





The Evaporative Demand Drought Index (EDDI): Early warning, monitoring, and attribution of drought

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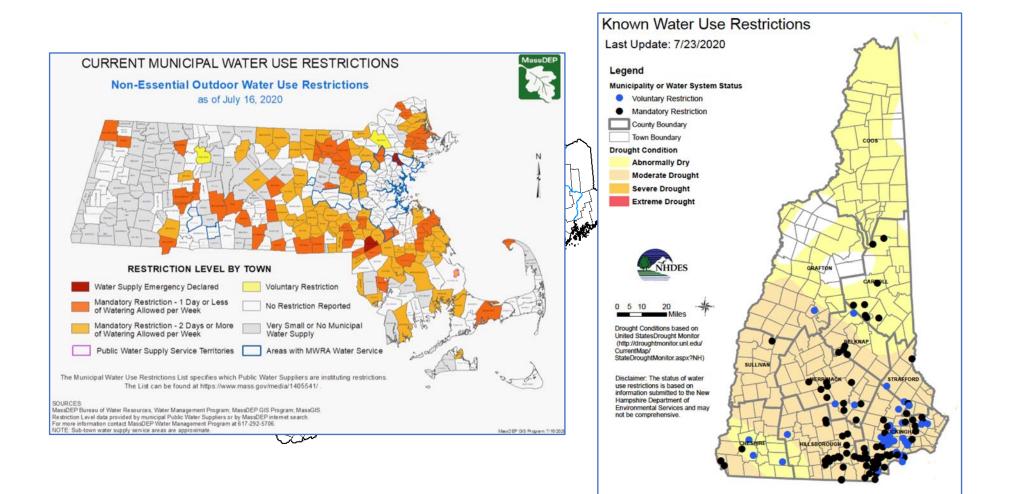
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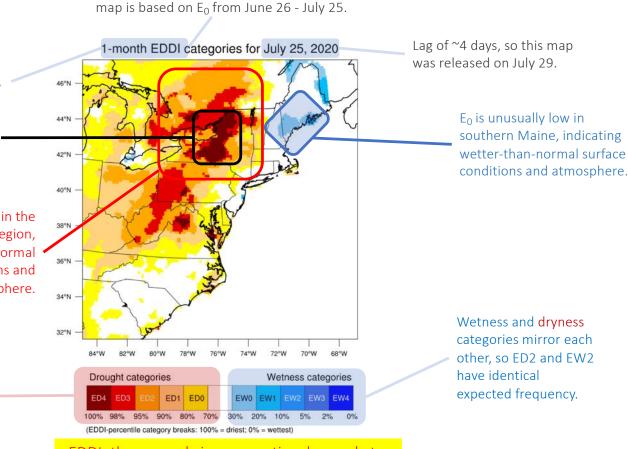


What is EDDI?

There are 24 time scales: 1-12 weeks, 1-12 months. ED4 in Upstate NY means that such dry conditions are expected only 2% of June 13 – July 12 periods.

> E₀ is unusually high in the western NE DEWS region, indicating drier-than-normal ← surface conditions and atmosphere.

Names, colors, and %ile breaks for EDDI drought categories reflect those of the US Drought Monitor.

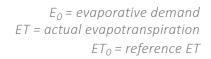


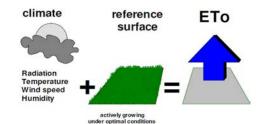
EDDI: the anomaly in evaporative demand at a specified timescale, for a given location, expressed as a percentile.

An EDDI month is 30 days, so this 1-month EDDI map is based on E_0 from June 26 - July 25.

Background | What is evaporative demand (E₀)?

- E_0 is <u>**not**</u> evapotranspiration/evaporation
- *E*₀ is evaporation **given an unlimited moisture supply**:
 - \circ Reference *ET*, *ET*₀
 - Potential *ET ("PET")*
 - o Pan evaporation
- Good estimate *E*₀ is the *"thirst of the atmosphere"*
 - physically based
 - radiation-based
 - temperature-based
- E_0 is used for:
 - estimating crop water requirements
 - scheduling irrigation
 - driving ET estimates in LSMs and R/S fusion
 - monitoring drought







Background | *Exploiting* E₀ *in a demand-side treatment of drought*

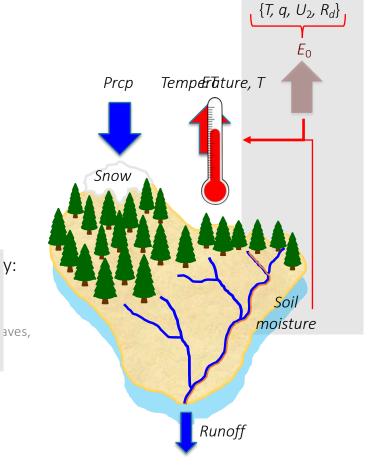
Drought = imbalance of <u>supply</u> to, and <u>demand</u> for, surface moisture

Water balance at land surface:

 $\sim f(Prcp, ET)$

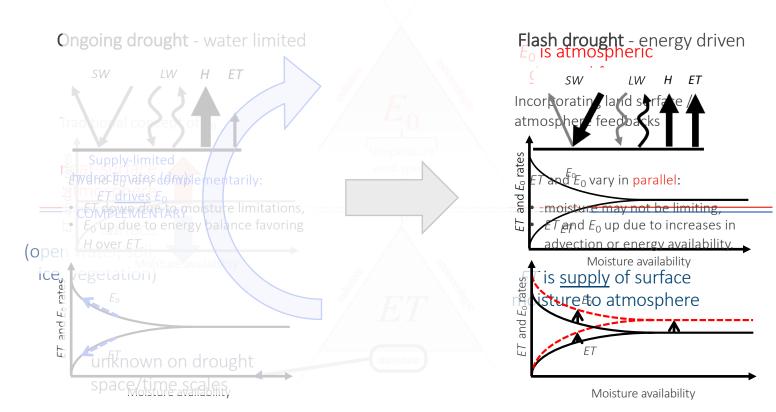
where *ET* is more physically driven by: y:

- surface moisture status,
- evaporative demand (E₀),
 o e.g., Penman-Monteith.



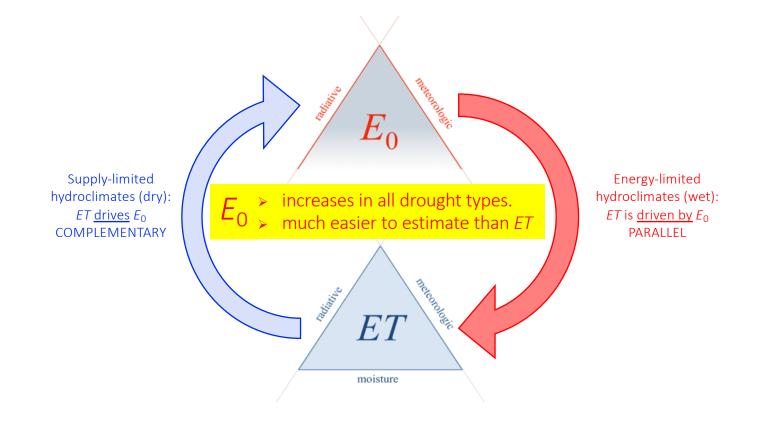
T = air temperature q = specific humidity U₂ = wind speed R_d = solar radiation

Background | *E*₀ / *ET* constraints and interactions



⁽Bouchet, IAHS Proc. 1963; Hobbins et al., GRL 2004)

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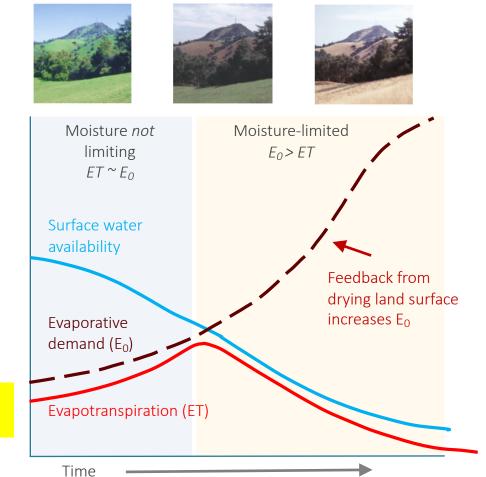


Background | *E*₀ and drought

Relationship between E_0 and ET changes as land surface dries out

- When surface moisture is sufficient, rising E₀ leads to rising ET
- When moisture is limited, *ET* declines, while *E*₀ rises even more steeply

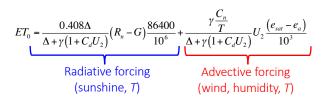
Evaporative demand rises in all forms of drought.



(Lukas et al., WWA 2017)

Background | *Estimating* E₀ from reference ET

Penman-Monteith Reference ET (FAO-56):



Reference crop specified:

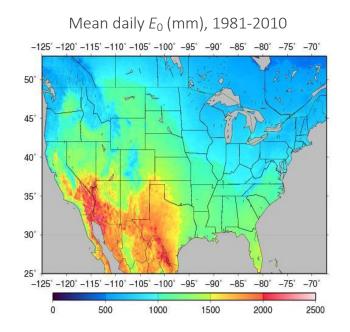
- 0.12-m grass or 0.50-m alfalfa
- well-watered , actively growing,
- completely shading the ground,
- albedo of 0.23.

