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46°N

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36°N

116°W

UWYO 30-yr convection permitting retrospective simulations (Wang et al. 2016)

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## Water-related limitations

✓ The response of streamflow to precipitation and snowpack ablation remains difficult to physically model because of geographically unique subsurface water infiltration and storage characteristics.

## Key objectives and tasks

- ✓ To assess how distribution of precipitation, snowpack dynamics and streamflow is expected to change in a future climate.
- ✓A multi-decade array is needed to capture most of the spectrum of precipitation, snowpack, and soil moisture combinations, and to reasonably predict flood probabilities.

## Economic and environmental benefits

 ✓ Will benefit the water allocation decision process within the framework of interstate water treaties, agricultural and forestry interests, and engineering projects designed to cope with extreme floods.