





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

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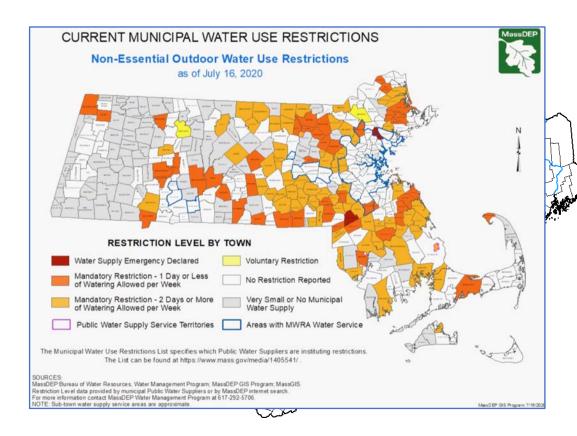
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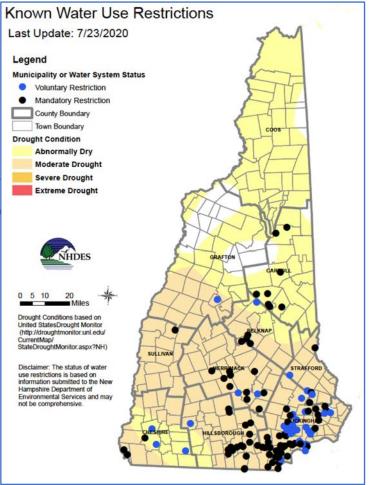
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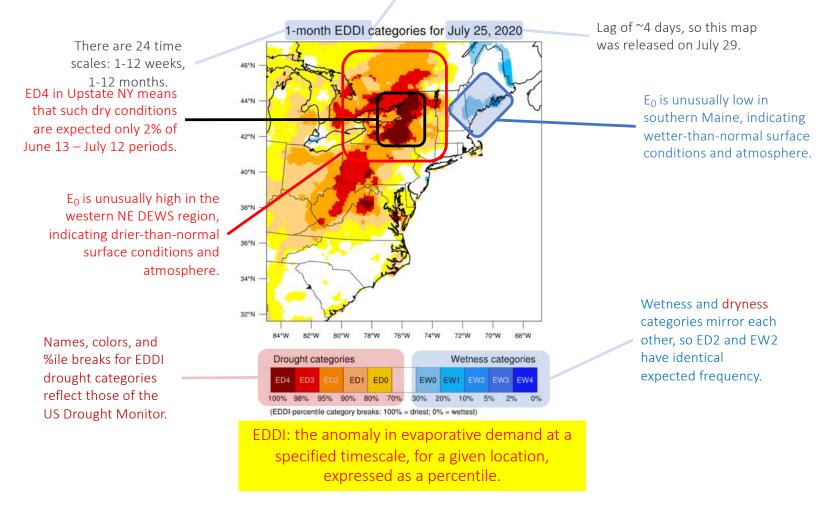






What is EDDI?

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 (E_0) ?

 E_0 = evaporative demand ET = actual evapotranspiration ET_0 = reference ET

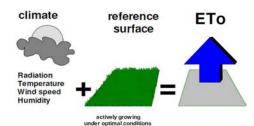
- E_0 is **not** evapotranspiration/evaporation
- E₀ is evaporation given an unlimited moisture supply:
 - Reference ET, ET₀
 - Potential ET ("PET")
 - Pan evaporation



- physically based
- radiation-based
- temperature-based
- E_0 is used for:

Good estimate

- estimating crop water requirements
- scheduling irrigation
- driving ET estimates in LSMs and R/S fusion
- monitoring drought









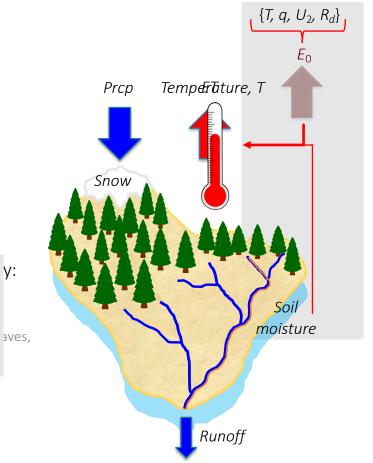
Background | Exploiting E_0 in a demand-side treatment of drought

Water balance at land surface:

~ *f*(*Prcp*, *ET*)

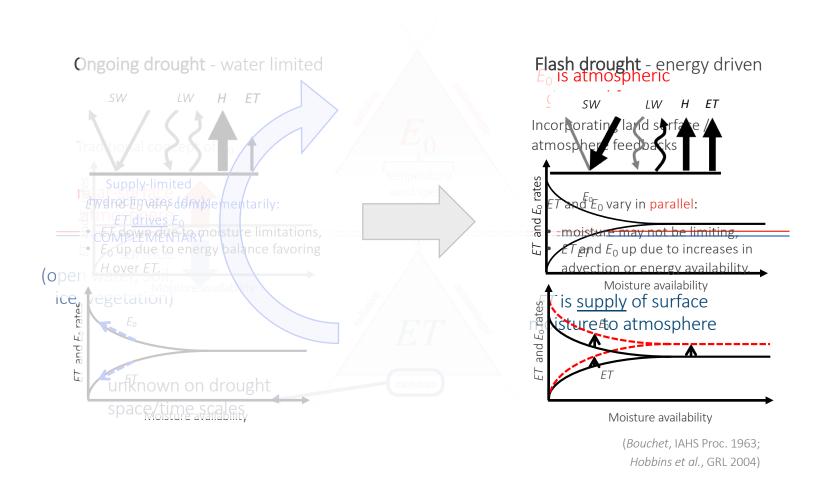
where *ET* is more physically driven by: y:

- surface moisture status,
- evaporative demand (E_0) ,
 - o e.g., Penman-Monteith.

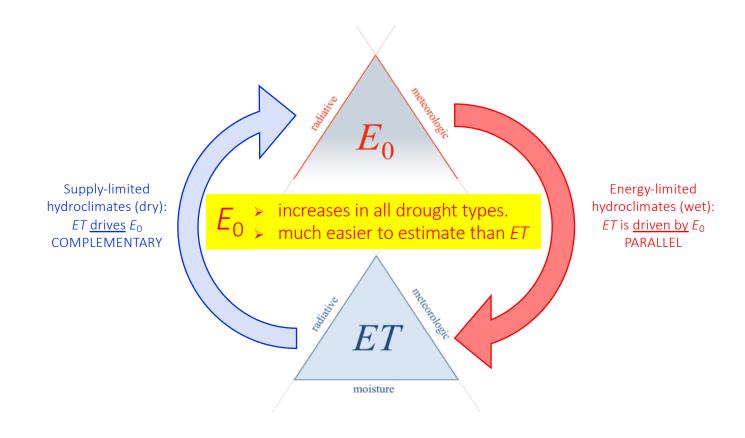


 $T = air\ temperature$ $q = specific\ humidity$ $U_2 = wind\ speed$ $R_d = solar\ radiation$

Background | E_0 / ET constraints and interactions



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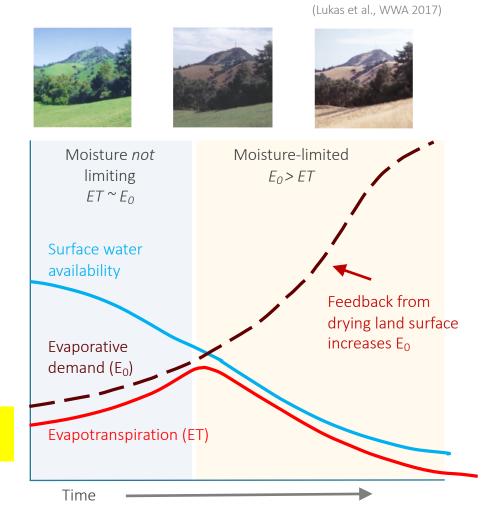


Background | E_0 and drought

Relationship between E_0 and ET changes as land surface dries out

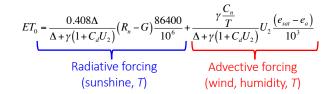
- When surface moisture is sufficient, rising E₀ leads to rising ET
- When moisture is limited, ET declines, while E₀ rises even more steeply

Evaporative demand rises in all forms of drought.



Background | Estimating E_0 from reference ET

Penman-Monteith Reference ET (FAO-56):



Reference crop specified:

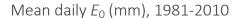
- 0.12-m grass or 0.50-m alfalfa
- well-watered, actively growing,
- completely shading the ground,
- albedo of 0.23.

