



Drought Management Task Force Update

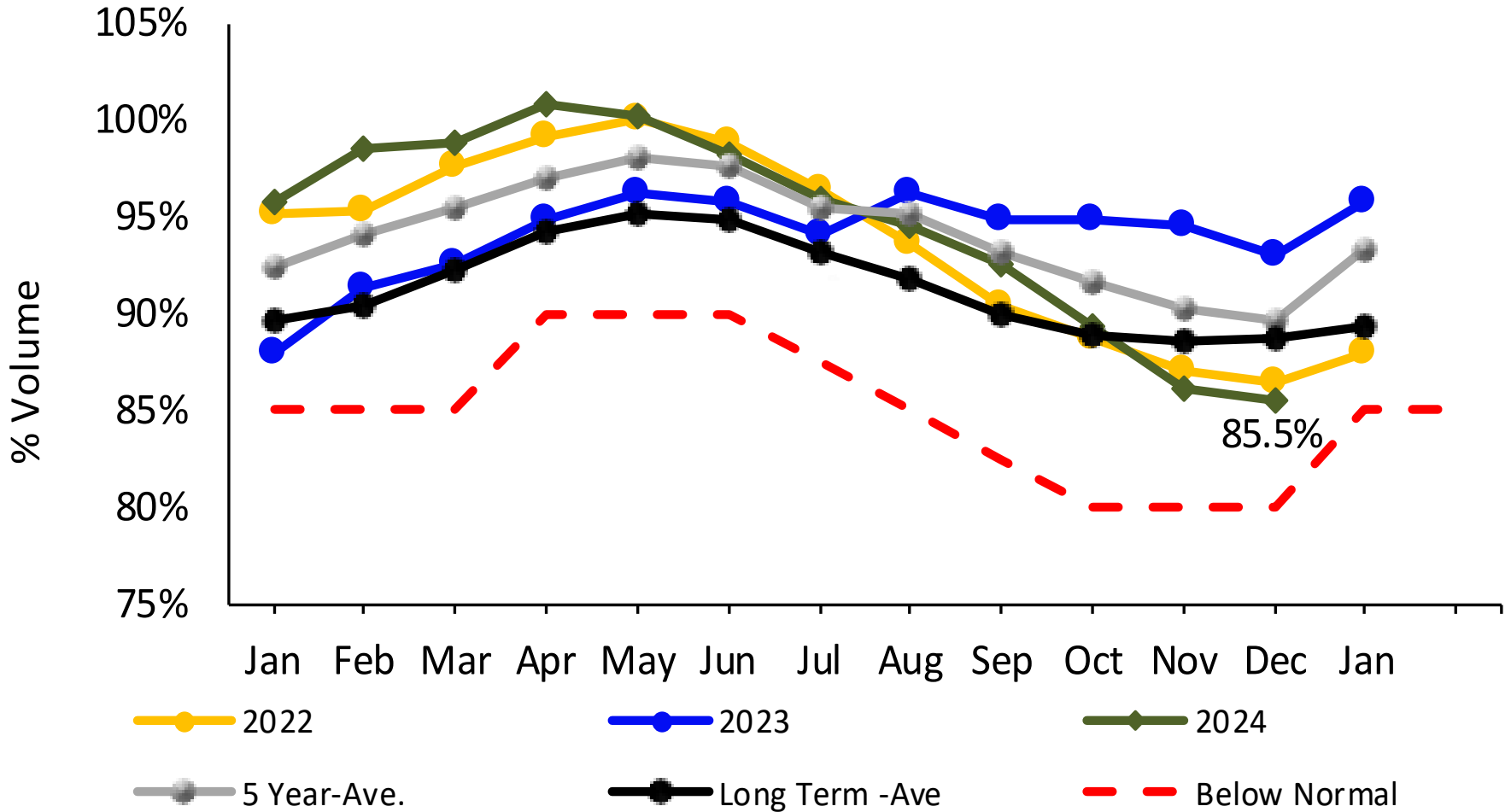
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Quabbin Reservoir

