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A ground observation located the Peace River ice front at km 364.1 (31.9 km upstream of the Highway 2 bridge in the Town of Peace River and approximately 6.5 km upstream of the Shaftesbury ferry) at 12:12 MST on February 17. The ice front stalled over the weekend in response to the much above seasonal temperatures, and has been slowly retreating since February 12. Temperatures are forecast to cool to below zero over the coming weekend, but the ice front is expected to continue its retreat until Monday. The ice front may be visible from Town early next week. Very little movement of the ice front is forecast for next week unless temperature forecasts change dramatically.

The ice front on the Peace River is now approximately four weeks behind its average location for this time of year.

Alberta Environment and Parks, and BC Hydro are in contact regarding river ice conditions and operation of the BC Hydro Peace River facilities.

Observation Details

- February 16, 2016
    - A ground observation located a lead opening up on the Peace River at km 363 at 17:00 MST (33 km upstream of the Highway 2 bridge in the Town of Peace River).

- February 17, 2016
    - A ground observation located the Peace River ice front at km 364.1 at 12:12 MST (31.9 km upstream of the Highway 2 bridge in the Town of Peace River).

The next observation report is expected to be posted on or before February 22nd

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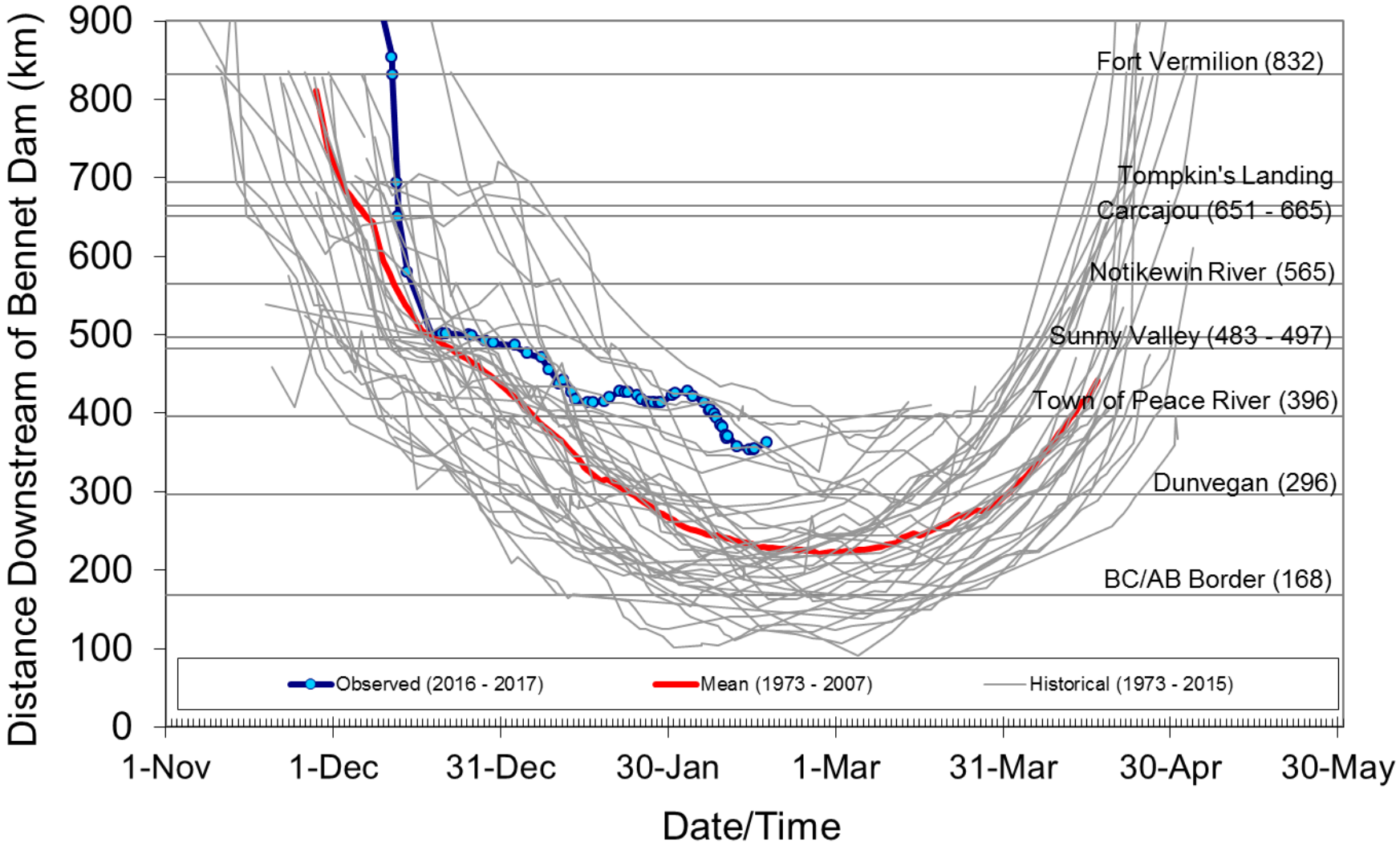
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