Drivers from NLDAS-2:

- temperature at 2 m
- specific humidity at surface
- downward SW at surface
- wind speed at 10 m

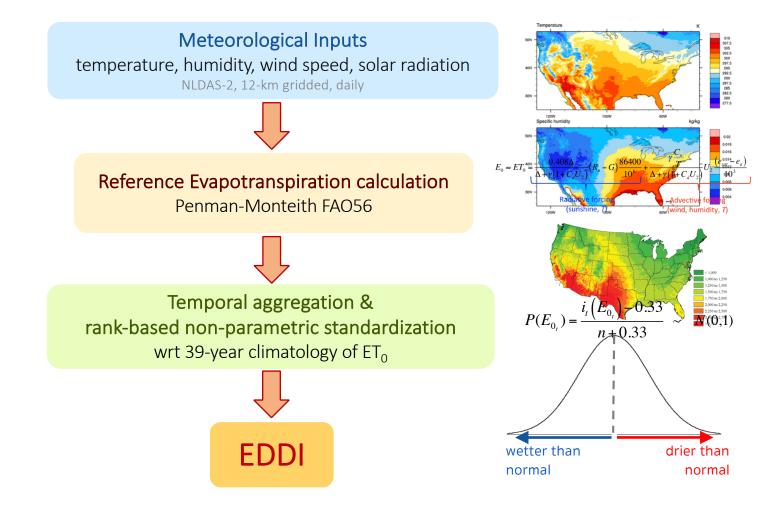
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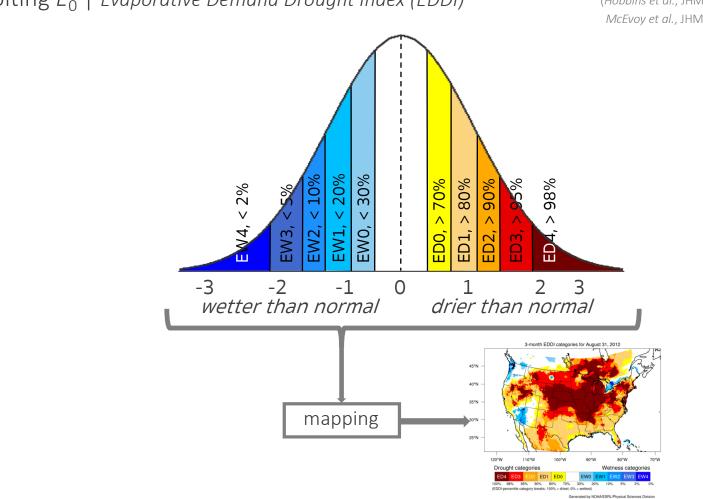
- daily, Jan 1, 1979 present
- latency ~ 5 days
- 0.125° lat x lon, CONUS+ (to 53°N)

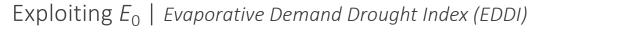


Exploiting E_0 | Evaporative Demand Drought Index (EDDI)

(*Hobbins et al.*, JHM 2016; *McEvoy et al.*, JHM 2016)

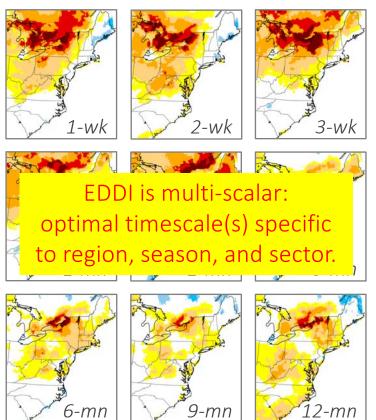




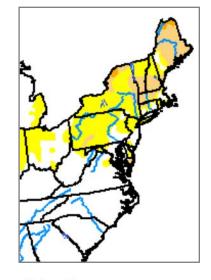


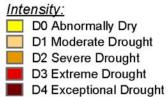
(Hobbins et al., JHM 2016; McEvoy et al., JHM 2016) EDDI | A multi-scalar drought estimator

EDDI, July 7, 2020



US Drought Monitor, July 7, 2020





EDDI | Cross-sectoral monitoring

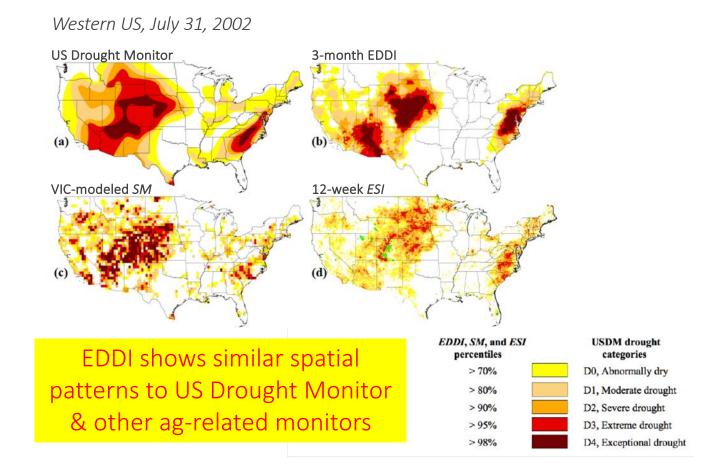






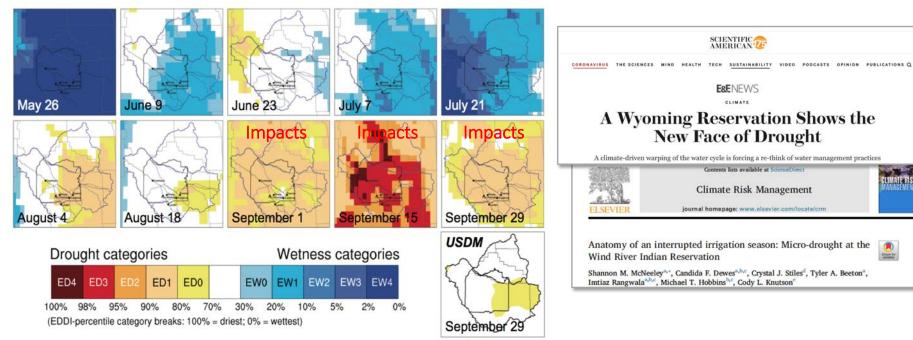
VIC = Variable Infiltration Capacity model ESI = Evaporative Stress Index

EDDI | Agricultural drought



EDDI | Early warning of flash drought

Wind River Indian Reservation, WY: 2015

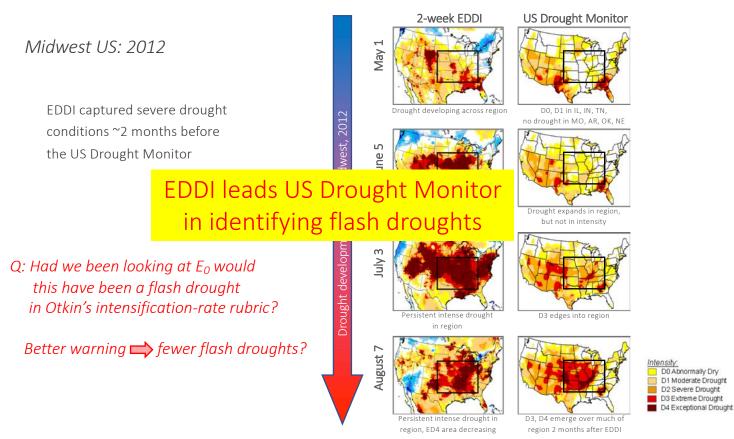


CLIMATE RIS

2-week EDDI at 2-week intervals through growing season

McNeeley et al., Climate Risk Management, 2018

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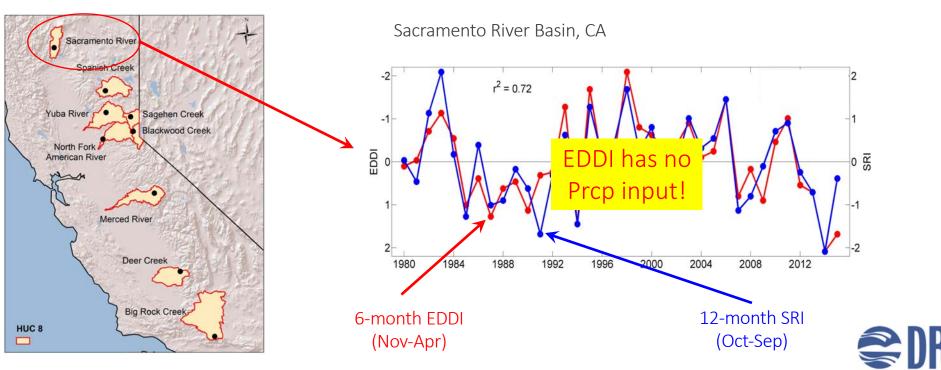


Hobbins et al., CRC Press, 2017

EDDI | Early warning of hydrological drought

SRI = Standardized Runoff Index

Desert Research Institute

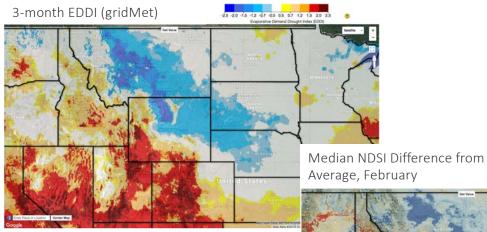


EDDI and streamflow in nine snowmelt-dominated basins

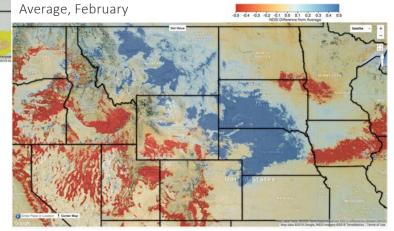
Q: Can EDDI help predict late-summer (low-flow) streamflow?

EDDI | Snow and snow drought

Northern Great Plains: December, 2017 – February, 2018

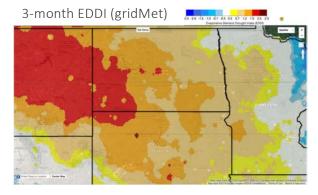


- Useful for evaluating snow and snow drought
- Snow drought can occur due to low *Prcp*, or average *Prcp* but rain vs. snow

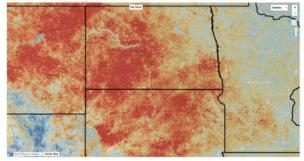


EDDI | Complementing remote sensing

Northern Great Plains: May – July, 2017

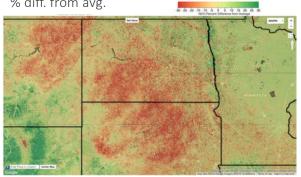


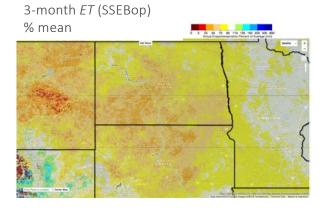
Median LST (8-day MODIS) departure from average

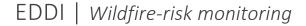


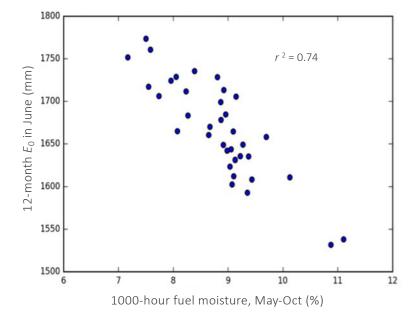
Understanding remote sensing anomalies of land surface temperature, vegetation, and ET

Median NDVI (16-day MODIS) % diff. from avg.









 E_0 - fuel moisture relationship across S. California GACC

Q: Can EDDI provide early warning of wildfire risk?

