FUTURE PROJECTIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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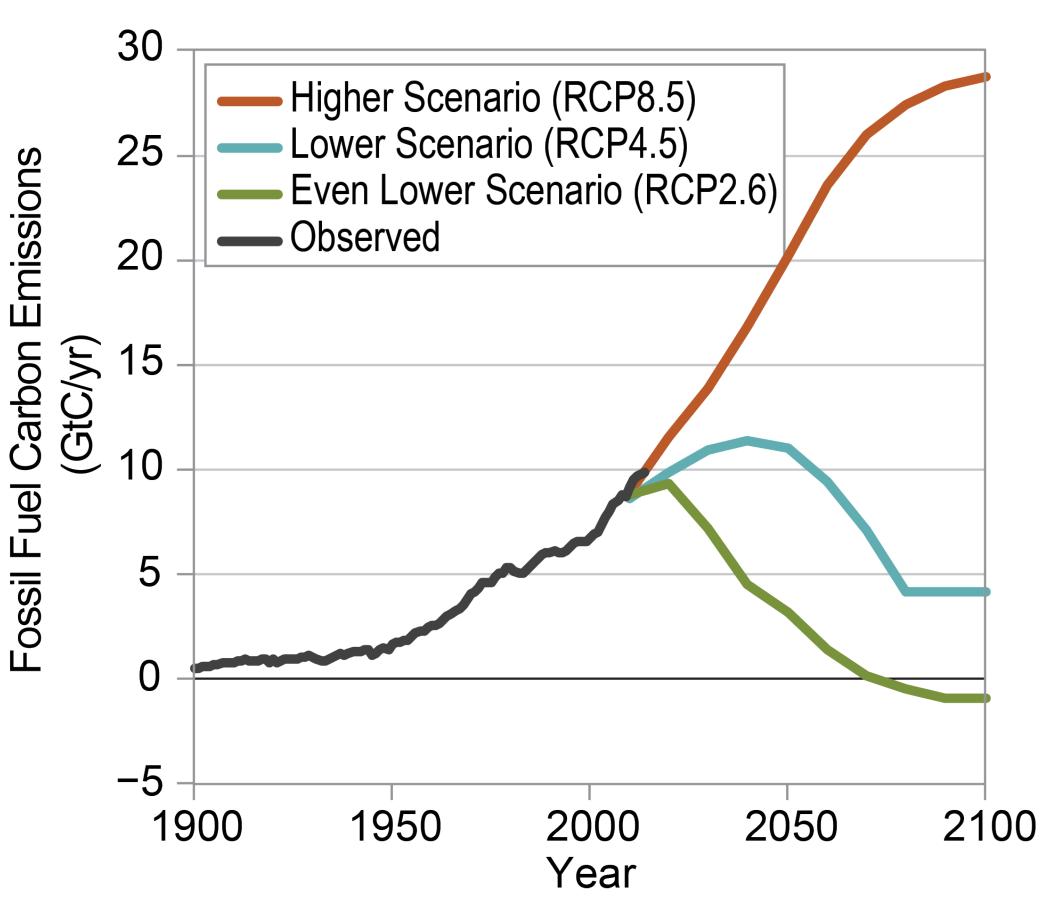
GLOBAL CLIMATE PROJECTIONS



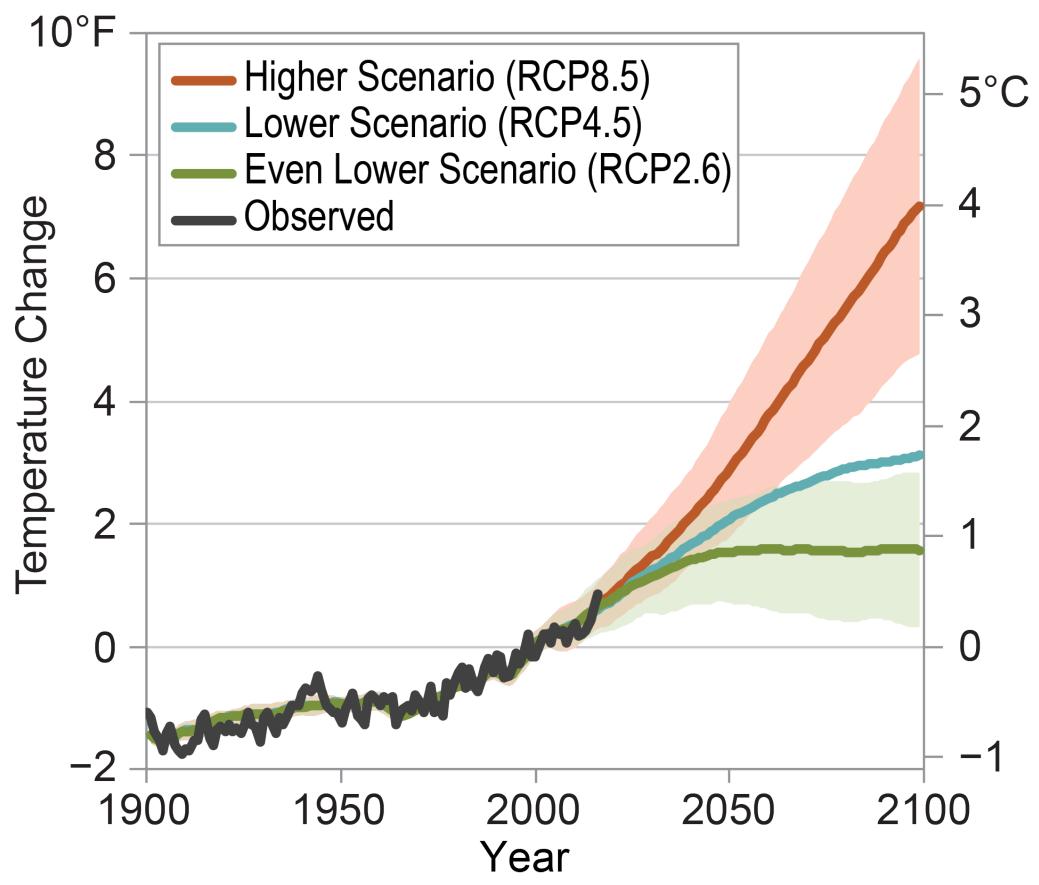
EMISSIONS & TEMPERATURE

CHANGE





Global Average Temperature Change







RCP 2.6 **RCP 8.5** (a) Change in average surface temperature (1986-2005 to 2081-2100) 32 **IPCC AR5**

