Reading a LERI map

- Time length of $ET_a$ accumulation. This map shows the percentiles for a 3-month accumulated $ET_a$ (Jun 1 - Aug 31, 2017) relative to the period of record (Jan 2000-present).

- Date or month & year for which the LERI map is generated.

- Unusually high evaporative response as accumulated between Jun 1 – Aug 31 signifying unusually wet land-surface conditions.

- LD3 means that this dryness is expected less than 5% of the time.

- These categories are analogous to D0-D3 categories in the US Drought Monitor. There is no LD4 category because of the short period of the SSEBop $ET_a$ record.

- The gray shading shows that no $ET_a$ is detected using the SSEBop method.

- Unusually low evaporative response as accumulated between Jun 1 – Aug 31 signifying unusually dry land-surface conditions.

- No ET detected.

- These categories have a similar color scheme to the Drought Monitor's categories.