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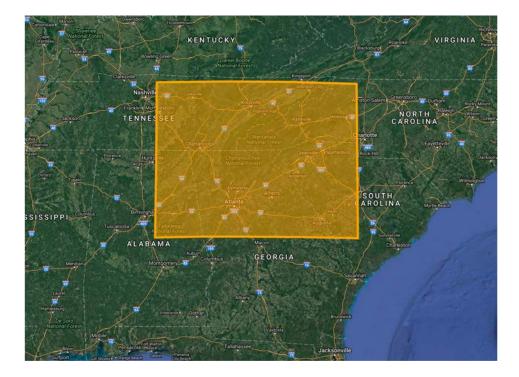
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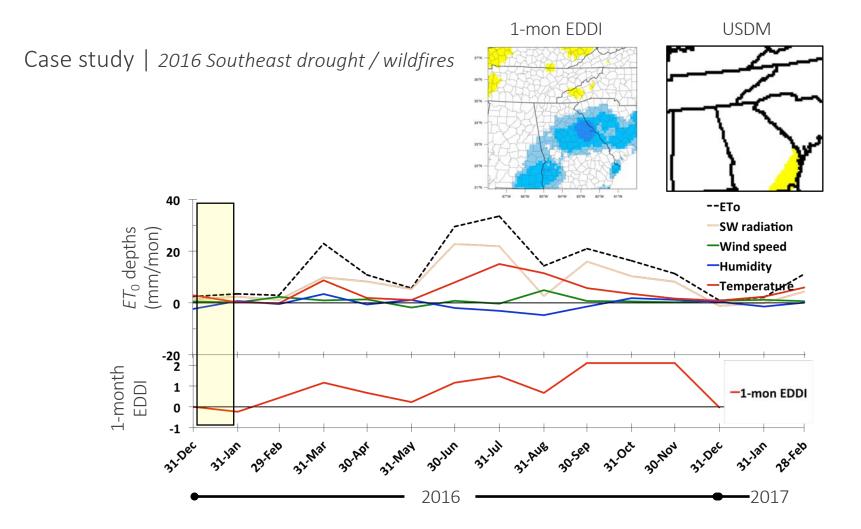
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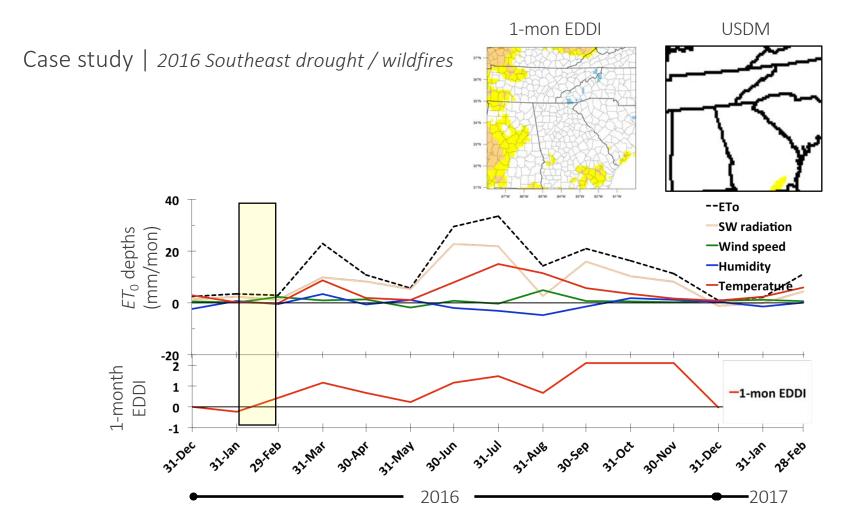
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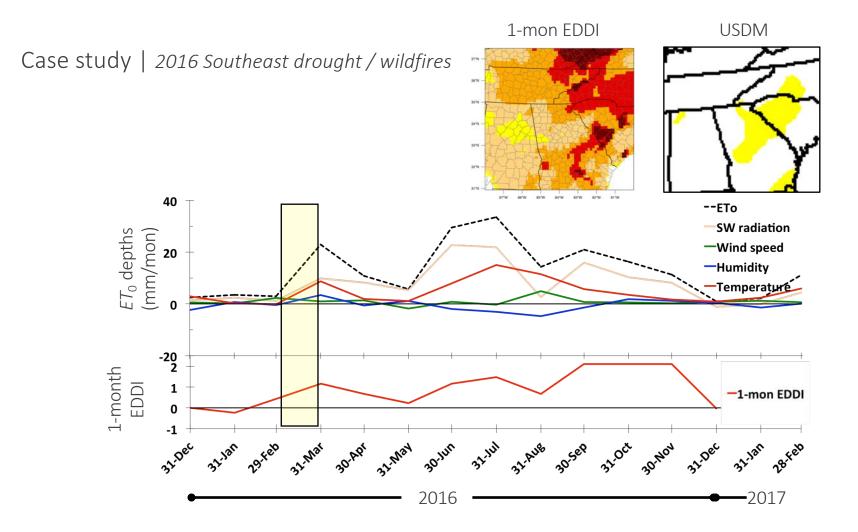
GACC = Geographic Area Coordination Center

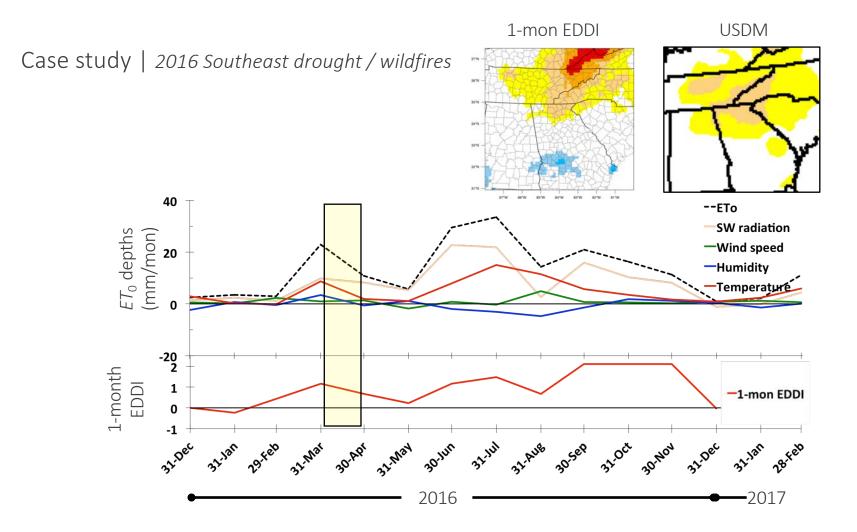
Case study | 2016 Southeast drought and wildfires