lowest radiative forcing

highest radiative forcing



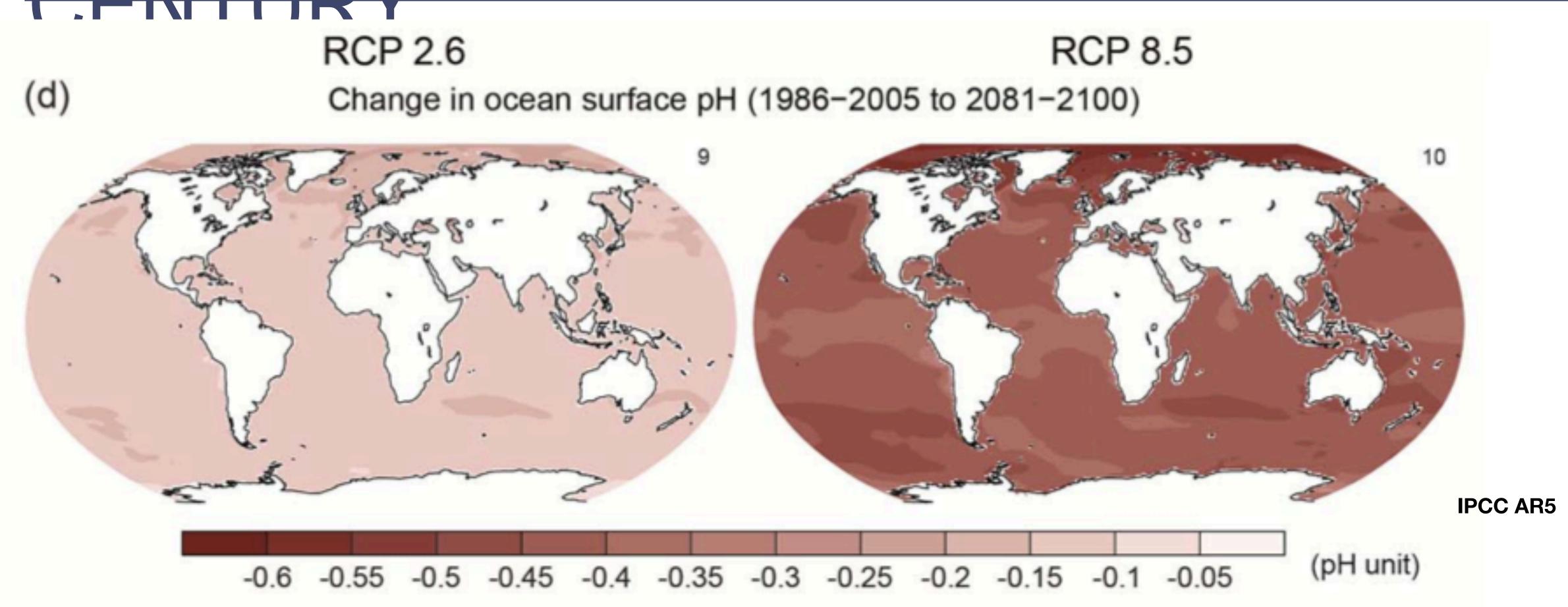
RCP 2.6 RCP 8.5 (b) Change in average precipitation (1986-2005 to 2081-2100) **IPCC AR5** 20 30

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CENTHRY



lowest radiative forcing

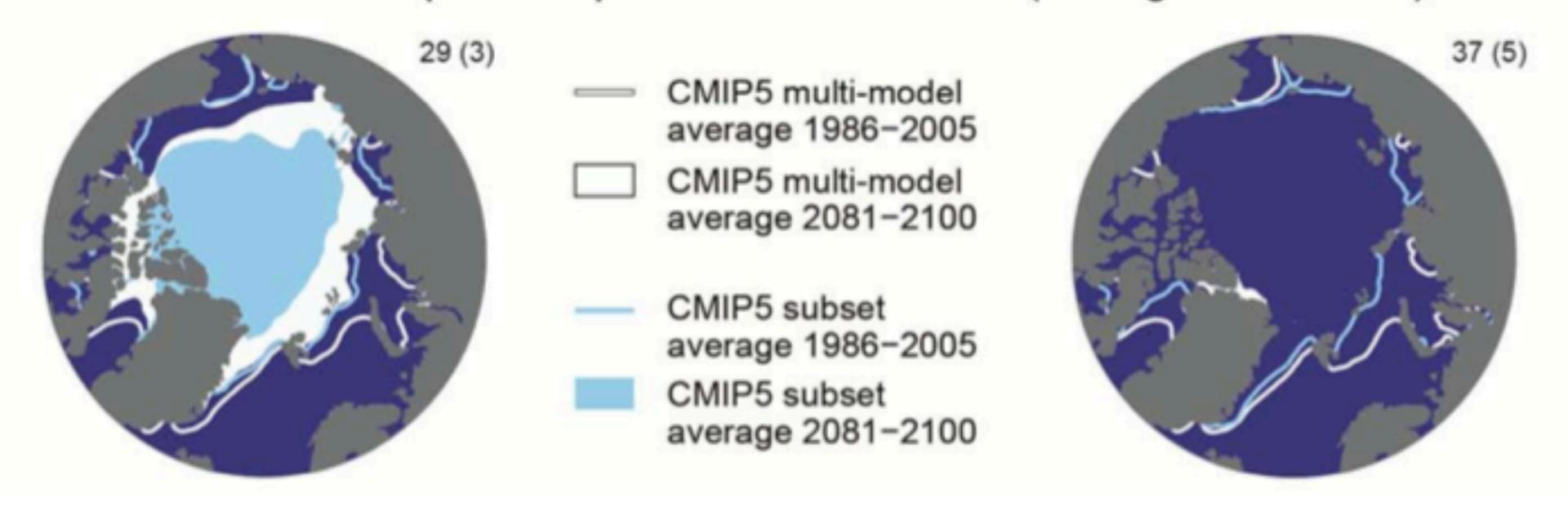
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RCP 2.6 RCP 8.5

(c) Northern Hemisphere September sea ice extent (average 2081-2100)



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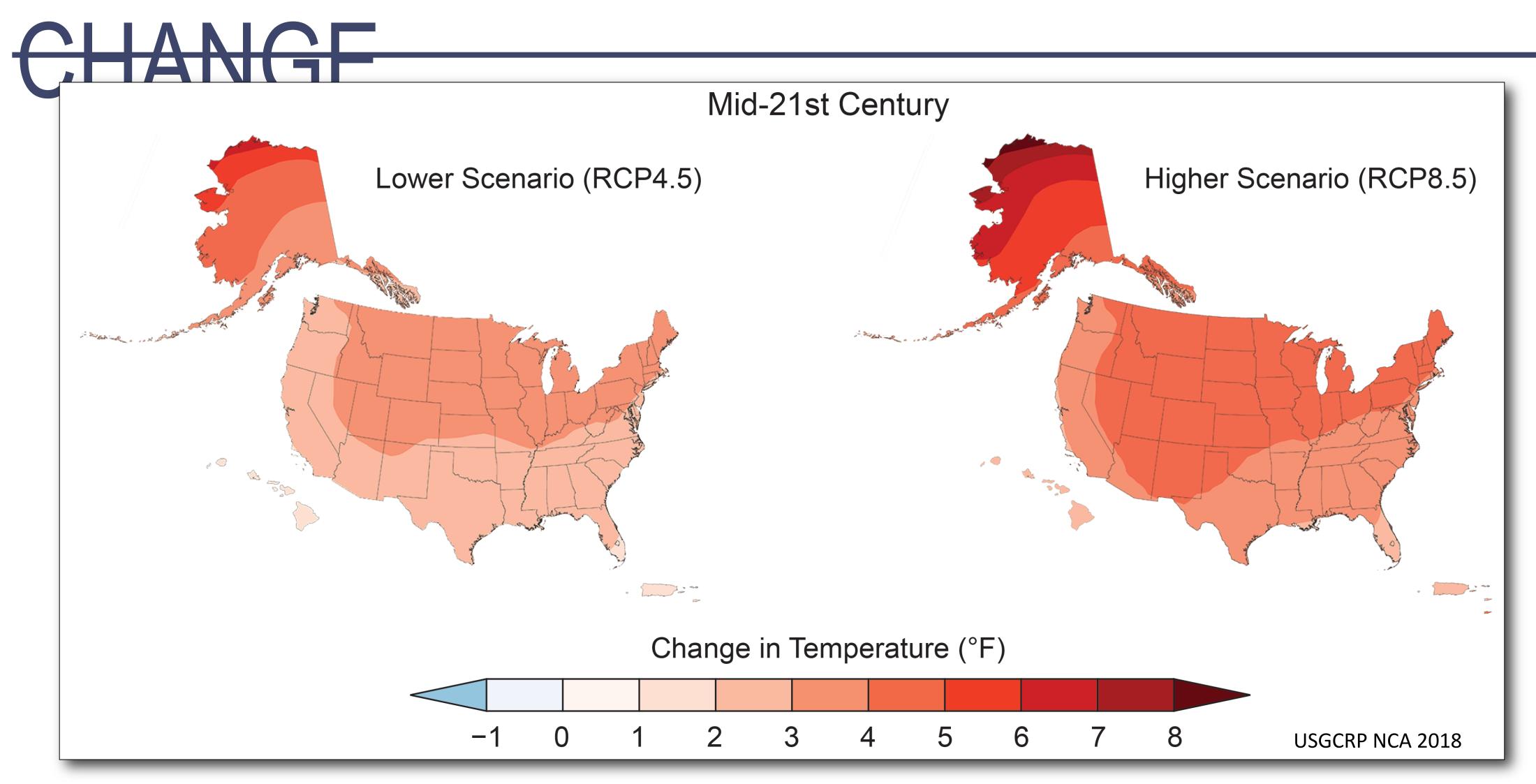
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NATIONAL CLIMATE PROJECTIONS

