

# CSC Field Tour – June 6, 2018

Species selection for High Elevation with the lens of Climate Change – Bryce Bancroft  
contracting to FLNROD Resource Practices Branch

The three key elements on species selection remain valid:

- Feasibility
- Reliability and
- Productivity

Introducing the Climate Change Informed Species Selection Tool CCISS

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## Tree Suitability Tool

The Tree Suitability Tool provides information on future tree species suitability in British Columbia. It combines future climate information with species viability models to illustrate how likely each species is to thrive in the range of potential futures.

[How the CCISS tool works](#)

Click on the map to add points →

Report Name

Points ? UPLOAD A CSV FILE DELETE ALL

Point ID	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)	Elevation	BGC
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Site Series  × ↻

Pick one or more Site Series

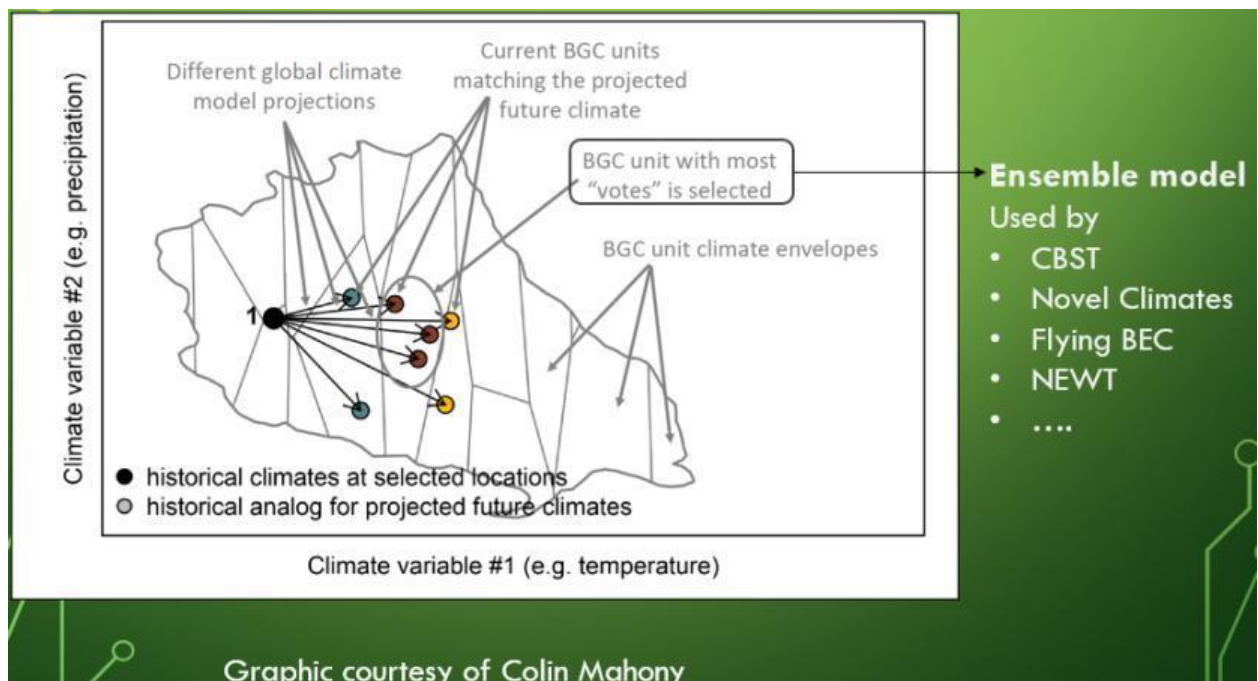
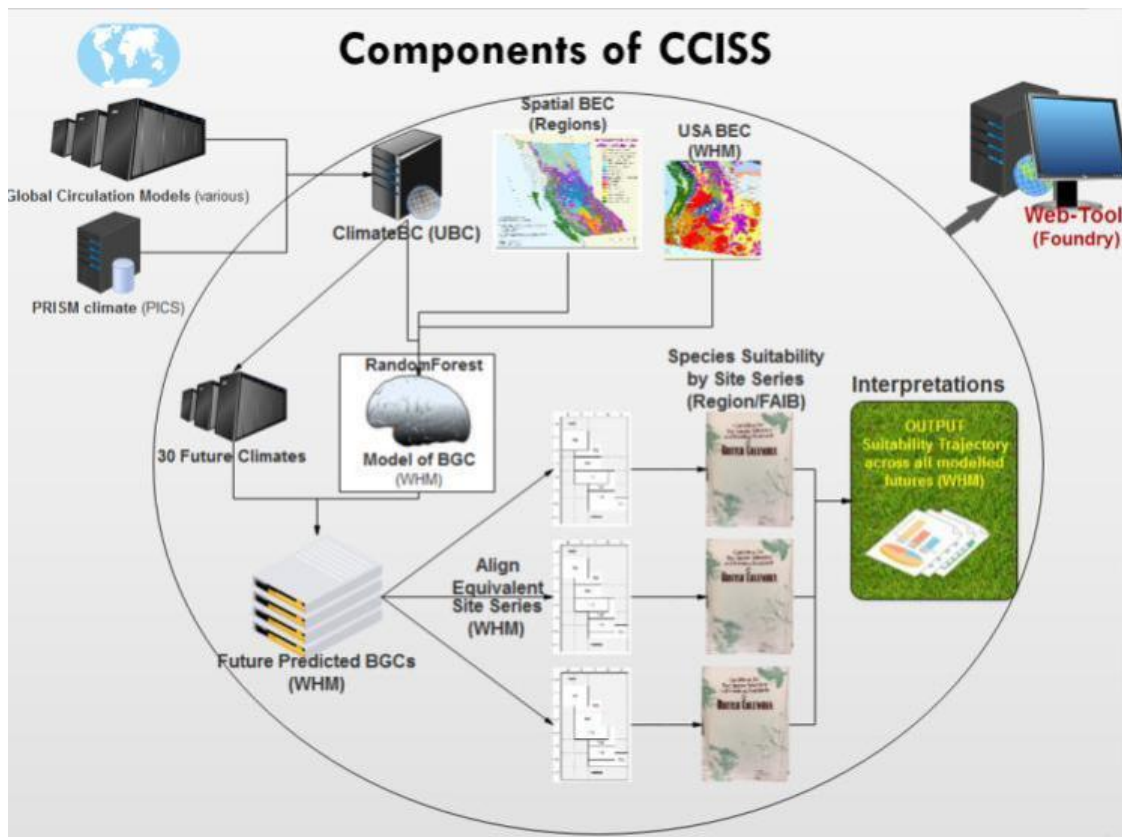
☐ 4.5 ☒ 8.5 Individual Reports ☐ Averaged by BGC GENERATE REPORT