Quabbin Reservoir Volume First of the month

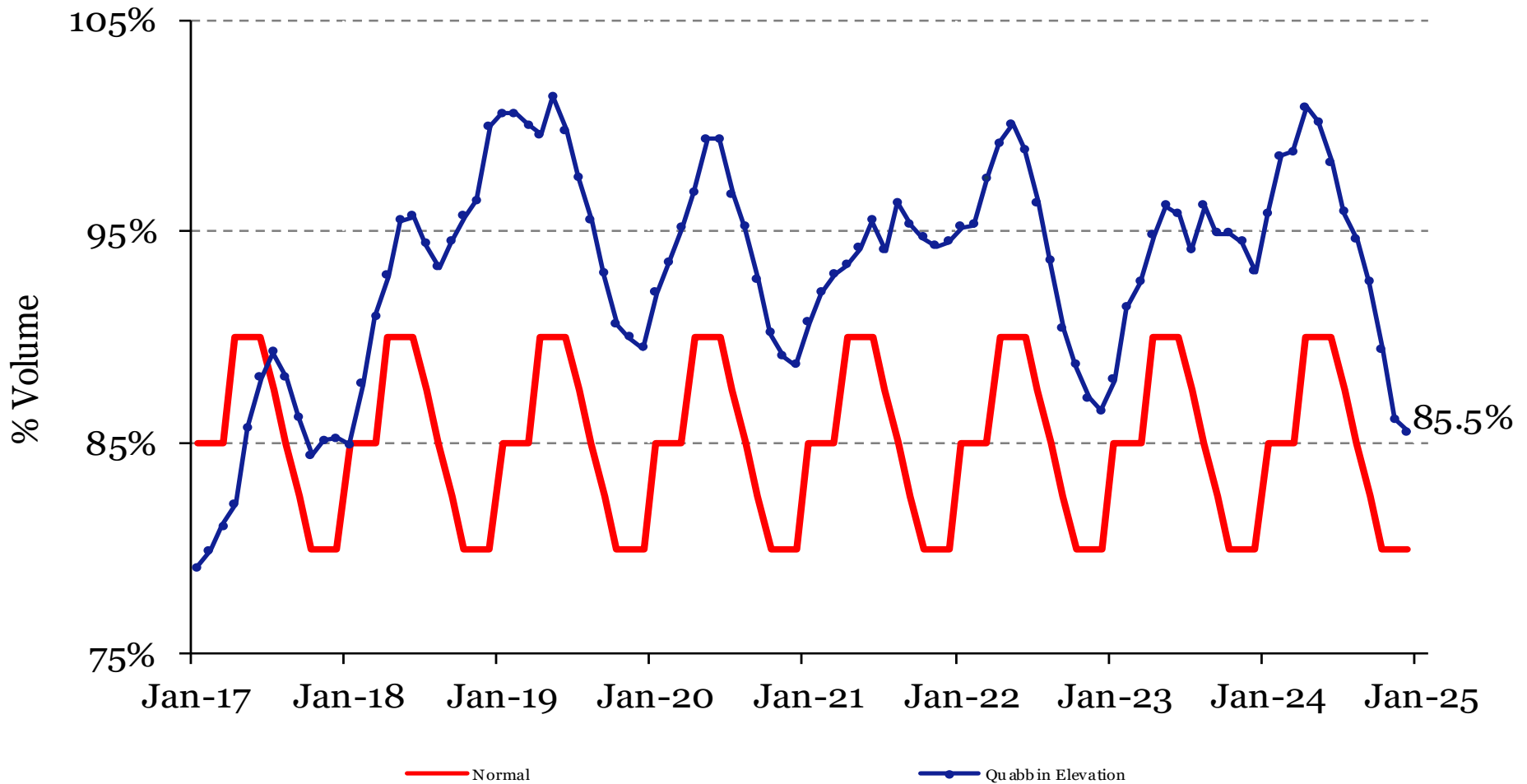




Quabbin Reservoir

Date	Elevation	Volume	% Volume
12/03/24	522.10	352,350	85.5%
11/18/24	522.09	352,275	85.5%
Totals	0.01	75	0.0%

