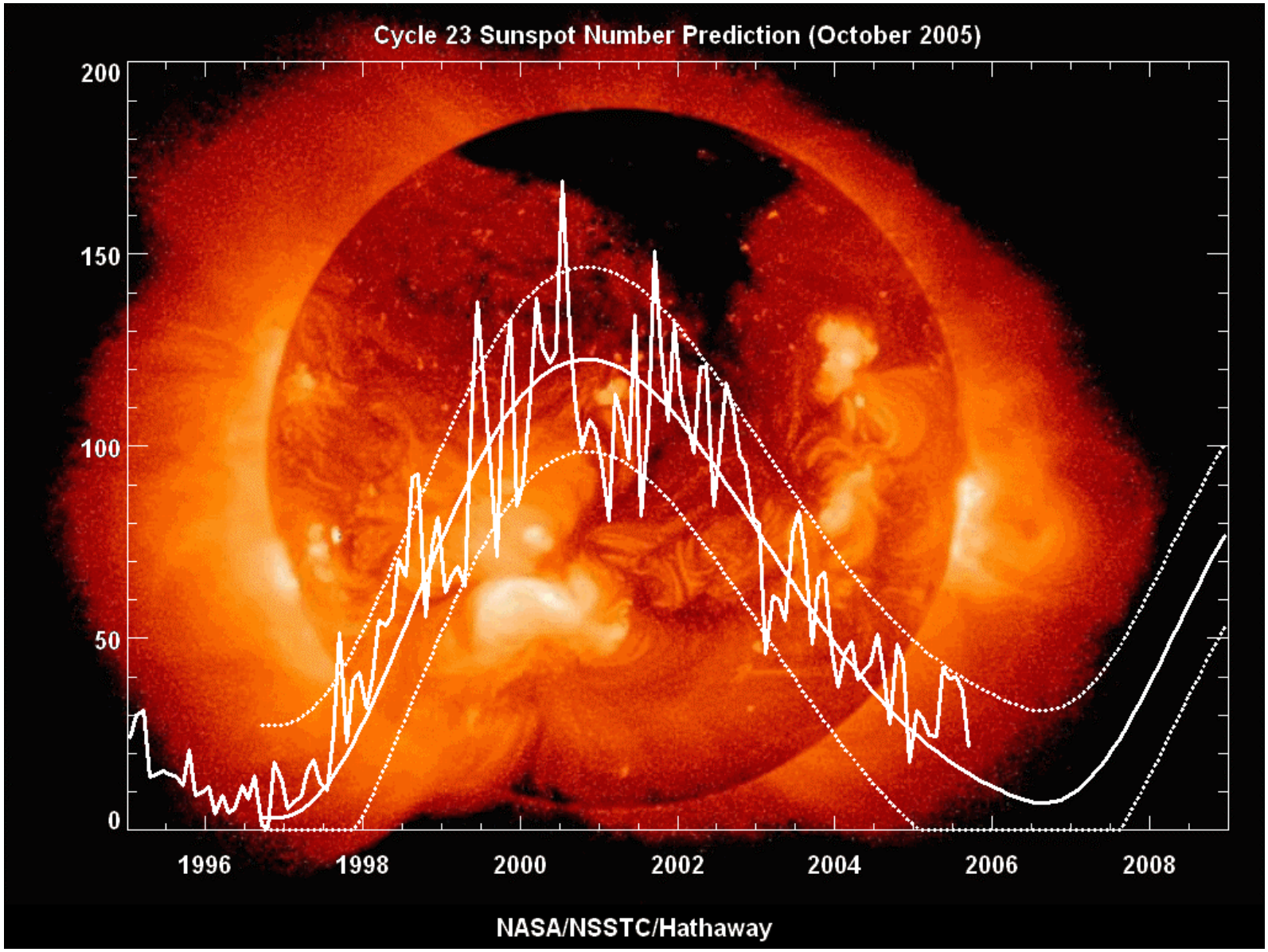
Introduction

- Forecast uses the Tribal approach-- holistic.
- Big-picture: Solar-Forcing (e.g., sunspot cycles) does influence our global weather patterns.
  In memoriam: Dr. Landscheidt, 1922 – 2004.
- Track ENSO with the Multi-variable ENSO Index.
- Sea-Surface Temperature Departure Forecasts.
- Hydro-Climate approach: analog years give a 2006 water year volume forecast (Multi-variable ENSO Index vs. historic runoff-Columbia at The Dalles).

