



*Using AI to predict future climate  
to drive better business decisions*

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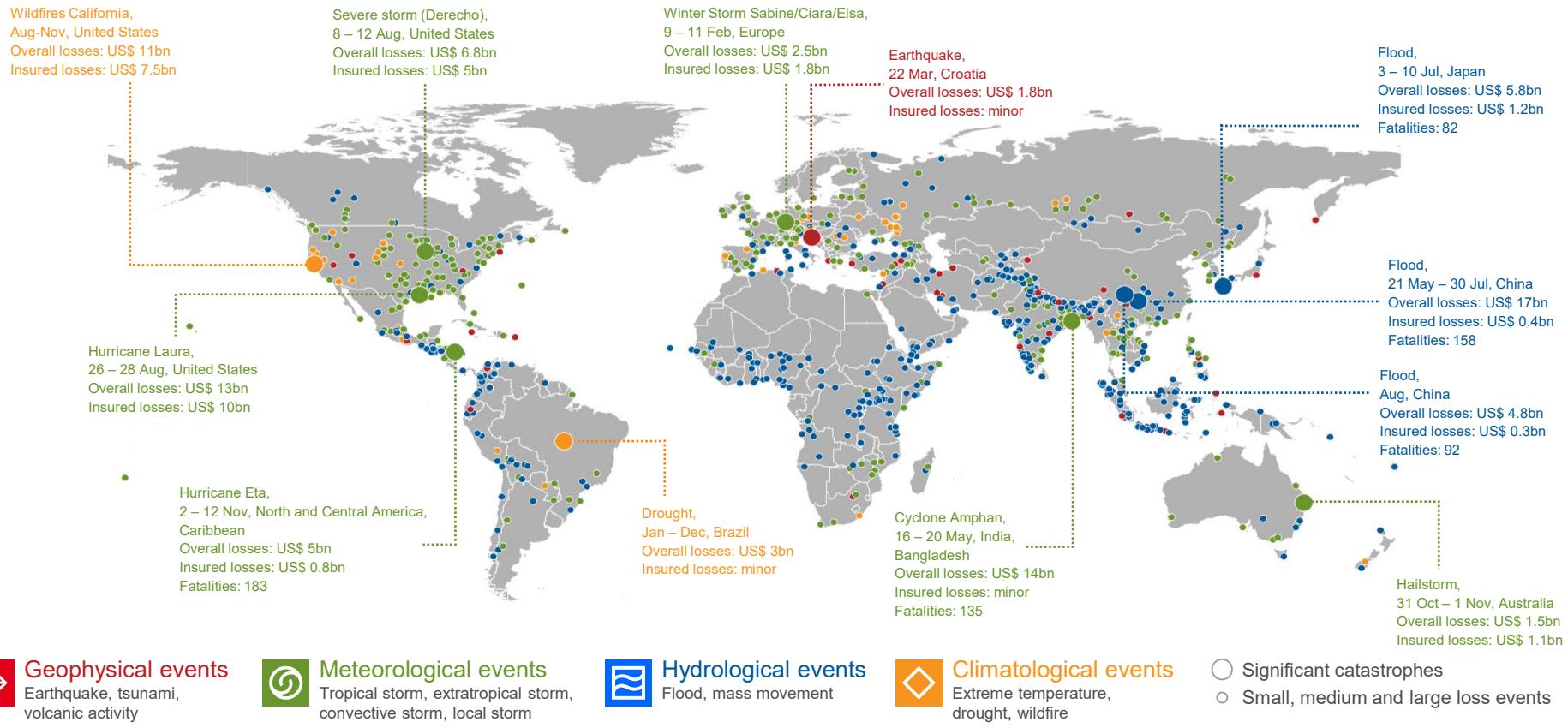


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# Natural Disasters in 2021 cost US\$210 Billions in losses

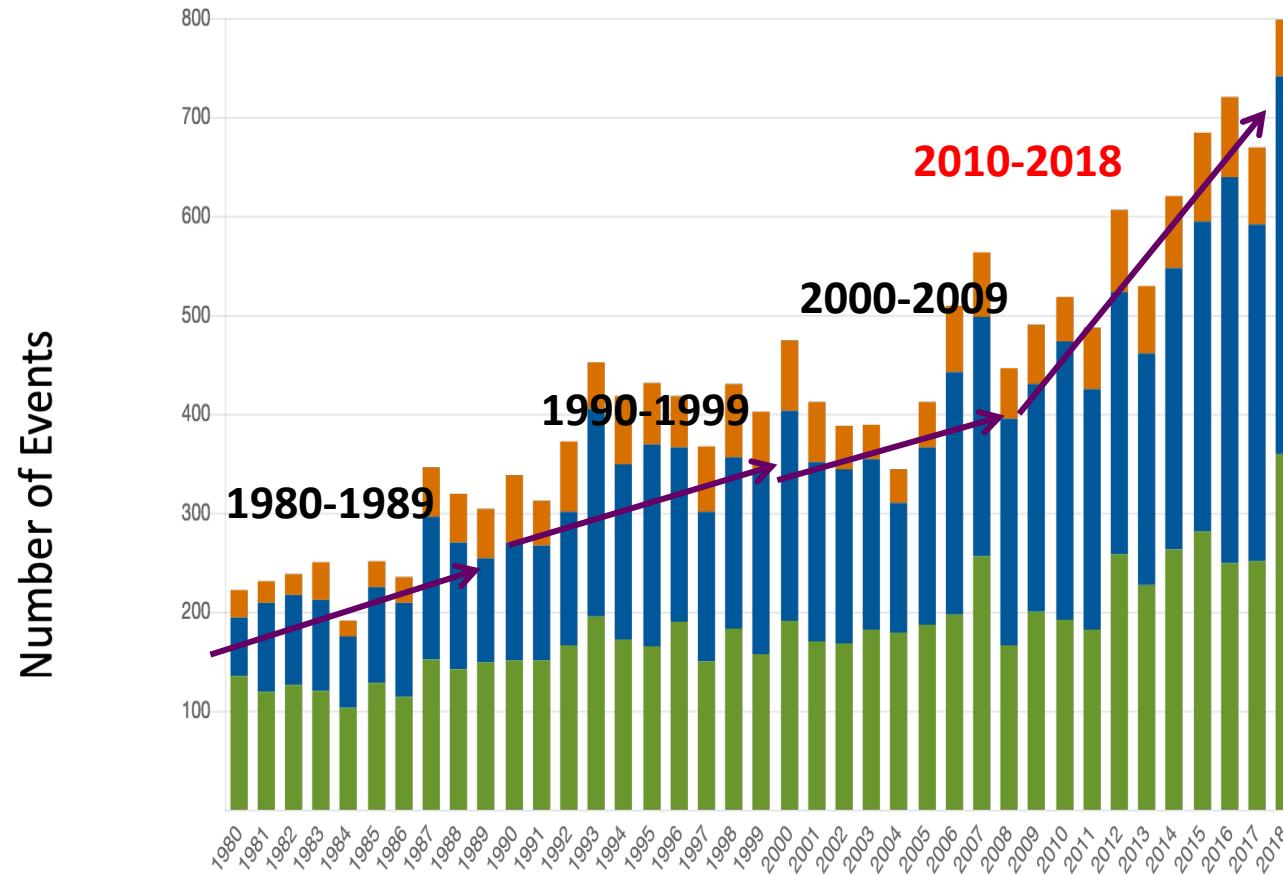
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Natural disasters caused overall losses of US\$ 210bn  
Relevant natural catastrophe loss events worldwide 2020



Source: Munich Re, NatCatSERVICE, 2021

# Rising Weather Driven Loss Events Worldwide 1980-2018



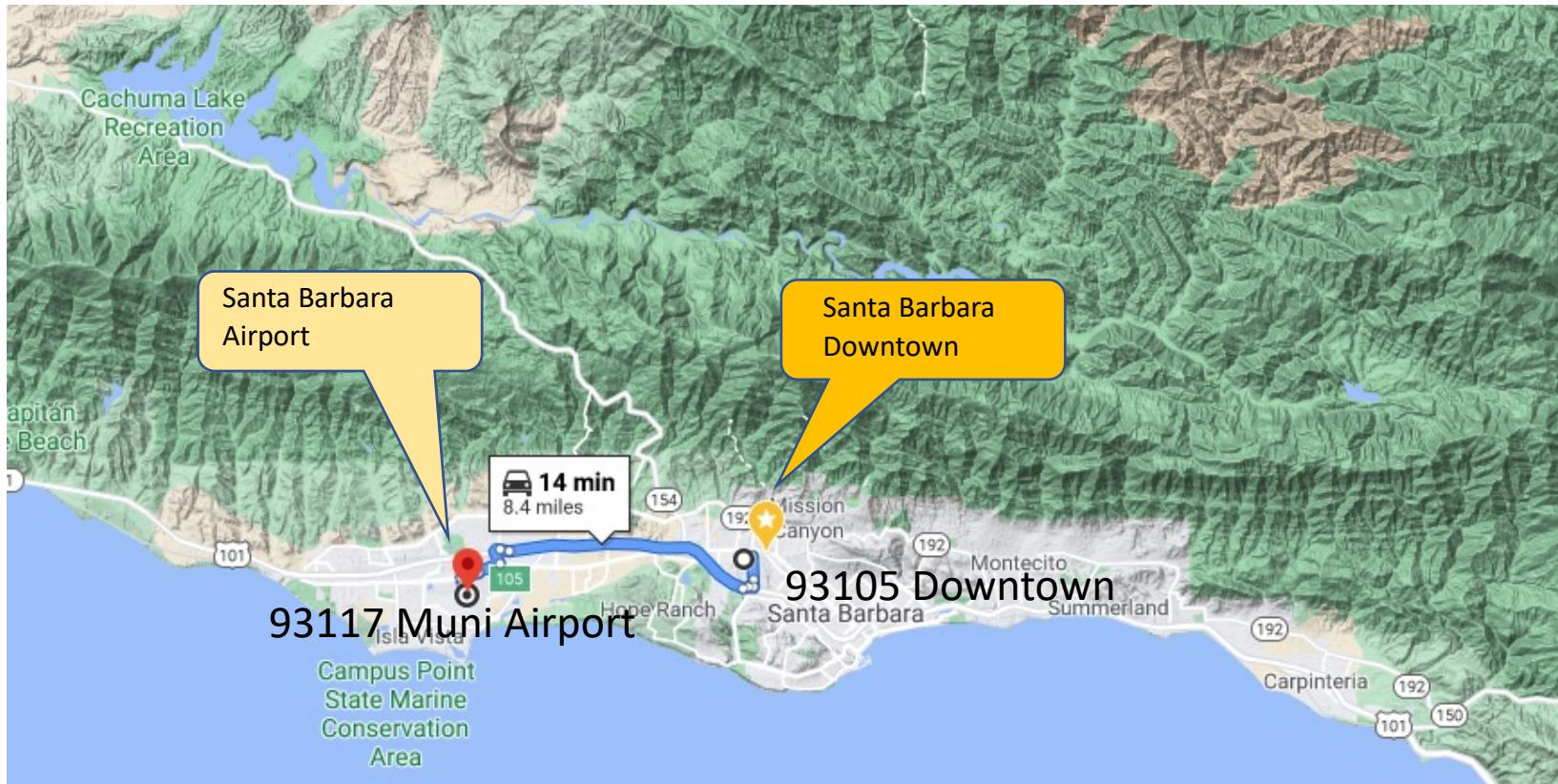
- **Climatological events Losses:** Overall US\$ 677 bn, Insured US\$ 135 bn
- **Hydrological events Losses:** Overall US\$ 1046 bn, Insured US\$ 127 bn
- **Meteorological events Losses:** Overall US\$ 2128 bn, Insured US\$ 964 bn

**Extreme Climate is not a rare possibility but an inevitability !!!**

Source: Munich Re NatCatSERVICE

# What is the Problem we are trying to solve? Say, for Santa Barbara Zipcodes

93105 (Downtown Area) & 93117 (Santa Barbara Municipal Airport Area)



Note the difference in the terrain.  
Downtown – valley  
Airport - coast

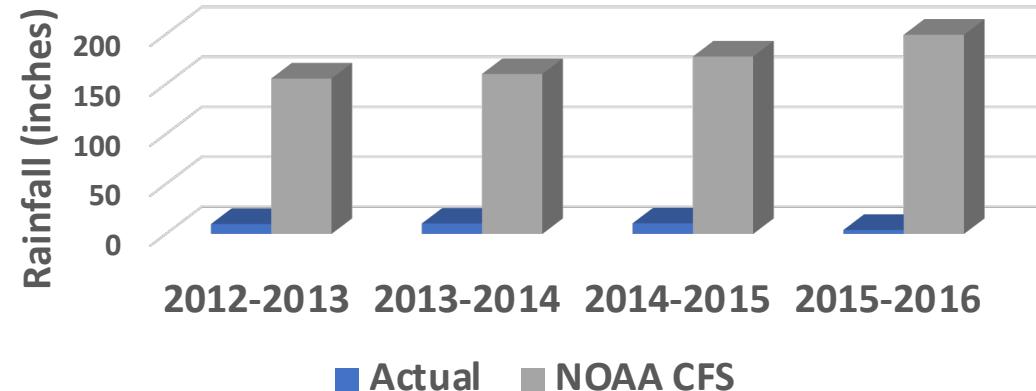
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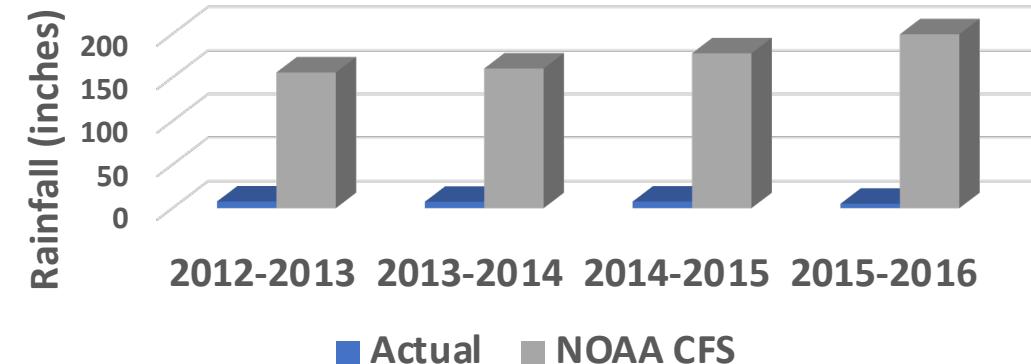
- Spatial resolution of NOAA Climate Forecast Service (CFS) is limited to ~ 30 miles;
- not able to resolve Santa Barbara Airport from Santa Barbara Downtown ~ 8miles apart

**Current climate forecasting is not precise enough to meet needs of risk management**

Total Oct-May Rainfall, Santa Barbara Downtown

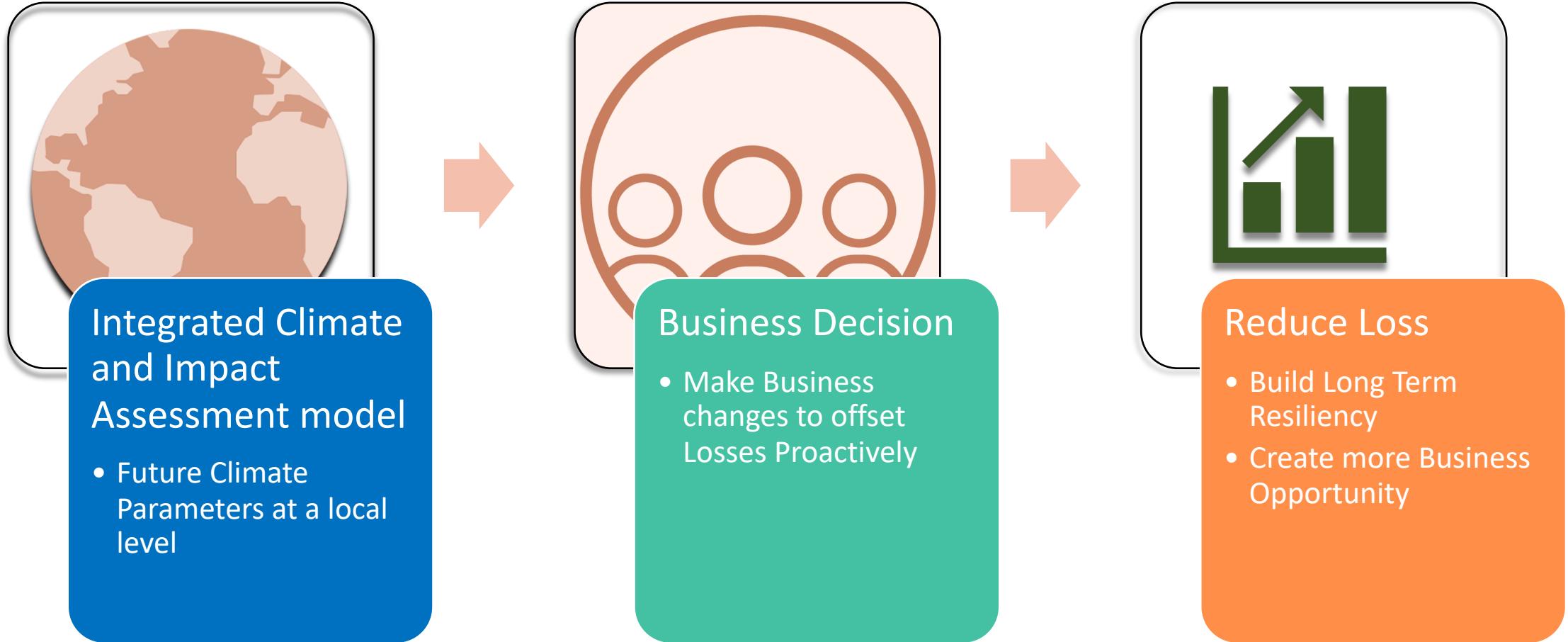


Total Oct-May Rainfall, Santa Barbara Airport



- The rainfall predicted by NOAA CFS forecast is significantly overestimating the **Actual** : ~ 170 inches/season

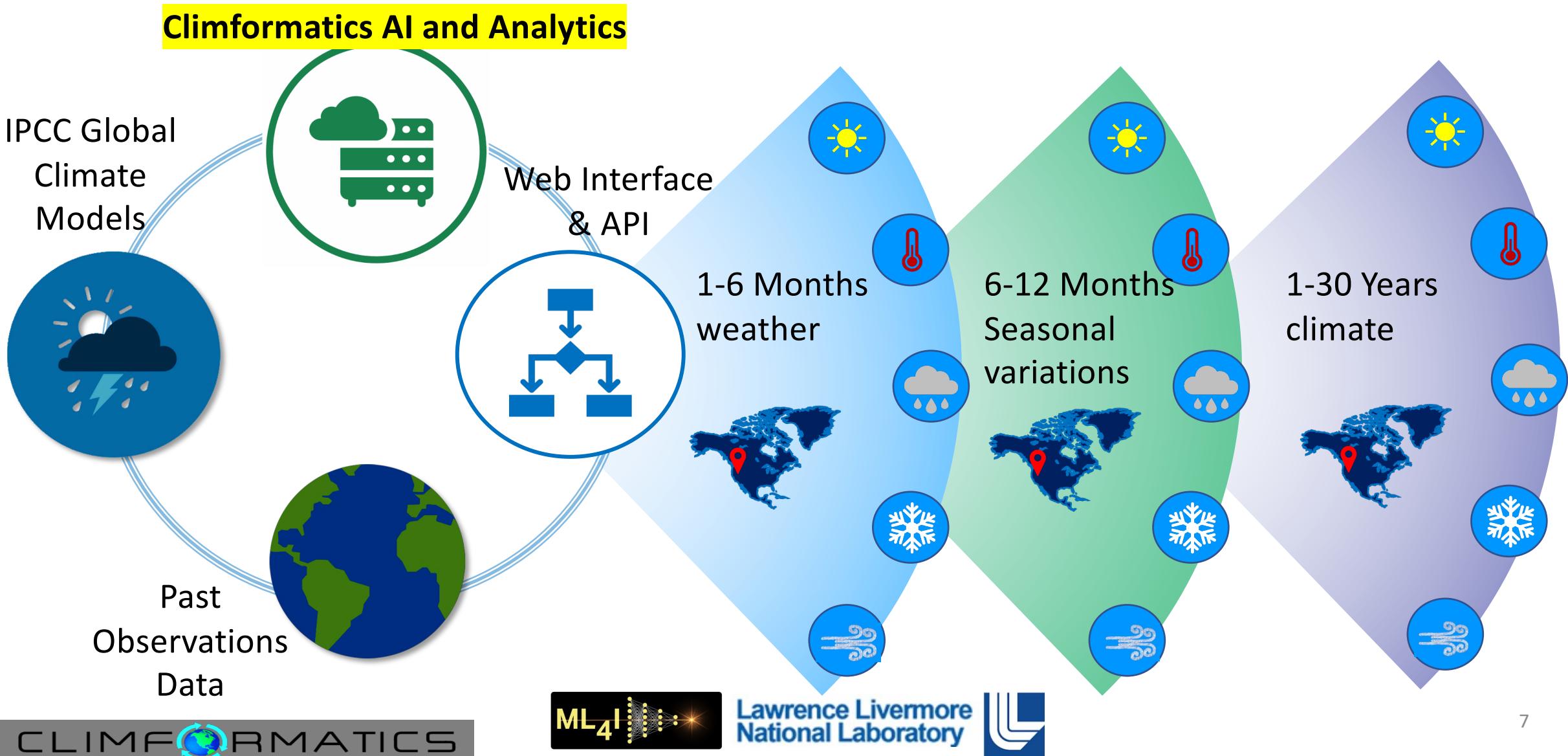
# Solution: Long term weather and climate forecasting



We integrate across climate and weather scales.



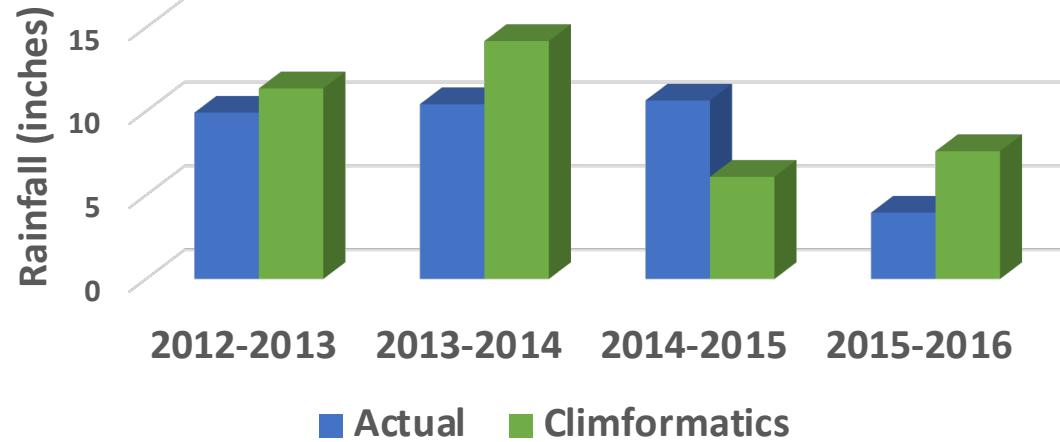
# Predictions for Localized Climate Variables: 1 month to 30 years



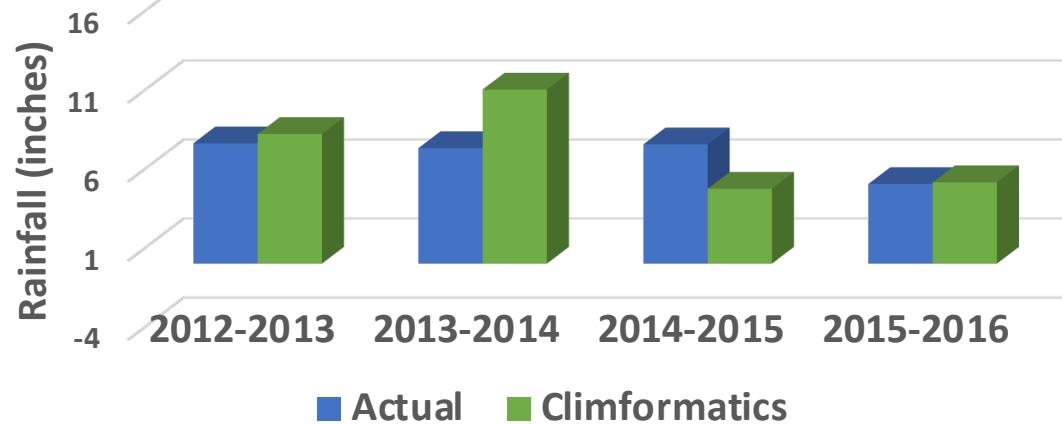
# Dramatic improvements in accuracy and resolution

## Annual to inter-annual

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Total Oct-May Rainfall, Santa Barbara Airport



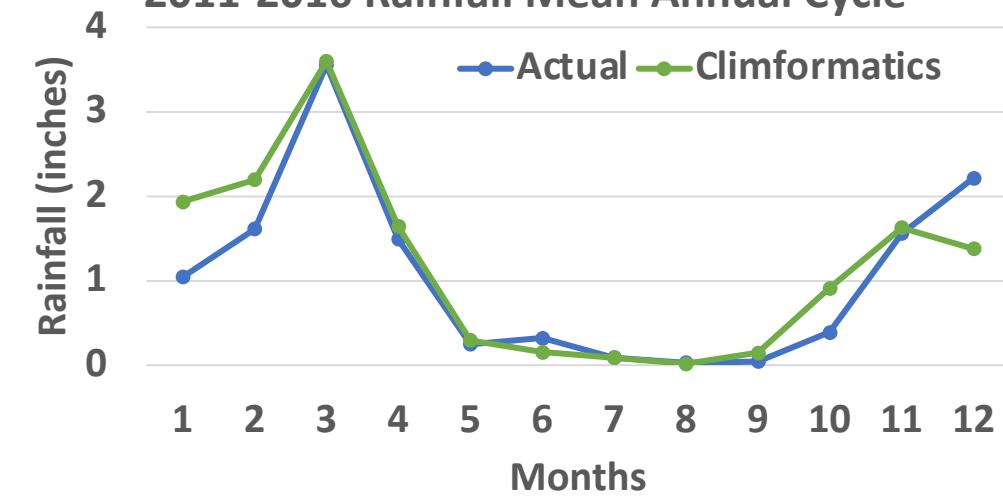
Average Climformatics - Actual difference ~4inches/season