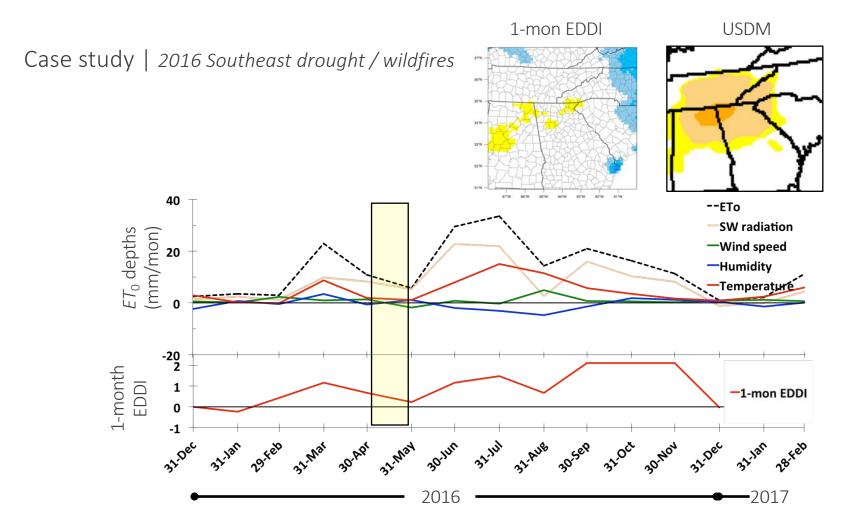


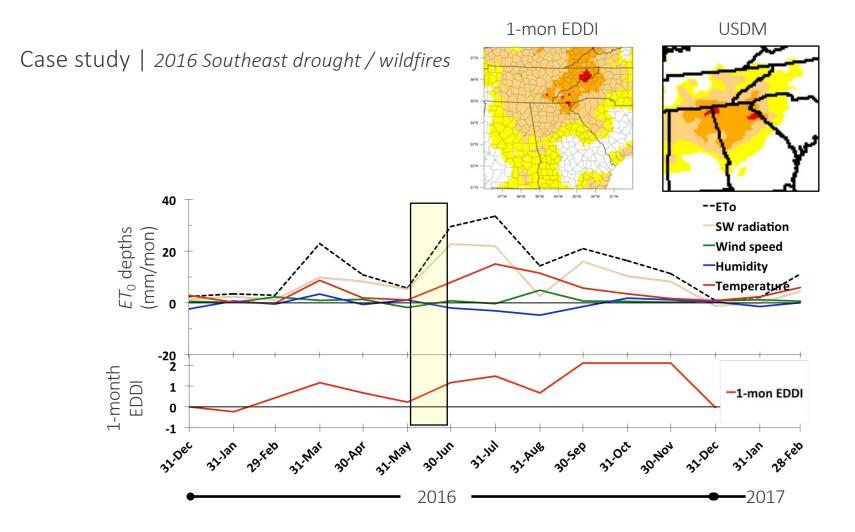


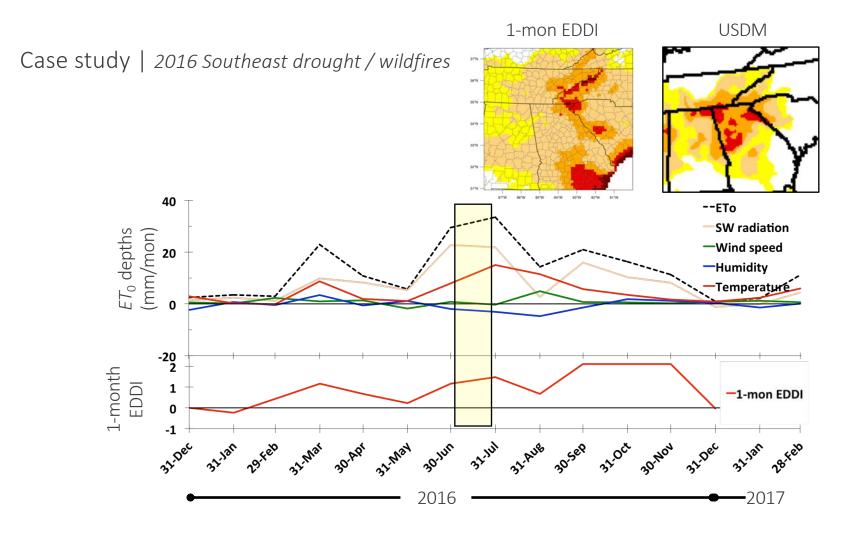


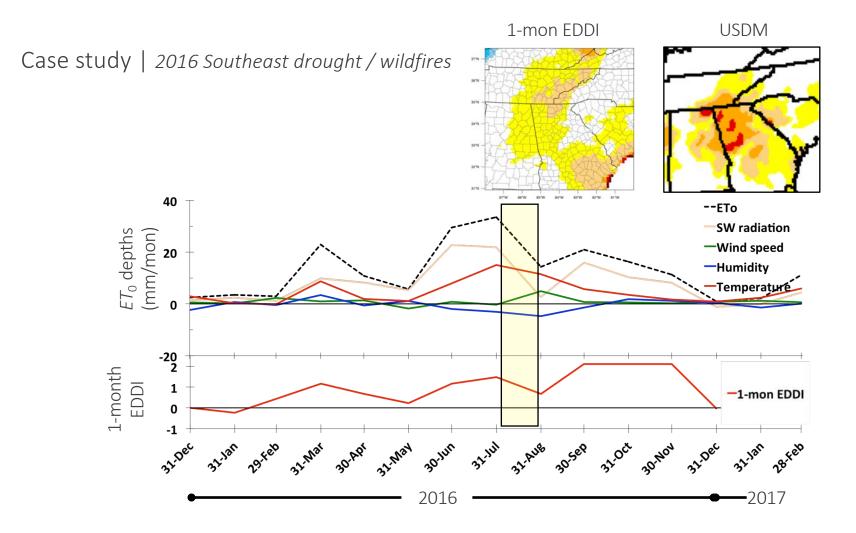


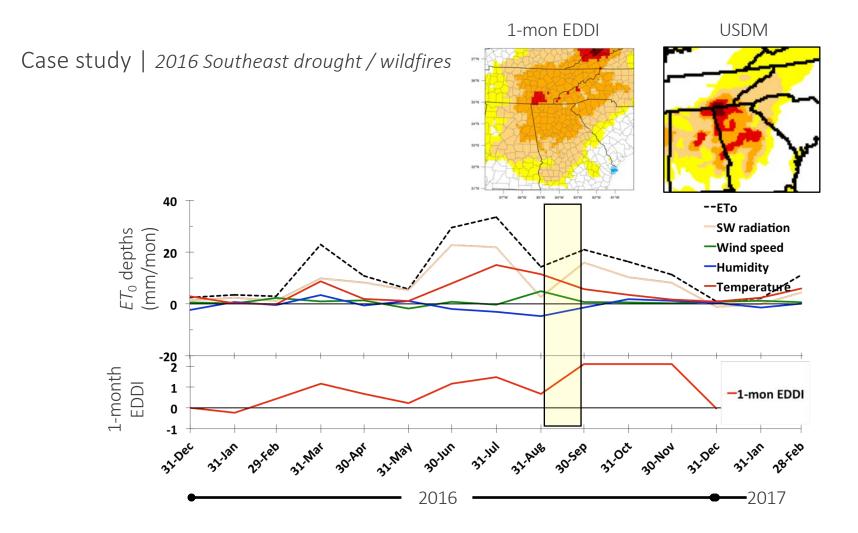


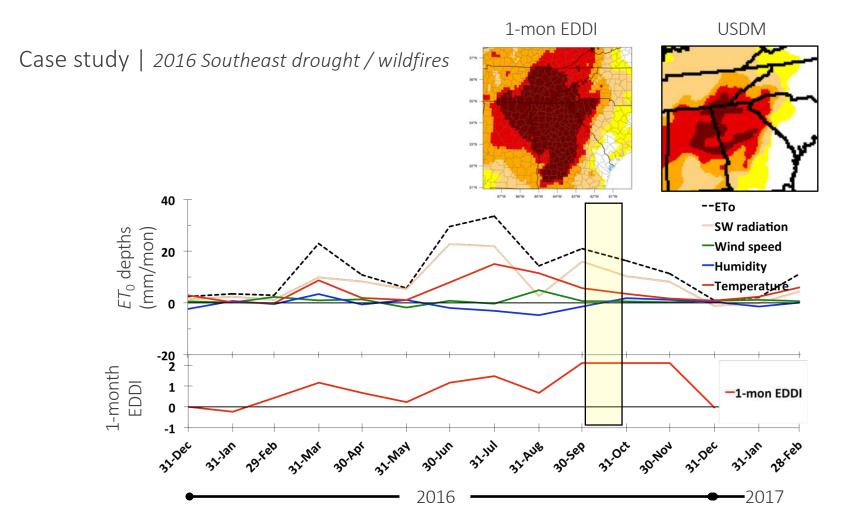


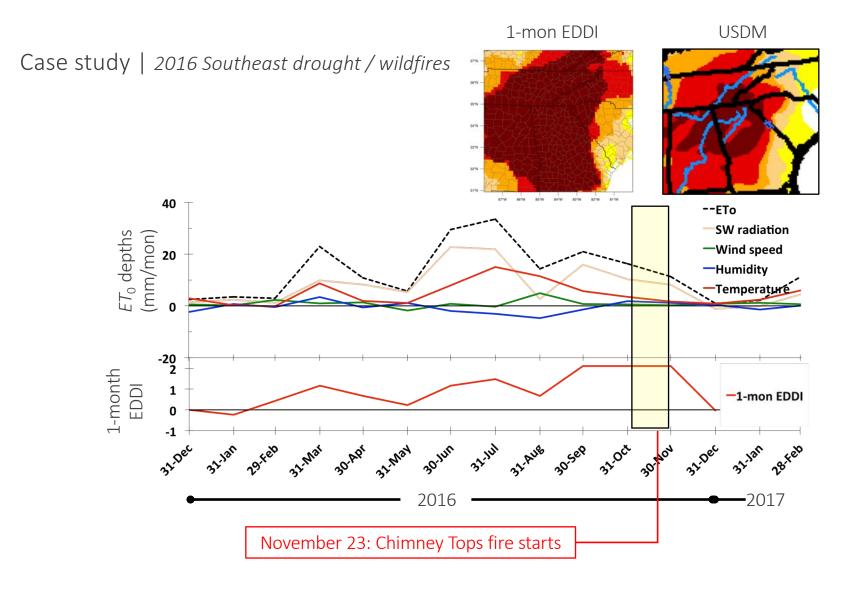


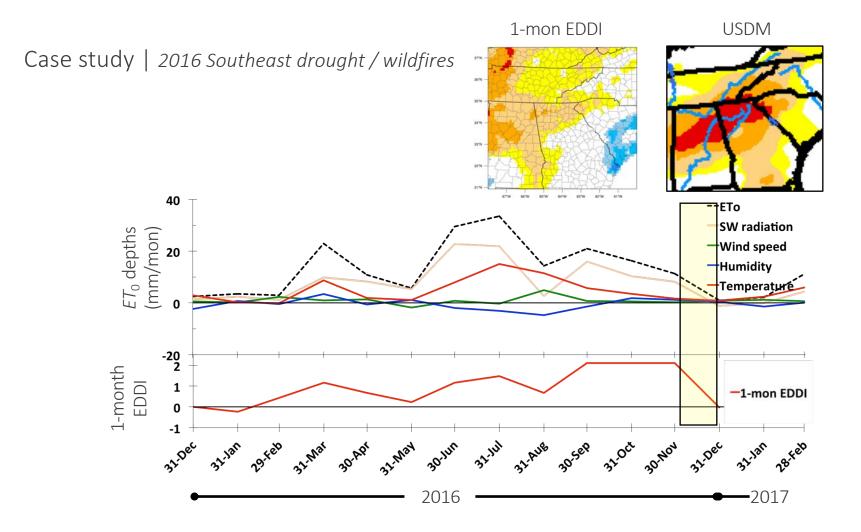


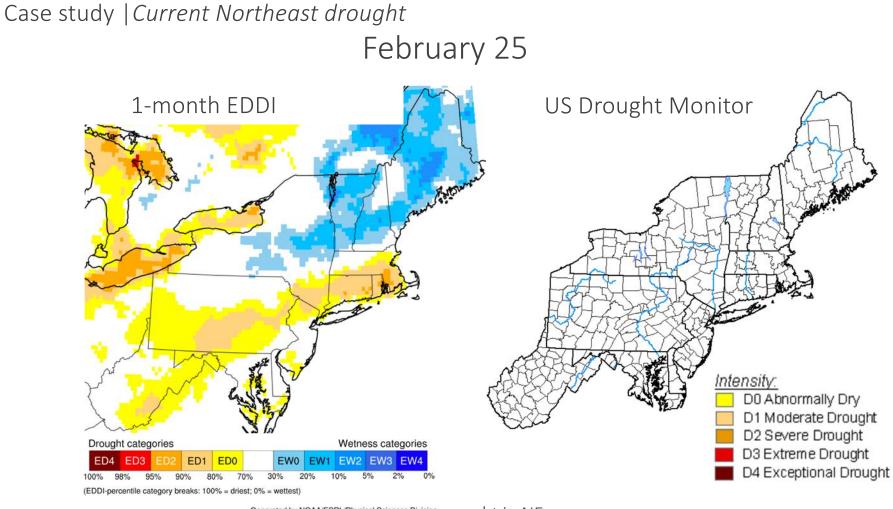


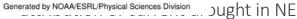


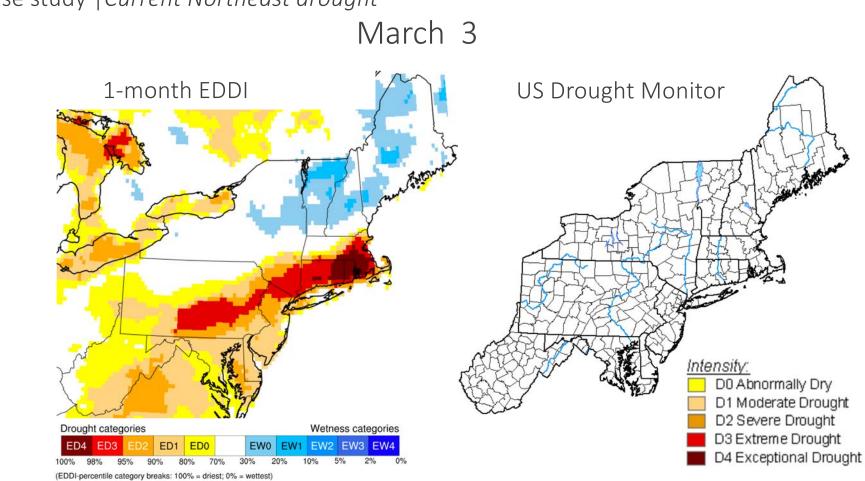






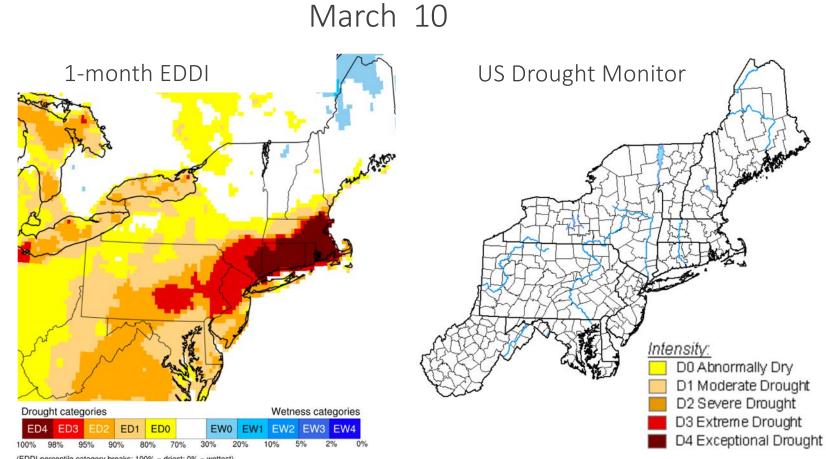