RCP

Generated Reports

Captures your location and projects it forward using 15 Global Circulation Models and 2 Representation Concentration Pathways.

Output will be discussed for three site series in this area.



Tolerance comparisons

Life form	Tree code	Tree species	low light	frost	heat	water deficit	water surplus	nitrogen deficiency
C	Ba	<i>amabilis fir</i>	H	M	L	L	H	H
C	Bg	<i>grand fir</i>	L-M	L-M	M	M	H	M
C	Bl	<i>subalpine fir</i>	H	H	M	M	H	H
C	Cw	<i>western redcedar</i>	H	L-M	M	M	H	H
C	Fd	<i>Douglas-fir</i>	L-H	L-M	M-H	M	L	M
C	Hm	<i>mountain hemlock</i>	M	M	L	L	M	H
C	Hw	<i>western hemlock</i>	H	L	L	L	M	H
C	Jr	<i>Rocky Mountain juniper</i>	L	H	H	H	L	H
C	La	<i>alpine larch</i>	L	H	L	M	H	M
C	Lt	<i>tamarack</i>	L	H	M	M	H	M
C	Lw	<i>western larch</i>	L	M	M	M	L	M
C	Pa	<i>whitebark pine</i>	L	H	M	H	L	M
C	Pj	<i>jack pine</i>	L	H	H	H	L	H
C	Pl	<i>lodgepole pine</i>	L	H	M	H	H	H
C	Pw	<i>western white pine</i>	M	M-H	M	L	H	L
C	Py	<i>ponderosa pine</i>	L	M	H	H	H	M
C	Sb	<i>black spruce</i>	H	H	M	M	H	H
C	Se	<i>Engelmann spruce</i>	M	H	M	M	H	M
C	Ss	<i>Sitka spruce</i>	M	L	L	L	H	L
C	Sw	<i>white spruce</i>	M	H	M	M	H	M
C	Sx	<i>interior spruce</i>	M	H	M	M	H	M
C	Tw	<i>western yew</i>	H	M	M	M	H	H
C	Yc	<i>yellow-cedar</i>	H	L	L	M	H	H
B	Acb	<i>balsam poplar</i>	L	H	M	L	H	L
B	Act	<i>black cottonwood</i>	L	M	M	L	H	L
B	At	<i>trembling aspen</i>	L	H	M	L	H	M
B	Dr	<i>red alder</i>	L	L	L	L	H	H
B	Ep	<i>common paper birch</i>	M	H	M	M	H	M
B	Gp	<i>Pacific dogwood</i>	M	L	M	M	M	M
B	Kc	<i>cascara sagrada</i>	M	L	L	L	H	L
B	Mb	<i>bigleaf maple</i>	L	L	M	L	H	M
B	Og	<i>Garry oak</i>	M	L	H	H	H	M
B	Ra	<i>arbutus</i>	L	L	H	H	L	H
B	Vb	<i>bitter cherry</i>	M	M	M	L	H	H

