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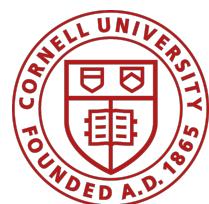
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Background and motivation

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IPCC, 5th AR, 2014





Up to
50%

less **rain**





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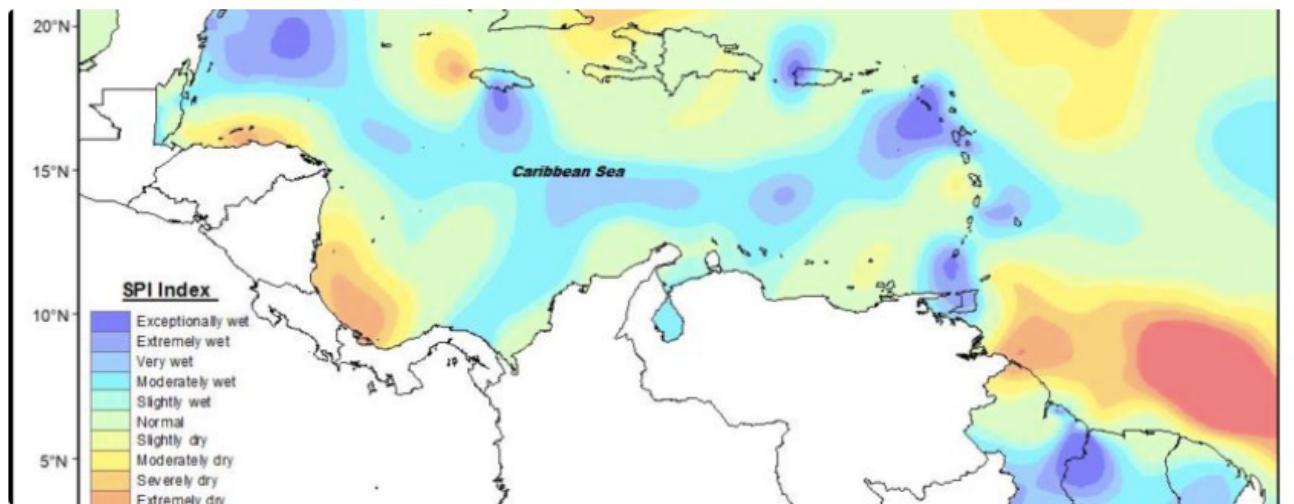
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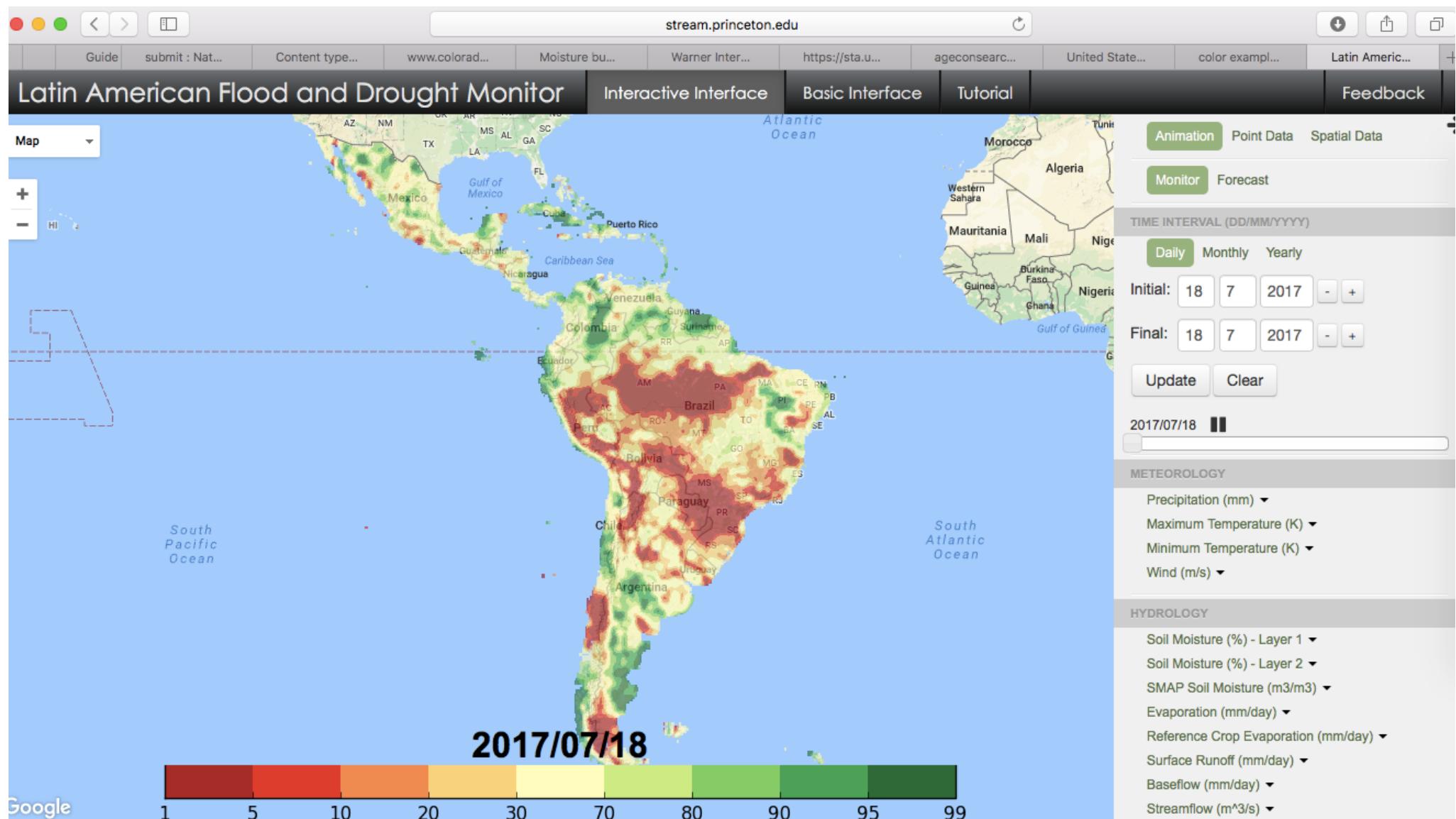
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[1] Meeting with farmers in SW
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[2] Participation in the XVIII Science Congress in the Dominican Republic.

