

Climate Change and Water Resource Interactions

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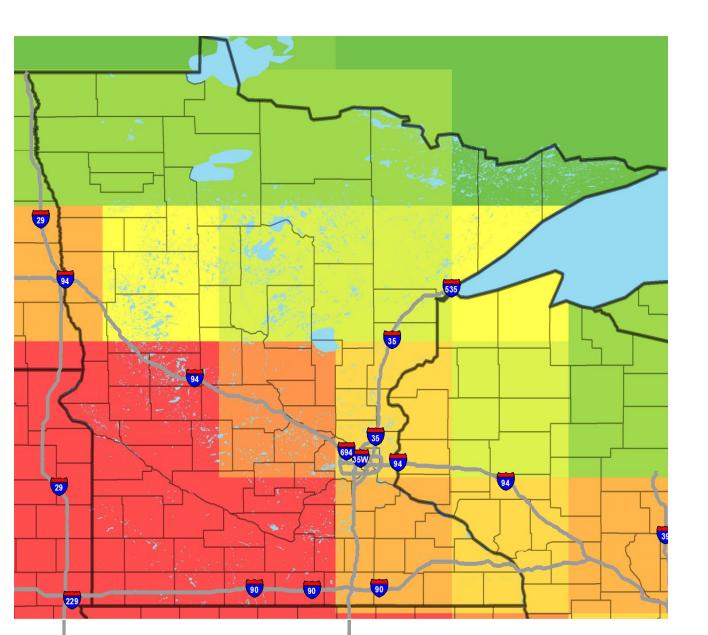
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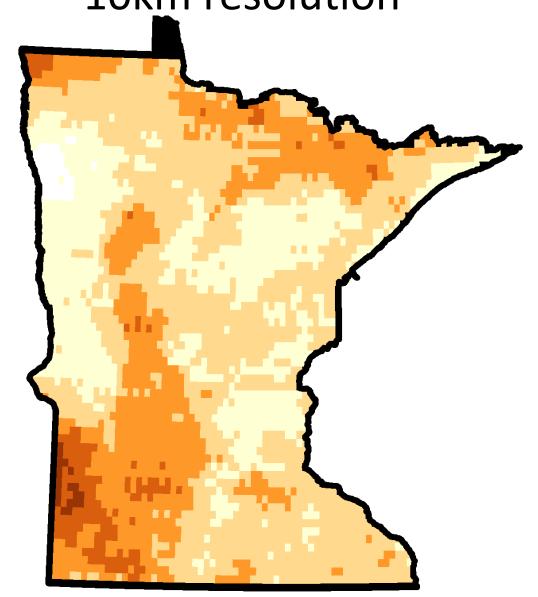
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Global scale model resolution



