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### **Executive Summary**

- This report completes the research on relationships on severe fire seasons and climatic factors experienced in four regions of New Zealand. It relates extreme daily severity ratings (DSR) and daily weather types for the regions of Auckland West/Waikato, North Canterbury, McKenzie Basin and Central Otago/Inland Southland. It builds on knowledge gained through several years' worth of research, linking fire risk to climate indicators, including a spatial analysis of 15 fire regions across New Zealand.
- The dominant daily weather type for the three of the four fire regions examined (Auckland West/Waikato, McKenzie Basin and Central Otago/Inland Southland), averaged over all of the months with extreme fire danger, is one where anticyclones and easterly winds onto the North Island dominate, with light winds elsewhere. In contrast, the dominant weather type for North Canterbury, are anticyclones producing westerly winds onto the South Island.
- A clear predominance of anticyclones and easterly winds increases the risk at the Auckland West/Waikato stations, with occasional north westerly winds at Woodhill and Hamilton. Extreme fire risk episodes occur with a prevalence of anticyclones at the North Canterbury stations, with the occasional northwesterly wind events. In this region anticyclones producing high monthly severity ratings (MSR) often produce westerly airflow over the region, with warm dry westerly quarter winds. Easterly winds prevail in the McKenzie Basin during extreme fire risk months, linked to a prevalence of anticyclones, although Wanaka also shows a high frequency of southwest or westerly winds. Stations in Central Otago/Inland Southland show a predominance of anticyclones producing easterly quarter wind flows for increased fire risk episodes, although Gore and Queenstown also demonstrate a secondary maximum of northwest winds in several extreme MSR months.
- There is good coherence at most of the stations between the prevalent wind flows during the extreme fire risk months, as classified by daily weather types, and the wind flow anomalies from monthly data correlations, calculated in earlier work. This demonstrates that the daily weather type analysis in these most extreme MSR months is capturing the daily sequences of weather types that contribute to the dominant climate circulation and wind flow anomalies in the New Zealand region for the month. Therefore the prediction of monthly and seasonal circulation patterns will be a useful guide to the predominance of daily weather types expected, and the prediction of high or extreme fire risk periods in any month for the four regions examined. Relationships between the daily weather types and large scale features producing seasonal climate variability, such as El Niño-Southern Oscillation will allow the



exploitation of seasonal climate forecasting for improved monthly and seasonal fire climate outlooks.

- For stations within the Auckland West/Waikato region, anticyclones are primarily responsible for high or extreme fire risk persisting over a number of days, with wind flows being of lesser importance, although easterly winds increase the risk. This is consistent with the anticyclonic circulation producing dry subsiding air onto the region.
- Either anticyclones producing light or westerly quarter winds over the South Island, or westerly wind flows associated with long sequences of the troughs in westerly flow (T) daily weather type, are important for persistent days of high or extreme fire risk in North Canterbury and the McKenzie Basin. The first pattern is by far the most common for days with extreme fire risk. The importance of daily wind direction in both patterns is consistent with the strong influence that the Southern Alps have on climate in these regions. Westerly quarter winds often produce warm dry conditions east of the Southern Alps.
- Anticyclones located over or to east of the South Island, usually linked to light or southwest winds in the region, produce persistent days of extreme fire risk in Central Otago/Inland Southland. However, Queenstown also reflected a pattern similar to those stations in the McKenzie Basin, displaying extreme DSR with westerly winds, primarily associated with periods of the T daily weather type.
- The analysis of daily weather types, and their associated wind flows, has been beneficial in understanding the climatic causes of persistent extreme fire risk, represented by extreme DSR. Analysis at the daily scale has shown more detail than previous monthly research. Similarly, analysis of several stations within a fire region has detailed some subtle differences between the stations, especially those in proximity to fire region boundaries. However, throughout the temporal and spatial scales of this research consistent results are produced. Anticyclonic climate patterns, typically with easterly wind flows, most commonly occur with extreme fire risk, at the monthly or daily scale. Anticyclonic daily weather types are linked to persistent extreme fire risk in all four regions over the period studied, with wind flows being of secondary importance, except in North Canterbury and the McKenzie Basin, where westerly quarter winds are significant in increasing fire risk, and underline the strong influence that the Southern Alps have on climate in these regions.



### **Introduction and Background**

Severe fire seasons experienced in New Zealand have been attributed to various climatic circulation features, such as the influence of El Niño and La Niña events. The possible prediction of seasonal severity based on expected seasonal climate variations is important because detection of discernible trends coupled with seasonal climate prediction would allow some anticipation of potential higher regional fire risks. The National Rural Fire Authority (NRFA) has reported variable success in their endeavours to uncover specific factors that cause high seasonal fire risk (Pearce et al., 1995). In an initial study, the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) investigated linkages between climate predictors and severe fire seasons for 10 stations in New Zealand up to 1995 (Salinger, 1998).

The first part of a 3-year programme extended work presented by Salinger (1998) through detailed analysis of the relationships between global (such as El Niño and La Niña) and regional circulation indices, monthly severity ratings (MSR) and seasonal severity ratings (SSR) for 21 stations throughout New Zealand (Heydenrych et al, 2001).

The second part of the 3-year programme focused on inter-regional associations of the different fire regions throughout New Zealand. Heydenrych et al (2002) identified 15 fire regions in New Zealand based on daily severity rating (DSR) records from 128 stations. The analysis also provided key fire risk indicators (long-term climate and circulation indices) for each of the 15 fire regions based on pseudo MSR data.

The third part of the 3-year programme, described in Gosai et al., 2003, aimed to identify characteristic daily climatic patterns in months with extreme fire risk that cause high regional fire severity in Northland and Canterbury. The top decile (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) months from the long-term MSR data and the DSR of these months were compared to the daily synoptic weather types identified by Kidson (1994, 2000). See Table 1 and Figure 1 for Kidson (2000) definitions.

### **Scope of this Research**

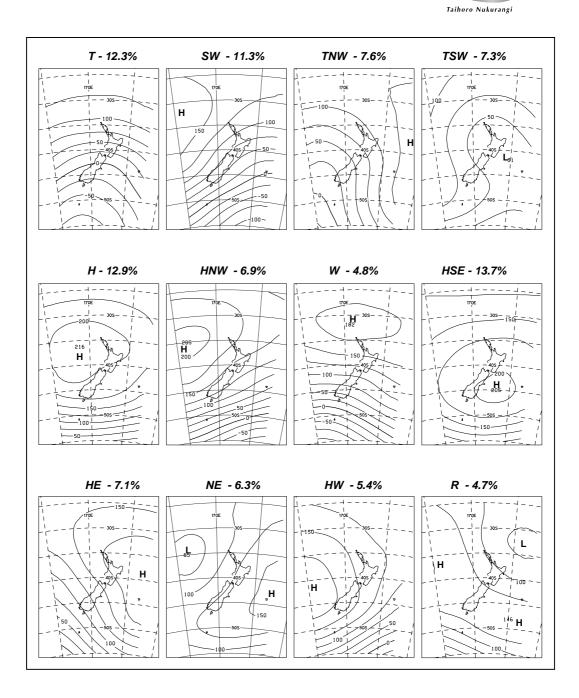
The goal of this research is similar to the third part of the 3-year programme, yet the methodology was modified due to data constraints. The aim of this report is to identify characteristic daily climatic patterns that cause high regional fire severity in Auckland/Waikato, North Canterbury, McKenzie Basin and Inland Southland/Central Otago by analysing DSR in extreme MSR months. These four regions were selected,



as they are prone to periods of very high or extreme fire danger, and links between monthly (MSR) and seasonal (SSR) severity ratings have not been fully uncovered.

Index	Pressure difference/Synoptic Type*	Туре	
Z1	Auckland-Christchurch	Zonal westerlies	
Z2	Christchurch-Campbell Island	Zonal westerlies	
Z3	Auckland-Invercargill	Zonal westerlies	
Z4	Raoul Island- Chatham Island	Zonal westerlies	
M1	Hobart-Chatham Islands	Meridional southerlies	
M2	Hokitika-Chatham Island	Meridional southerlies	
M3	Hobart-Hokitika	Meridional southerlies	
MZ1	Gisborne-Hokitika	North-westerly flows	
MZ2	Gisborne-Invercargill	North-westerly flows	
MZ3	New Plymouth-Chatham Island	South-westerly flows	
TSW	* Trough/southwesterly	Trough in southwest flow crossing New	
		Zealand	
Т	* Trough	Trough in westerly flow crossing New Zealand	
SW	* Southwesterly	Southwesterly flows	
NE	* Northeasterly	Northeasterly flows	
R	* Ridge	Ridge – light winds over the south,	
		easterlies over the north	
HW	* High to southwest	High to west of the South Island with light south – southwesterly flows	
HE	* High to east	High to the east with developing	
		northwesterly flow	
W	* Westerly	Westerly flow	
HNW	* High to northwest	High west of the North Island with southwesterly flow	
TNW	* Trough in northwest	Trough to the west preceded by	
HSE	* High to southeast	northwesterly flow High east of the South Island with easterly flow for the North Island and light winds elsewhere	
Н	* High	Light winds – North Island Westerly flow – far south	

Table 1: Indices of Circulation in the New Zealand Region



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# Figure 1: Cluster-mean (1000hPa) flow patterns used to categorise daily weather patterns (Kidson 2000). Percentage values represent the frequency of each type each year over the period studied (1958-1997). Winds flow along the contours shown, with speed inversely proportional to the contour spacing.

The scope of this research goes further than Gosai et al (2003) in that the daily climate patterns are identified for each extreme MSR month that produce runs of days with extreme DSR. These are then compared with results from Heydenrych et al (2001) who identified synoptic windflow and weather type anomalies from the mean situation, thus providing the link between daily climate patterns that influence the



DSR and MSR for the month, and broader scale monthly anomaly patterns that act on monthly to seasonal time scales.

### Methodology

Daily Severity Ratings (DSR) for Auckland West/Waikato, North Canterbury, McKenzie Basin, Central Otago/Inland Southland were obtained from the National Rural Fire Authority (NRFA) for the years 1990 till 2003 (length varies from station to station depending on when the station was commissioned). NIWA has previously calculated long-term (1961-2003) MSR and SSR values for 21 stations used in Heydenrych et al (2001, 2002) and Gosai et al (2003).

In this study, DSR data is available at a sub-regional spatial scale, for example, several stations within a fire climate region. This should provide a better representation of climate responses within a fire region can be achieved by using the following methodology:

#### 1. MSR Calculations

The MSR data used in this study were calculated from the available DSR data, (provided by NRFA) for 11 stations that represent the four fire regions, which are the focus of this study. MSR is calculated here as the mean DSR for a particular month, for each station. The data range varied from station to station (See Table 2 overleaf).

### 2. Selection of Extreme MSR Months

This study aims to identify only the extreme fire risk months for each station. Therefore, the MSR data were ranked for each station, and the top 10% of the MSR values were classified as being the extreme fire risk months for that station.

#### 3. Dominant weather type

Twelve daily synoptic weather types described by Kidson (2000) were used to define winds flows for New Zealand (see Table 1 and Figure 1 for descriptions of the synoptic weather type and associated wind flow).



For the extreme MSR months, <u>all</u> available daily synoptic weather types were listed at each station (see Appendix 1). A 'dominant weather type' was found by counting the 12 possible daily synoptic weather types, and identifying the most frequent pattern overall. The single most frequent weather type for each station is shown in Figures 2 - 5.

			ELEVATION	RECORDING	RECORDING
STATION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	metres	START DATE	STOP DATE
Auckland					
West/Waikato					
Pukekohe	37°12 00'S	174°51 00'E	82	1 Oct 1991	20 Sep 1999
Woodhill	36°42 30'S	174°22 48'E	220	19 Sep 1996	3 0 Oct 2003
Hamitlon Aero	37°51 00'S	175°20 00'E	52	30 Sep 19 91	30 Oct 2003
North Canterbury					
Ashley Forest	43°10 22'S	172°30 41'E	280	29 Oct 1 993	30 Oct 2003
Balmoral Forest	42°51 50'S	172°45 05'E	205	4 Nov 1994	30 Oct 2003
Mckenzie Basin					
Lauder	45°02 00'S	169°41 00'E	370	1 Oct 1991	30 O ct 2003
Tara Hills	44°31 00'S	169°54 00'E	488	1 Oct 1991	30 Oct 2003
Wanaka	44°43 00'S	169°14 00'E	348	1 Jan 1992	30 O ct 2003
Central					
Otago/Inland					
Southland					
Gore	46°06 00's	168°53 00'E	123	1 Oct 1991	30 Oct 2003
Tapanui	45°54 54'S	169°14 23'E	200	21 Aug 1994	30 Oct 2003
Queenstown Aero	45°01 00's	168°44 00'E	357	1 Jan 1979	30 Oct 2003

Table 2: DSR data and station information for each fire region analysed

#### 4. Prevalent wind flow for extreme MSR months, based on daily data

The dominant (most frequent) weather type in each of the extreme MSR months (approximately 30 day period) was identified. If there were two weather types that were equally frequent, both have been noted. The weather types were converted to a 'prevalent wind flow' based on the conversion found in column 3 of Table 1.

This converted wind flow is labelled "prevalent wind flow based on daily synoptic weather types" in column 2 of the tables for each station analysed.



#### 5. Prevalent wind flow for extreme MSR months, based on monthly data

Heydenrych et al. (2001) produced monthly wind flow anomalies for months of extreme MSR, for every month of the year, based on long-term correlations of MSR and various climate predictors (such as found in Table 1), for various fire regions of New Zealand. For example, extreme MSR in December, in Auckland, is highly correlated to the MZ3 index (associated with anomalous southwesterly winds, as derived in column 3 of Table 1), and specifically seen in row 1 of Table 5.

This information is labelled "prevalent wind flow anomalies based on monthly synoptic weather types" in column 3 of the regional tables.

Comparisons between the mean monthly and daily observed climate patterns and wind flows are presented in the results for each regional section.

#### 6. Persistence of extreme DSR versus daily synoptic daily weather type/wind flow

Fire Classification	Long-Term DSR Percentiles
Extreme	$80^{th} - 100^{th}$
Very High	$60^{\text{th}} - 80^{\text{th}}$
High	$40^{\text{th}} - 60^{\text{th}}$
Moderate	$20^{th} - 40^{th}$
Low	0 - 20 <sup>th</sup>

NRFA has a 5-group classification for fire danger (See Table 3). This fire danger classification scheme was used to identify all 'persistent extreme fire events'.

#### Table 3: Fire Classifications

'Persistent extreme fire events' are defined here to be periods when consecutive DSR values exceed the 80th percentile for longer than 3 days. Each station being studied in this report has different values for the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile DSR (see Table 4 overleaf). Linking a sequence of daily synoptic weather types to persistent extreme fire risk at a station is useful for forecasting fire risk by identification of the patterns that will produce extreme fire risk during high and extreme MSR months.