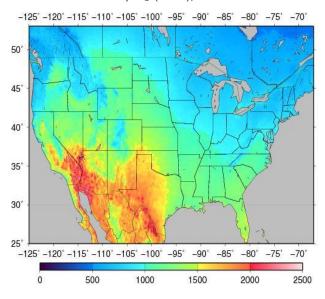
Drivers from NLDAS-2:

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

Reanalysis specifications:

- 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)



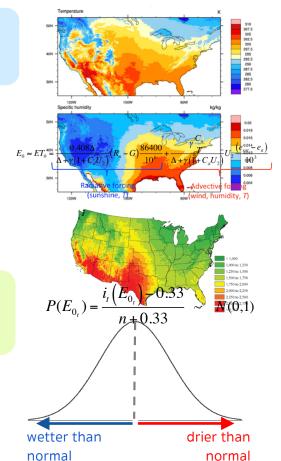


Reference Evapotranspiration calculation
Penman-Monteith FAO56



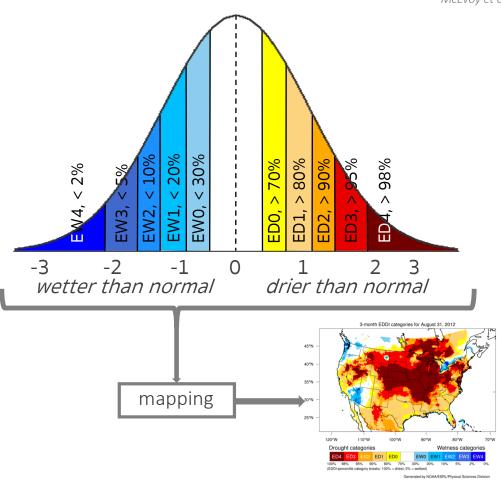
Temporal aggregation & rank-based non-parametric standardization wrt 39-year climatology of ET₀





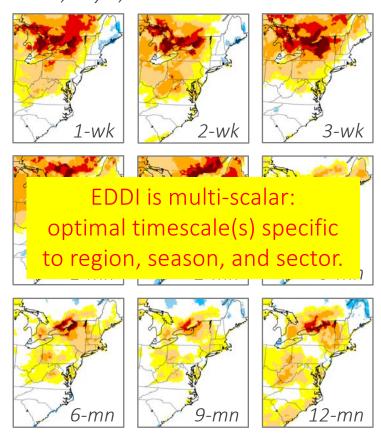
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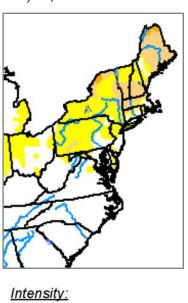


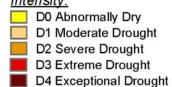
EDDI | A multi-scalar drought estimator

EDDI, July 7, 2020



US Drought Monitor, July 7, 2020

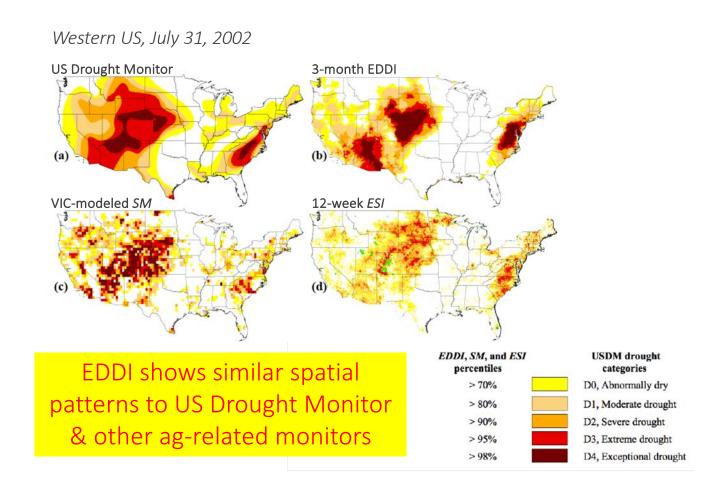




EDDI | Cross-sectoral monitoring



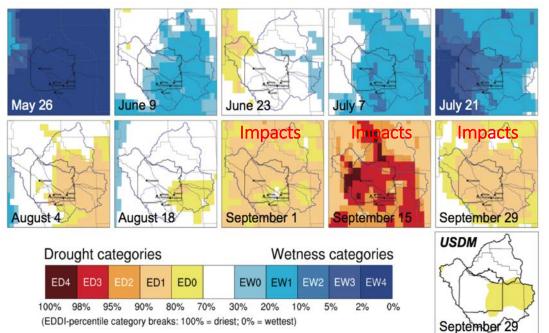
EDDI | Agricultural drought



EDDI | Early warning of flash drought

Wind River Indian Reservation, WY: 2015

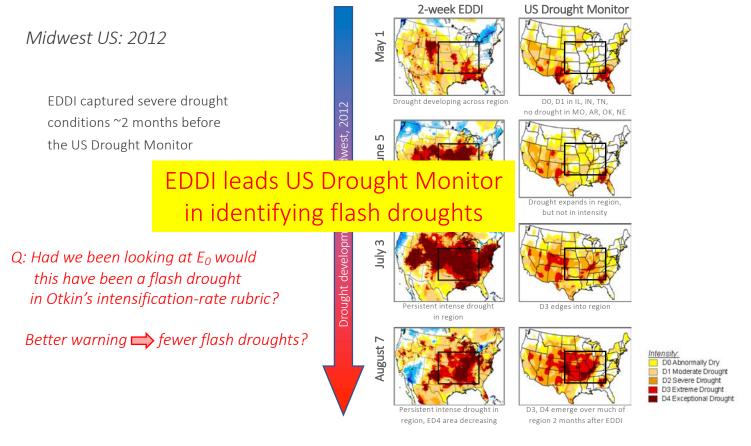
2-week EDDI at 2-week intervals through growing season





McNeeley et al., Climate Risk Management, 2018

EDDI | Early warning of flash drought



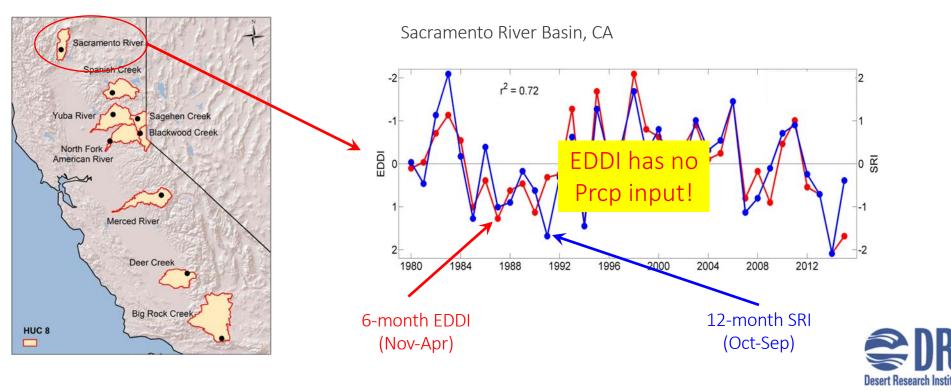
Hobbins et al., CRC Press, 2017

EDDI | Early warning of hydrological drought

SRI = Standardized Runoff Index

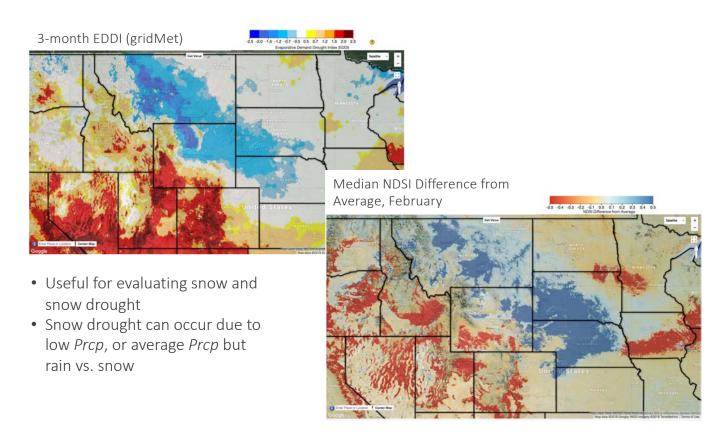
EDDI and streamflow in nine snowmelt-dominated basins

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



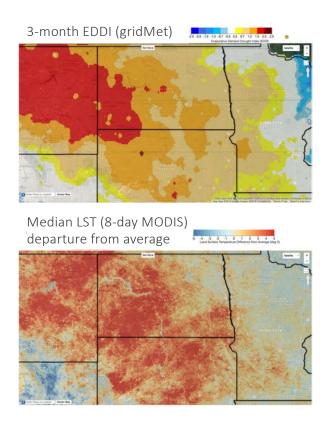
EDDI | Snow and snow drought

Northern Great Plains: December, 2017 – February, 2018

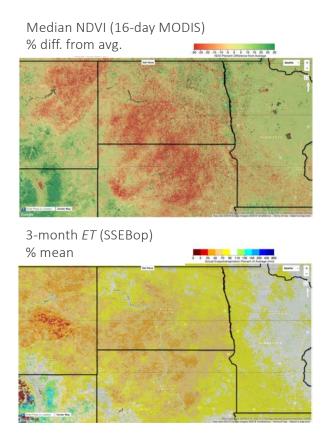


EDDI | Complementing remote sensing

Northern Great Plains: May – July, 2017

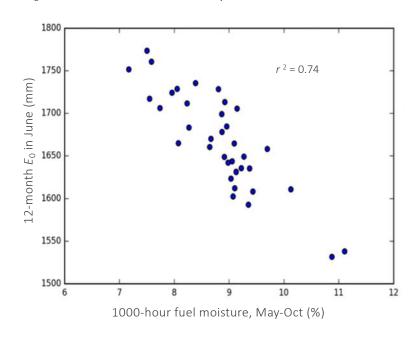


Understanding remote sensing
anomalies of land surface
temperature, vegetation, and ET



