

## **Technical Memorandum**

То:	South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
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Subject:	Unimpaired Flow Dataset for the Saluda River Basin (Prepared as part of the South Carolina Surface Water Quantity Modeling Program)

## **1.0 Introduction**

Unimpaired Flows (UIFs) represent the theoretical historical rate of flow at a location in the absence of all human activity in the river channel, such as water withdrawals, discharges, and impoundments. They will be used as boundary conditions and calibration targets for natural hydrology in the computer simulation models of the 8 major river basins in South Carolina. As such, they represent an important step in the South Carolina Surface Water Quantity Modeling project.

This technical memorandum (TM) summarizes the completion of the UIF dataset for the Saluda River Basin, to the confluence of the Broad River. Following completion of the Broad River Basin UIF dataset, the Saluda Basin UIF dataset will be extended to include the Congaree River to the confluence of the Wateree River. At that time, this TM will be updated.

This TM references the electronic database which houses the completed UIF dataset for the Saluda Basin, and also summarizes the techniques and decisions pertaining to synthesis of data where it is unavailable, and which may be specific to individual locations.

## 2.0 Overview of UIF Methodology

Fundamentally, UIFs are calculated by removing known impacts from measured streamflow values at places in which flow has been measured historically. An alternate method sometimes employed utilizes rainfall-runoff modeling to estimate natural runoff tendencies, but this technique is often

uncertain, and its only sure footing is in calibration to measured (and frequently impaired) streamflow records anyway. For the Saluda River Basin, UIFs were calculated at every location in which a USGS gage has recorded historical flow measurements. Measured and estimated impacts of withdrawals, discharges, impoundments were included as linear "debits" or "credits," and the measured flow was adjusted accordingly. Where historical data on river operations did not exist, it was hindcast using various estimation techniques. Once the UIFs were developed for each USGS gage, the Period of Record (POR) for each gage was statistically extended (if necessary) to cover the range of 1925-2013 (coinciding with the longest recorded streamflow in the basin). As a final step, the UIFs in ungaged basins were estimated from UIFs in basins with similar size, land use, and topography.

UIFs are intended to be used for the following purposes:

- a) Headwater input to the SWAM models
- b) Incremental flow inputs along the mainstem in the SWAM models
- c) SWAM model calibration
- d) Comparison of simulated managed flows to natural flows
- e) Other uses by DNR/DHEC outside of the SWAM models

**Figure 2.1** illustrates the step-by-step methodology for computing UIFs. It is supported by the following technical memoranda, which specifically outline the steps and guidelines for UIF computation and decision-making:

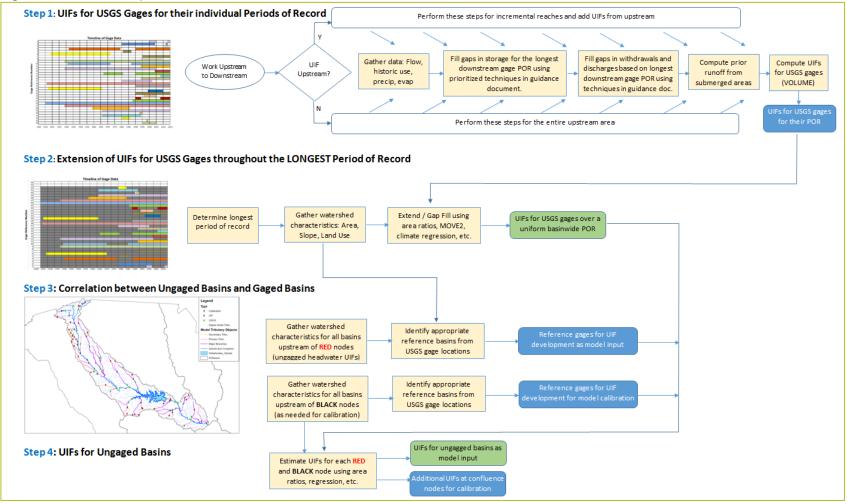
- Methodology for Unimpaired Flow Development, Saluda River Basin, South Carolina (CDM Smith, January 2015) – Included as Attachment A of this report. This includes a list of all USGS gages in the basin, as well as the documented water users whose data were used in computing the UIFs.
- Guidelines for Standardizing and Simplifying Operational Record Extension (CDM Smith, March 2015) Included as Attachment B of this report. This includes guidelines for various techniques for operational gap filling and record extension, and which techniques are most appropriate for various circumstances.
- *Guidelines for Identifying Reference Basins for UIF Extension or Synthesis (CDM Smith, April 2015)* Included as **Attachment C** of this report.
- Refinements to the UIF Extension Process, with an Example Included as Attachment E.

The original guidance document for the UIFs (Attachment A, listed above) distinguished between Unregulated Flows (flows affected by impoundments) and Unimpaired Flows (flows which include the impacts of impoundments in addition to withdrawals and discharges along the river). It was determined that the distinction was not necessary in South Carolina, and so the procedure for computing Unregulated Flows in Section 5.3 of Attachment A was not separated from the rest of the UIF calculation, but rather, included in a single UIF equation represented by Equation 1 in Attachment A. Generally, the methods employed for the South Carolina UIFs are very similar to those employed for UIFs in North Carolina and Georgia, and include the impacts of impoundments, withdrawals, and discharges.

**Figure 2.2** illustrates the locations of all UIFs developed for the Saluda River Basin, and distinguishes between those computed by adjusting measured streamflow at USGS gages, and those computed for ungaged basins through area transposition.

Hindcasting of agricultural withdrawals in the Saluda Basin was also required for the UIF calculations. Withdrawal data reported to DHEC from 2002 and 2014 was used directly, and prior to that, values from 1950 through 2001 were hindcasted using irrigated acreage estimation techniques. These estimation techniques are described in the CDM Smith memorandum entitled, *"Methodology for Developing Historical Surface Water Withdrawals for Agriculture Irrigation,"* dated July 2015.

#### Figure 2.1: UIF Development Process



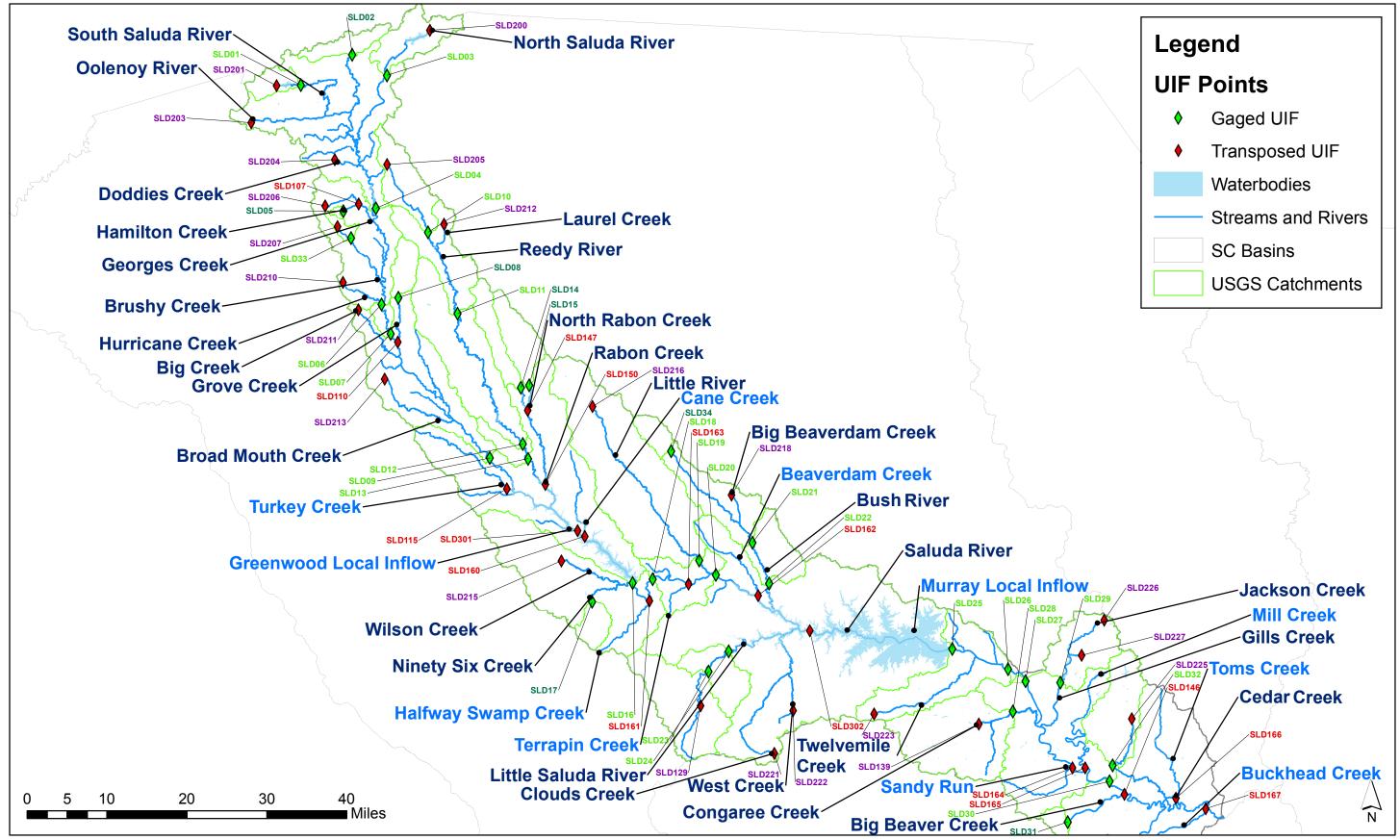




Figure 2.2: Unimpaired Flow Locations in the Saluda River Basin

### 3.0 Quality Assurance Reviews

Quality Assurance guidelines were developed in an internal CDM Smith memorandum dated April 2015, entitled *"Quality Assurance Guidelines: Unimpaired Flow Calculations (UIFs) for the South Carolina Surface Water Quantity Models."* The document is included in this report as **Attachment D**.

The Quality Assurance results are documented in each UIF workbook in the "QAQC" worksheet. Documentation includes the name of the reviewer, requested changes, and changes made. Some review items in addition to those presented in Attachment D were added to check the UIF extension calculations.

# 4.0 Summary of Operational Hindcasting

Unique circumstances involving data availability, observable trends, etc. required decisions about how to develop representative hindcast values for each individual user. A summary of hindcasting methods used for withdrawals, discharges, and storage are presented in **Table 4.1**, **Table 4.2**, and **Table 4.3**, respectively. Reference **Attachments A** and **B** for details on the listed methodologies.

			Withdrawal Hindcasting				
Project Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	User ID	User Name	Time Periods	Method Used	
SLD01	2162290	SOUTH SALUDA	23WS002S03	Greenville WS	Jan 1930 - Dec 1931	Anecdotal information	
		RIVER	23WS002S02	Greenville WS	none	none	
SLD03	2162350 MIDDLE SALUDA		23GC013S01	Cliffs Club at Valley	Jan 1996 - Dec 2000	Anecdotal information	
-		RIVER	23WS002S01	Greenville WS	none	none	
		CALLIDA	39GC002S01	Rolling Green GC	Jan 1955 - Dec 1985	Anecdotal information	
SLD04	2162500	SALUDA RIVER	39GC006S01	The Rock at Jocassee GC	none	none	
			39WS001S01	EASLEY COMBINED UTILITIES	Jan 1958 - Dec 1969	Annual data	
SLD06	2163000	SALUDA RIVER	04MI001S01	VULCAN CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS LP	none	None	
		SALUDA	GERBER 04IN019S01 CHILDR		none	None	
SLD07	2163001	RIVER	04IN019S02	GERBER CHILDRENSWEAR INC	none	None	
			04IN020S01	SOFT CARE APPAREL	none	None	

Table 4.1: Summary of Methods Used for Hindcasting Withdrawals

				Withdrawal Hind	dcasting	
Project Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	User ID	User Name	Time Periods	Method Used
			04IN020S02	SOFT CARE APPAREL	none	None
				Belton Honea Path	Jan 1962 -	Anecdotal
			04WS005S01	WA	Dec 1982	information
		SALUDA			Jan 1935 -	Anecdotal
SLD09	2163500	RIVER	04WS011S01	Town of Williamston	Dec 1982	information
				DUKE ENERGY	Jan 1951 -	Monthly
			04PT001S01	CAROLINAS LLC	Dec 1983	averages
		REEDY	23GC004S01	Furman Univ GC	Oct 1996 - Dec 1998	Short-term gap filling
SLD10	2164000	RIVER				
			23GC004S02	Furman Univ GC	none	none
			23IN033S01	US FINISHING	none	none
SLD11	2164110	REEDY	22.0004.4504	The Preserve at	Jan 1991 -	Anecdotal
		RIVER	23GC014S01	Verdae	Dec 2000	information
			City Pond/Coronaca		Jan 1935 -	Anecdotal
			Creek	Greenwood CPW	Dec 1954	information
			24WS001S02	Greenwood CPW	none	None
			24003001302	Greenwood Crw	none	None
					Jan 1955 -	Anecdotal
			24WS001S03	Greenwood CPW	Dec 1994	information
			2414/2004/204		Jan 1960 -	Anecdotal
			24WS001S01	Greenwood CPW	Dec 1982	information
			30WS002S01	Laurens CPW	Jan 1928 - Dec 1982	Anecdotal information
			30003002301		Jan 1948 -	Anecdotal
			30WS002S02	Laurens CPW	Dec 1982	information
					Jan 1989 -	Anecdotal
			30WS002S03	Laurens CPW	Dec 1995	information
SLD16	2166501	SALUDA				
		RIVER	24IN007S01	GREENWOOD MILLS INC ADAMS PLANT	none	none
			2411007301	GREENWOOD MILLS		none
				INC CHALMERS		
			24IN003S01	PLANT	none	none
			24101004504	GREENWOOD MILLS		
			24IN004S01	INC DURST PLANT GREENWOOD MILLS	none	none
				INC NINETY SIX		
			24IN009S01	PLANT	none	none
			240000000	GREENWOOD MILLS		
			24IN006S01	INC SLOAN PLANT	none	none
				GREENWOOD MILLS		
			24IN052S01	INC HARRIS PLANT	none	none

