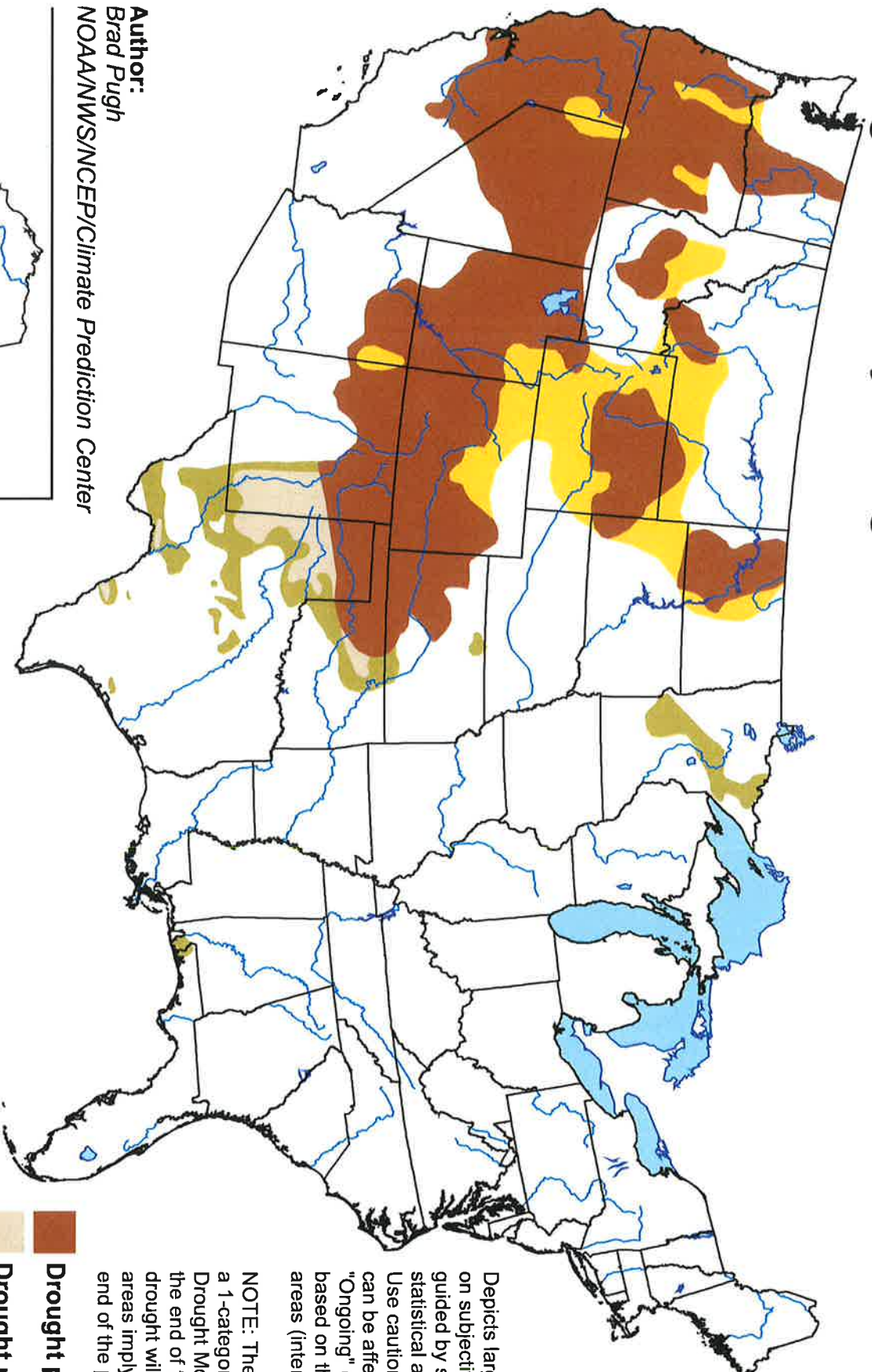


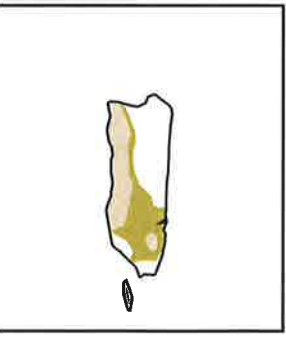
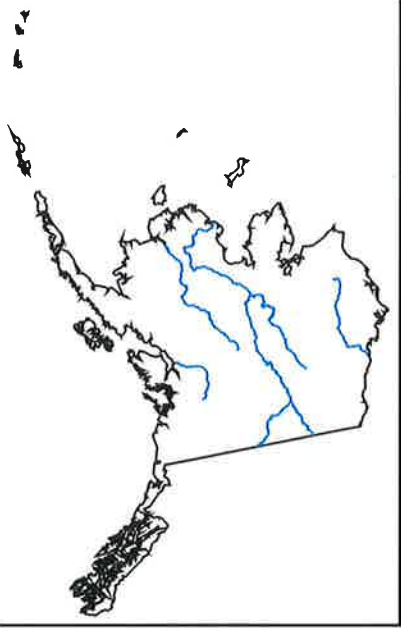