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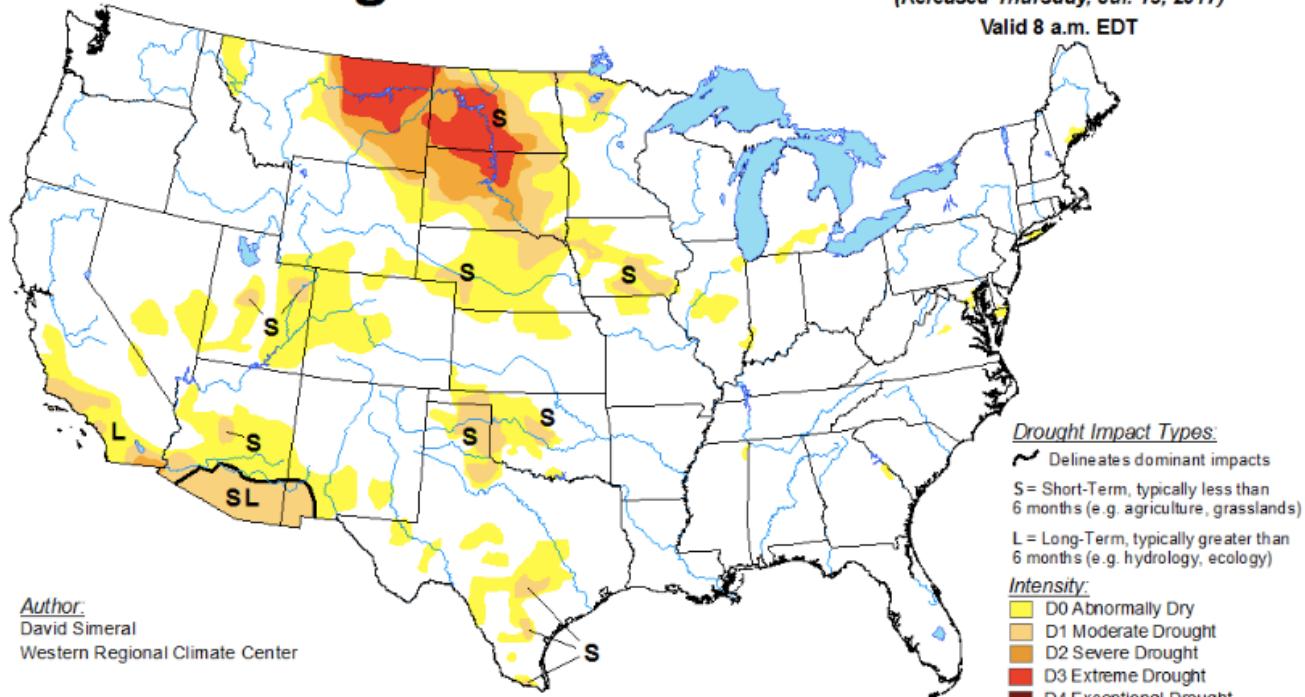
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