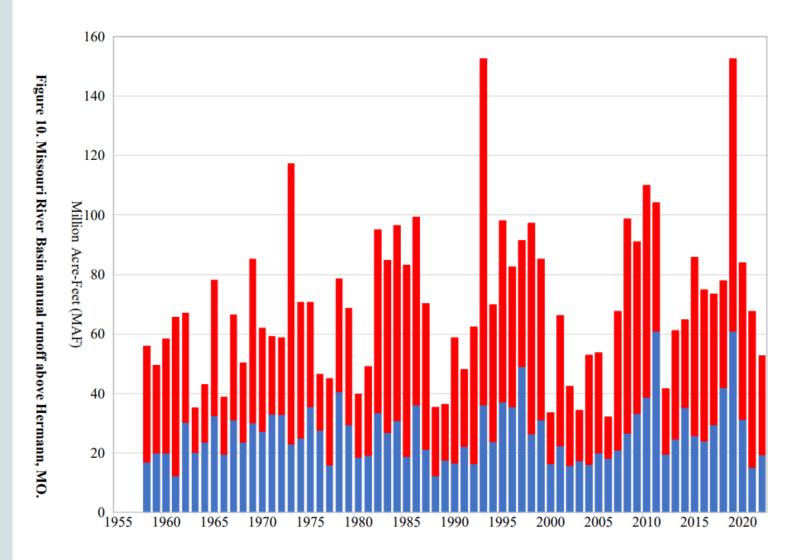
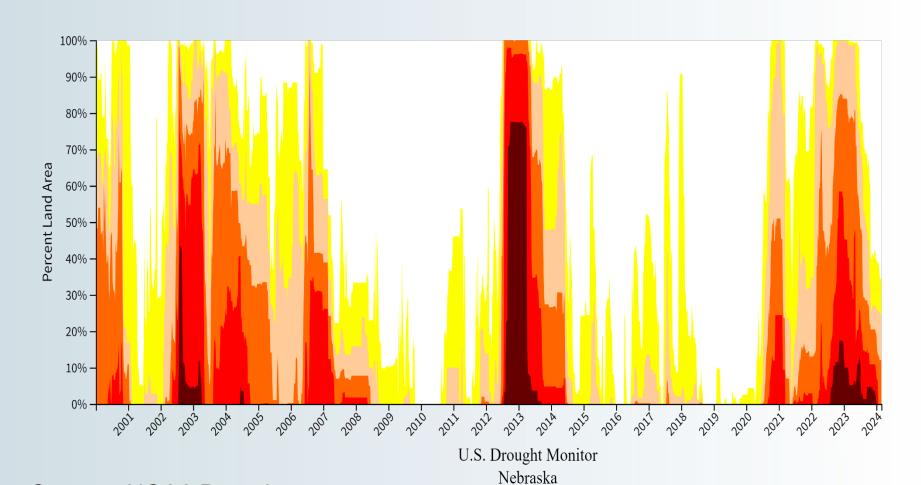
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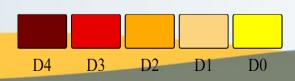
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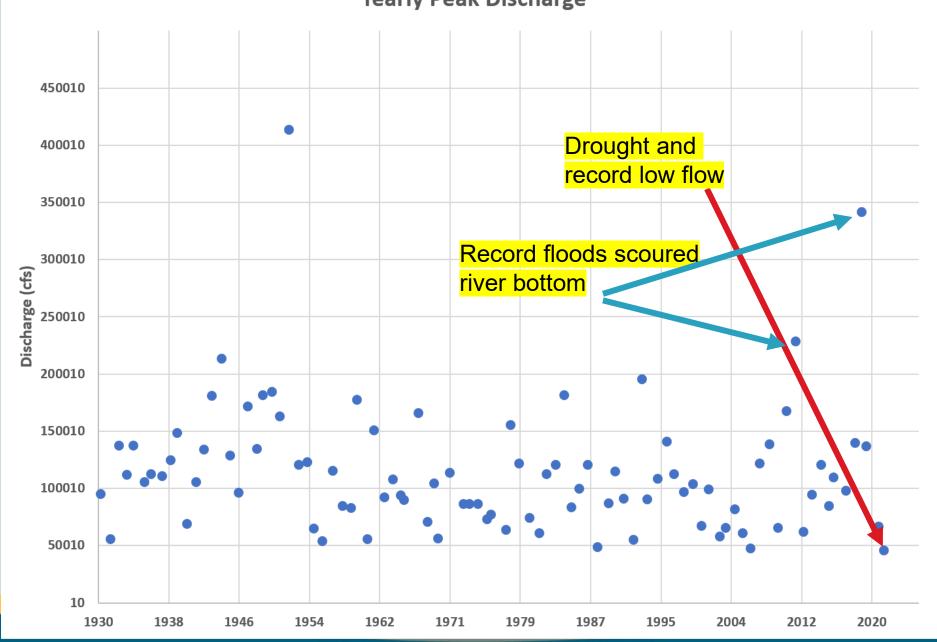
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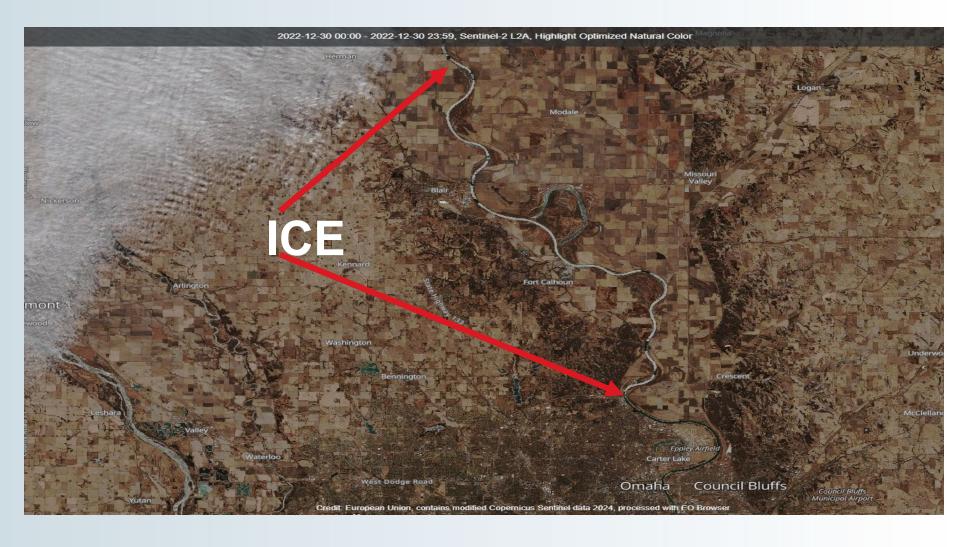


Source: NOAA Drought.gov



Nebraska City, Nebraska USGS River Gage Yearly Peak Discharge





Missouri River December 2022

Cumulative Impacts of Floods and Drought on Utility Infrastructure – 2022 and 2023

- Christmas 2022 low water flows coupled with severe cold caused 50 miles of icing on the river north of Omaha.
- Omaha Public Power District (electricity) and Metropolitan Utilities District (drinking water) intakes were high relevant to river floor than when constructed.
- Intakes froze and were unable to draw water from the river.
- Event repeated in winter 2023.

State Actions

- Engagement with USACE
 - Is releasing more water from upstream dams helpful or harmful?
 - Other impacts / analysis?
- Encourage updating COOPs
- Encourage and assist with funding options to build long-term resiliency
 - BRIC, IIJA Water Security, other sources

 Encourage Congressional Action on Water Resources Development Act (WRDA 2024) to address ice jams on the Missouri River (most recent study is 40 years old)