EDDI | Wildfire-risk monitoring

 E_0 - fuel moisture relationship across S. California GACC

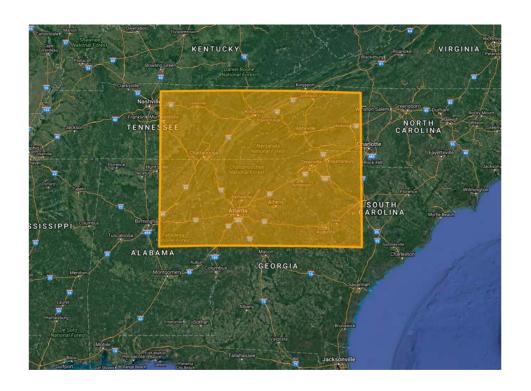


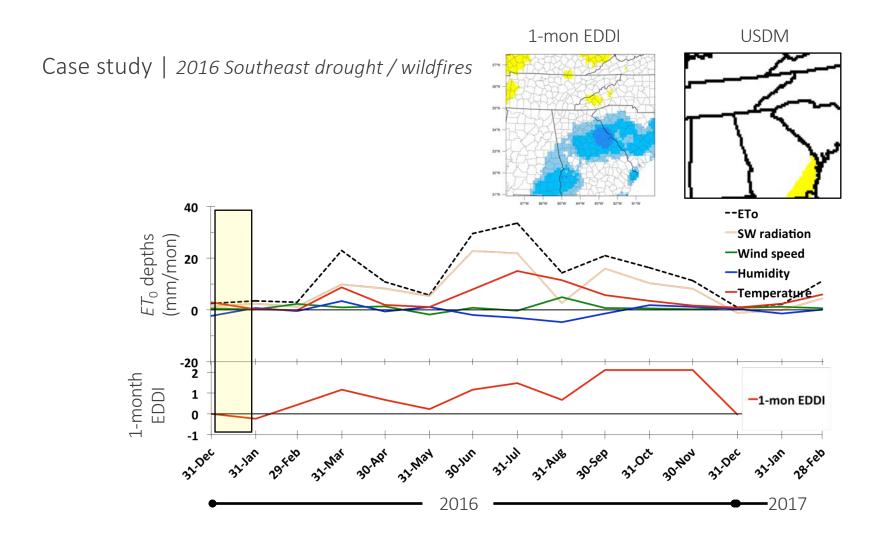
Q: Can EDDI provide early warning of wildfire risk?

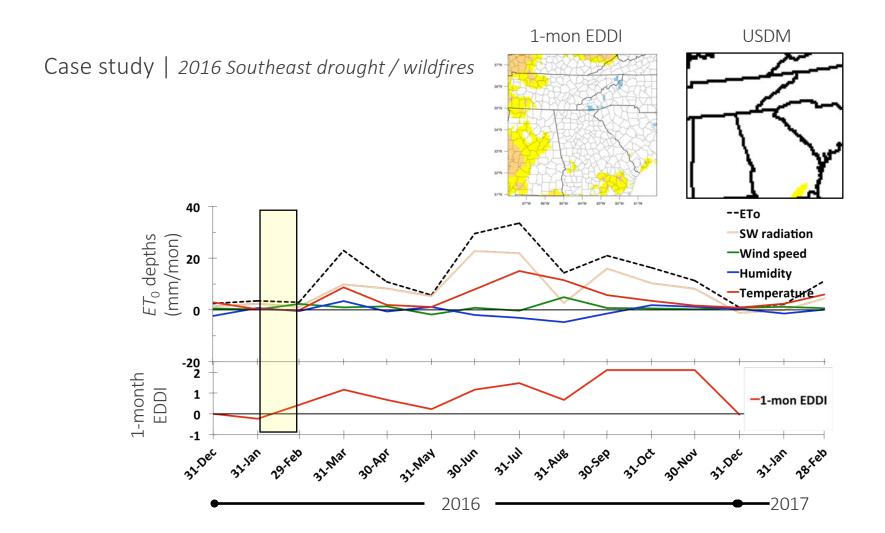


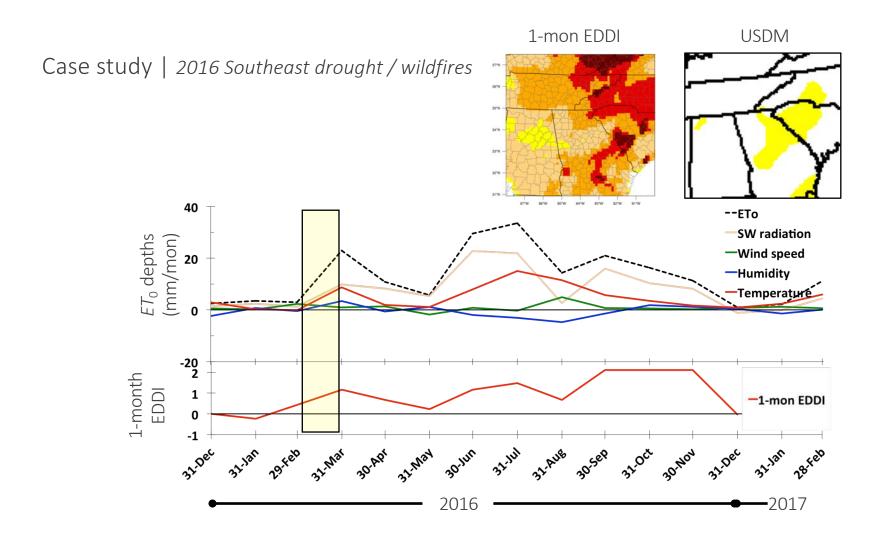
GACC = Geographic Area Coordination Center

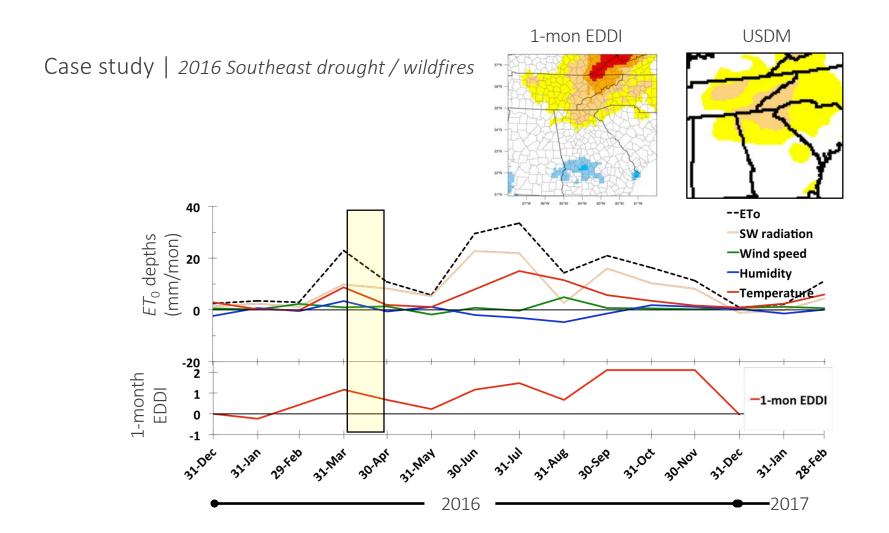
Case study | 2016 Southeast drought and wildfires