			Withdrawal Hindcasting				
Project	USGS					Method	
Gage ID	Number	Stream	User ID	User Name	Time Periods	Used	
SLD20	2167500	SALUDA			Jan 1962 -		
		RIVER	36WS001S01	NEWBERRY CITY OF	Dec 1982	Annual data	
			2200010001		Jan 1965 -	Anecdotal	
			32GC010S01	Ponderosa CC	Dec 2000	information	
					Jan 1990 -		
					May 1991; May 1993 -	Short-term	
			32WS052S01	City of W. Columbia	Dec 1993	gap filling	
			52110032001		Dec 1958 -	Monthly	
			32PT001S01	SCE&G	Jun 1983	averages	
SLD25 216850	2168504	68504 SALUDA RIVER	36WS002S01	NEWBERRY COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY none		None	
			40WS002S02	COLUMBIA CITY OF	none	None	
			41WS003S01	SALUDA COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY	none	None	
					Jan 1966 -	Anecdotal	
			32GC004S01	CC of Lexington	Dec 1984	information	
			32GC004S01	CC of Lexington	Jul 1997 - Dec 2000	Anecdotal information	
SLD26	2168504	SALUDA	32IN006S01	Shaw Industries	Jan 1961 - Jun 1983	Anecdotal information	
SLD26	2100304	RIVER	32WS001S01	Town of Lexington	Aug 1925 - Dec 1982	Regional population trends	
			32GC007S01	GOLDEN HILLS INC	none	None	
			32IN001S01	BC COMPONENTS INC	none	none	
SLD33	2162700	MIDDLE BRANCH	39GC003S01	Smithfields CC	Jan 1983 - Dec 2001	Anecdotal information	

Project			Discharge Hindcasting					
Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	Facility Name	ID	Time Periods	Method Used		
			MILLIKEN/GAYLEY PLANT	SC0003191-001	7/1978- 12/1988	Industrial discharge		
			MILLIKEN/GAYLEY PLANT	SC0003191-T11	none	Short-term gap filling		
SLD04	2162500	Saluda River	WCRSA/MARIETTA WWTP	SC0026883-001	1/1972- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Greenville)		
		Niver	WCRSA/SALUDA RIVER PLANT	SC0034568-001	1/1975- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Greenville)		
			GREENVILLE/N SALUDA & TABLE ROCK WTP	SCG646033-001	1/1930- 12/2013	Permit estimates (Greenville)		
		Saluda River	WCRSA/PIEDMON T REGIONAL WWTP	SC0048470-001	none	none		
			WCRSA/PIEDMON T PLANT	SC0023906-001	1/1965- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Greenville)		
			EASLEY/MIDDLE BRANCH WWTP	SC0039853-001	1/1958- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Easley)		
			WCRSA/GEORGES CREEK	SC0047309-001	none	none		
SLD06	2163000		EASLEY/GEORGES CREEK LAGOON	SC0023043-001	1/1958- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Easley)		
			WCRSA/LAKESIDE PLANT	SC0037460-001	1/1975- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Greenville)		
			WCRSA/PARKER PLANT	SC0037451-001	1/1975- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Greenville)		
			WCRSA/GROVE CREEK WWTP	SC0024317-001	1/1972- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Greenville)		
			AIR PRODUCTS & CHEMICALS, INC	SC0048429-001	none	Short-term gap filling		
			VULCAN CONST MAT/LAKESIDE	SCG730245-000	6/2008- 8/2008	Permit estimates (Vulcan)		

Project			Discharge Hindcasting					
Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	Facility Name	ID	Time Periods	Method Used		
SLD07	2163001	Saluda	PELZER, TOWN OF	SC0040797-001	1/1960- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Greenville)		
36007	2103001	River	WEST PELZER WWTF	SC0025194-001	1/1960- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Greenville)		
			WARE SHOALS/DAIRY STREET	SC0020214-001	1/1962- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Belton Honea)		
			HONEA PATH/CHIQUOLA MILL	SC0020672-001	1/1962- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Belton Honea)		
			BELTON/DUCWOR TH PLANT	SC0020745-001	1/1962- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Belton Honea)		
		63500 Saluda River	BELTON/DUCWOR TH (SALUDA)	SC0045896-002	none	Short-term gap filling		
SLD09	2163500		BELTON/DUCWOR TH (SALUDA)	SC0045896-003	none	Short-term gap filling		
			BELTON/DUCWOR TH (SALUDA)	SC0045896-001	none	Short-term gap filling		
			WILLIAMSTON/BIG					
			CRK EAST WWTP	SC0046841-001	none	Short-term gap filling		
			DUKE ENERGY/LEE STEAM STATION	SC0002291-001	1/1951- 12/1988	Monthly estimates from user		
			DUKE ENERGY/LEE	30002291-001	1/1951-	Monthly estimates		
			STEAM STATION	SC0002291-004	12/1988	from user		
			WILLIAMSTON/BIG		1/1935-	Extended from		
			CREEK EAST	SC0025976-001	12/1988	anecdotal info		
			WCRSA/LOWER			Correlated with		
			REEDY RIVER	660024264 004	11/1985-	monthly withdrawal		
SLD11	2164110	Reedy River	PLANT	SC0024261-001	12/1988	(Greenville) Correlated with		
		RIVEI	WCRSA/MAULDIN		1/1930-	monthly withdrawal		
			ROAD	SC0041211-001	12/1988	(Greenville)		
		Roody	SC DEPT					
SLD12	2165000	Reedy River	CORR/PERRY CORR INST	SC0029343-001	nonc	Short-term gap filling		
				300023343-001	none	Correlated with		
					1/1935-	monthly withdrawal		
	2167000	Saluda	NINETY SIX WWTF	SC0036048-001	12/1988	(Greenwood)		
SLD18	2167000	River				Correlated with		
			GREENWOOD/WIL		1/1935-	monthly withdrawal		
			SON CREEK WWTF	SC0021709-001	12/1988	(Greenwood)		

Project			Discharge Hindcasting					
Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	Facility Name	ID	Time Periods	Method Used		
			LAURENS COMM OF PW/LAURENS	SC0020702-001	1/1928- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Laurens)		
SLD19	2167450	Little River	INGERSOLL RAND/G.W. RECOVERY SYS	SC0048534-001	none	none		
			LAURENS WTP	SCG646028-001	1/1928- 12/2013	Permit estimates (Laurens)		
SLD20	2167500	Saluda River	NEWBERRY WTP	SCG646047-001	1/1926- 12/2013	Permit estimates (Newberry)		
SLD21	2167563	BUSH RIVER	LAURENS CO W&S/CLINTON- JOANNA	SC0037974-001	2/1930- 12/1988	Extended from regional population trends		
SLD22	22 2167582 BUSH RIVER		NEWBERRY CO W&SA/PLANT #1	SC0040860-001	1/1926- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Newberry)		
SLDZZ			NEWBERRY/BUSH RIVER WWTF	SC0024490-001	1/1926- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Newberry)		
SLD23	2167703 7	LITTLE SALUDA RIVER	SALUDA, TOWN OF	SC0022381-001	1/1926- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (Newberry)		
		SALUDA	AMICK PROCESSING INC	SC0025585-001	none	Short-term gap filling		
SLD25	2168504	RIVER	SCE&G/MCMEEKI N STEAM STATION	SC0002046 (lumped)	6/1958- 12/2013	Permit estimates (SCE&G)		
			LEXINGTON/COVE NTRY WOODS SD	SC0026735-001	8/1925- 12/1988	Correlated with monthly withdrawal (W. Columbia)		
			CWS/WATERGATE DEVELOPMENT	SC0027162-001	6/1978- 12/1988	Industrial discharge		
		SALUDA	VANARSDALE SD/MIDLANDS UTILITY	SC0030945-001	none	Short-term gap filling		
SLD26	2169000	RIVER	LEXINGTON/WHIT EFORD SD WWTP	SC0043541-001	none	Short-term gap filling		
			BUSH RIVER UTILITIES	SC0032743-001	none	Short-term gap filling		
			CWS/I-20 REGIONAL	SC0035564-001	2/1985- 12/1988	Industrial discharge		
			WOODLAND HILLS WEST SD	SC0029475-001	none	none		

Project			Discharge Hindcasting				
Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	Facility Name	ID	Time Periods	Method Used	
			ALPINE UTILITIES/STOOP				
			CREEK	SC0029483-001	none	Short-term gap filling	
			SHAW INDUSTRIES			Correlated with	
			GROUP/COLUMBI	SC0003557	1/1961-	monthly withdrawal	
			А	(lumped)	12/1988	(Shaw)	
						Correlated with	
			BC COMPONENTS	SC0003425	1/1983-	monthly withdrawal	
			INC	(lumped)	12/1988	(BC Components)	
			CWS/FRIARSGATE		2/1982-	Industrial discharge	
			SD	SC0036137-001	12/1988	industrial disclidige	

Table 4.3: Summary of Methods Used for Hindcasting Storage
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Project	USGS		Storage Hindcasting			
Gage ID	Number	Stream	Reservoir Name	Time Periods	Method Used	
SLD01	2162290	SOUTH SALUDA RIVER	Table Rock	1/1930- 12/1999	Hindcast Method #3 adjusted for variable historic withdrawals	
SLD03	21623975	NORTH SALUDA RIVER	North Saluda	1/1961- 12/1999	Hindcast Method #2 adjusted for variable historic withdrawals	
SLD04	2162500	SALUDA RIVER	Saluda Lake	none	Assumed run-of-river	
SLD12	2165000	REEDY RIVER	Boyd Mill Pond	none	Assumed run-of-river	
			Lake Rabon	1/1989- 11/2011	Hindcast Method #1	
SLD16	2166501	SALUDA RIVER	Lake Greenwood	10/1960- 9/1966	Multi-year gap filled with Method #1, small gaps with interpolation	
SLD25	2168504	SALUDA RIVER	Lake Murray	none	Filled small gaps with interpolation	

An example of one of the withdrawal hindcasting methods is shown in **Figure 4.1**, which shows discharges extended for Belton Honea Path Water Authority based on anecdotal information provided by the user prior to 1983.

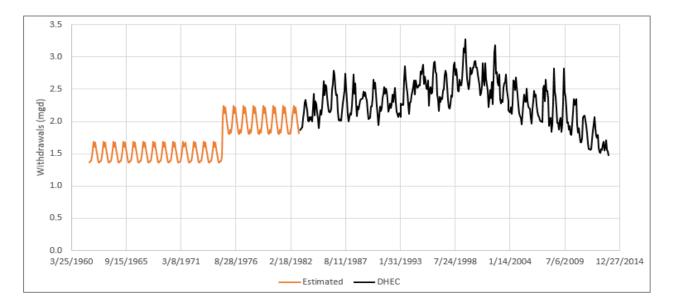
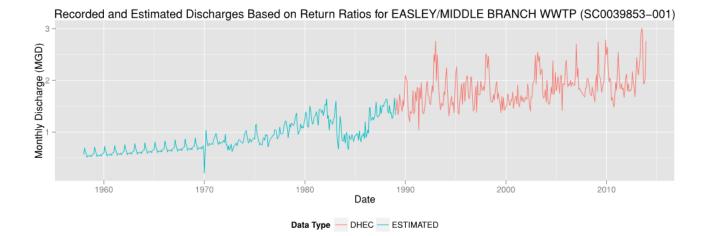


Figure 4.1: Hindcasting Using Anecdotal Information for Belton Honea Path Water Authority

An example of one of the discharge hindcasting methods is shown in **Figure 4.2**, which shows discharges extended based on withdrawals for Easley.



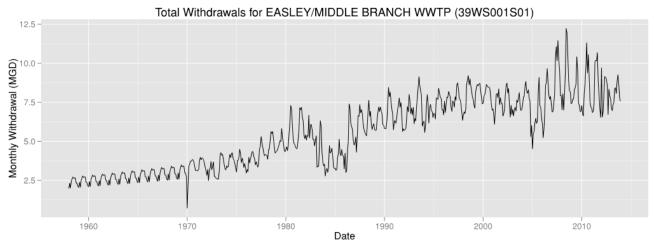


Figure 4.2: (TOP) DHEC Provided and Estimated Monthly Discharge. (BOTTOM) Monthly Withdrawals Used for Hindcasting

In the absence of simulation models of specific reservoirs, historical reservoir dynamics had to be estimated with simple predictive variables, such as cumulative rainfall and estimated historical withdrawals. An example validation graph for storage hindcasting is shown for Table Rock reservoir in **Figures 4.3a and 4.3b** (Methods are explained in Attachment B). The complete timeseries for Table Rock, with estimated and observed portions indicated, is then shown in **Figure 4.4**.

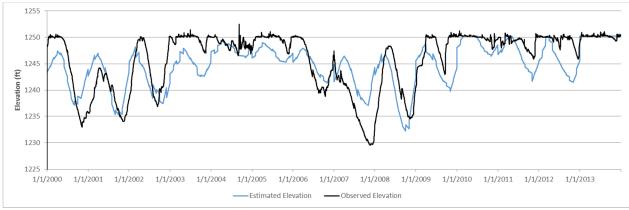


Figure 4.3a: Validation of Hindcasting Method 3 for Table Rock Reservoir (daily observed elevations)

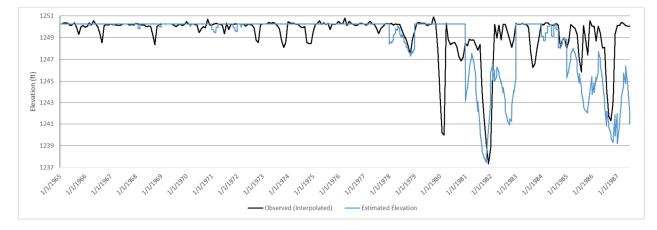


Figure 4.3b: Validation of Hindcasting Method 3 for Table Rock Reservoir (monthly observed elevations)

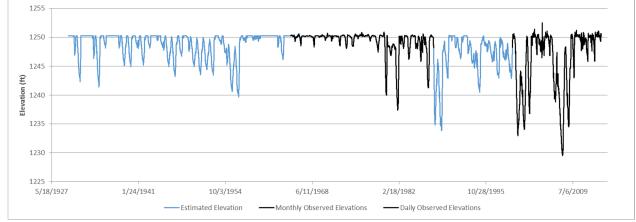


Figure 4.4: Complete Timeseries (Estimated and Observed) for Table Rock

## 5.0 Summary of Gaged UIF Flow Record Extension

A summary of the reference gages and methods used to extend the UIFs with partial periods of record is provided in **Table 5.1**. Initial candidates of reference gages are selected following guidelines outlined in **Attachment C**. See **Attachment E** for details pertaining to the decision-making process. As MOVE.1 without an initial log transform may produce negative or near-zero values, area proration replaces values below the overlapping minimum between the partial and extension gage. Four gages are italicized: SLD28, SL29, SLD31, and SLD32. These four are tributaries to the Congaree and needed extension to 1983 for SWAM calibration. Once Broad UIFs have been developed, these will be fully extended to the full period of record. Also of note, one Broad gage, BRD11 (USGS number 02154790 on South Pacolet River) was brought in to further improve SLD03.