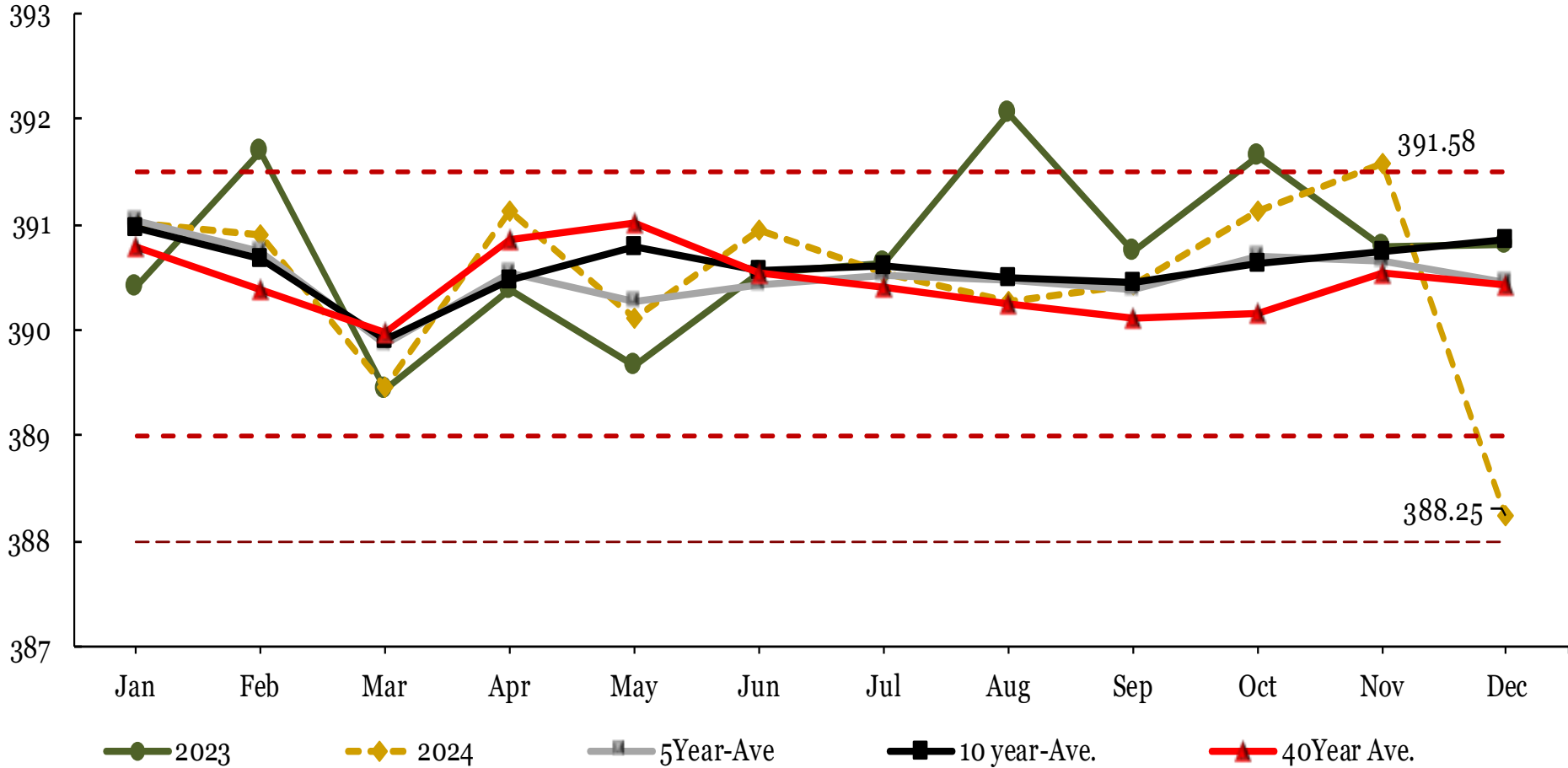
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Wachusett Reservoir