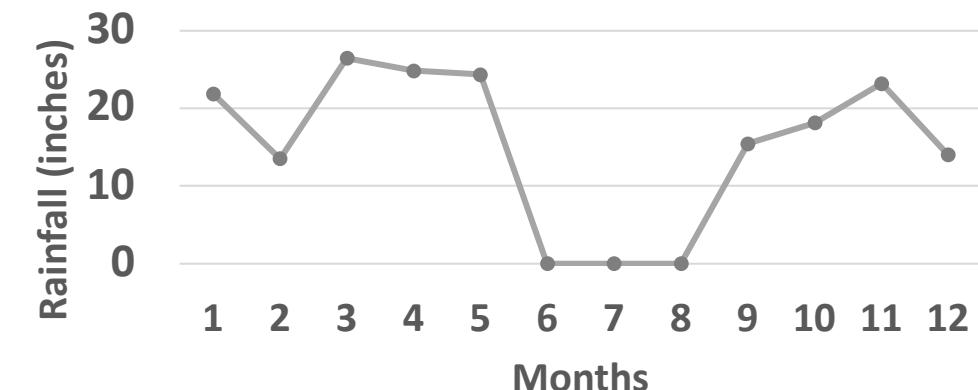
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## Sub-seasonal to Seasonal

2011-2016 Rainfall Mean Annual Cycle



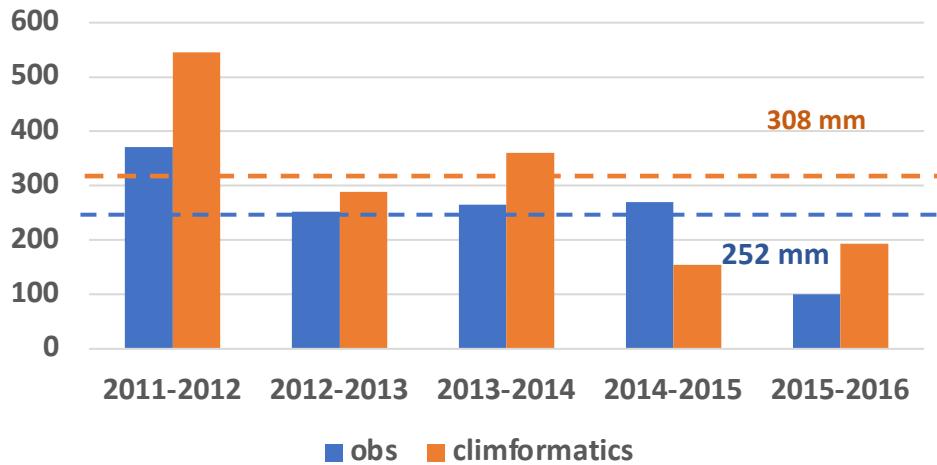
NOAA CFS



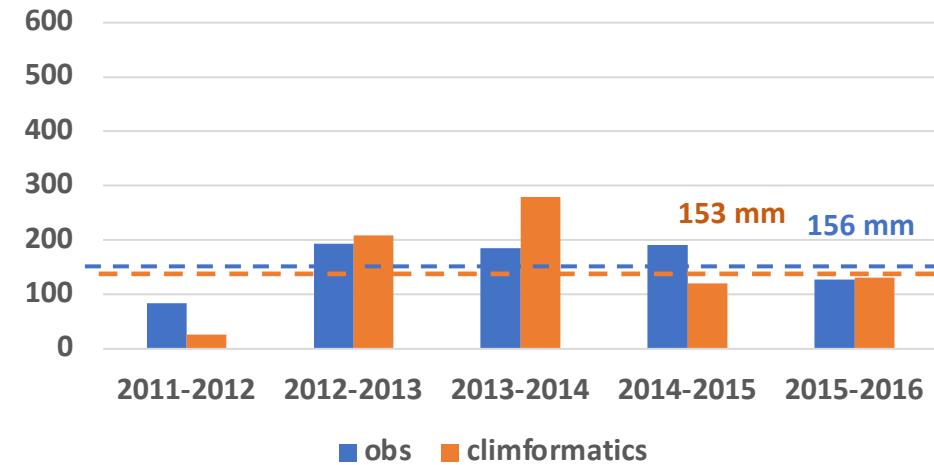
Climformatics tools enable  
a new level of accuracy in  
“near term” rainfall forecasting

# Oct-May Rain Season Total: Climformatics, NOAA, Observations

Total Rainfall (mm) Oct-May Downtown 93105

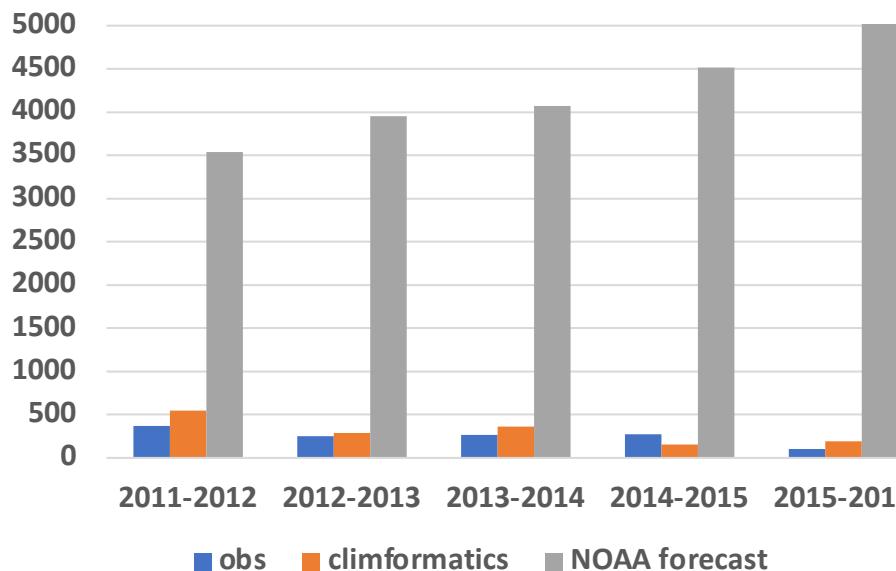


Total Rainfall (mm) Oct-May Airport 93117

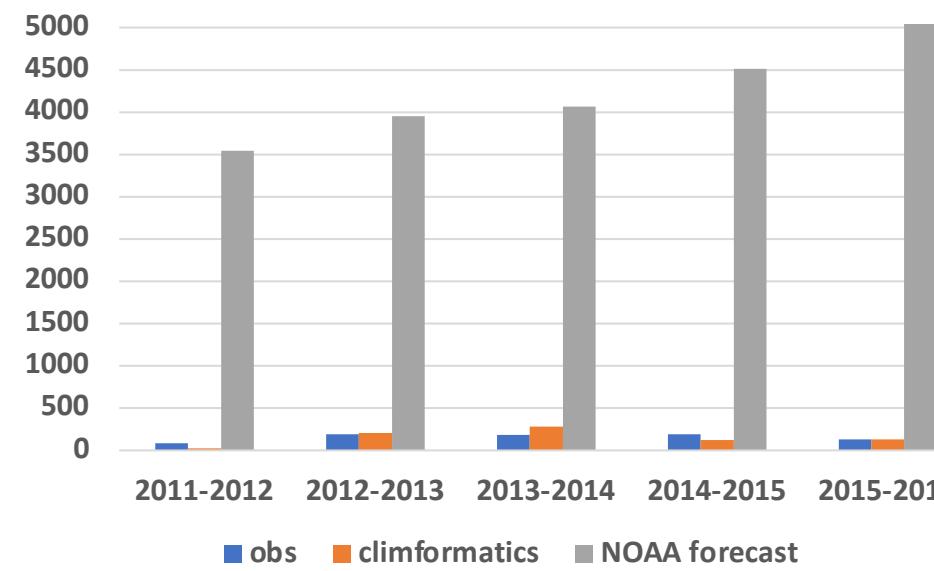


Climformatics predictions follow the observed rainfall in both locations (5 year annual means shown in dashed lines).

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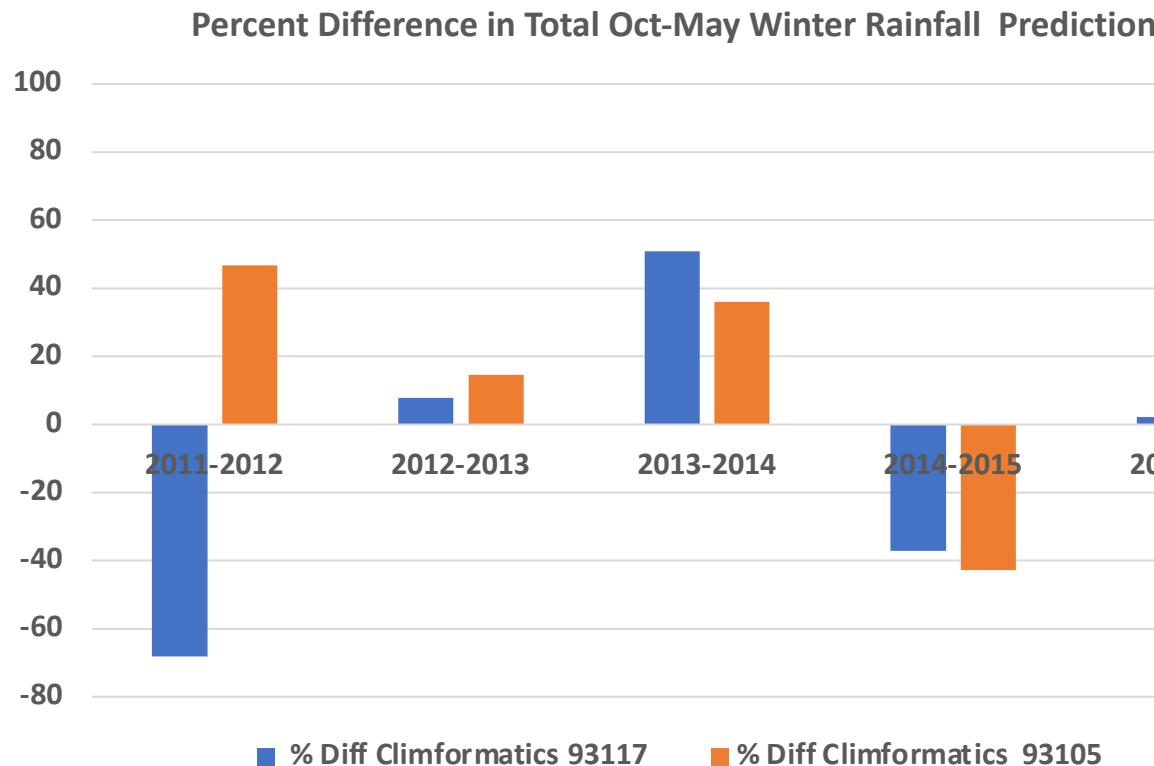


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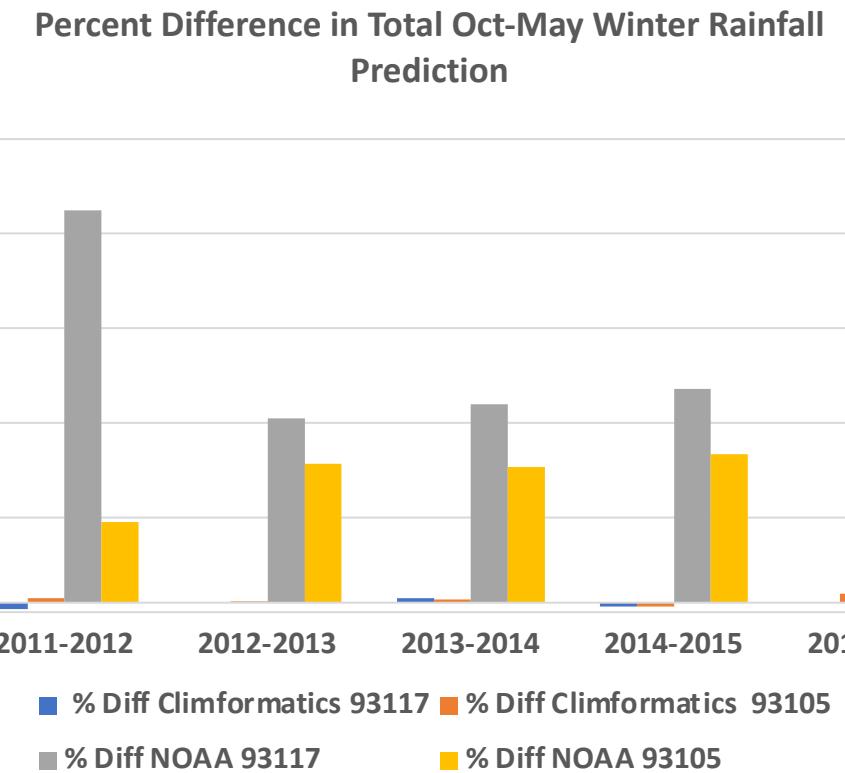


NOAA predictions do not follow the observed rainfall and they are the same for both locations. Poor spatial resolutions.

# Summary: Prediction Accuracies of Climformatics & NOAA



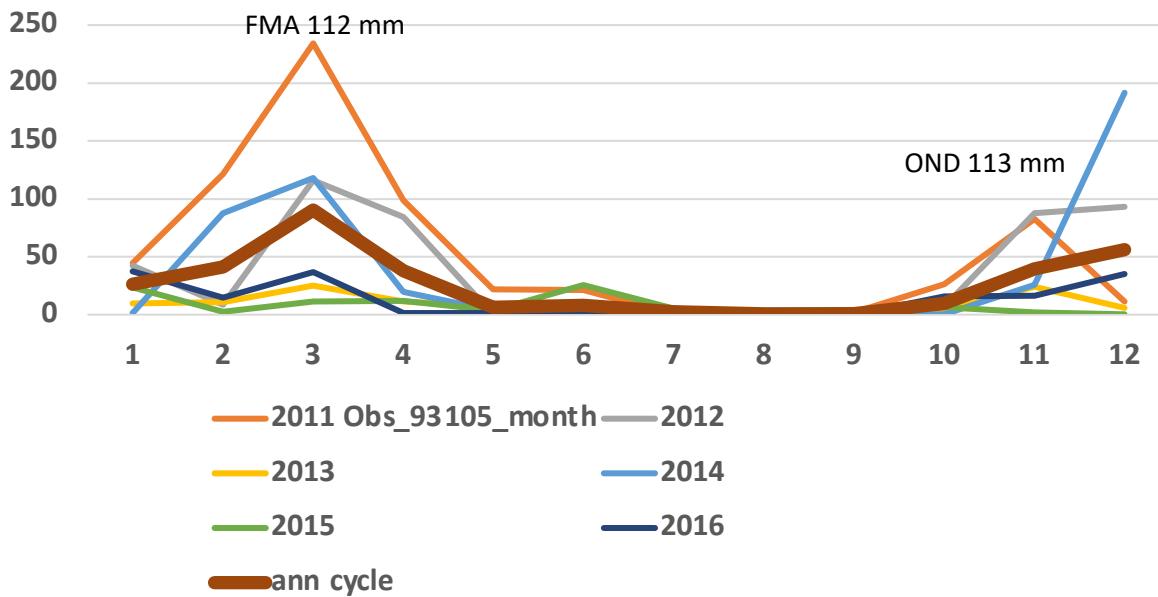
For zipcode locations in Santa Barbara 93105, 93117, percentage difference in **Climformatics prediction** with respect to observations **are within +/- 100%**



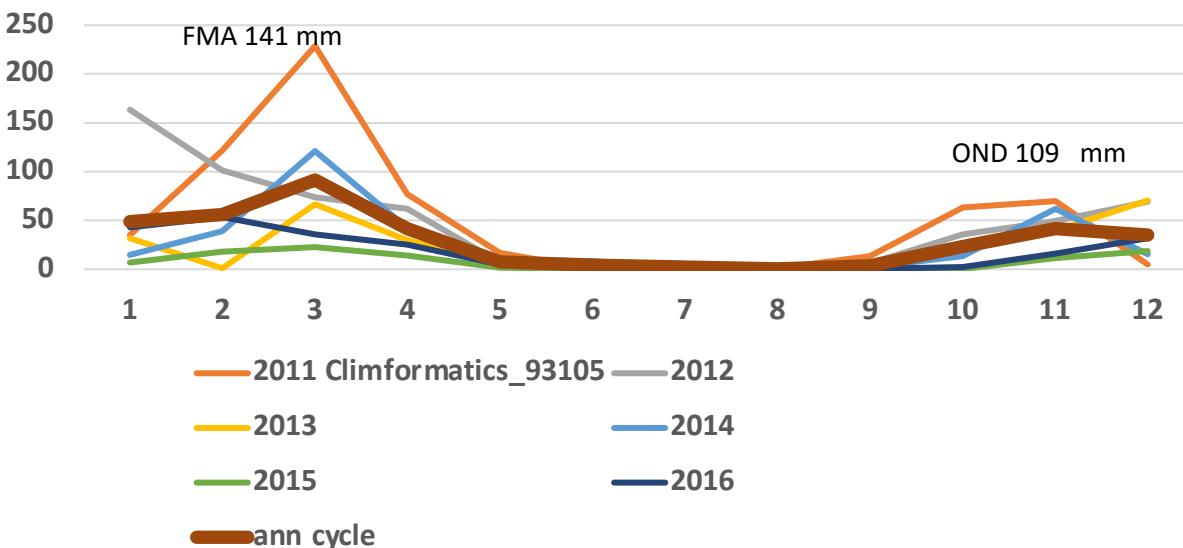
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# Climformatics & NOAA Predicted Rainfall Annual Cycle for Santa Barbara 93105

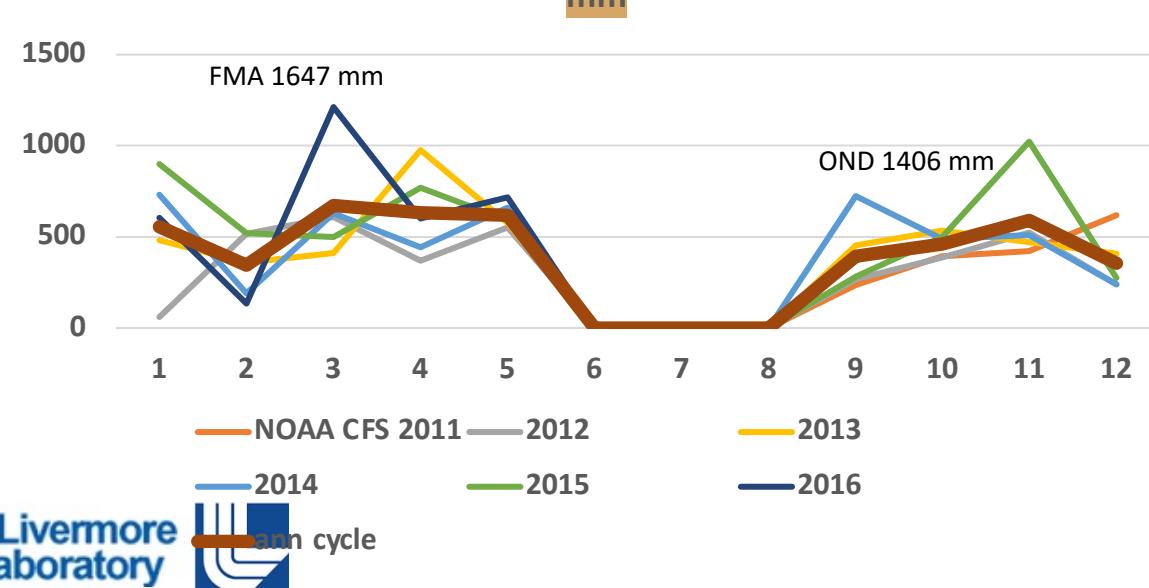
Santa Barbara 93105 Observed Annual Cycle Rainfall mm



Santa Barbara 93105 Climformatics Predicted Rainfall Annual Cycle (mm)



Santa Barbara 93105 NOAA Forecast Annual Cycle Rainfall mm



- Two rainfall peaks in SB 93105 5 year climatology, in Nov and Feb seen in observations
- Climformatics Predictions capture the two peaks in observations (with 26 % and 4 % accuracy respectively)
- NOAA forecasts show continuous rainfall over the seasons, and do not show distinct peaks (1369% and 1139% accuracy respectively for OND and FMA)

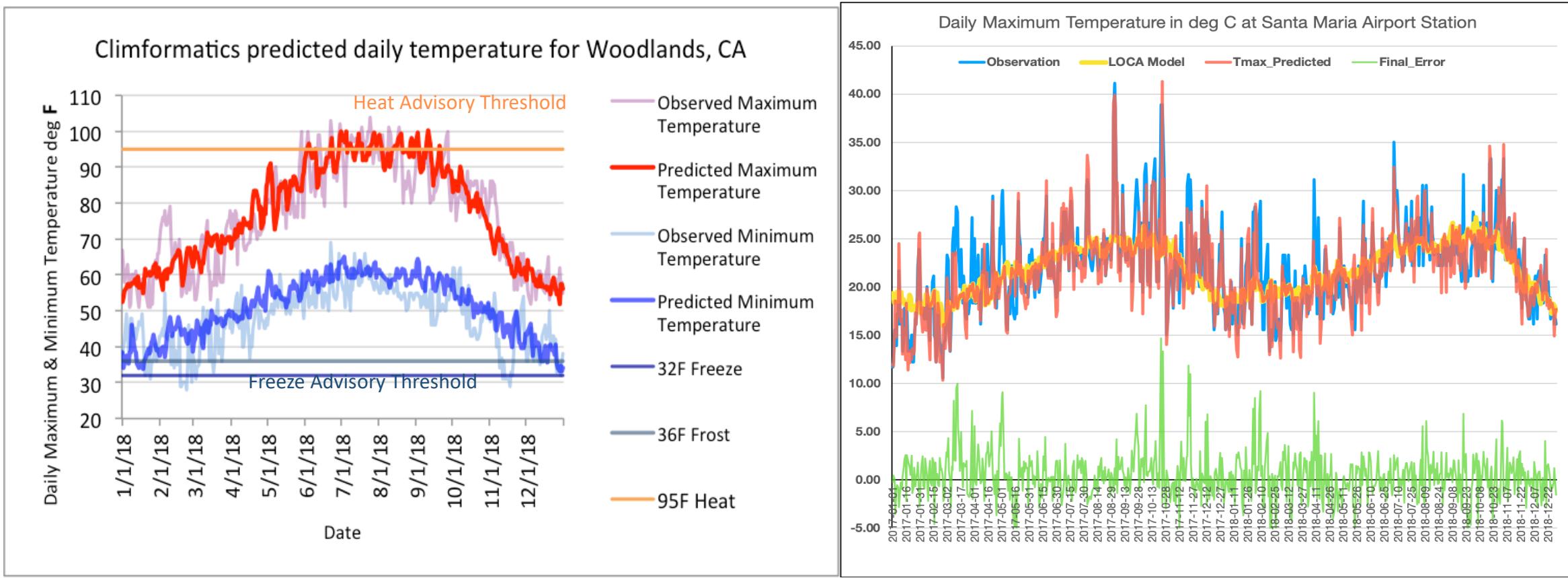
Note the difference in shape of annual cycle curves and scale between Climformatics and NOAA



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# Validation: we are as accurate as the daily forecast! – but one year out



2018 daily max & min temp Predictions for Woodland

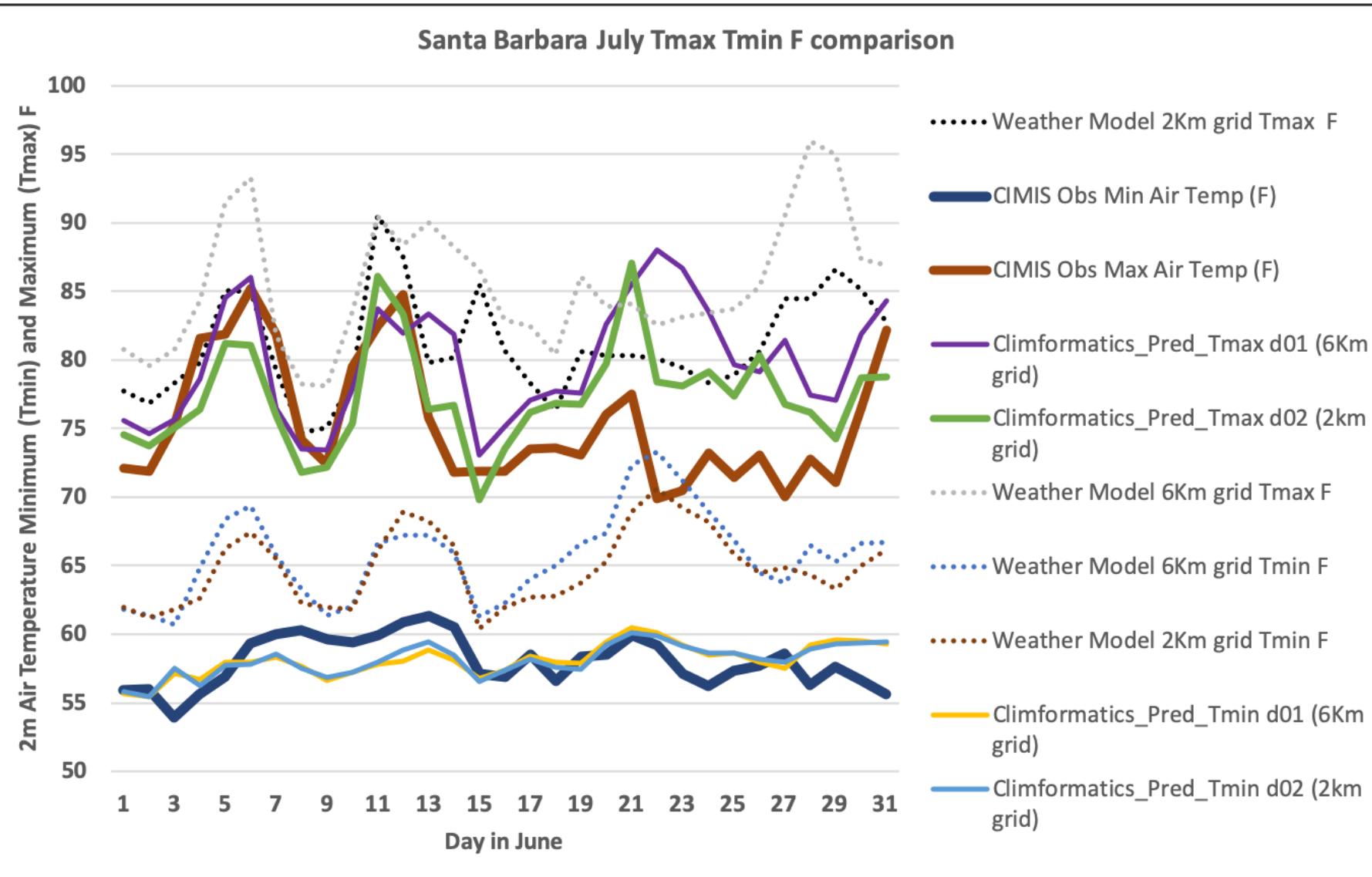
Weather forecasts → 7-10 days ahead.

Climformatics daily predictions made one year ahead  
enables long range decision making.

2017 & 2018 daily max temp Predictions for Santa Maria, CA

Climformatics monthly prediction validation for 300  
zipcodes in California available at  
<http://35.164.143.67/index.html>

# 2020 Daily Max and Min Temperature Predictions



Testing location: Santa Barbara

For the month of July 2020, we ran the state – of-the-art WRF (Weather Research Forecasting) model at two spatial resolutions of 6 km and 2 km resolution.