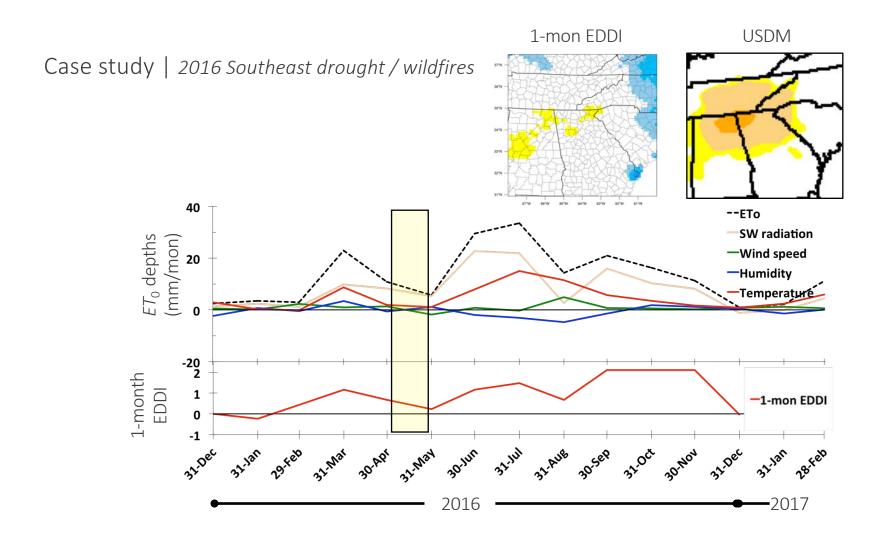


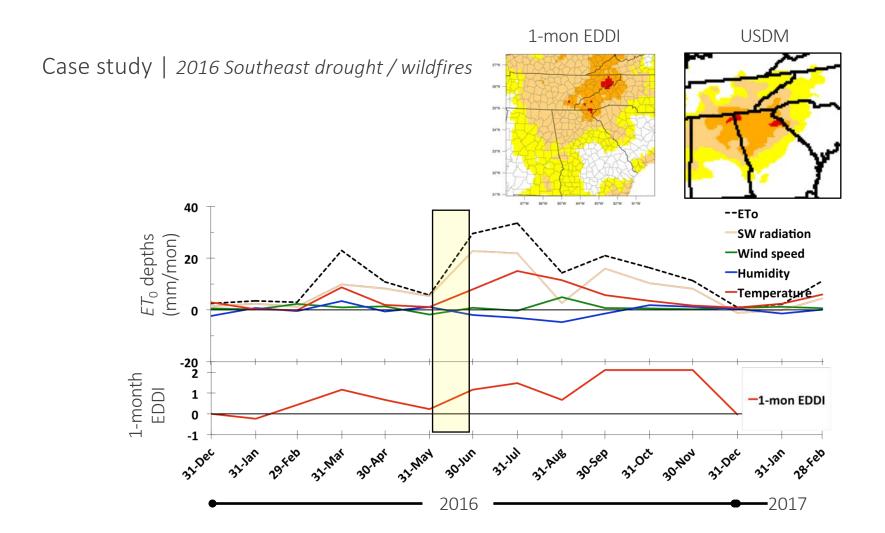


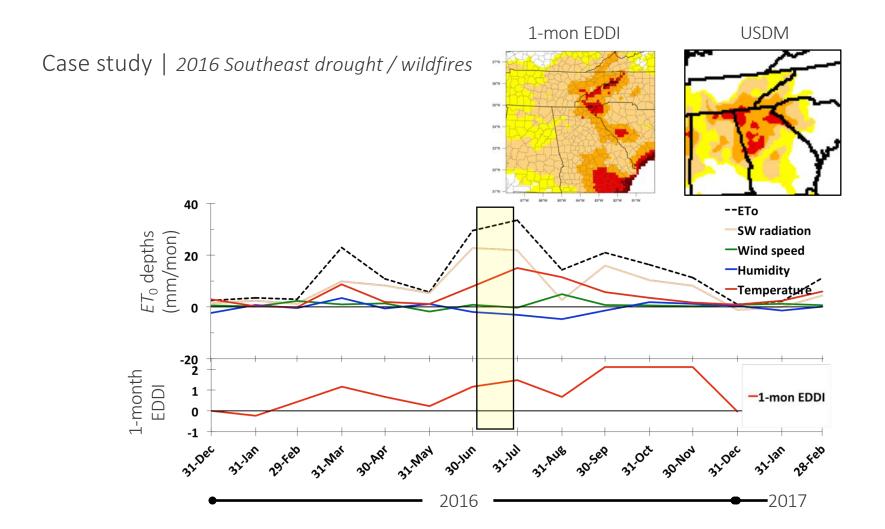


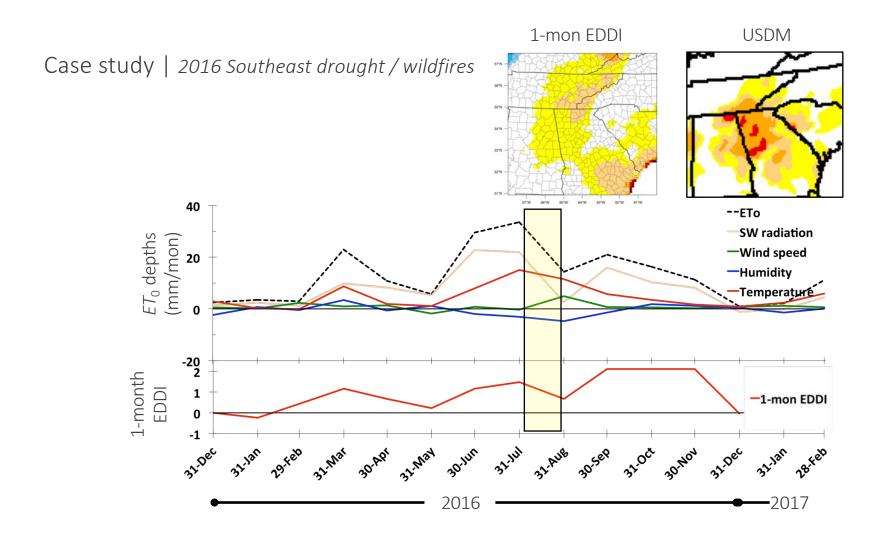


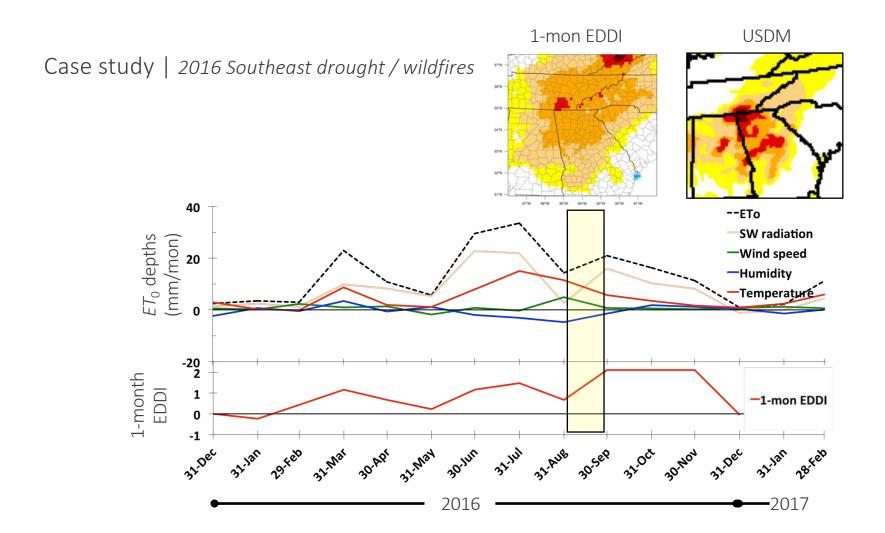


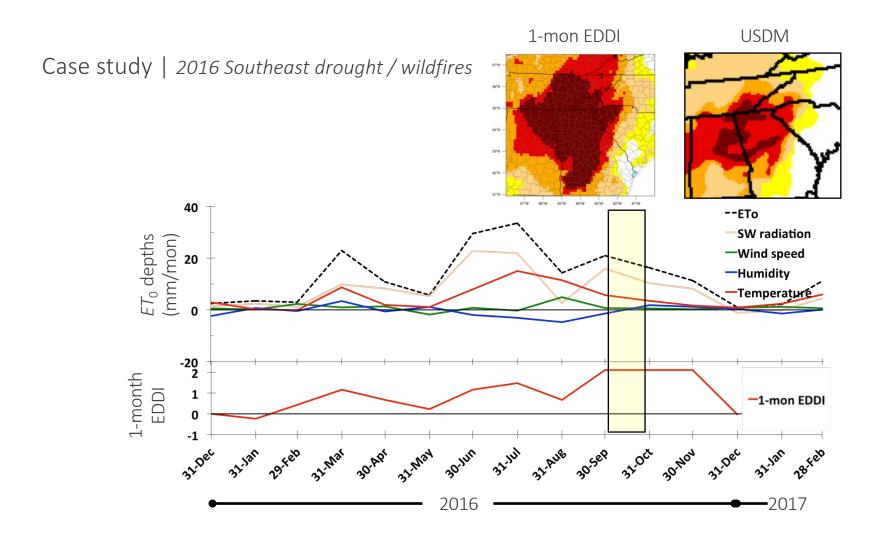


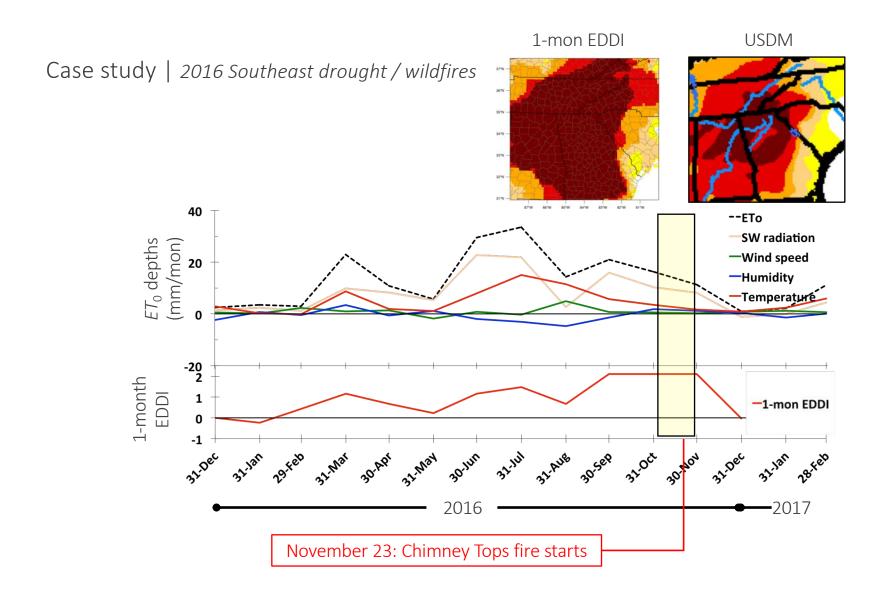


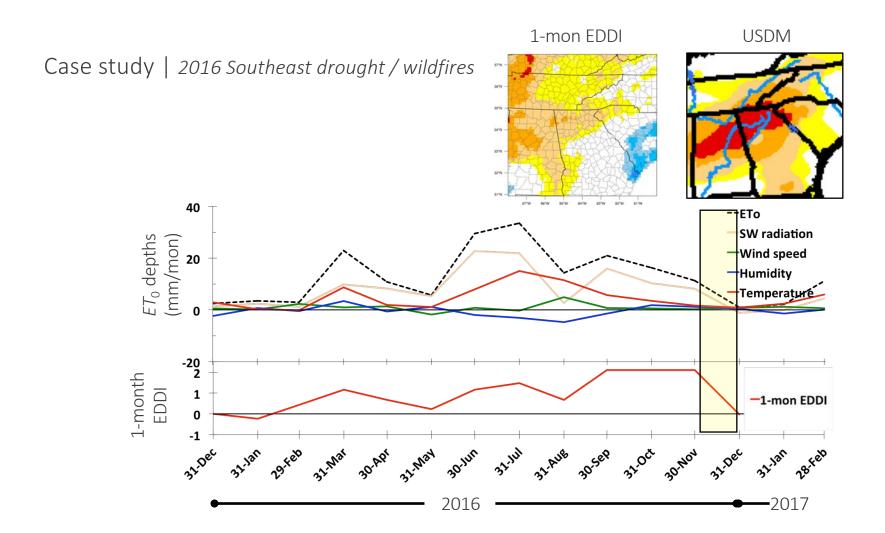






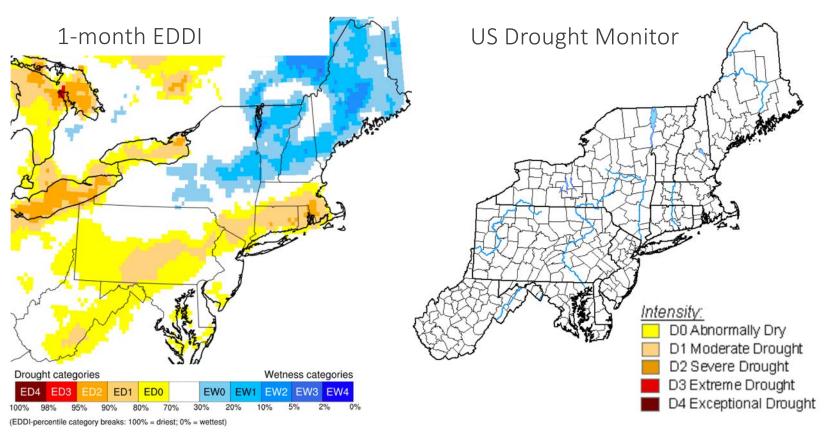






Case study | Current Northeast drought

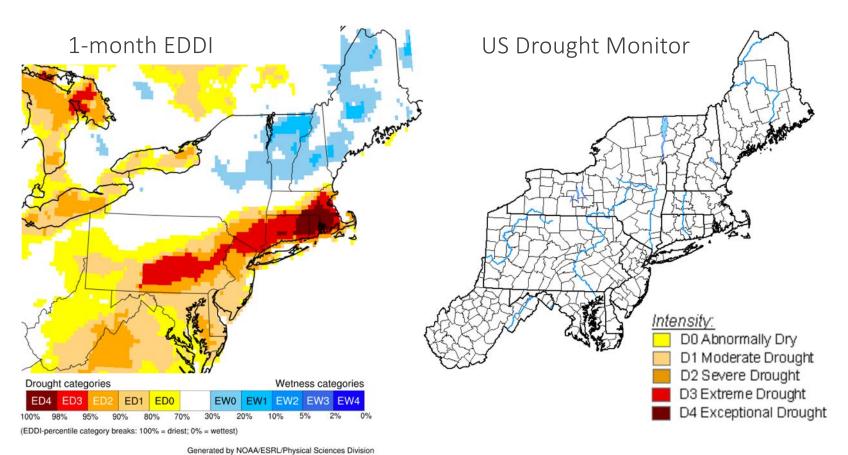
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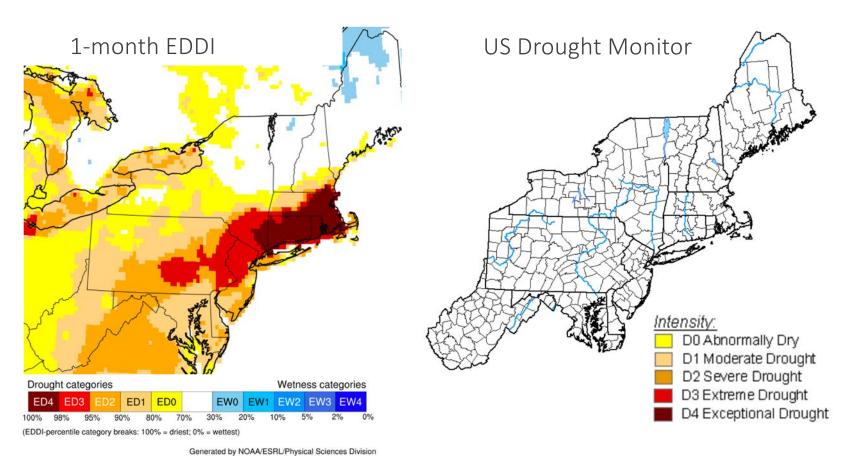