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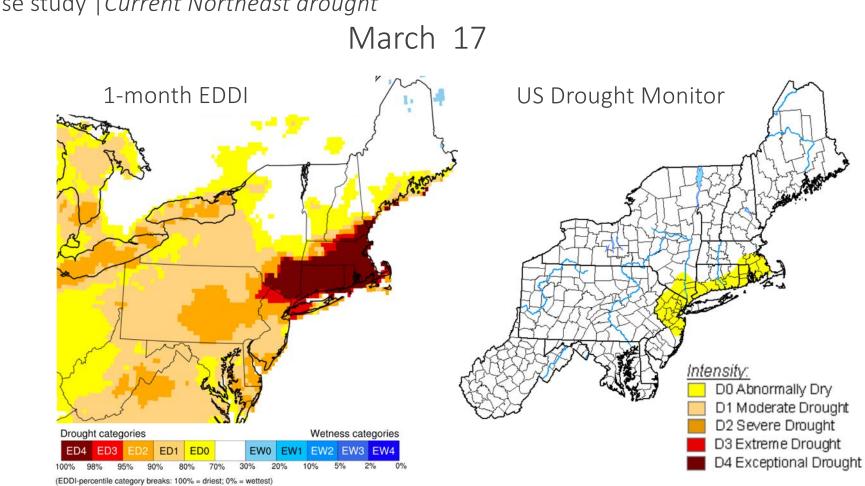
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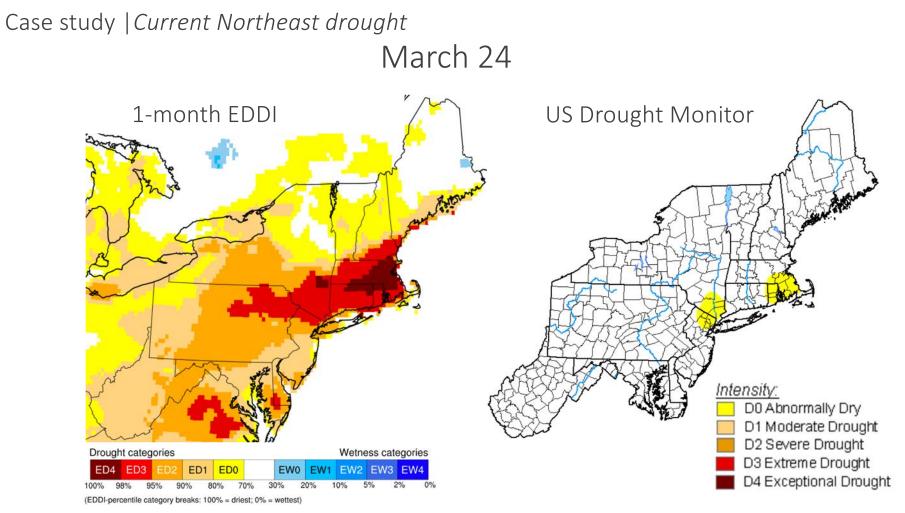


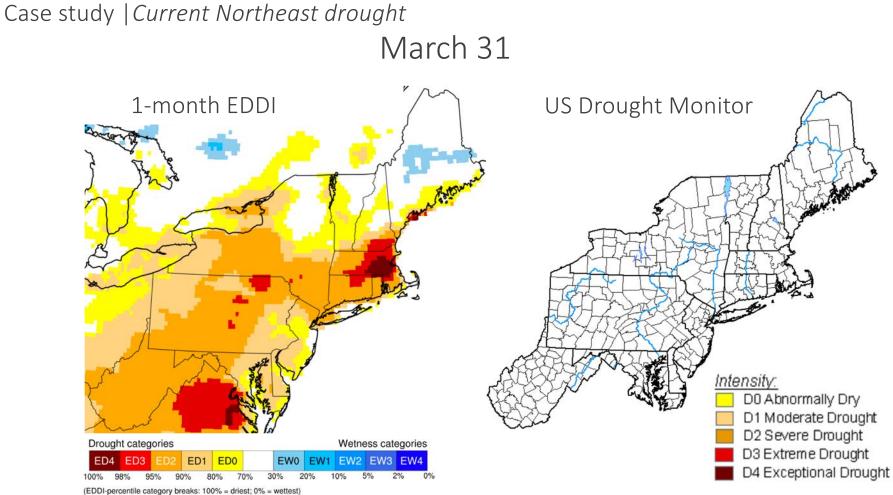
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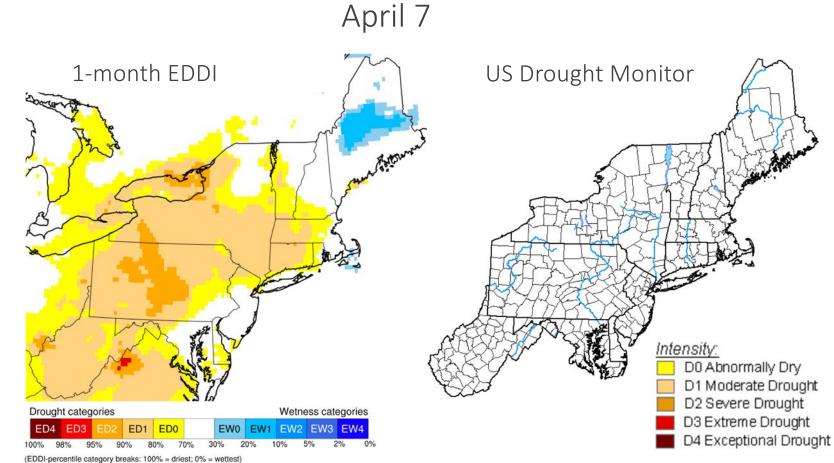
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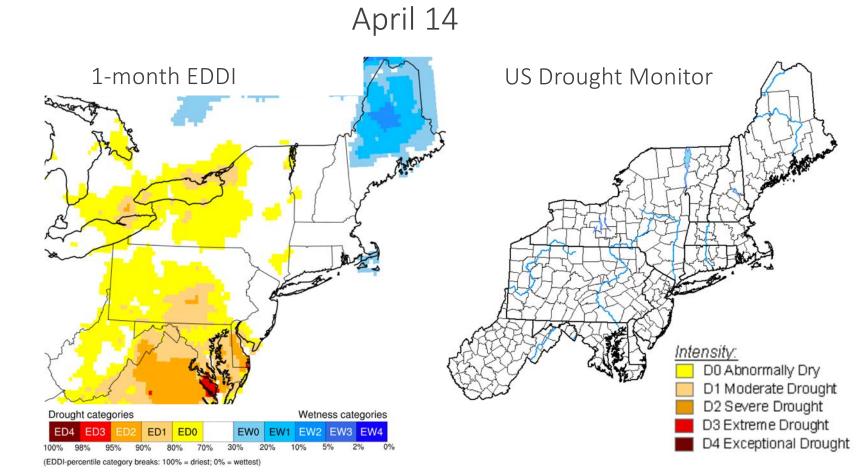
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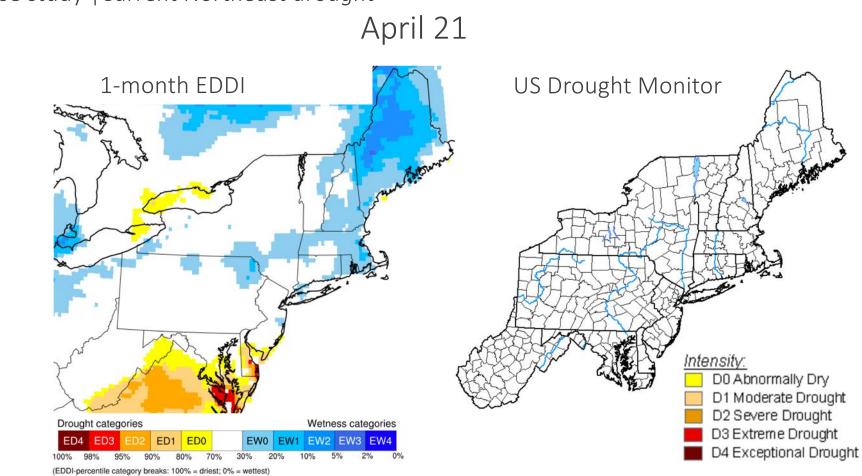