The predictions show that **Climformatics** predictions are more accurate than the state of art WRF

# Fire Weather Prediction Validation

Four Zipcode Locations Nearest to Where Wildfire Occurred in 2016  
for which Climformatics prediction data exists

1. Chimney Fire, San Luis Obispo County, 93451
2. Canyon Fire, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, 93437
3. Soberanes Fire, Monterey County 93920
4. Sand Fire, Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County 91342

Source: <https://glff.mesowest.org/tools/fwii/>

Climformatics climate predictions are fed into the above tool to predict the fire weather indices

## Build -Up Index – BUI

This index shows how much fuel is available for combustion.

### Fire Weather index - FWI

BUI, wind, initial spread intensity is combined to obtain a numerical rating of fire intensity - the Fire Weather Index.

Source: <http://www.pogoda-niesiolowice.kaszuby.pl/fwii/fwistronaen.html>

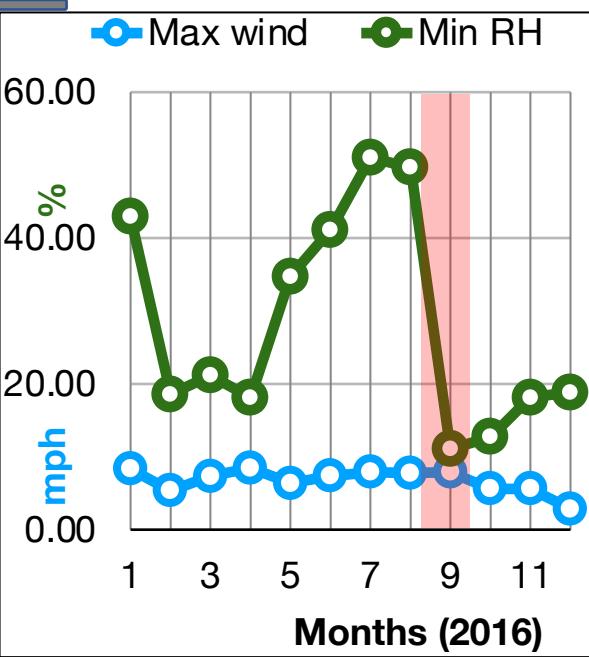
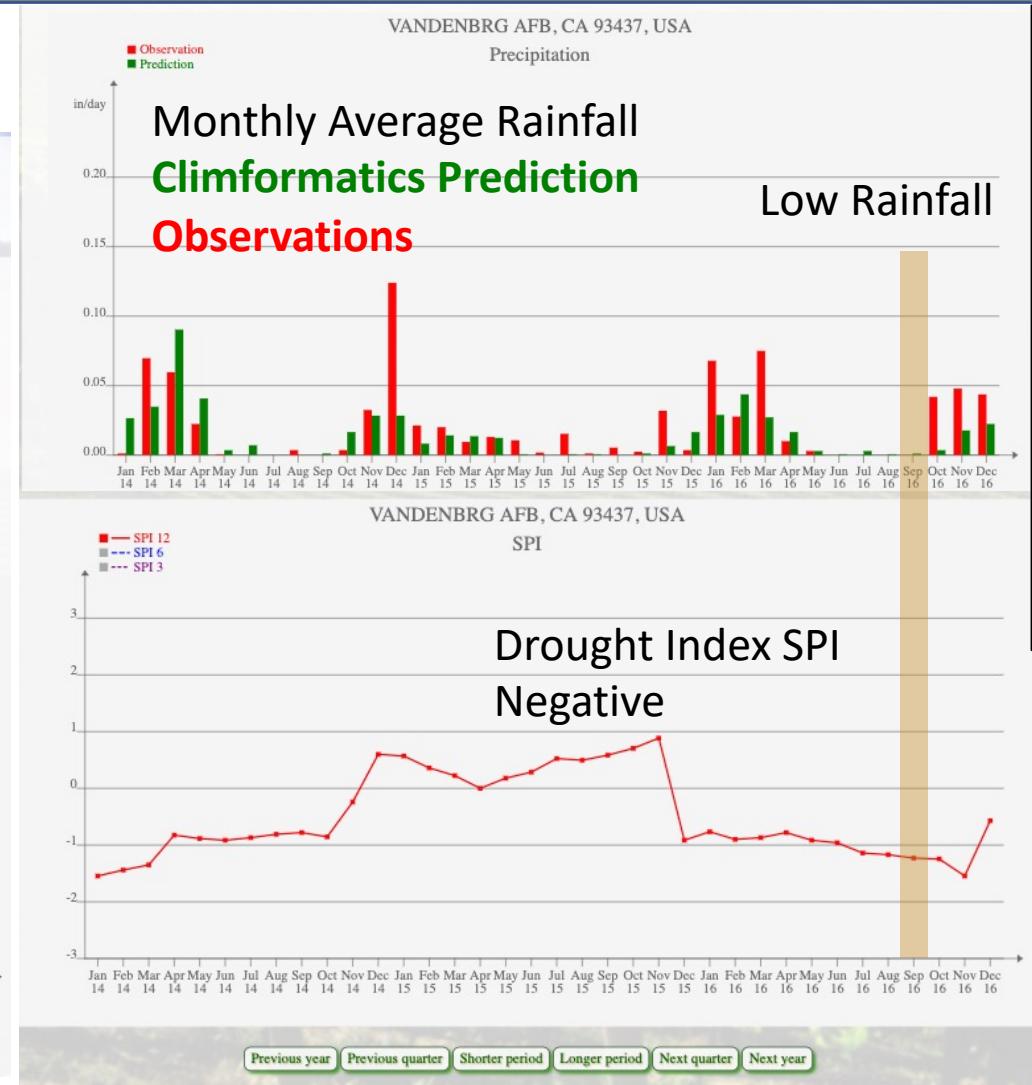
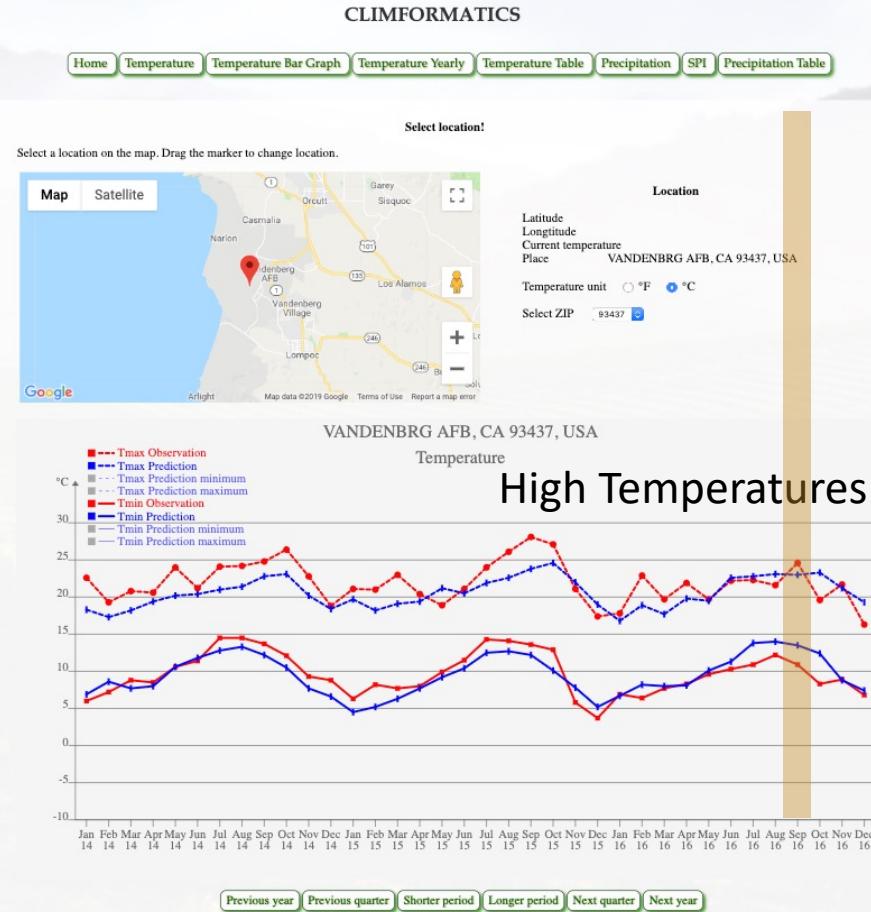
Index	Low	Moderate	High	Very High	Extreme
BUI	0-19	19-34	34-54	54-77	77+
FWI	0-5	5-14	14-21	21-33	33+



# Climformatics prediction for Canyon Fire zipcode for 2014-2016

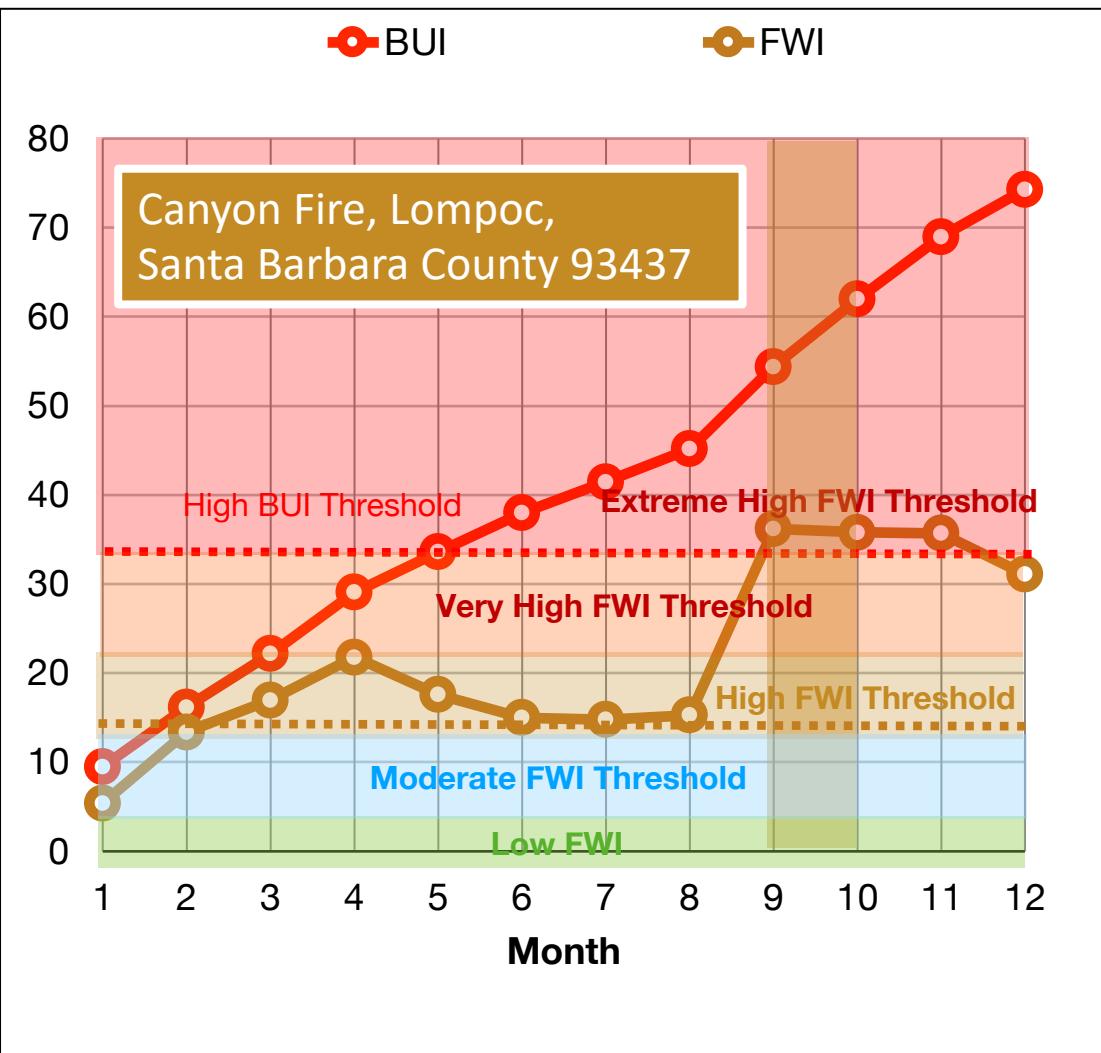
## Max & Min Monthly Temperatures.

Climformatics Prediction Observations



**Extreme weather:** High temperatures, Low rainfall & humidity, high winds, successive drought conditions lead to 2016 Canyon Fire

# 2016 Fire Weather Index Hindcast Prediction



## Canyon Fire: (Vandenberg Airforce Base)

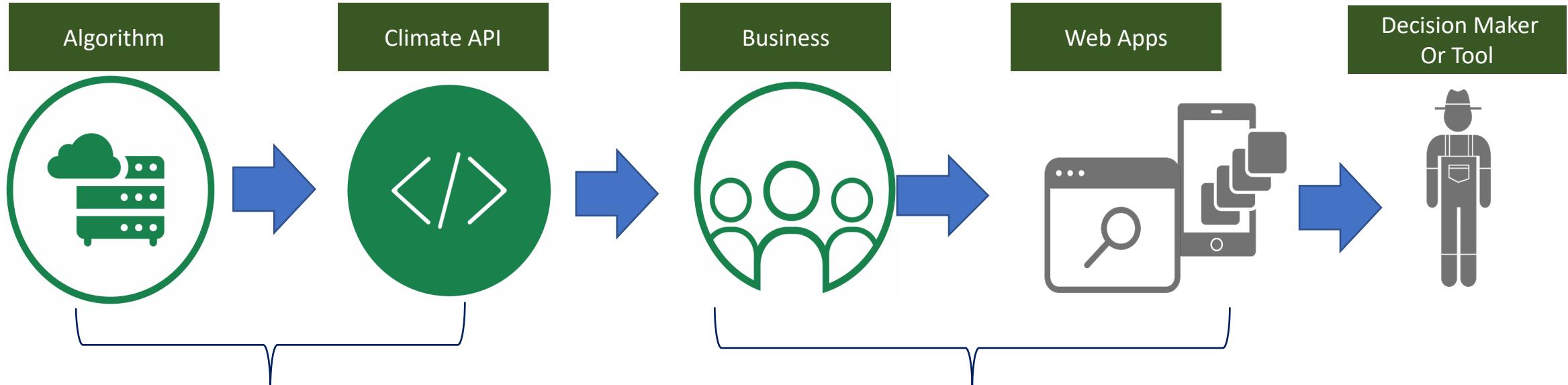
Cost	\$12 million
Fire Duration	September 17 -- September 24, 2016
Burned area	12,742 acres (51.6 km <sup>2</sup> )
Fatalities	1

Co-occurrence of high BUI and extreme high FWI conditions during September of 2016 (predicted by Climformatics) may have caused the Canyon Fire.

# Enterprise Solution Deployment



We are an IBM  
Business Partner



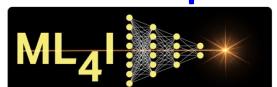
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Solutions can be easily integrated with Business Intelligence/Risk Management Tool

Improve operational logistics, catastrophe risk assessment, mitigation and adaptation plans. It can be used to evaluate impact of climate restoration technologies.

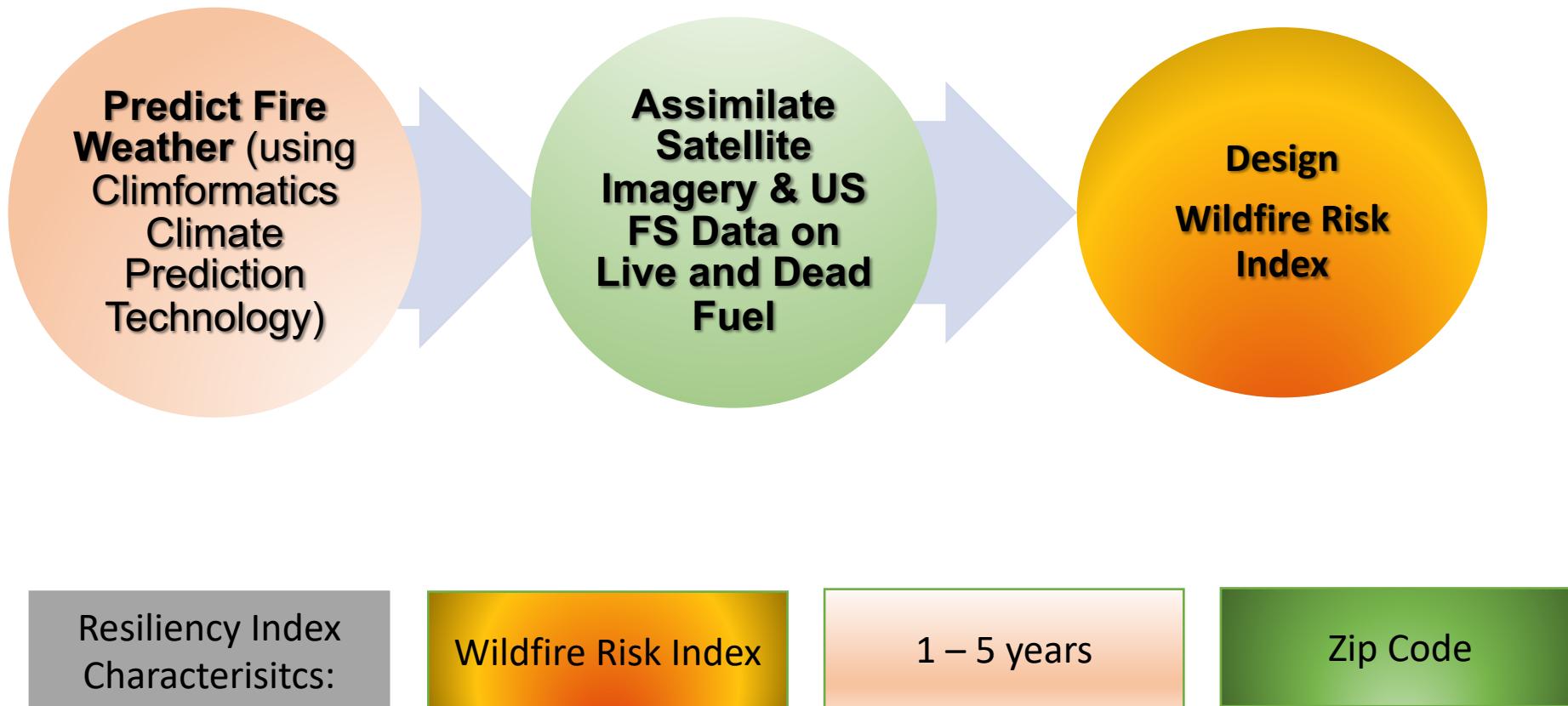
Technology can be easily scaled up for global locations, regional and hyper-local resolutions to forecast **extreme weather events** like floods, droughts and wildfires

Climformatics API to disseminate product portfolio for use of Decision makers and Tools



# WildFire Resiliency Index Design for Home Insurance

*Climformatics is a Member of SVIA's Insurance Innovation Consortium Extreme Weather Group Working on PoC Home-Saftey Calculator*



# Thank You

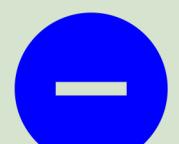
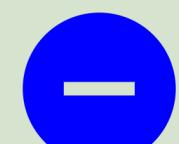
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At Climformatics we are building a tool to predict future climate at any custom location for any future timescale (daily, seasonal to years ahead).

- Climformatics was 2014 finalist at  for western US region
- Climformatics is a semifinalist at global  sustainable cities 2021 competition
- Climformatics is now a member of  UN Disaster Risk Resiliency US Chapter

*Our massive transformational purpose is to help humanity prepare for the inescapable impact of climate change.*

# Our Competition

Customer Attributes	CLIMFORMATICS			 The Weather Company	
Forecast modeling type	dynamic & AI	dynamic	statistical	statistical	statistical
Spatial Accuracy	2-4km	~100km	point locations	250m	Zip code, point locations
Sub-seasonal forecast	Daily, Monthly	Monthly	Daily, Weekly, Monthly	Weather (1-15days)	Weather (1-15days)
Forecast Lead Time	1 year	9 months	11 months	5-7 months	3 months
Seasonal (3 months) to Long-term (>3 months – 30 years)					
Custom Climate Modeling (future projections, microclimate)					

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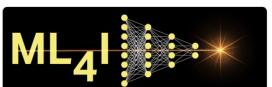
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Need to hire:  
Software & Web developers  
Marketing & Sales