	USC	GS Gage with Pa	rtial Record	USGS Reference Gage(s)				
Project Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	Periods of Record	Basin Area (mi²)	Project Gage ID	Stream	Basin Area (mi²)	Method of Extension
						MIDDLE		
		SOUTH	02/2000 - 09/2005		SLD02	SALUDA RIVER	20.9	MOVE.1 (log transform)
SLD01	2162290	SALUDA	07/2012 - 01/2014	17.2	SLD04	SALUDA RIVER	295.0	MOVE.1 (log transform)
		RIVER	, ,		SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
						COLITI		MOVE.1: no transform,
					CL D01	SOUTH	17.0	Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
					SLD01	SALUDA RIVER	17.2 295.0	6.6 cfs
		MIDDLE	10/1980 - 09/2003 07/2012 - 10/2013		SLD04	SALUDA RIVER	295.0	MOVE.1 (log transform) MOVE.1: no transform,
SLD02	2162350	SALUDA		20.9				Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
		RIVER			SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	6.6 cfs
					JEDIO	SALODATIVER	1354.0	MOVE.1: no transform,
								Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
					SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	6.6 cfs
								MOVE.1: no transform,
						MIDDLE		Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
					SLD02	SALUDA RIVER	20.9	26.3 cfs
						SOUTH		
		NORTH				PACOLET		
SLD03	21623975	SALUDA	01/2011 - 01/2013	44.2	BRD11	RIVER	55.4	MOVE.1 (log transform)
52005	21023373	RIVER	01/2011 01/2013	77.2				MOVE.1: no transform,
								Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
					SLD04	SALUDA RIVER	295.0	9.3 cfs
								MOVE.1: no transform,
								Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
					SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	9.3 cfs

USGS Gage with Partial Record						GS Reference Gage		
Project Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	Periods of Record	Basin Area (mi²)	Project Gage ID	Stream	Basin Area (mi²)	Method of Extension
-								MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
					SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	9.3 cfs
					SLD06	SALUDA RIVER	410.0	MOVE.1 (log transform)
0.004	2462500	SALUDA	01/1942 - 10/1978	205.0	SLD09	SALUDA RIVER	580.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
SLD04	2162500	RIVER	02/1990 - current	295.0	SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
	2162525	HAMILTON	01/1001 00/1006	1.6	SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1 (log transform)
SLD05	2162525	CREEK	01/1981 - 09/1986	1.6	SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD04	SALUDA RIVER	295.0	MOVE.1 (log transform)
	21 ( 2000	SALUDA	10/1020 00/1071	410.0	SLD09	SALUDA RIVER	580.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
SLD06	2163000	RIVER	10/1929 - 09/1971	410.0	SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
		CA1112 A						MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
SLD07	2163001	SALUDA	04/1995 - current	418.8	SLD09	SALUDA RIVER	580.2	58.2 cfs
		RIVER			SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD11	REEDY RIVER	110.0	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 0 cfs
								MOVE.1: no transform,
SLD08	21630967	GROVE	07/1994 - 11/2008	19.2				Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
52000	21030307	CREEK	0771334 1172000	15.2	SLD10	REEDY RIVER	48.5	0 cfs
						SOUTH RABON		
					SLD14	CREEK	29.9	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
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SLD09	2163500	RIVER	03/1939 - current	580.2	SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2 410.0	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD06	SALUDA RIVER	410.0	MOVE.1 (log transform) MOVE.1: no transform,
			11/10/1 00/1071		SLD14	SOUTH RABON CREEK	29.9	Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 5.2 cfs
SLD10	2164000	REEDY RIVER	11/1941 - 09/1971 06/1987 - current	48.5	31014	CREEK	29.9	MOVE.1: no transform,
			00/1987 - current					Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
					SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	5.2 cfs
					SLD10	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD10	REEDY RIVER	48.5	MOVE.1 (log transform)
SLD11	2164110	REEDY RIVER	09/1993 - current	110.0	SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD10	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
					SLD13	REEDY RIVER	251.3	Area Ratio
SLD12	2165000	REEDY RIVER	04/1939 - 09/2004	236.2	SLD13	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	Area Ratio
			,,,		SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	Area Ratio

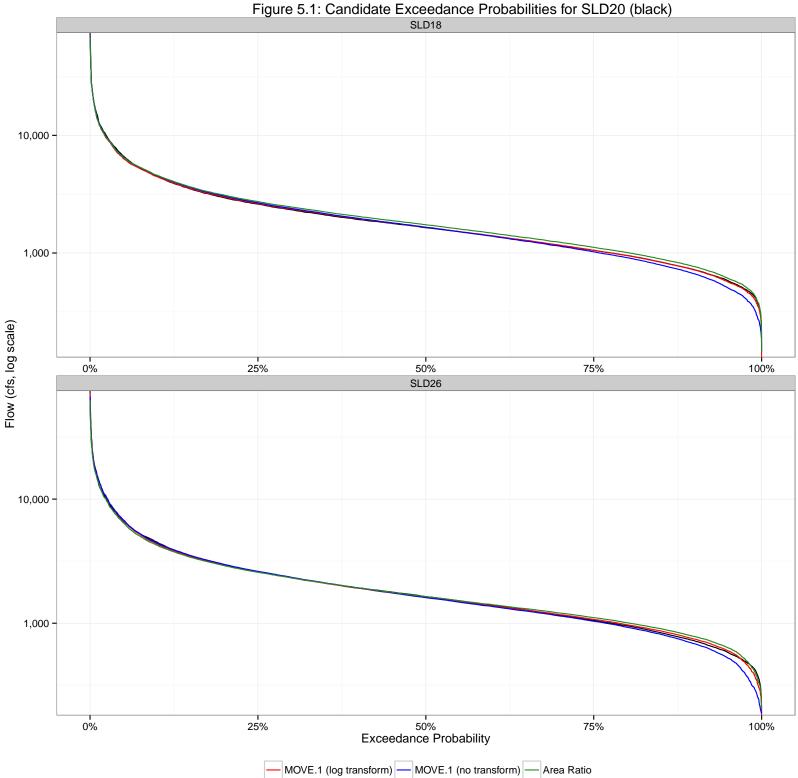
USGS Gage with Partial Record						GS Reference Gage		
Project Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	Periods of Record	Basin Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Project Gage ID	Stream	Basin Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Method of Extension
SLD13	21650905	REEDY RIVER	11/2004 - current	251.3	SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 5 cfs
SLD14	2165200	SOUTH RABON	01/1967 - 09/1981 05/1990 - current	29.9	SLD26 SLD10 SLD18	SALUDA RIVER REEDY RIVER SALUDA RIVER	2517.2 48.5 1354.8	Area Ratio MOVE.1 (log transform) MOVE.1 (log transform)
		CREEK	05/1990 - current		SLD26 SLD14	SALUDA RIVER SOUTH RABON CREEK	2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform) Area Ratio
SLD15	21652801	NORTH RABON CREEK	08/2008 - current	36.7	SLD14	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 0 cfs MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 <
					SLD26 SLD18	SALUDA RIVER SALUDA RIVER	2517.2 1354.8	0 cfs MOVE.1 (log transform)
SLD16	2166501	SALUDA RIVER	10/1994 - 09/1995 10/1996 - current	1165.0	SLD16	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 125 cfs
SLD17	2166970	NINETY-SIX CREEK	10/1980 - 09/2001	17.8	SLD22 SLD18 SLD26	BUSH RIVER SALUDA RIVER SALUDA RIVER	114.4 1354.8 2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform) MOVE.1 (log transform) MOVE.1 (log transform)
SLD18	2167000	SALUDA RIVER	10/1926 - current	1354.8	SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 119 cfs
SLD19	2167450	LITTLE RIVER	03/1990 - current	223.6	SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 0.02 cfs MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 0.02 cfs
SLD20	2167500	SALUDA RIVER	01/1927 - 09/1965	1624.7	SLD18 SLD26	SALUDA RIVER SALUDA RIVER	1354.8 2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform) Area Ratio
SLD21	2167563	BUSH RIVER	03/1999 - 06/2009	73.7	SLD22 SLD26	BUSH RIVER SALUDA RIVER	114.4 2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform) MOVE.1 (log transform)
SLD22	2167582	BUSH RIVER	02/1990 - current	114.4	SLD26	SALUDA RIVER NINETY-SIX	2517.2	MOVE.1 (log transform)
SLD23	21677037	LITTLE SALUDA RIVER	10/1996 - 09/2001 11/2001 - 05/2002 10/2002 - 09/2004	90.4	SLD17 SLD22 SLD18 SLD26	CREEK BUSH RIVER SALUDA RIVER SALUDA RIVER	17.8 114.4 1354.8 2517.2	Area Ratio Area Ratio Area Ratio Area Ratio
SLD25	2168504	SALUDA RIVER	10/1988 - current	2417.6	SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 185 cfs

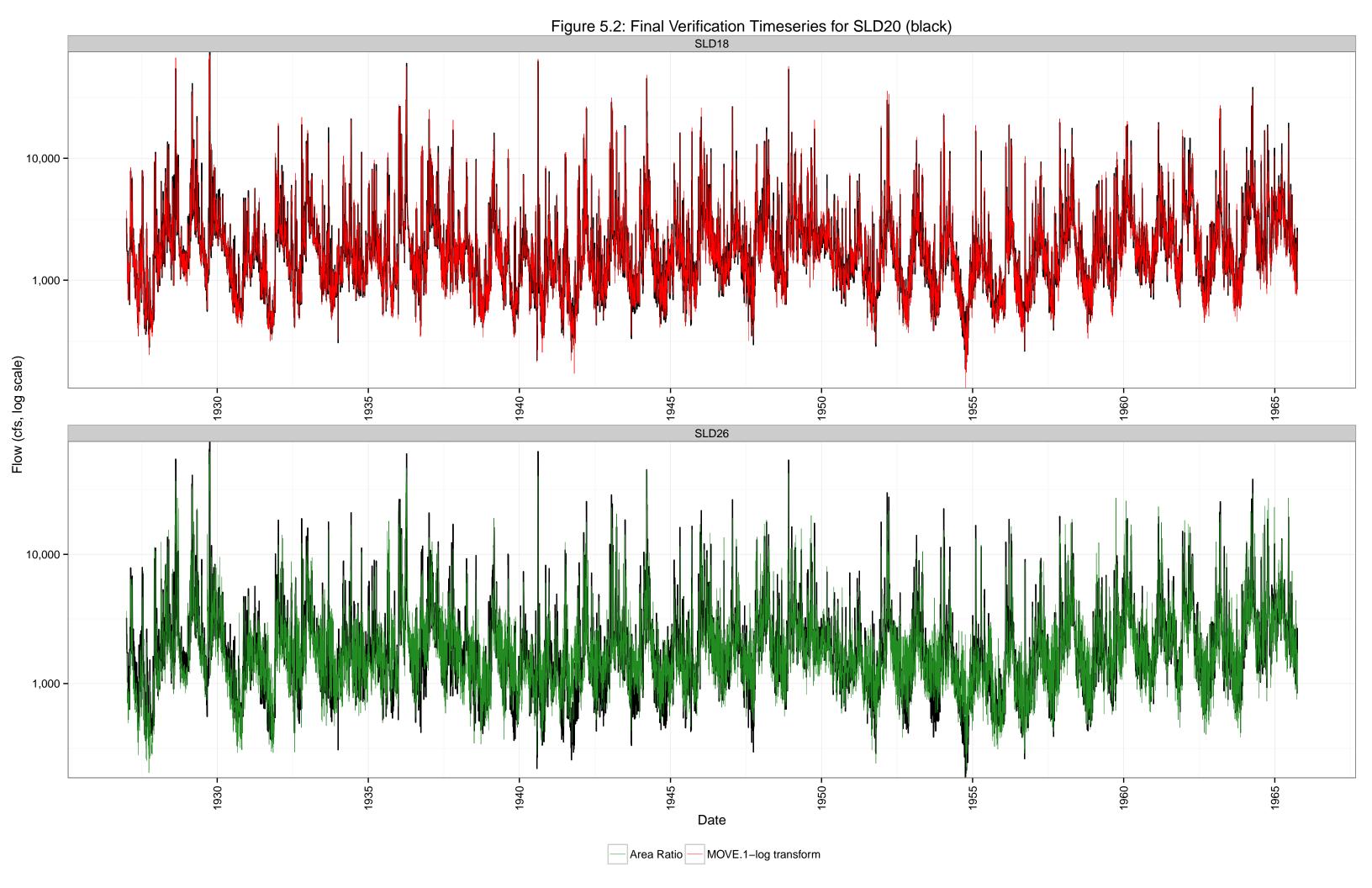
USGS Gage with Partial Record					USC	GS Reference Gage	e(s)	
Project Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	Periods of Record	Basin Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Project Gage ID	Stream	Basin Area (mi²)	Method of Extension
SLD26	2169000	SALUDA RIVER	08/1925 - current	2517.2	NONE (co	omplete record)		
SLD28	2169550	CONGAREE CREEK	10/1959 - 09/1980	119.2	SLD29	GILLS CREEK	58.7	Area Ratio
SLD29	2169570	GILLS CREEK	10/1966 - current	58.7	NONE (co	mplete to 1983)		
SLD31	2169630	BIG BEAVER	07/1966 - 09/1993	9.9	SLD32	CEDAR CREEK	67.9	Area Ratio
32031	2109030	CREEK	07/1900 - 09/1993	3.5	SLD29	GILLS CREEK	58.7	Area Ratio
SLD32	2169670	CEDAR CREEK	11/1980-09/1985	67.9	SLD31	BIG BEAVER CREEK	9.9	Area Ratio
		CHEEK			SLD29	GILLS CREEK	58.7	Area Ratio
		MIDDLE	05/1998 - 09/1998	6.5	SLD08	GROVE CREEK	19.2	Area Ratio
SLD33	2162700				SLD10	REEDY RIVER	48.5	Area Ratio
36033	2102700	BRANCH	03/1998-09/1998		SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	Area Ratio
					SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	Area Ratio
					SLD17	NINETY-SIX CREEK	17.8	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 0 cfs
SLD34	2167557	7 BUSH RIVER	06/1995 - 09/2005	15.5	SLD22	BUSH RIVER	114.4	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 0 cfs
51034	210/35/			13.5	SLD18	SALUDA RIVER	1354.8	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 0 cfs
					SLD26	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	MOVE.1: no transform, Area Ratio if MOVE.1 < 0 cfs