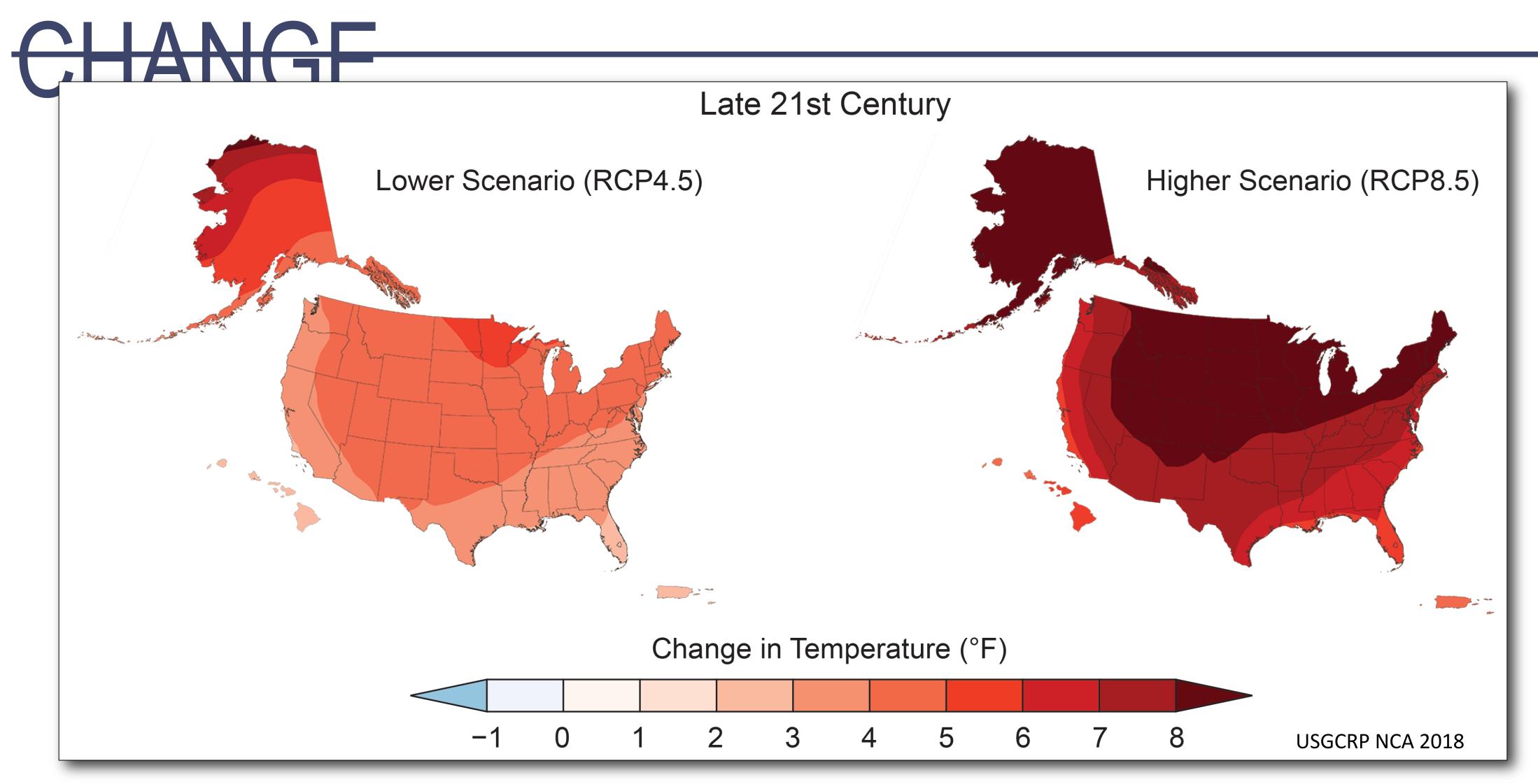


PROJECTED TEMPERATURE



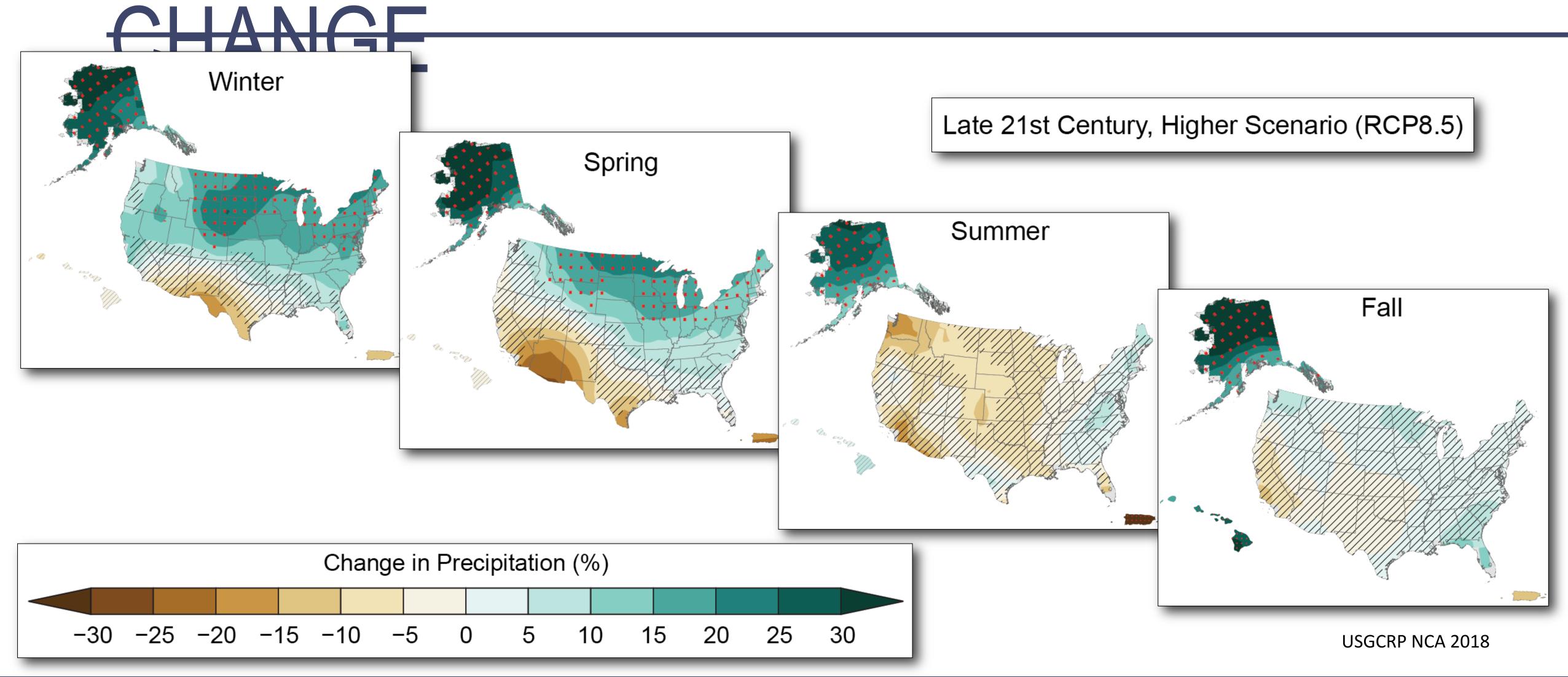