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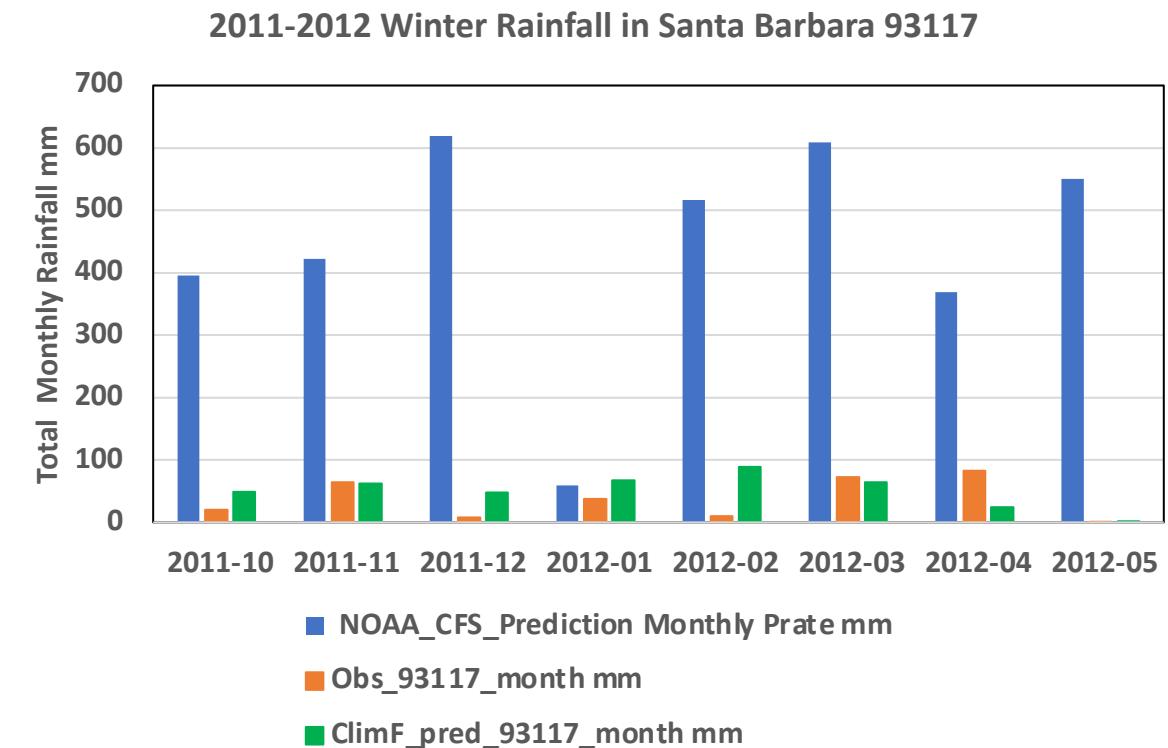
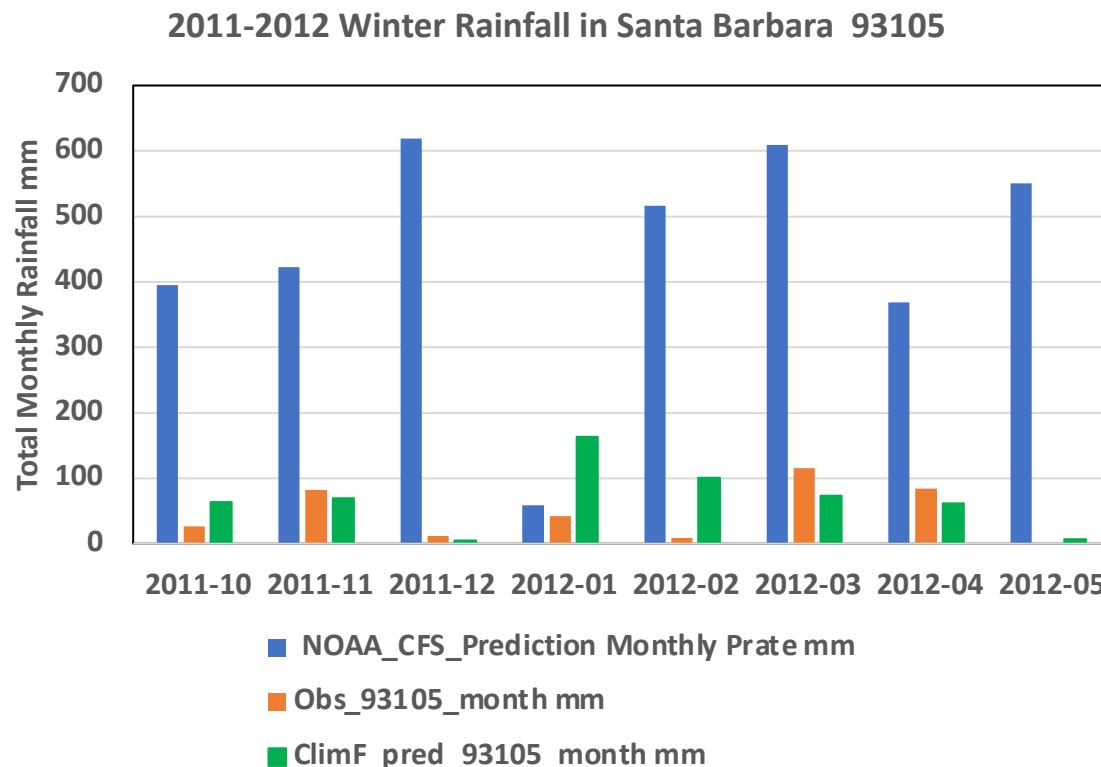
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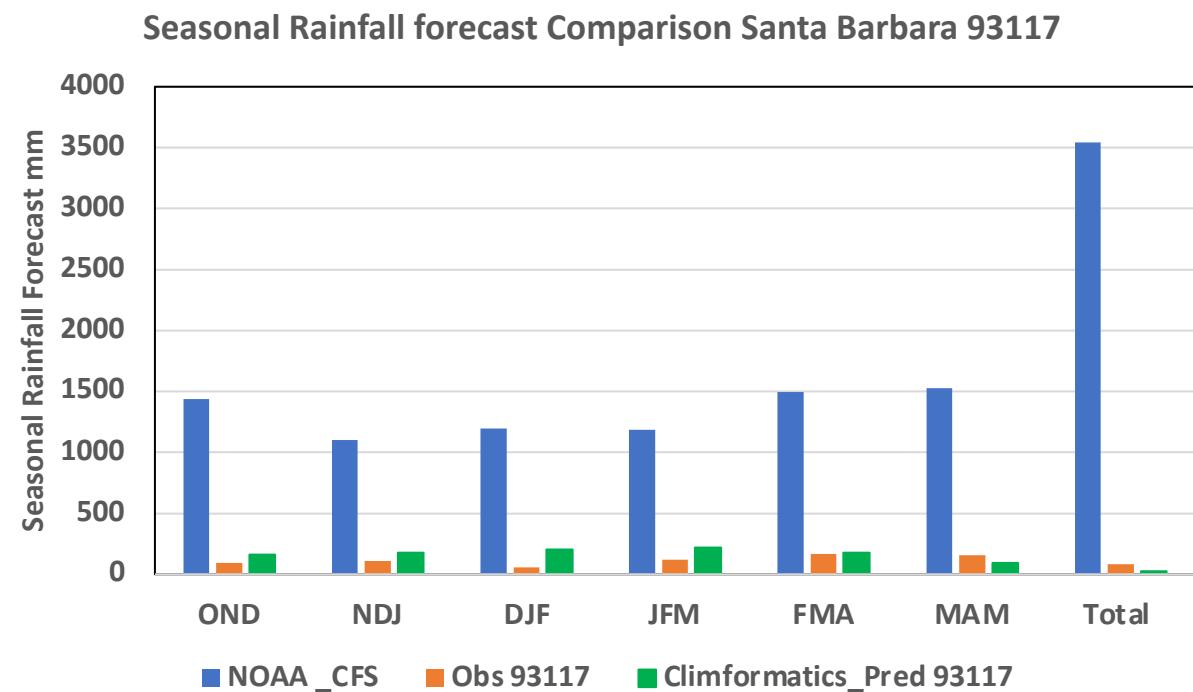
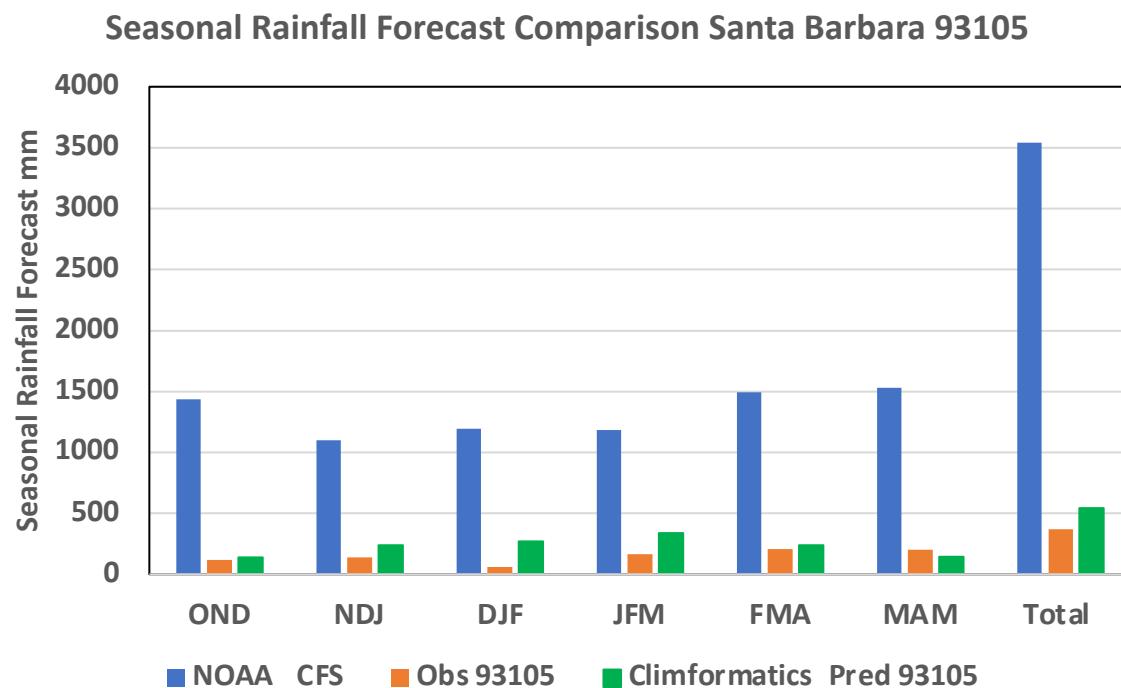
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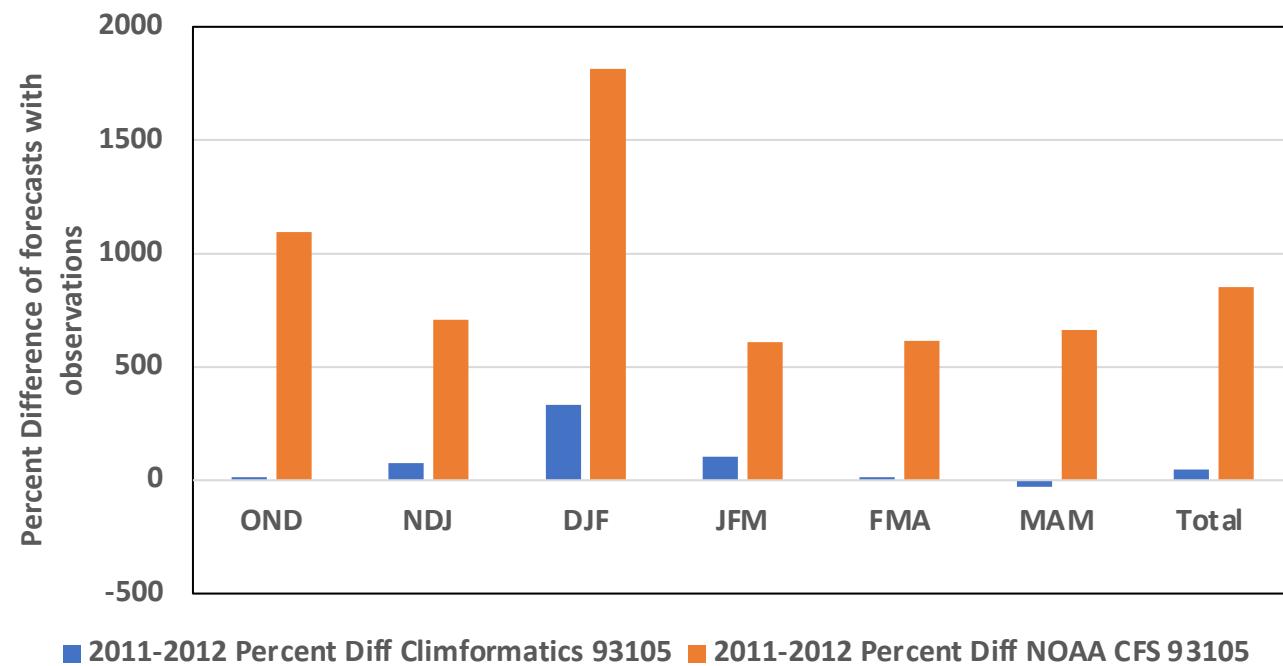


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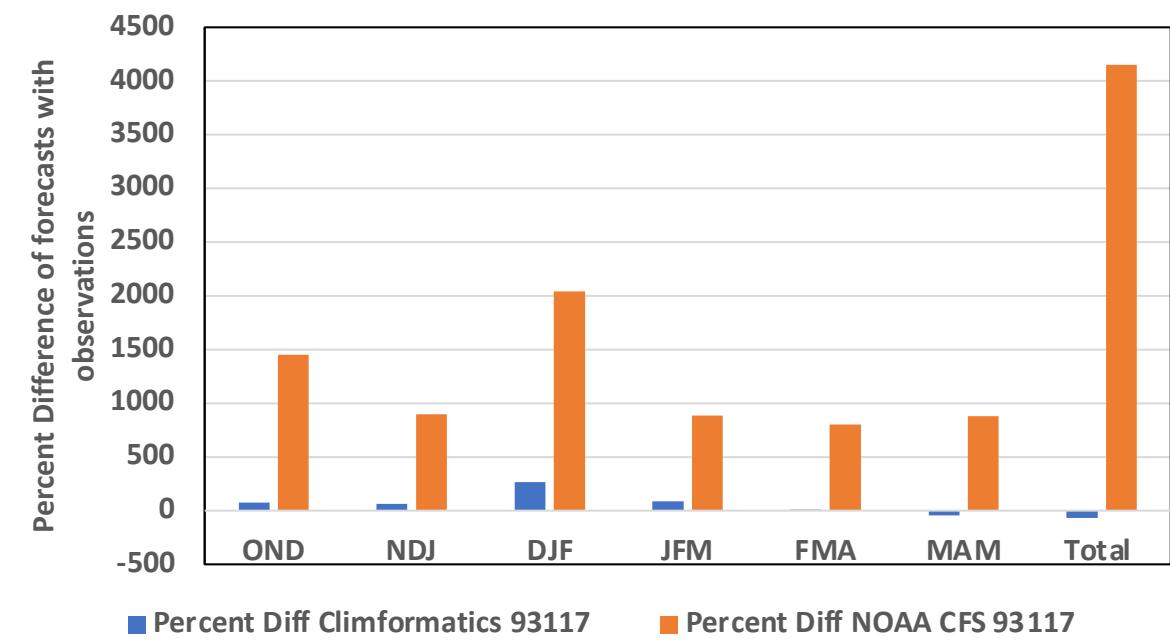


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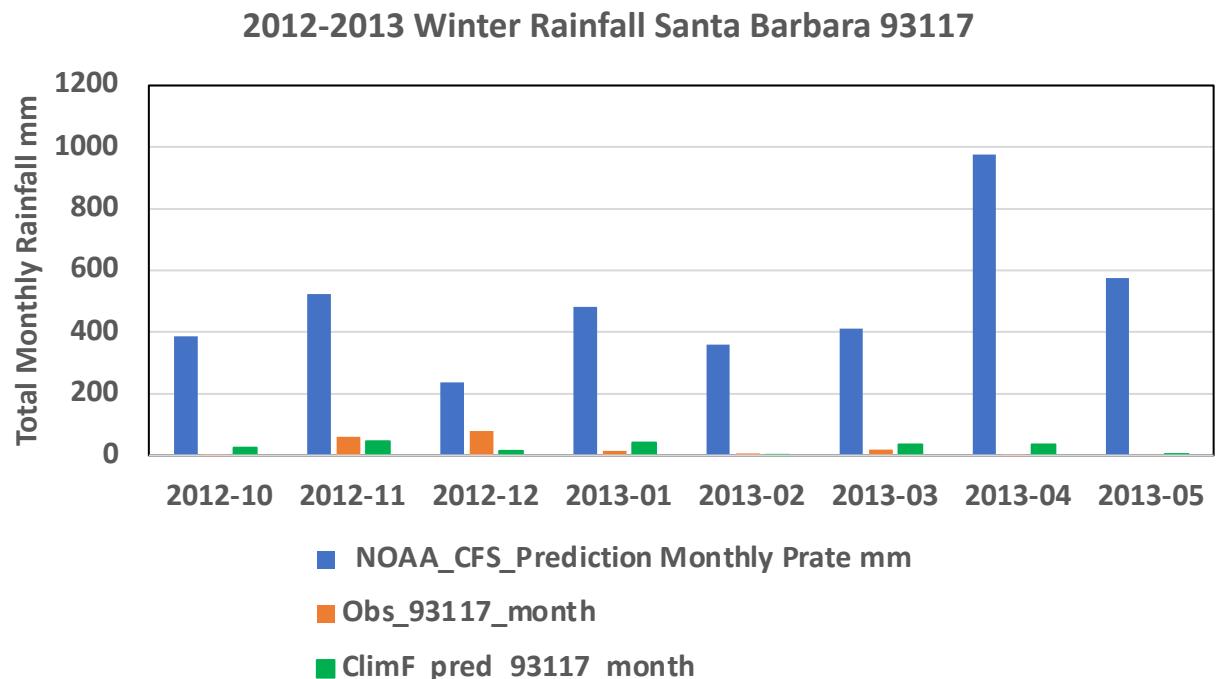
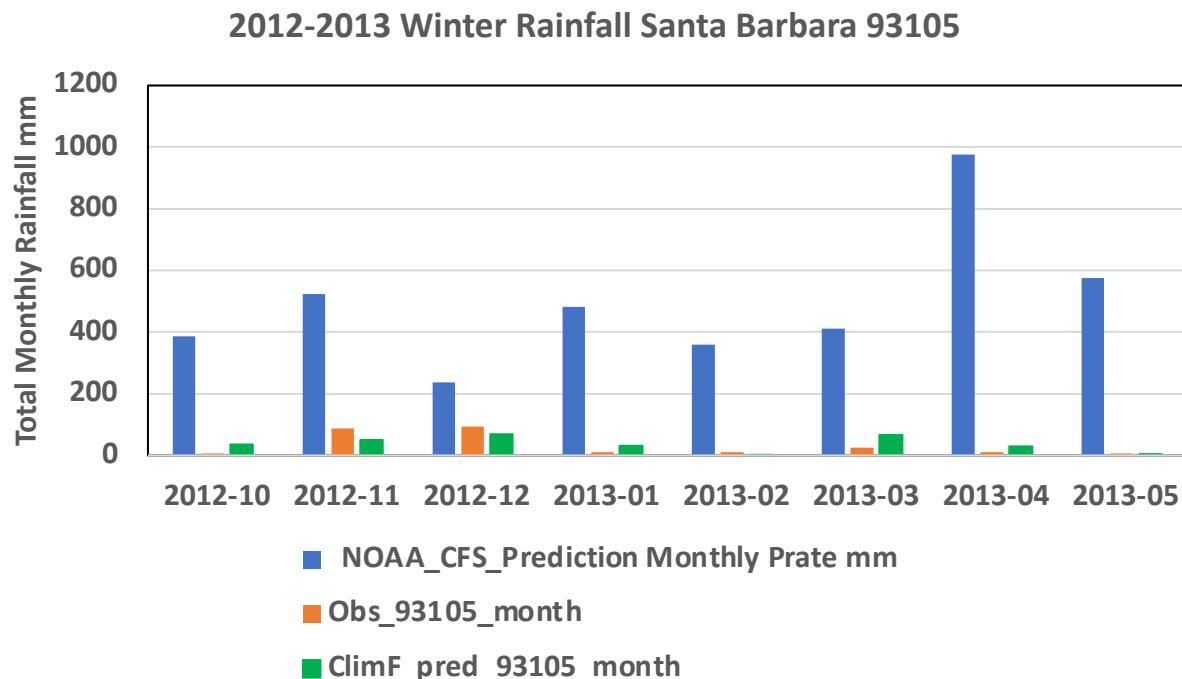
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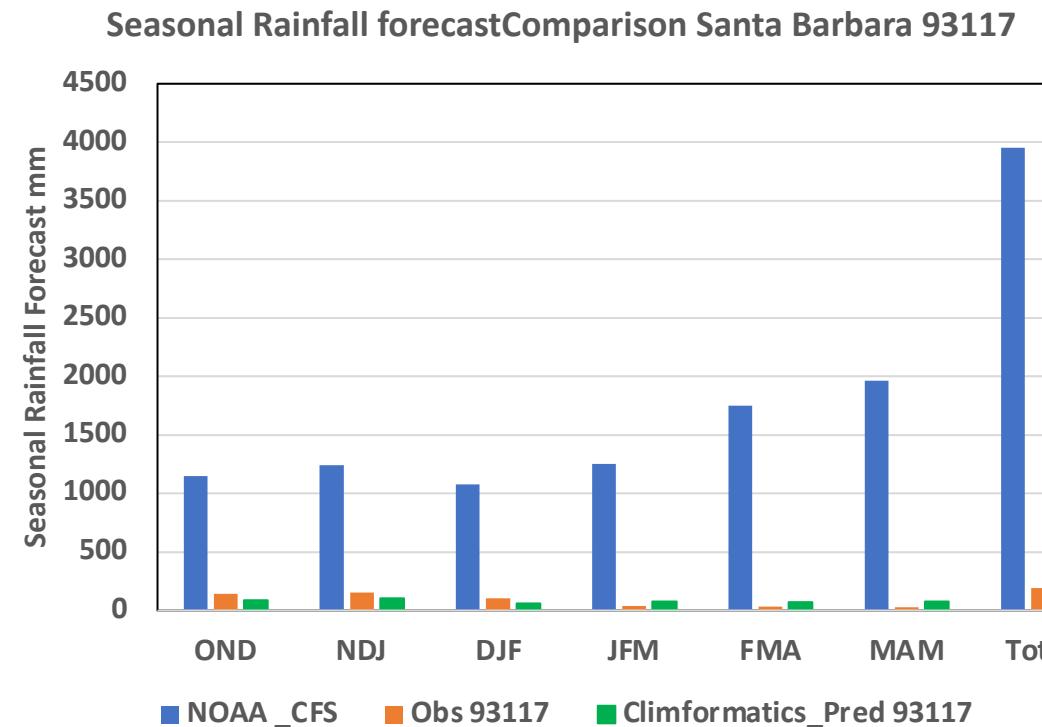
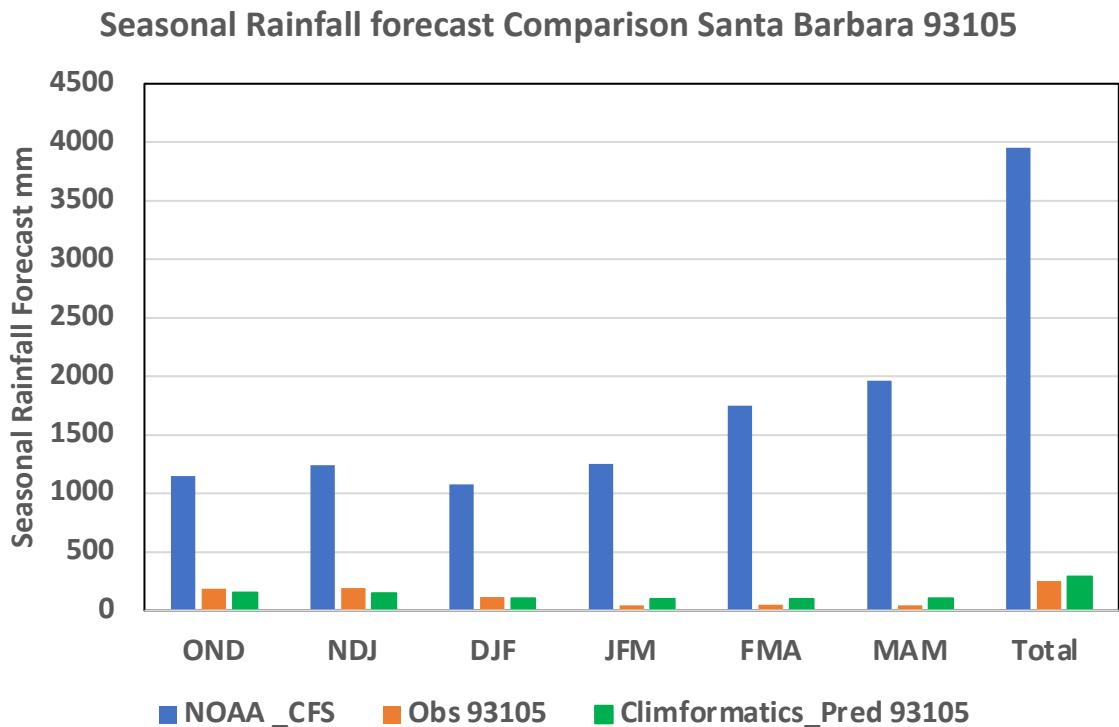
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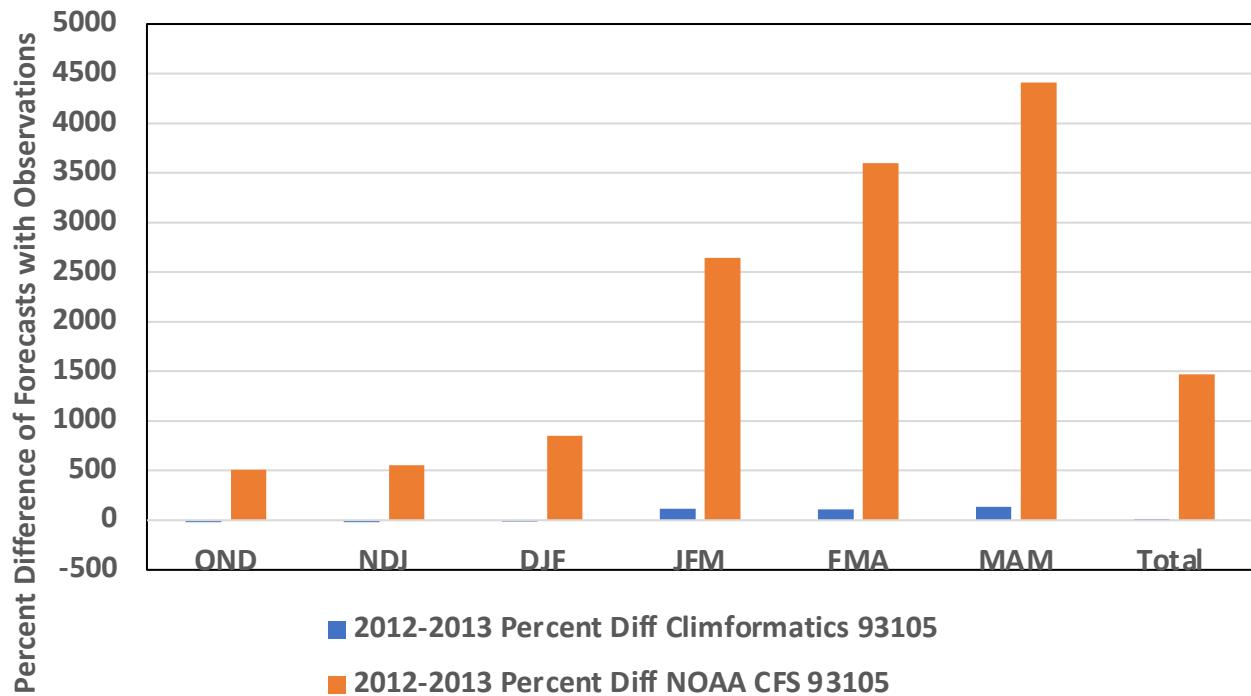


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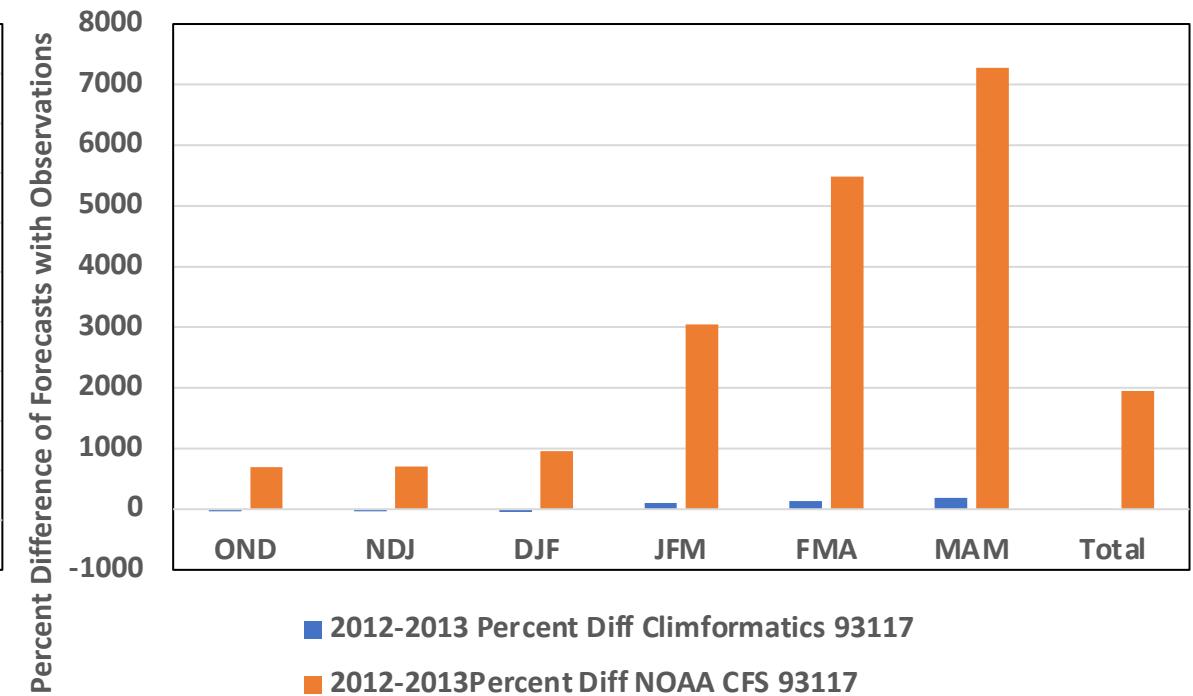


