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**SNOWPACK MOSTLY NORMAL**

**Okanagan snowpack readings show rapid melting in Brenda Mines area**

Jon Manchester - May 2, 2022 / 12:02 pm

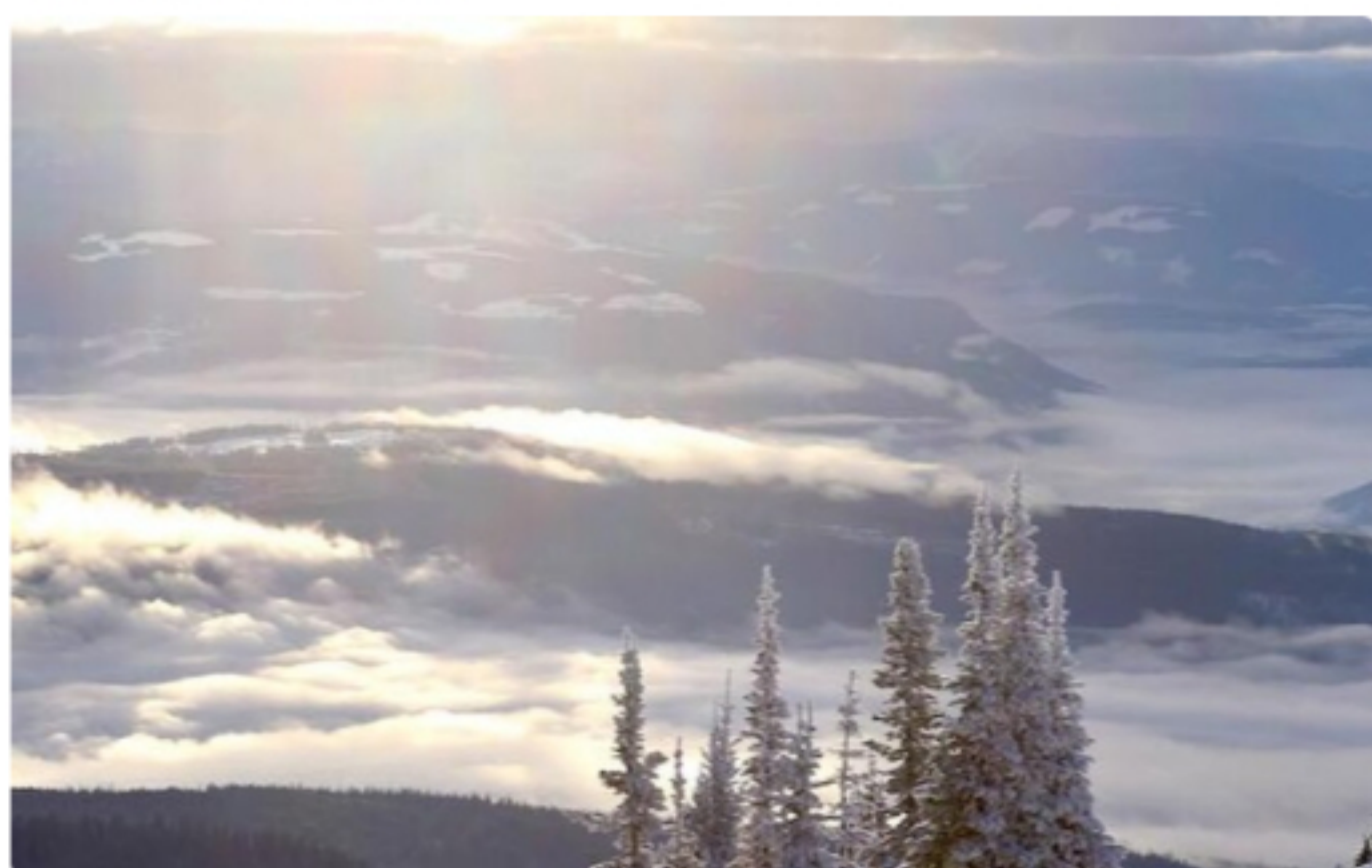


Photo: SilverStar Mountain Resort

Higher elevation snowpack in the Okanagan appears to have mostly recovered to normal levels for this time of year.

That, according to a report to the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

"Mission Creek and Silver Star snow pillows appear to have recovered to normal levels for this time of year. However, Brenda Mines snow pillow is showing a rapid melt, much faster than normal," the report notes.

Graphs show the Silver Star snow pillow right in the middle of historical highs and lows, with the Mission Creek snow pillow also within that range, but somewhat closer to the lower level.

The Brenda Mines snow pillow is significantly lower and has been trending that way since February.

The BC River Forecast Centre is expected to release more detailed data on May 10.

The river centre's April 1 report found snowpacks throughout the province ranging from 74 to 134% of normal.

Snow basin indices ranged from a low of 74% of normal in the Okanagan and on Vancouver Island to a high of 134% in the Northwest.

Generally, the province had a "normal" snowpack for April 1, the centre said.

A normal snowpack was measured in the South Thompson, and slightly above normal in the North Thompson.

Meanwhile, Okanagan Lake levels have recovered, and are well within the normal range for this time of year, the water board reports.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration continues to predict below normal precipitation for Eastern Washington for the summer and temperatures above normal.