During 'persistent extreme fire events', the daily weather types, and associated wind flow (converted from column 3 of Table 1) were analysed subjectively, to determine what weather types (and associated wind flows) are linked to persistent extreme fire events, at each station. More weighting was given to persistence events that were long-lived, or particularly intense.



Fire Region (Stations)	80 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	100 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Auckland West/Waikato		
Pukekohe	0.30	6.90
Woodhill	0.71	110.29
Hamilton	0.88	45.99
North Canterbury		
Ashley	1.58	51.89
Balmoral	5.56	71.39
McKenzie Basin		
Tara Hills	3.59	171.11
Wanaka	1.90	53.08
Lauder	3.40	239.45
Central Otago/Inland		
Southland		
Queenstown	1.15	42.53
Tapanui	0.39	40.01
Gore	0.46	78.01

 Table 4: 80<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Percentile of the DSR for each station



### Results

For each fire region, the results were summarised from (i) the dominant weather type, (ii) the prevalent wind flow, and (iii) the persistent extreme DSR and associated daily weather types. The dominant synoptic weather type for each fire region for all of the extreme MSR months, are as described in Methodology section 3.

The dominant (most frequent) weather type in each of the extreme MSR months (approximately 30 day period) was identified. If there were two weather types that were equally frequent, both have been noted. The weather types were converted to a 'prevalent wind flow' based on the conversion found in column 3 of Table 1. These have been labelled 'prevalent wind flow based on daily synoptic weather types'.

Heydenrych et al. (2001) produced a mean monthly wind flow anomaly for months of extreme MSR, for every month of the fire season. For example, extreme MSR in December, in Auckland, is highly correlated to the MZ3 index (associated with more frequent southwesterly winds than normal, as seen in column 3 of Table 1). These have been labelled 'prevalent wind flow anomalies based on monthly synoptic weather types'. These results are displayed in the station tables - columns 2 and columns 3, respectively for each site analysed.

Persistent DSR values that exceeded the 80th percentile (e.g. persistent extreme fire events) were compared with the synoptic weather types for the same days, and a subjective assessment of links between persistent extreme DSR, and daily synoptic weather type, was made. Raw DSR and daily synoptic weather type data are contained in Appendix 1, and persistent DSR events are shown by arrows.



#### 1. Auckland West - Waikato

Figure 2 shows the dominant synoptic weather type for this fire region for all of the extreme MSR months examined. Anticyclones to the east of the South Island with

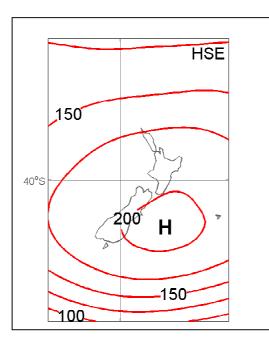


Figure 2: Dominant (most frequent) weather type for the extreme MSR months at all stations in the Auckland West/Waikato fire region

easterly flow over the region was the dominant type for this region. Tables 5 - 7 summarise the findings for Pukekohe, Woodhill and Hamilton Airport.

#### Pukekohe

Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow anomalies based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)
December 1994	Easterlies or south-easterly	South-westerly
January 1995	Easterlies	Easterly
January 1996	Easterlies	Easterly
January 1999	Easterlies	Easterly
February 1999	Easterlies	Easterly
March 1999	Easterlies	No relationship

# Table 5: Comparison of wind flow affecting Pukekohe between the current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001

During periods of persistent extreme DSR at Pukekohe, the primary daily synoptic types are anticyclonic – H, HSE, or HNW. Anticyclonic conditions equate to higher mean sea level pressures and subsidence (descending air), with lower relative



humidity (dry air). By far the most common daily synoptic weather type during persistent extreme DSR events at Pukekohe was H, associated with light winds.

#### Woodhill

Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow anomalies based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)
November 1996	Easterly and North-easterly	South-westerly
January 1997	Easterlies	Easterly
January 1998	Easterlies, North-westerly and North-easterly	Easterly
January 1999	Easterlies and North-westerly	Easterly
February 1997 Easterlies		Easterly
February 1998 Easterlies and North-westerly		Easterly
February 1999 Easterlies		Easterly
March 1997	Easterlies and North-westerly	No Relationship
March 1999	Easterlies	No Relationship

# Table 6: Comparison of wind flow affecting Woodhill between the current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001

Periods of persistent extreme DSR at Woodhill are also characterized by anticyclonic daily synoptic weather types - HSE, H, or HE. By far the most common daily synoptic weather type during persistent extreme DSR events at Woodhill was HSE, associated with easterly winds.

Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow anomalies based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)
December 1994	Easterlies and North-easterly	South-westerly
January 1998	Easterlies, North-easterly and North-westerly	Easterly
January 1999	Easterlies and North-westerly	Easterly
February 1994	Easterlies	Easterly
February 1998	Easterlies and North-westerly	Easterly
February 1999	Easterlies	Easterly
February 2003	Light Winds	Easterly
March 1999	Easterlies	No Relationship
March 2000	Easterlies	No Relationship

#### **Hamilton Airport**

# Table 7: Comparison of wind flow affecting Hamilton between the current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001



Similarly, extended duration extreme DSR at Hamilton are associated with two anticyclonic daily synoptic weather types - H, HSE, in approximately equal proportions.

At all sites the prevalent daily weather type and synoptic flow for days with extreme fire risk occurred in anticyclones with easterly flow over the region. At Woodhill and Hamilton Airport extreme fire risk days also occurred in anticyclones with northwesterly flow. Persistence for this region is shown in Table 10 below.

Name	Average length of Persistent Extreme Fire Events (days)	Maximum length of Persistent Extreme Fire Events (days)	Number of Persistent Extreme Fire Events
Auckland West/Waikato			
Pukekohe	9	20	11
Woodhill	10	25	19
Hamilton	12	30	17

 Table 8: Summary statistics of Persistent Extreme Fire Events

In this region, although the prevailing wind flows at Pukekohe differ during these daily synoptic types (light winds, easterly, southwesterly, respectively), the results indicate that anticyclonic conditions are responsible for extended duration of extreme DSR at this station. For Woodhill Forest in the north, the wind flows in these daily weather types vary (easterly, light winds, northwest winds, respectively). Again, dry anticyclonic conditions are primarily responsible for extended duration extreme DSR at Woodhill, with daily wind flows being less important.

Similarly, extended duration extreme DSR at Hamilton are associated with two anticyclonic daily synoptic weather types - H, HSE, in approximately equal proportions. Although the prevailing wind flows at Hamilton differ during these daily synoptic types (light winds or easterly, respectively), again there is the clear indication that anticyclonic conditions with lower relative humidity are responsible for extended duration extreme DSR at this station.

At the course scale, the dominant synoptic weather type for Auckland/Waikato for all of the extreme MSR months is HSE (Highs to the south east), a strongly anticyclonic pattern bringing easterly flows onto the North Island. Examination of each extreme MSR month individually, reveals a clear predominance of easterly wind flows (associated with anticyclonic weather types and dry subsiding air) observed during these months at the Auckland West - Waikato stations, with the addition of some occasional northwest wind flows at Woodhill and Hamilton.



There is good consistency of prevalent wind flows based on daily weather type, and the average wind flow anomalies based on monthly data correlations, showing a predominance of easterly windflow anomalies under dry anticyclonic conditions. This demonstrates that the daily weather type analysis in these most extreme MSR months are capturing the daily synoptic sequences which contribute to months with high MSR.

For stations within the Auckland West -Waikato region, anticyclonic daily weather types are primarily responsible for persistent extreme DSR, with wind flows being of secondary importance. These systems produce very dry conditions in the warmer part of the year, particularly when the airflow is from the east.



#### 2. North Canterbury

For North Canterbury anticyclones to the west of the North Island (Figure 3) producing dry westerly flow across the South Island, and dry foehn winds from time to time, produce extremely high DSRs.

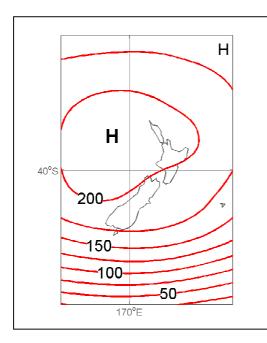


Figure 3: Dominant (most frequent) weather type for the extreme MSR months at all stations in the North Canterbury fire region

Tables 9 and 10 summarise the findings for Ashley and Balmoral Forests.

#### Ashley

During periods of persistent extreme DSR at Ashley, two daily synoptic weather type situations emerge.

The first, and most common, is due to anticyclonic daily synoptic types – H, HSE, HNW, HE. The prevailing wind flows at Ashley differ during these daily synoptic types (light winds, light winds, southwesterly, northwesterly, respectively), and the results suggest that anticyclonic conditions are responsible for extended duration extreme DSR at this station, but in particular when these anticyclonic conditions produce dry foehn westerly quarter winds.

The second situation of persistent extreme DSR at Ashley is slightly less frequent, and is more complicated. The daily synoptic weather types change more often (systems are more mobile), typically with long sequences of T, linked with brief SW or HNW.



All of these daily weather types have westerly quarter wind flows in common, although some patterns are anticyclonic in nature, and others are not.

Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow anomalies based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)	
October 1998	Easterly	Westerly	
November 1997 Easterly and North-easterly		Westerly	
December 2000 Easterlies		Westerly	
January 1998 North-easterly and North-westerly		Westerly	
February 1998 North-easterly and North-easterly		North-westerly	
March 2002 Easterly		Westerly	
March 2001	Easterly	Westerly	
April 2001	North-easterly	Westerly	

# Table 9: Comparison of wind flow affecting Ashley between the current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001

#### Balmoral

As with Ashley Forest, two daily synoptic weather type situations are associated with periods of persistent extreme DSR at Balmoral. By far the most common is due to anticyclonic daily synoptic types – HSE, H, and HE, occasionally mixed with R or HNW. The wind flows over the South Island produced by these daily weather types are light winds, southwesterly, and northwesterly, respectively, occasionally mixed with light winds or southwesterly winds. Persistent extreme DSR at Balmoral is also linked to long sequences of T (Westerly flows), but this is not common in the subset of months analysed.

Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow anomalies based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)
December 1994	North-easterly and Easterly	Westerly
December 2000	Easterly	Westerly
January 1998 North-easterly and North-westerly		Westerly
January 1999 North-westerly and South-easte		Westerly
February 1998	North-easterly and North-westerly	North-westerly
February 2001	Light North-easterly	North-westerly
March 1998	Easterly and North-easterly	Westerly

# Table 10: Comparison of wind flow affecting Balmoral between the current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001



These results show that either anticyclonic patterns producing light or westerly quarter winds over the South Island, or westerly flows producing dry foehn winds associated with westerly troughs (T daily weather type) are the predominant patterns producing extreme DSR in this region. This relates well with the monthly results.

Typically, extreme fire events can be quite lengthy (Table 11) in this region.

Name	Average length of Persistent Extreme Fire Events (days)	Maximum length of Persistent Extreme Fire Events (days)	Number of Persistent Extreme Fire Events
North Canterbury	The Events (days)		
Ashley	10	26	19
Balmoral	17	31	11

#### Table 11: Summary statistics of Persistent Extreme Fire Events

Either anticyclonic patterns producing light or westerly quarter winds or strong dry foehn westerly wind flows associated with T daily weather types are important for extended duration extreme DSR at Ashley Forest. For Balmoral Forest similar results occur in that either anticyclonic patterns producing light or westerly quarter winds, or westerly wind flows associated with T daily weather type, are important for extended duration extreme DSR.

The dominant weather type for all extreme MSR months for North Canterbury is H (High), an anticyclonic pattern bringing westerly flow onto the South Island, followed closely by HSE (this result is not shown).

An analysis of each extreme MSR month individually shows that there is a clear predominance of easterly or northeast wind flows at the North Canterbury stations (also associated with anticyclonic weather types), with the occasional northwest event. This result has less coherence between the prevalent wind flows in North Canterbury observed in the daily weather type, and the wind flows based on monthly data correlations, except for several northwesterly events.

Both anticyclonic patterns producing light or westerly quarter winds over the South Island, or westerly wind flows associated with long sequences of the T daily weather type, are important for persistent extreme DSR in North Canterbury. The first pattern is most common. The importance of daily wind direction in both patterns on extreme DSR in this region is consistent with the strong influence that the Southern Alps have on Canterbury climate. These produce moisture loss as the winds flow over the Southern Alps, producing hot dry foehn winds during westerly conditions.



#### 3. McKenzie Basin

Figure 4 shows the dominant synoptic weather type for this fire region for all of the extreme MSR months examined. Anticyclones to the east of the South Island with dry

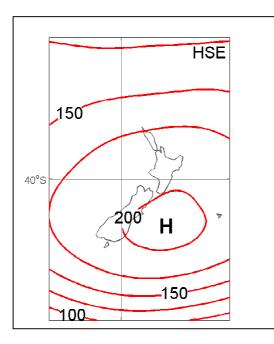


Figure 4: Dominant (most frequent) weather type for the extreme MSR months at all stations for the McKenzie Basin fire region

subsiding air over the region was the dominant daily type for this region. Tables 14 - 16) summarise the findings for Tara Hills, Lauder and Wanaka.

#### **Tara Hills**

As with the North Canterbury stations, two daily synoptic weather type patterns are associated with periods of persistent extreme DSR at Tara Hills. The most common pattern is linked to anticyclonic daily synoptic types – HSE and H. The wind flows over the South Island produced by these two daily weather types are light winds and south-westerly winds. The second pattern is due to long sequences of the T daily weather pattern, associated with westerly winds.

It is evident that either anticyclonic patterns producing light or southwesterly winds, or westerly wind flows associated with long sequences of the T daily weather type, are important for extended duration extreme DSR at Tara Hills.



Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow anomalies based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)
December 2000	Easterly	N/A
January 1999	South-easterly and North-easterly	N/A
February 1998	North-easterly	N/A
February 1999	South-easterly	N/A
February 2001	North-easterly and South-easterly	N/A
February 2003	North-easterly	N/A
March 2000	South-easterly and North-easterly	N/A
March 2001	South-easterly and North-easterly	N/A
March 2002	Easterlies	N/A

## Table 12: Comparison of wind flow affecting Tara Hills between the current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001

### Lauder

Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow anomalies based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)
December 2000	Easterly	N/A
January 1998	South-easterly and North-easterly	N/A
February 1998	South-easterly and North-easterly	N/A
February 1999	South-easterly	N/A
February 2003	North-easterly	N/A
March 2001	South-easterly and North-easterly	N/A
March 2002	Easterly	N/A

# Table 13: Comparison of wind flow affecting Lauder between the current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001

#### Wanaka

Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow anomalies based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)
November 1996	Easterly or South-westerly	N/A
November 1997	Easterly or South-westerly	N/A
December 1994	South-easterly and North-easterly	N/A
January 1998	South-easterly, North-easterly and North-westerly	N/A
January 2003	Easterly and Westerly	N/A
February 1993	North-westerly	N/A
February 1998	South-easterly	N/A
February 1999	South-easterly	N/A
February 2003	South-easterly	N/A

# Table 14: Comparison of wind flow affecting Wanaka between the current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001



Again, two daily synoptic weather type patterns are associated with periods of persistent extreme DSR at Lauder. The most common pattern is anticyclonic - HSE, H, or HNW. Wind flows over the South Island associated with these daily synoptic weather types are light winds or south-westerly.