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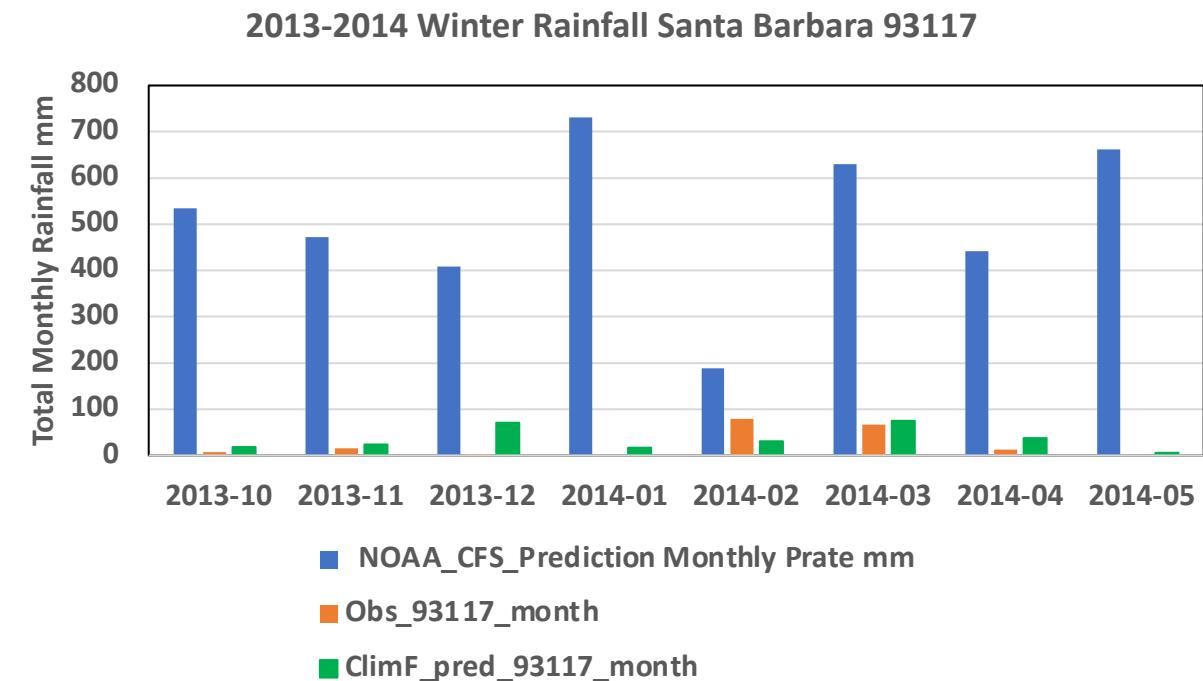
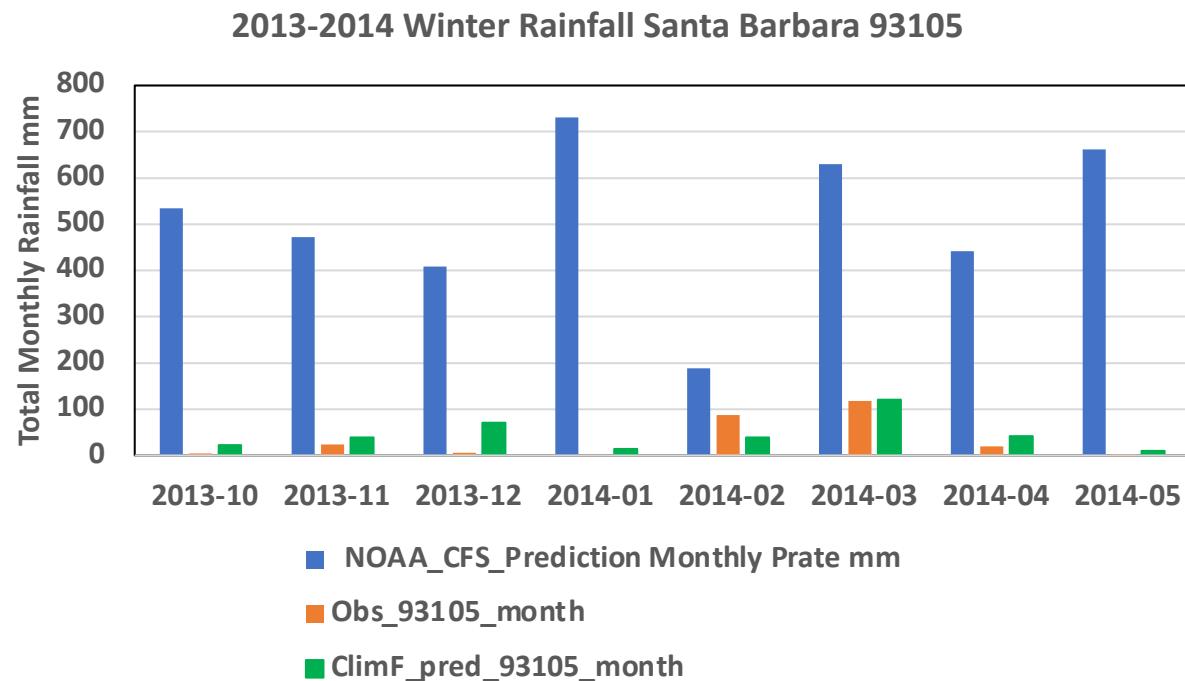
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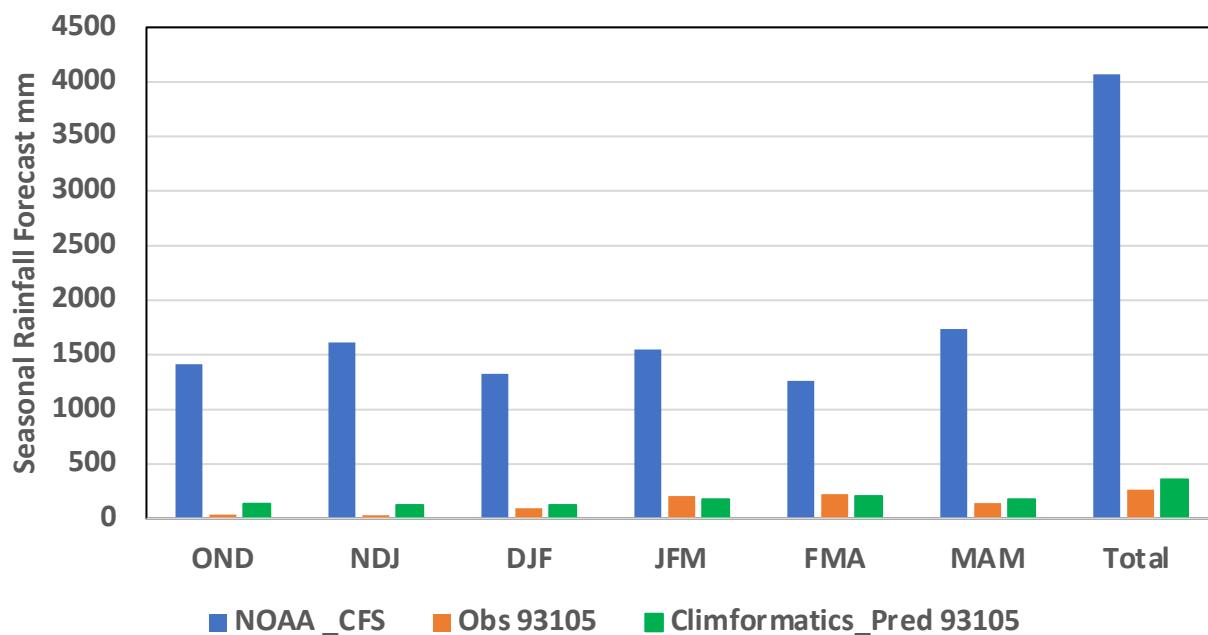


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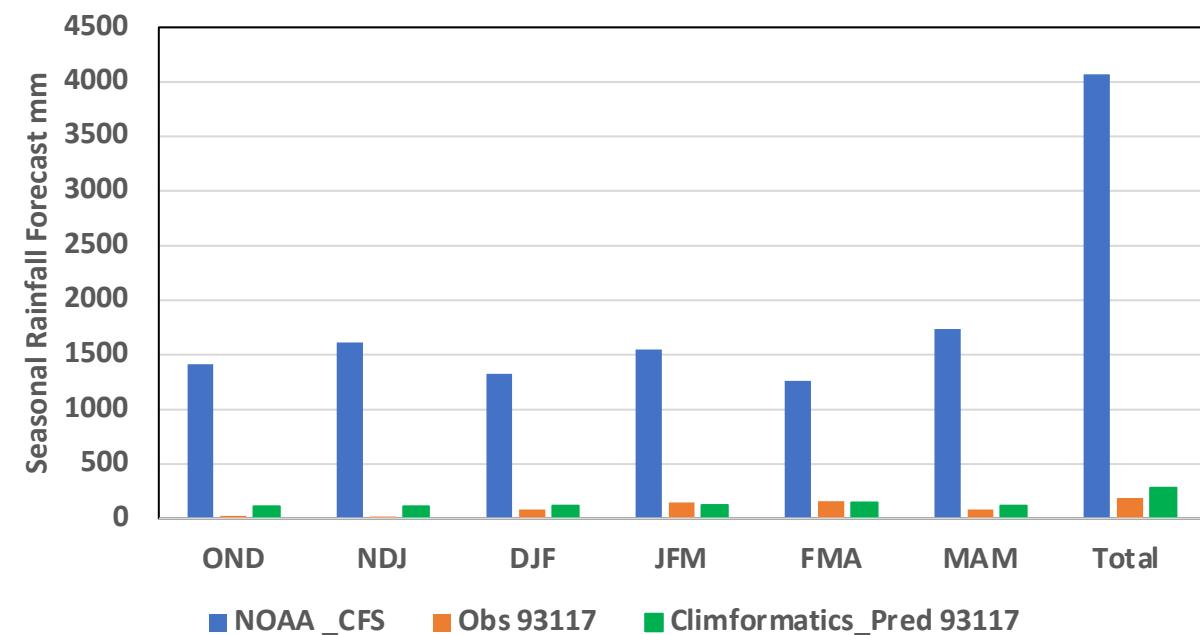


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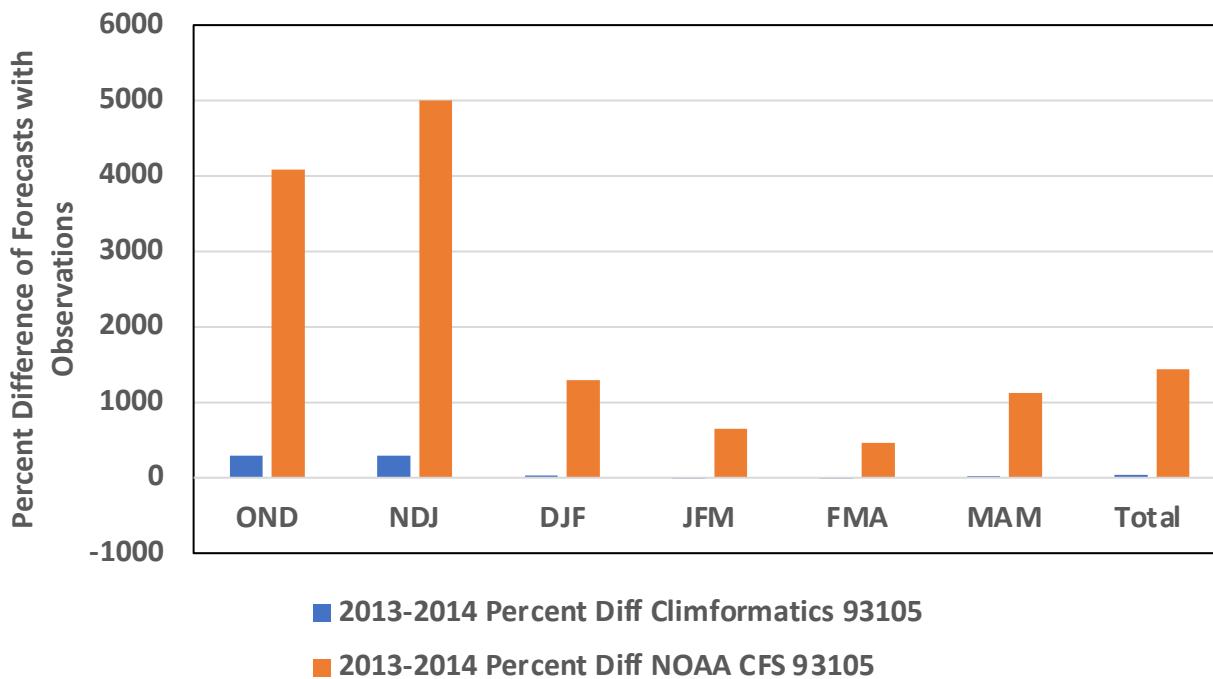


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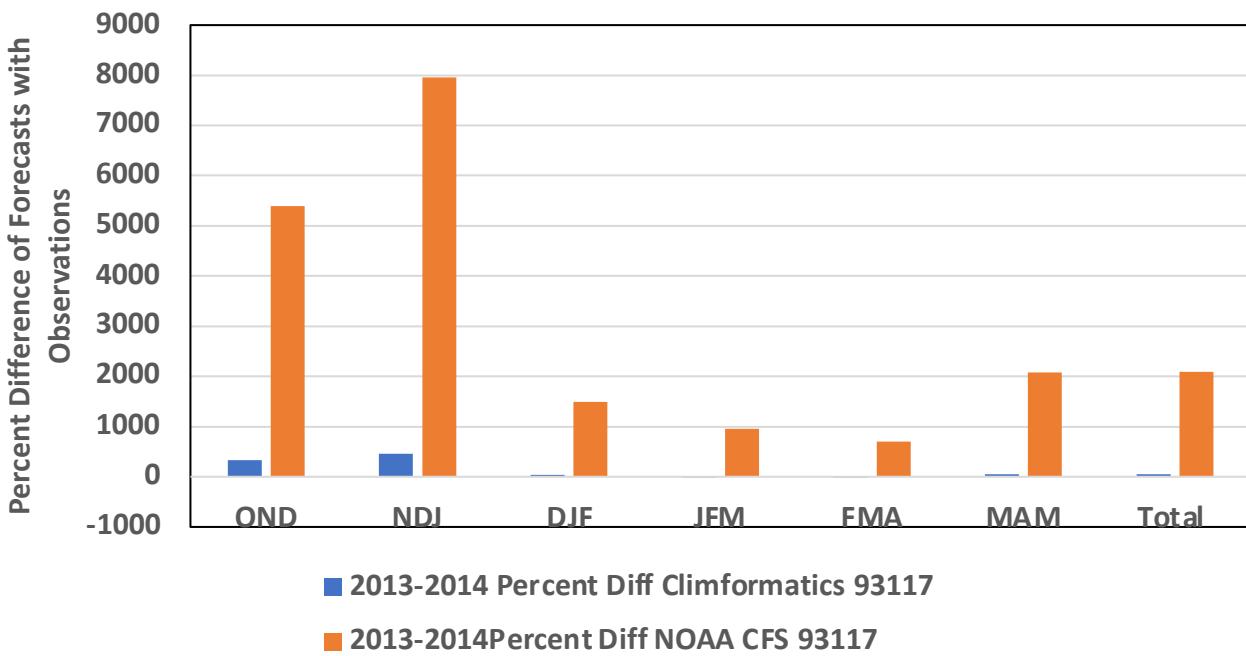


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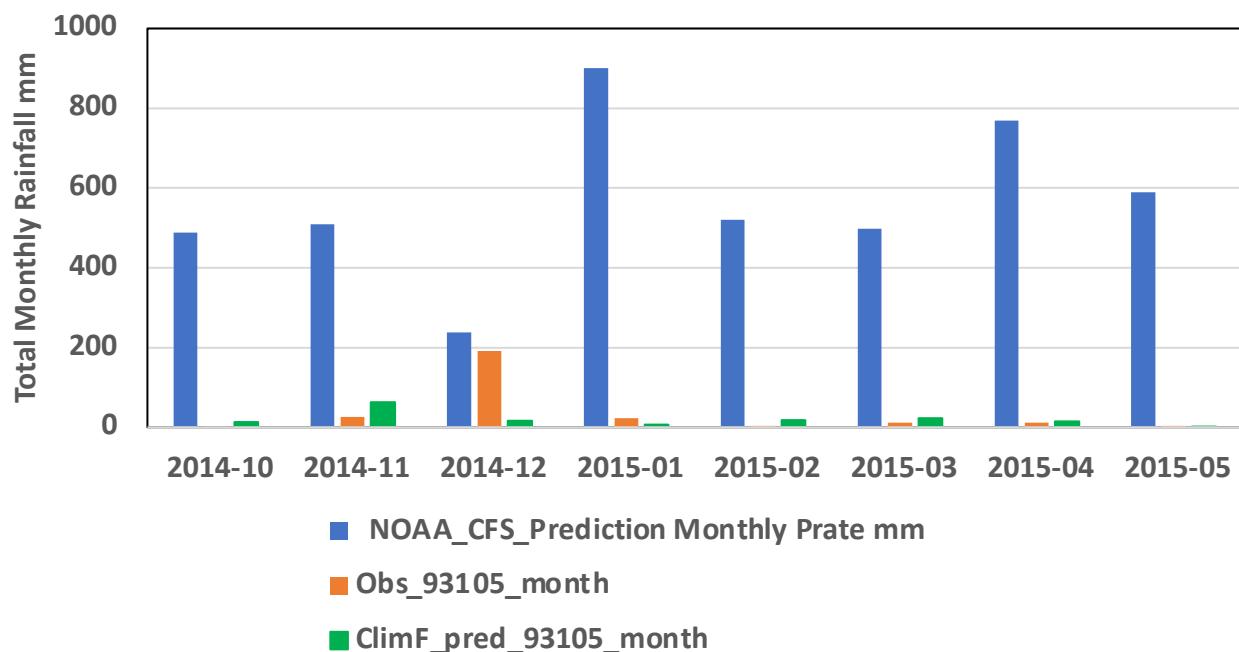


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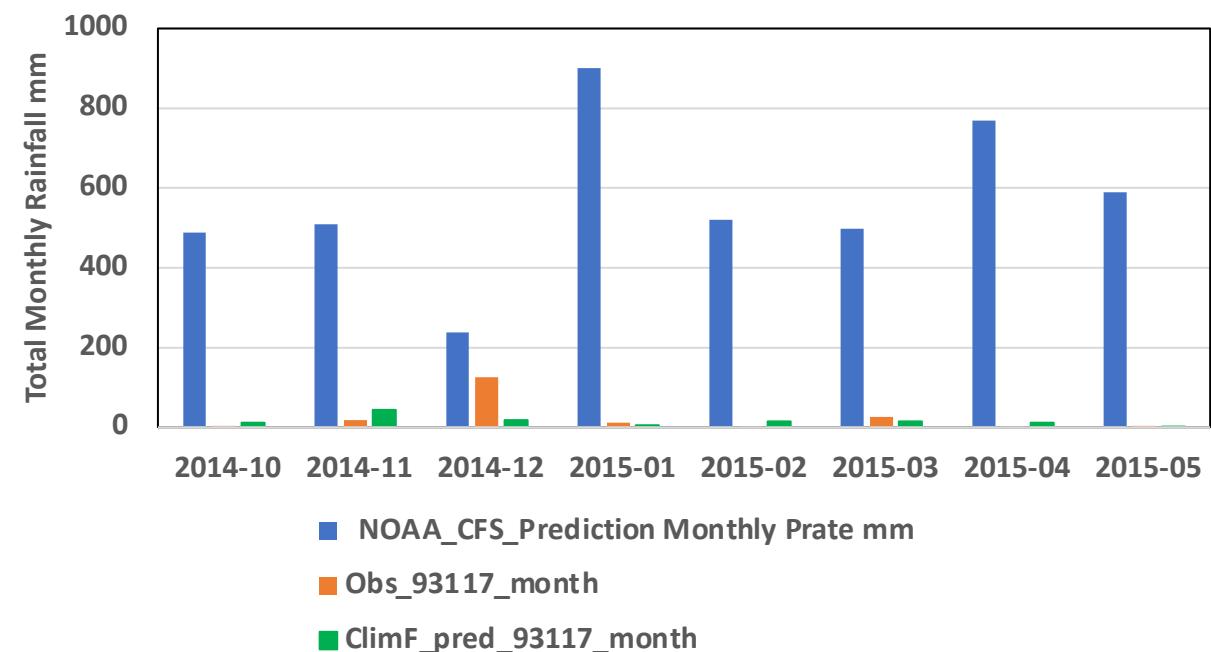


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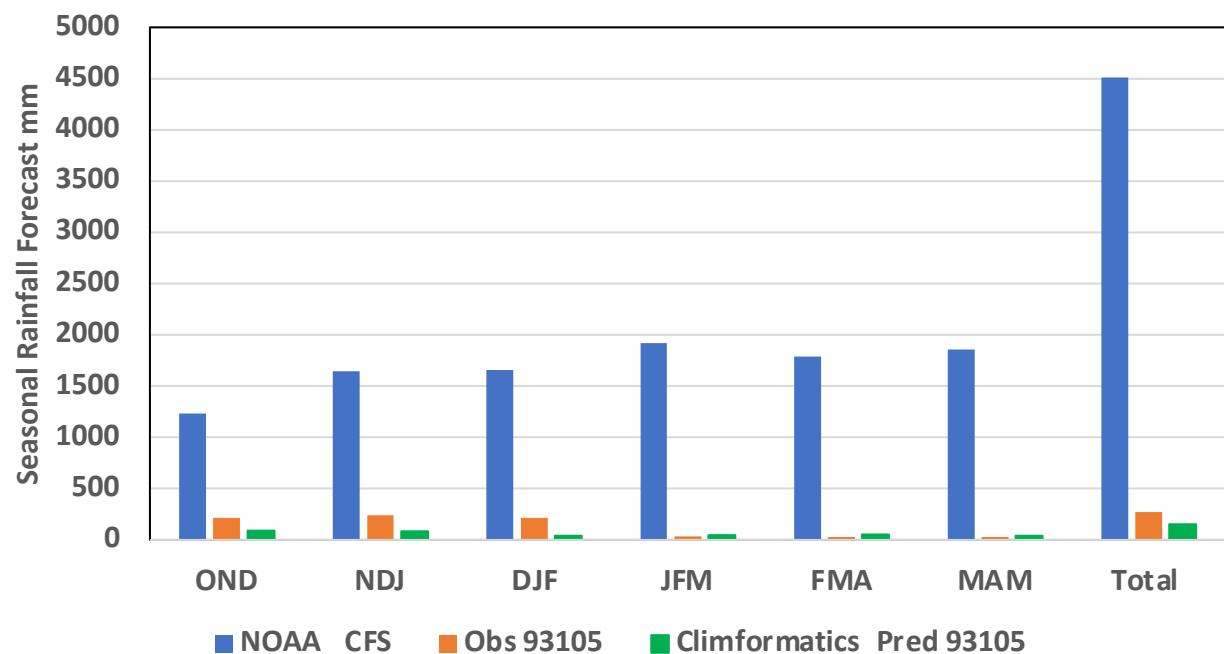


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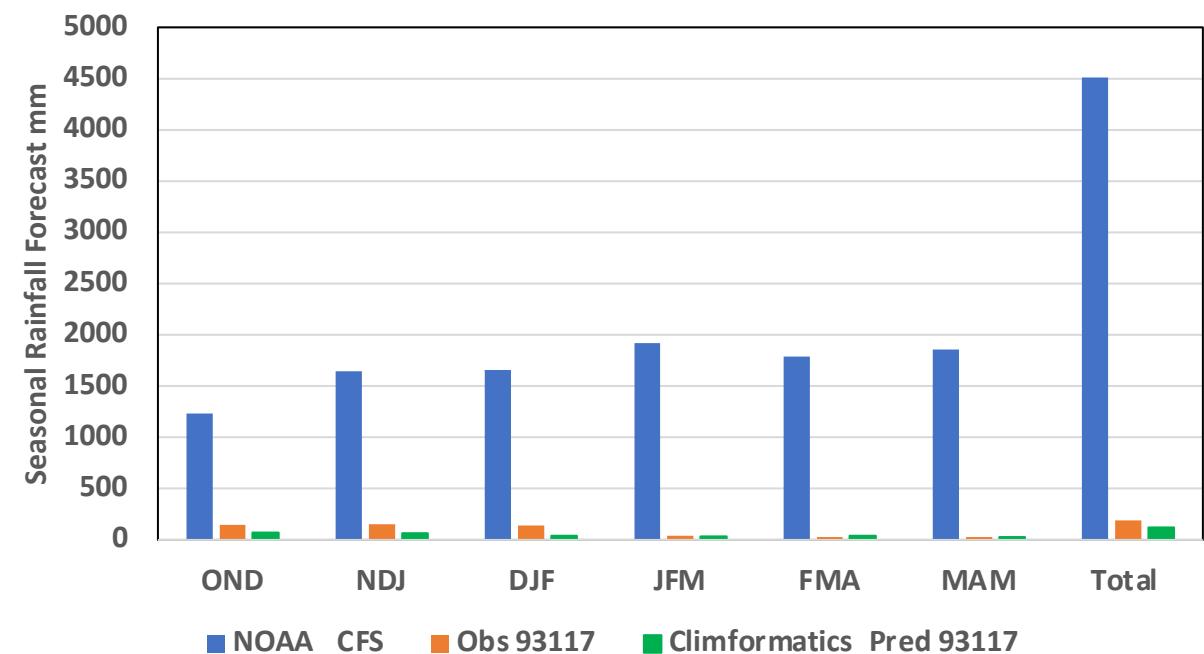


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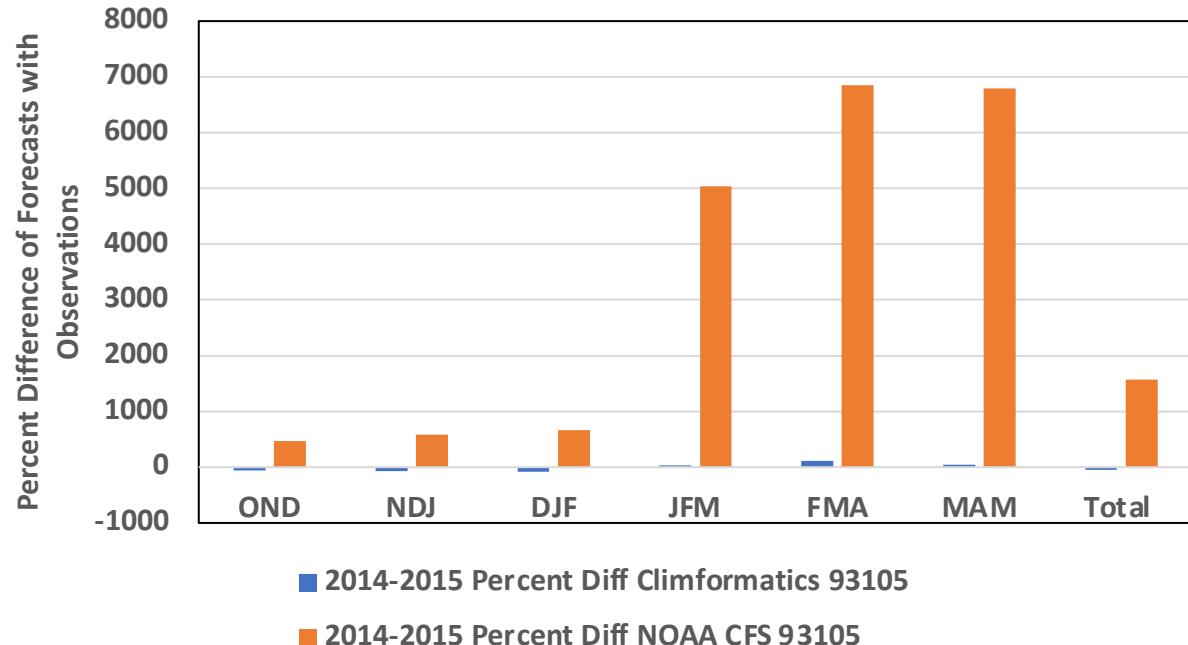


