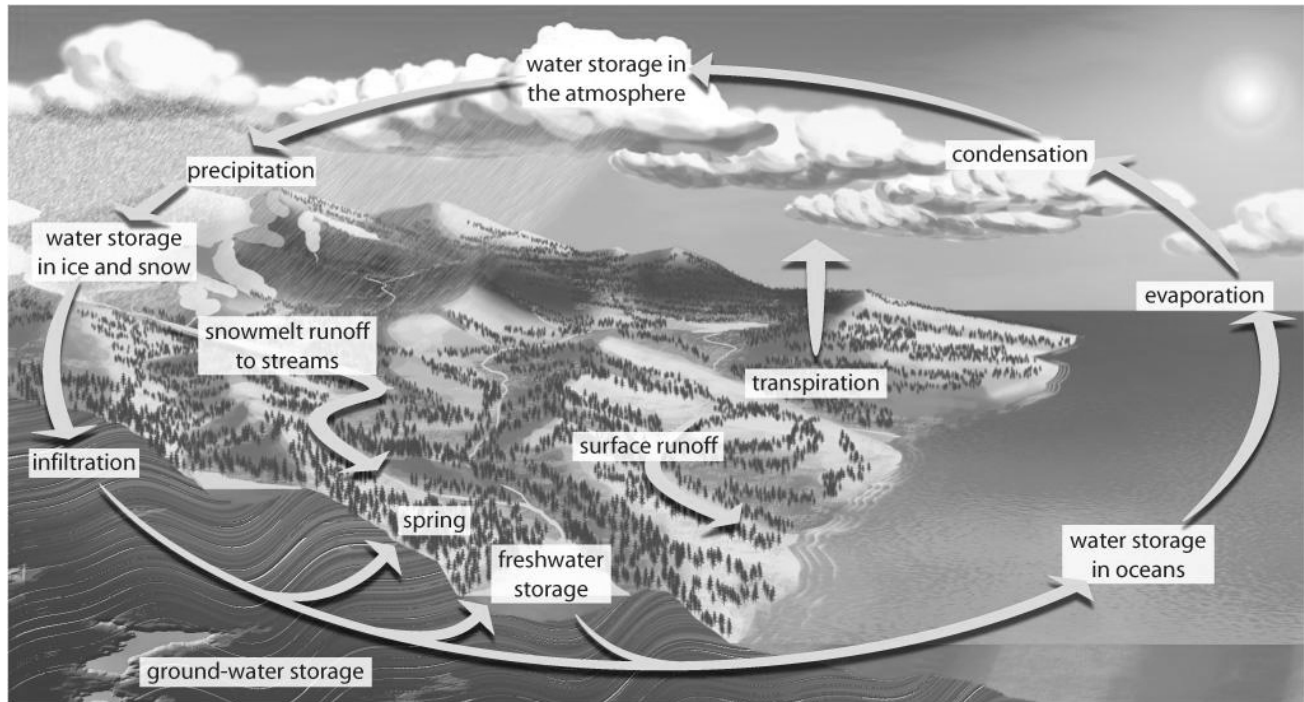


CHAPTER 2
OVERHEAD**The Hydrologic Cycle****BLM 2.1.1**

The hydrologic cycle is a cycle of evaporation and condensation that determines the circulation of water through the atmosphere and biosphere.



The hydrologic cycle includes the following processes:

1. evaporation
2. condensation
3. precipitation
4. infiltration
5. runoff
6. transpiration
7. storage (in atmosphere, ice and snow, freshwater bodies, and oceans)

As water travels through the biotic and abiotic components of the biosphere, it carries much material with it, including chemical nutrients. This links the hydrologic cycle with the biogeochemical cycles, through which nutrients travel.