

***Interactive comment on “Seasonal hydrologic prediction in the United States: understanding the role of initial hydrologic conditions and seasonal climate forecast skill” by S. Shukla and D. P. Lettenmaier***

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We have received four reviews for this interesting manuscript. All reviewers find the manuscript worth being published but also provide useful comments to improve the manuscript. The authors already provided responses to the various comments and I am confident that they will be able to address all comments in the revised version of this manuscript. Please pay especially attention to the major comments raised by reviewer #3, I agree that it is really important to compare apples with apples when

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drawing conclusions.

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