The second, much less frequent pattern is due to long sequences of the T daily weather pattern, associated with westerly winds, which appears to occur only on the shoulders of the fire season (December and March), although further analysis of a bigger sample would confirm this.

The results from Wanaka are almost identical to those from Lauder. The most common pattern is anticyclonic - HSE, H, or HNW. Wind flows over the South Island associated with these daily synoptic weather types are light winds or south-westerly, respectively.

The second, infrequent situation for extended extreme DSR at Wanaka results from long sequences of the T daily weather pattern, associated with westerly winds, occasionally interspersed by SW or W daily synoptic weather patterns (linked to south-westerly and westerly flows).

For Lauder, either anticyclonic patterns producing light or south-westerly winds, or westerly wind flows associated with the T daily weather type, are important for extended duration extreme DSR. Similar results occur for Wanaka: either anticyclonic patterns producing light or south-westerly winds, or westerly wind flows, primarily associated with the T daily weather type, are significant for extended duration extreme DSR.

In this region extreme fire event episodes average two weeks, and can last for up to a month Table 15).

Name	Average length of Persistent Extreme Fire Events (days)	Maximum length of Persistent Extreme Fire Events (days)	Number of Persistent Extreme Fire Events
McKenzie Basin			
Tara Hills	16	31	13
Lauder	16	31	11
Wanaka	15	31	14

#### Table 15: Summary statistics of Persistent Extreme Fire Events

At the course scale, the dominant synoptic weather type for the McKenzie Basin, for all of the extreme MSR months is HSE (Highs to the south east), a strongly



anticyclonic pattern bringing light winds onto the air, with low relative humidity and high temperatures in the summer season.

There is a clear predominance of (anticyclonic) easterly wind flows at Tara Hills and Lauder during each extreme MSR month. Wanaka shows a mixed signal – primarily a prevalence of east or southeasterly flows, followed by a high frequency of southwest or west winds. There is no comparison available between the daily and monthly wind flow analysis.

For persistent extreme DSR events, it can be seen that the McKenzie Basin has the longest observed extreme episode within the data set (31 days), with the longest average event length (16 days).

Both anticyclonic patterns producing light or westerly quarter winds over the South Island, or westerly wind flows, primarily associated with long periods of the T daily weather type, are important for extended duration extreme DSR in the Mackenzie Basin. The first pattern is by far the most common, and there is a hint that the secondary pattern occurs towards the shoulders of the fire season, although analysis of a larger subset would be required to confirm this.



#### 4. Central Otago/Inland Southland

The dominant synoptic weather type for this fire region for all of the extreme MSR months examined is one with anticyclones to the east of the South Island (Figure 5)

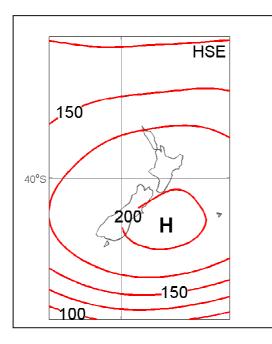


Figure 5: Dominant (most frequent) weather type for the extreme MSR months at all stations for the Central Otago/Inland Southland fire region

with dry subsiding air over the region was the dominant daily type for this region. Tables 16 - 18 summarise the findings for Gore, Queenstown and Tapanui.

Gore
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Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow anomalies based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)
November 1997	Easterly, South-westerly and North- easterly	Easterly
December 1991	Easterly and South-easterly	South-westerly
December 1994	South-westerly and South-easterly	South-westerly
January 1998	South-easterly, North-easterly, Easterly and North-westerly	Easterly, South-easterly
January 1999	South-easterly and North-westerly	Easterly, South-easterly
February 1992	South-westerly and North-westerly	South-Easterly
February 1999	Easterly	South-Easterly
March 2001	South-easterly and North-easterly	Westerly
March 2003	South-easterly and North-easterly	Westerly

# Table 16: Comparison of wind flow affecting Gore between the current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001



The primary daily synoptic weather situations inducing extended extreme DSR for Gore were anticyclonic – HSE or H, with light winds or southwesterly winds over the South Islands.

Two daily synoptic weather type patterns (Table 16) are associated with periods of persistent extreme DSR at Queenstown. The most common pattern is anticyclonic - HSE, H. Flows over the South Island associated with these daily synoptic weather types are light winds or south-westerly winds.

The second, much less common pattern is due to long sequences of the T daily weather pattern (associated with westerly winds), interspersed with the SW daily weather type (south-westerly winds). Again, either anticyclonic patterns producing light or southwesterly winds, or westerly quarter wind flows primarily associated with the T daily weather type, are important for extended duration extreme DSR at Queenstown.

#### Queenstown

Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)
November 1989	North-westerly	Easterly
November 2000	Easterly and North-westerly	Easterly
December 1987	Easterly, South-easterly and South- westerly	South-westerly
December 1989	Easterly and South-easterly	South-westerly
December 1990	South-westerly	South-westerly
December 2000	Easterly	South-westerly
January 1979	South-westerly and Easterly	Easterly, South-easterly
January 1981	Easterly	Easterly, South-easterly
January 1997	Easterly	Easterly, South-easterly
January 1998	Easterly, North-easterly and North- westerly	Easterly, South-easterly
January 1999	Easterly and North-westerly	Easterly, South-easterly
January 2003	Easterly	Easterly, South-easterly
February 1981	Easterly and South-westerly	South-Easterly
February 1985	Easterly and North-easterly	South-Easterly
February 1998	North-easterly	South-Easterly
February 1999	Easterly	South-Easterly
February 2001	Easterly and North-easterly	South-Easterly
February 2003	North-easterly	South-Easterly
March 1999	Easterly and North-easterly	Westerly

# Table 17: Comparison of wind flow affecting Queenstown between the current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001



Two daily synoptic weather type situations are associated with periods of persistent extreme DSR at Tapanui, in approximately equal measure – HSE and TSW (ridging over the South Island). Both patterns are anticyclonic and associated with light winds.

#### Tapanui

Extreme Fire Risk Months	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Daily Synoptic Weather Types	Prevalent Wind Flow based on Monthly Synoptic Weather Types (Heydenrych et al, 2001)
December 2000	Easterly	South-westerly
December 2001	Easterly and South-westerly	South-westerly
December 2002	Easterly and North-easterly	South-westerly
January 1998	Easterly, north-easterly and North- westerly	Easterly, South-easterly
February 1999	Easterly	South-Easterly
March 2001	Easterly and North-easterly	Westerly
March 2003	Easterly and North-easterly	Westerly

# Table 18: Comparison of wind flow affecting Tapanui between current study and long-term correlations from Heydenrych et al, 2001

Some summary statistics are found in Table 21 for the length of extreme events. These episodes are of shorter duration than in the other fire regions.

Name	Average length of Persistent Extreme Fire Events (days)	Maximum length of Persistent Extreme Fire Events (days)	Number of Persistent Extreme Fire Events
SLD/Central Otago			
Gore	7	23	12
Queenstown	9	28	38 <sup>1</sup>
Tapanui	9	21	13

#### Table 19: Summary statistics of Persistent Extreme Fire Events

Although very prolonged extreme DSR events were rare at Gore and Tapanui, some common themes were evident from the data analysed. The primary daily synoptic weather situations inducing extended extreme DSR for Gore were anticyclonic – HSE or H, with light winds or southwesterly winds over the South Island and dry subsiding air.

Two daily synoptic weather type patterns are associated with periods of persistent extreme DSR at Queenstown. The most common pattern is anticyclonic - HSE, H. Flows over the South Island associated with these daily synoptic weather types are light winds or south-westerly winds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Queenstown has the longest record of DSR, see Table 2



The second, much less common pattern is due to long sequences of the T daily weather pattern (associated with westerly winds), interspersed with the SW daily weather type (south-westerly winds). Again, either anticyclonic patterns producing light or southwesterly winds, or westerly quarter wind flows primarily associated with the T daily weather type, are important for extended duration extreme DSR at Queenstown.

Two daily synoptic weather type situations are associated with periods of persistent extreme DSR at Tapanui, in approximately equal measure – HSE and TSW (ridging over the South Island). Both patterns are anticyclonic and associated with light winds.

At the course scale, the dominant synoptic weather type for Inland Southland/Central Otago for all of the extreme MSR months is HSE (Highs to the south east), a strongly anticyclonic pattern bringing light winds onto the region.

Gore and Queenstown show a predominance of (anticyclonic) easterly quarter wind flows, followed by a secondary maximum of northwest winds, during each extreme MSR month. There is some consistency between the wind flow analysis in these most extreme MSR months, and the average wind flow anomaly response to high MSR, in November, January and February. Tapanui shows a prevalence of easterly quarter winds for each extreme MSR month, which is consistent with the monthly wind flow anomaly to high MSR in January and February.

For persistent extreme DSR events, Inland Southland/Central Otago shows the shortest average event length of 9 days. The primary daily weather type for stations in Central Otago – Inland Southland is anticyclonic conditions located over or to the southeast of the South Island, usually linked to light or southwest winds in the region. However, Queenstown also reflected a pattern similar to the McKenzie Basin stations, displaying extreme DSR with westerly wind flows, primarily associated with periods of the T daily weather type, and this may reflect this station's proximity to the McKenzie Basin.

#### Discussion

The results for each fire climate region provide the link between daily climate patterns that influence the DSR and MSR for the month, and the broader scale monthly anomaly patterns that act on monthly to seasonal time scales.



For the Auckland-West Waikato region daily sequences of extreme fire risk episodes occurred in anticyclonic easterly conditions. These translated to monthly anomalies of anticyclonic easterlies, and are entirely consistent with the lack of the TNW synoptic pattern (troughs in northwest flow) and south east flow anomalies as the most important regional climate patterns identified by Heydenrych et al (2001) as producing high fire risk over the October – April season.

In the North Canterbury region, daily sequences of the H pattern (anticyclones with westerly flow across the South Island) and the T pattern (westerly troughs) gave the highest DSR. These aggregate up to give months of strong westerly flow anomalies. On a seasonal basis the strongest relationships of high fire risk was with MZ2 – west to north west flow anomalies across New Zealand. The two results are entirely consistent.

The persistence of days of the HSE synoptic type (anticyclones east of the South Island) over a month led to extreme DSR and MSR for the McKenzie Basin. As no longer term MSR records were available for this region, relationships at the seasonal level were not established by Heydenrych et al (2001), although Heydenrych and Salinger (2002) postulated that anticyclonic westerly flow anomalies (Z2) coupled with anticyclones over central New Zealand, and to the east of the South Island (H and HSE types) were likely to be important. The results here confirm this supposition.

Inland Southland – Central Otago show daily sequences of HSE (anticyclones east of the South Island as the most important synoptic type on promoting high DSR. The seasonal result identified by Heydenrych et al (2001) is one with above average sea surface temperatures in the New Zealand region and easterly or north easterly airflow anomalies over the south Island. These two results are coherent from daily to seasonal time scales.

Finally it is important to comment on the relationships between the daily weather types and large scale features producing seasonal climate variability. The Southern Oscillation, or more generally El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO), is a tropical Pacific-wide oscillation that affects pressure, winds, sea-surface temperature (SST) and precipitation. ENSO is the primary global mode of natural climate variability in the 2-7 year time band defined by sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies in the eastern tropical Pacific. The most common indicator of the intensity and state of ENSO events is the Southern Oscillation Index, a measure of the anomalous atmospheric pressure gradient across the Pacific-Indian Ocean region. Persistence of the SOI below about –1 coincides with El Niño events, and periods above +1 with La Niña events.



In the El Niño phase, New Zealand experiences stronger than normal southwesterly airflow, which generally results in drier conditions in the northeast of the country, and wetter conditions in the southwest (Gordon 1986; Mullan 1995). Such patterns are likely to increase the daily weather types associated with west or southwest flow – T, SW, H, HNW and W. El Niño seasons are therefore likely to produce high DSR, MSR and SSR in North Canterbury.

Approximately reverse patterns occur during the La Niña phase of the phenomenon, enhancing northeast circulation over New Zealand, with wetter conditions in the north and east, and drier conditions in the south and west. A higher incidence of daily synoptic types HSE, NE and R are likely in the La Niña phase, raising the fire risk in the McKenzie Basin and Inland Southland – Central Otago during such seasons. If there is a prevalence of the HSE type, then fire risk is also raised in Auckland West - Waikato.

### Conclusions

This report completes the research on relationships on severe fire seasons and climatic factors experienced in four regions of New Zealand. It relates extreme daily severity ratings (DSR) and daily weather types for the regions of Auckland West/Waikato, North Canterbury, McKenzie Basin and Central Otago/Inland Southland. It builds on knowledge gained through several years' worth of research, linking fire risk to climate indicators, including a spatial analysis of 15 fire regions across New Zealand.

The dominant daily weather type for the three of the four fire regions examined (Auckland West/Waikato, McKenzie Basin and Central Otago/Inland Southland), averaged over all of the months with extreme fire danger, is one where anticyclones and easterly winds onto the North Island dominate, with light winds elsewhere. In contrast, the dominant weather type for North Canterbury, are anticyclones producing westerly winds onto the South Island.

A clear predominance of anticyclones and easterly winds increases the risk at the Auckland West/Waikato stations, with occasional north westerly winds at Woodhill and Hamilton. Extreme fire risk episodes occur with a prevalence of anticyclones at the North Canterbury stations, with the occasional northwesterly wind events. In this region anticyclones producing high monthly severity ratings (MSR) often produce westerly airflow over the region, with warm dry westerly quarter winds. Easterly winds prevail in the McKenzie Basin during extreme fire risk months, linked to a prevalence of anticyclones, although Wanaka also shows a high frequency of southwest or westerly winds. Stations in Central Otago/Inland Southland show a



predominance of anticyclones producing easterly quarter wind flows for increased fire risk episodes, although Gore and Queenstown also demonstrate a secondary maximum of northwest winds in several extreme MSR months.

There is good coherence at most of the stations between the prevalent wind flows during the extreme fire risk months, as classified by daily weather types, and the wind flow anomalies from monthly data correlations, calculated in earlier work. This demonstrates that the daily weather type analysis in these most extreme MSR months is capturing the daily sequences of weather types that contribute to the dominant climate circulation and wind flow anomalies in the New Zealand region for the month. Therefore the prediction of monthly and seasonal circulation patterns will be a useful guide to the predominance of daily weather types expected, and the prediction of high or extreme fire risk periods in any month for the four regions examined. Relationships between the daily weather types and large scale features producing seasonal climate variability, such as El Niño-Southern Oscillation will allow the exploitation of seasonal climate forecasting for improved monthly and seasonal fire climate outlooks.