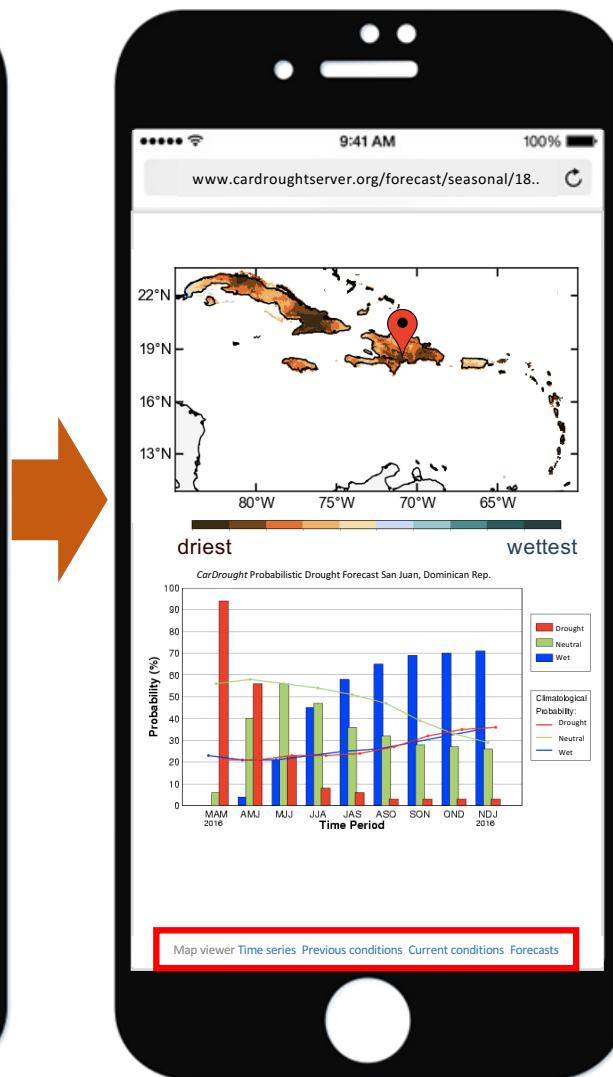
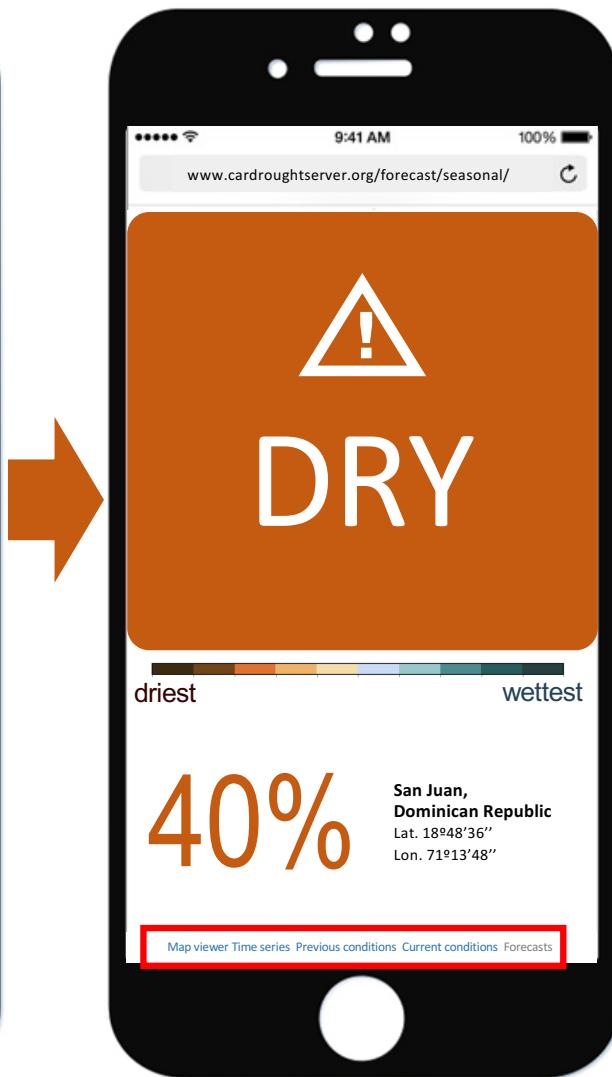
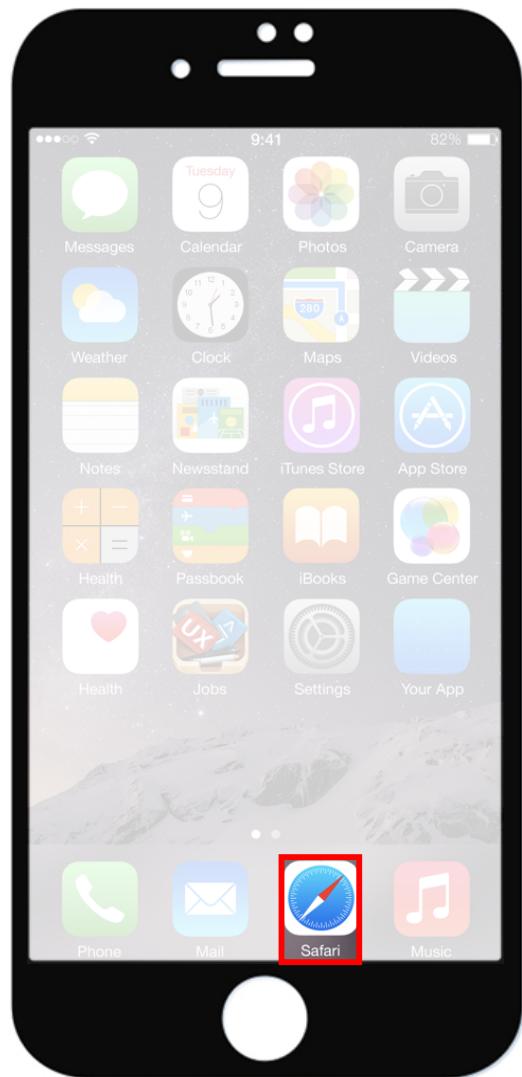
Summary