From Klinka et al. 2000. *Ecological and Silvicultural Characteristics of Tree Species*

**Feasibility** is the first test and the above summary of tolerances helps define why we find certain species in certain climates.

- As well it is recommended that species use be managed not only at the stand but landscape levels.

WFP produced a *Silviculture Strategy for Climate Change Impacts: Adaptation and Mitigation, a Framework and Recommendations* (2014) by Bill Beese, Annette van Niejenhuis and Paul Bavis.

They provide a climate lens background along with direct guidance for species use by moisture regimes and critical factors. It provides additional guidance to ensure sufficient amounts of species are used to provide an economic harvest. Density is also discussed as are costs for establishment.

Montane Alternative Silviculture Systems trail – what we have learned so far.

<http://cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/pubwarehouse/pdfs/35447.pdf>

# Example output by Site Series

## CSC – High Elevation Species Selection – with a climate change lens – MHmm1 01 example output












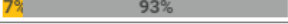

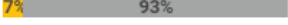




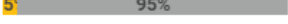

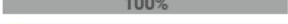
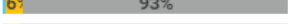
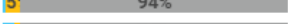
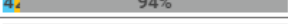
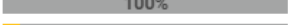
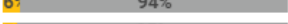



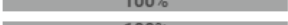
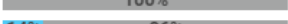

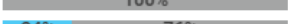







DETAILED SPECIES SUITABILITY

BGC FUTURES

MODEL CONFIGURATION

### Detailed Species Suitability



Hm : mountain hemlock	Current					
	2010-2040		1.87	Declining	Low	Moderate
	2040-2070		4.00	Declining	Very High	Moderate
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Hw : western hemlock	Current					
	2010-2040		1.59	Improving	Low	Low
	2040-2070		1.67	No Change	Low	Low
	2070-2100		1.89	No Change	Low	Moderate
Lw : western larch	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Mb : bigleaf maple	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	Moderate
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	High	Moderate
Oy : giant chinkapin	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Pl : lodgepole pine	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Pw : western white pine	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Ra : arbutus	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Ss : Sitka spruce	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	Moderate
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	Moderate
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Sx : interior spruce	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	Declining	High	Low
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High

MHmm1 01 example output

Model Configuration

Representative Concentration Pathways

4.5 and 8.5

Number of Points Considered

1

Averaged?

No

Date

Time

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ClimateBC	<a href="#">v5.5.0</a>
rF BGC Model	<a href="#">v5.0</a>
Suitability Rules	v1.2
Suitability Tables	v2.0