For stations within the Auckland West/Waikato region, anticyclones are primarily responsible for high or extreme fire risk persisting over a number of days, with wind flows being of lesser importance, although easterly winds increase the risk. This is consistent with the anticyclonic circulation producing dry subsiding air onto the region.

Either anticyclones producing light or westerly quarter winds over the South Island, or westerly wind flows associated with long sequences of the troughs in westerly flow (T) daily weather type, are important for persistent days of high or extreme fire risk in North Canterbury and the McKenzie Basin. The first pattern is by far the most common for days with extreme fire risk. The importance of daily wind direction in both patterns is consistent with the strong influence that the Southern Alps have on climate in these regions. Westerly quarter winds often produce warm dry conditions east of the Southern Alps.

Anticyclones located over or to east of the South Island, usually linked to light or southwest winds in the region, produce persistent days of extreme fire risk in Central Otago/Inland Southland. However, Queenstown also reflected a pattern similar to those stations in the McKenzie Basin, displaying extreme DSR with westerly winds, primarily associated with periods of the T daily weather type.



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Appendix 1. Daily Synoptic Weather Types and DSR for Pukekohe, Woodhill Forest, Hamilton Airport, Ashley Forest, Balmoral Forest, Lauder, Tara Hills, Wanaka, Gore, Tapanui and Queenstown

### Auckland/Waikato

Pukekohe

December 1994			January 1995		
1004		Synoptic	1000		
	DSR	Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	1.10	HSE	1	0.20	HE
2	0.70	HSE	2	0.90	HNW
3	1.00	HW	3	3.70	H
4	1.50	HW	4	3.30	H
5	1.60	HW	5	4.40	H
6	1.80	H	6	6.40	H
7	4.30	HNW	7	3.80	H
8	4.10	HNW	8	6.90	H
9	2.60	H	9	1.90	Н 🔻
10	4.50	HNW	10	0.80	Н
11	1.90	H	11	0.90	HSE
12	2.00	Н	12	0.10	HSE
13	2.70	HSE	13	0.50	HSE
14	3.90	HSE 🔻	14	2.30	HSE
15	0.00	HSE	15	2.40	HSE
16	0.40	R	16	3.00	HW 🔻
17	0.80	R	17	0.00	HSE
18	0.20	R	18	0.30	HSE
19	0.80	HNW	19	0.00	HSE
20	2.00	SW	20	0.00	HSE
21	1.90	Т	21	0.90	HE
22	3.10	SW	22	0.60	HSE
23	1.60	W	23	0.00	HSE
24	1.40	т 🚽	24	0.20	HSE
25	0.20	SW	25	0.10	TSW
26	0.20	Н	26	0.10	TSW
27	1.00	HE	27	0.00	SW
28	1.30	HSE	28	0.00	HW
29	1.50	HE	29	0.00	HW
30	1.10	W	30	0.20	HSE
31	0.00	HNW	31	2.50	TNW



January 1996				January 1999		
		Synoptic				Synoptic
	DSR	Types			DSR	Types
1	0.50	Н		1	2.57	R
2	2.20	HE		2	1.95	HSE
3	0.00	HSE		3	2.09	HSE
4	0.00	HSE		4	2.31	HSE
5	0.00	HSE		5	2.13	HSE
6	0.00	HSE		6	2.38	HNW
7	0.10	HSE		7	2.38	SW
8	0.50	HSE		8	2.66	Т
9	1.00	HSE		9	2.88	NE
10	0.80	NE		10	2.43	H
11	0.40	NE		11	2.57	H
12	0.90	TNW		12	2.77	HSE
13	0.70	TNW		13	2.69	R
14	1.50	TSW		14	1.67	NE
15	1.90	R	▼	15	1.73	HSE
16	0.00	R		16	1.91	R
17	0.00	HSE		17	1.91	R
18	0.40	HSE		18	0.27	R
19	0.00	HSE		19	2.72	NE 🔟
20	0.00	HSE		20	5.09	TSW 🔻
21	0.10	HE		21	0.00	R
22	0.10	HSE		22	0.00	HSE
23	0.00	HSE		23	0.01	R
24	0.10	R		24	1.25	R ,
25	0.10	R		25	1.56	NE
26	0.20	R		26	2.43	NE
27	0.20	R		27	1.34	HSE
28	0.00	TSW		28	1.46	HSE
29	0.10	TSW		29	1.12	HSE 🔻
30	1.10	TSW		30	0.79	TSW
31	0.00	TSW		31	0.20	Т



February 1999			I	March 1999		
		Synoptic				Synoptic
	DSR	Types			DSR	Types
1	0.88	Н	1	1	1.78	W
2	1.39	Н		2	2.46	HNW
3	1.49	Н		3	2.39	HSE
4	1.55	Н		4	1.96	HSE
5	1.56	Н		5	2.60	Н 📍
6	1.68	HSE		6	0.00	Н
7	1.95	HSE		7	0.00	Н
8	2.05	HSE		8	0.00	HSE
9	2.06	HSE		9	0.01	HSE
10	2.04	HSE		10	0.02	HSE
11	2.50	HSE		11	0.09	HSE
12	2.44	HSE		12	0.00	HSE
13	2.32	HSE		13	0.02	HSE
14	2.50	HSE		14	0.22	NE
15	2.54	HSE		15	0.83	R
16	2.68	Т		16	0.41	R
17	2.70	R		17	0.55	Н
18	2.97	NE		18	0.44	Н
19	3.10	TSW .	V	19	1.67	H
20	0.01	R	•	20	2.71	H
21	0.26	HSE		21	1.09	H
22	1.15	HSE		22	2.33	W
23	4.06	HSE		23	2.11	HE
24	2.33	HSE		24	1.66	H
25	2.21	TSW	7	25	2.52	H
26	0.00	Т		26	3.81	H
27	0.00	W		27	1.96	H
28	0.04	W		28	1.15	H
				29	1.49	HSE 🛓
				30	3.10	HNW 🔻
				31	0.83	Н

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November 1996			January 1997		
1000		Synoptic	1001		
	DSR	Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	1.3	HW	1	0.4	HSE
2	0.9	HSE	2	0.7	HSE
3	5.6	HSE	3	0.8	HNW
4	0.6	HSE	4	11.9	HW
5	2.8	R	5	9.6	SW
6	8.9	SW	6	5.1	R
7	8.0	SW	7	3.7	NE
8	6.2	TSW	8	4.3	NE
9	2.3	TSW	9	3.2	NE
10	2.9	TSW	10	18.3	NE
11	3.2	Т	11	4.9	TSW
12	1.1	Т	12	1.8	SW
13	1.6	Т	13	2.8	HSE
14	2.2	T ,	14	1.7	HSE
15	3.2	T	15	2.3	HSE 🔻
16	0.0	Т	16	0.4	R
17	1.0	Т	17	2.0	T
18	0.0	TNW	18	7.6	SW
19	1.1	Т	19	6.7	HNW
20	0.3	SW	20	4.6	HNW
21	0.5	SW	21	3.1	W
22	0.3	SW	22	5.2	HW
23	0.5	SW	23	8.5	HSE
24	3.0	SW	24	1.8	HSE
25	10.0	SW	25	3.4	HW
26	1.8	Т	26	28.2	HSE
27	4.7	SW	27	14.2	HSE
28	1.9	Т	28	24.1	HSE
29	1.9	Т	29	19.5	HSE
30	2.0	TNW	30	11.6	HSE 🔶

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January 1998			January 1999		
					Synoptic
	DSR	Synoptic Types		SR	Types
1	3.0	HSE	1	6.4	R
2	3.1	Н	2	3.0	HSE
3	2.6	Н	3	2.5	HSE
4	3.2	Н	4	4.9	HSE
5	4.0	HNW	5	4.4	HSE
6	6.0	SW	6	3.9	HNW
7	0.7	TSW	7	5.4	SW
8	6.0	SW	8	5.3	Т
9	18.4	HW	9	7.5	NE
10	9.8	HNW	10	5.0	Н
11	7.8	HNW	11	11.3	Н
12	7.7	HNW	12	3.3	HSE
13	3.6	HNW	13	3.4	R 🕈
14	3.8	W	14	1.0	NE
15	3.8	Т	15	0.0	HSE
16	9.5	SW	16	0.0	R
17	0.9	SW	17	0.0	R
18	3.3	Т	18	0.0	R
19	5.1	HW	19	0.0	NE
20	3.5	HSE 🔻	20	0.6	TSW
21	0.0	HSE	21	0.0	R
22	0.8	HSE	22	0.0	HSE
23	0.9	HE	23	0.1	R
24	0.0	HSE	24	0.7	R
25	0.1	HSE	25	1.5	NE
26	0.9	HE	26	2.3	NE
27	1.7	HE	27	2.3	HSE
28	3.1	HE	28	3.0	HSE
29	4.4	HE	29	3.1	HSE
30	4.7	н 🔟	30	1.4	TSW ▼
31	2.4	н 🔻	31	0.7	Т



February 1997				February 1998				
		Synoptic						
	DSR	Types			DSR		Synoptic <sup>-</sup>	Types
1	3.7	R	1	1		3.7	HSE	1
2	4.7	TSW		2		5.9	HSE	
3	4.2	TSW		3		5.7	HSE	
4	1.3	TSW		4		5.9	Н	
5	16.6	TSW	▼	5		7.5	Н	
6	0.2	HSE		6		4.7	Н	
7	0.0	Н		7		6.0	HSE	
8	2.5	SW	1	8		6.5	HE	
9	9.5	SW		9		3.9	HNW	
10	5.5	Т		10		4.2	Н	
11	15.4	Т	¥	11		4.3	HSE	
12	0.0	HW	•	12		8.8	HE	
13	0.2	HSE		13		1.6	Н	
14	0.8	HSE		14		5.0	Н	
15	3.7	HSE		15		5.9	HE	
16	3.9	HSE		16		5.6	HE	
17	4.0	HSE		17		12.8	W	L
18	5.7	HSE	V	18		7.0	HNW	V
19	0.0	R		19		0.2	HE	
20	0.0	TSW		20		2.2	TNW	
21	0.8	TSW		21		0.0	W	
22	0.6	Т		22		0.1	TNW	
23	0.1	TSW		23		0.2	Т	
24	1.5	TNW	1	24		0.0	SW	
25	1.0	Т		25		0.1	Н	
26	2.4	Т		26		0.8	Н	
27	4.2	TSW	$\downarrow$	27		1.7	HE	
28	4.5	NE	•	28		2.1	Н	



February 1999			March 1997		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	7.6	H I	1	0.5	TNW
2	3.2	H	2	0.0	HW
3	3.8	H	3	0.0	NE
4	4.6	H	4	0.0	TNW
5	5.0	H	5	0.0	TSW
6	5.7	HSE	6	0.0	NE
7	5.3	HSE	7	0.0	R
8	10.8	HSE	8	0.0	TNW
9	8.1	HSE	9	0.6	TSW
10	9.1	HSE	10	8.2	HW
11	5.7	HSE	11	0.6	R
12	8.6	HSE	12	0.1	R
13	7.5	HSE	13	14.5	R
14	7.9	HSE	14	2.3	Т
15	5.4	HSE	15	1.4	Т
16	6.1	Т	16	5.6	SW
17	4.3	R	17	6.7	SW
18	6.2	NE	18	10.6	SW
19	6.3	TSW	19	12.9	HNW
20	6.4	R	20	4.1	HNW 🔻
21	10.5	HSE	21	0.0	NE
22	5.4	HSE	22	0.0	TSW
23	6.1	HSE	23	0.0	R
24	11.0	HSE 🔟	24	0.1	TNW
25	10.3	TSW 🔻	25	0.7	SW
26	0.0	Т	26	2.0	HW
27	0.8	W	27	2.5	HSE
28	4.0	W	28	1.7	HSE
			29	1.9	HSE
			30	4.3	HSE 🔻
			31	0.1	HSE



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			Synopt	tic
	DSR		Types	
1		8.4	W	
2		8.6	HNW	
3		9.9	HSE	
4		7.4	HSE	•
5		2.4	Н	•
6		0.1	Н	
7		0.0	Н	
8		0.0	HSE	
9		0.2	HSE	
10		0.1	HSE	
11		0.0	HSE	
12		0.1	HSE	
13		1.2	HSE	1
14		1.4	NE	
15		2.3	R	
16		1.1	R	
17		1.4	Н	
18		1.3	Н	
19		3.1	Н	
20		4.4	Н	
21		3.2	Н	
22		1.5	W	
23		4.0	HE	
24		4.2	Н	
25		3.2	Н	
26		3.5	Н	
27		3.0	Н	
28		1.9	Н	
29		2.7	HSE	
30		4.0	HNW	▼
31		0.5	Н	

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December 1994			January 1998		
1554		Synoptic	1330		Synoptic
	DSR	Types		DSR	Types
1	1.6	HSE	1	0.7	HSE
2	2.0	HSE	2	2.2	Н
3	1.1	HW	3	2.4	Н
4	1.3	HW	4	6.4	Н
5	2.5	HW	5	6.1	HNW
6	2.2	Н	6	1.7	SW
7	4.7	HNW	7	3.7	TSW
8	6.0	HNW	8	2.0	SW
9	8.8	Н	9	6.4	HW
10	8.1	HNW	10	16.7	HNW
11	0.7	Н	11	5.9	HNW
12	1.7	Н	12	14.8	HNW
13	2.0	HSE	13	11.9	HNW
14	2.1	HSE 🔻	14	4.7	W
15	0.0	HSE	15	4.0	Т
16	0.2	R	16	20.7	SW
17	1.4	R	17	0.5	SW
18	1.8	R	18	0.6	Т
19	2.4	HNW	19	8.1	HW
20	10.5	SW	20	3.7	HSE
21	3.0	Т	21	0.0	HSE
22	1.9	SW	22	1.3	HSE
23	5.2	W	23	2.3	HE
24	1.6	Т	24	3.5	HSE
25	0.8	SW	25	2.1	HSE
26	1.1	H	26	2.1	HE
27	3.1	HE	27	3.4	HE
28	1.7	HSE	28	2.7	HE
29	1.4	HE	29	0.5	HE
30	3.4	W	30	2.0	н ▼
31	0.1	HNW	31	0.6	Н



