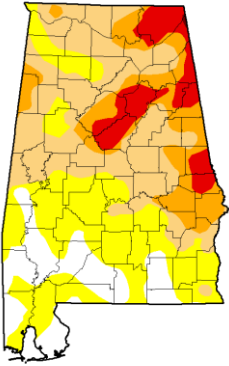


ALABAMA DROUGHT CRISIS FACT SHEET

“Severe” to “Exceptional” drought is impacting rivers and streams all across Alabama. Several of our most important rivers -- including the Alabama River, the Cahaba River, the Locust Fork of the Black Warrior River, the Little River and the Paint Rock River -- are at or near historic low flows and drought impacts are predicted to persist or worsen over the next few months.

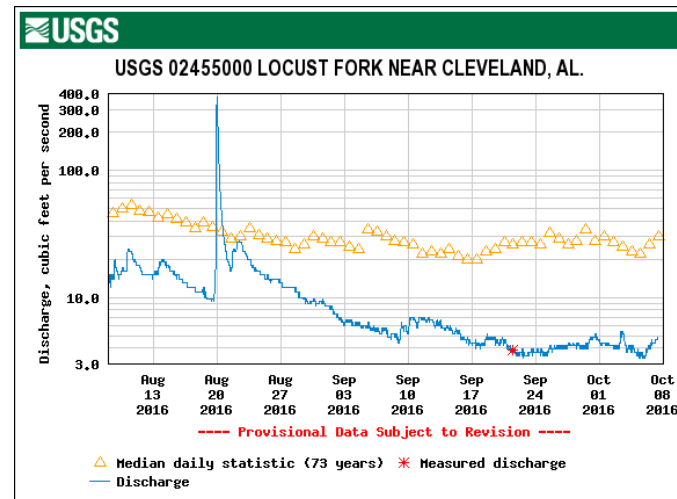


Droughts impacts include:

- Fish kills
- Stranding of endangered mussels and snails
- Poor water quality including:
 - Water too warm
 - Not enough oxygen
 - Algae buildup
 - Less protection from pollution
- Increased salinity in the Delta and Bay causing harm to oysters and fisheries
- Limited recreation
- Increased fire hazard
- ALL of this well before water runs out for drinking

To #DefendRivers, we should:

- Develop a Sustainable Water Management Plan for Alabama that:
 - Requires conservation and efficiency before we are in a drought crisis
 - Protects stream flows and functions
 - Requires metering and monitoring of water use
 - Treats all users in a fair and predictable way
- Reduce consumption to protect stream flows and drinking water. This means reducing outdoor water use from sources that impact stream flows
- Be extra vigilant against pollution spills that harm water quality



For more information, including action alerts for this crisis, please visit

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