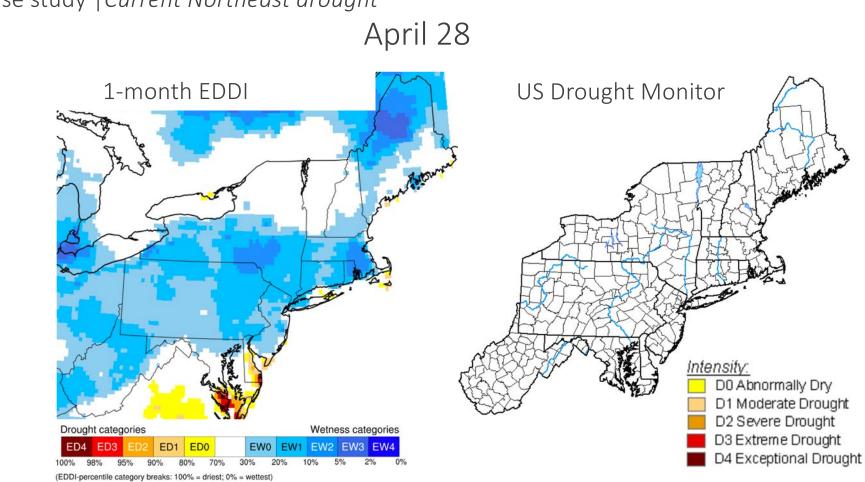


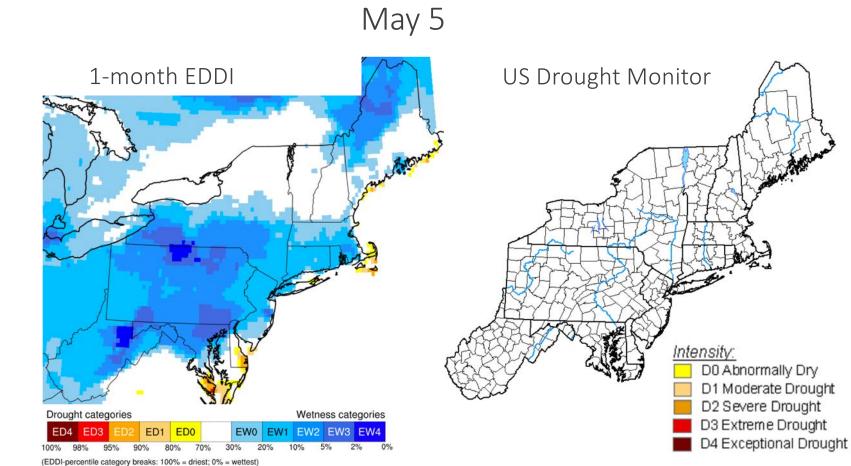


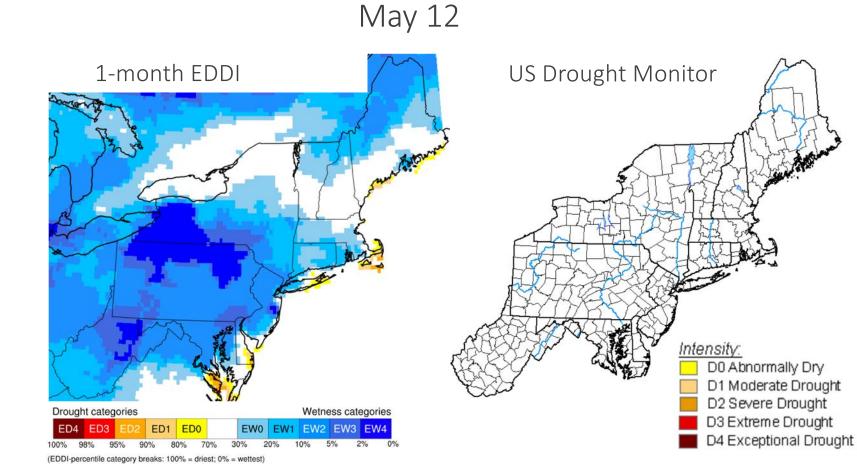


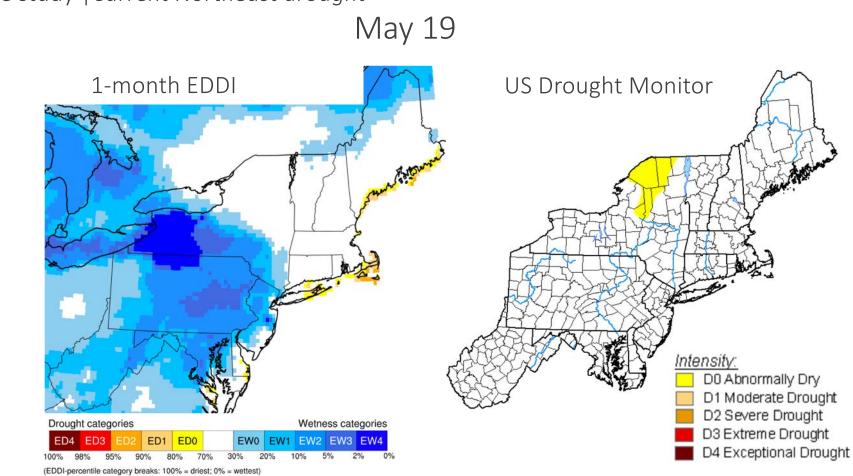


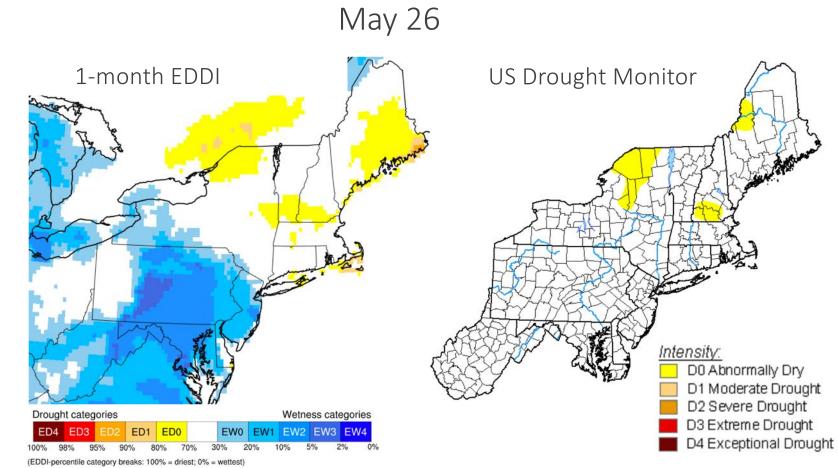


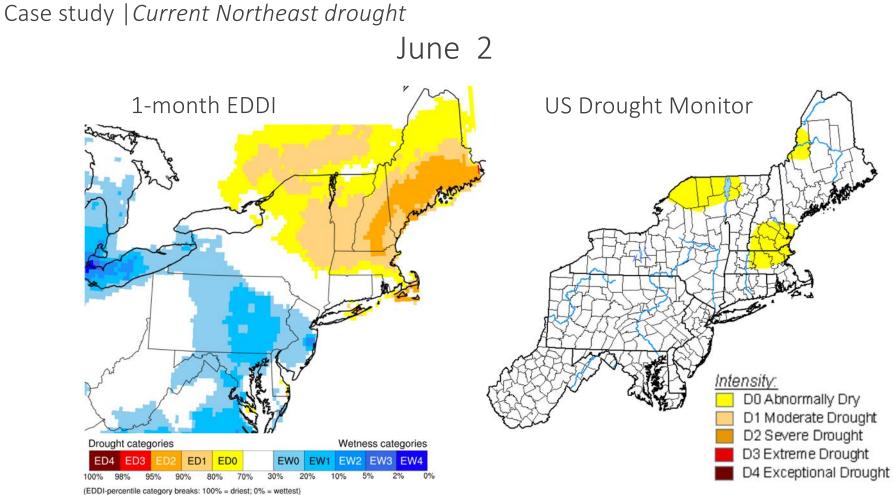


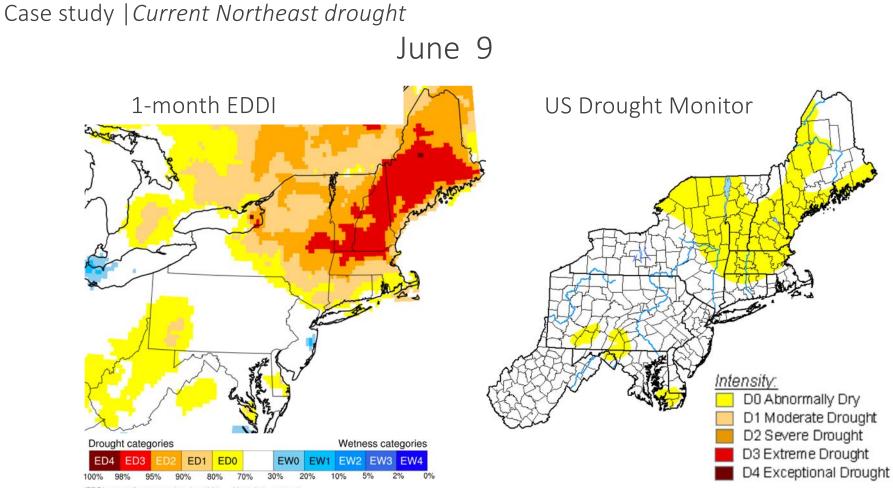




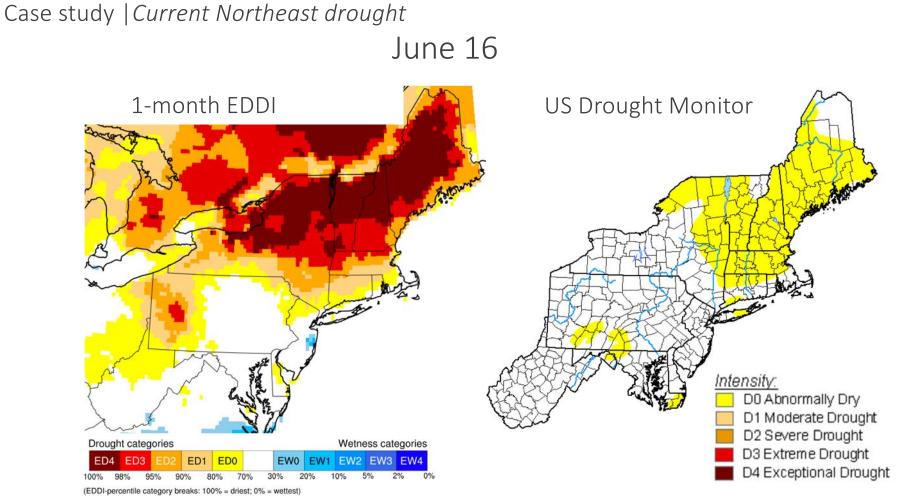


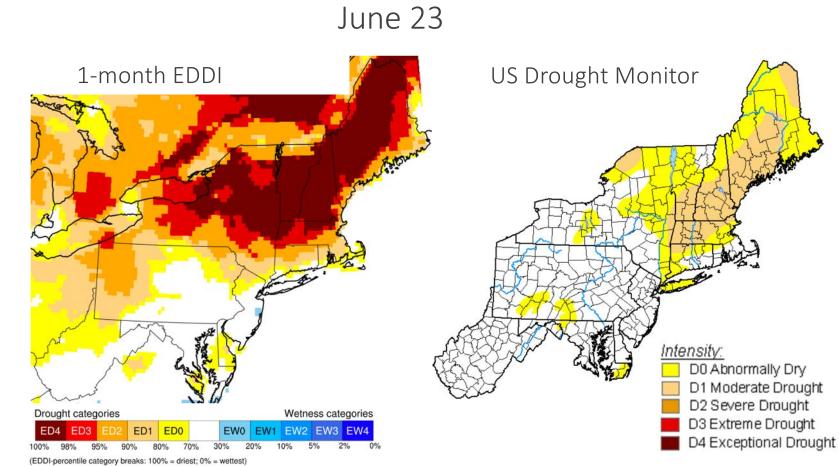


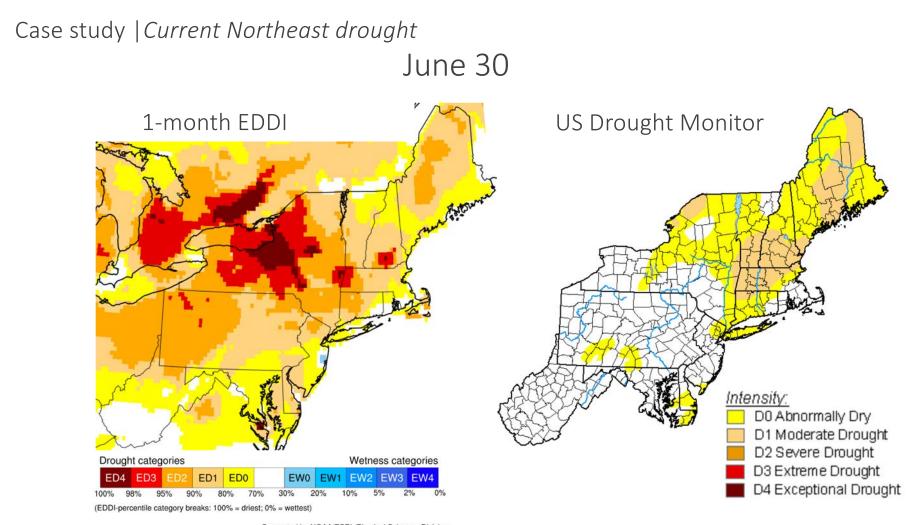


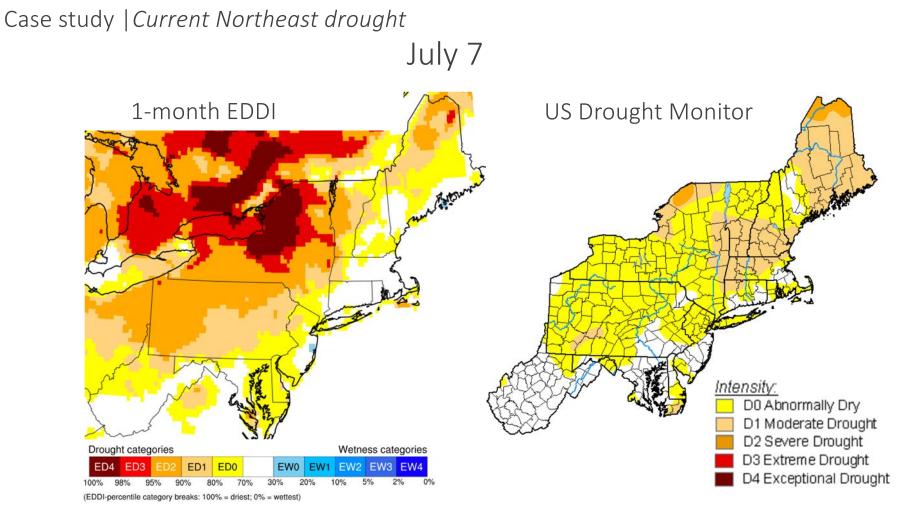


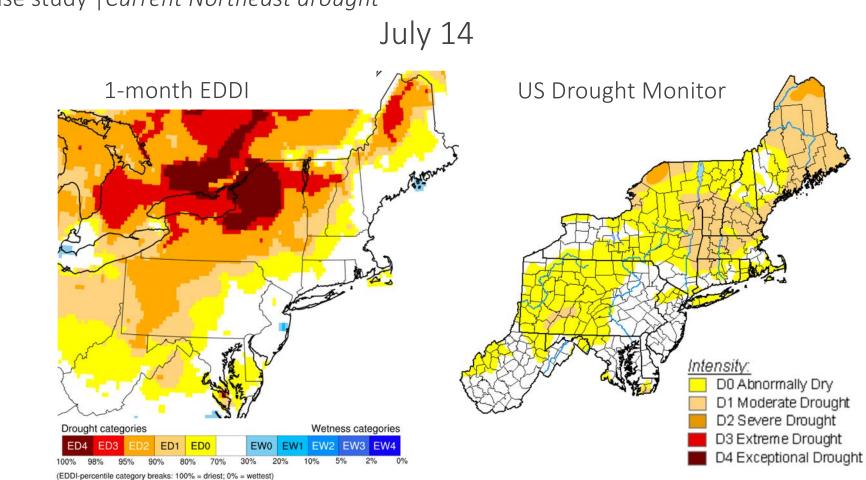
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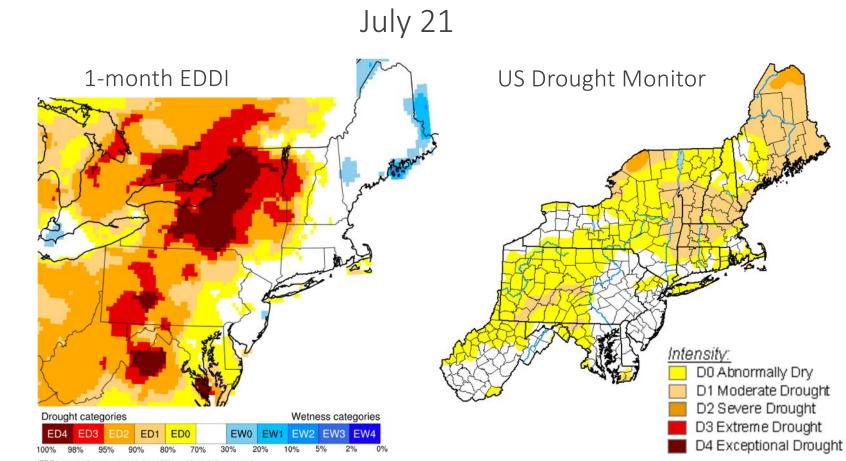












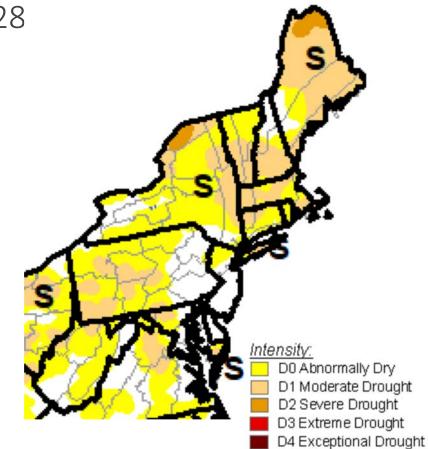