January 1999			February 1994		
		Synoptic			Synoptic
	DSR	Types		DSR	Types
1	6.0	R	1	3.9	R
2	4.3	HSE	2	3.2	TSW
3	4.3	HSE	3	4.5	SW
4	4.8	HSE	4	0.8	HW
5	5.7	HSE	5	0.0	HSE
6	4.1	HNW	6	0.2	HSE
7	2.0	SW	7	1.5	HSE
8	5.5	Т	8	2.2	HSE
9	4.1	NE	9	1.6	HSE
10	7.8	Н	10	2.3	HSE
11	6.2	Н	11	2.5	HSE
12	8.6	HSE	12	2.8	H
13	6.1	R	13	2.4	HSE
14	4.7	NE	14	10.7	HSE
15	0.0	HSE	15	14.4	HW
16	0.1	R	16	4.4	HE 🔻
17	0.0	R	17	0.7	TNW
18	0.0	R	18	0.8	TNW
19	0.0	NE	19	0.2	NE
20	0.3	TSW	20	0.2	NE
21	0.6	R	21	0.0	HE
22	0.0	HSE	22	0.5	HSE
23	0.0	R	23	0.7	HSE
24	0.6	R	24	1.2	HSE
25	1.9	NE	25	1.5	HSE
26	2.2	NE	26	2.0	HSE
27	1.8	HSE	27	2.6	NE
28	3.5	HSE	28	10.6	TNW 🔻
29	2.5	HSE			
30	3.9	TSW	7		
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February 1998			February 1999		
					Synoptic
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Types
1	0.6	HSE	1	2.2	H
2	2.5	HSE	2	2.5	H
3	3.3	HSE	3	2.8	H
4	3.6	H	4	2.1	H
5	3.8	H	5	2.6	Н
6	3.0	H	6	3.9	HSE
7	3.3	HSE	7	6.1	HSE
8	3.5	HE	8	5.3	HSE
9	10.3	HNW 🕈	9	4.3	HSE
10	0.7	Н	10	13.4	HSE
11	0.4	HSE	11	10.3	HSE
12	1.9	HE	12	10.8	HSE
13	2.0	Н	13	5.2	HSE
14	0.2	Н	14	7.5	HSE
15	3.0	HE	15	5.0	HSE
16	3.1	HE	16	7.0	Т
17	6.0	w	17	5.6	R
18	10.1	HNW 🔻	18	7.6	NE
19	0.0	HE	19	5.1	TSW
20	0.1	TNW	20	2.6	R
21	0.0	W	21	14.2	HSE
22	0.0	TNW	22	7.1	HSE
23	0.2	Т	23	6.6	HSE
24	0.0	SW	24	9.0	HSE
25	0.0	Н	25	16.4	TSW
26	0.2	Н	26	0.0	Т
27	0.5	HE	27	5.7	w 🔟
28	4.6	Н	28	3.4	W

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February 2003				March 1999			
	DSR	Synoptic <sup>•</sup>	Types		DSR	Synopti	ic Types
1	2.5	H		1	15.1	Ŵ	1
2	1.8	Н		2	13.3	HNW	
3	2.5	Н		3	5.4	HSE	
4	3.6	Н		4	9.8	HSE	
5	1.9	Н		5	20.2	Н	V
6	2.4	Н		6	0.0	Н	
7	3.5	Н		7	0.0	Н	
8	2.5	Н		8	0.0	HSE	
9	4.7	Н		9	0.0	HSE	
10	2.3	Н		10	0.0	HSE	
11	2.5	Н		11	0.1	HSE	
12	4.8	HSE		12	0.2	HSE	
13	1.7	TSW		13	0.4	HSE	
14	2.3	R		14	1.9	NE	1
15	8.9	Н		15	1.0	R	
16	3.6	Н		16	1.1	R	
17	3.8	W		17	1.2	Н	
18	9.1	Т		18	1.2	Н	
19	1.4	Т		19	2.9	Н	
20	1.3	Т		20	2.1	Н	
21	1.6	HE		21	1.3	Н	
22	1.2	Н	-	22	1.5	W	
23	1.5	Н		23	2.4	HE	
24	0.0	HSE		24	2.4	Н	
25	0.3	HSE		25	2.1	Н	
26	0.0	HSE		26	2.8	Н	
27	0.0	HSE		27	2.4	Н	
28	0.0	R		28	2.5	Н	
				29	4.8	HSE	
				30	3.7	HNW	▼
				31	0.5	Н	

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March 2000		Ormontio
	DSR	Synoptic Types
1	5.3	HW
2	0.2	W
3	1.0	н
4	1.4	Н
5	1.2	HSE
6	2.3	TSW
7	3.7	HSE
8	1.4	Н
9	2.3	Н
10	3.1	Н
11	2.6	н
12	5.1	TSW 🔻
13	0.4	R
14	0.9	TSW
15	0.6	NE
16	2.3	HSE
17	6.7	H
18	2.9	W
19	7.1	HE
20	4.8	H
21	3.2	HE
22	2.8	HSE
23	0.3	HSE
24	1.8	HSE
25	5.8	HSE
26	5.7	HSE
27	3.1	HSE
28	2.8	HSE
29	3.6	
30 31	0.0 0.0	HNW HNW
31	0.0	



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Ashley

October 1998			November 1997		
		Synoptic			Synoptic
	DSR	Туре		DSR	Туре
1	2.70	SW	1	0.26	HE
2	0.02	SW	2	8.99	W
3	0.01	Т	3	8.54	HNW
4	19.40	Т	4	4.54	HNW
5	18.18	W	5	1.38	Н
6	10.20	HE	6	1.60	Н
7	18.87	HE	7	15.01	т 🔻
8	24.31	HE	8	0.19	SW
9	3.86	HE ,	9	0.67	SW
10	1.40	NE	10	0.64	HNW
11	0.03	NE	11	0.26	W
12	0.00	Т	12	1.70	T I
13	0.00	Т	13	3.19	W
14	0.02	Т	14	14.87	Т
15	2.39	Т	15	3.66	SW 🚽
16	0.01	SW	16	0.04	т
17	0.02	SW	17	1.47	Т
18	16.54	W	18	13.33	Τ
19	1.73	Т	19	6.57	T
20	9.87	Т	20	6.64	SW
21	6.05	Т	21	1.20	SW
22	2.12	SW	22	0.19	HNW
23	5.23	HNW	23	1.80	HNW
24	5.16	W	24	22.64	HNW
25	9.53	HNW	25	0.35	SW
26	1.88	W	26	7.27	SW
27	7.81	T	27	11.23	SW
28	0.00	TNW	28	9.63	sw 🛓
29	0.01	Т	29	3.13	W 🔻
30	0.00	R	30	0.00	Т
31	0.00	NE			



December 2000			January 1998		
2000		Synoptic	1000		Synoptic
	DSR	Туре		DSR	Туре
1	0.04	TNW	1	0.01	HSE
2	0.09	W	2	1.46	Н
3	0.07	Н	3	21.02	H I
4	0.51	Н	4	13.36	Н
5	2.57	H I	5	2.13	HNW 🔻
6	9.02	TSW	6	0.28	SW
7	3.82	TSW	7	1.75	TSW
8	1.81	NE	8	22.03	SW
9	1.14	NE	9	0.67	HW
10	2.47	NE	10	0.61	HNW
11	1.60	R	11	2.38	HNW
12	1.40	R	12	2.44	HNW
13	4.20	HSE	13	4.08	HNW
14	6.22	HSE	14	7.89	W
15	1.83	HSE	15	44.26	Т
16	1.67	Н	16	0.00	SW
17	1.40	Н	17	0.23	SW
18	1.66	HNW	18	5.45	Т
19	4.91	Т	19	10.29	HW 🕈
20	16.35	Т	20	0.36	HSE
21	25.62	Т	21	0.28	HSE
22	3.86	Т	22	1.36	HSE
23	8.75	Т	23	4.72	HE
24	29.30	Т	24	7.27	HSE
25	51.90	Т	25	8.71	HSE
26	33.07	Т	26	9.47	HE
27	21.73	Т	27	6.20	HE
28	5.14	Т	28	13.74	HE
29	15.77	Т	29	7.24	HE
30	36.06	Т	30	9.47	н 📘
31	0.32	Т	31	12.98	н ♥



February 1998			March 2001		
	DSR	Synoptic Type		DSR	Synoptic Type
1	2.76	HSE	1	9.10	HSE
2	2.50	HSE	2	0.07	HSE
3	5.49	HSE	3	0.17	R
4	14.24	Н	4	1.97	R
5	18.34	Н	5	1.94	HSE
6	14.52	Н	6	1.54	HSE
7	11.36	HSE	7	4.04	Н
8	27.83	HE	8	8.42	н 🔻
9	35.66	HNW	9	0.00	HSE
10	8.82	Н	10	0.00	HSE
11	0.63	HSE	11	0.25	HSE
12	2.96	HE	12	1.01	HE
13	20.88	Н	13	4.34	W
14	25.97	Н	14	2.68	H
15	14.53	HE	15	1.14	Н
16	12.05	HE	16	1.53	H
17	19.21	W 🔻	17	1.00	HSE
18	0.00	HNW	18	1.99	HSE
19	0.56	HE	19	1.72	HSE
20	10.91	TNW	20	3.14	HSE
21	12.14	W	21	4.80	HSE
22	26.70	TNW	22	5.93	HSE
23	6.92	т 🔻	23	7.27	HSE
24	0.00	SW	24	2.46	H
25	0.47	Н	25	22.21	H
26	2.78	H	26	12.81	W
27	4.72	HE	27	8.19	Т
28	15.26	н 🚽	28	14.82	Т
			29	20.83	Т
			30	13.88	H
			31	16.80	н 🕇



March 2002			April 2001		
	DSR	Synoptic Type		DSR	Synoptic Type
1	0.98	Т	1	12.47	Н
2	6.07	Τ	2	8.01	R
3	4.17	Т	3	0.00	Т
4	20.56	Т	4	0.36	Т
5	0.37	HE	5	2.82	T
6	1.50	HSE	6	17.85	W
7	5.03	H	7	6.18	H
8	16.70	NE	8	4.68	H
9	4.99	R _	9	48.18	W
10	1.57	HSE 🔻	10	21.52	W
11	0.05	HSE	11	11.12	W
12	0.56	HSE	12	9.27	TSW
13	5.61	T I	13	2.55	Т
14	1.28	Т	14	2.91	H
15	5.86	Т	15	5.84	H
16	8.70	T _	16	6.51	Н
17	4.90	т ▼	17	6.27	Н
18	0.00	Т	18	6.71	Н
19	0.63	Т	19	5.84	Н
20	0.26	Т	20	23.41	Н 🔻
21	6.38	W	21	0.00	Н
22	10.87	H	22	0.10	Н
23	4.36	H	23	0.76	Н
24	5.20	H	24	0.80	H
25	3.13	R	25	1.79	H
26	2.19	R	26	1.92	H
27	3.64	SW	27	5.45	H
28	11.99	<u>T</u>	28	6.15	H
29	12.82	T	29	7.95	
30	14.57		30	8.75	HSE 🔻
31	13.65	TSW ▼			

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December 1994			December 2000		
		Synoptic			
	DSR	Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	7.87	HSE	1	1.30	TNW
2	2.36	HSE	2	4.02	W
3	4.11	HW 🔶	3	0.02	Н
4	0.13	HW	4	0.45	Н
5	0.57	HW	5	3.69	H
6	3.72	Н	6	15.13	TSW
7	6.54	HNW	7	5.57	TSW
8	71.39	HNW _	8	4.86	NE
9	4.48	Н 🔻	9	2.34	NE
10	0.45	HNW	10	5.49	NE
11	2.40	Н	11	6.28	R
12	3.79	Н	12	7.53	R
13	0.21	HSE	13	9.75	HSE
14	3.21	HSE	14	18.47	HSE
15	5.41	HSE	15	3.86	HSE
16	1.64	R	16	2.00	H
17	3.38	R	17	4.53	H
18	24.59	R	18	4.33	HNW
19	17.37	HNW	19	16.00	T
20	5.91	SW	20	42.16	Т
21	30.32	Т	21	51.16	Т
22	32.81	SW	22	12.33	Т
23	14.91	W	23	8.69	Т
24	26.58	Т	24	21.76	Т
25	54.85	SW	25	45.52	Т
26	11.05	H	26	37.45	Т
27	10.68	HE	27	17.63	Т
28	29.10	HSE	28	2.10	Т
29	25.45	HE	29	28.83	Т
30	0.00	W	30	11.89	Т
31	9.48	HNW 🔻	31	17.10	T V



January 1998			January 1999			
	DSR	Synoptic Ty	pes	DSR	Synoptic Ty	pes
1	0.63	HSE	1	12.32	R I	
2	7.05	H I	2	5.48	HSE	
3	69.16	Н	3	12.75	HSE	
4	22.15	Н	4	14.51	HSE	
5	4.85	HNW	5	28.51	HSE	
6	2.71	SW	6	10.65	HNW	
7	4.64	TSW	7	34.93	SW	
8	16.65	SW 🔻	8	3.76	т	
9	0.69	HW	9	3.08	NE	
10	0.86	HNW	10	5.38	Н	
11	6.28	HNW	11	23.91	Н	
12	24.52	HNW	12	26.94	HSE	
13	9.81	HNW	13	12.70	R	
14	14.04	W	14	3.60	NE	
15	35.95	Т	15	0.49	HSE	
16	1.88	SW	16	2.35	R	
17	12.73	SW	17	7.75	R	
18	16.64	Т	18	6.68	R	
19	39.91	HW	19	18.05	NE	
20	4.28	HSE	20	26.51	TSW	
21	3.89	HSE	21	11.11	R	
22	4.85	HSE	22	1.57	HSE	
23	8.10	HE	23	2.69	R	
24	25.62	HSE	24	7.89	R	
25	23.04	HSE	25	14.51	NE	
26	17.82	HE	26	14.59	NE	
27	33.99	HE	27	25.20	HSE	
28	28.51	HE	28	7.74	HSE	
29	17.71	HE	29	6.77	HSE	
30	22.17	н 🚽	, 30	37.45	TSW	
31	30.65	H •	31	1.20	т 🕇	,



February 1998			February 2001		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	1.74	HSE	1	0.28	Н
2	2.90	HSE	2	1.10	Н
3	6.94	HSE	3	5.42	W
4	20.86	Н	4	15.69	W
5	16.92	Н	5	8.20	Т
6	28.88	Н	6	8.09	W
7	29.30	HSE	7	0.24	HNW
8	31.55	HE	8	4.59	SW
9	32.74	HNW	9	7.26	HNW
10	14.52	Н	10	21.78	HNW
11	8.71	HSE	11	56.60	R
12	14.86	HE	12	7.35	R
13	44.78	Н	13	9.34	R
14	49.16	Н	14	26.05	т
15	29.97	HE	15	22.92	т
16	21.63	HE	16	5.06	TSW
17	45.81	W	17	6.07	TSW
18	1.39	HNW	18	6.59	HSE
19	9.39	HE	19	5.59	н
20	23.15	TNW	20	43.70	H
21	34.47	W	21	14.02	н
22	27.20	TNW	22	65.10	TSW
23	10.81	T	23	13.03	TSW
24	1.37	SW	24	18.81	R
25	3.08	H	25	16.34	HSE
26	12.06	H	26	2.53	HSE
27	17.11	HE	27	6.04	HSE 🚽
28	19.11	Н ♥	28	13.75	HSE