Points

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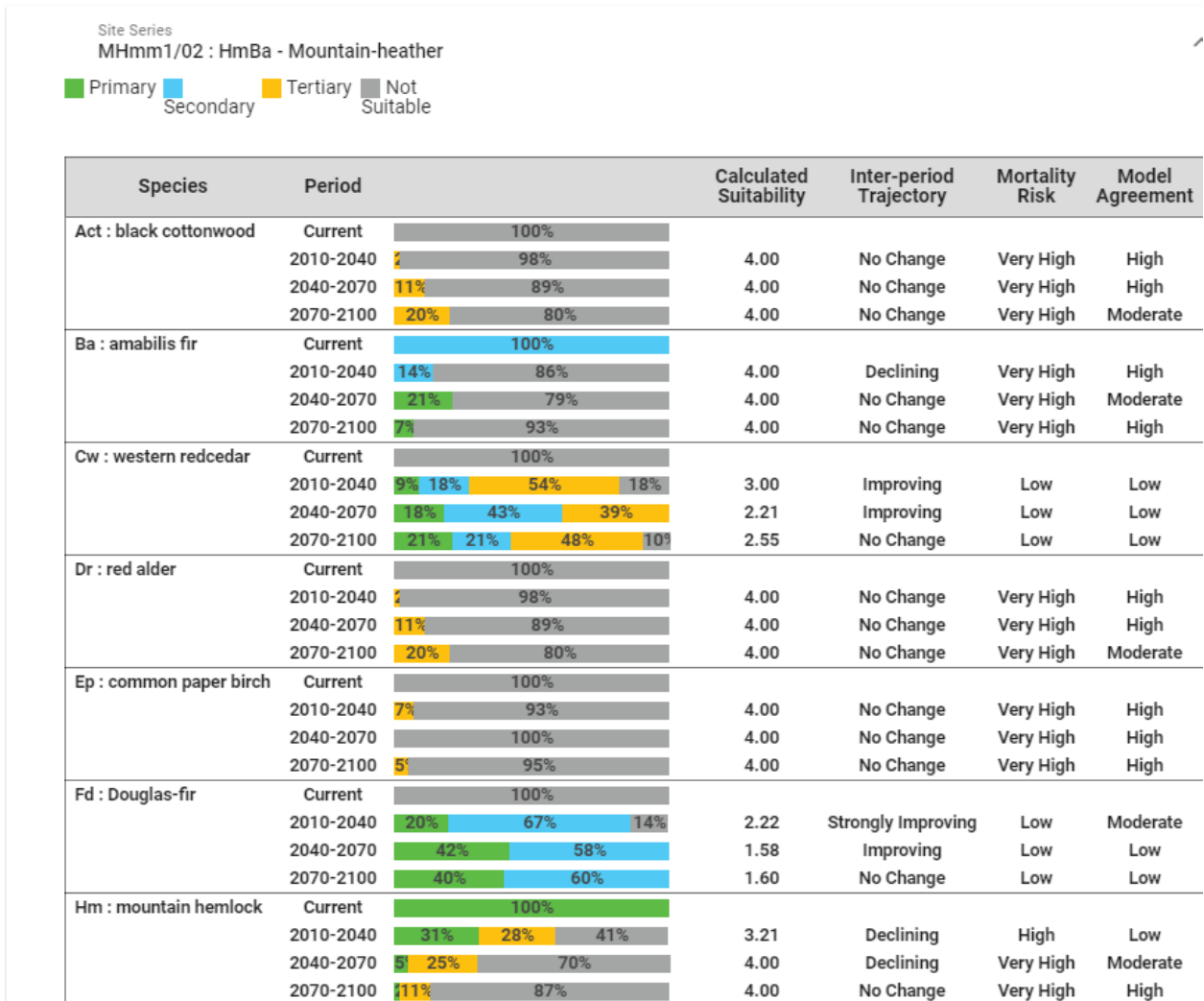
Processing Time




















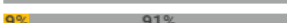
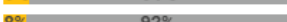


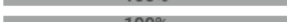




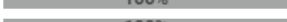




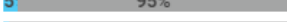
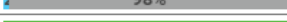



Time	Process
0.00s	Initial Setup
0.00s	Create Points Object1
23.13s	ClimateBCAPI Request Time
0.01s	Conversion to a more useful JSON object to send over zeromq
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### Detailed Species Suitability





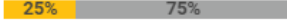
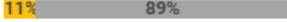





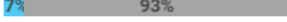
















Hw : western hemlock	Current					
	2010-2040		3.34	Improving	Very High	Low
	2040-2070		2.64	Improving	Moderate	Low
	2070-2100		3.07	No Change	High	Low
Lw : western larch	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Mb : bigleaf maple	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	Moderate
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	Low
Pl : lodgepole pine	Current					
	2010-2040		2.45	Strongly Improving	Moderate	Low
	2040-2070		2.86	No Change	High	Low
	2070-2100		2.65	No Change	High	Low
Pw : western white pine	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Qg : Garry oak	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Ra : arbutus	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Sx : interior spruce	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	Declining	Very High	Moderate
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Yc : yellow-cedar	Current					
	2010-2040		3.28	Declining	High	Low
	2040-2070		4.00	Declining	Very High	Moderate
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High