**Silver Star Snow Pillow - March 29, 2022, elevation: 1840 m.**

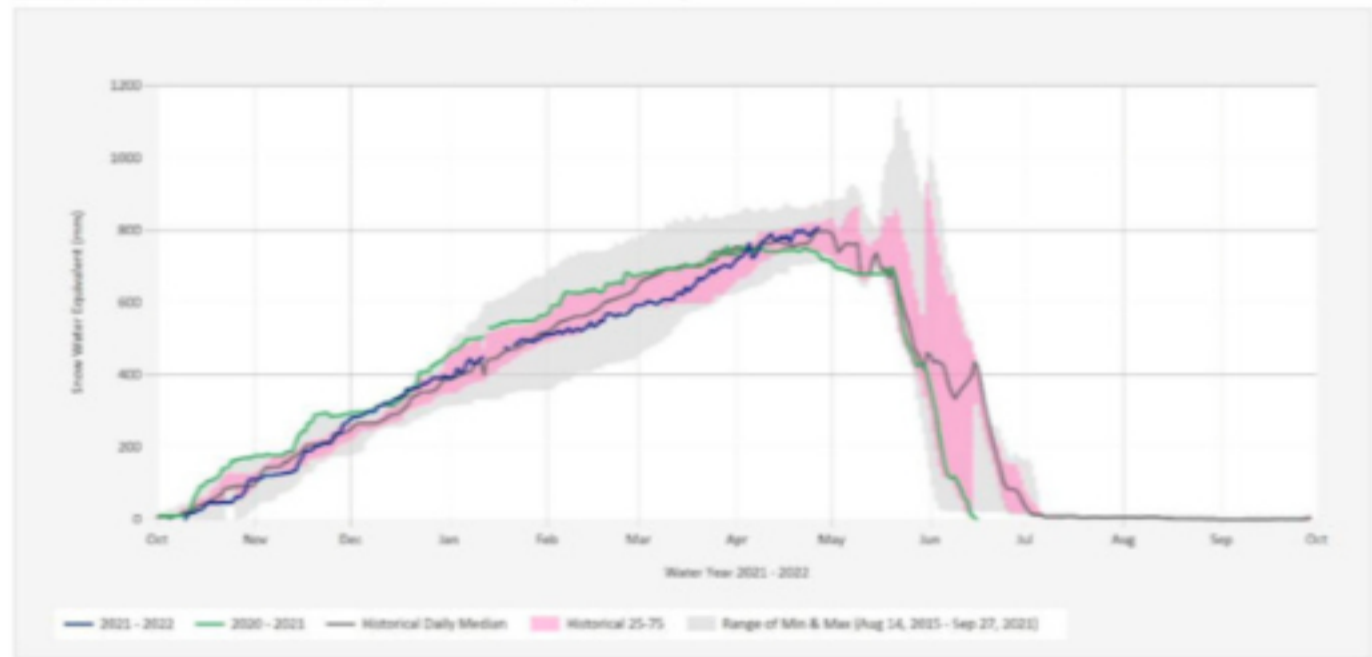


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**Mission Creek Snow Pillow - April 27, 2022, elevation: 1780 m.**

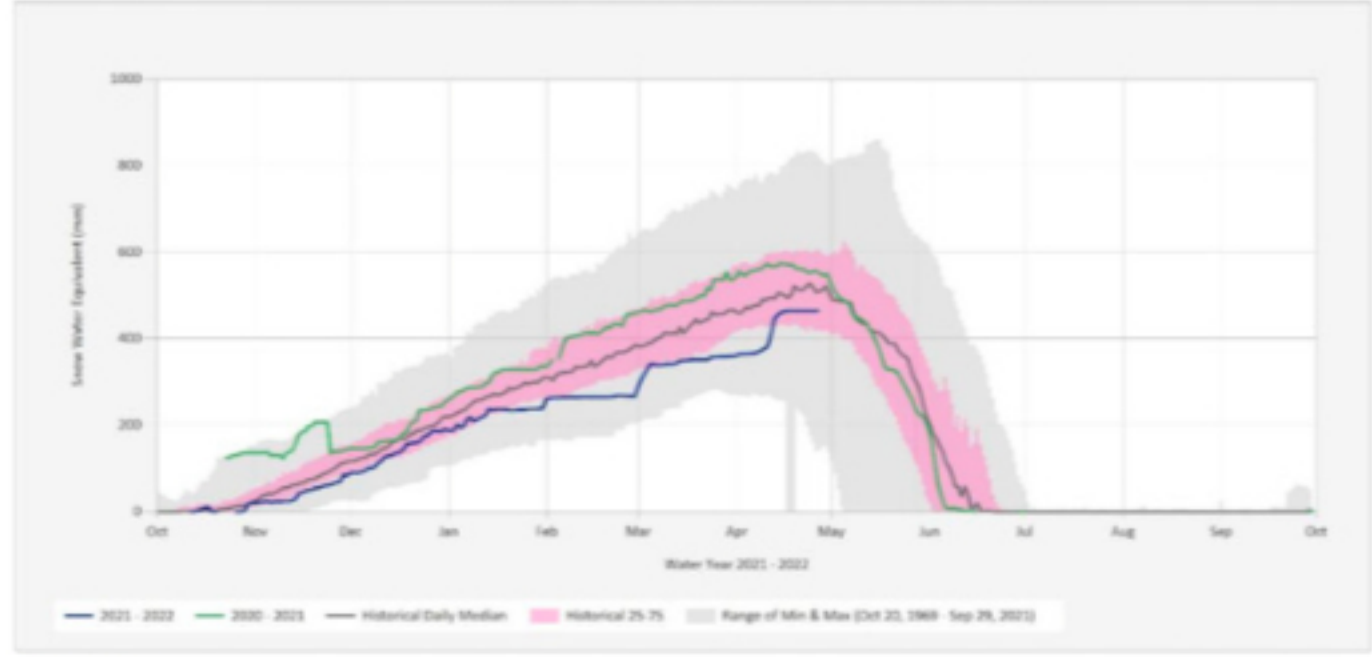


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**Brenda Mines Snow Pillow - March 29, 2022, elevation: 1460 m.**