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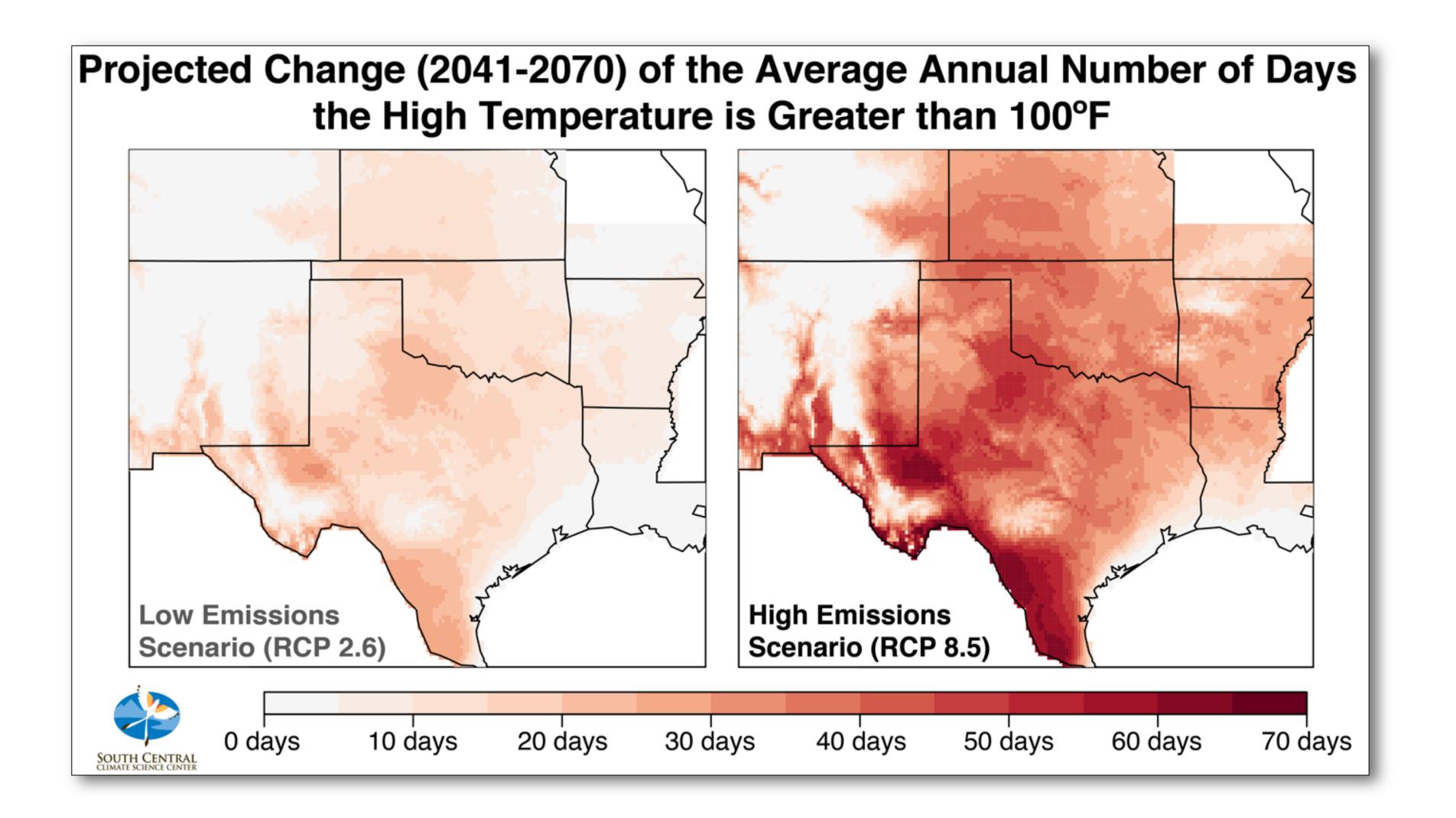
PROJECTED PRECIPITATION