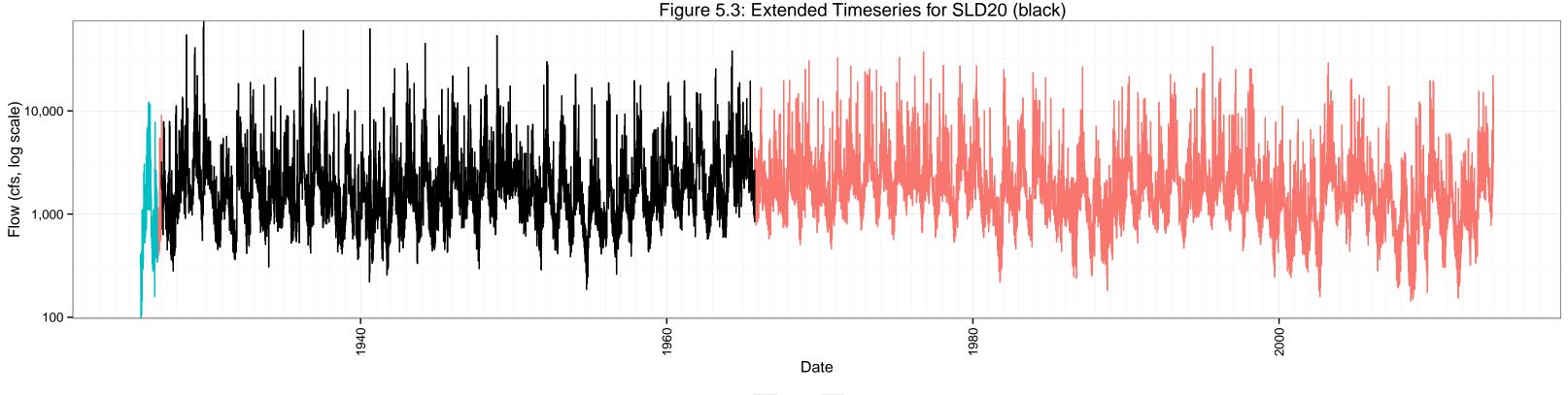
Note: SLD28, SL29, SLD31, and SLD32 are tributaries to the Congaree and needed extension to 1983 for SWAM calibration. Once Broad River Basin UIFs have been developed, these will be fully extended to the full period of record.

One way to evaluate selection of extension method is comparing frequency curves with flows of the partial record needing extending. A sample plot for SLD20 is shown in **Figure 5.1**.

Validation graphs are available for each USGS gage. Each validation graph show the period of record for a computed UIF and the predicted flows from reference gages during that same period of record. A sample validation graph is shown in **Figure 5.2**. The usage of each reference gage over different ungaged periods for the target gage (prioritized by hydrologic similarity and available record) is illustrated in **Figure 5.3**. Graphs for each UIF timeseries developed at a USGS gage site are presented in **Attachment F**.







— SLD18 — SLD26

## 6.0 Summary of Ungaged UIF Transposition

Area proration was used to transpose the UIF timeseries from gaged basins to ungaged basins. Selection of reference gages follows guidelines established in Attachment C. **Table 6.1** summarizes the information for the ungaged basins and the gaged basins used as reference. Headwater flows are used as input for each explicitly modeled tributary in SWAM whereas confluence flows are needed for implicit tributaries needed for model calibration.

	Ungaged Basin				USGS Reference Gage <sup>1</sup>				
Project	SWAM Usage		Basin Area	% Developed	Project Gage	USGS		Basin Area	% Developed
ID		Location	(mi²)	/ % Forest	ID	Number	Stream	(mi²)	/ % Forest
							LITTLE		
	Headwater	Little Saluda					SALUDA		
SLD129	Flow	River	18.1	6.6 / 72.1	SLD23	21677037	RIVER	90.4	7.4 / 59.0
							NORTH		
	Headwater	North					SALUDA		/
SLD200	Flow	Saluda Res	5.8	0.3 / 99.7	SLD03	21623975	RIVER	44.2	5.2 / 87.3
0.0420	Headwater	Lexington	25.22	16 2/20 4	CI D 20	24 605 00	CONGAREE	110	20 7/25 2
SLD139	Flow	Landfill	35.32	16.2/39.1	SLD28	2169500	CREEK	119	28.7/35.2
	Llaaduuatan	Table Deals					SOUTH		
CL D 201	Headwater Flow	Table Rock Res	0.1	0.0 / 00.4		2162200	SALUDA	17.2	06/025
SLD201	Headwater	Kes	8.1	0.0 / 99.4	SLD01	2162290	RIVER SALUDA	17.2	0.6 / 93.5
SLD203	Flow	The Rock GC	4.2	10.7 / 86.6	SLD04	2162500	RIVER	295.0	8.3 / 77.7
JLD203	Headwater	Rolling	4.2	10.7 / 80.0	36004	2102500	SALUDA	295.0	0.5 / //./
SLD204	Flow	Green GC	1.6	11.6 / 39.2	SLD04	2162500	RIVER	295.0	8.3 / 77.7
SEBLOT			1.0	11.07 33.2	52501	2102500		233.0	0.077777
	Headwater	Furham U.							
SLD205	Flow	GC	9.4	37.9 / 41.5	SLD10	2164000	REEDY RIVER	48.5	68.5 / 23.8
	Headwater	Easley					SALUDA		
SLD206	Flow	Discharge	3.1	58.7 / 28.4	SLD06	2163000	RIVER	410.0	16.3 / 66.5
0.0007	Headwater	Smithfields	2.0	044/420	(1022	24 6 2 7 0 0	MIDDLE	6.5	70.0 ( 20.4
SLD207	Flow	GC	2.0	84.1 / 13.8	SLD33	2162700	BRANCH	6.5	70.0 / 20.4
	Headwater						SALUDA		
SLD210	Flow	Merrit Bros	1.0	17.8 / 25.1	SLD06	2163000	RIVER	410.0	16.3 / 66.5
	Headwater						SALUDA		
SLD211	Flow	Stoneybrook	1.1	20.5 / 29.1	SLD09	2163500	RIVER	580.2	16.1/61.5
010111		The		20.0 / 20.2	01200				10117 0110
	Headwater	Preserve at							
SLD212	Flow	Verdae	3.1	80.9 / 16.0	SLD11	2164110	REEDY RIVER	110.0	63.3 / 25.4
		Belton							
	Headwater	Honea					SALUDA		
SLD213	Flow	Discharge	4.1	24.5 / 33.2	SLD09	2163500	RIVER	580.2	16.1/61.5

<sup>1</sup> Ungaged flows are synthesized from UIFs, not original USGS gage flows.

	Ungaged Basin				USGS Reference Gage <sup>1</sup>				
Project ID	SWAM Usage	Location	Basin Area (mi²)	% Developed / % Forest	Project Gage ID	USGS Number	Stream	Basin Area (mi²)	% Developed / % Forest
	Headwater	Greenwood					SALUDA		
SLD215	Flow	Discharge	52.6	32.7 / 44.6	SLD18	2167000	RIVER	1354.8	17.9 / 55.3
SLD216	Headwater Flow	Laurens Discharge	26.3	221/1/0	SLD19	2167450	LITTLE RIVER	223.6	9.2 / 60.0
SLD210	FIUW	Discharge	20.5	22.1 / 44.9	31019	2107450		225.0	9.2 / 00.0
SLD218	Headwater Flow	Overbridge	3.2	5.7 / 33.1	SLD21	2167563	BUSH RIVER	73.7	13.6 / 45.0
	Headwater	Watson					SALUDA		
SLD221	Flow	Jerrold	1.9	11.3 / 27.1	SLD25	2168504	RIVER	2417.6	14.0 / 54.9
61 0 2 2 2	Headwater Flow	Ponderosa GC	6.2	17 6/40 4	SLD23	21677027	LITTLE SALUDA	00.4	74/500
SLD222	FIOW	GC	0.2	17.6/49.4	SLD23	21677037	RIVER	90.4	7.4 / 59.0
SLD223	Headwater Flow	Multiple Ag	4.2	11.8 / 40.8	SLD26	2169000	SALUDA RIVER	2517.2	15.4 / 54.0
	Headwater	Walker	05.4		CI 5 2 2	24 60 6 70	CEDAR	67.0	10 6 / 15 7
SLD225	Flow	Farm	25.4	8.3 / 42.4	SLD32	2169670	CREEK	67.9	10.6 / 45.7
SLD226	Headwater Flow	Members GC	1.5	78.9 / 15.2	SLD29	2169570	GILLS CREEK	58.7	55.7 / 32.5
	Headwater	Forest Lake							
SLD227	Flow	GC	19.3	20.1 / 56.6	SLD29	2169570	GILLS CREEK	58.7	55.7 / 32.5
SLD115	Confluence Flow	Turkey Creek	45.3	8.1 / 56.7	SLD16	2166501	SALUDA RIVER	1165.0	18.4 / 55.0
SLD301	Confluence Flow	Lake Greenwood Inflow	92.2	12/60.5	SLD16	2166501	SALUDA RIVER	1165.0	18.4 / 55.0
SLD161	Confluence Flow	Halfway Swamp Creek	35.2	4.7/68	SLD17	2166970	NINETY-SIX CREEK	17.8	4.8/53.8
SLD163	Confluence Flow	Terrapin Creek	10.5	3.8/76.1	SLD17	2166970	NINETY-SIX CREEK	17.8	4.8/53.8
SLD160	Confluence Flow	Cane Creek	31.9	10.5/60.4	SLD19	2167450	LITTLE RIVER	223.6	9.2 / 60.0
SLD162	Confluence Flow	Beaverdam Creek	28.4	5.1/53.3	SLD21	2167563	BUSH RIVER	73.7	13.6 / 45.0
SLD302	Confluence Flow	Lake Murray Inflow	239.4	13/59.4	SLD25	2168504	SALUDA RIVER	2417.6	14.0 / 54.9
SLD164	Confluence Flow	Sandy Run	39.9	8.9 / 54.5	SLD32	2169670	CEDAR CREEK	67.9	10.6 / 45.7
SLD165	Confluence Flow	Mill Creek	42.6	27.8 / 54.3	SLD32	2169670	CEDAR CREEK	67.9	10.6 / 45.7

	Ungaged Basin				USGS Reference Gage <sup>1</sup>				
Project	SWAM Usage		Basin Area	% Developed	Project Gage	USGS		Basin Area	% Developed
ID	osuge	Location	(mi <sup>2</sup> )	/ % Forest	ID	Number	Stream	(mi <sup>2</sup> )	/ % Forest
	Confluence						CEDAR		
SLD166	Flow	Toms Creek	50.3	6.2 / 53.4	SLD32	2169670	CREEK	67.9	10.6 / 45.7
	Confluence	Buckhead					BIG BEAVER		
SLD167	Flow	Creek	19.6	3.0 / 60.5	SLD31	2169630	CREEK	9.9	3.8 / 60.0

### **List of Attachments**

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# ATTACHMENT D

Quality Assurance Guidelines: UIFs for the South Carolina Surface Water Quantity Models

(CDM Smith, April 2015)

### **Quality Assurance Guidelines**

#### Unimpaired Flow Calculations (UIFs) for the South Carolina Surface Water Quantity Models

Prepared by CDM Smith, April 2015, Adjusted September 2015

#### **Procedural Review**

What to Review	How Many UIF Workbooks	How Much Within Each UIF Workbook
Operational Hindcasting and Gap Filling – Appropriate Method?	All	N/A
Approach for negative flow resulting from storage calculations – Major or Minor impact, and Appropriate?	All	Review all UIF entries and required conversions
Overall UIF Equation Correct and Complete	~25%	N/A

#### **Detailed Review**

What to Review	How Many UIF Workbooks	How Much Within Each UIF Workbook
All uses included (active and inactive)?	All	N/A
Operational Hindcasting calculations – check math	~50%	Spot check
Operational Hindcasting calculations – visual timeseries evaluation	All	N/A
Hindcast data color-coded through all workbooks and worksheets?	All	Entire workbook
Upstream UIFs (if applicable) accounted for accurately?	All	N/A
Units consistent and accurate?	~25%	Spot check
Overall Mass Balance for reservoirs, if applicable (per example in SLD01 and SLD19)	All	Each Reservoir
Visual comparison of UIF timeseries vs. Gage timeseries	All	N/A

#### **Extension Review**

What to Review	R Output Per UIF
DNR recommendations for reference gages applied or justification provided for use of others?	All
All graphs created, labeled correctly, contain correct methods?	All
Any issues regarding noise or minimum values?	All
Selection of UIF Extension Method – Appropriate and Documented?	All
Visual check of final flows graph	All

# ATTACHMENT E

**Refinements to the UIF Extension Process, with an Example** 

(CDM Smith, September 2015)

### Refinements to the UIF Extension Process, with an Example

South Carolina Surface Water Quantity Modeling

#### September 2015

The following demonstrates an update to the previously-submitted UIF extension process. Previously, all calculations were performed in Excel, but given a need to accelerate the decision process (e.g. reduce time spent making plots by hand), R codes now automate calculations and plot creation. To demonstrate the reliability of the R code, we present an example of the full UIF extension process via Excel for comparison. For the example, we chose SLD15 on North Rabon Creek (USGS gage 2165280). SLD15 provides a solid example as 1) the gage flows required no unimpairing, 2) the best candidate for extension, SLD14, also required no unimpairing, and 3) it has the same overlapping period of record for all candidate extension gages.