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	DSR		Synoptic Types
1		28.17	H
2		15.05	Н
3		12.32	HSE
4		7.96	HE
5		31.81	HE
6		41.46	NE
7		7.76	HE
8		27.62	HSE
9		18.16	HE
10		1.52	NE
11		1.15	
12		0.00	
13		0.57	TNW
14		16.39	Т
15		0.01	SW
16		0.13	H
17		3.75	W
18		5.25	Т
19		37.07	SW
20		27.38	SW
21		17.58	SW
22		3.97	H
23		8.97	H
24		23.66	H
25		30.41	H
26		7.35	HSE
27		6.07	HSE
28		3.44	TNW
29		8.37	SW
30		15.14	SW 🔶
31		4.13	W



MCKENZIE BASIN – (Heydenrych et al (2001) did not do a long term analysis for this region)

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December 2000			J	anuary 1999		
	DSR	Synoptic Type	es		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	1.58	TNW		1	40.21	R
2	6.81	W		2	13.18	HSE
3	0.05	Н		3	11.71	HSE
4	0.61	Н		4	16.75	HSE
5	1.90	Н		5	23.20	HSE
6	35.93	TSW		6	12.85	HNW
7	20.81	TSW		7	4.73	SW
8	7.97	NE		8	10.61	Т
9	2.95	NE		9	12.12	NE
10	3.24	NE		10	8.76	H
11	5.43	R	▼	11	23.19	H
12	0.14	R		12	15.54	HSE
13	6.72	HSE		13	16.07	R _
14	1.87	HSE		14	10.87	NE 🔻
15	1.30	HSE		15	0.87	HSE
16	2.84	Н		16	4.44	R
17	7.94	Н		17	17.30	R
18	7.56	HNW		18	10.58	R
19	22.26	Т		19	11.55	NE
20	70.00	Т		20	40.90	TSW
21	66.45	Т		21	17.31	R
22	24.31	Т		22	13.33	HSE
23	171.11	Т		23	6.23	R
24	67.69	Т		24	12.98	R
25	15.32	Т		25	17.76	NE
26	1.71	Т		26	12.68	NE
27	4.60	Т		27	25.88	HSE
28	4.33	Т		28	20.93	HSE
29	5.21	Т	•	29	13.27	HSE
30	0.00	Т		30	42.57	TSW _
31	0.07	т		31	3.74	т 🔻



February 1998				February 1999			
	DSR	Synoptic 1	Types		DSR	Synoptic 1	ypes
1	10.79	HSE		1	2.51	Н	
2	9.64	HSE		2	5.50	Н	1
3	4.74	HSE		3	7.69	Н	
4	3.05	Н		4	7.74	Н	
5	8.99	Н		5	23.95	Н	
6	10.73	Н		6	11.37	HSE	
7	28.15	HSE		7	25.37	HSE	
8	13.13	HE		8	34.06	HSE	
9	9.85	HNW		9	42.83	HSE	
10	13.21	Н		10	24.44	HSE	
11	5.77	HSE		11	7.41	HSE	
12	16.70	HE		12	14.22	HSE	
13	21.08	Н		13	12.78	HSE	
14	27.98	Н		14	12.94	HSE	
15	10.42	HE		15	10.92	HSE	
16	33.33	HE		16	7.30	Т	
17	50.30	W		17	10.84	R	
18	18.09	HNW		18	13.66	NE	
19	20.89	HE		19	46.73	TSW	
20	15.59	TNW		20	26.85	R	
21	59.90	W		21	14.26	HSE	
22	20.43	TNW	7	22	11.62	HSE	
23	0.00	Т		23	12.33	HSE	
24	0.00	SW		24	7.18	HSE	
25	0.16	Н		25	14.64	TSW	↓
26	0.63	H		26	8.16	Т	•
27	3.56	HE		27	0.05	W	
28	2.27	Н		28	15.15	W	



February 2001			February 2003		
	DSR	Synoptic Typ	bes	DSR	Synoptic Types
1	5.88	H I	1	30.50	H I
2	9.74	H	2	12.65	H
3	12.23	W	3	12.02	H
4	78.86	W	4	13.01	H
5	10.10	Т	5	9.41	H
6	70.23	W	6	52.85	H
7	7.98	HNW	7	13.03	H
8	38.90	SW	8	89.07	H
9	19.44	HNW	9	15.79	H
10	17.40	HNW	10	22.01	H
11	13.45	R	11	25.83	H
12	35.05	R	12	4.88	HSE
13	5.84	R	13	62.79	TSW 🔻
14	53.55	T 🔟	14	0.06	R
15	2.00	т 🔻	15	0.43	Н
16	0.11	TSW	16	29.34	Н
17	0.71	TSW	17	49.57	W
18	3.81	HSE	18	2.37	Т
19	2.92	Н	19	0.00	Т
20	2.00	Н	20	1.62	Т
21	2.60	H ,	21	1.04	HE
22	48.06	TSW	22	1.20	Н
23	6.90	TSW	23	1.69	Н
24	39.63	R	24	2.27	HSE
25	4.69	HSE	25	2.67	HSE
26	6.68	HSE	26	3.67	HSE
27	3.85	HSE	27	3.84	HSE
28	8.83	HSE 🕈	28	3.04	R



March 2000			March 2001		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	3.65	HW	1	30.61	HSE
2	7.97	W	2	6.34	HSE
3	7.76	H	3	4.90	R
4	108.45	H	4	5.86	R
5	13.57	HSE	5	3.85	HSE
6	78.70	TSW	6	3.44	HSE
7	17.42	HSE	7	4.35	H
8	5.26	H	8	17.30	H
9	40.13	H	9	15.08	HSE
10	10.17	H	10	4.84	HSE
11	13.60	H	11	6.94	HSE
12	32.97	TSW ▼	12	7.09	HE
13	0.00	R	13	11.13	W
14	0.00	TSW	14	20.72	H
15	0.02	NE	15	7.71	H
16	0.13	HSE	16	8.35	H
17	0.35	Н	17	3.23	HSE
18	2.53	W	18	3.90	HSE
19	40.86	HE	19	5.95	HSE
20	1.86	H	20	3.82	HSE
21	7.89	HE	21	9.38	HSE
22	3.49	HSE 🔻	22	9.42	HSE
23	2.56	HSE	23	10.82	HSE
24	3.06	HSE	24	11.11	H
25	1.81	HSE	25	82.46	H
26	1.30	HSE	26	8.13	W
27	2.43	HSE	27	103.29	T
28	2.23	HSE	28	49.69	Т
29	2.31	Т	29	18.21	Т
30	0.12	HNW	30	18.24	H
31	1.13	HNW	31	9.48	н 🕇

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	DSR	Synoptic Types
1	1.27	Т
2	4.39	
3	19.54	. T
4	32.45	
5	9.39	
6	6.33	
7	2.91	H
8	23.77	
9	5.85	
10	2.07	
11	2.13	
12	2.51	
13	7.53	
14	11.25	
15	52.33	
16	23.24	
17	29.82	
18	5.39	
19	44.00	
20	22.67	
21	12.45	
22	23.00	
23	15.60	
24	8.69	
25	9.67	
26	2.68	
27	6.61	
28	35.33	
29	19.57	
30	51.23	
31	17.59	TSW <b>•</b>



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December 2000			January 1998		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	0.15	TNW	1	0.01	HSE
2	0.09	W	2	4.50	H I
3	0.00	Н	3	13.69	Н
4	0.02	Н	4	9.13	H
5	0.23	Н	5	1.10	HNW
6	10.72	TSW	6	2.87	SW
7	10.86	TSW	7	2.22	TSW
8	0.68	NE	8	41.90	SW
9	2.65	NE	9	2.66	HW
10	1.11	NE	10	2.16	HNW
11	2.01	R	11	14.99	HNW
12	0.13	R	12	55.20	HNW
13	8.95	HSE I	13	12.66	HNW
14	34.00	HSE	14	33.79	W
15	5.71	HSE	15	22.16	т 🔻
16	3.62	Н	16	0.46	SW
17	3.64	Н	17	2.13	SW
18	3.19	HNW	18	5.45	T I
19	7.04	Т	19	47.84	HW
20	14.75	Т	20	4.06	HSE
21	239.45	Т	21	3.75	HSE
22	6.72	Т	22	4.48	HSE
23	8.13	Т	23	3.62	HE
24	17.75	Т	24	29.89	HSE
25	7.90	Т	25	11.58	HSE
26	35.29	Т	26	5.38	HE
27	4.82	Т	27	17.48	HE
28	60.45	Т	28	3.90	HE
29	61.87	т 🕈	29	23.20	HE
30	0.00	Т	30	33.82	H
31	1.71	Т	31	61.42	н ♥



February 1998			February 1999		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	9.38	HSE I	1	0.13	Н
2	6.59	HSE	2	0.83	Н
3	6.54	HSE	3	1.00	Н
4	7.19	Н	4	3.19	н <sub>.</sub>
5	13.35	Н	5	9.00	Н
6	28.92	Н	6	9.95	HSE
7	13.17	HSE	7	18.95	HSE
8	41.43	HE	8	16.85	HSE
9	11.26	HNW	9	28.89	HSE 🕈
10	20.31	H	10	0.23	HSE
11	18.95	HSE	11	1.16	HSE
12	18.16	HE	12	4.86	HSE
13	13.19	H	13	4.57	HSE
14	95.53	H	14	4.66	HSE
15	57.65	HE	15	12.24	HSE
16	39.39	HE	16	6.31	T
17	74.56	W 🔻	17	10.94	R
18	0.28	HNW	18	9.87	NE
19	23.32	HE	19	38.06	TSW
20	21.23	TNW	20	23.34	R
21	136.61	W	21	8.67	HSE
22	34.58	TNW 🔻	22	11.90	HSE
23	0.29	Т	23	7.28	HSE
24	0.00	SW	24	8.37	HSE
25	0.02	Н	25	7.81	TSW
26	3.58	Н	26	5.25	Т
27	9.55	HE	27	36.74	W
28	0.55	Н	28	97.40	W 🕈



February 2003			March 2001		
2000	DSR	Synoptic Types	2001	DSR	Synoptic Types
1	41.15	Н	1	5.03	HSE
2	12.12	Н	2	3.13	HSE
3	34.34	Н	3	3.34	R
4	9.05	Н	4	3.61	R
5	6.33	Н	5	1.62	HSE
6	57.78	Н	6	1.73	HSE
7	11.73	Н	7	4.11	H
8	37.33	Н	8	8.49	H
9	16.26	Н	9	3.35	HSE
10	6.29	Н	10	2.57	HSE
11	26.45	Н	11	4.33	HSE
12	4.74	HSE	12	3.98	HE
13	37.65	TSW ▼	13	6.99	W
14	0.32	R	14	11.40	H
15	0.22	Н	15	5.73	H
16	6.25	H	16	2.93	H
17	43.39	W	17	1.95	HSE
18	0.01	Т	18	2.90	HSE
19	1.13	Т	19	3.44	HSE
20	6.56	Т	20	3.03	HSE
21	14.83	HE	21	13.68	HSE
22	2.09	Н	22	7.25	HSE
23	4.44	Н	23	8.03	HSE
24	1.91	HSE	24	35.44	H
25	3.63	HSE	25	51.39	H
26	3.09	HSE	26	13.72	W
27	3.62	HSE	27	98.27	Т
28	4.02	R 🔻	28	106.71	Т
			29	52.47	Т
			30	24.06	н 🛓
			31	8.18	Н ▼

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	DSR	Synoptic Types
1	2.50	Т
2	3.21	Т
3	12.04	T I
4	15.02	T
5	3.90	HE
6	2.42	HSE
7	4.45	H
8	14.13	NE
9	2.38	R
10	1.30	
11	2.68	HSE
12	3.09	HSE
13	4.68	Τ
14	5.83	T
15	8.30	Τ
16	14.25	T
17	22.48	Т
18	2.37	Т
19	167.82	Т
20	10.99	T
21	28.97	W
22	23.10	H
23	37.47	H
24	11.61	H
25	5.90	R
26	2.98	R
27	34.09	SW
28	51.17	
29	44.81	T
30	38.00	
31	17.00	TSW



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November 1996			November 1997		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	0.32	HW	1	1.71	HE
2	2.87	HSE	2	0.97	W
3	2.74	HSE	3	1.86	HNW
4	1.66	HSE	4	2.01	HNW
5	3.36	R 🕈	5	2.30	Н
6	0.53	SW	6	0.28	Н
7	2.28	SW	7	0.42	Т
8	3.27	TSW	8	0.04	SW
9	3.29	TSW	9	1.64	SW
10	1.80	TSW	10	33.13	HNW
11	2.39	Т	11	4.27	W
12	1.24	т 🔸	12	3.36	т 🔟
13	0.89	Т	13	8.07	W
14	11.05	T	14	0.95	Т
15	2.56	Т	15	3.51	SW
16	18.21	Т	16	0.00	Т
17	17.93	Т	17	0.00	Т
18	1.00	TNW	18	0.30	Т
19	1.66	Т	19	8.02	T
20	9.51	SW	20	3.54	SW
21	5.84	SW	21	7.27	SW
22	4.52	SW	22	6.20	HNW
23	6.21	SW	23	4.60	HNW
24	11.11	SW	24	21.97	HNW
25	17.17	SW	25	6.62	SW
26	12.15	Т	26	15.73	SW
27	9.34	SW	27	4.34	SW
28	4.00	Т	28	19.36	SW
29	22.68	Т	29	6.59	W
30	18.22	TNW	30	4.22	Т



December 1994			January 1998		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	4.60	HSE	1	6.36	HSE
2	4.80	HSE	2	6.60	H
3	2.30	HW	3	6.03	H
4	4.10	HW	4	6.14	H
5	6.10	HW	5	9.46	HNW
6	12.60	Н	6	10.01	SW
7	9.30	HNW	7	12.90	TSW
8	9.60	HNW	8	7.98	SW
9	12.10	Н	9	10.59	HW
10	8.50	HNW 🔻	10	31.11	HNW
11	0.60	Н	11	21.50	HNW
12	5.10	H	12	53.08	HNW
13	5.70	HSE	13	15.96	HNW
14	4.40	HSE	14	16.80	W
15	7.10	HSE	15	17.81	Т
16	3.70	R	16	16.39	SW
17	9.00	R	17	9.17	SW
18	11.70	R	18	6.90	Т
19	11.80	HNW	19	10.60	HW
20	18.60	SW	20	12.16	HSE
21	10.20	Т	21	8.46	HSE
22	25.90	SW	22	3.97	HSE
23	15.40	W	23	6.82	HE
24	9.70	Т	24	0.60	HSE
25	9.20	SW	25	2.17	HSE
26	5.50	Н	26	4.27	HE
27	6.90	HE	27	3.34	HE
28	8.10	HSE	28	7.03	HE
29	4.70	HE	29	1.08	HE
30	4.50	W	30	3.14	н 🔟
31	5.20	HNW V	31	6.63	н 🔻