REGIONAL PROJECTIONS

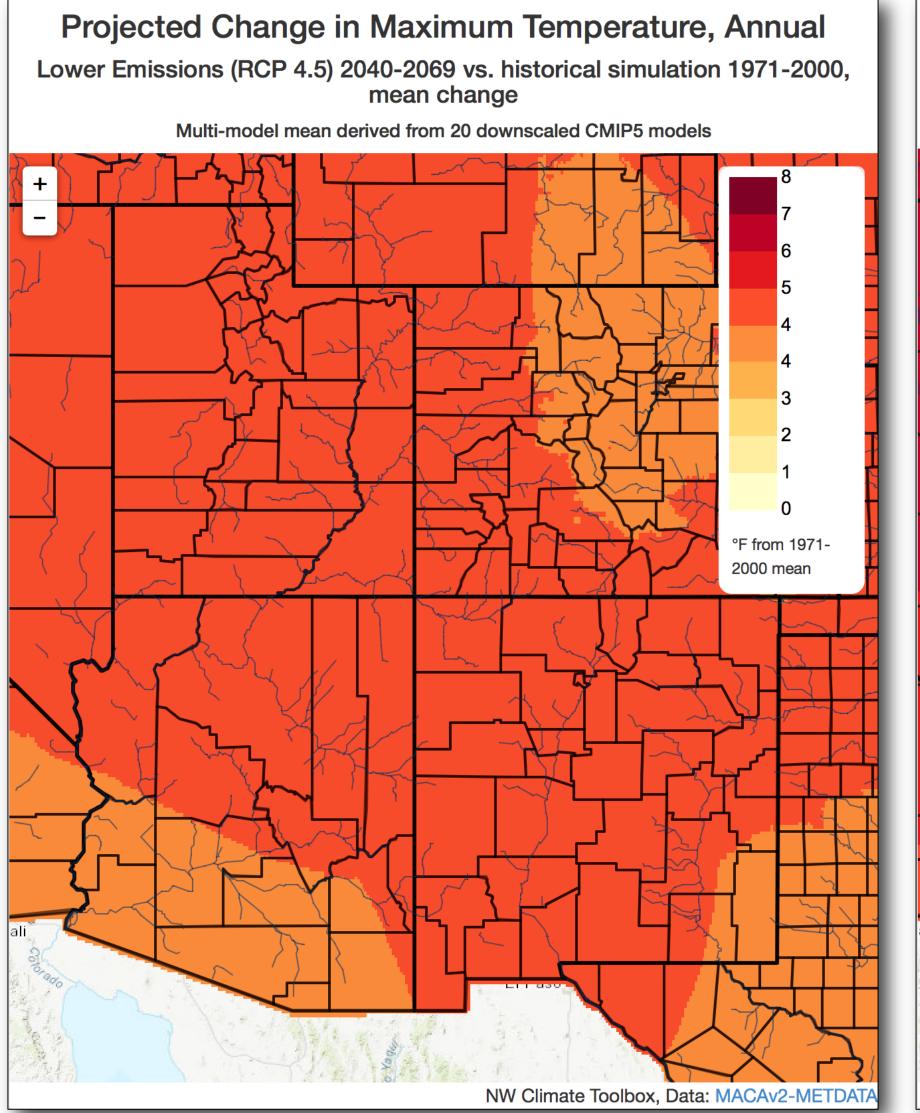


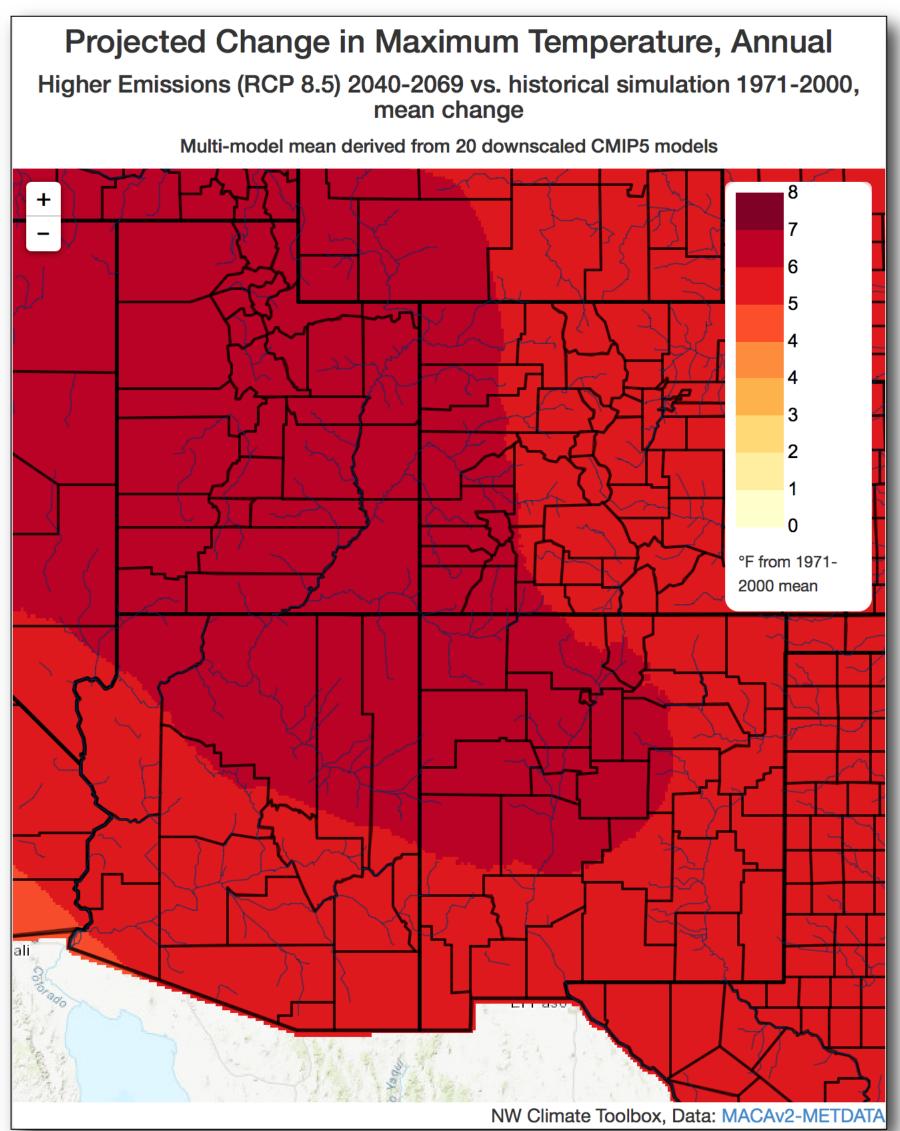


Example projections from the South Central CASC

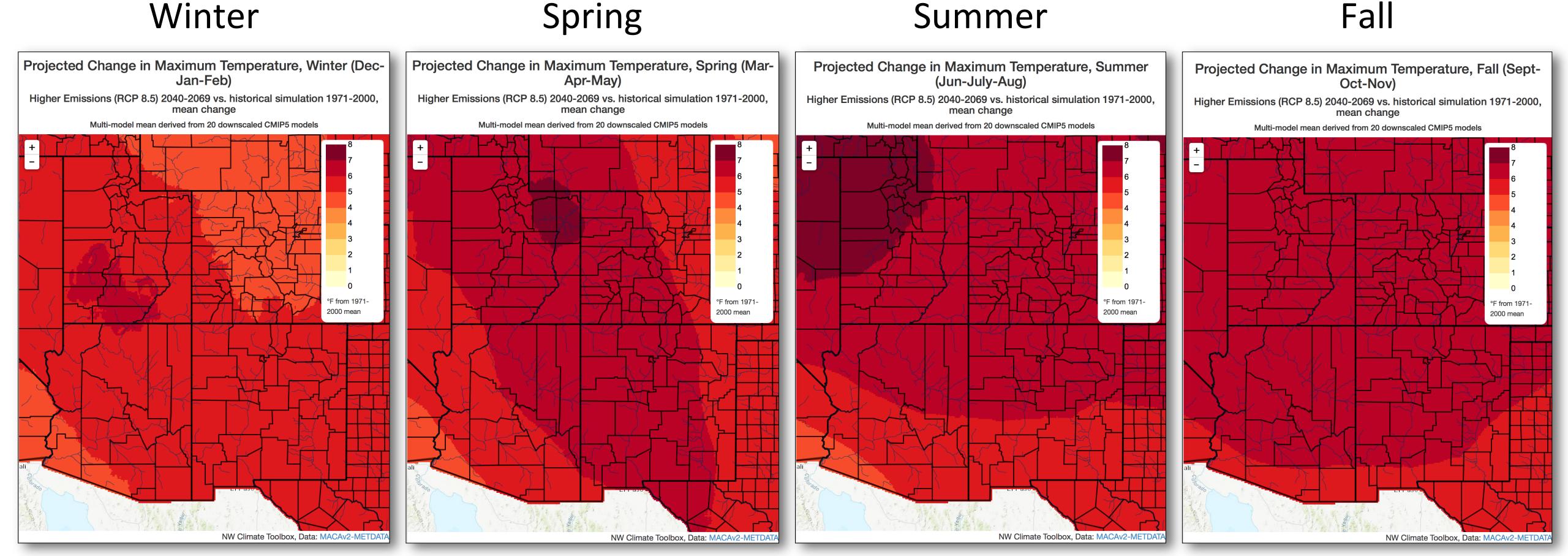


Daily high
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during the midcentury are projected
to increase by up to
7°F in the region