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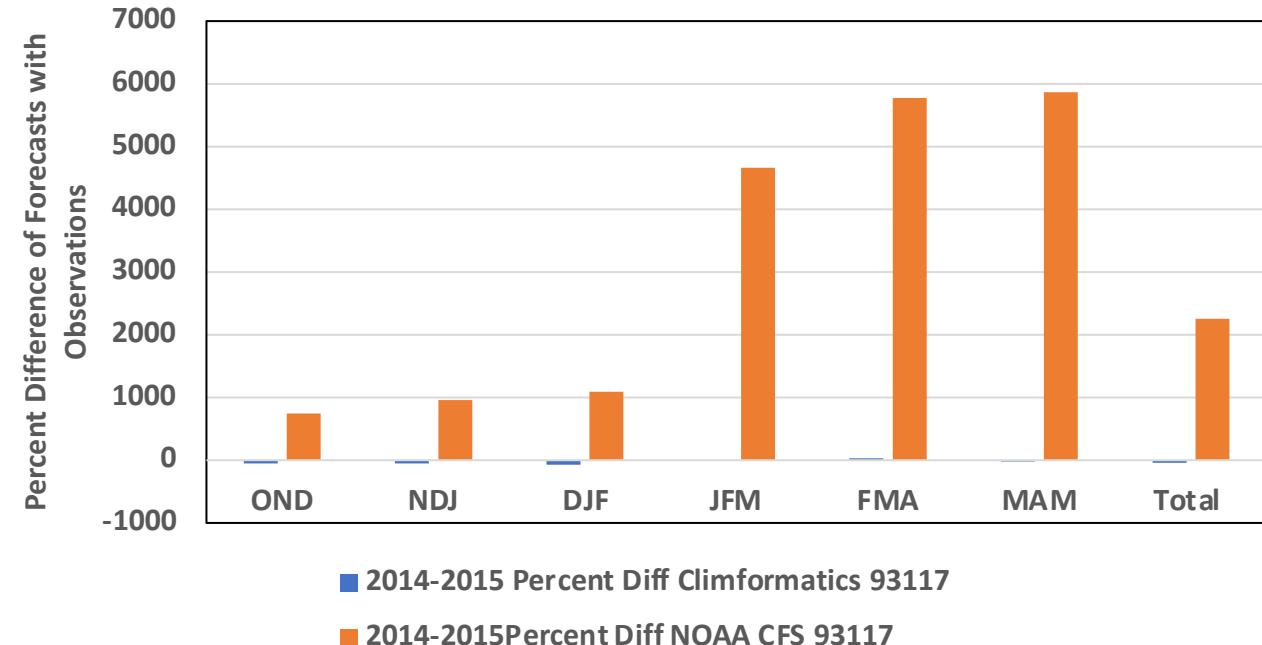


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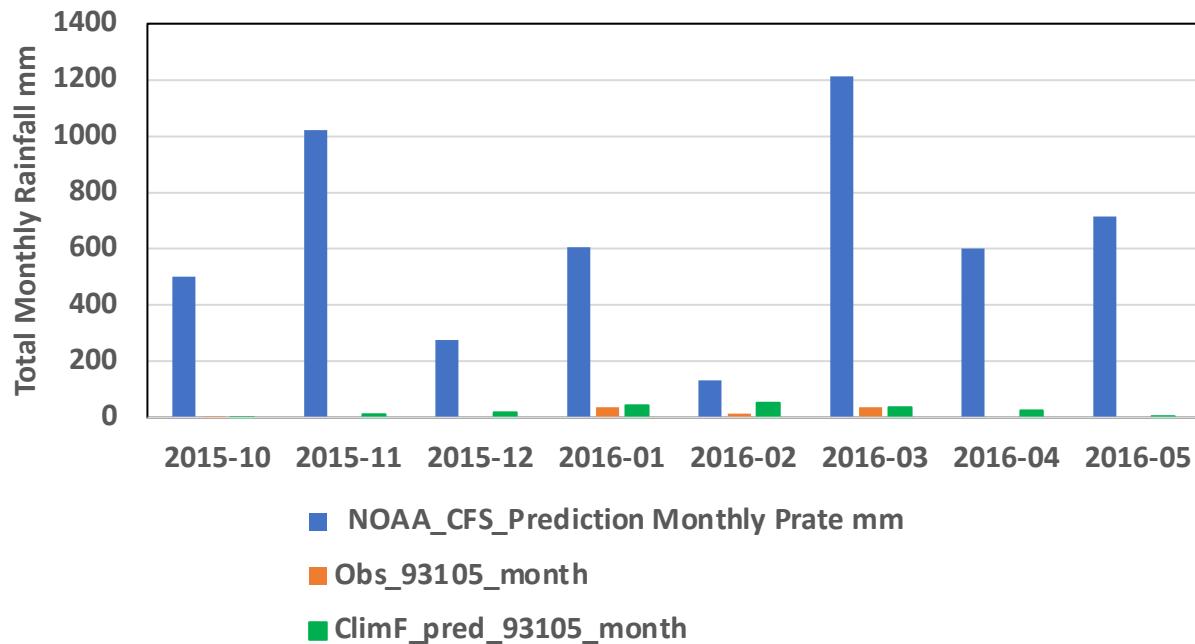


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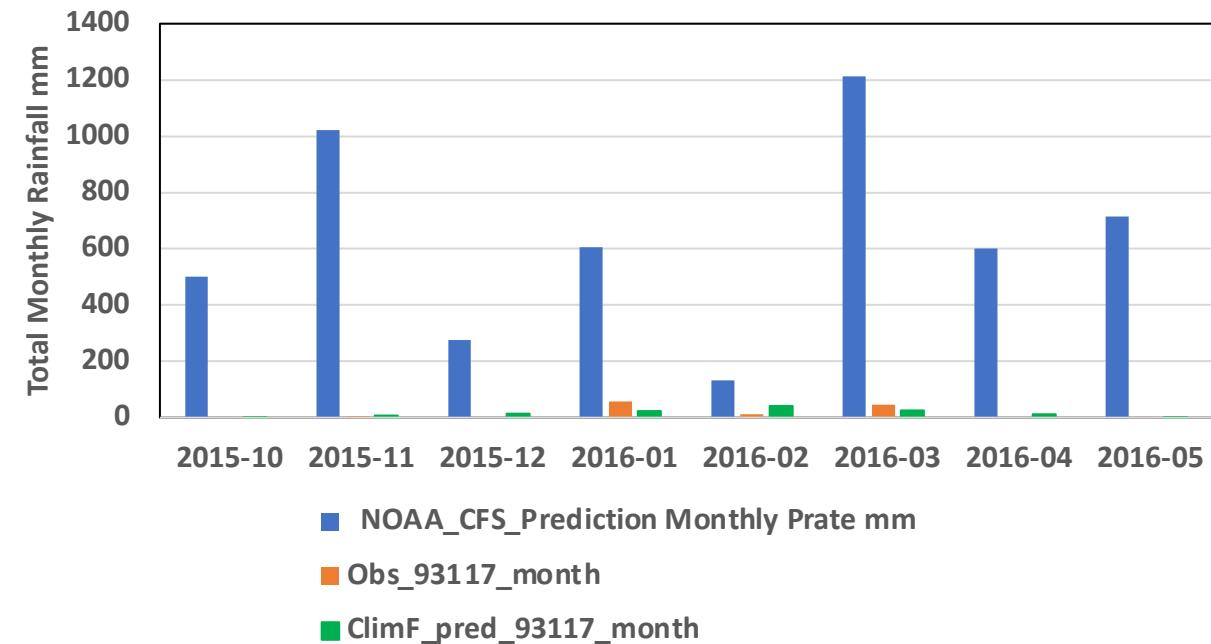


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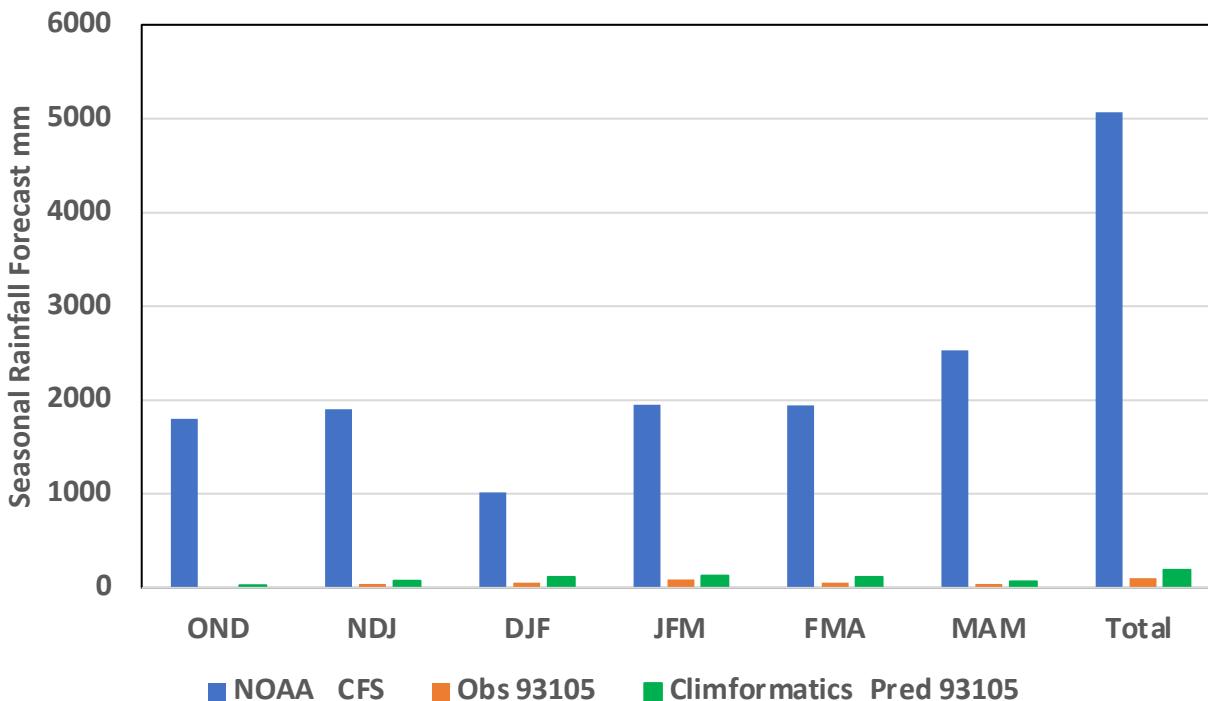


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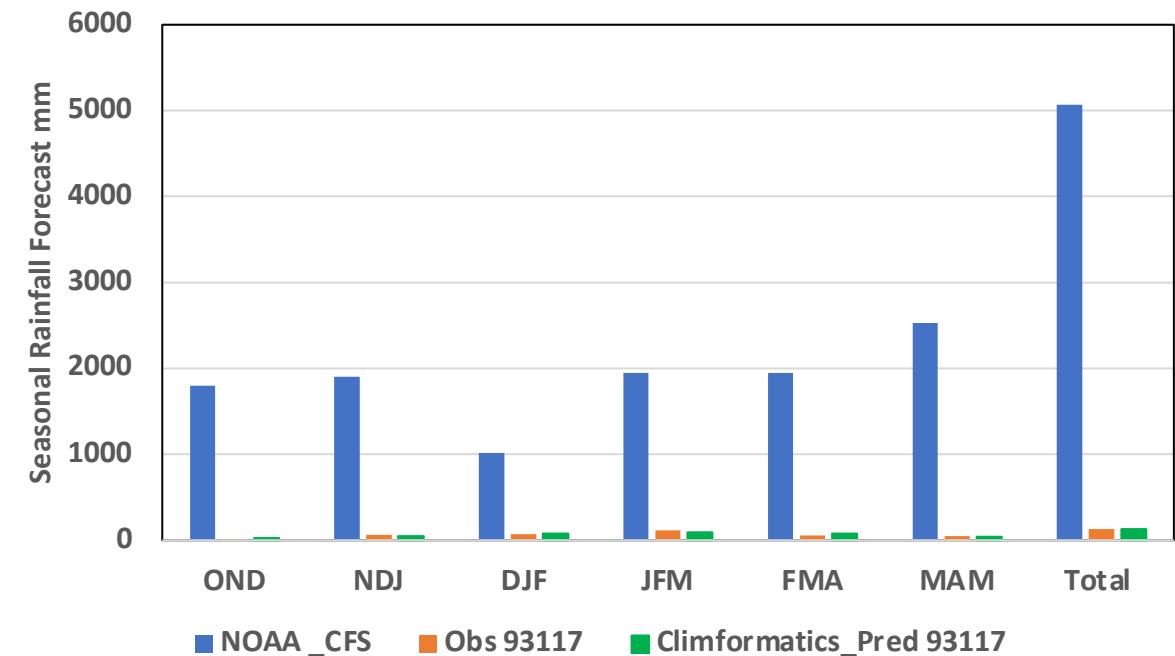


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Seasonal Rainfall forecast Comparison Santa Barbara 93105

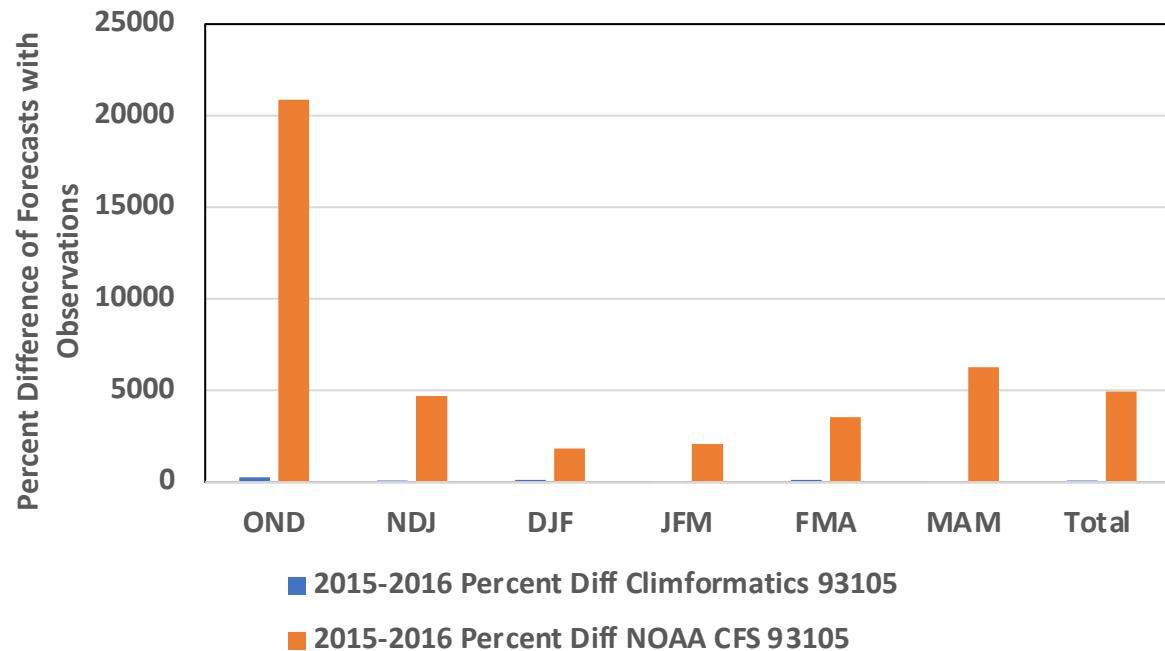


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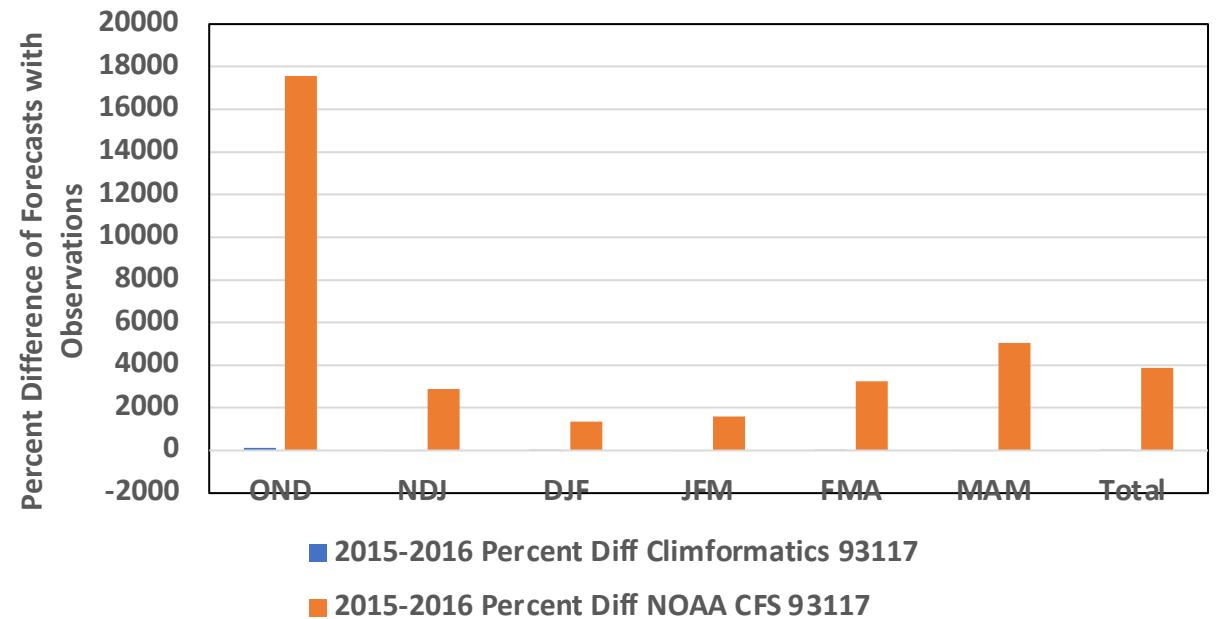