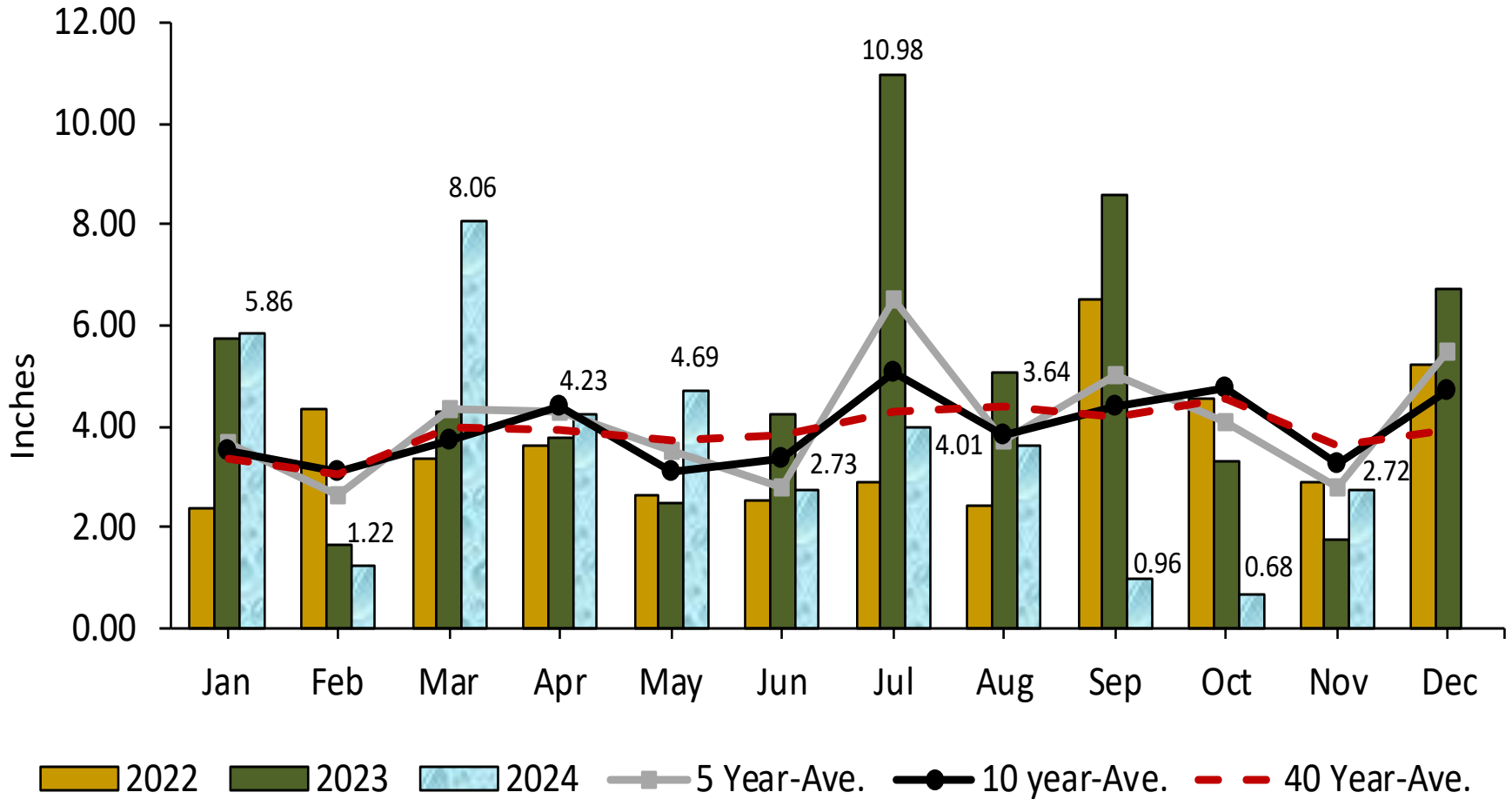
Wachusett Reservoir Elevation





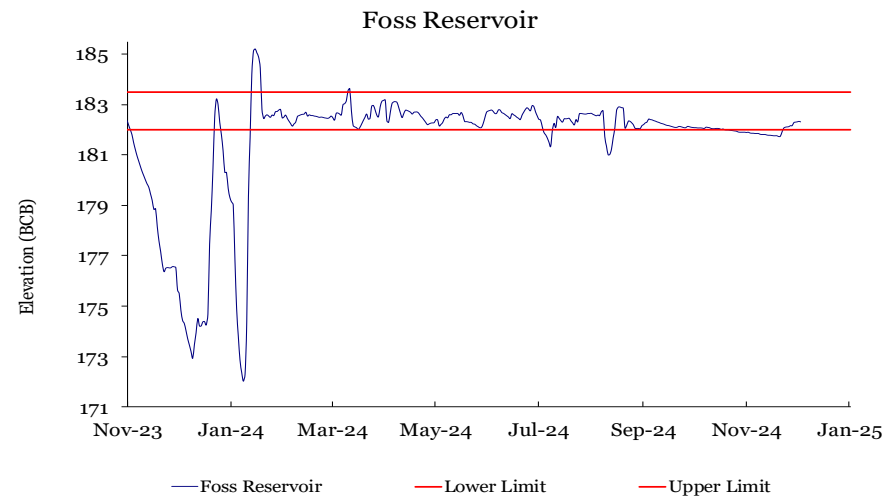