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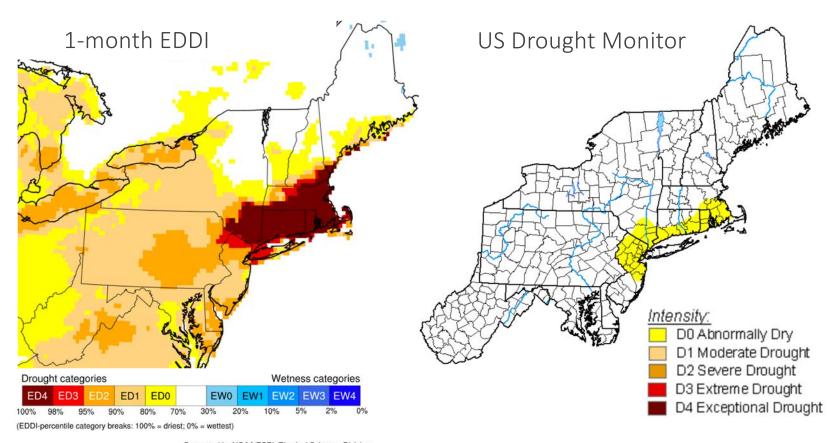


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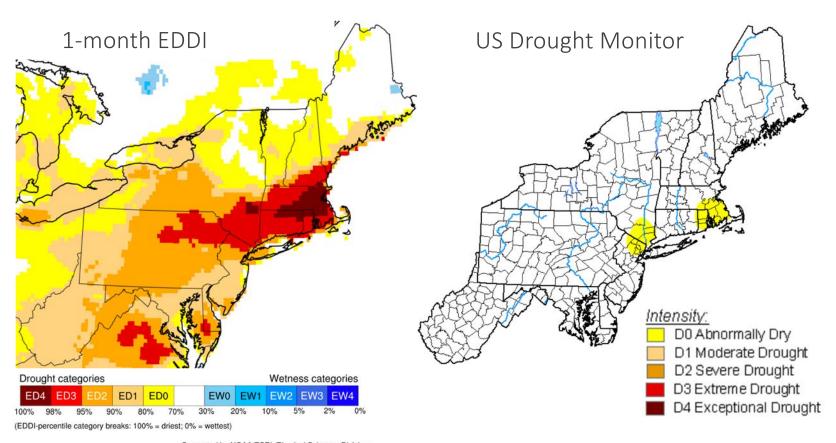
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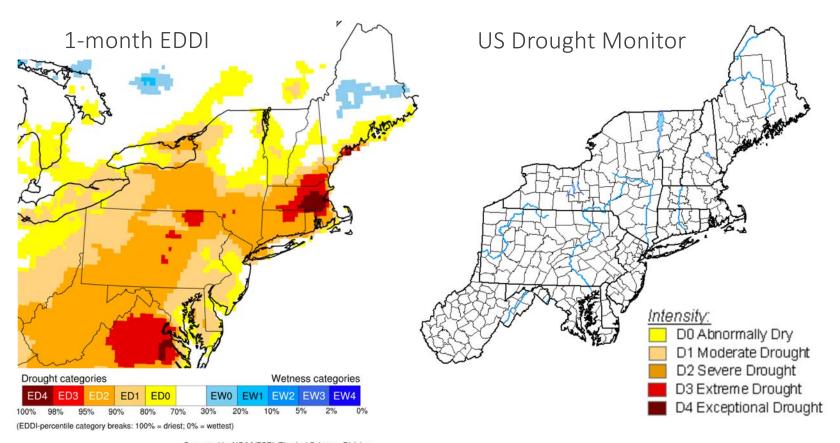
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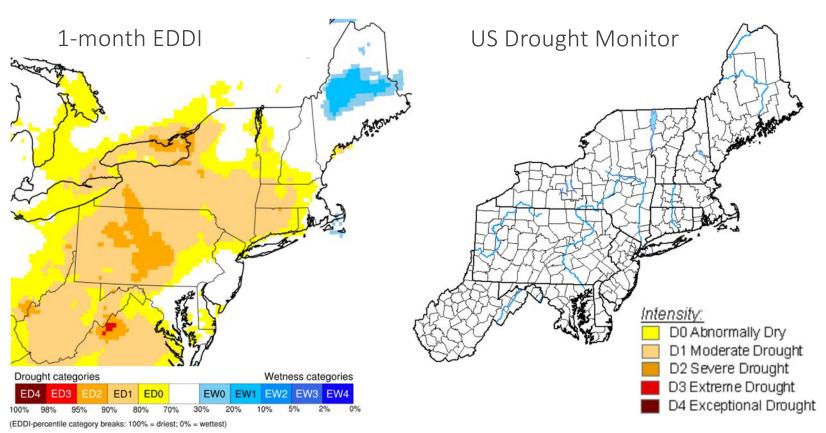
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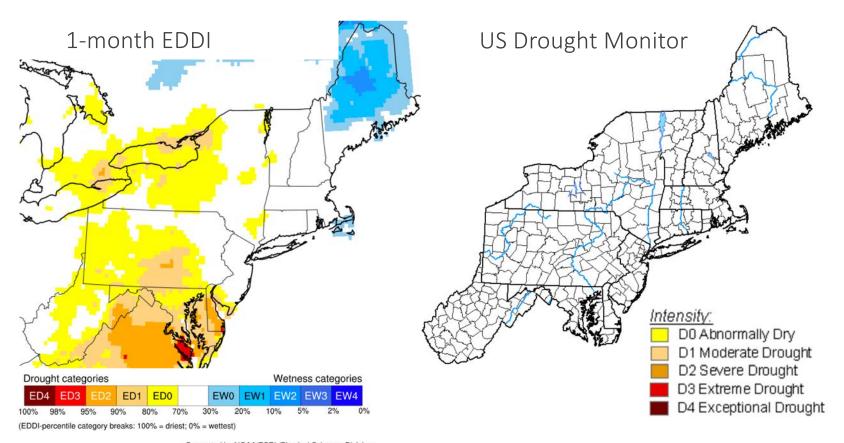
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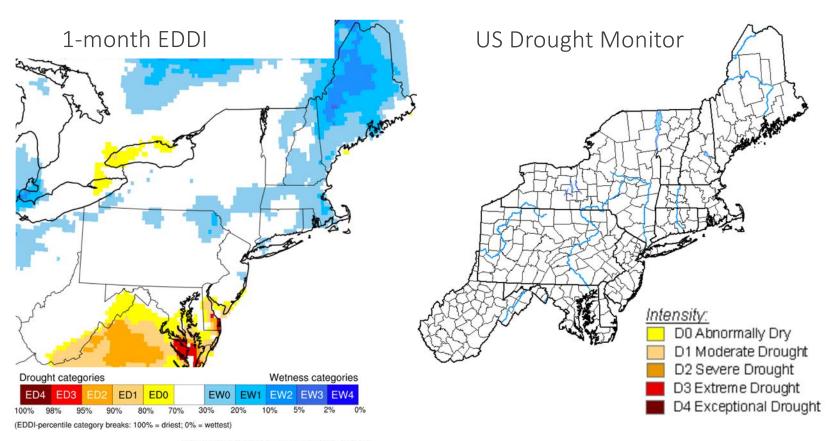