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July 28

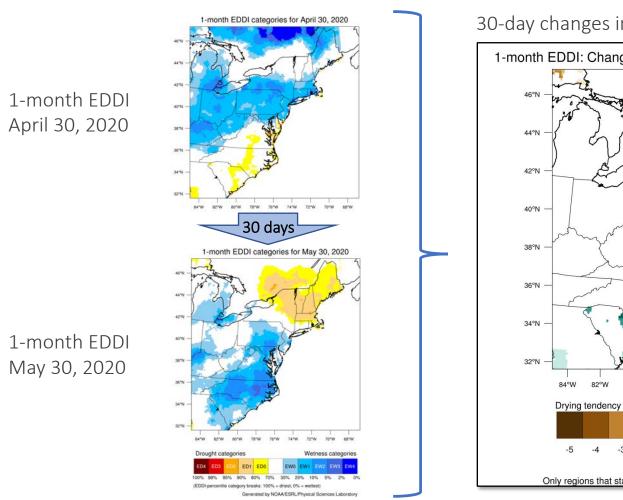
1-month EDDI

EDDI for July 28 not available until August ~1st



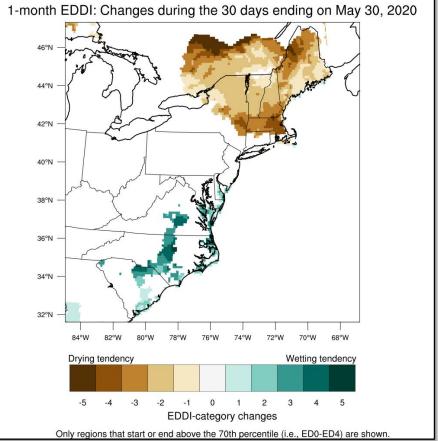
Drought categories									Wetness categories			
ED4	ED:	3 ED	2 ED	1 ED	0	EW	/0	EW1	EW2	EW3	EW4	
100%	98%	95%	90%	80%	70%	30%	20)% 1	0%	5% 3	2%	0%

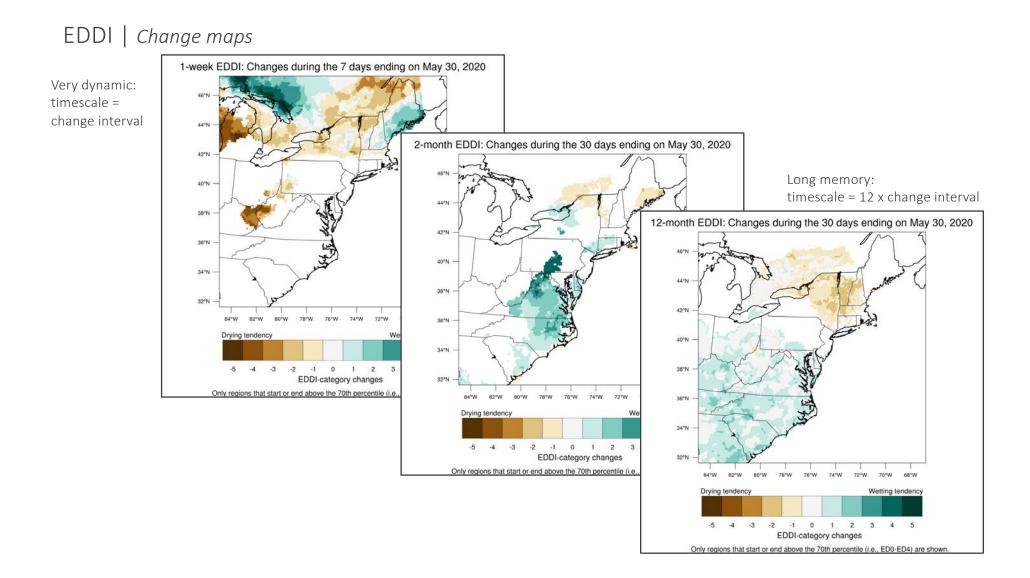
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EDDI | Change maps

30-day changes in 1-month EDDI





EDDI and *E*₀ application | *Attribution – diagnosing drought's demand side*

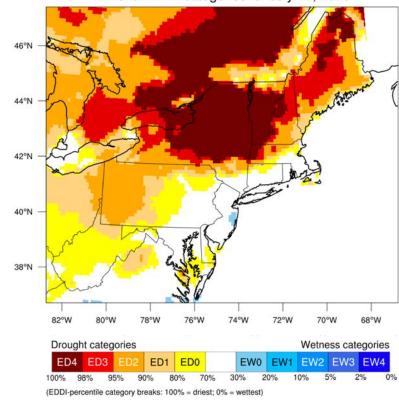
How much are changes in E_0 due to each driver's changes?