SUNSPOT COUNTS SUGGEST “NEAR NORMAL” WINTER WEATHER



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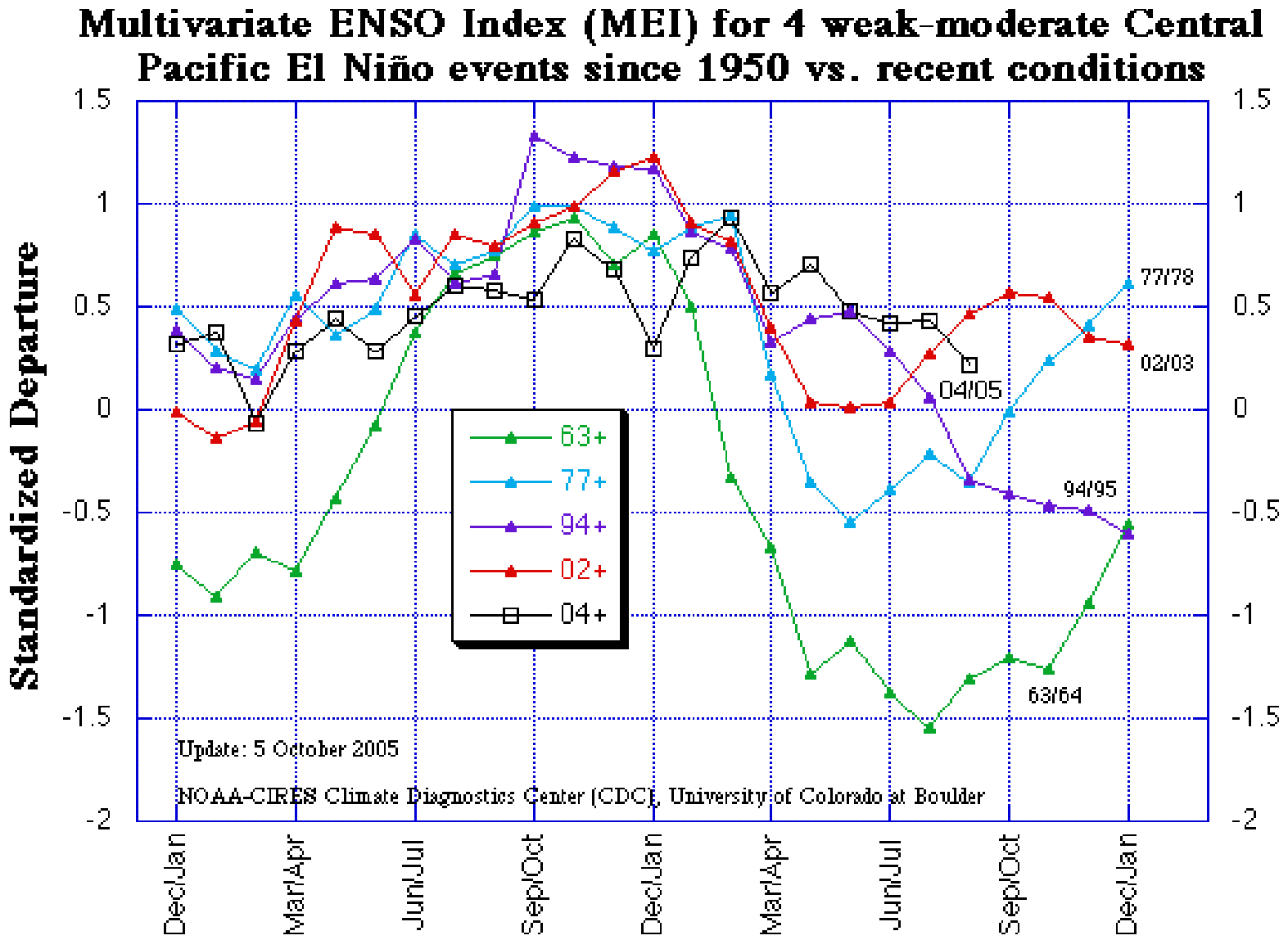