Three methods of extension are considered:

- 1) Standard MOVE.1 Flow data is transformed into log (base 10) space, mean and standard deviation are determined from this, and the MOVE.1 equation is applied.
- 2) Untransformed MOVE.1 Flow data remains untransformed, mean and standard deviation are determined from this, and the MOVE.1 equation is applied.
- 3) Area proration Flow is estimated using a simple ratio of areas.

Two main questions arose in prior investigations: 1) Whether mean and standard deviation should be strictly contained to the overlapping record only and 2) Whether flows should be transformed into log space. To adhere to the strict definition of MOVE.1, for current purposes mean and standard deviation are held to the overlapping record. As the choice of using a log transform or not can produce appreciable differences in estimated flows, both options are still considered. In the table below, the first nine rows (excluding overlapping minimum) represent the necessary distributional statistics for performing MOVE.1 in transformed and untransformed space. The following two rows demonstrate initial suitability of candidacy through correlation. To fulfill assumptions of linearity, candidate flows are first transformed into log space before calculating Pearson's correlation coefficient. The rank-based Kendall's Tau is performed on untransformed flows and can provide a more robust standard of correlation given no assumptions of linearity. However, both coefficients typically trend in the same direction in assessing suitability of candidate reference gages.

	SLD14	SLD18	SLD26
Overlapping Mean (Gage)	27.63	27.63	27.63
Overlapping Log Mean (Gage)	1.18	1.18	1.18
Overlapping St. Dev (Gage)	48.99	48.99	48.99
Overlapping Log St. Dev (Gage)	0.47	0.47	0.47
Overlapping Minimum (Gage)			
	0	0	0
Overlapping Mean (Ref)	21.90	1514.91	2707.93
Overlapping Log Mean (Ref)	1.08	3.03	3.29

Overlapping St. Dev (Ref)	35.79	1687.60	3034.92
Overlapping Log St. Dev (Ref)	0.46	0.35	0.32
Flow Correlation (Kendall's			
Tau)	0.83	0.61	0.54
Log Flow Correlation (Pearson)	0.94	0.77	0.71
RMSE (MOVE.1-log transform)	15.78	28.10	38.35
RMSE (MOVE.1-no transform)	16.07	27.78	30.32
RMSE (Area Ratio)	16.07	30.66	31.86
PRESS (MOVE.1-log transform)	1.81	16.93	12.15
PRESS (MOVE-no transform)	0.83	12.53	6.14
PRESS (Area Ratio)	0.72	42.37	28.34

A valid concern arising from untransformed MOVE.1 is the possible existence of negative or unrealistically-low flows. In the previous UIF dataset, we offered a hybrid approach where values from area proration substitute these negative values or values below a certain threshold. In Excel, these thresholds were found through trial and error. This threshold is now strictly defined by the overlapping minimum between the partial gage and candidate gage. As SLD15 naturally runs dry, in this example, all untransformed MOVE.1 values that fall below zero are replaced with those from area proration.

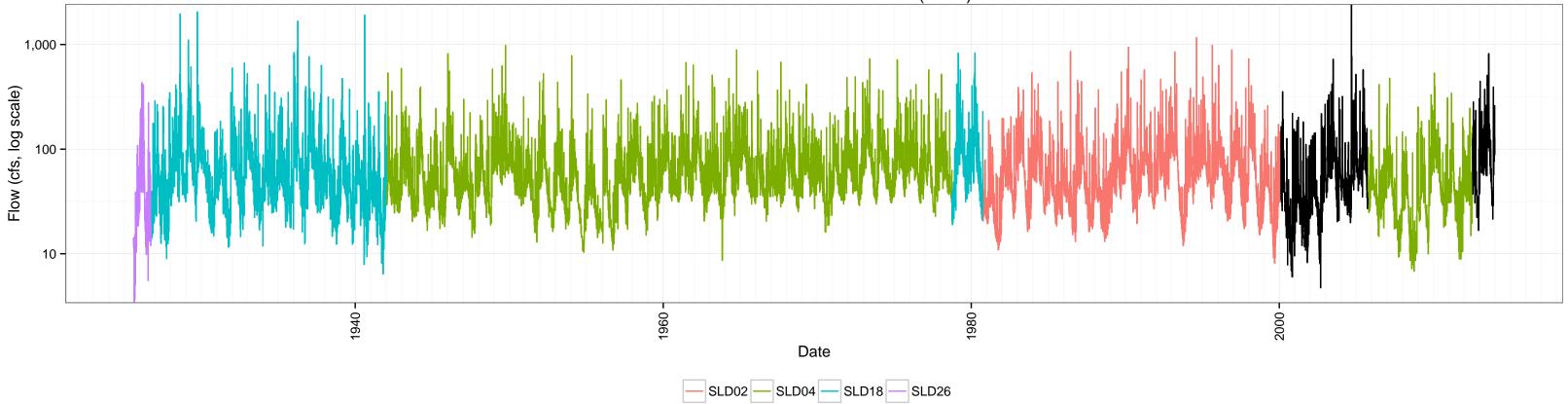
Two quantitative metrics aid the selection of reference gages and methods: root mean square error (RMSE) and predicted residual sum of squares (PRESS). RMSE compares estimated daily values and must be interpreted cautiously as this can be skewed by under or over-predicted flows. As an additional standard, the PRESS metric evaluates *yearly* error. To perform this statistic, one year is iteratively dropped, mean and standard deviation are found from the remaining years, and the dropped year is evaluated from the resulting extension. The values in the table above correspond to total yearly squared error of total volume of water in 1000 acre-ft. While dropping years does not affect the performance of area proration, the final PRESS value is useful in the overall comparison between methods as part of the decision process.

In addition to summary statistics, there are four plots to support to decision-making process: 1) an initial comparison of the original timeseries, 2) timeseries plots of the overlapping record for all methods, 3) scatterplots of the observed versus estimated flows and 4) exceedance frequency curves of the observed and estimated flows. After the first plot, with the y-axis in log-scale, the remaining plots have alternate versions in square root scale. This scale allows for examining low flows without diminishing too much the behavior of higher flows.

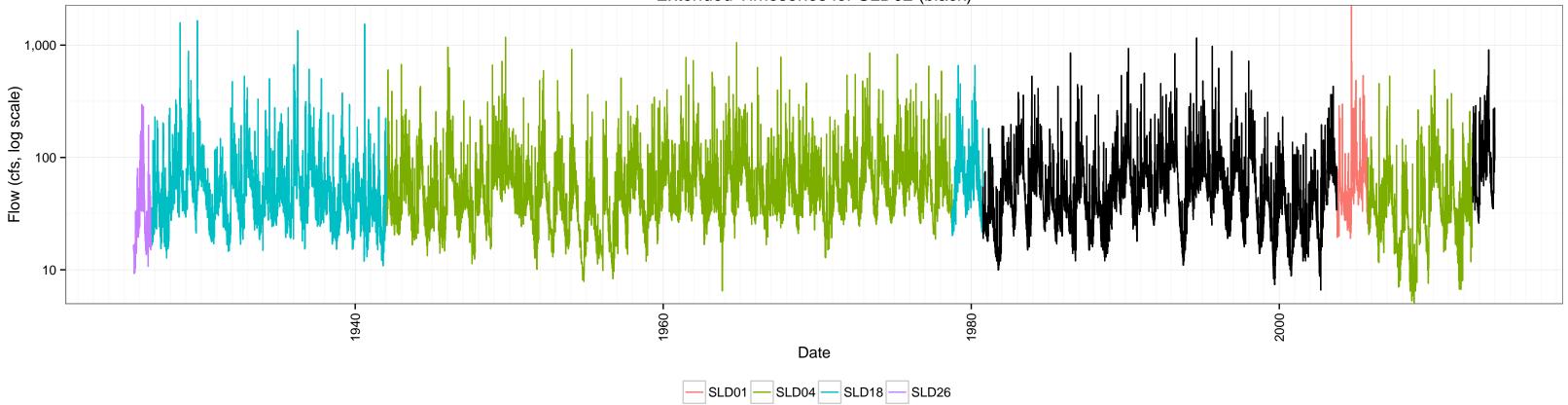
After examining the table and these performance plots, a final decision table is created and fed into another R script that creates the fully-extended record and makes two more plots: 5) verification showing the estimated values for the overlapping record and 6) final flows timeseries for the entire period of record with the use of each reference gage indicated by color. However, this may be an iterative process. The final flow timeseries is still examined and if problems, such as an obvious bias, are evident, the decision table is changed to explore alternate options for problem areas. Lastly, there are timeseries plots contrasting the behavior of immediate upstream/downstream gages.

# ATTACHMENT F

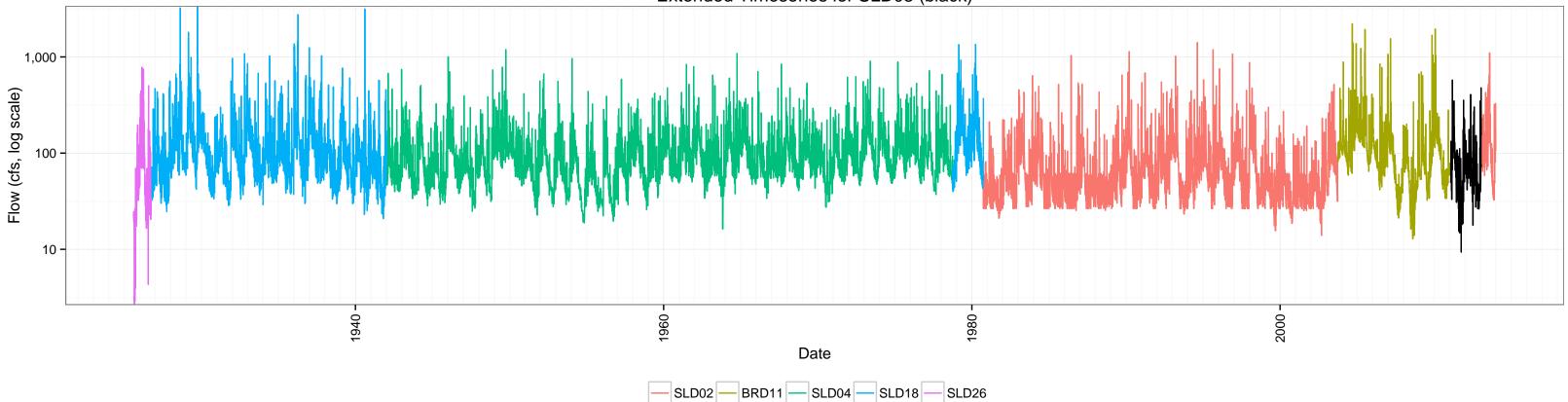
**UIF Timeseries Graphs at USGS Gage Locations** 



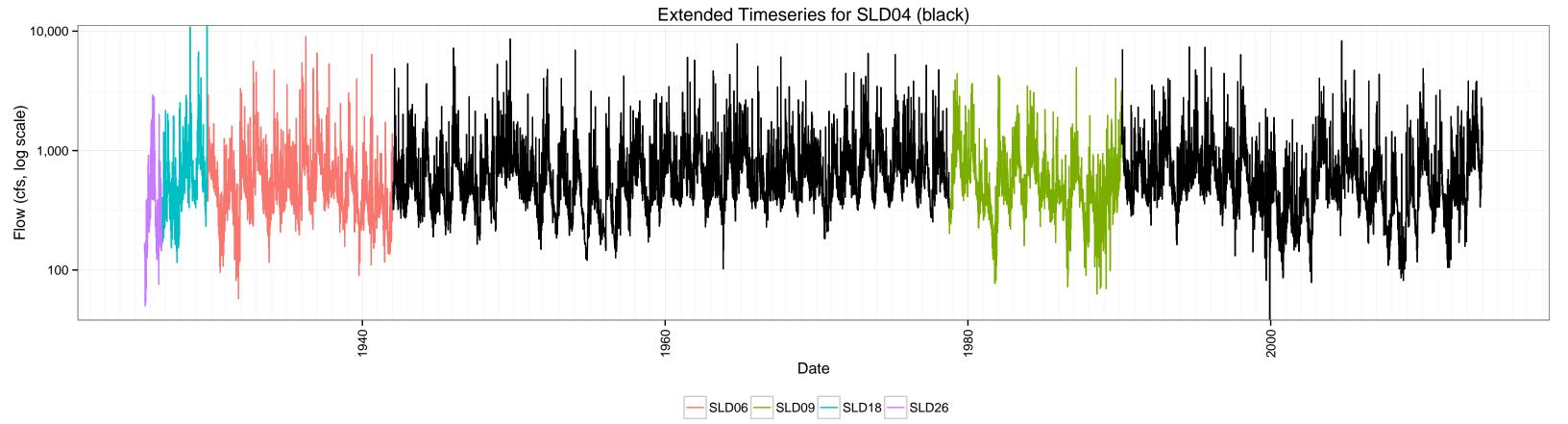
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Extended Timeseries for SLD02 (black)