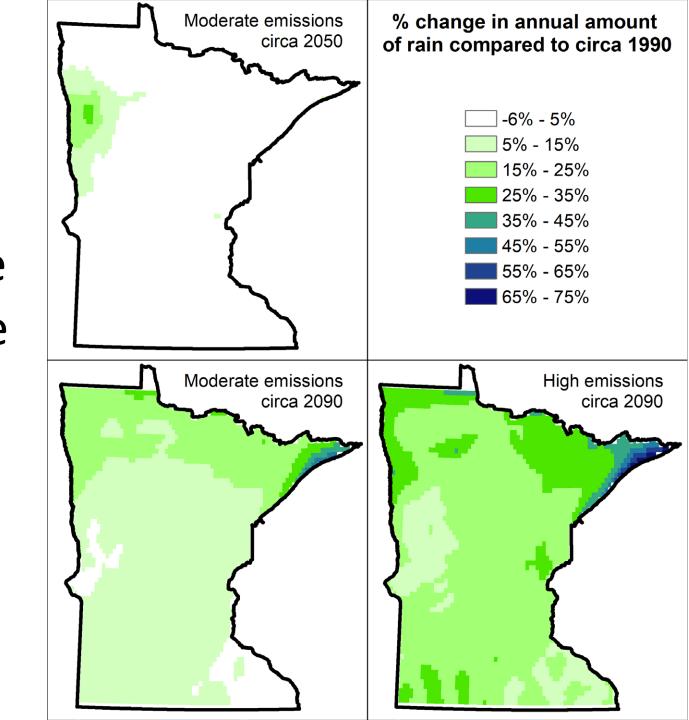
Dynamically downscaled 10km resolution



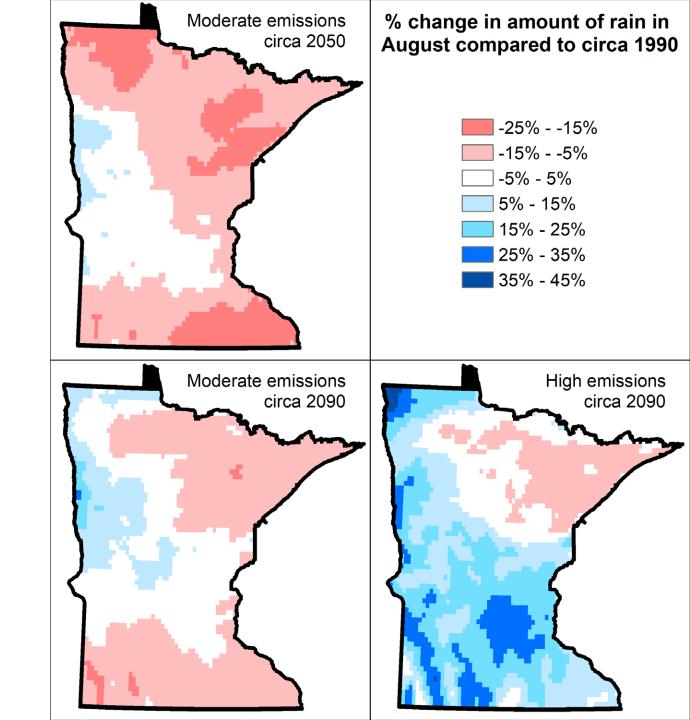
Climate Change: Increase in precipitation

 All maps show % change from 1980-1999 average to 3 future scenarios

 All comparisons are between 20 year averages



Climate Change: Drier late season



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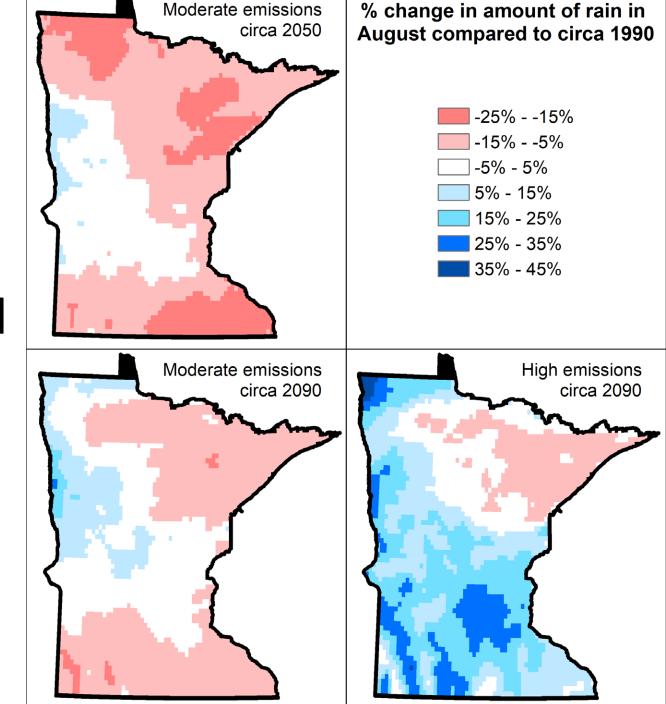
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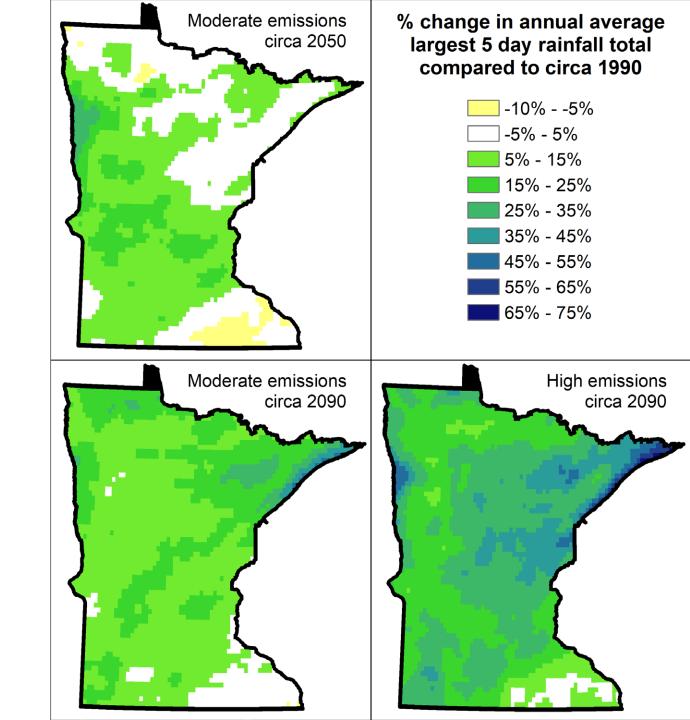
Trout streams threatened