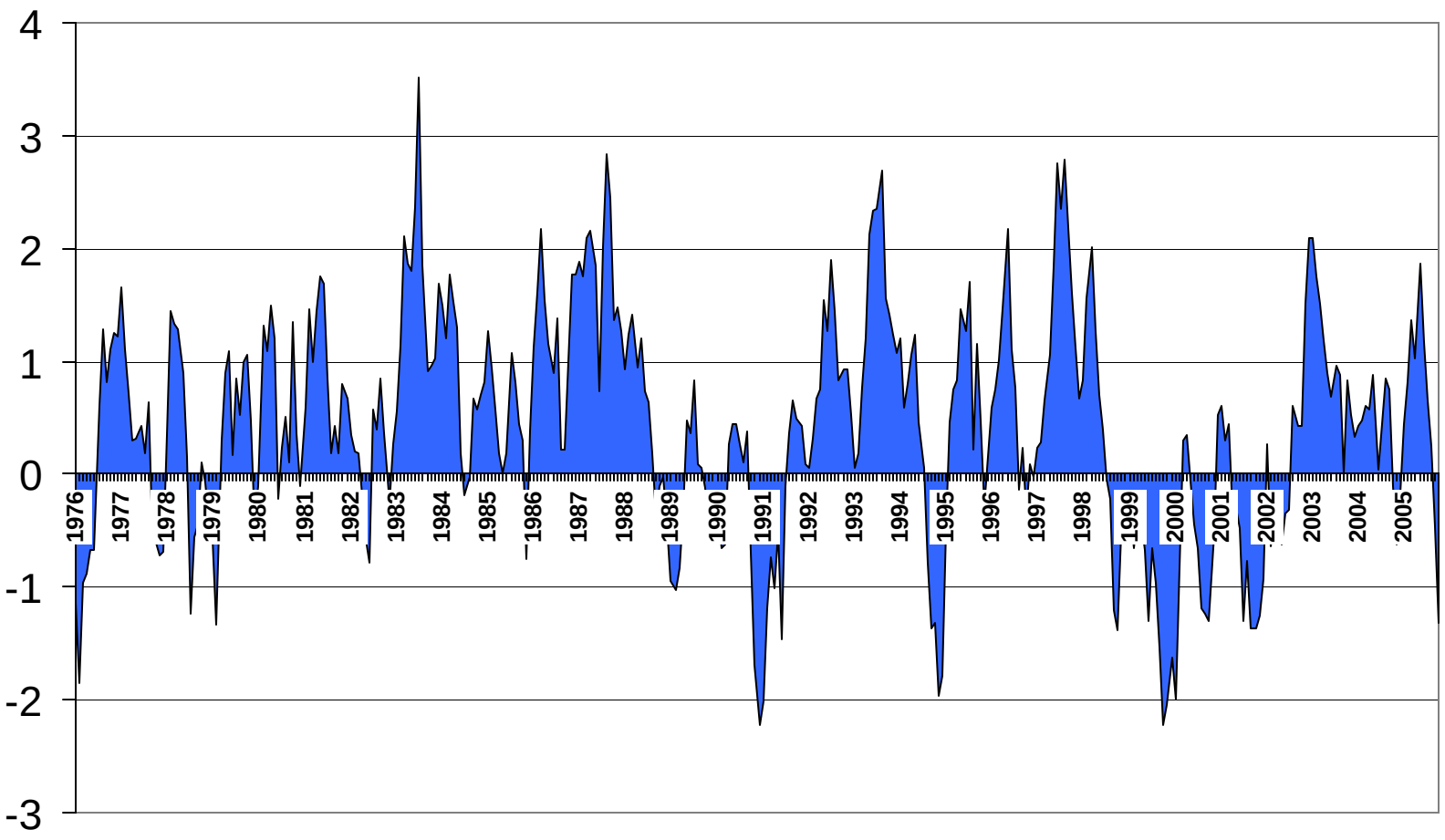
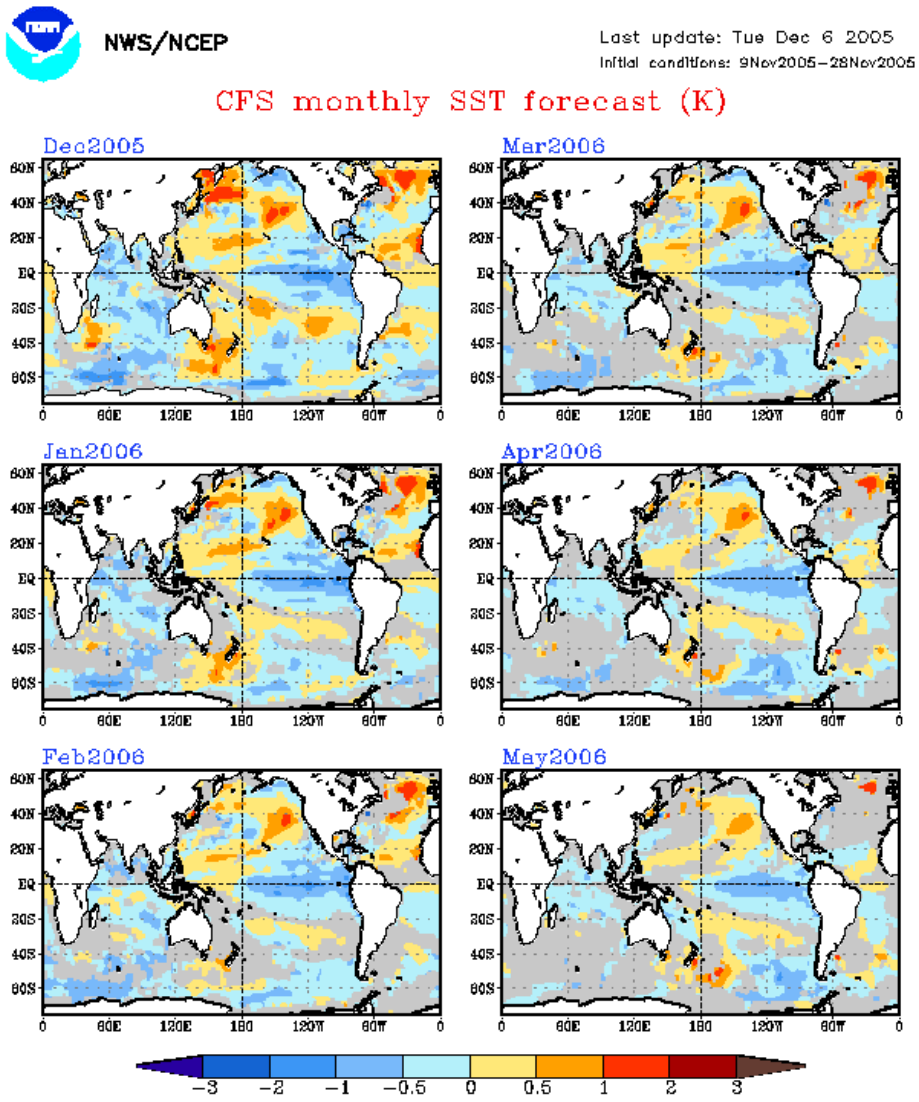