 $E_0 = f(T, R_d, q, U_2)$, so

 $\Delta E_{0} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial E_{0}}{\partial T} \Delta T}_{\text{derived}} \Delta R_{d} + \frac{\partial E_{0}}{\partial q} \Delta q + \frac{\partial E_{0}}{\partial U_{2}} \Delta U_{2}$ anomalies
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T = temperature $R_d = \text{solar radiation}$ q = humidity $U_2 = \text{wind speed}$

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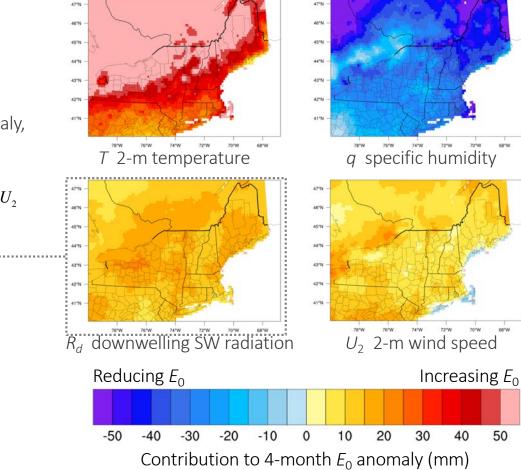
EDDI across length of drought so far (per US Drought Monitor) 2-month EDDI categories for July 17, 2020

Decomposition of 2-month E_0 anomaly, May 18 – July 17, 2020

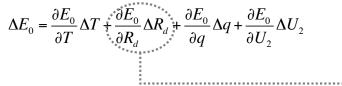
$$\Delta E_0 = \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial T} \Delta T + \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial R_d} \Delta R_d + \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial q} \Delta q + \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial U_2} \Delta U_2$$

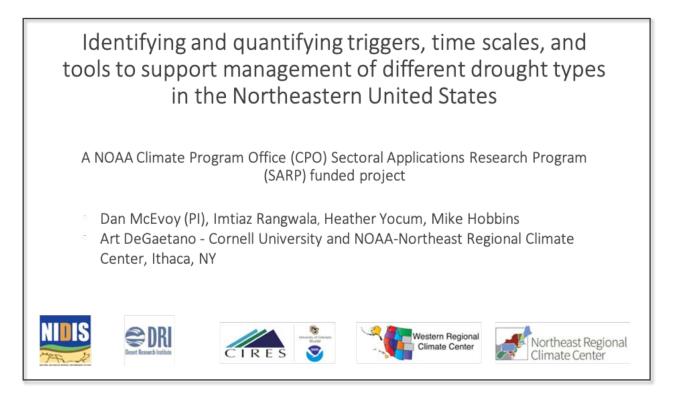
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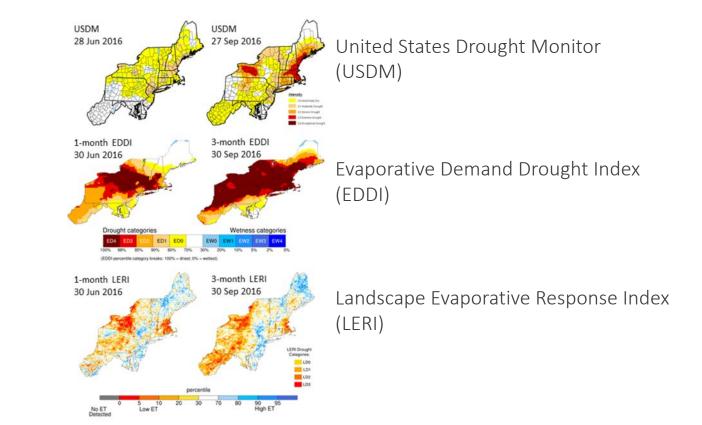
Project Objectives

Identify the most effective drought indicators for hydrologic and agricultural drought monitoring in the Northeast DEWS region:

- What time scales align with impacts seen on the ground?
- What index or combination of indices works best?
- Some drought index inputs: Prcp, Temp, E₀, ET, soil moisture, snow water equivalent, runoff

Understand how to use this information to strengthen the Northeast DEWS and incorporate it into management, planning, and decision-making.

Example indices during 2016 drought



How is drought information and data used in different sectors?

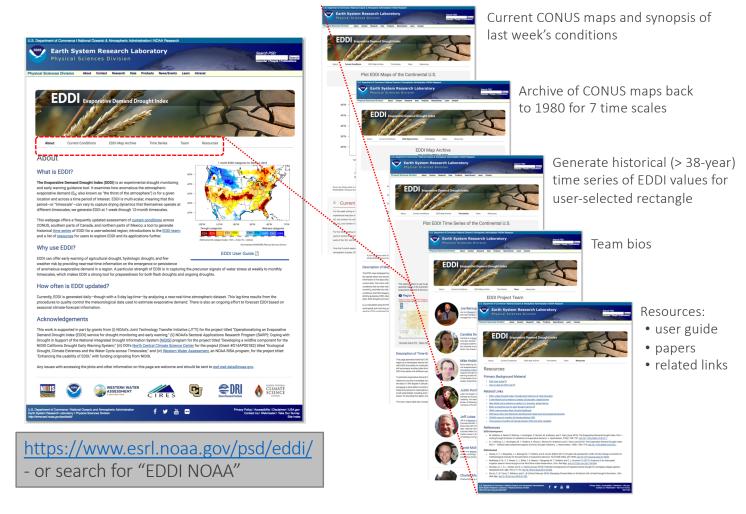
- Agriculture
- Water resources
- City, county, or state drought planning
- Research and academics
- Recreation
- Others?

Are there obvious needs for development of new drought information resources?

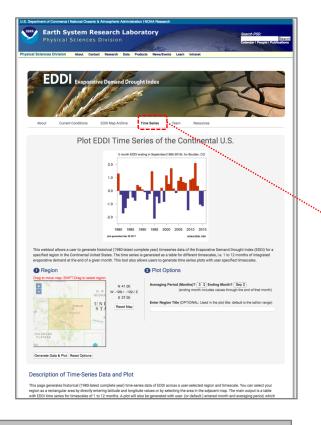
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Questions for project collaborators

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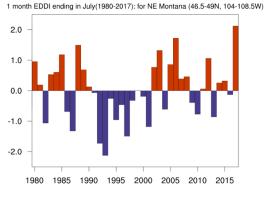


Got EDDI? | NOAA webpage – historical timeseries tool



https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/eddi/ - or search for "EDDI NOAA"

- Tool generates and plots historical EDDI time series for user-selected rectangle at 1- to 12-monthly time scales
- Time period: 1980-present
- Research into understanding past impacts
- Helpful for exploring relevant EDDI timescales for user-relevant impacts



plot generated Mar 6 2018

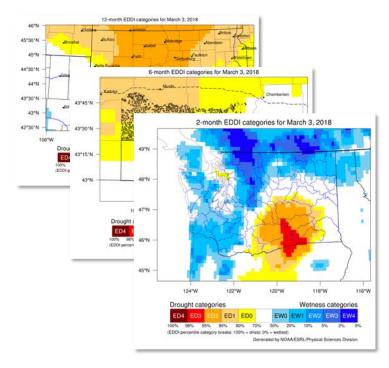
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Got EDDI? | NOAA webpage – resources and user guide

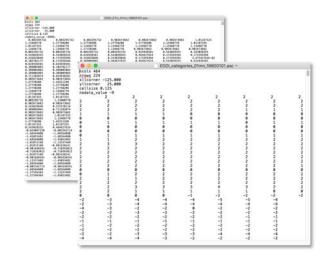


Got EDDI? | Variety of formats

EDDI maps with user-provided context: e.g., highways, towns, reservations, watersheds, rivers



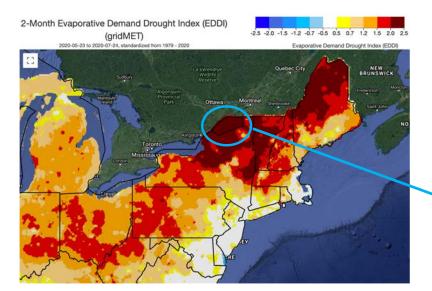
Flat ascii grids of EDDI data: e.g., raw EDDI values, EDDI drought / wetness categories



Coming soon...

...NetCDFs

EDDI in the Cloud | Climate Engine

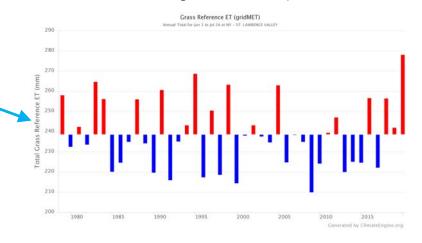


- Interactive maps; zoom to desired region
- Download maps as geotiffs
- Download time series graphs and data

<u>https://app.climateengine.org/climateEngine</u>
or contact Dr. Dan McEvoy, DRI at <u>Daniel.McEvoy@dri.edu</u>



St. Lawrence Valley, NY Climate Division Total E_0 , June 1 – July 24, 2020



- Other drought indices: SPEI, SPI, PDSI
- Remote sensing data (e.g., NDVI), and other climate data available globally

Got EDDI? | Access to data

EDDI and downloadable archives:

• EDDI - <u>ftp://ftp.cdc.noaa.gov/Projects/EDDI/</u>

EDDI webpage:

<u>https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/eddi/</u>
 or search for "EDDI NOAA"

FTP map and data access for Denver Water:

<u>ftp://ftp.cdc.noaa.gov/Public/mhobbins/EDDI/DW/</u>

Off-site hosting:

- > Drought.gov
- ➢ NIDIS DEWS pages
- ➢ RISA and RCC climate dashboards

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