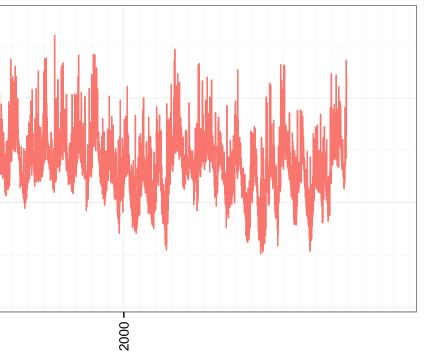
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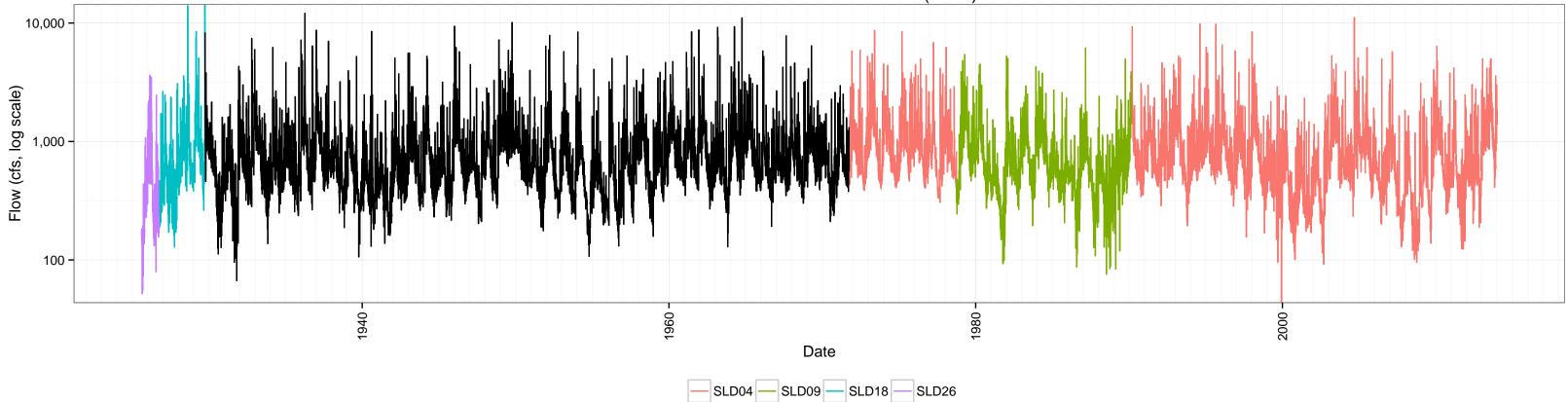


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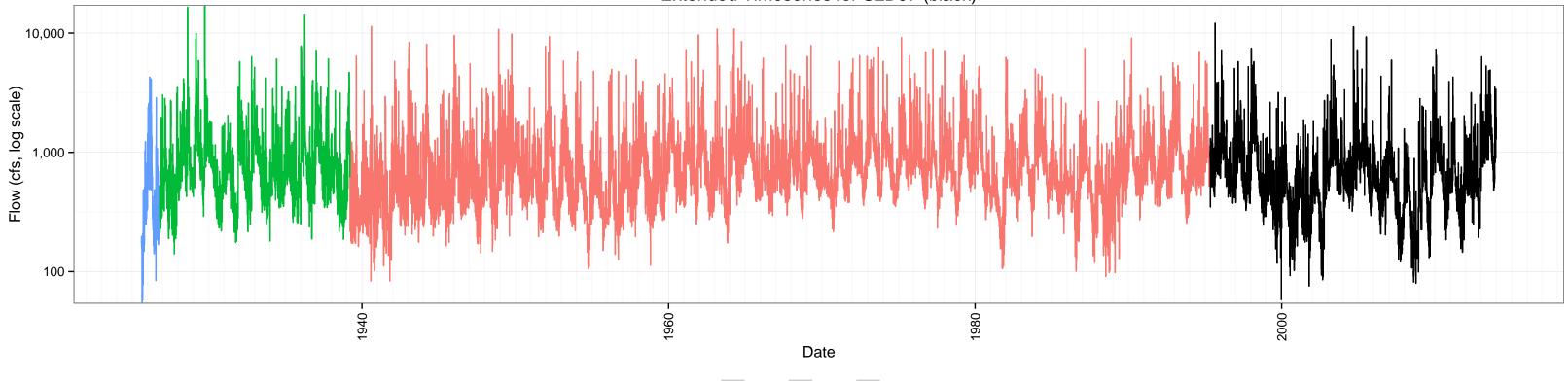


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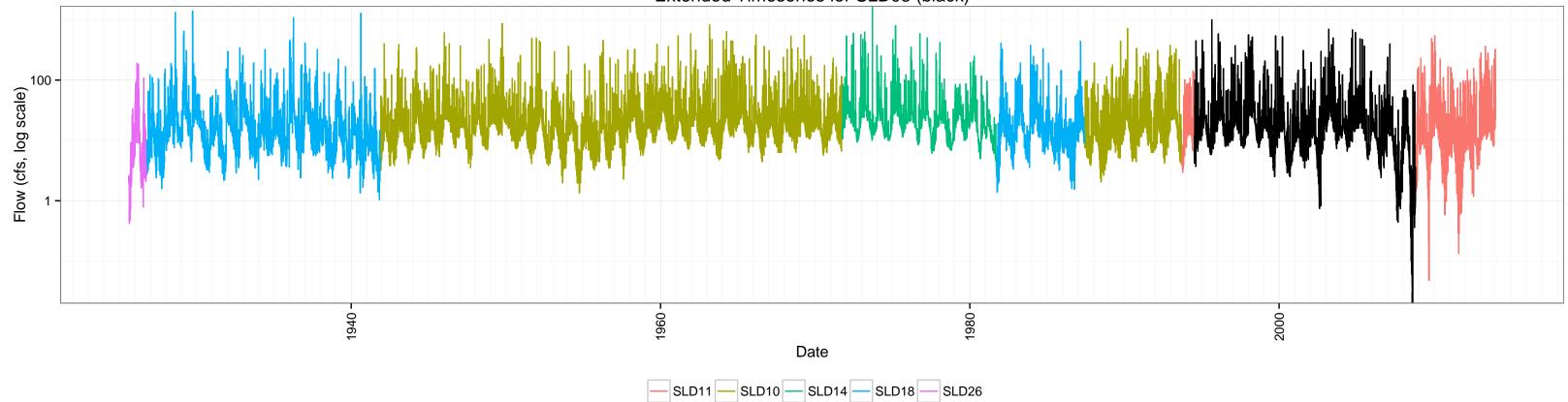


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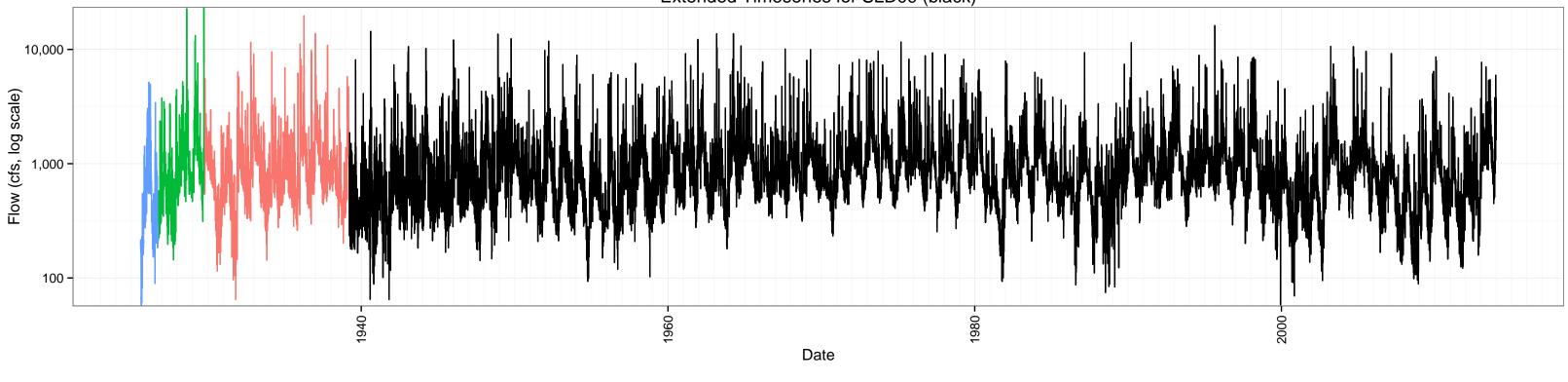


Extended Timeseries for SLD07 (black)

- SLD09 - SLD18 - SLD26

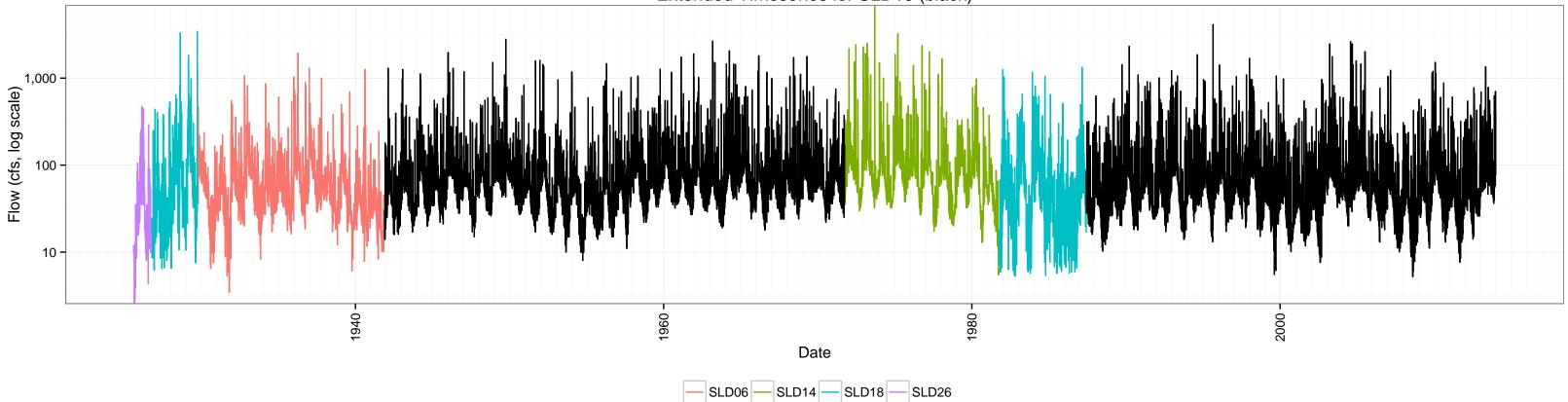


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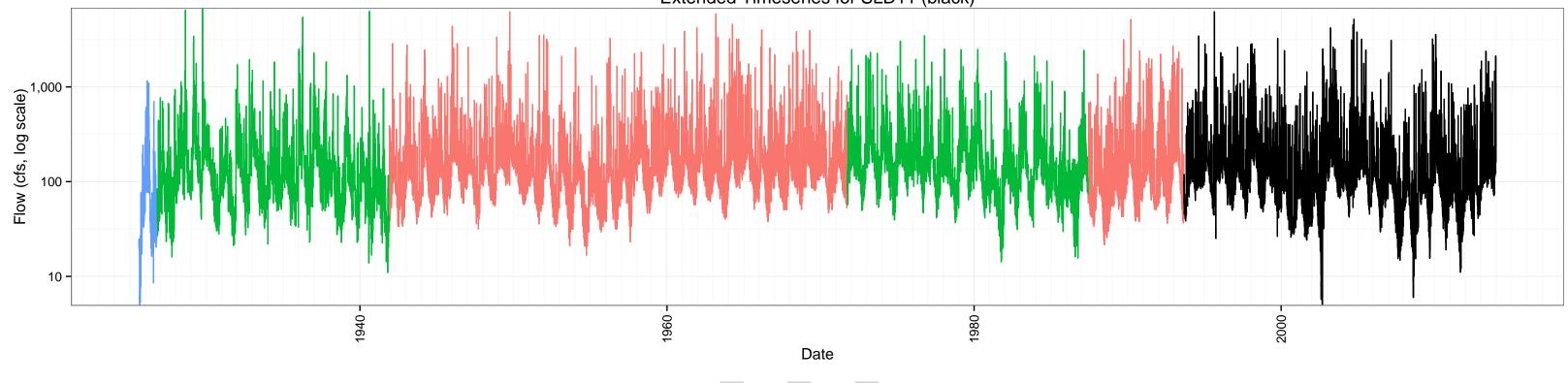


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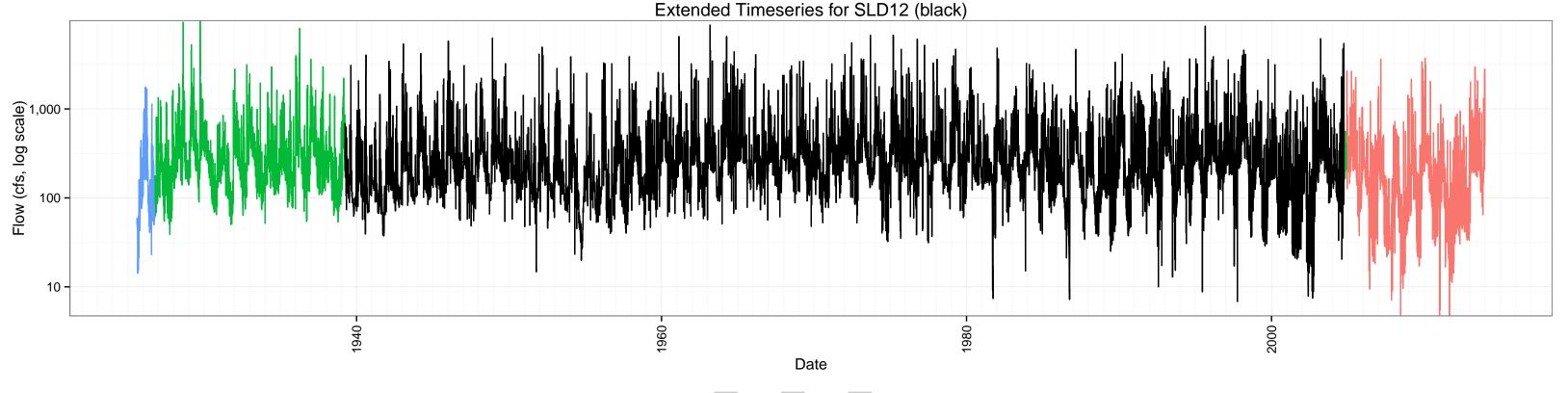