PACIFIC DECADAL OSCILLATION (PDO)

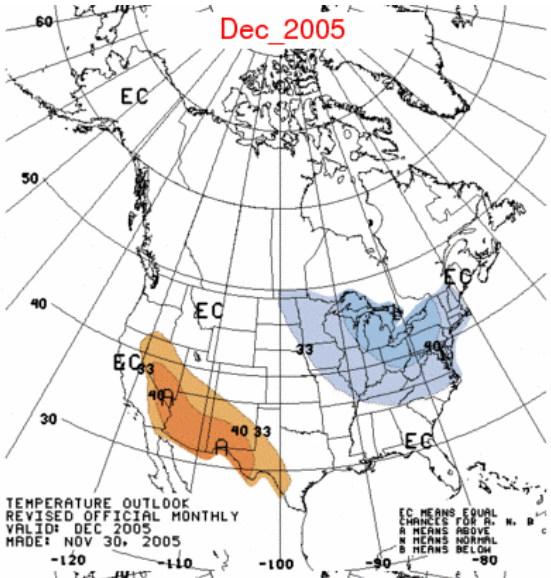


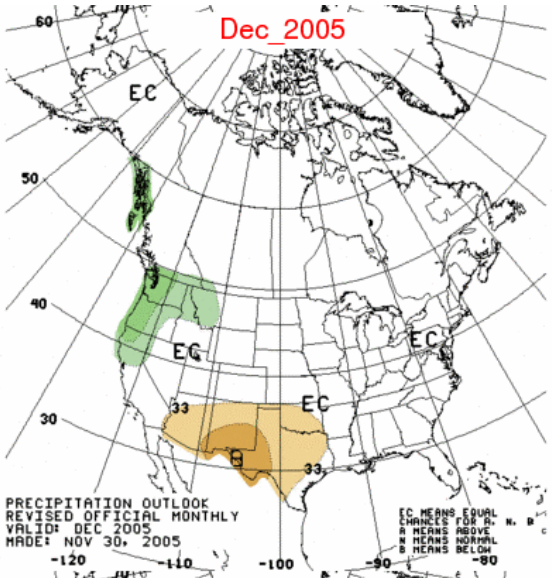
Source: UW-Climate Impacts Group

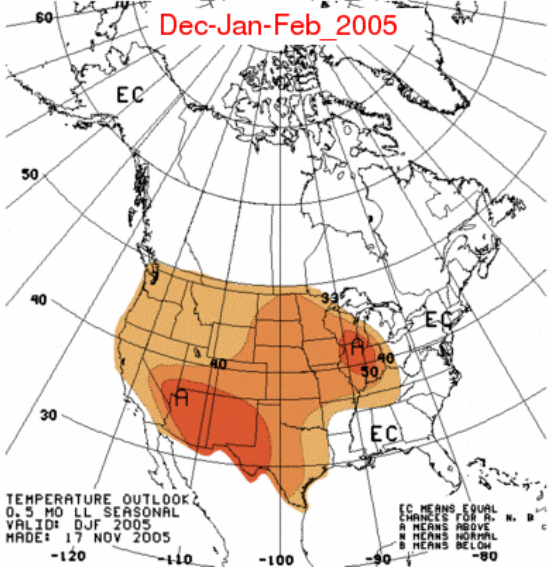
SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE DEPARTURE FORECAST: NEAR NORMAL