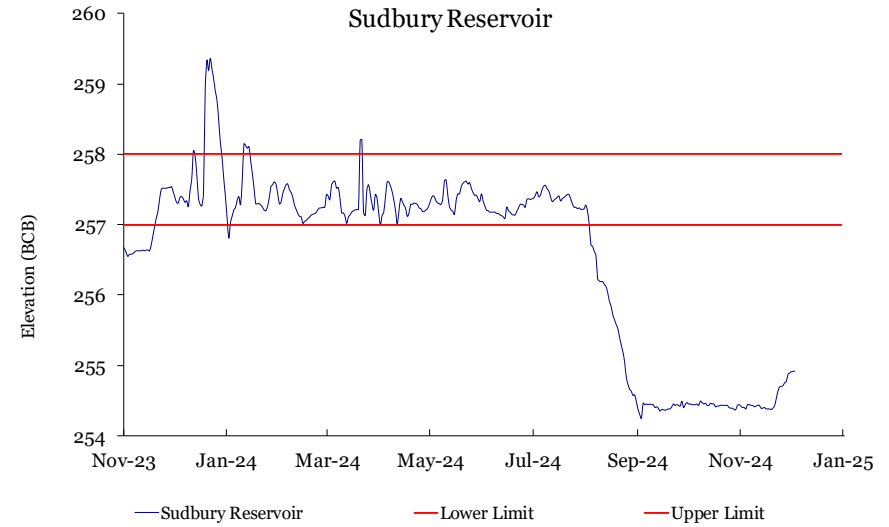
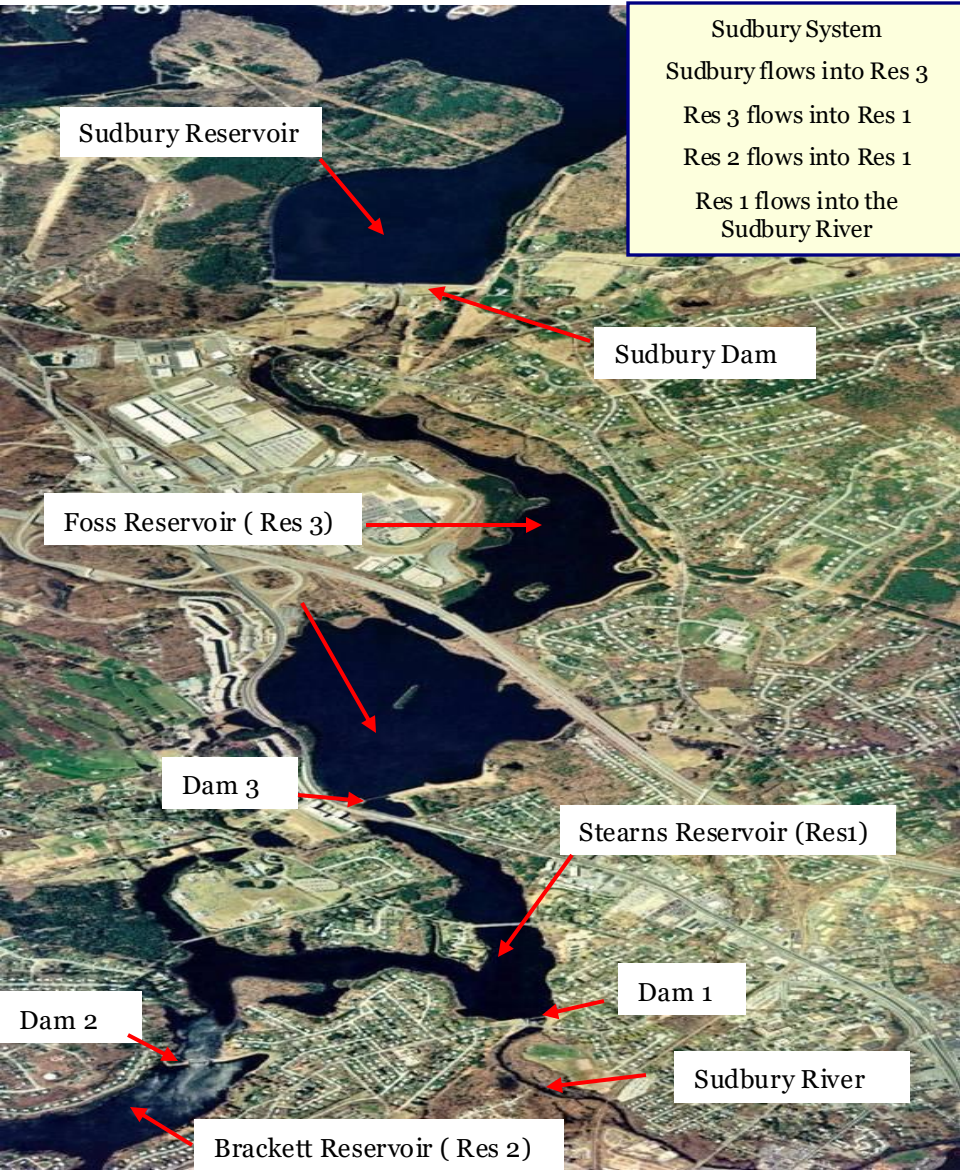
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Precipitation