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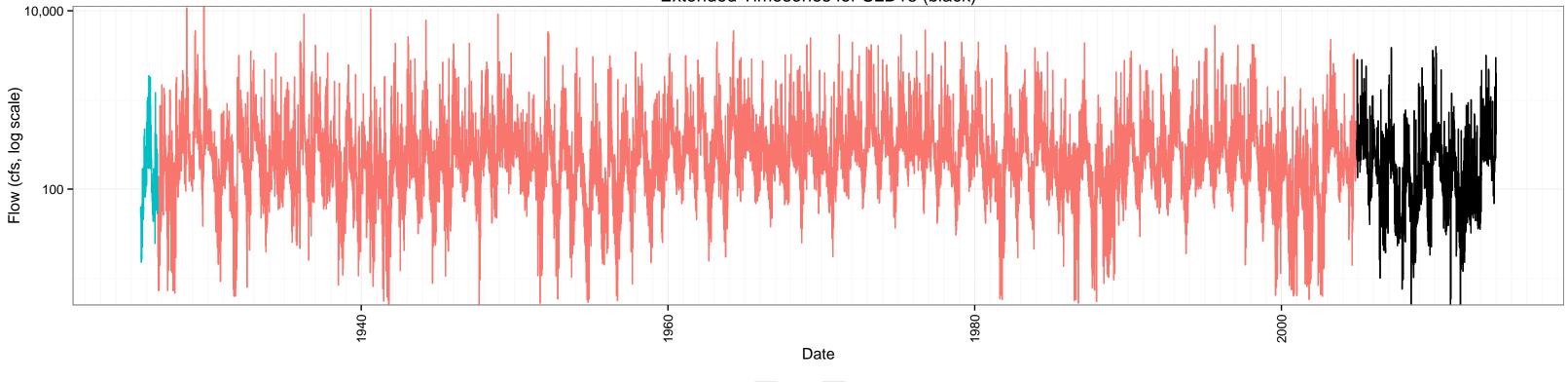


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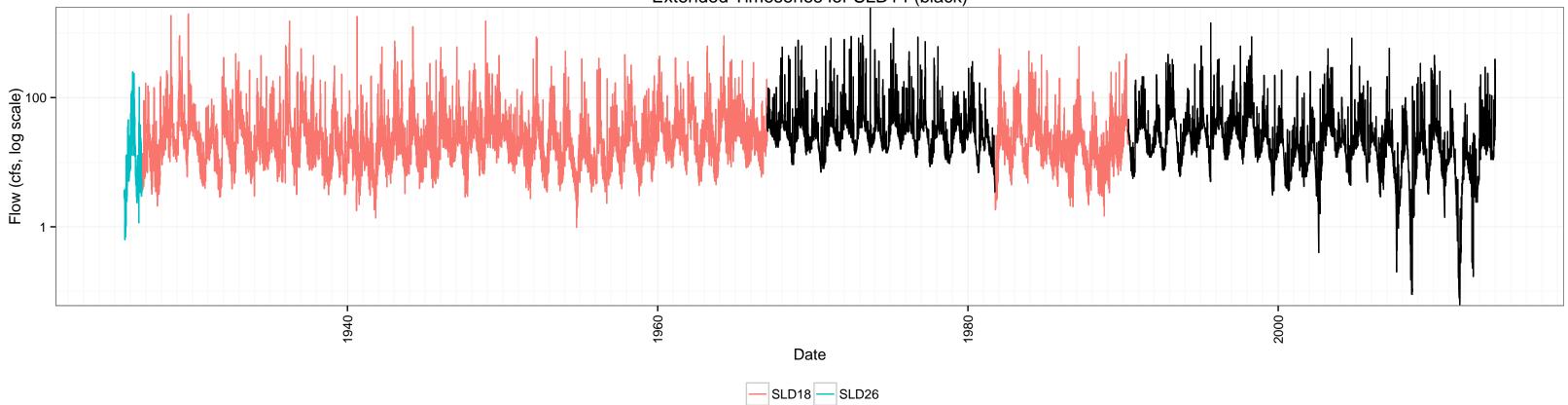


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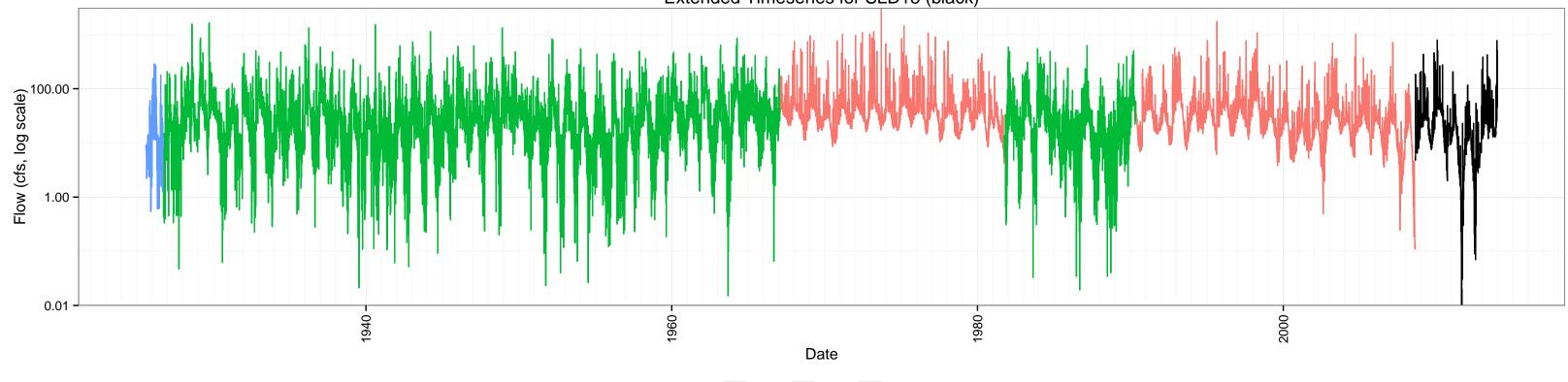


SLD18 SLD26

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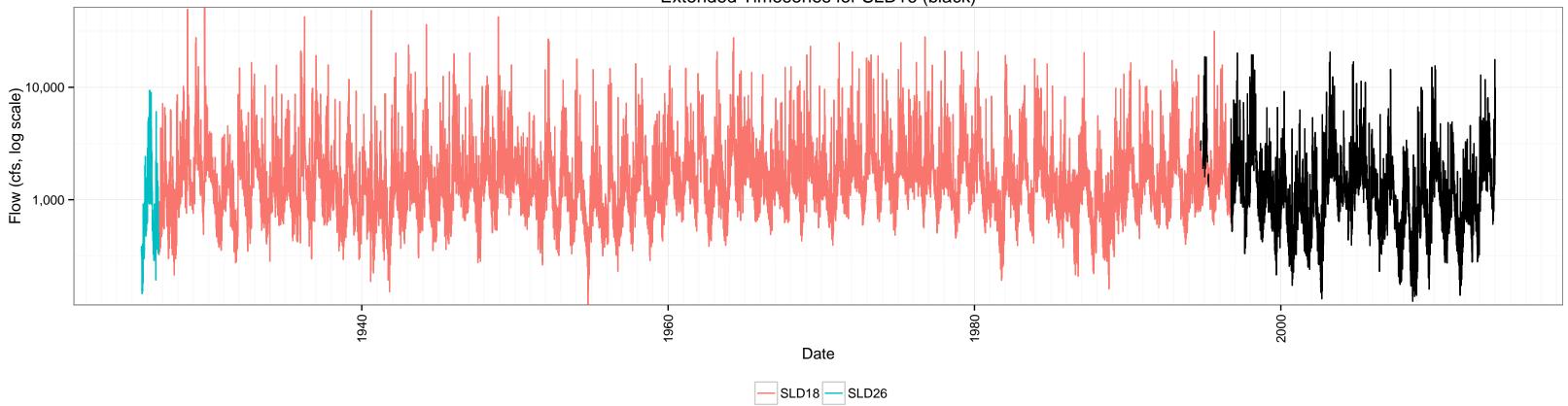


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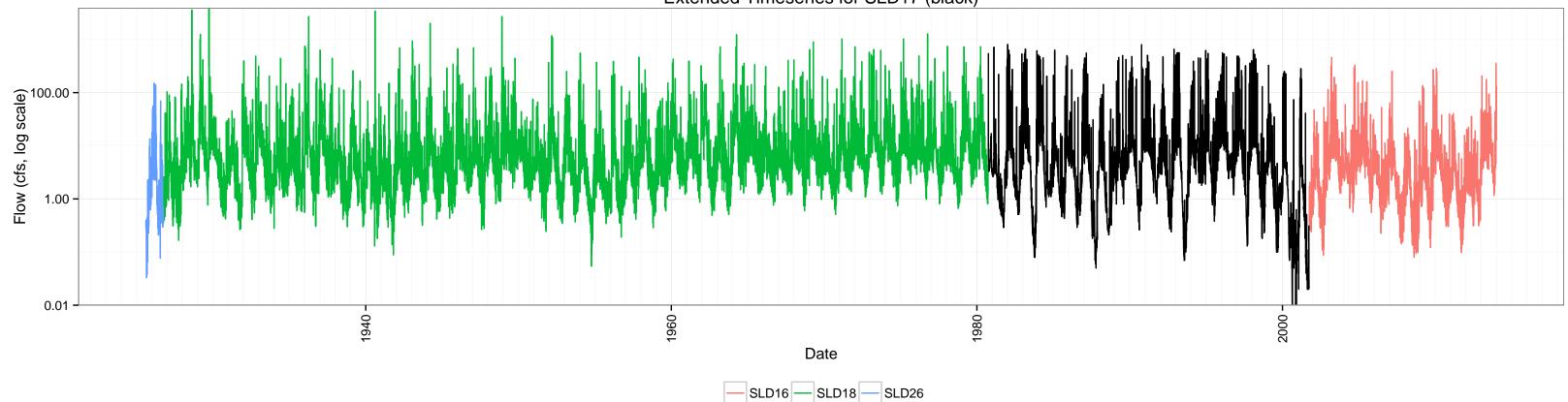


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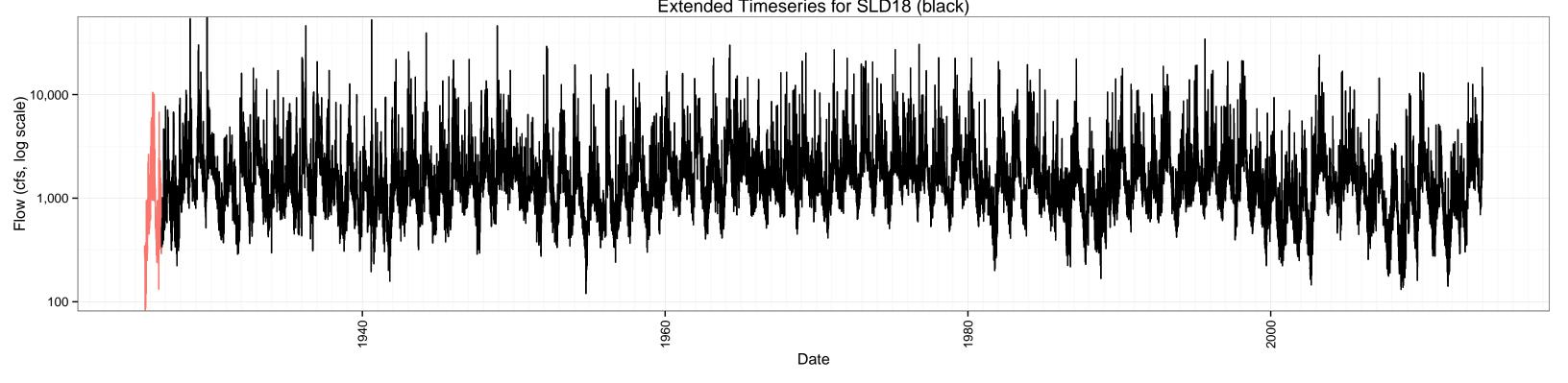
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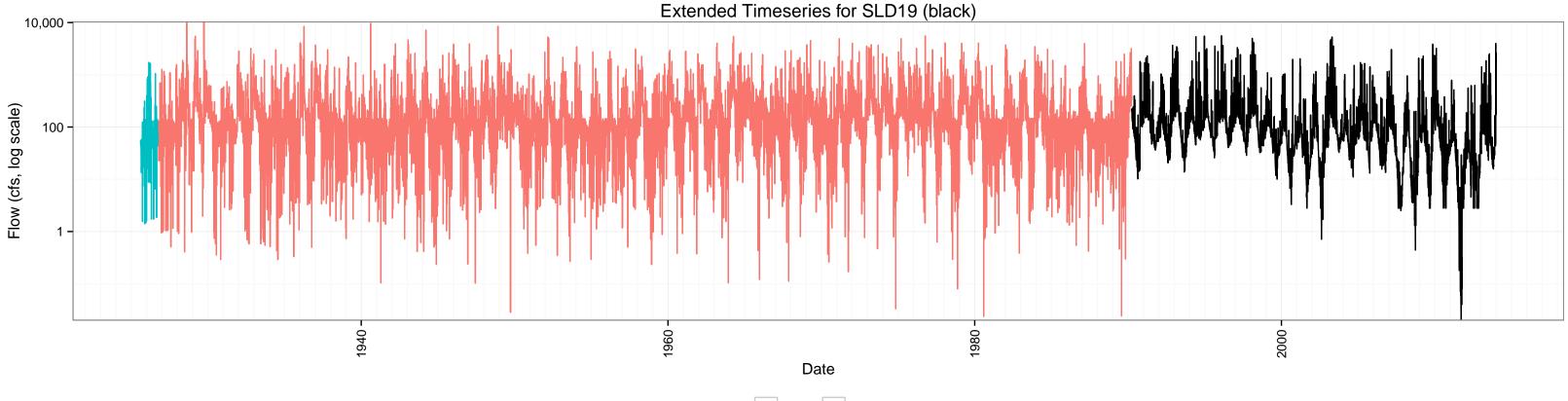