This U.S. Drought Monitor week saw hot and dry conditions persist across the western U.S. as a ridge of high pressure anchored over the region exacerbated drought conditions in eastern Montana as well as elevating fire danger across the region. According to the National Interagency Fire Center, ~70 large wildfires are currently burning across the West. On Friday and Saturday, daily high-temperature records were broken at various locations including: Las Vegas (116°F), Los Angeles (98°F), Phoenix (118°F), Reno (104°F), Boise (104°F), and Salt Lake City (104°F). Some relief from the heat came as monsoonal circulation returned to the Southwest.

► The Northeast

► Mid-Atlantic

► The Southeast



Research proposal for future research



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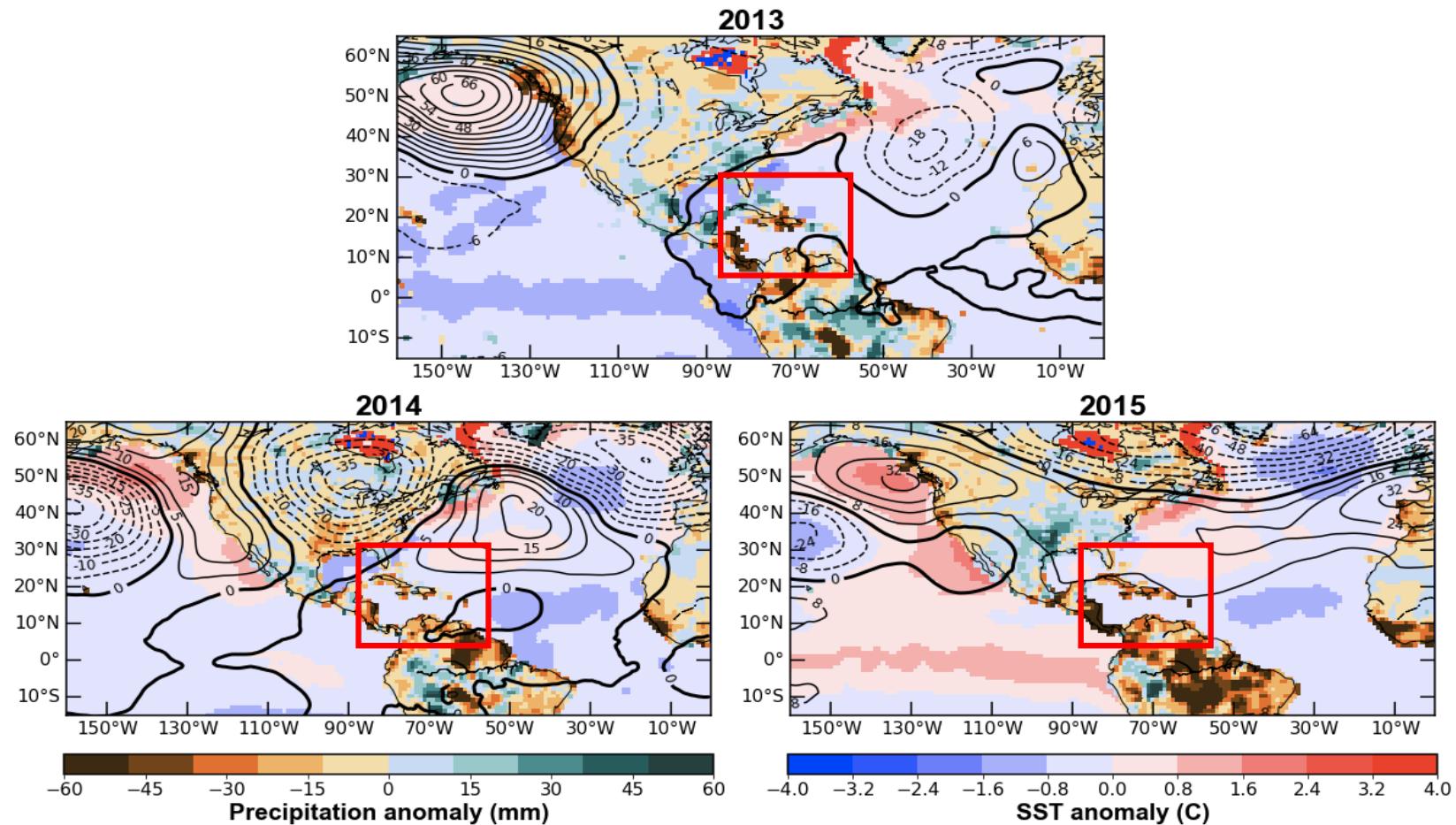
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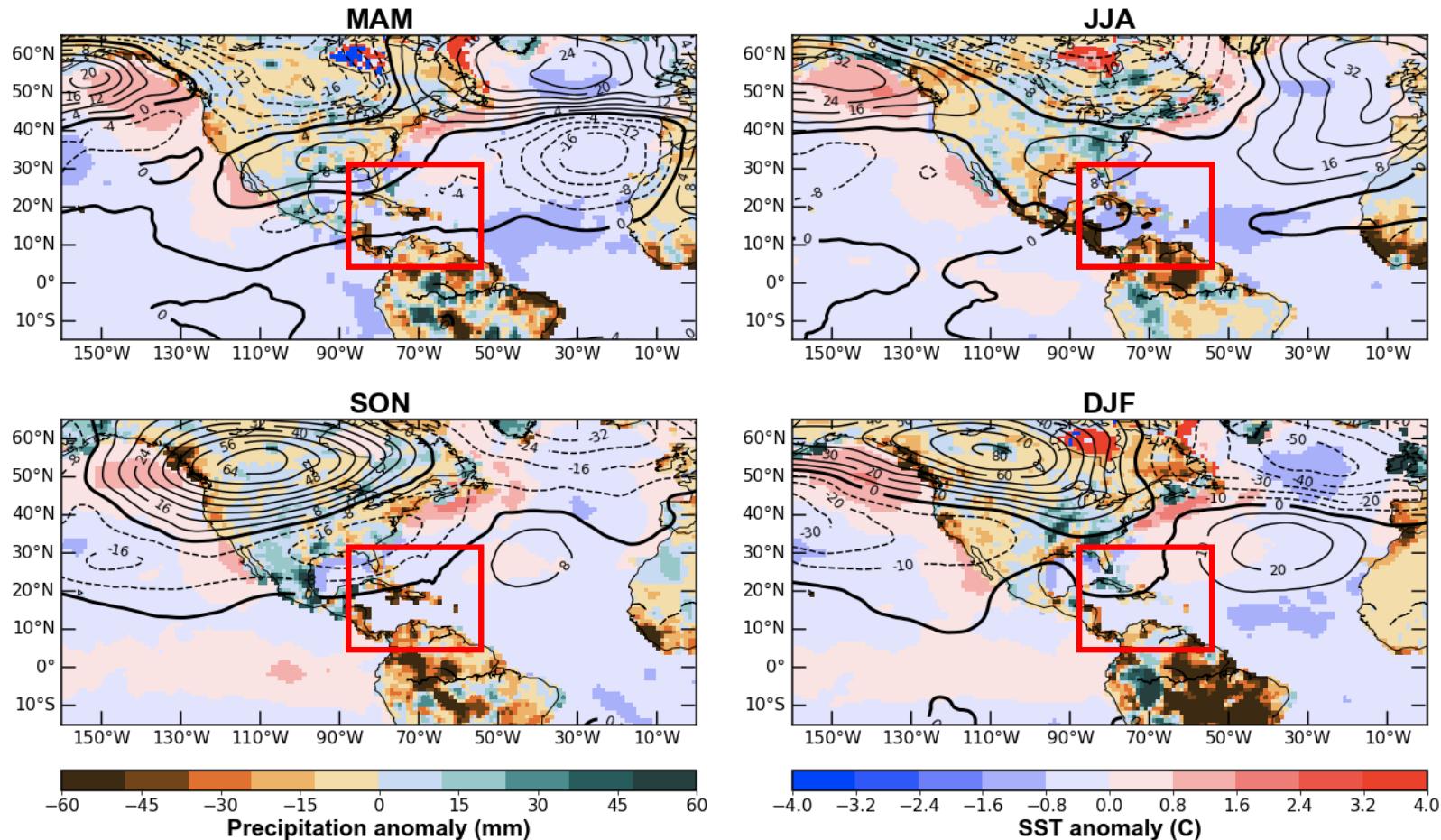
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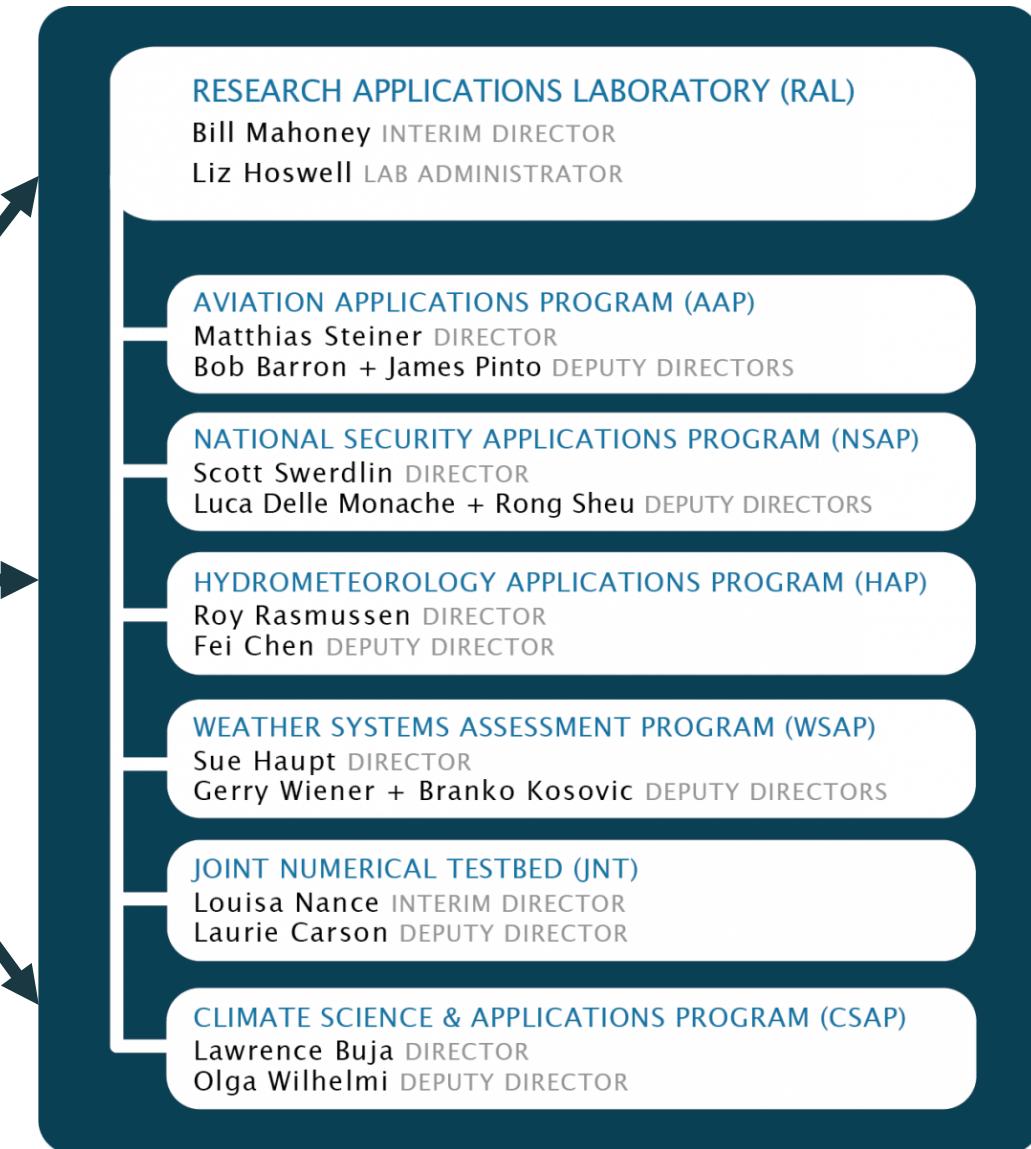


