

## **HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH**

### **DAKOTAS AREA OFFICE**

July inflows to Belle Fourche Reservoir was the fifth highest in 57 years on record.

July was the eleventh coldest on record for Bismarck, North Dakota, and the tenth coldest July on record for Williston, North Dakota.

Inflows to E. A. Patterson Lake were the fourth highest on record for the month of July.

Inflows to Lake Tschida Reservoir were the tenth highest on record for the month of July.

Inflows to Jamestown Reservoir were the eleventh highest on record for the month of July.

### **EASTERN COLORADO AREA OFFICE**

The Lake Granby storage of 511,700 acre-feet (AF) on July 31, 2009, was 48,800 AF above average and 74,600 AF higher than 1 year ago. Colorado-Big Thompson Project storage water in Lake Granby, Carter Lake, and Horsetooth Reservoir was 735,000 AF on July 31, 2009, 79,700 AF above average and 91 percent of the total available storage capacity.

Total water storage in the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project at the end of July 2009 was 569,800 AF and 30,700 AF higher than 1 year ago.

### **MONTANA AREA OFFICE**

Inflows to Bighorn Lake were the seventh highest on record.

End of July storage in Bighorn Lake was the fourth highest on record.

### **NEBRASKA-KANSAS AREA OFFICE**

End of July storage in Bonny Reservoir was the third lowest ever recorded for the month, while the end of July storage in Kirwin and Webster Reservoirs were the fourth and fifth highest recorded since initial filling.

### **WYOMING AREA OFFICE**

#### **Bighorn River Basin**

There are no significant events to report this month.

#### **North Platte River Basin**

There are no significant events to report this month.

## **OKLAHOMA-TEXAS AREA OFFICE**

There are no significant events to report this month.

### **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT**

Runoff into the Missouri River Reservoir systems remains above normal, the first time in nearly a decade. The runoff was 123 percent of normal above Sioux City, ranging from 86 percent in the river reach above Fort Peck Reservoir in Montana to 240 percent for the Sioux City reach.

At the reservoir storage check on July 1, 2009, there was sufficient water in the reservoirs to meet nearly all the needs of both upstream and downstream users. Both Garrison and Oahe Reservoirs are in their flood control pools. Garrison is 16.6 feet higher than this time last year, and Oahe is 18.5 feet higher than this time last year. Only Fort Peck has yet to refill. It is 11 feet higher than last year at this time, but still 12 feet below its desired level.

The current forecast for runoff is 32.8 million acre-feet (MAF), 132 percent of normal. Storage in the system of reservoirs ended the month at 57.9 MAF. The last time the system was at this storage level was in December, 1999.

The six main stem power plants generated 747 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity in July, 78 percent of normal because of lower pool levels and reduced releases from the dams. Total energy production for 2009 is forecasted to be 7.0 billion kWh, compared to the average annual generation of 10 billion kWh.