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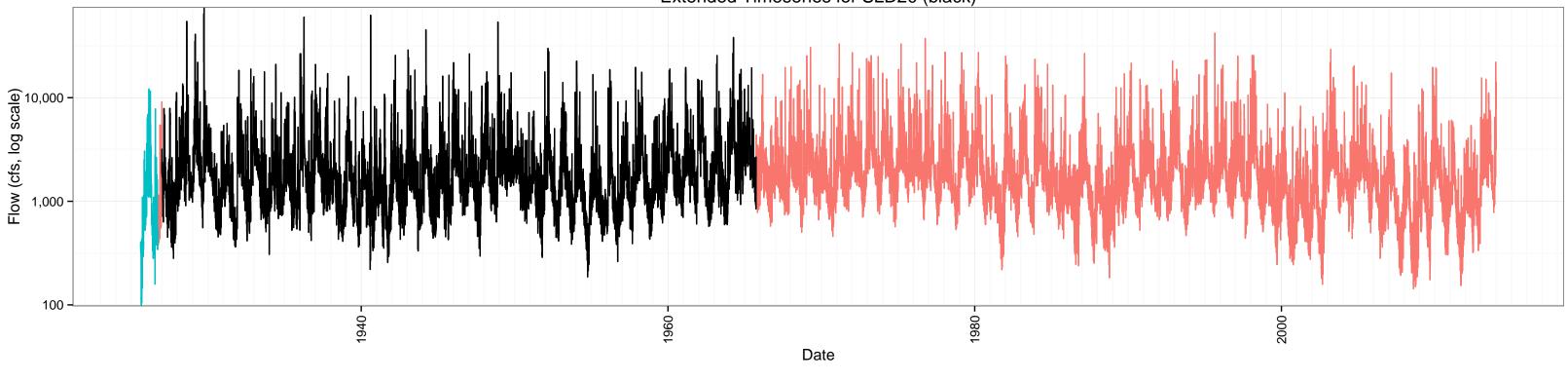


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- SLD26

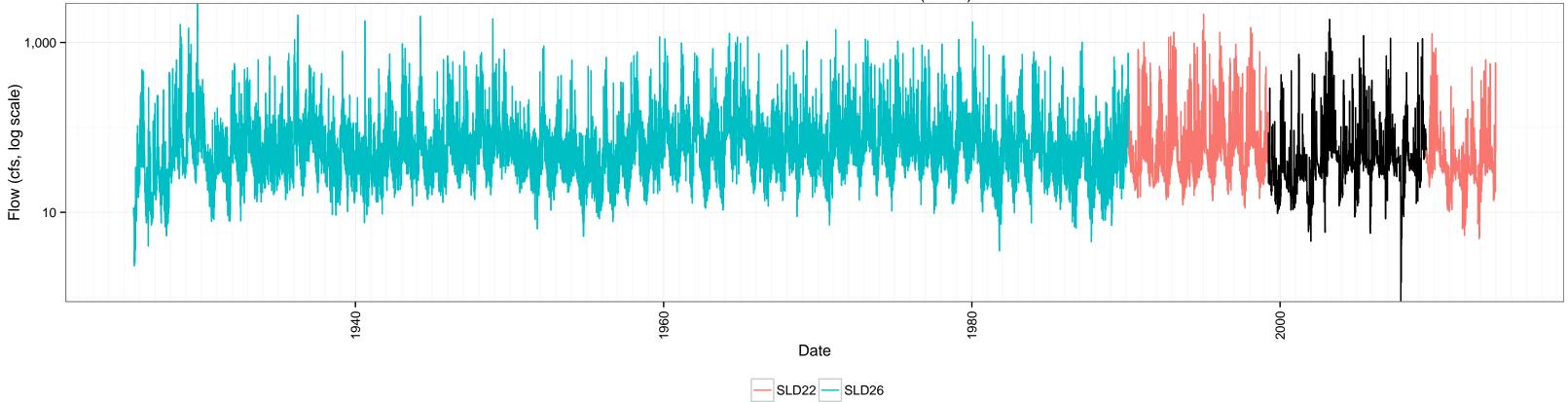


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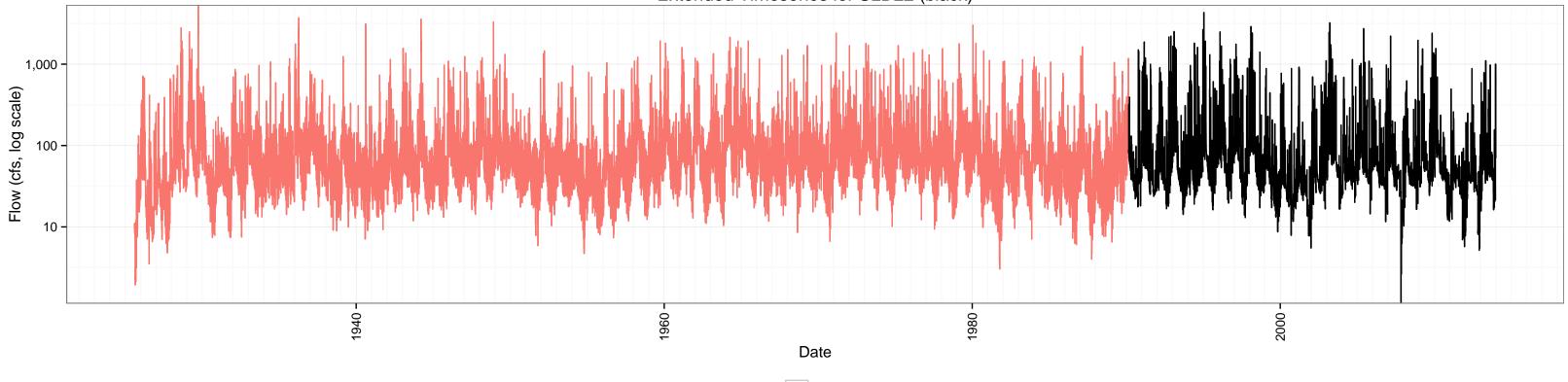


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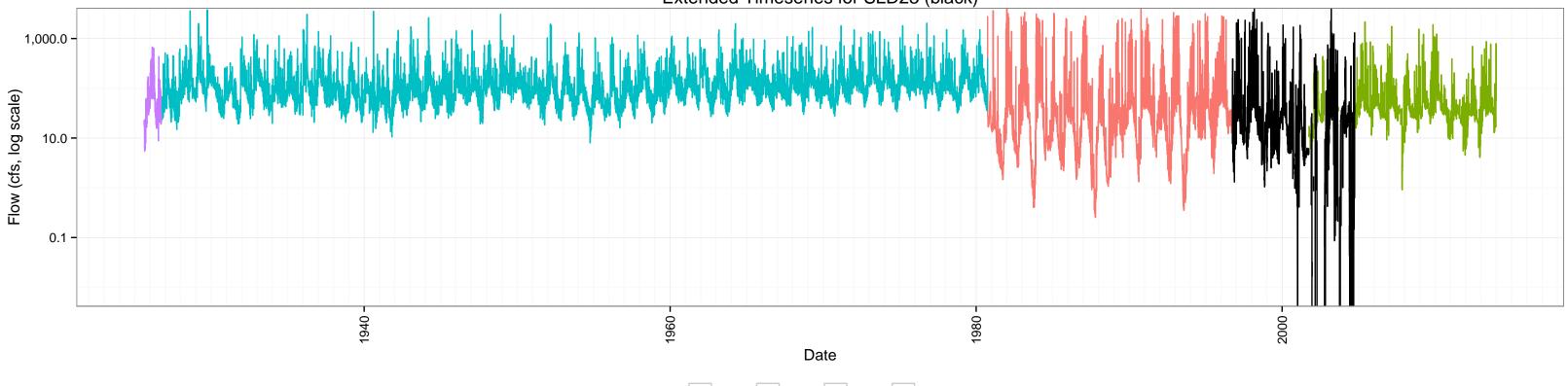


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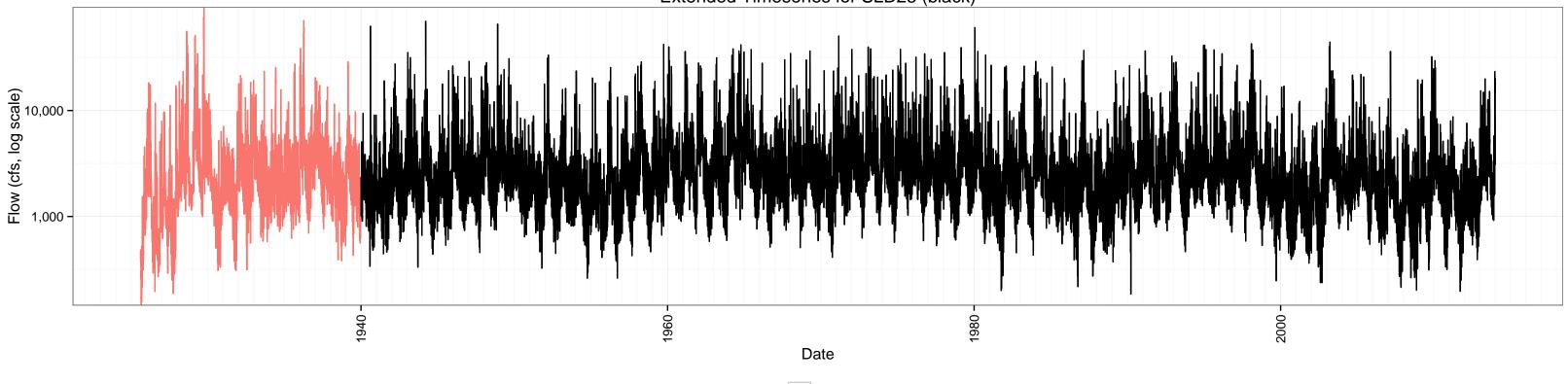


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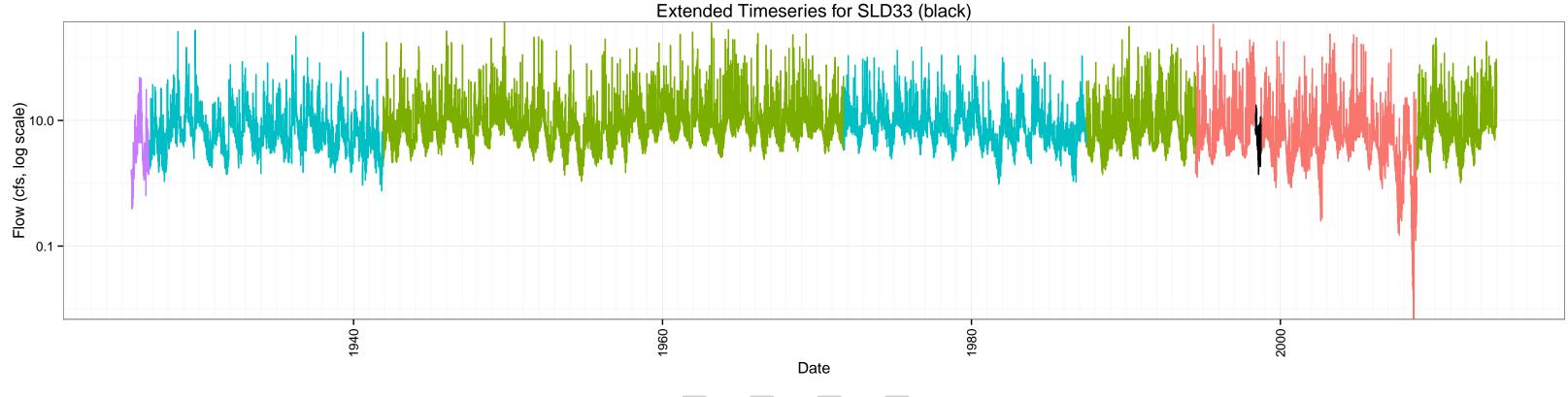
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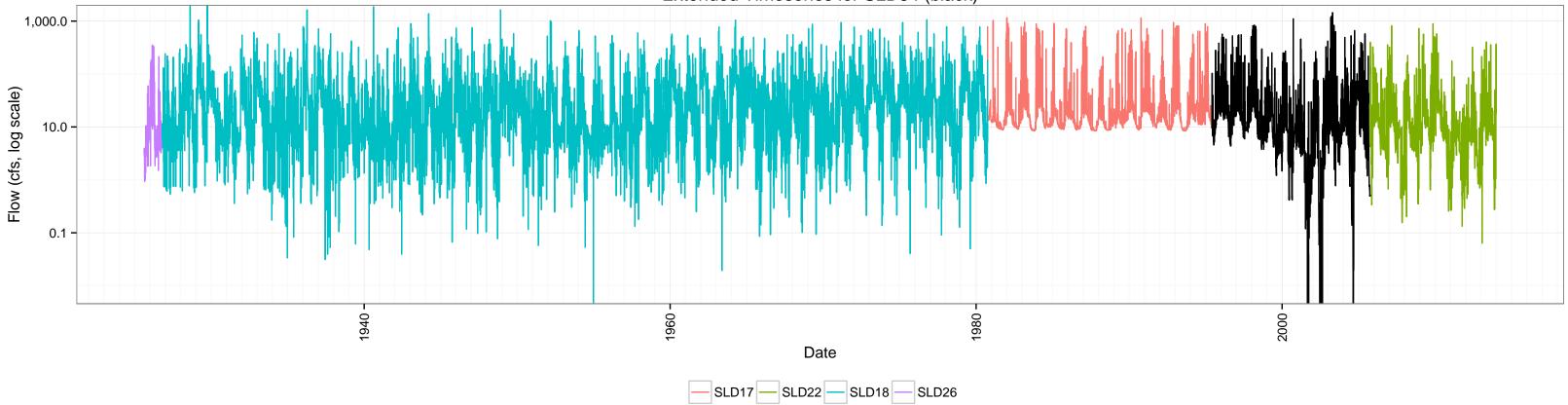


Extended Timeseries for SLD23 (black)



- SLD26





Extended Timeseries for SLD34 (black)