Sudbury & Foss Reservoirs





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November 12, 2024



11/12/24 Update:

Due to three months of below normal rainfall, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Rebecca Tepper declared a Level 3 - Critical Drought in the Central and Northeast Regions, and a Level 2 - Significant Drought in the Western, Connecticut River Valley, and Southeast Regions of the Commonwealth.

For more information on the current drought conditions, technical guidance regarding drought management actions and for drought-related tools and outreach materials, please visit these Commonwealth information resources: www.mass.gov/ma-drought-management; for water conservation information, go to www.mass.gov/conservemawater.

MWRA's water supply system is not currently experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan, but encourages water conservation wherever you can.

[Click here](#) to see tips on saving water at home, both indoors and outdoors.

Since the early 1980s, MWRA's water communities have successfully reduced water usage by over 30%, which means that the [Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs](#) are still near full and in the normal operating range for this time of year. Although MWRA will not be issuing mandatory water restrictions on our member communities, it is always important to conserve water wherever you can, so that if the drought continues, we will have the water we need.

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Water Conservation

MWRA's Water Conservation and Efficiency programs help maintain regional water demand comfortably below the water supply system's safe yield (300 million gallons per day).

MWRA's current 5-year average regional water demand is approximately 200 mgd. Water conservation also helps maintain regional wastewater flow below the required permit limit at the Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (dry day limit of 436 million gallons per day). MWRA's current 5-year average regional wastewater flow is approximately 315 mgd. Tips and information on how to save water at home are linked below.

More information is available for communities, environmental groups, and individual customers covering a wide range of water conservation and efficiency topics. Details and links are provided below.

MWRA Water Conservation

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