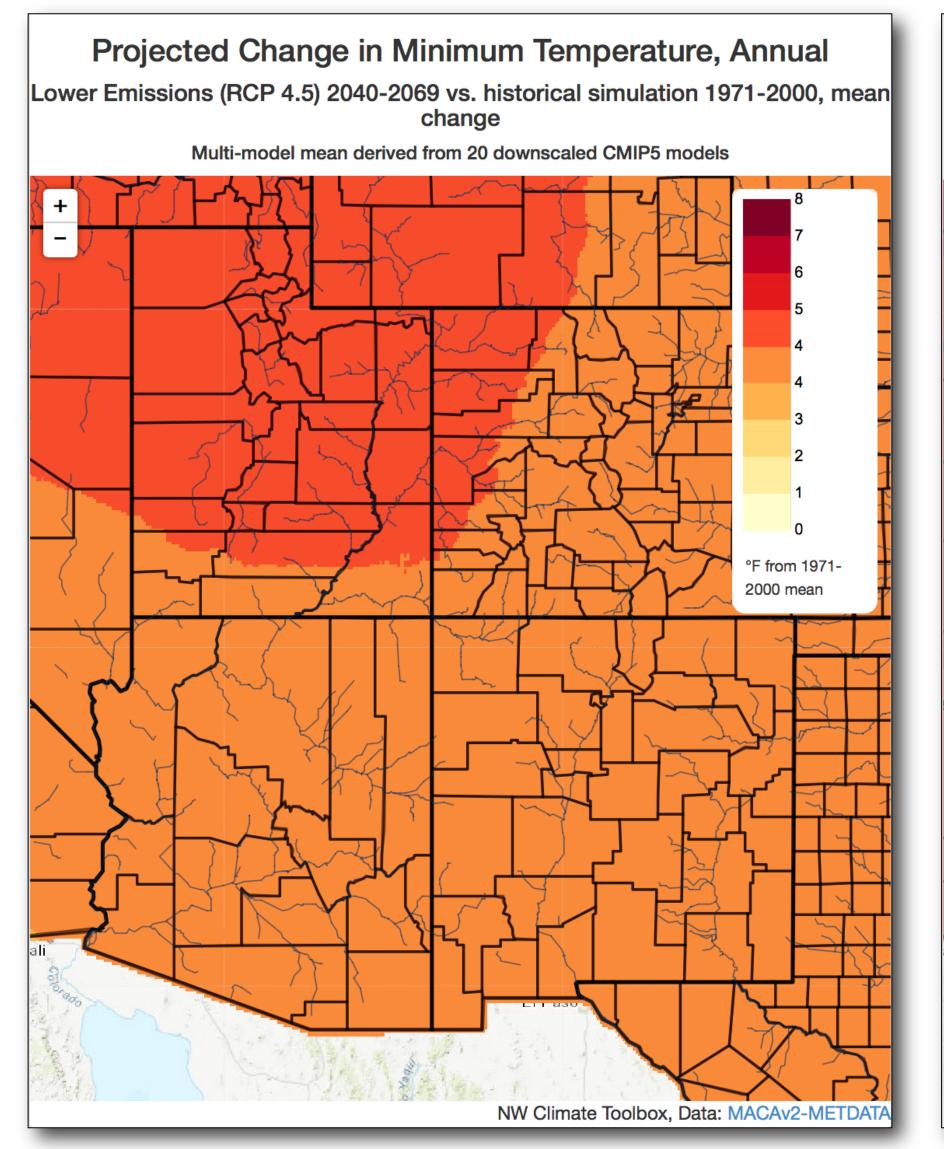


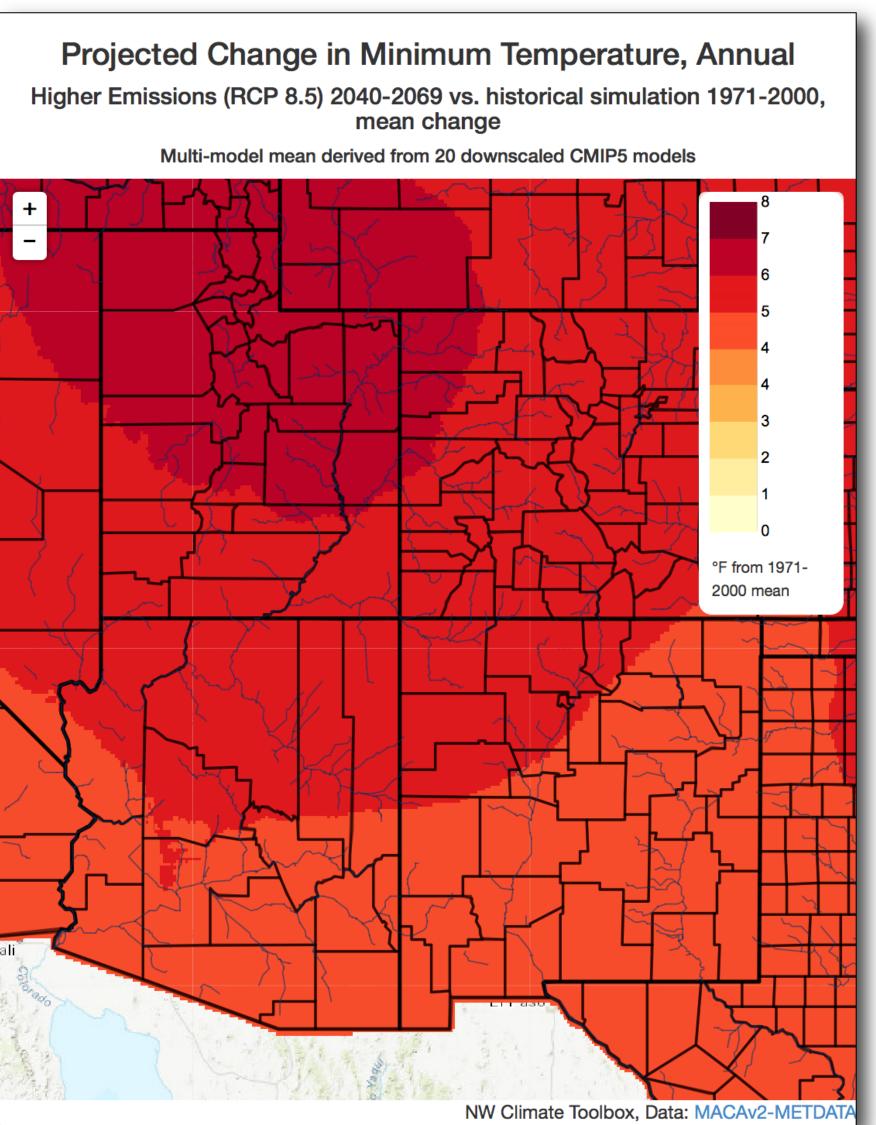


Daily high temperatures projected to increase more during summer than other seasons

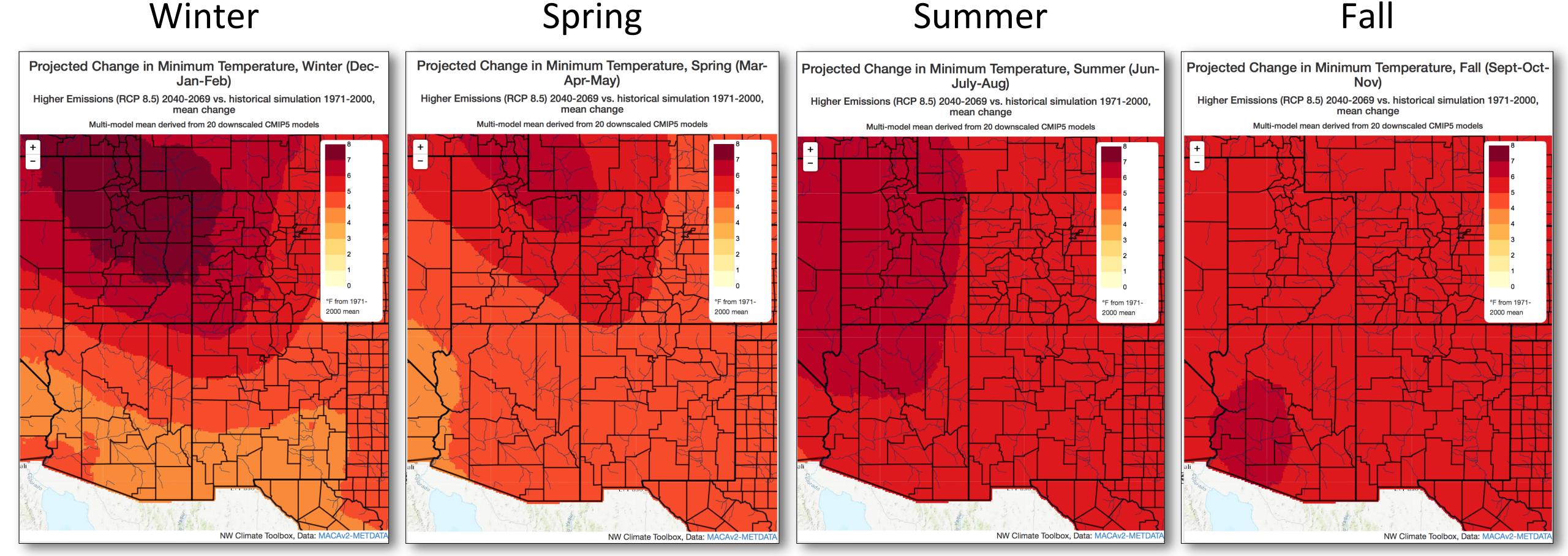


Daily low
temperatures
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6°F in the region