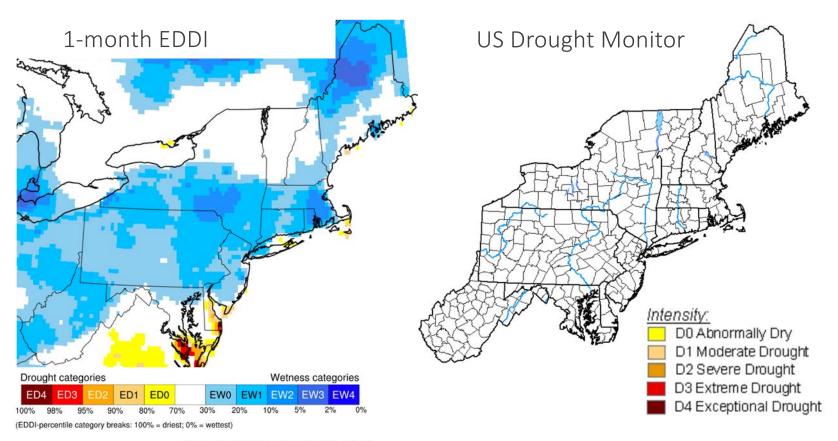
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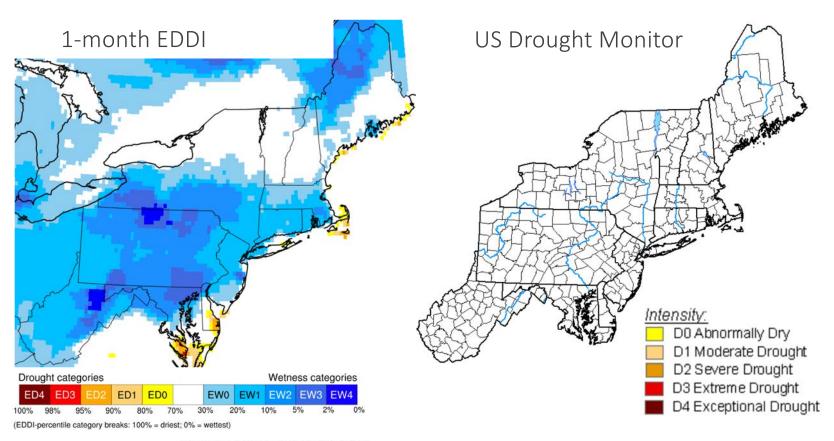
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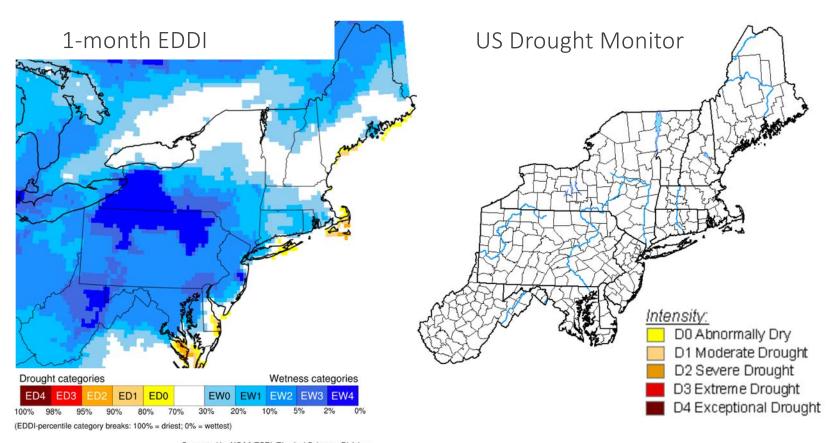
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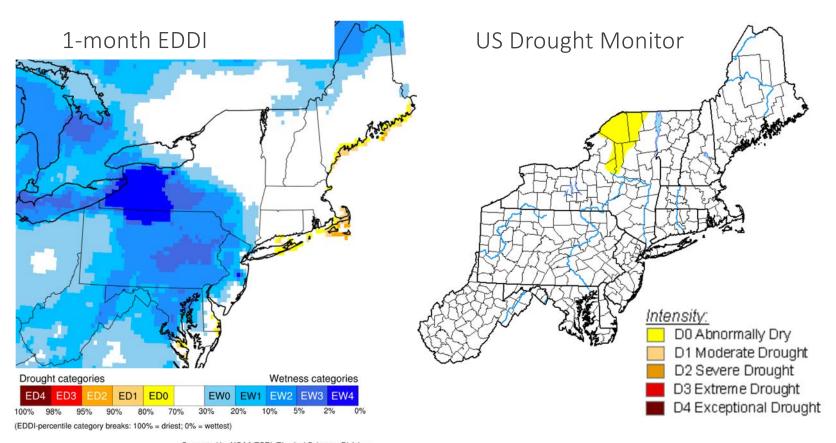
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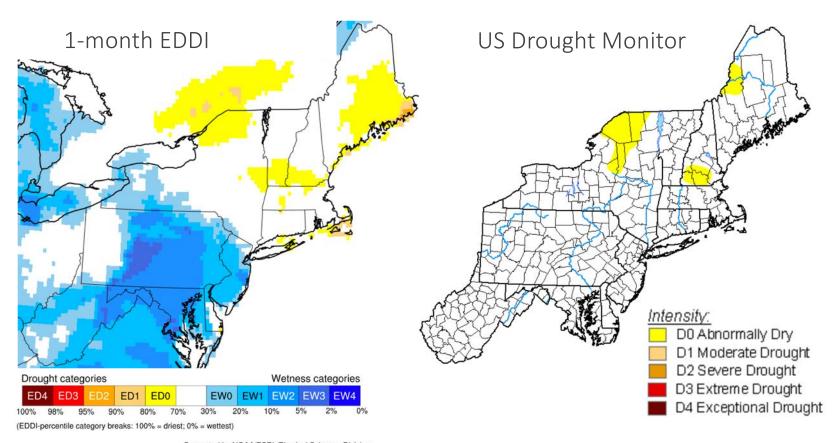
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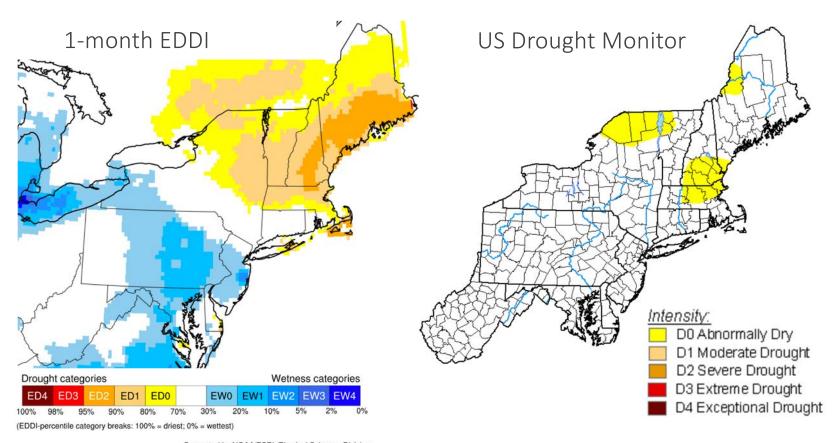
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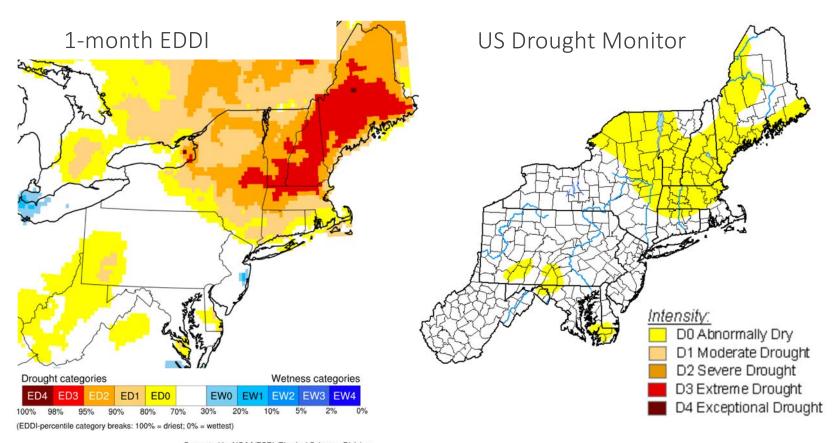
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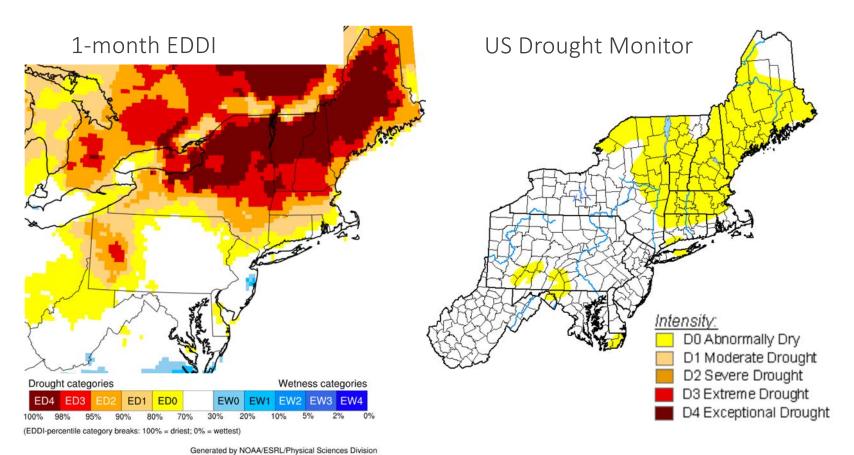
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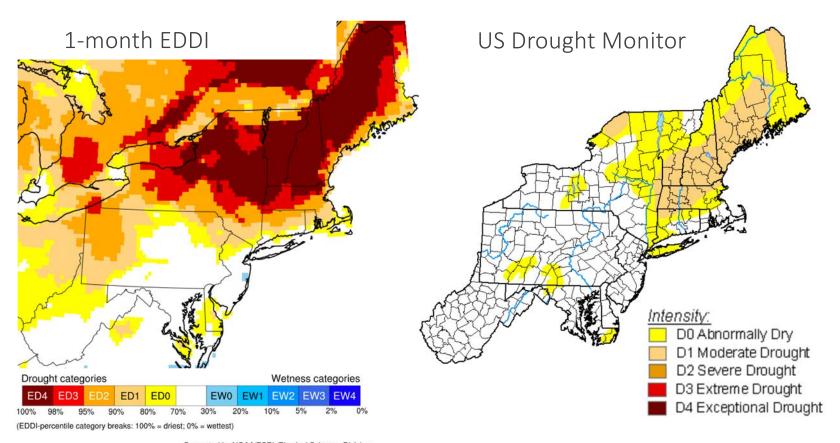
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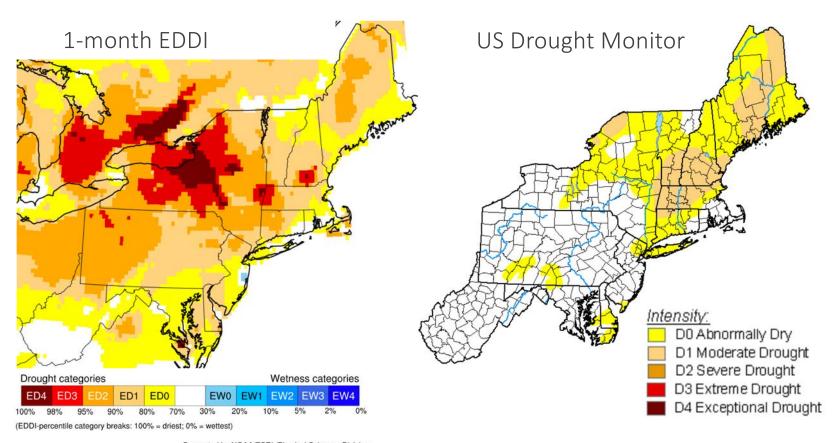
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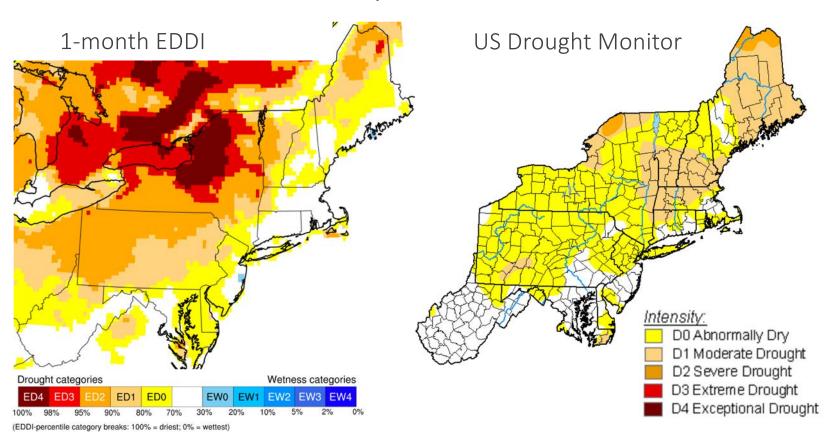
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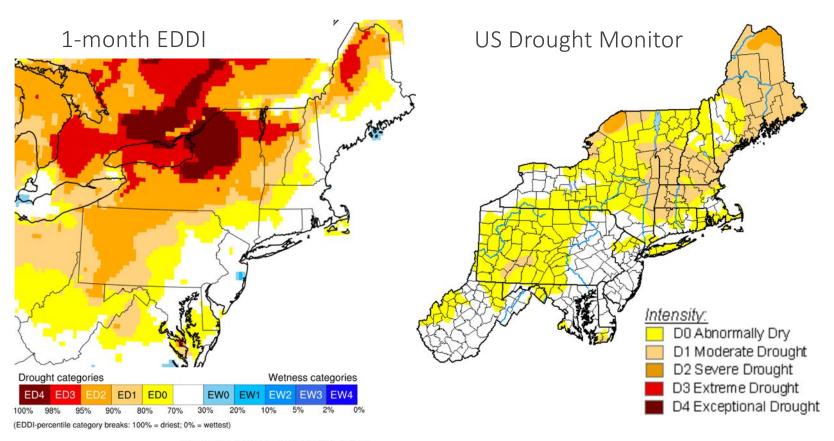
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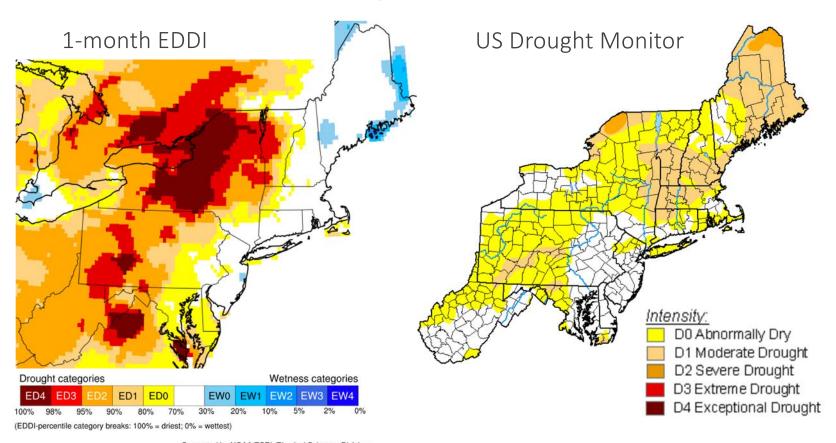
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July 14