January 2003			February 1993		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	8.55	H	1	9.90	SW
2	5.78	HSE	2	2.30	SW
3	5.37	HSE	3	6.20	SW
4	6.42	W 🚽	4	3.20	Т
5	0.24	W	5	6.80	SW
6	0.00	Н	6	10.80	HW
7	0.25	HSE	7	14.40	H
8	9.70	HSE	8	8.30	HSE
9	0.00	R	9	4.70	R
10	0.02	HSE	10	2.70	R
11	0.07	HSE	11	1.80	R
12	0.38	R	12	6.50	R
13	2.72	NE	13	9.20	HW
14	3.75	NE	14	16.20	HW
15	6.02	R	15	12.40	HW
16	4.53	H	16	11.80	HSE
17	2.51	Н	17	7.40	HSE
18	2.98	W	18	18.10	HSE
19	3.85	W	19	9.40	R 🕇
20	5.00	W	20	0.00	R
21	6.85	W	21	0.70	R
22	7.23	Т	22	1.30	NE
23	1.85	Т	23	0.20	NE
24	21.30	Т	24	1.20	HE
25	7.16	TSW	25	0.10	HE
26	1.86	Т	26	0.20	NE
27	13.77	Т	27	0.90	NE
28	10.29	Т	28	1.30	HE
29	4.42	Т			
30	3.96	W 🖌			
31	8.41	W			



February 1998				February 1999			
	DSR	Synoptic T	ypes		DSR	Synoptic Typ	oes
1	7.93	HSE		1	1.56	Н	
2	7.27	HSE		2	2.75	Н	1
3	5.49	HSE		3	3.29	Н	
4	7.56	Н		4	3.58	Н	
5	7.81	Н		5	4.29	Н	
6	6.40	Н		6	3.99	HSE	
7	12.27	HSE		7	4.88	HSE	
8	7.73	HE		8	4.70	HSE	
9	19.96	HNW		9	4.40	HSE	
10	10.53	Н		10	9.38	HSE	
11	8.35	HSE		11	12.60	HSE	
12	8.58	HE		12	7.66	HSE	
13	6.03	Н		13	8.98	HSE	
14	10.81	Н		14	5.85	HSE	
15	12.48	HE		15	6.13	HSE	
16	8.37	HE		16	4.33	Т	
17	10.93	W		17	5.15	R	
18	14.93	HNW		18	6.11	NE	
19	1.90	HE		19	3.33	TSW	
20	3.80	TNW	7	20	8.02	R	
21	3.20	W		21	6.95	HSE	
22	0.77	TNW		22	4.98	HSE	
23	2.17	Т		23	9.17	HSE	
24	0.00	SW		24	11.57	HSE	
25	0.19	Н		25	10.67	TSW	•
26	1.42	Н		26	0.43	Т	
27	2.48	HE		27	0.83	W	
28	5.29	Н		28	1.79	W	

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February 2003		
	DSR	Synoptic Types
1	8.29	Н
2	7.61	Н
3	5.39	Н
4	6.73	Н
5	6.50	Н
6	8.54	H
7	7.21	H
8	8.48	Н
9	7.79	Н
10	8.21	H
11	4.36	
12	7.50	HSE
13	4.06	TSW
14	8.46	
15	14.04	
16	11.00	
17	8.92	W
18	13.98	Т
19	13.67	
20	14.53	Т
21	14.52	HE
22	16.69	H
23	10.61	Н 🔻
24	0.02	
25	0.03	
26	0.02	
27	0.01	
28	0.14	R



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November 1997			December 1991		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	0.01	HE	1	0.01	Т
2	3.24	W	2	0.00	SW
3	0.59	HNW	3	0.00	SW
4	0.04	HNW	4	0.00	TSW
5	0.02	Н	5	0.02	TNW
6	0.87	Н	6	0.02	TNW
7	11.52	Т	7	0.37	TNW
8	0.01	SW	8	0.00	Т
9	0.00	SW	9	0.11	SW
10	0.00	HNW	10	0.05	R
11	0.42	W	11	4.68	R
12	0.00	Т	12	0.03	HW
13	0.01	W	13	0.05	HW
14	32.74	Т	14	1.65	TSW
15	0.01	SW	15	0.59	TSW
16	0.39	Т	16	1.15	NE
17	0.68	<u>T</u>	17	1.12	HSE
18	14.80	T	18	3.52	Н
19	1.39	Т	19	3.01	HNW
20	2.32	SW 🔻	20	1.62	Т
21	0.00	SW	21	6.40	Т
22	0.00	HNW	22	14.97	T
23	0.22	HNW	23	11.94	HSE
24	0.13	HNW	24	10.42	HSE
25	0.00	SW	25	2.57	HSE ▼
26	0.02	SW	26	0.00	HSE
27	2.42	SW	27	0.29	Н
28	0.00	SW	28	0.13	HSE
29	0.06	W	29	0.00	NE
30	0.01	Т	30	0.00	TSW
			31	0.01	TSW



December 1994			January 1998		
1004		Synoptic	1000		Synoptic
	DSR	Types		DSR	Types
1	0	HSE	1	1.32	HSE
2	0.00	HSE	2	10.55	Н
3	0.23	HW	3	13.32	н 🔻
4	0.17	HW	4	0.00	Н
5	0.35	HW	5	0.00	HNW
6	0.13	Н	6	0.10	SW
7	3.10	HNW	7	0.83	TSW
8	57.83	HNW	8	3.86	SW
9	0.02	Н	9	0.00	HW
10	0.56	HNW	10	0.00	HNW
11	0.58	Н	11	0.04	HNW
12	0.45	Н	12	0.13	HNW
13	0.27	HSE	13	0.02	HNW
14	1.36	HSE	14	3.43	W
15	0.02	HSE	15	2.56	Τ
16	0.18	R	16	0.27	SW
17	0.67	R	17	0.71	SW
18	11.10	R	18	4.20	T
19	2.46	HNW	19	1.42	HW 🕈
20	0.00	SW	20	0.24	HSE
21	1.53	Т	21	0.28	HSE
22	0.00	SW	22	0.80	HSE
23	0.00	W	23	0.08	HE
24	0.02	Т	24	0.05	HSE
25	0.01	SW	25	1.85	HSE
26	0.01	Н	26	0.38	HE
27	0.02	HE	27	0.46	HE
28	0.43	HSE	28	0.23	HE
29	0.68	HE	29	1.00	HE
30	0.07	W	30	9.80	H
31	0.01	HNW	31	15.19	н 🗡



January 1999				February 1992		
		Synoptic				Synoptic
	DSR	Types			DSR	Types
1	1.34	R		1	0.01	W
2	0.86	HSE		2	0.10	SW
3	1.17	HSE		3	2.88	W
4	24.13	HSE		4	0.00	Т
5	12.64	HSE	★	5	0.00	HW
6	0.00	HNW		6	0.01	HSE
7	0.00	SW		7	0.04	NE
8	0.15	Т		8	0.27	NE
9	0.11	NE		9	0.01	R
10	0.14	Н		10	0.00	HW
11	0.26	Н		11	0.09	HW
12	12.08	HSE		12	0.04	HSE
13	1.83	R		13	1.61	HE
14	0.00	NE		14	0.00	Т
15	0.01	HSE		15	0.00	SW
16	0.02	R		16	0.01	HW
17	0.05	R		17	0.07	Н
18	0.20	R		18	26.44	SW
19	0.58	NE		19	1.54	SW
20	1.06	TSW		20	1.48	T
21	2.89	R		21	3.38	SW
22	2.17	HSE		22	4.72	NE
23	1.77	R	↓	23	2.11	TNW 🔻
24	1.60	R	•	24	0.14	SW
25	0.62	NE		25	2.28	HW
26	0.68	NE		26	8.31	SW
27	0.18	HSE		27	0.07	SW
28	0.67	HSE		28	0.00	HW
29	1.31	HSE		29	0.02	Н
30	0.72	TSW				
31	0.01	Т				



February 1999			March 2001		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	0.00	н	1	0.30	HSE
2	0.19	Н	2	0.17	HSE
3	0.19	Н	3	0.13	R
4	0.34	Н	4	0.70	R
5	0.38	Н	5	0.27	HSE
6	1.48	HSE	6	1.28	HSE
7	2.05	HSE	7	1.36	Н
8	2.01	HSE	8	0.10	Н
9	5.01	HSE	9	0.12	HSE
10	1.87	HSE	10	0.53	HSE
11	1.50	HSE	11	0.56	HSE
12	2.03	HSE	12	0.59	HE
13	1.08	HSE	13	21.36	W
14	2.00	HSE	14	4.99	Н
15	2.03	HSE	15	0.82	Н
16	3.85	Т	16	0.51	Н
17	9.25	R	17	0.65	HSE
18	6.81	NE	18	0.50	HSE
19	8.66	TSW	19	1.67	HSE
20	8.35	R	20	1.33	HSE
21	2.01	HSE	21	1.27	HSE
22	4.66	HSE	22	2.05	HSE
23	0.71	HSE	23	1.41	HSE
24	3.12	HSE	24	1.15	H
25	2.82	TSW	25	19.16	H
26	2.10	Т	26	4.58	W
27	0.25	W	27	46.68	Т
28	30.28	W <b>V</b>	28	78.02	т 🔻
			29	0.01	Т
			30	0.01	Н
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March 2003			
	DSR		Synoptic Types
1		0.22	R
2		1.32	TSW
3		15.89	Т
4		5.48	H _
5		1.56	HSE 🔻
6		0.01	HSE
7		0.05	HSE
8		0.06	HSE
9		3.55	HSE
10		0.41	HSE
11		0.17	R
12		0.57	TSW
13		1.03	TSW
14		1.00	TSW
15		0.78	TSW
16		0.39	HSE
17		0.91	Н
18		1.61	Н
19		0.88	Н
20		1.29	Н
21		0.48	Н
22		1.34	H I
23		9.25	Н
24		1.92	HSE
25		1.71	HSE
26		1.10	HSE
27		1.48	HSE
28		0.94	HSE
29		2.95	HSE
30		2.47	TNW 🔶
31		0.00	TNW



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November 1989			November 2000		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	3.23	W	1	3.01	NE
2	0.17	Н	2	0.68	HSE
3	0.87	Н	3	0.62	HSE
4	0.98	HSE	4	0.80	R
5	1.14	HSE	5	1.19	TSW
6	0.57	HE	6	2.13	TSW
7	1.52	Н	7	1.37	TSW
8	0.17	HE	8	0.80	NE
9	0.12	W	9	0.98	HSE
10	0.20	SW	10	1.42	HSE
11	0.31	Н	11	1.72	HSE
12	0.72	HE	12	5.80	HSE
13	3.84	T	13	2.56	SW
14	12.54	Т	14	6.40	Τ
15	10.90	SW	15	8.05	Τ
16	7.39	R	16	7.01	W
17	1.83	TNW	17	8.29	Τ
18	1.09	T 🔟	18	10.98	Τ
19	10.39	TSW 🔻	19	5.97	Τ
20	0.24	R	20	6.64	Τ
21	0.95	R	21	5.01	Т
22	2.07	R	22	0.50	Τ
23	6.93	R	23	1.56	Τ
24	4.53	R	24	1.88	TSW
25	6.11	R	25	3.76	T
26	3.60	TSW	26	5.67	T 🚽
27	8.63	TSW	27	5.87	TSW
28	4.37	HW	28	0.00	TSW
29	3.40	HNW	29	0.06	TSW
30	3.97	HNW 🔻	30	0.15	Т



December 1987			December 1989		
	DCD	Our ontio Turnoo		DCD	Synoptic
1	<b>DSR</b> 0.58	Synoptic Types TNW	1	DSR 7.53	<b>Types</b> HNW ∣
2	0.00	TNW	2	20.55	w 1
2	0.00	Т	2	1.62	$W$ $\bullet$
4	1.17	T	4	0.26	H
5	1.54	SW	5	0.67	HSE
6	1.85	SW	6	1.34	HSE
7	1.12	W	7	1.13	HSE
8	0.46	TNW	8	1.81	HSE
9	0.02	SW	9	1.89	HW
10	0.01	HNW	10	4.26	HW
11	0.13	HW	11	2.96	HSE
12	0.35	HSE	12	7.68	HE
13	3.97	HSE	13	19.73	W
14	2.62	HSE	14	2.75	т 🗡
15	2.53	HSE	15	0.00	Т
16	2.72	HE	16	0.00	Т
17	2.99	Т	17	0.00	TSW
18	6.88	TNW	18	0.00	HW
19	10.07	HNW	19	0.02	HSE
20	5.49	HSE	20	0.08	HE
21	8.31	HSE 🔻	21	1.47	TNW
22	1.40	NE	22	6.00	Т
23	0.00	TNW	23	0.25	Т
24	0.37	Т	24	0.61	SW
25	3.14	Т	25	1.59	SW
26	0.23	SW	26	3.29	Т
27	1.83	HNW	27	0.00	Т
28	3.66	W	28	0.01	W
29	9.34	SW	29	0.31	HNW
30	19.13	SW	30	0.92	HSE
31	10.08	HW 🔻	31	4.74	HSE



December 1990			December 2000		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	9.12	SW	1	1.46	TNW
2	9.65	SW	2	1.91	W
3	23.20	SW	3	0.01	Н
4	12.74	SW	4	0.22	Н
5	4.31	H	5	1.51	Н
6	12.09	HNW	6	5.27	TSW
7	29.16	SW	7	2.85	TSW
8	32.96	SW	8	2.53	NE
9	20.56	HNW	9	3.64	NE
10	3.96	W 🔻	10	6.73	NE
11	0.01	TNW	11	3.46	R
12	0.00	Т	12	5.99	R
13	0.00	Т	13	4.17	HSE
14	0.01	W	14	10.16	HSE
15	0.03	Т	15	4.88	HSE
16	0.02	HNW	16	8.20	H
17	0.34	Н	17	7.35	H
18	2.42	HE	18	9.93	HNW
19	0.05	SW	19	7.19	Т
20	0.09	SW	20	25.50	Т
21	0.67	TSW	21	15.48	T
22	1.23	NE	22	9.99	т ♥
23	1.39	NE	23	0.00	Т
24	6.45	TNW	24	0.67	Т
25	0.26	TNW	25	0.14	Т
26	0.56	TNW	26	0.01	Т
27	0.01	Т	27	0.00	Т
28	0.29	TNW	28	0.02	Т
29	0.00	Т	29	0.09	т
30	0.26	SW	30	0.01	Т
31	1.37	HW	31	0.18	Т