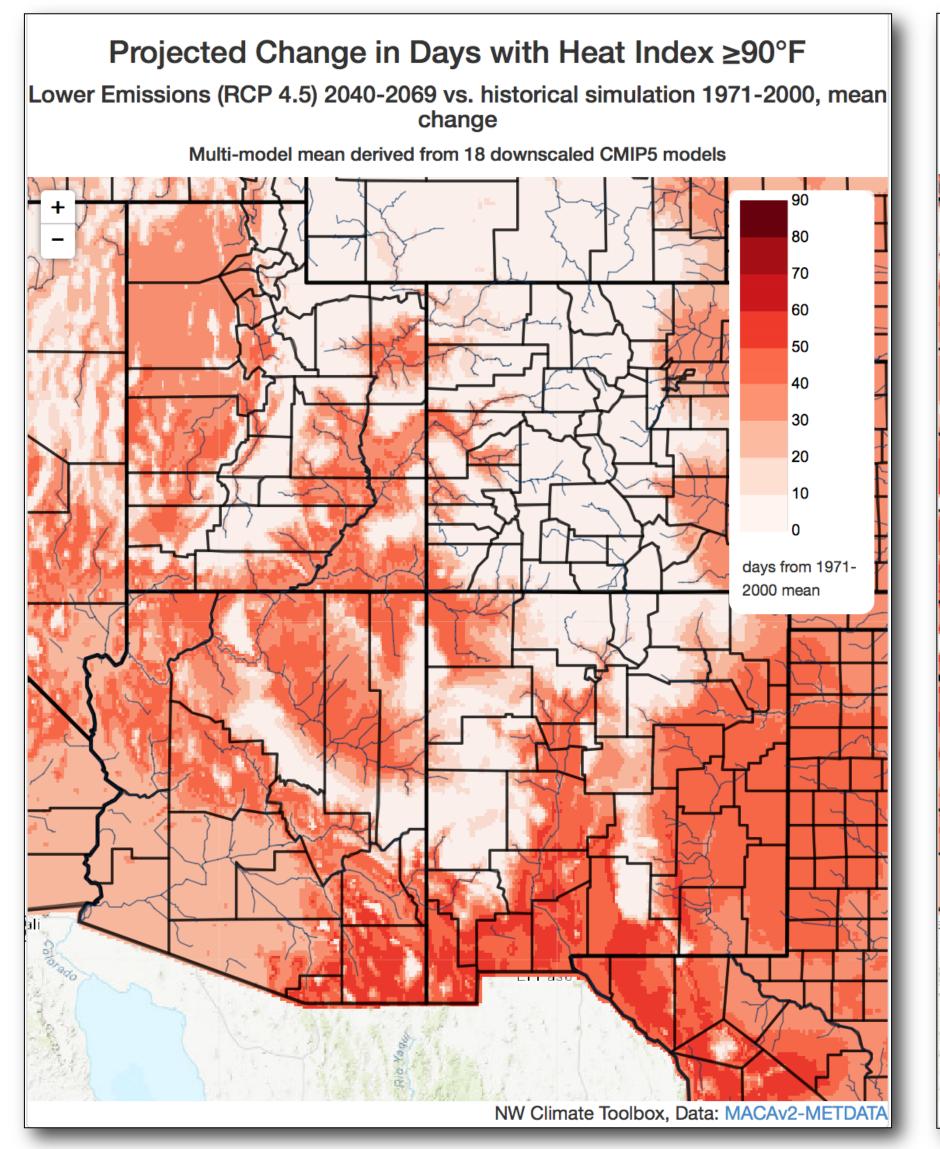


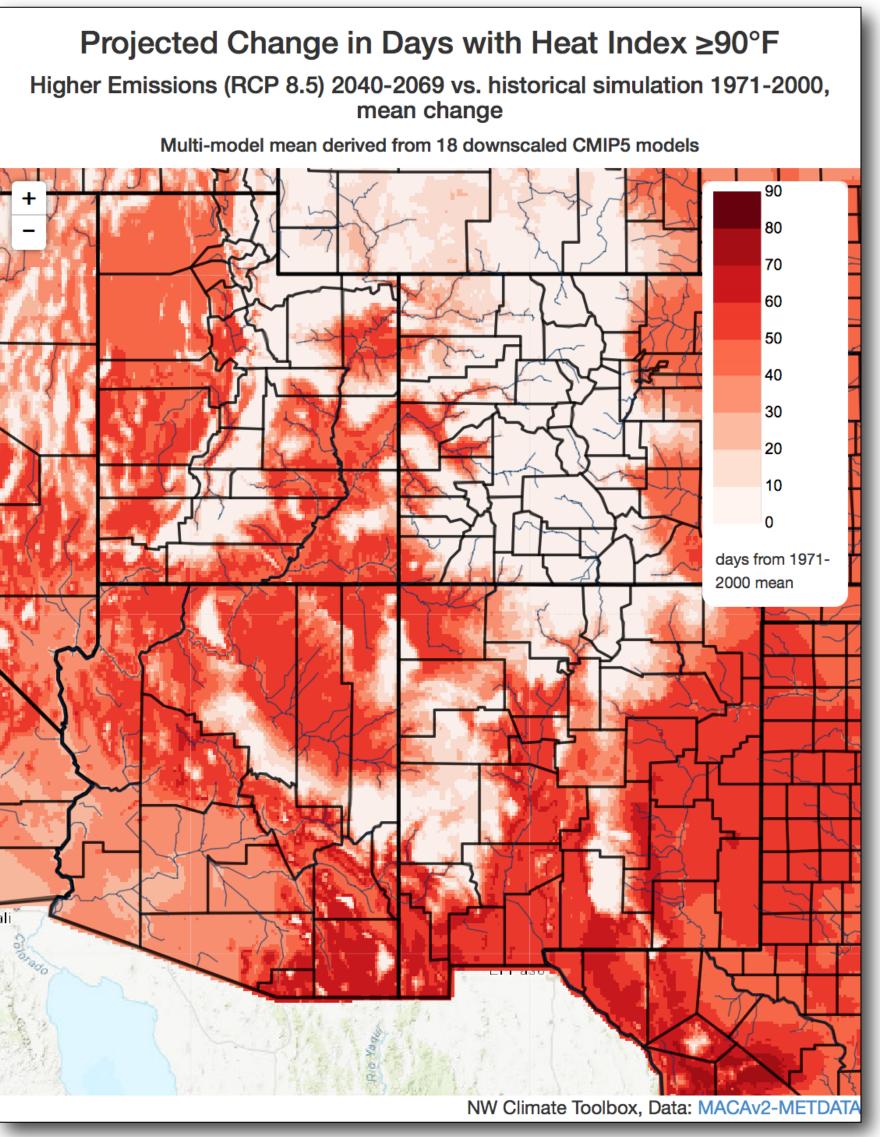


Daily low temperatures projected to increase more during winter than other seasons in northern part of Nation



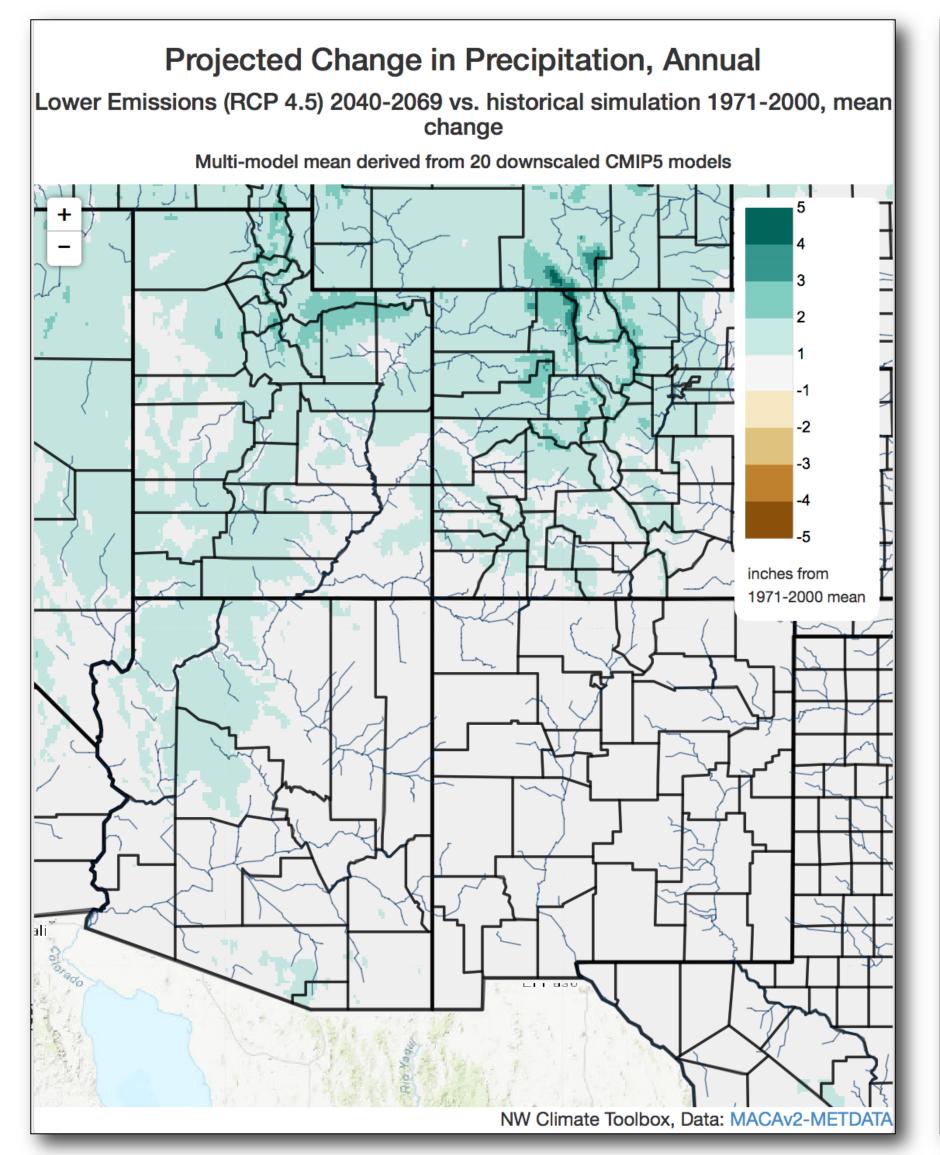
The number of hot days (heat index ≥90°F) are projected to increase by up to 50 days by the midcentury