Yield loss

Groundwater demand



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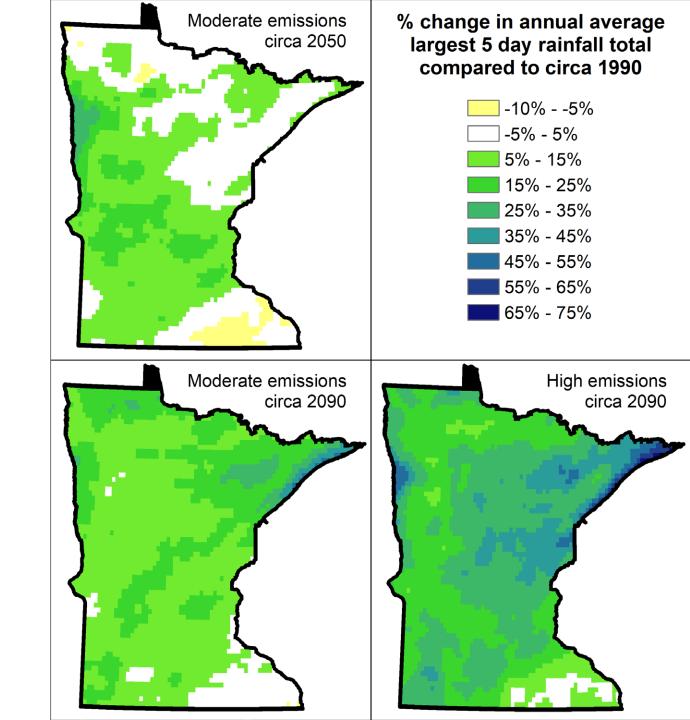
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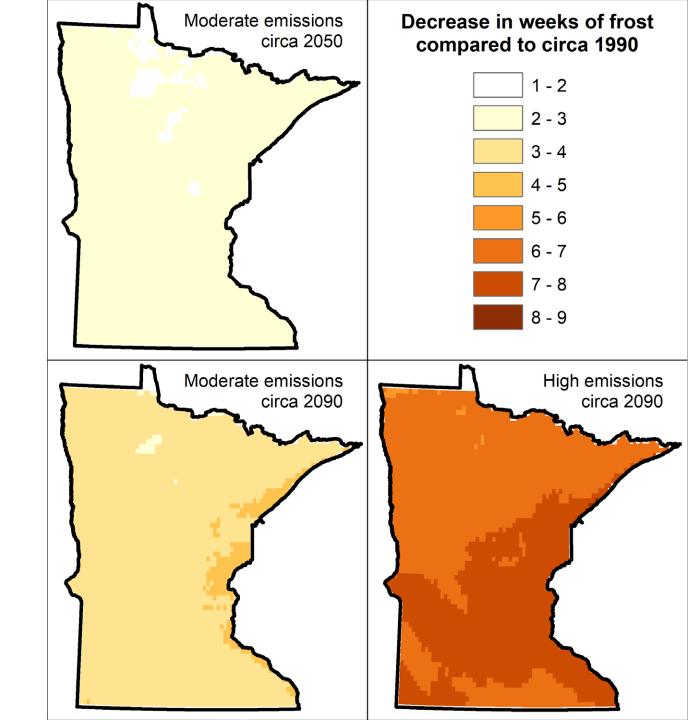
Flash flooding