MHmm1 02 Example output





Hm : mountain hemlock	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	Declining	Very High	Low
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	Moderate
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Hw : western hemlock	Current					
	2010-2040		2.21	Improving	Low	Moderate
	2040-2070		2.46	No Change	Low	Low
	2070-2100		2.57	No Change	Low	Low
Mb : bigleaf maple	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	Moderate
	2070-2100		2.77	Improving	Moderate	Low
Ss : Sitka spruce	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	Moderate
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	Moderate
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	Moderate
Sx : interior spruce	Current					
	2010-2040		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2040-2070		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High
Yc : yellow-cedar	Current					
	2010-2040		2.07	Declining	Low	Moderate
	2040-2070		4.00	Declining	Very High	Moderate
	2070-2100		4.00	No Change	Very High	High

MHmm1 05 Example output

# Discussion:

- What species ratings are increasing over time?
- What species ratings are decreasing over time?
- What do we need to do to act upon the direction provided?
- Seed sources are available –see page 12

Local trials – what information on alternative species is available?

## What is next?

- A workshop with technical specialists for in depth review
- Demonstration and feedback from Silviculture Committees and practitioners
- Policy Development –for Climate Change species recommendations
- Integration with Climate Based Seed Transfer
- Continuous refinements as new information becomes available

Link to an interesting article regarding climate changes and our mountains.

<https://www.canadiangeographic.ca/article/climate-change-transforming-canadas-mountains>

## Seed sources for Cw are available but limited



### Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations Seed Planning and Registry System Suitable Seed/Vegetative Lot Listing For CBST

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LOT FLAG NO.	GENETIC CLASS / WORTH	GERM / ROOT FACTOR	AGENCY	BEC	ORCHARD / LOCATION	LAT.	LONG.	POTENTIAL TREES		
								QUANTITY RESERVE	SURPLUS	TOTAL
53724	B	90	BCTS	00	CWHvm2 BISH CREEK	53 55 00	128 48 00	2212	691.3	0.0
53724	B	90	MOF	28	CWHvm2 BISH CREEK	53 55 00	128 48 00	3516	1,098.9	0.0
46164	B	80	TAAN	00	CWHwh2 CARMICHAEL PASSAGE LOUISE IS	52 57 00	131 59 00	159	36.5	0.0

Instructions
I Have A Cutblock
I Have A Seedlot

Species:  
CW

BEC Variant:  
MHmm1

GO

Plantation BEC	Seed BEC	Species Suitability	Limit
MHmm1	CWHvm2	Suitable	
MHmm1	MHmm1	Suitable	
MHmm1	MHwh1	Suitable	
MHmm1	MHwh	Suitable	
MHmm1	CWHwh2	Suitable	

Seedlot	Orchard	GW	Class	Seed BEC
53724		0	B	CWHvm2
46164		0	B	CWHwh2
0		0		MHmm1
0		0		MHwh1
0		0		MHwh

Numerous seedlots available for Fdc Note that orchard 120 is the old Fdc Submaritime orchard at Saanich Seed Orchard.



### Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations Seed Planning and Registry System Suitable Seed/Vegetative Lot Listing For CBST

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LOT FLAG NO.	GENETIC CLASS / WORTH	GERM / ROOT FACTOR	AGENCY	BEC	ORCHARD / LOCATION	LAT.	LONG.	POTENTIAL TREES		
								QUANTITY RESERVE	SURPLUS	TOTAL
06134	A GVO+02	87	LAKEPAC	00	CWHvm2 120 - SAANICH	49 35 00	121 41 00	688	18.0	0.0
62109	A GVO+02	86	TERMFP	00	CWHvm2 120 - SAANICH	49 35 00	121 41 00	213	0.0	5.9
06422	A GVO+02	85	MOF	20	CWHvm2 120 - SAANICH	49 35 00	121 41 00	13597	0.0	354.3
48826	B	92	ISTIM	00	MHmm1 LABOUR DAY LAKE	49 07 00	124 27 00	2919	119.7	0.0
48829	B	92	BCTS	00	CWHvm2 WINDSOR LAKE	50 00 00	124 15 00	13497	537.7	0.0
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48832	B	86	ISTIM	00	MHmm1 RHEINHART LAKE	49 00 00	124 07 00	1467	51.5	0.0
32939	B	85	GVANWD	00	CWHvm2 EASTCAP VALLEY	49 27 00	123 04 00	1519	42.3	0.0