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My WISE experience

Networking



A remarkable history of contributions

TESTING + EVALUATION



To Flee or not to Flee?

That is the question hurricane researchers and forecasters aim to answer

NATIONAL SECURITY



R&D on Atmospheric Transport and Dispersion of Hazardous Materials

Atmospheric releases of hazardous materials, either accidental or intentional,...

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION



Promoting Vehicle Safety, Mobility, and Environmental Efficiency

Improving Weather and Road Condition Analyses and Forecasts

AGRICULTURE + FOOD



Decision Support Tools for Farmers

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AVIATION



Tornadoes, Microbursts, and Silver Linings

How the Jumbo Outbreak of 1974 helped lead to safer air travel

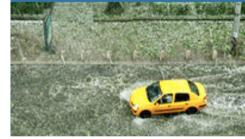
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Forecasting to fight meningitis

NCAR's custom outlooks provide guidance to large-scale immunization program

HIGH IMPACT WEATHER



Should I Stay or Should I Go

Storm Surge Perceptions, Communications and Response

RENEWABLE ENERGY



How advanced forecasting is making it easier to integrate solar onto the grid

Utilities and grid operators back research to make solar more predictable.

WATER RESOURCES



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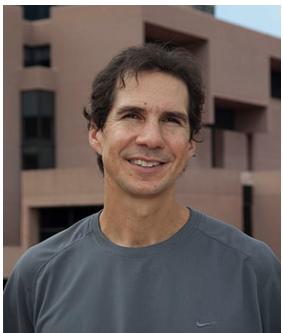
Future plans

- Conclude my graduate studies.
- Create the *CarDrought* dataset.
- Pursue a postdoc(?)

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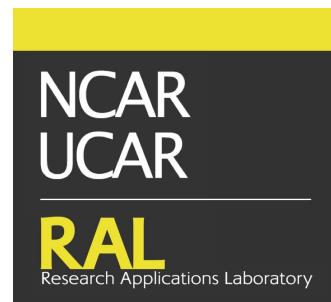
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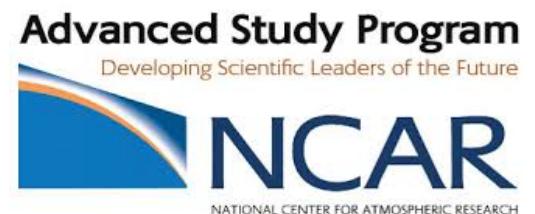
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