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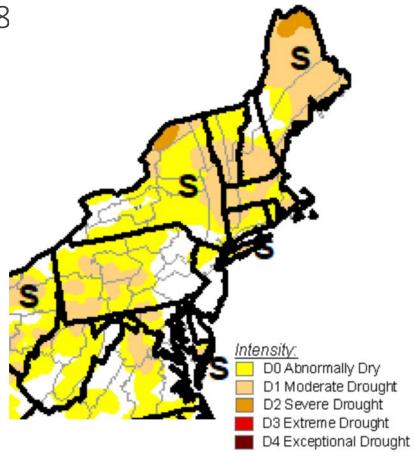


July 28

1-month EDDI

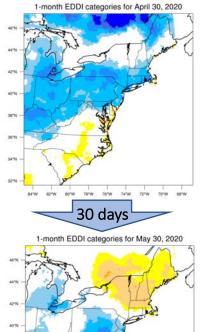
EDDI for July 28 not available until August ~1st



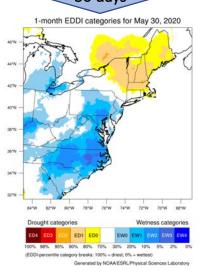


EDDI | Change maps

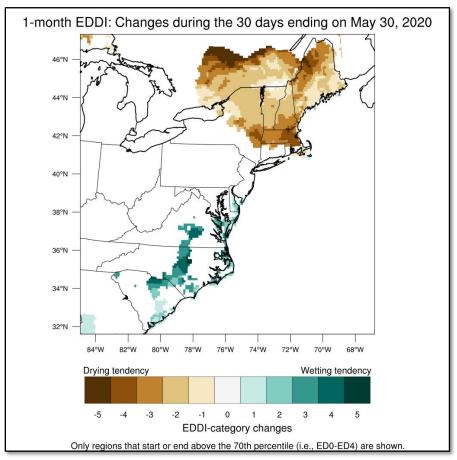
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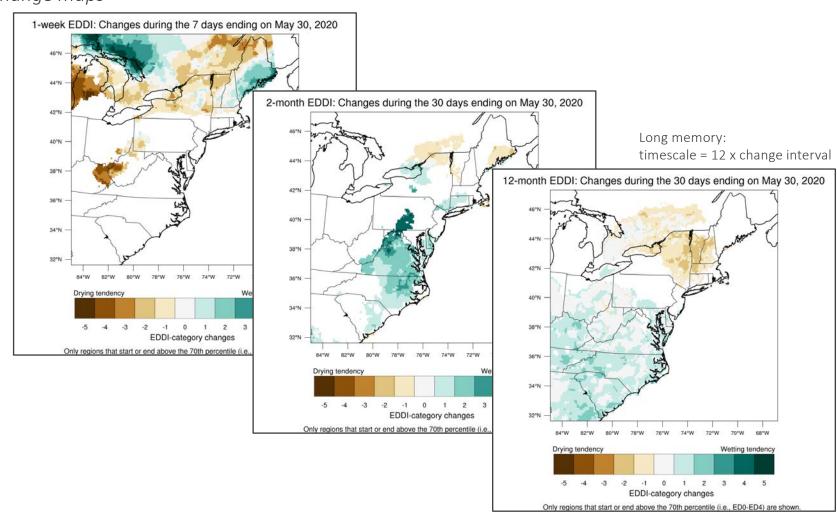