Infrastructure costs

Erosion



Climate Change: Shorter, warmer winter



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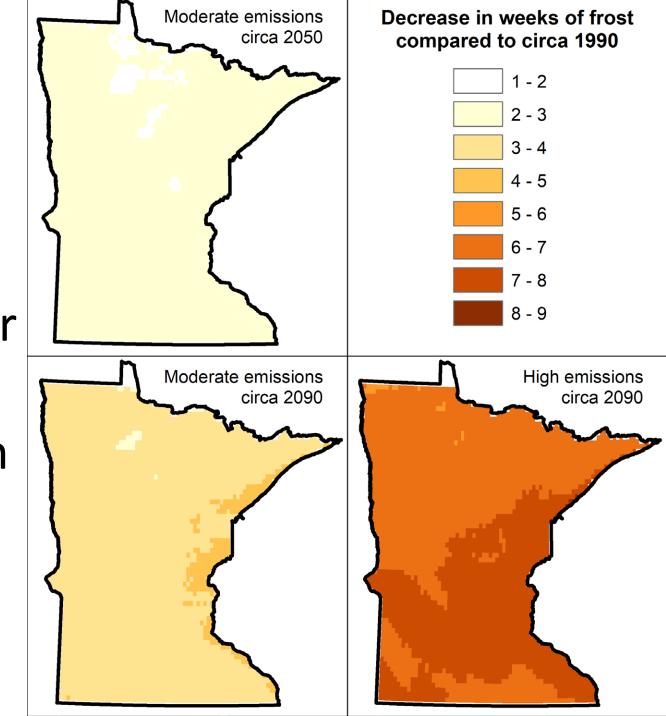
Shorter, warmer winter

Key Impacts on recreation:

>1 month less snow cover

Shorter ice fishing season

 Warmer lakes favor bass and reduce walleye



Climate Change and Crop Yields:

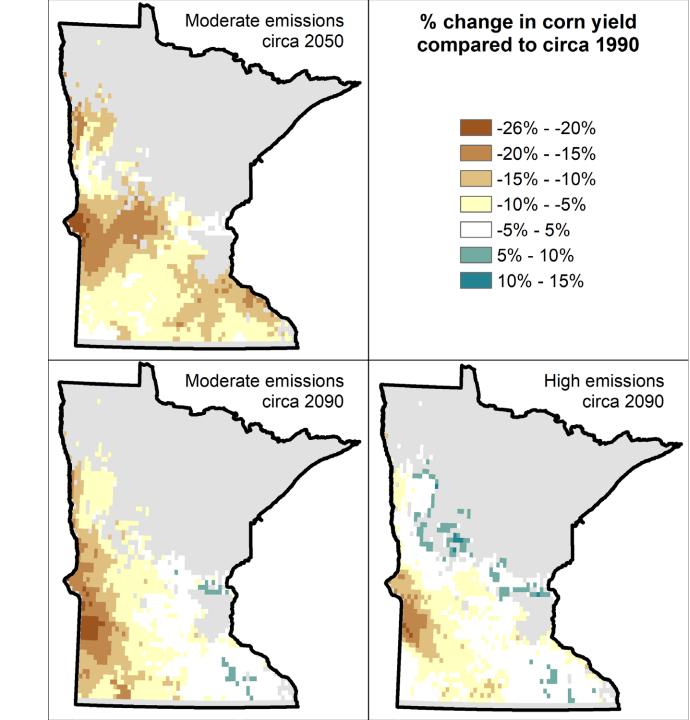
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