# U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

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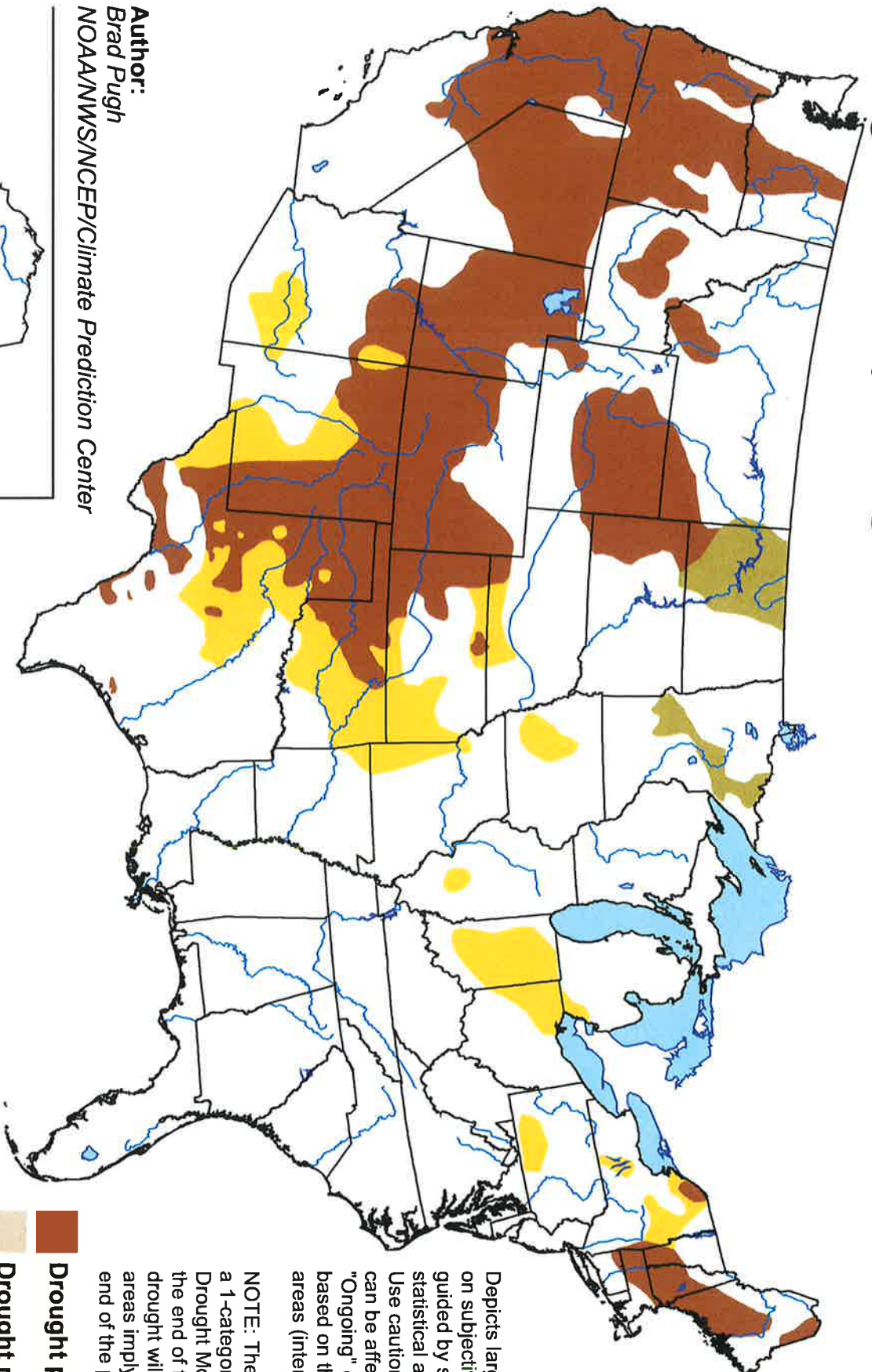