30-day changes in 1-month EDDI



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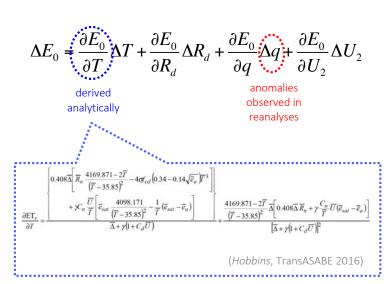
Very dynamic: timescale = change interval



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



T = temperature R_d = solar radiation q = humidity U_2 = wind speed

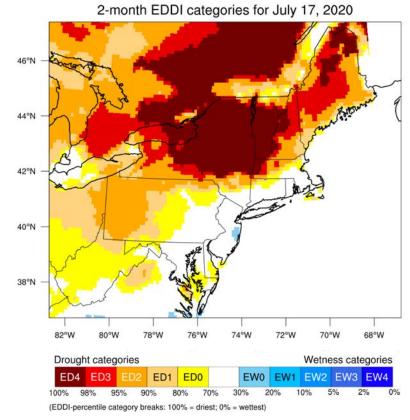
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EDDI across length of drought so far (per US Drought Monitor)

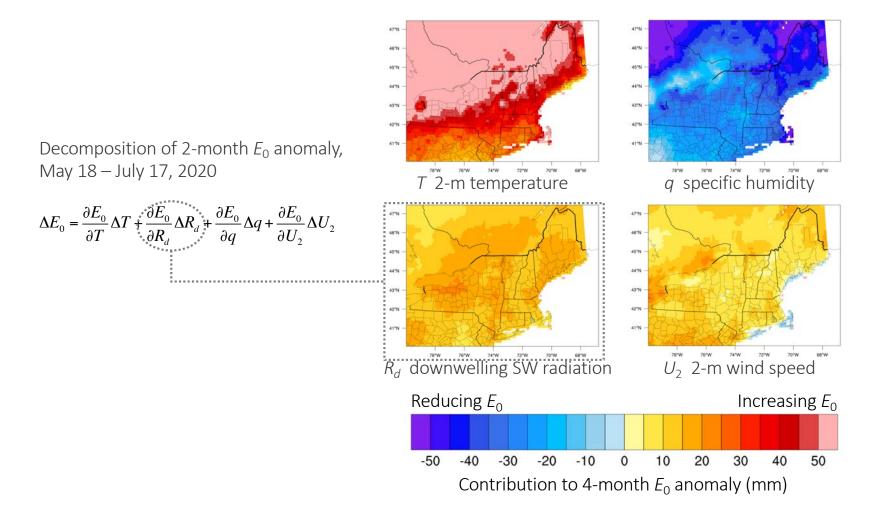
Decomposition of 2-month E_0 anomaly, May 18 – July 17, 2020

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

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Identifying and quantifying triggers, time scales, and tools to support management of different drought types in the Northeastern United States

A NOAA Climate Program Office (CPO) Sectoral Applications Research Program (SARP) funded project

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- Art DeGaetano Cornell University and NOAA-Northeast Regional Climate Center, Ithaca, NY











Coming work | NIDIS-funded project for Northeast DEWS

Project Objectives

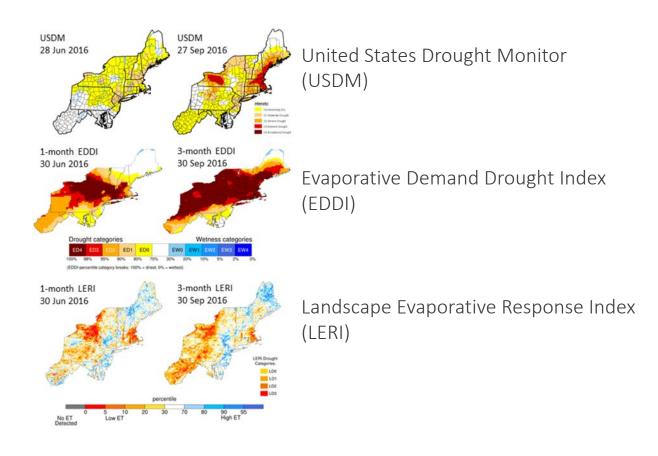
Identify the most effective drought indicators for hydrologic and agricultural drought monitoring in the Northeast DEWS region:

- 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.

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Example indices during 2016 drought



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How is drought information and data used in different sectors?

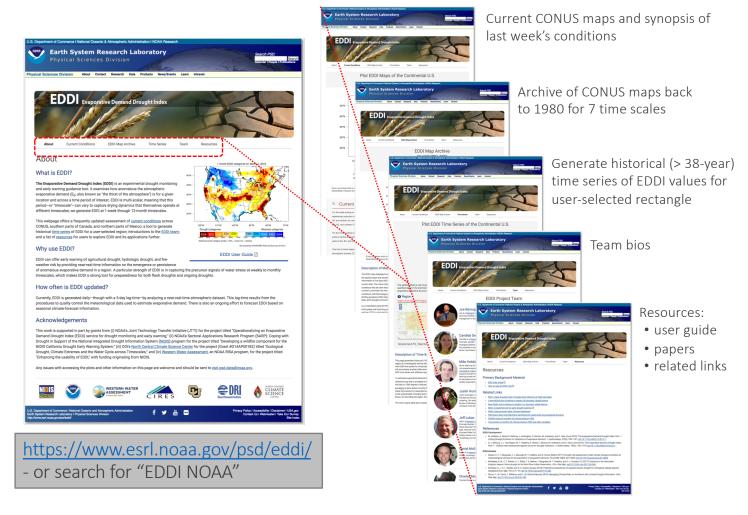
- Agriculture
- Water resources
- City, county, or state drought planning
- Research and academics
- Recreation
- Others?

Questions for project collaborators

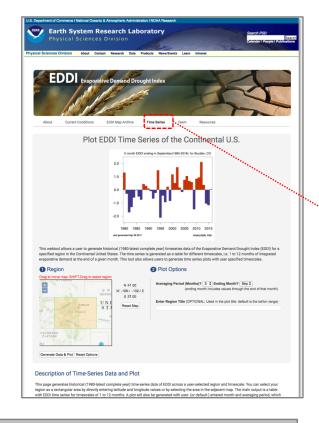
Are there obvious needs for development of new drought information resources?

Are there other people or agencies who might be interested in providing feedback on this project?

Got EDDI? | NOAA webpage

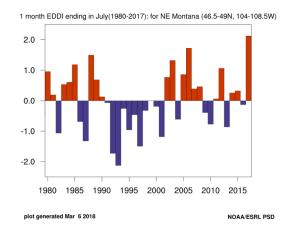


Got EDDI? | NOAA webpage – historical timeseries tool



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

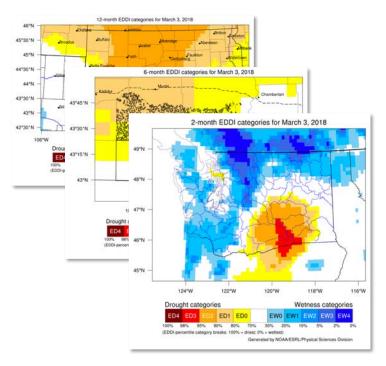


Got EDDI? | NOAA webpage – resources and user guide

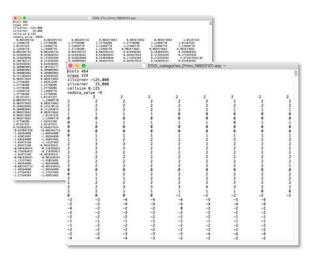


Got EDDI? | Variety of formats

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



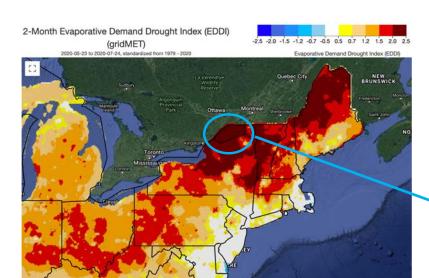
Flat ascii grids of EDDI data: e.g., raw EDDI values, EDDI drought / wetness categories



Coming soon...

...NetCDFs

EDDI in the Cloud | Climate Engine



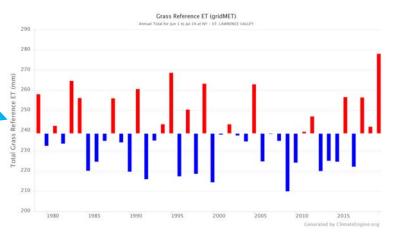
- Interactive maps; zoom to desired region
- Download maps as geotiffs
- Download time series graphs and data

https://app.climateengine.org/climateEngine

 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 - ftp://ftp.cdc.noaa.gov/Projects/EDDI/

EDDI webpage:

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

FTP map and data access for Denver Water:

• ftp://ftp.cdc.noaa.gov/Public/mhobbins/EDDI/DW/

Off-site hosting:

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

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