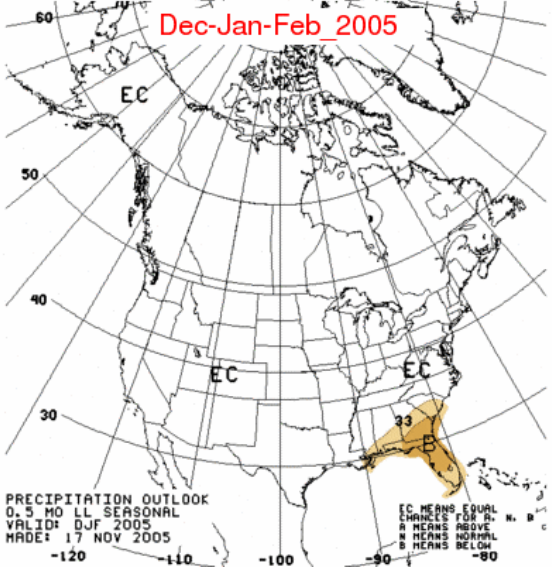


NOAA - NCEP's LONG-RANGE PROBABILITY FORECAST

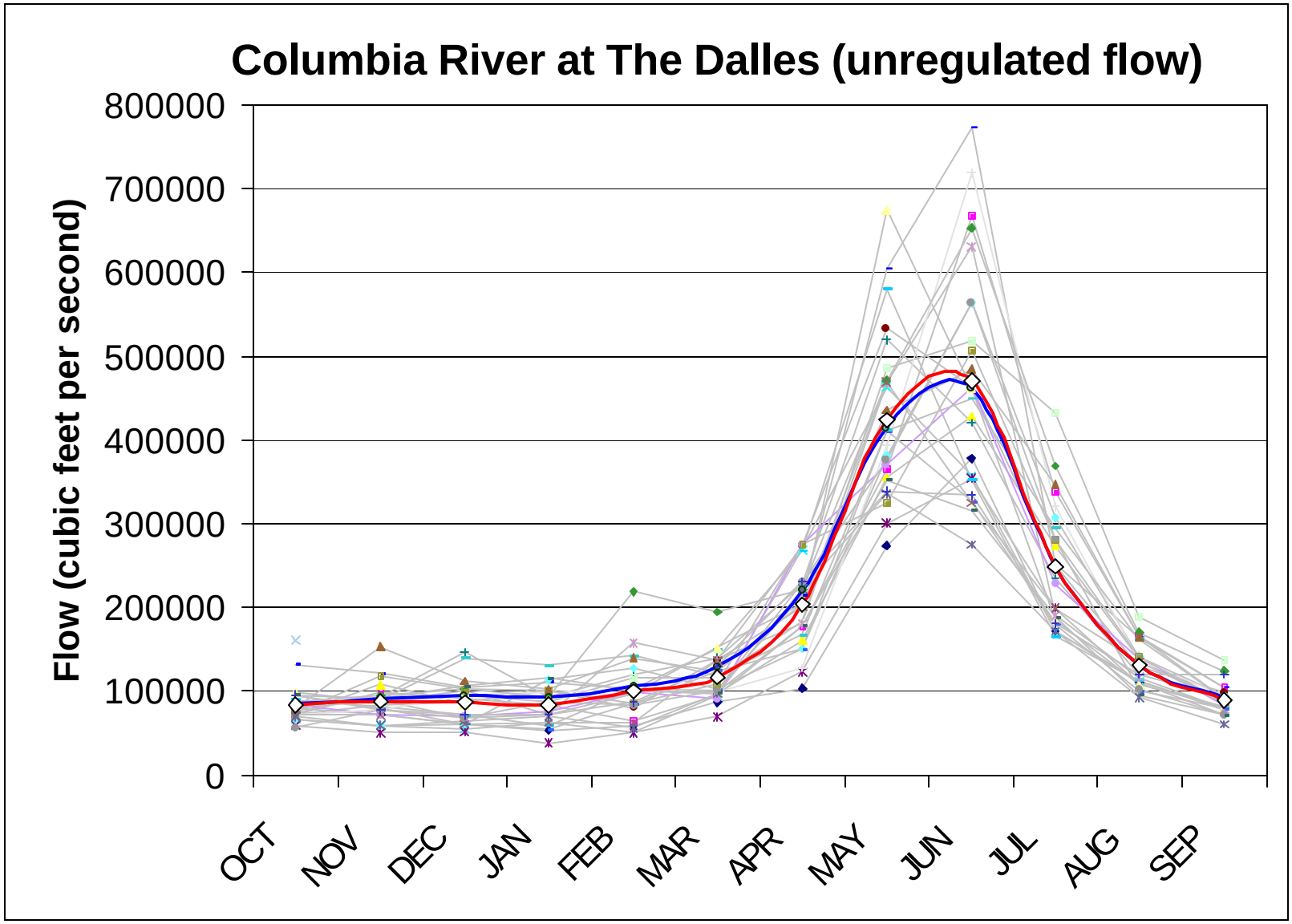








ENSEMBLE STREAMFLOW FORECAST- COLUMBIA AT THE DALLES



Blue line = long-term average (WY 1929-2005); Red line = Water Year 2006 forecast

Summary: The Forecast

Month:	Temperature (mean monthly):	"Hedge"	Precipitation (% normal):	"Hedge"
November	Near Normal (-1.8 to + 1.8 degF)	-0.8	Below Normal (70 - 90%)	86%
December	Near Normal (-1.8 to + 1.8 degF)	-0.1	Near Normal (90 - 110%)	94%
January	Near Normal (-1.8 to + 1.8 degF)	-0.4	Below Normal (70 - 90%)	86%
February	Near Normal (-1.8 to + 1.8 degF)	-0.6	Near Normal (90 - 110%)	97%
March	Near Normal (-1.8 to + 1.8 degF)	-0.1	Near Normal (90 - 110%)	98%

...but what about snow events?!