January 1979			January 1981		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	3.07	Т	1	3.68	HSE
2	1.51	Т	2	13.12	H
3	0.33	SW	3	2.80	HSE
4	1.48	HW	4	8.63	W 🔻
5	0.54	HNW	5	0.72	SW
6	0.30	SW	6	2.10	SW
7	0.12	W	7	4.95	SW
8	6.41	SW	8	4.00	HW
9	3.15	W	9	6.21	HW
10	1.41	W	10	6.23	R
11	0.61	W	11	9.24	TSW
12	3.61	Т	12	8.87	TSW
13	0.47	SW	13	3.23	NE
14	0.23	Т	14	2.73	HW
15	0.04	Т	15	3.06	HSE
16	0.22	HW	16	10.47	HW
17	0.36	R	17	5.48	HSE
18	1.83	TSW	18	6.14	HSE
19	0.14	HW	19	9.13	HE
20	0.10	HSE	20	1.46	Н 🕇
21	10.64	SW	21	0.39	HSE
22	5.87	SW	22	1.77	HE
23	12.33	Н	23	3.00	W
24	5.09	Н	24	17.54	Н
25	11.10	HE 🛓	25	18.61	H
26	18.72	HE 🔻	26	14.13	HSE
27	0.00	Т	27	10.75	SW
28	0.00	SW	28	3.63	TSW
29	0.19	HW	29	5.60	NE
30	0.15	HSE	30	7.48	NE
31	2.35	HSE	31	5.45	HSE 🔻

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January 1997				January 1998		
		Synopt	ic			
	DSR	Types			DSR	Synoptic Types
1	1.93	HSE	1	1	1.06	HSE
2	1.21	HSE		2	4.02	Н
3	1.78	HNW		3	6.29	Н
4	4.97	HW		4	1.24	н 🔻
5	2.05	SW		5	0.04	HNW
6	2.37	R		6	0.63	SW
7	4.22	NE		7	3.29	TSW
8	2.11	NE		8	4.36	SW
9	3.69	NE		9	0.11	HW
10	3.68	NE	★	10	0.30	HNW
11	0.23	TSW		11	5.78	HNW
12	0.42	SW		12	13.60	HNW
13	0.92	HSE		13	5.22	HNW
14	1.42	HSE	1	14	6.46	W
15	1.61	HSE		15	12.02	т 🔶
16	2.96	R		16	0.01	SW
17	4.53	Т		17	1.96	SW
18	3.03	SW	▼	18	3.08	T
19	0.46	HNW		19	7.22	HW
20	0.71	HNW		20	2.25	HSE
21	4.23	W		21	1.26	HSE 🚽
22	10.27	HW		22	1.35	HSE
23	1.29	HSE		23	0.76	HE
24	13.39	HSE		24	1.42	HSE
25	2.77	HW		25	3.62	HSE
26	2.95	HSE		26	2.10	HE
27	3.33	HSE		27	1.85	HE 🕇
28	4.43	HSE		28	0.25	HE
29	4.57	HSE		29	0.54	HE
30	3.44	HSE	↓	30	7.55	Н
31	3.80	HSE	•	31	14.74	Н

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January 1999			January 2003		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	3.72	R	1	4.55	H I
2	4.53	HSE	2	2.85	HSE
3	9.03	HSE	3	4.60	HSE
4	12.94	HSE	4	4.30	W
5	10.71	HSE 🔻	5	7.50	W
6	1.27	HNW	6	5.46	H
7	0.00	SW	7	3.97	HSE
8	0.23	Т	8	6.08	HSE
9	2.09	NE	9	3.97	R 🕇
10	1.98	H	10	0.45	HSE
11	6.90	H	11	0.01	HSE
12	5.73	HSE	12	0.00	R
13	4.18	R	13	0.02	NE
14	4.11	NE	14	0.41	NE
15	4.34	HSE	15	0.82	R
16	5.21	R	16	3.15	H
17	3.04	R	17	2.78	H
18	5.45	R	18	1.14	W
19	5.46	NE	19	3.42	W
20	15.31	TSW	20	7.06	W
21	15.37	R	21	3.41	W
22	8.34	HSE	22	4.38	T V
23	5.93	R	23	0.79	Т
24	7.96	R	24	1.08	Т
25	7.32	NE	25	1.42	TSW
26	6.71	NE	26	0.87	Т
27	18.12	HSE	27	1.85	Т
28	15.63	HSE	28	0.59	T
29	7.32	HSE	29	4.66	T
30	23.54	TSW 🔻	30	5.95	W
31	0.01	Т	31	11.18	W 🕈



February 1981			February 1985		
1001	DSR	Synoptic Types	1000	DSR	Synoptic Types
1	8.95	TSW	1	4.50	Т
2	14.44	SW	2	0.01	HNW
3	14.95	SW	3	0.01	Н
4	17.87	SW	4	0.01	Н
5	18.47	Т	5	1.30	Н
6	16.89	SW	6	1.94	Н
7	12.52	HW	7	1.28	TSW
8	7.88	HSE	8	0.09	NE
9	16.03	HE	9	1.02	R
10	19.36	HE 🕈	10	1.83	TSW
11	0.69	Н	11	7.46	TSW
12	2.20	H	12	5.27	HW
13	2.62	HSE	13	1.99	HSE
14	1.83	HSE	14	1.13	NE
15	3.82	Н	15	2.39	R
16	29.56	SW	16	2.21	NE
17	2.63	TSW	17	1.78	TNW
18	11.00	TSW	18	4.25	SW
19	8.60	TSW •	19	13.11	HW
20	0.42	SW	20	1.36	HSE
21	5.19	HW	21	4.55	HSE
22	2.60	NE	22	3.38	HSE
23	0.00	NE	23	1.84	HSE 🔻
24	0.36	NE	24	0.99	HSE
25	0.26	HE	25	1.67	NE
26	3.20	HSE	26	3.02	NE
27	1.61	HSE	27	14.56	TNW
28	1.87	NE	28	2.34	TNW



February 1998			February 1999		
	DSR	Synoptic Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	8.43	HSE	1	1.13	H I
2	5.45	HSE	2	2.48	H
3	3.99	HSE	3	2.64	H
4	1.58	Н	4	3.15	H
5	5.75	Н	5	6.94	H
6	7.32	Н 🕇	6	10.52	HSE
7	0.00	HSE	7	10.14	HSE
8	1.68	HE	8	9.24	HSE
9	7.92	HNW	9	9.68	HSE
10	3.84	Н	10	4.92	HSE
11	2.81	HSE	11	6.06	HSE
12	4.89	HE	12	7.10	HSE
13	1.60	Н	13	5.77	HSE
14	1.60	Н	14	5.23	HSE
15	5.00	HE	15	2.39	HSE
16	9.33	HE	16	6.58	T
17	8.64	W	17	8.54	R
18	0.24	HNW	18	13.42	NE
19	2.96	HE	19	25.50	TSW
20	2.41	TNW	20	1.77	R
21	1.64	W	21	3.31	HSE
22	2.23	TNW	22	6.27	HSE
23	0.00	Т	23	12.87	HSE
24	0.00	SW	24	9.84	HSE
25	0.22	Н	25	7.81	TSW
26	0.65	Н	26	4.53	T
27	1.32	HE	27	10.01	W
28	1.60	Н	28	42.53	W 🔻

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February 2001			February 2003		
		Synoptic			
	DSR	Types		DSR	Synoptic Types
1	1.76	H	1	0.41	Н
2	3.52	H	2	2.63	H I
3	11.07	W	3	4.53	Н
4	5.86	W	4	10.77	Н
5	8.16	Т	5	3.17	Н
6	14.98	W	6	11.01	Н
7	8.49	HNW	7	7.56	н
8	8.98	SW	8	7.98	Н
9	7.89	HNW	9	4.03	H
10	3.87	HNW	10	8.52	H
11	6.75	R	11	10.03	Н
12	2.87	R	12	4.37	HSE
13	4.49	R 🔟	13	14.69	TSW 🔻
14	9.43	т 🔻	14	0.91	R
15	0.70	Т	15	0.20	Н
16	0.00	TSW	16	1.29	Н
17	0.29	TSW	17	4.25	W
18	1.36	HSE	18	0.20	Т
19	1.05	H	19	0.00	Т
20	1.55	H	20	0.04	Т
21	1.61	H	21	0.45	HE
22	4.94	TSW	22	0.29	Н
23	2.54	TSW	23	1.81	Н
24	6.05	R 🔻	24	1.31	HSE
25	0.45	HSE	25	1.20	HSE
26	0.18	HSE	26	0.75	HSE
27	0.29	HSE	27	1.89	HSE
28	1.32	HSE	28	1.76	R



March 1999		
	DSR	Synoptic Types
1	2.43	W
2	7.44	HNW
3	10.84	HSE
4	5.29	HSE
5	26.04	Н
6	9.92	Н
7	7.85	Н 📕
8	2.10	HSE 📍
9	0.00	HSE
10	0.00	HSE
11	0.19	HSE
12	0.01	HSE
13	0.07	HSE
14	0.40	NE
15	0.65	R
16	0.68	R
17	2.99	Н
18	2.40	Н
19	6.30	H
20	6.31	H
21	4.17	H T
22	3.87	W
23	0.00	HE
24	0.01	Н
25	0.22	Н
26	0.32	Н
27	1.59	Н
28	2.10	H
29	0.02	HSE
30	0.57	HNW
31	0.97	Н



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December 2000			December 2001		
	DSR	Synoptic Type		DSR	Synoptic Type
1	0.03	TNW	1	1.96	Н
2	0.01	W	2	0.02	Н
3	0.00	Н	3	0.00	Н
4	0.02	Н	4	0.00	HE
5	0.35	Н	5	0.00	TNW
6	0.60	TSW	6	0.00	Т
7	0.42	TSW	7	0.00	Т
8	0.38	NE	8	0.00	TSW
9	1.63	NE	9	0.05	TSW
10	1.24	NE	10	0.03	Т
11	1.15	R 🕈	11	0.09	Т
12	0.01	R	12	1.37	Т
13	1.65	HSE	13	0.24	W
14	0.90	HSE	14	0.91	HNW
15	1.18	HSE	15	0.82	TSW
16	1.37	H	16	1.76	TSW
17	3.59	H	17	1.00	R
18	1.79	HNW	18	1.17	NE
19	5.98	Т	19	2.74	NE
20	2.11	Τ	20	3.94	NE
21	12.30	T 🚽	21	2.44	NE
22	1.72	Т	22	1.58	TSW
23	0.00	T	23	3.36	TSW
24	11.61	T	24	1.44	TSW
25	2.98	Т	25	1.63	TSW
26	6.80	Т	26	13.38	TSW 🔻
27	0.58	Т	27	0.02	TSW
28	0.03	Т	28	0.07	т
29	0.17	Т	29	0.00	т
30	0.01	Т	30	0.05	т
31	0.12	т	31	0.08	Т



December 2002			January 1998		
	DSR	Synoptic Type		DSR	Synoptic Type
1	0.01	HSE	1	0.02	HSE
2	0.10	HSE	2	0.89	Н
3	0.58	NE	3	2.65	Н
4	0.69	TSW	4	0.21	Н
5	3.42	TSW	5	0.18	HNW
6	12.77	TSW	6	0.50	SW
7	4.18	TSW ▼	7	1.04	TSW
8	0.00	TNW	8	0.11	SW
9	0.02	Т	9	0.00	HW
10	0.00	Т	10	0.00	HNW
11	0.05	Т	11	0.02	HNW
12	0.22	Т	12	0.92	HNW
13	0.70	Т	13	0.38	HNW
14	0.25	Т	14	4.12	W
15	0.41	W	15	9.14	Т
16	0.53	HE	16	1.08	SW
17	0.01	HSE	17	1.41	SW
18	0.02	HSE	18	0.69	Т
19	0.09	HSE	19	2.97	HW
20	0.27	HSE	20	0.56	HSE
21	1.97	H	21	0.74	HSE
22	0.71	SW	22	0.75	HSE 🔻
23	4.63	W	23	0.00	HE
24	1.05	T	24	0.02	HSE
25	1.68	T	25	0.04	HSE
26	0.70	T L	26	0.07	HE
27	1.66	Н 🔻	27	0.35	HE
28	0.05	Н	28	0.06	HE
29	0.03	Н	29	0.53	HE
30	0.39	Н	30	1.42	Н
31	2.16	Н	31	26.91	Н



February 1999				March 2001			
	DSR	Synoptic Typ	ре		DSR	Synoptic Type	
1	0.01	Н		1	9.78	HSE	
2	0.05	Н		2	0.41	HSE	
3	0.02	Н		3	0.84	R	
4	0.08	Н		4	1.30	R	
5	0.15	Н		5	1.00	HSE	
6	0.62	HSE		6	1.77	HSE	
7	1.18	HSE		7	2.27	H	
8	3.52	HSE		8	0.86	H	
9	2.56	HSE		9	1.12	HSE	
10	0.72	HSE		10	1.39	HSE	
11	1.09	HSE		11	1.67	HSE	
12	1.29	HSE		12	5.16	HE	
13	0.97	HSE		13	9.08	W 📕	
14	0.93	HSE		14	7.46	н 🔻	
15	0.40	HSE		15	0.41	Н	
16	7.66	Т		16	0.22	н	
17	6.37	R		17	0.45	HSE	
18	13.53	NE		18	0.90	HSE	
19	10.74	TSW		19	2.29	HSE	
20	10.29	R		20	2.09	HSE	
21	1.89	HSE		21	8.04	HSE	
22	3.47	HSE		22	10.15	HSE	
23	0.59	HSE		23	2.90	HSE	
24	2.09	HSE		24	8.01	H	
25	2.35	TSW		25	0.52	H	
26	0.85	Т		26	16.56	W	
27	0.34	W		27	5.08	т 🚽	
28	40.01	W		28	21.16	Т	
				29	0.14	Т	
				30	2.08	Н	
				31	0.61	Н	



March 2003		Synantia
	DSR	Synoptic Type
1	0.60	R
2	2.53	TSW
3	27.36	T
4	13.81	Н
5	6.20	HSE 🔻
6	0.04	HSE
7	0.11	HSE
8	0.21	HSE
9	0.05	HSE
10	0.16	HSE
11	0.29	R
12	0.27	TSW
13	0.49	TSW
14	0.46	TSW
15	0.91	TSW
16	0.68	HSE
17	1.25	Н
18	1.19	Н
19	0.12	Н
20	0.61	Н
21	0.17	Н
22	0.74	H
23	1.31	Н
24	1.52	HSE
25	2.35	HSE
26	2.10	HSE
27	2.21	HSE
28	1.53	HSE
29	4.39	HSE
30	3.57	TNW •
31	0.00	TNW