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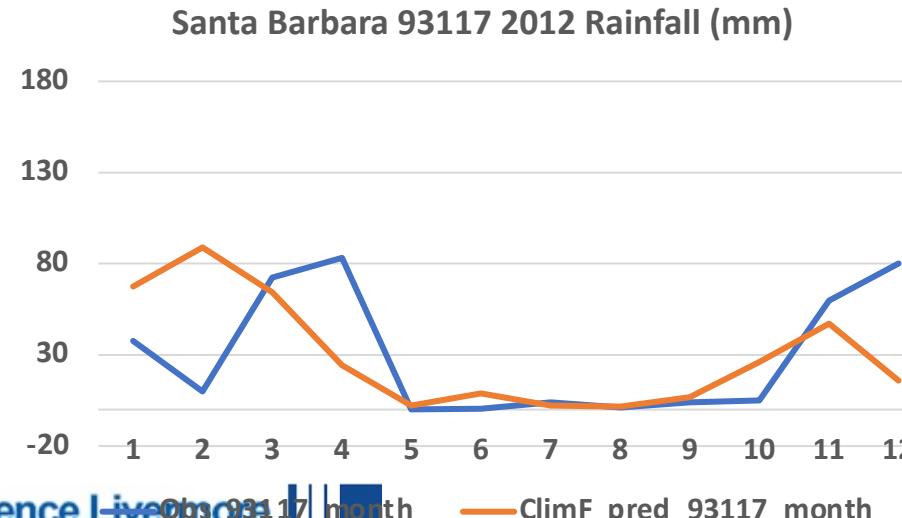
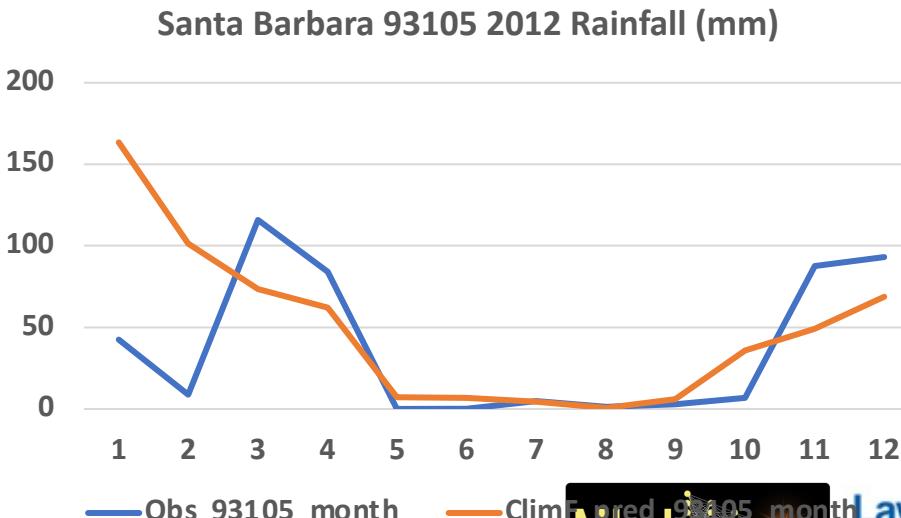
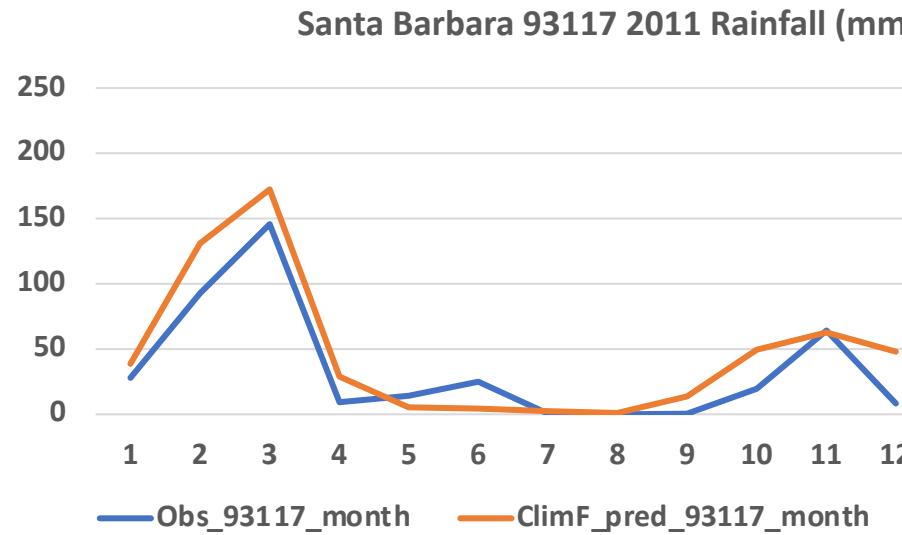
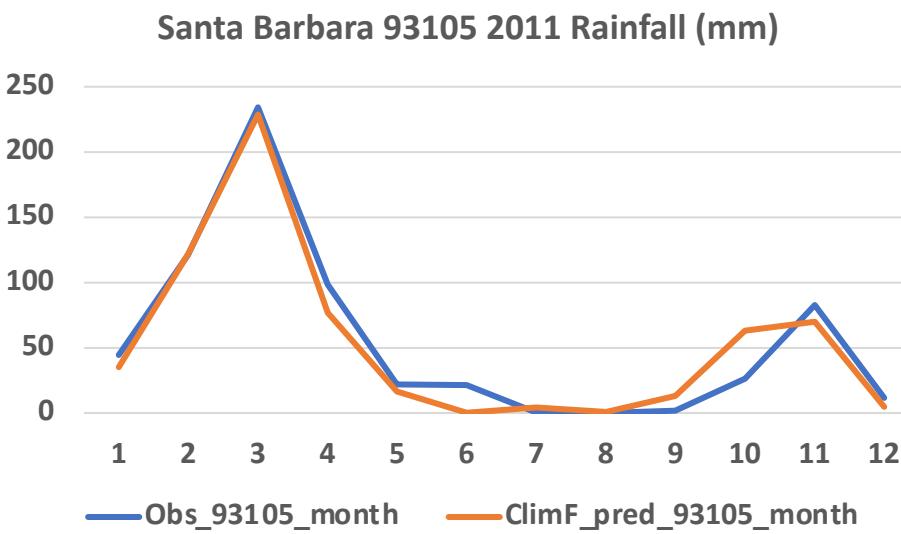
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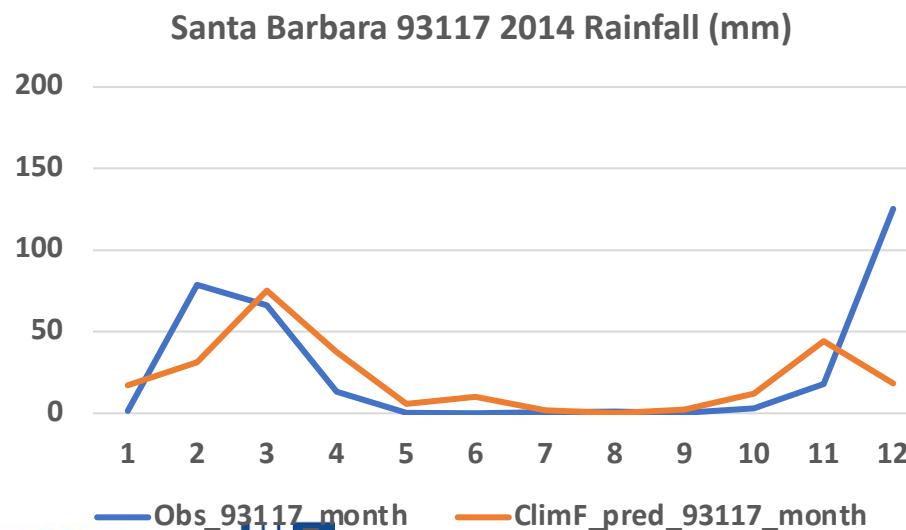
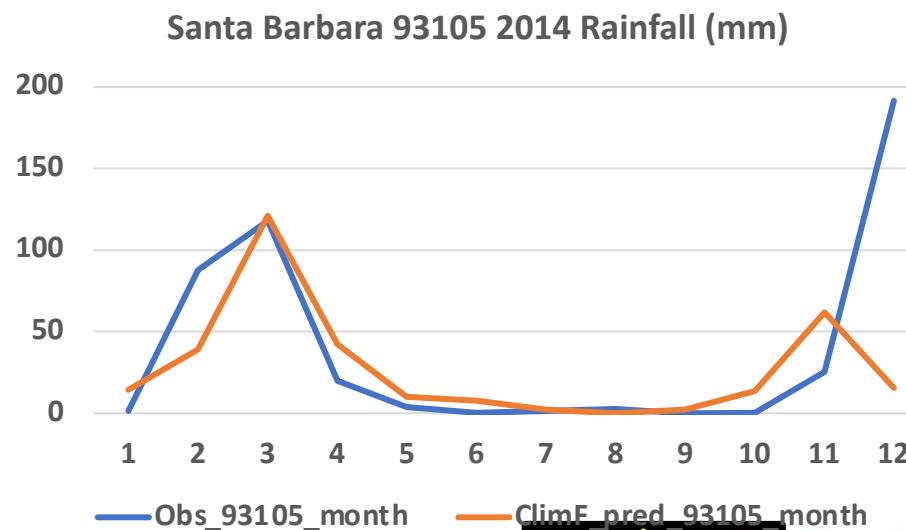
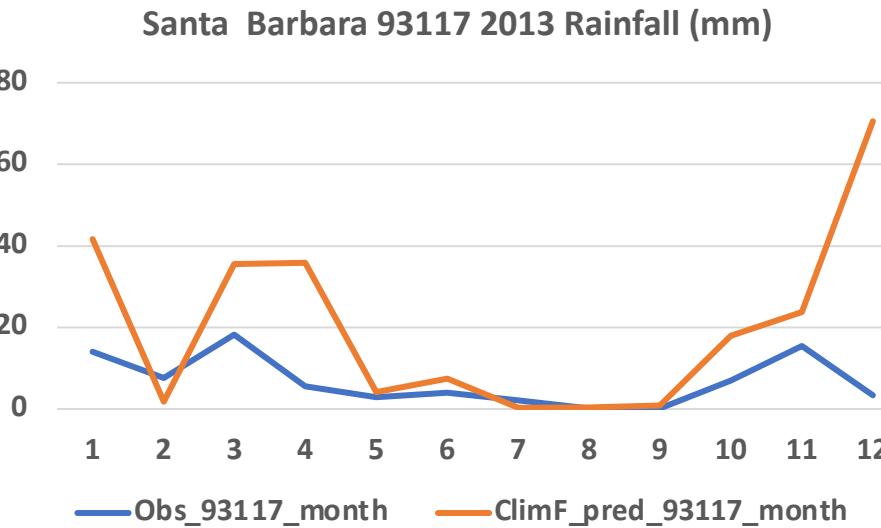
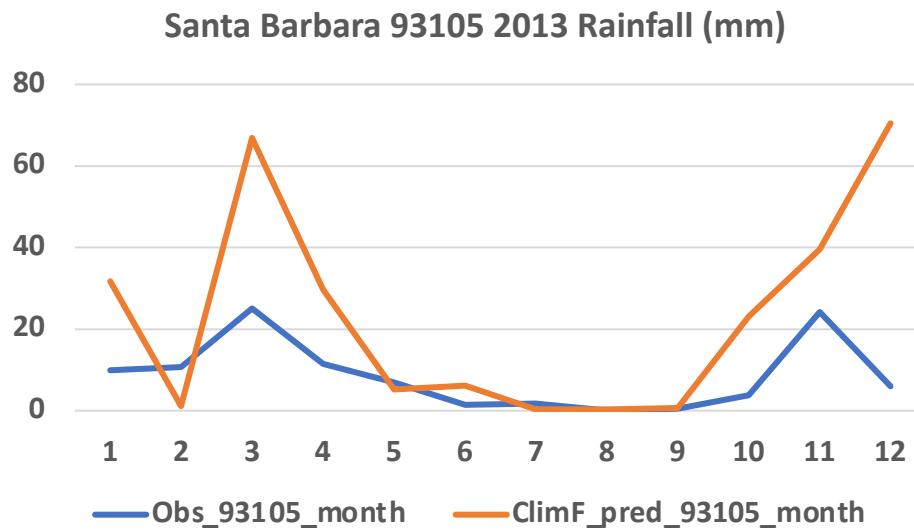
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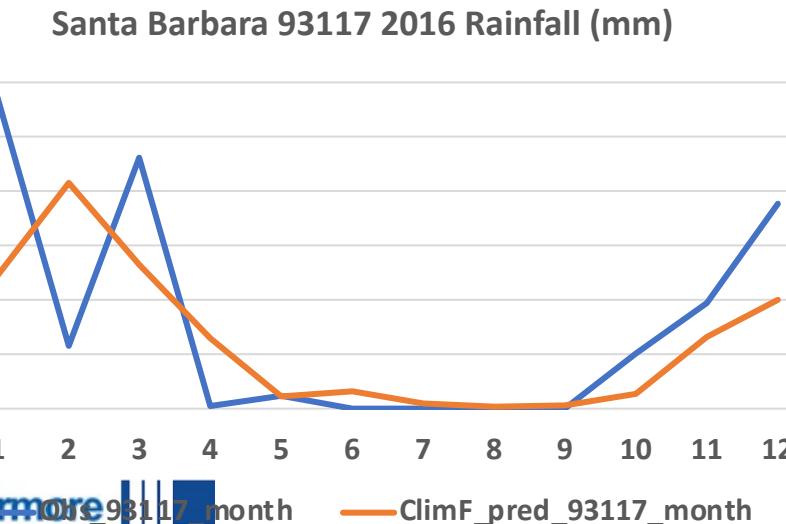
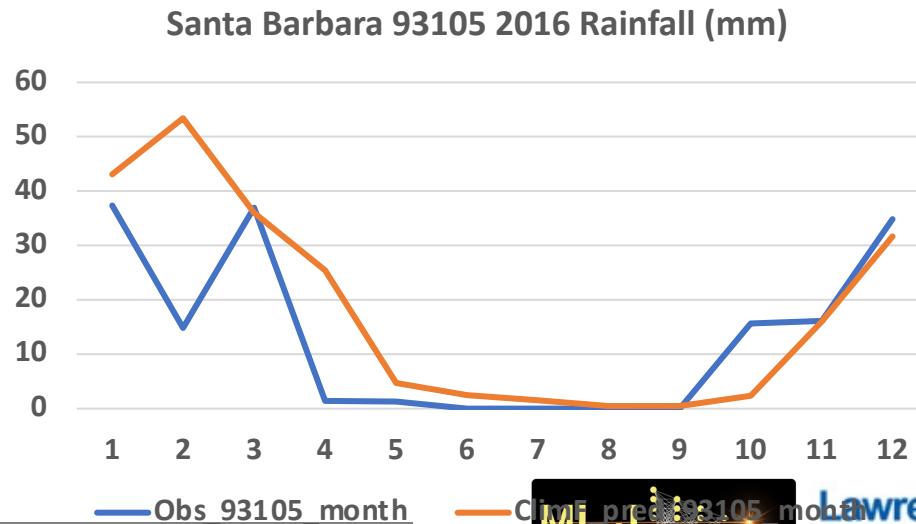
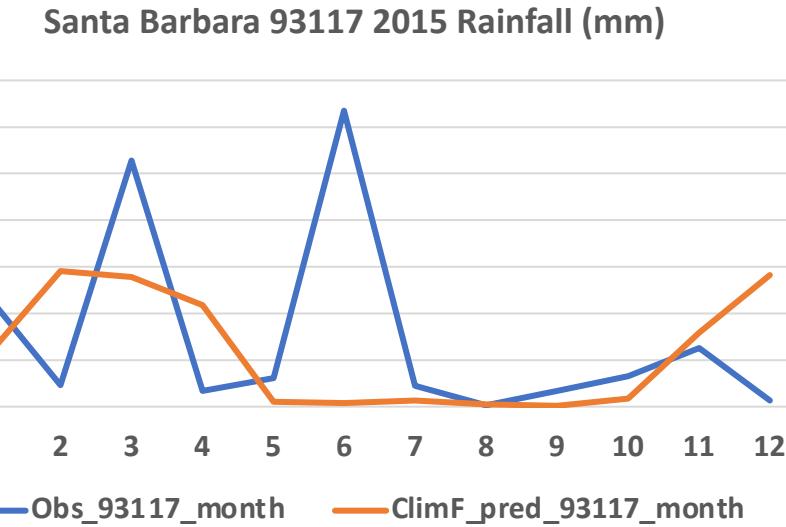
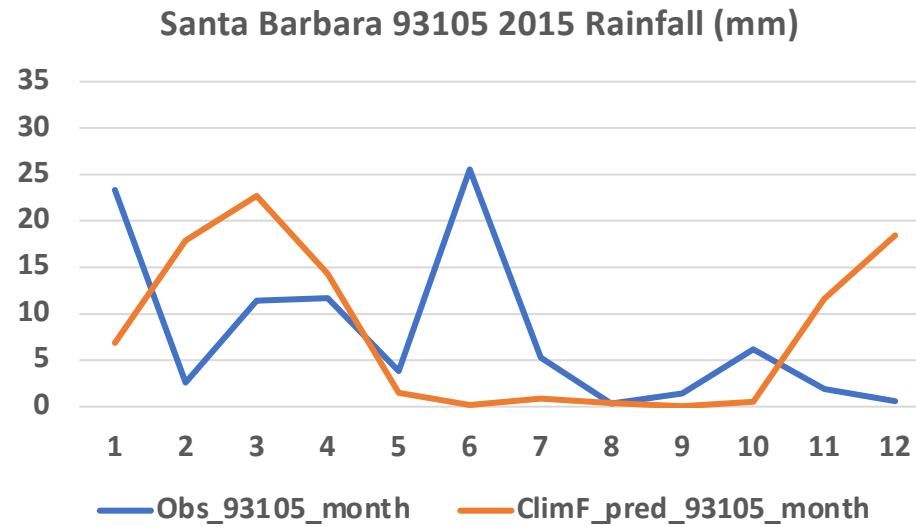
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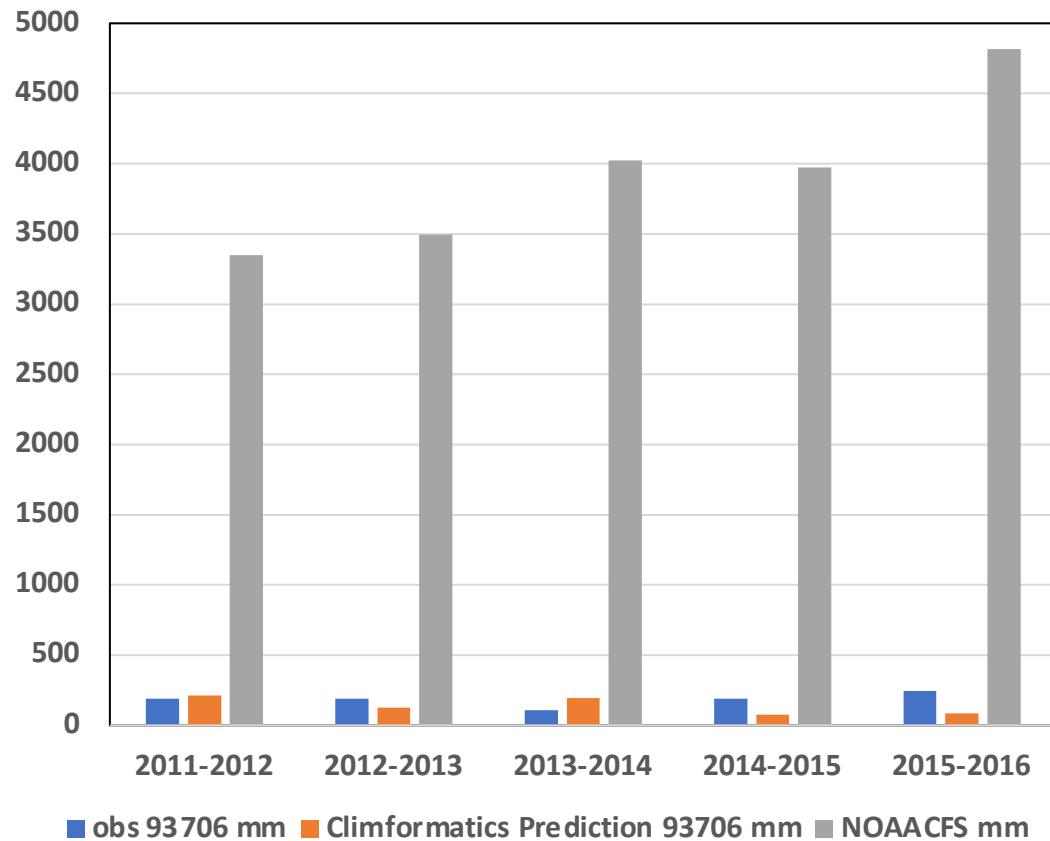


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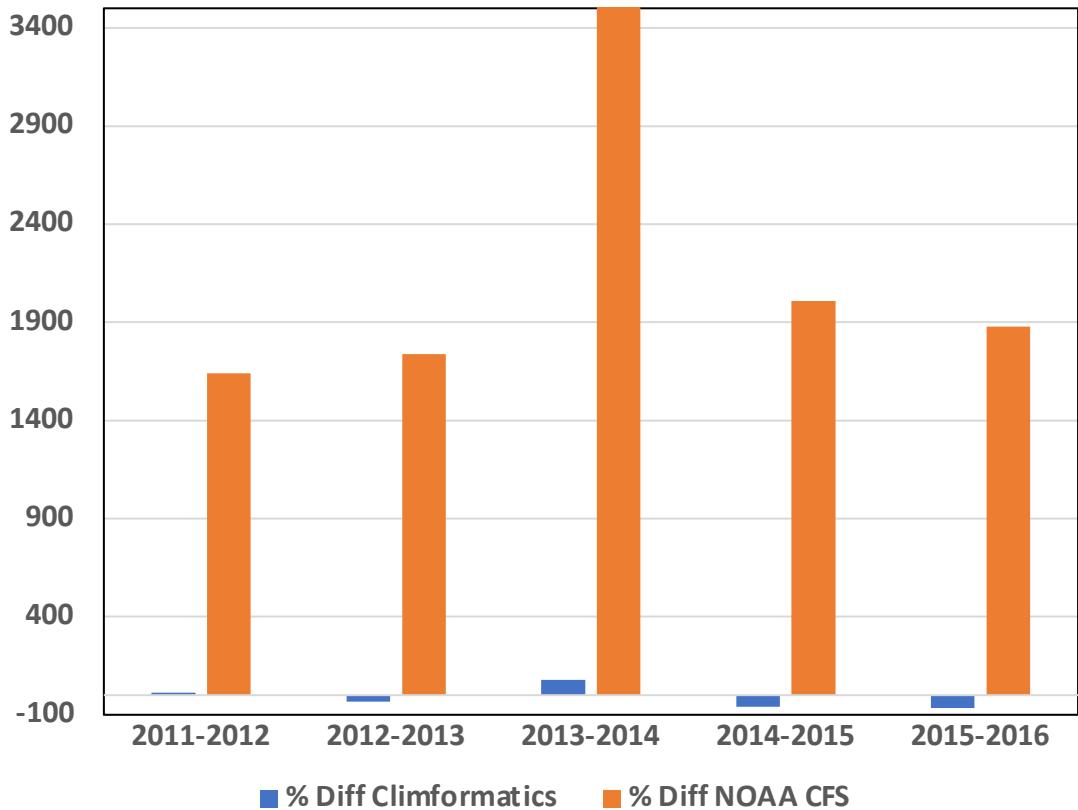
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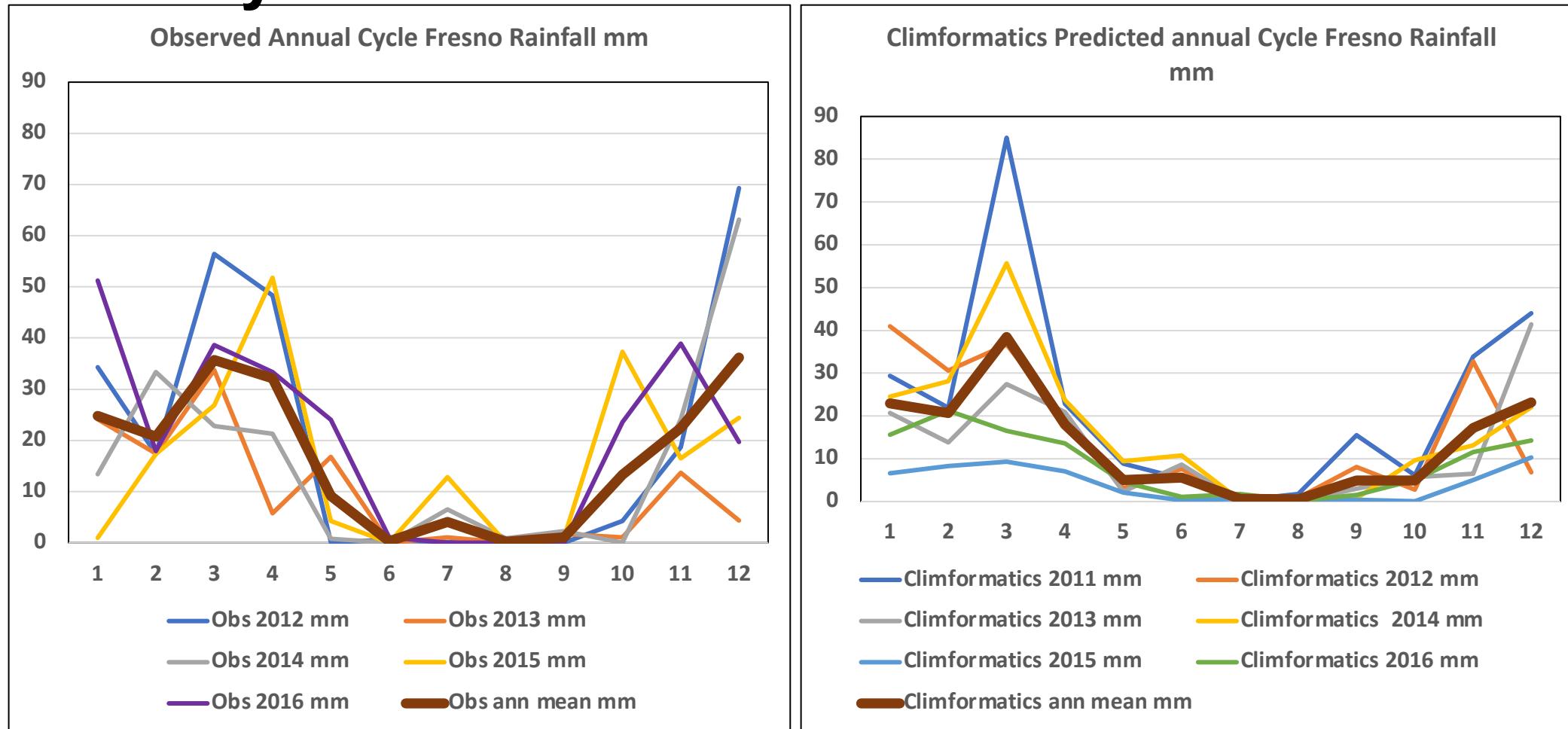


# Oct-May Fresno Rain Total: Prediction

Percentage Difference in Total Winter Rainfall  
Prediction for Fresno



# Climformatics Predicted & Observed Fresno Rainfall Annual Cycle 93706



# Climformatics Short Term Prediction

## Atmospheric Rivers January 2021

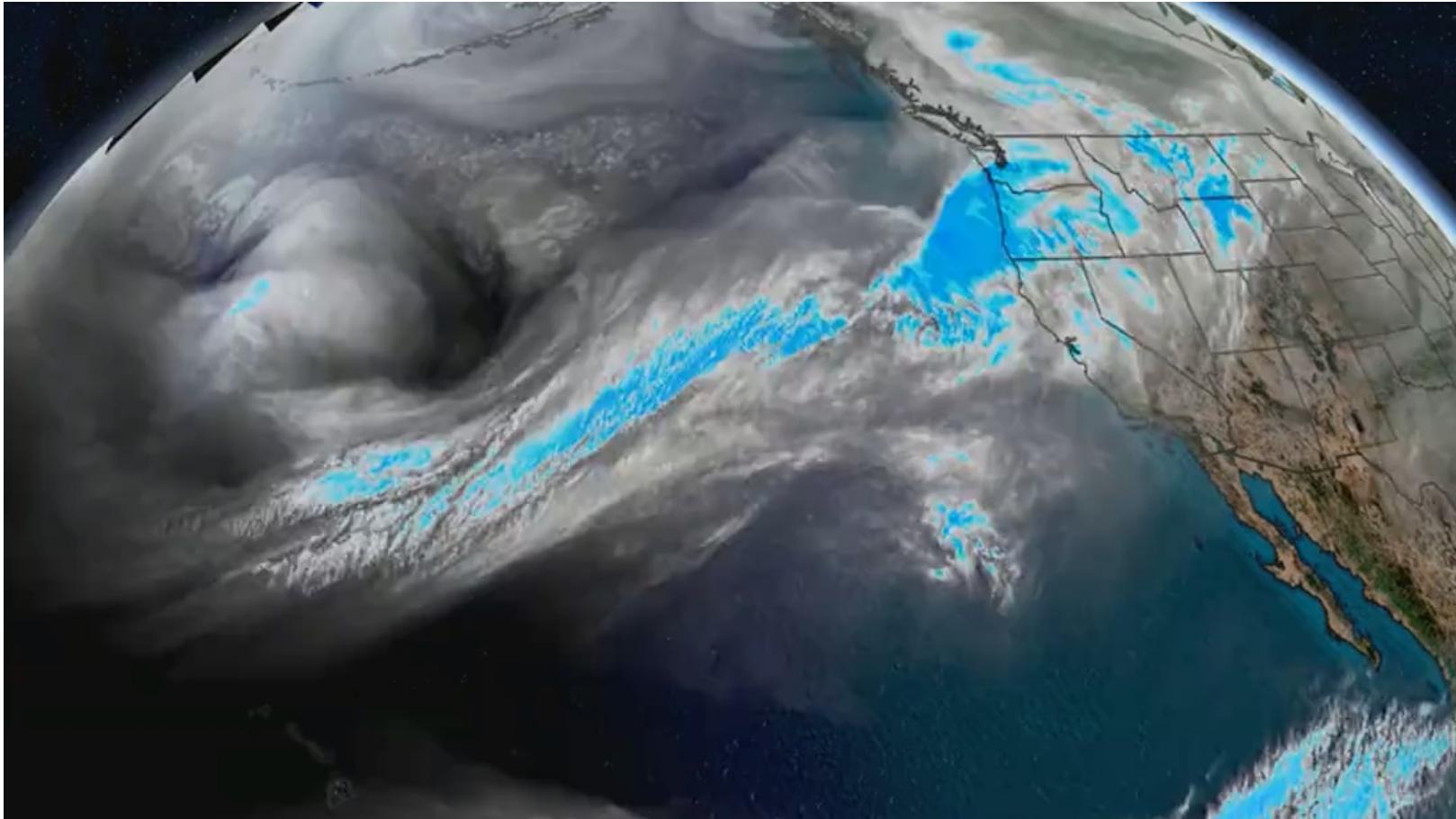
Atmospheric Rivers - Main Water Source for California

January 12, 2021 Category 5 Atmospheric River

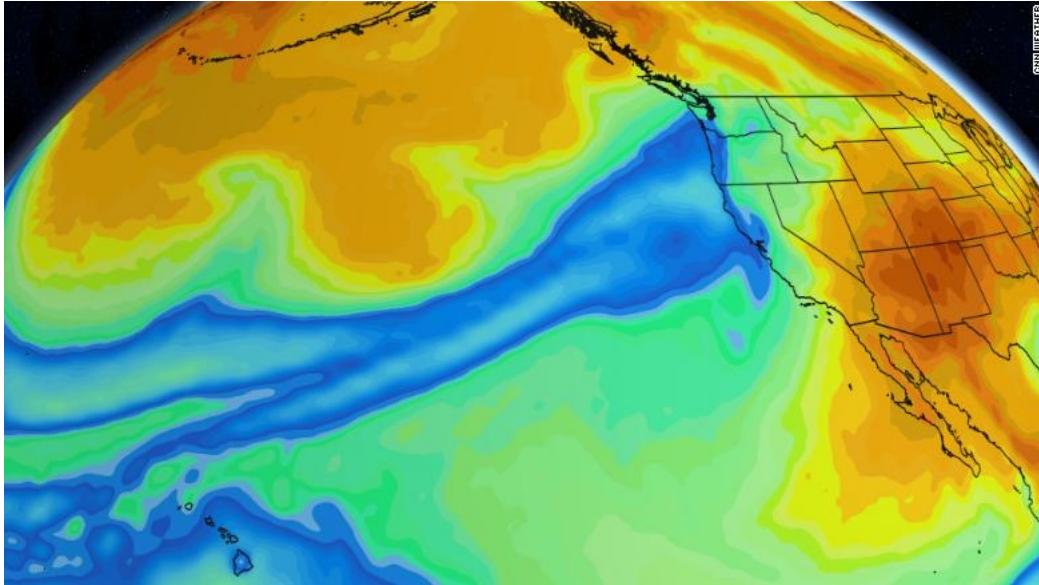
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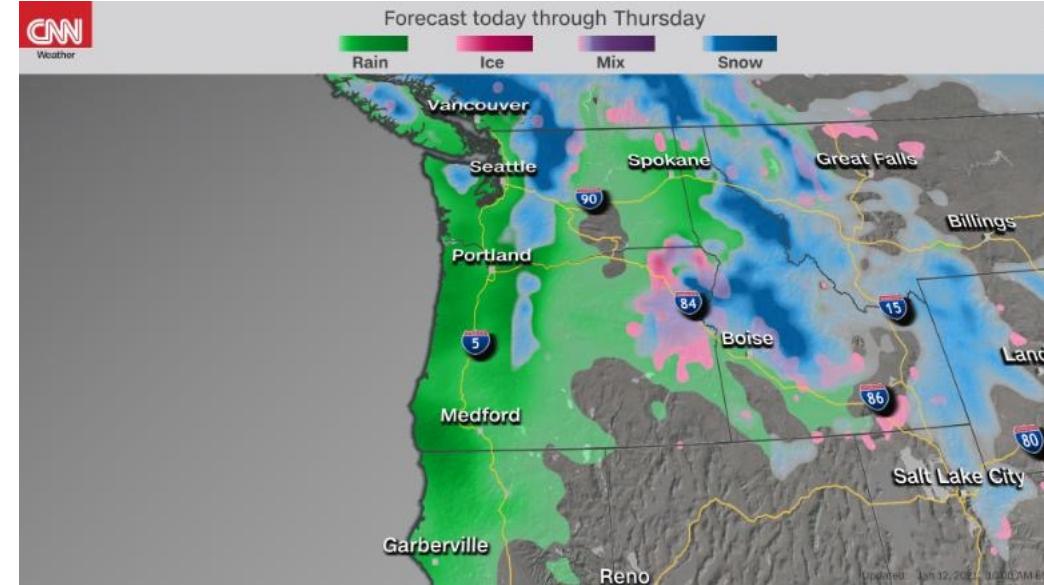
## January 12, 2021, Satellite Data of Water Vapor Transport