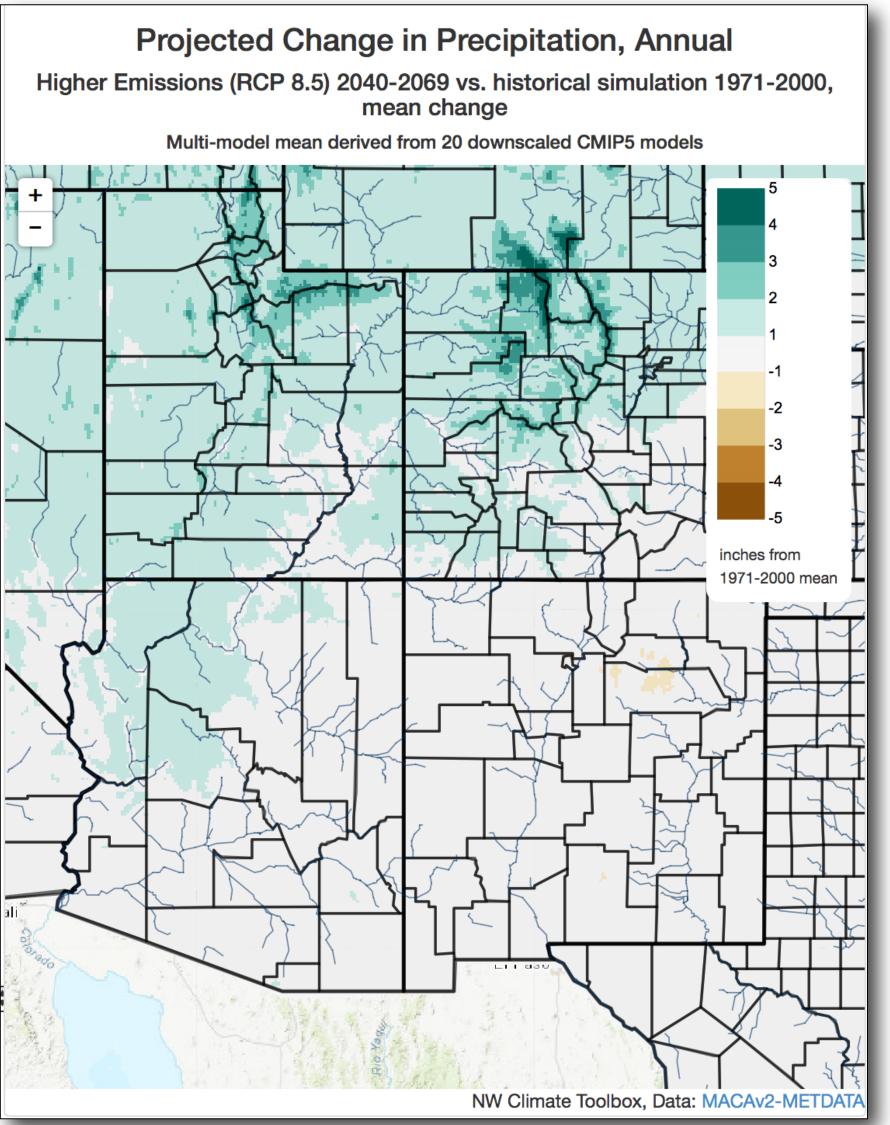




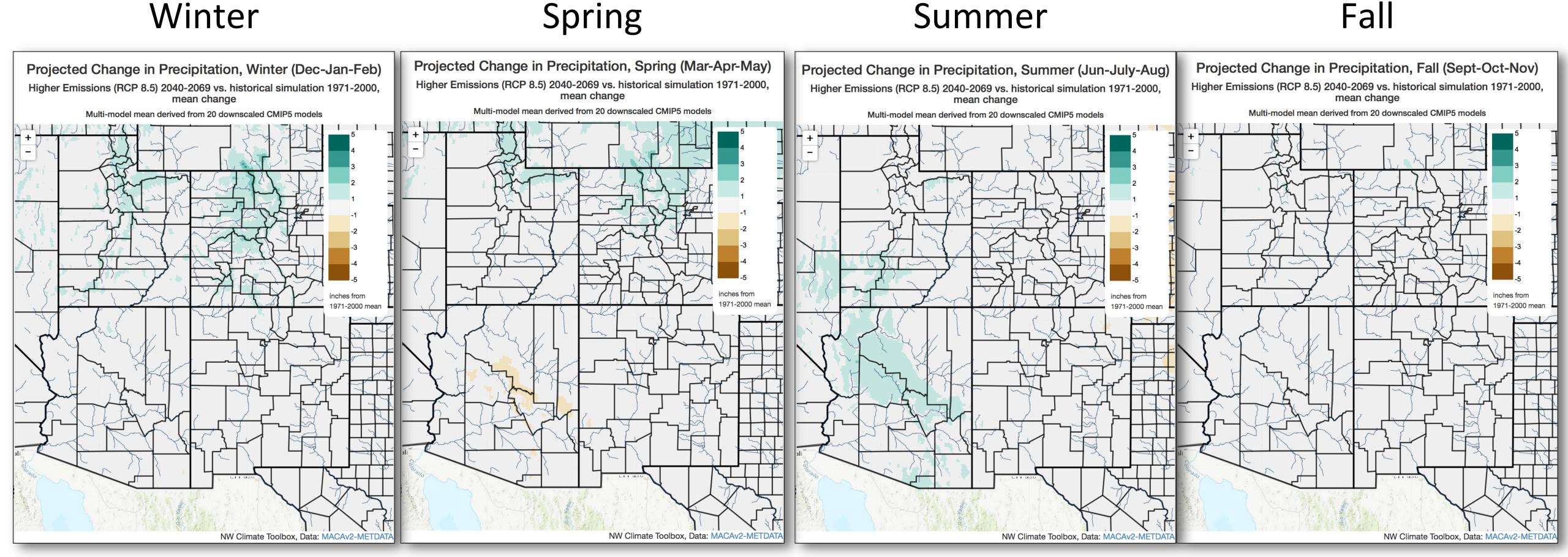


Average annual precipitation during the mid-century is projected to slightly increase or stay the same across the region









Seasonal precipitation during the mid-century is projected to stay about the same across the region



COMMENTS ON PROJECTIONS

- Projections are <u>not</u> forecasts or predictions
- Examples were created based on input from users prior to seeing our results — interest in other maps or graphics should be sent to info@southcentralclimate.org or visit us via Facetime, Skype, in person, etc. to discuss needs
- We have end-of-century projections too
- Only one downscaling method was used here, and we plan to add two more — stay tuned for those results!



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