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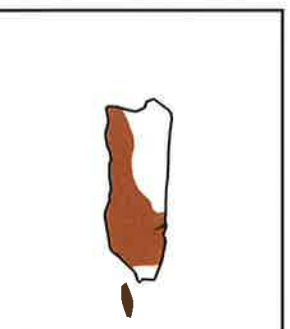
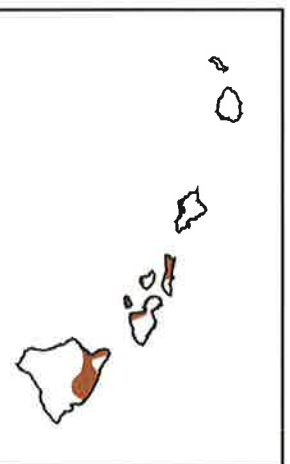
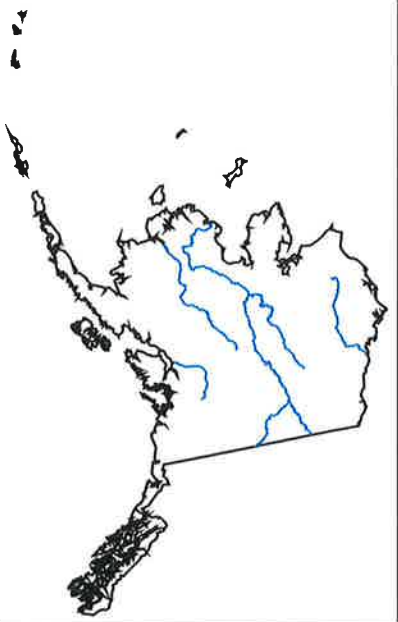
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## **Board of Directors' Executive Summary Statement on Drought Planning in the North Platte NRD**

The Board of Directors of the North Platte NRD believes that planning and preparing for drought is important to the long-term well-being of the District as a whole. In addition, drought management will be a key expectation and component of second-increment integrated management plans at the District and basin levels. The North Platte NRD will focus on the following key areas in implementing drought-mitigation and drought-response strategies:

### **A. Education**

1. Educate the entire community on droughts and its effects, emergency management, and sustainable conservation practices.
  - Include youth and adult audiences.
  - Leverage existing partnerships and resources to communicate drought information.
  - Provide information on District website.

### **B. Drought Monitoring**

1. Monitor meteorologic, hydrologic, and other tools to assess current and projected conditions for the region
  - Develop informational materials and recommendations to public and decision-makers based on information assessed.

### **C. Impacts and Vulnerabilities**

1. Municipal water use
  - Encourage municipalities within the NPNRD to restructure water rates to incentivize conservation and to implement water use restrictions, with enforcement provisions, in times of drought.
2. Preparedness
  - Engage in community emergency-preparedness activities to determine strengths and weaknesses of existing emergency-response plans.
3. Water quality
  - Maintain or improve surface water and groundwater quality during drought.
4. Water quantity
  - Identify strategies to address streamflow variability.
  - Consider further temporary reductions in water use during severe, multi-year droughts, keyed to the geography, magnitude, and timing of shortages in the local and regional hydrologic system (e.g., reduced groundwater levels).
5. Vulnerability: Soil health and land cover
  - Educate NPNRD communities on maintaining and improving soil health during drought.
  - Implement and promote cost-share programs targeting soil-health measures that increase drought resilience.

### **D. Drought Strategy Implementation**

- Establish and foster the local and regional partnerships needed to implement drought-management strategies.

- Seek out potential funding opportunities for drought-strategy implementation.
- Adapt management strategies to reflect lessons learned from drought situations as they occur.

In order to implement these strategies, the Board empowers the General Manager to engage with, and seek commitments from, potential partner organizations. The General Manager is also authorized enter into agreements that may be needed to ensure that the aforementioned strategies can be carried out with the existing NRD staff and budgeting levels. The General Manager will notify the Board is any changes in NRD policy or in the IMP would be needed to implement drought strategies.