# NOAA rainfall prediction for Jan 12-14, 2021 (CNN news)



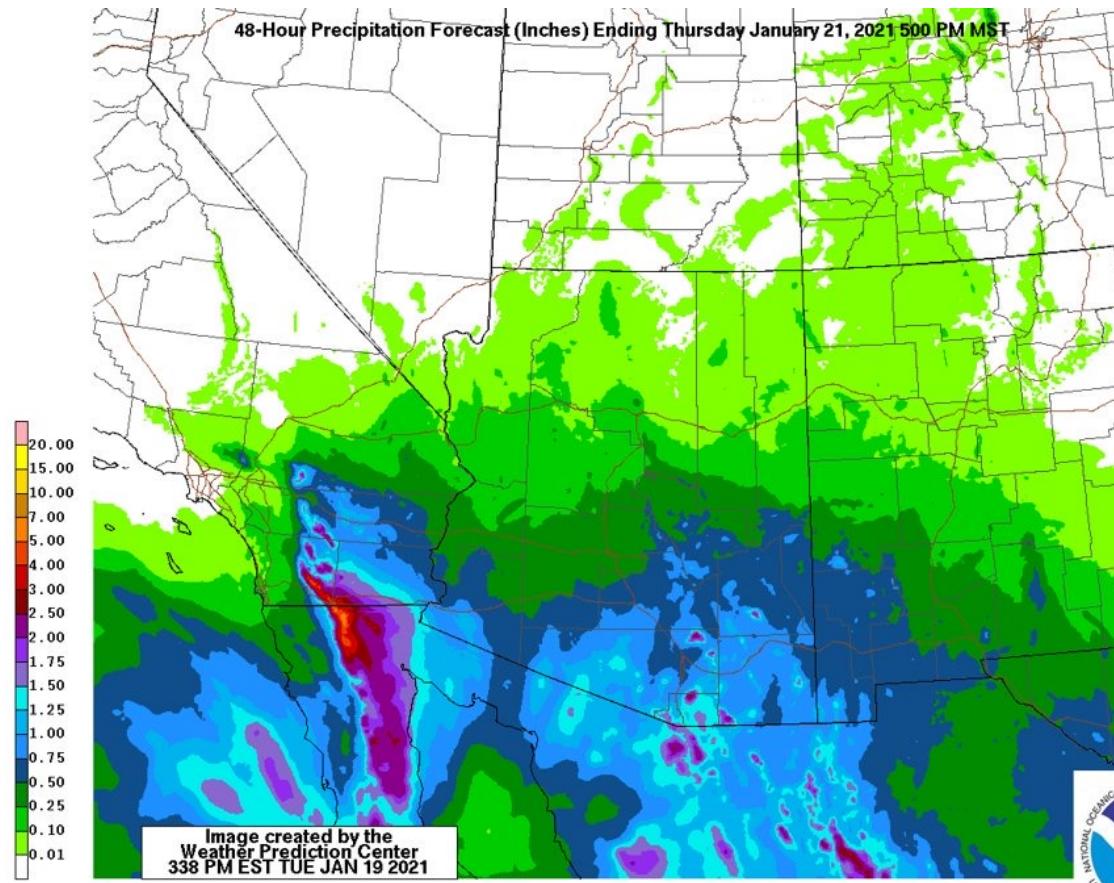
NOAA forecast model prediction:  
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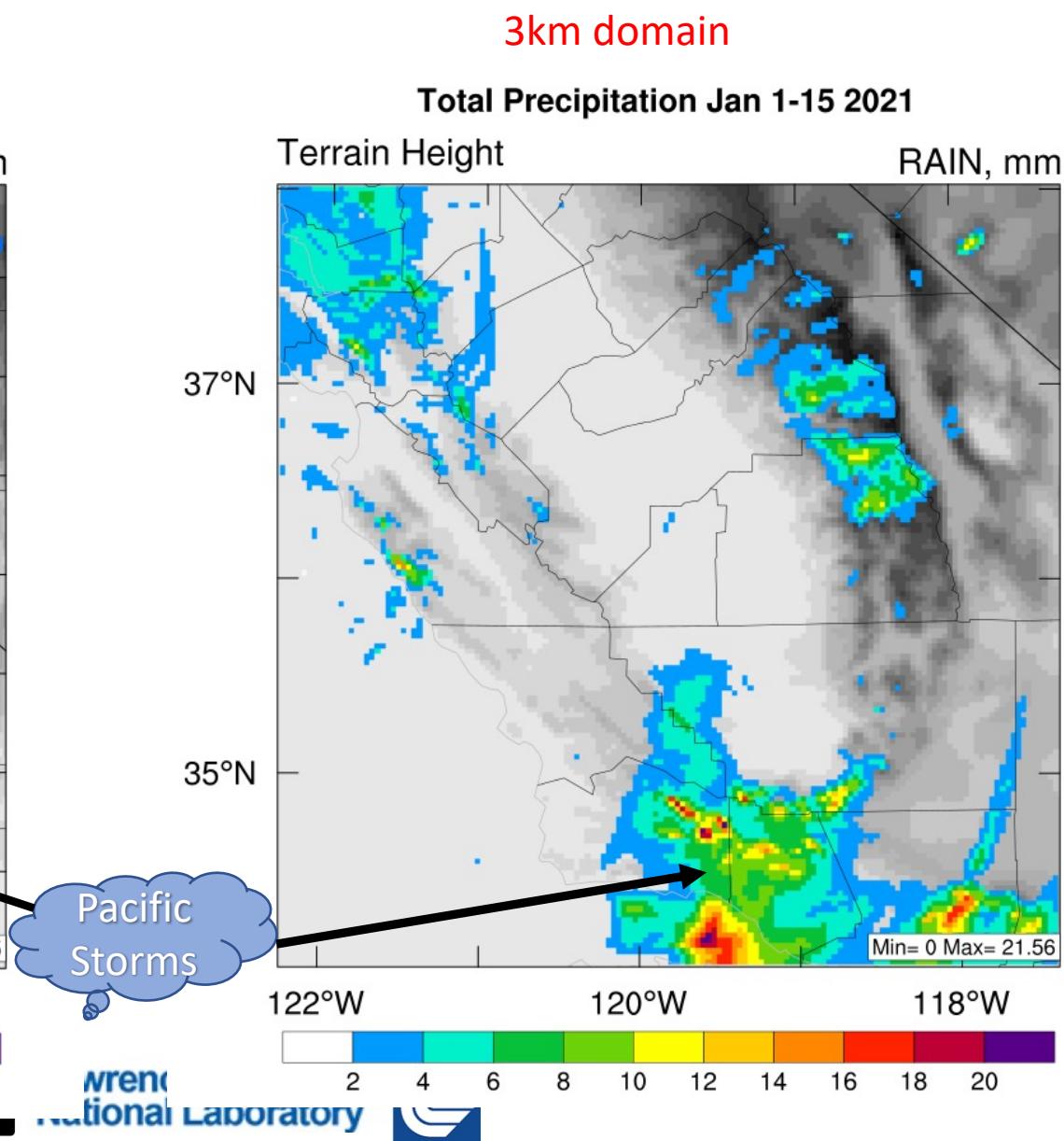
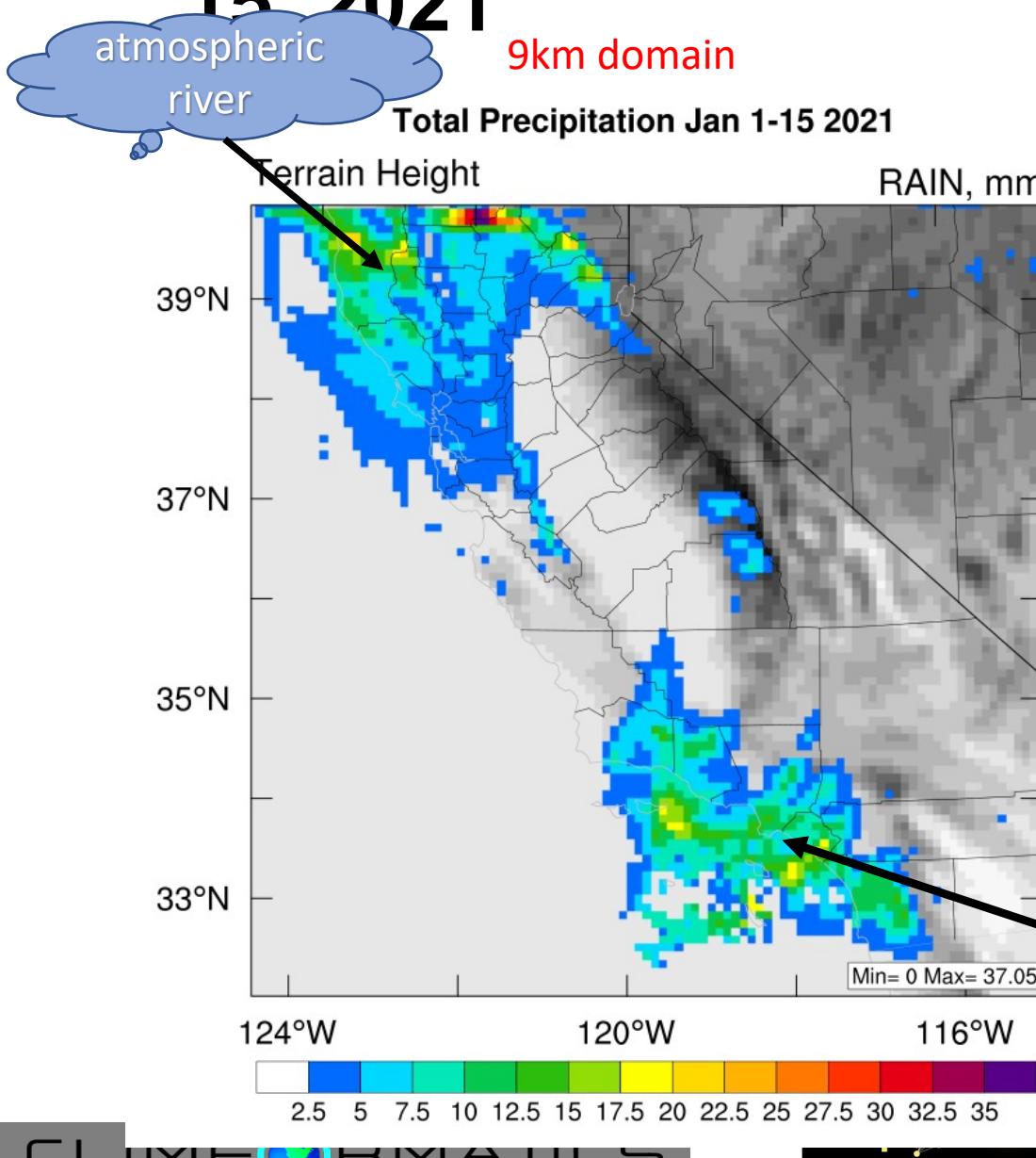
NOAA Rainfall forecast Jan 12-14 over Washington and Oregon

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Pacific Storms over Southern California with large amount of rainfall of about 4-5 inches

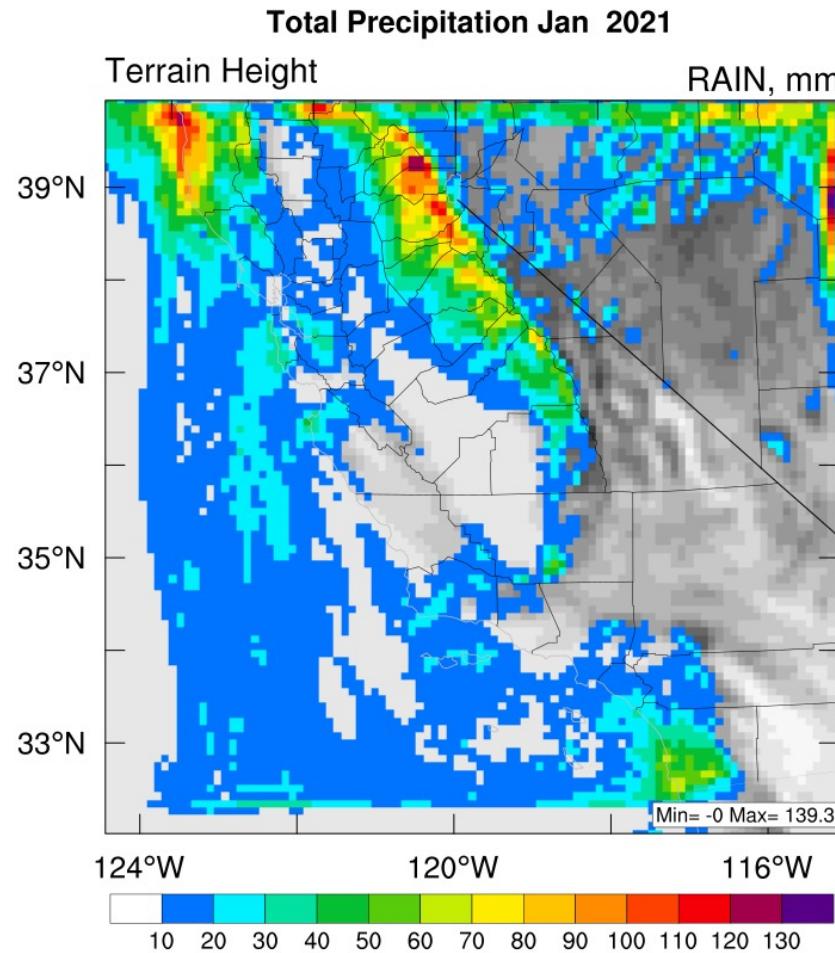


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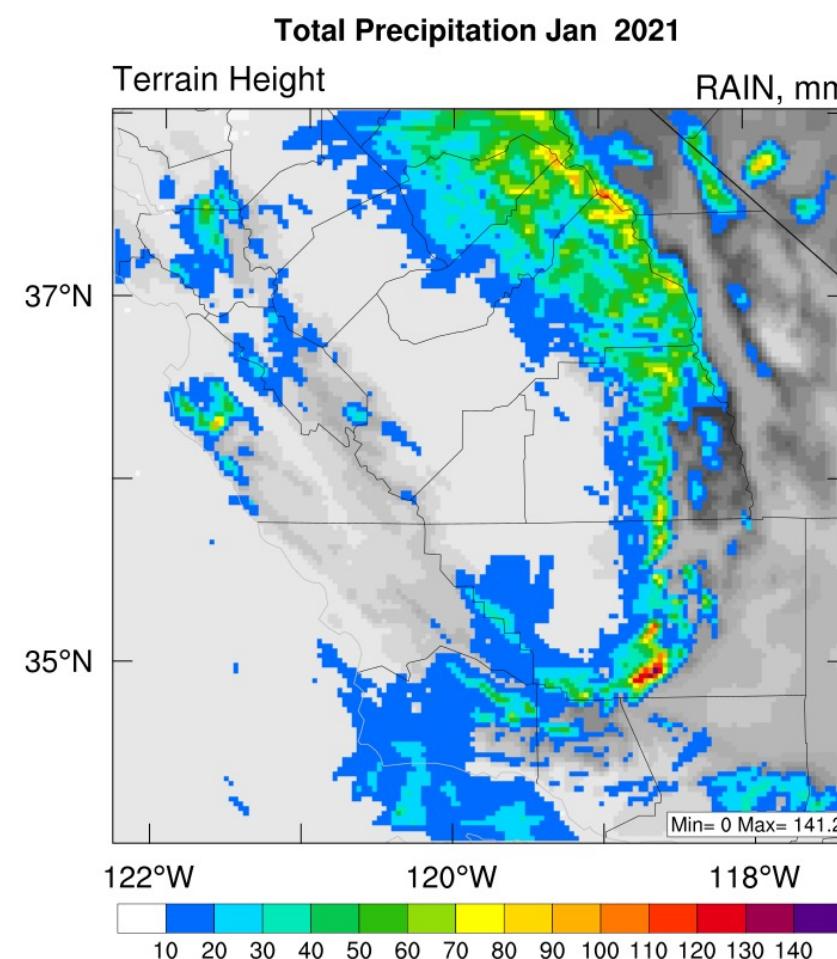


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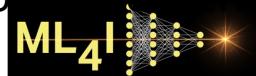
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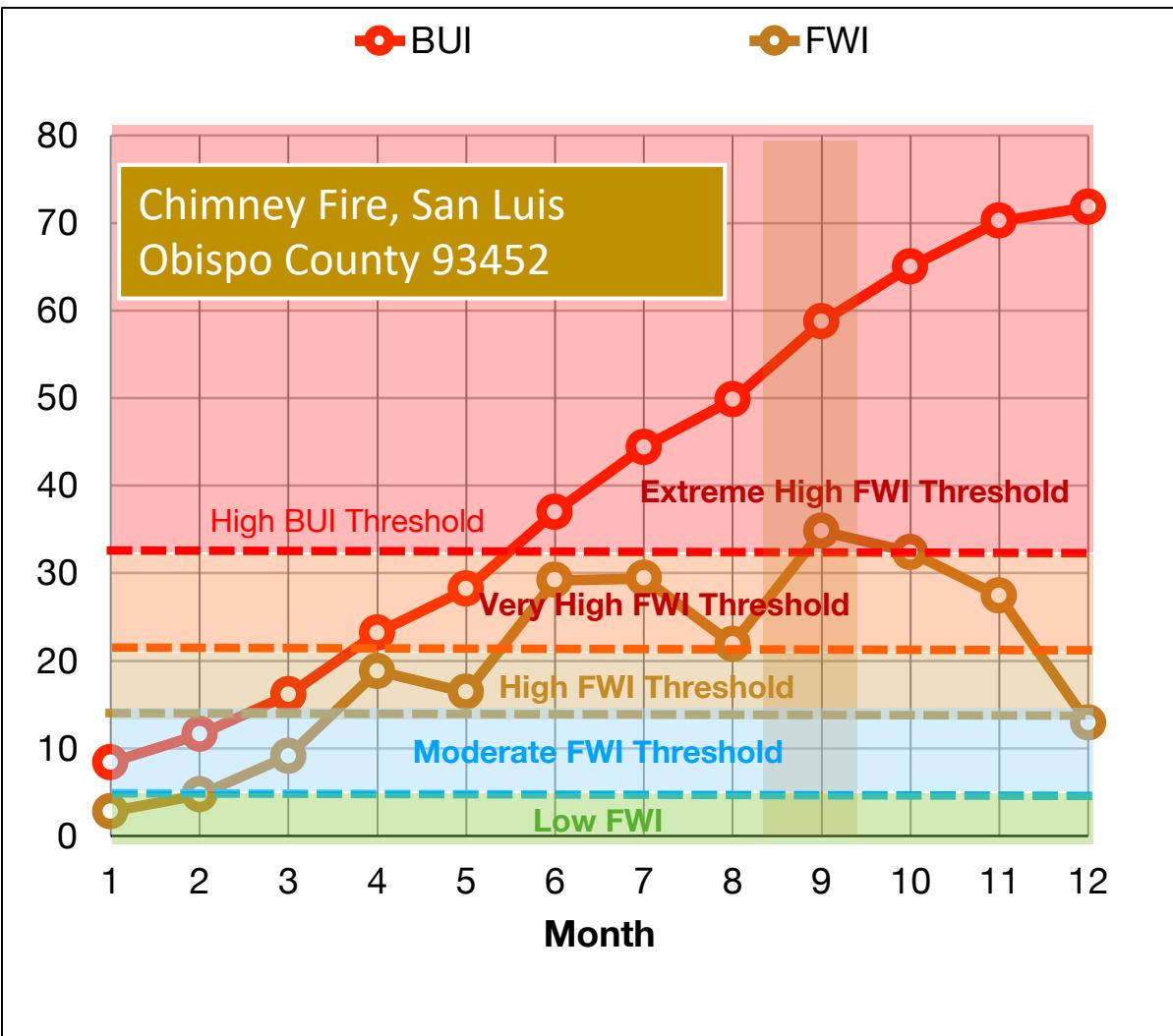
Total Precipitation in Jan, 2021 over the Sierras ~40- 120mm, over Southern California 20-110mm



# Dec2020-May2021 Winter Rainfall Prediction

- Santa Barbara Downtown 93105 – 7.7" **obs -9"**  
NOAA operational forecast – 82"
- Fresno 93706 -6.4" **obs-8"**
- Arroyo Seco – 5.5 " **obs-6.5"**  
NOAA operational forecast - 114"

# 2016 Fire Weather Index Hindcast Prediction

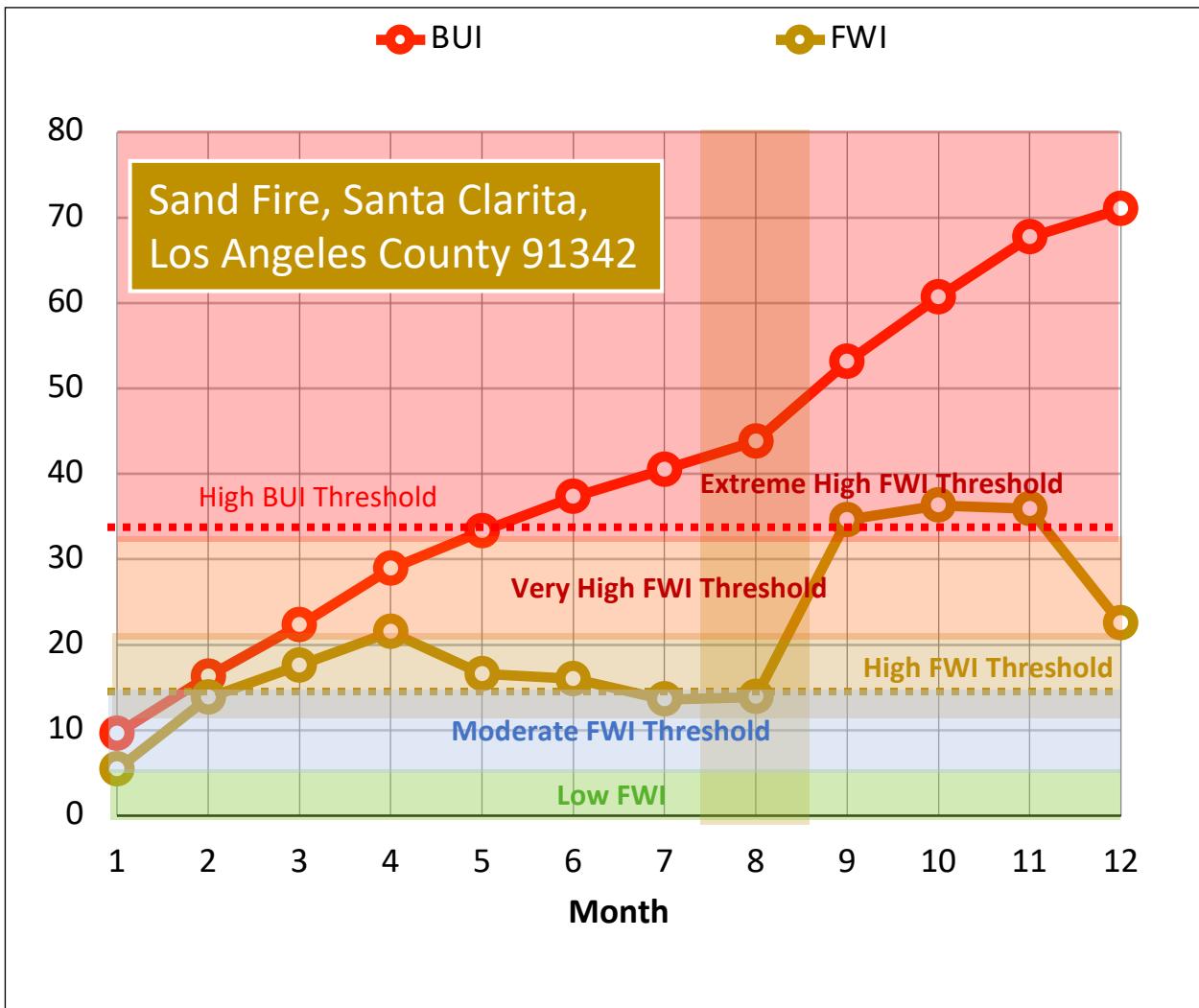


## Chimney Fire: (near Hearst Castle)

Fire Duration	August 13 - September 6, 2016
Burned area	46,344 acres (188 km <sup>2</sup> )
Buildings destroyed	70
Buildings damaged	8

Co-occurrence of high BUI and extreme high FWI conditions during August-September of 2016 (predicted by Climformatics) may have caused the Chimney Fire.

# 2016 Fire Weather Index Hindcast Prediction

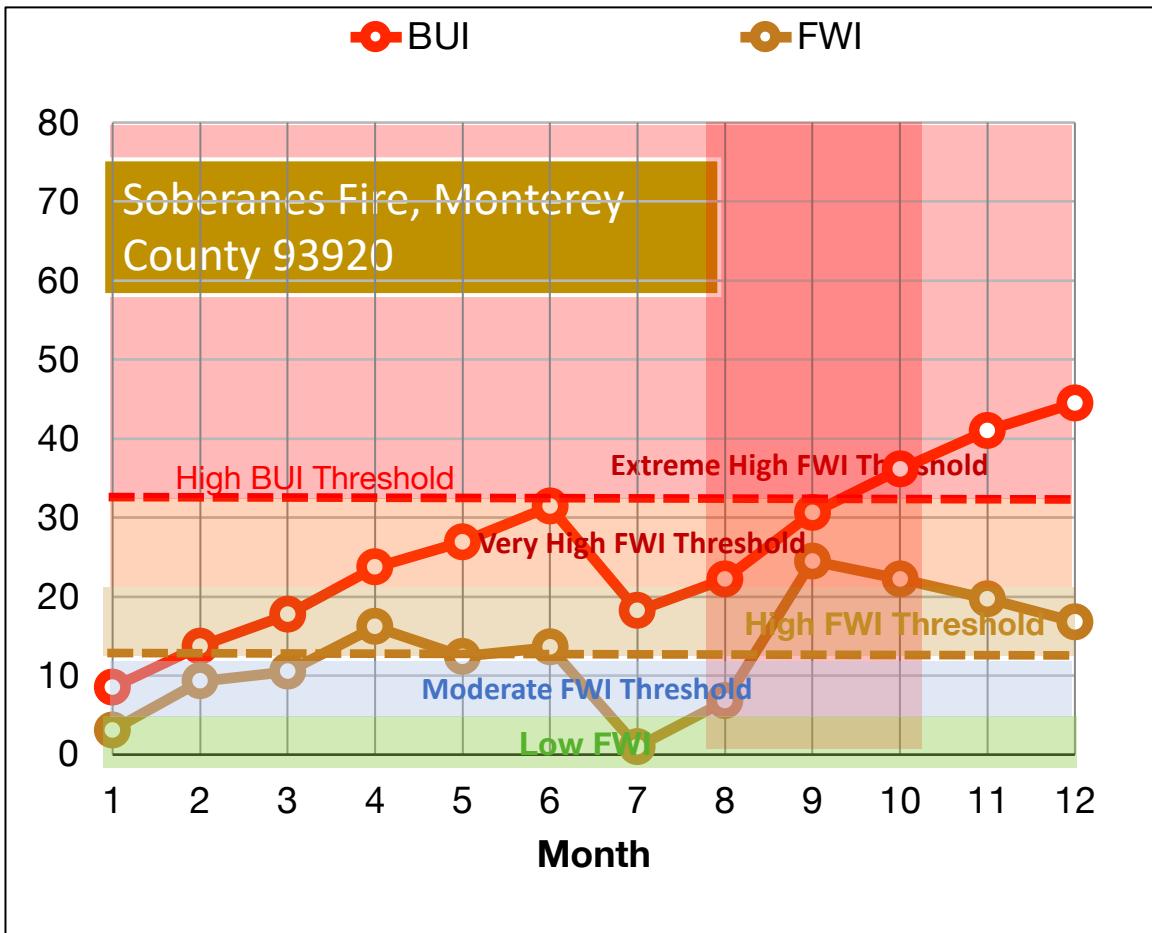


## Sand Fire: (Angeles National Forest, Santa Clarita)

Fire Duration	July 22 – August 3, 2016
Burned area	41,432 acres (168 km <sup>2</sup> )
Buildings destroyed	18
Fatalities	2

Co-occurrence of high BUI and moderate to high FWI conditions during July-August of 2016 (predicted by Climformatics) may have caused the Sand Fire.

# 2016 Fire Weather Index Hindcast Prediction



## Soberanes Fire: Monterey County

Fire Duration	July 22 – October 12, 2016
Burned area	132,127 acres
Cost	\$260 million (2016 USD)
Buildings destroyed	57

Co-occurrence of moderate to high BUI and extreme high FWI conditions during August-October of 2016 (predicted by Climformatics) may have caused the Soberanes Fire.

# Problem: Climate Change Impacts our World



Climate variability drives an uncertain future.