

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH

DAKOTAS AREA OFFICE

September inflows and end-of-month content to Belle Fourche Reservoir was the second highest in 57 years on record.

Inflows to E. A. Patterson Lake were the fourth highest on record for the month of September. End-of-month content was the lowest on record.

Inflows to Lake Tschida Reservoir were the seventh highest on record for the month of September.

Inflows to Jamestown Reservoir were the sixth highest on record for the month of September.

Williston, North Dakota, experienced the warmest September on record while Bismarck, North Dakota, was the second warmest September on record.

EASTERN COLORADO AREA OFFICE

The Lake Granby storage of 474,800 acre-feet (AF) on September 30, 2009, was 36,800 AF above average and 66,500 AF higher than 1 year ago. Colorado-Big Thompson Project storage water in Lake Granby, Carter Lake, and Horsetooth Reservoir was 625,400 AF on September 30, 2009, 48,900 AF above average and 77 percent of the total available storage capacity.

Total water storage in the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project at the end of September 2009 was 503,800 AF and 17,100 AF higher than 1 year ago.

MONTANA AREA OFFICE

End of September inflow to Canyon Ferry Reservoir was the eleventh lowest ever recorded, and end of September inflow to Sherburne Lake was the twelfth lowest on record.

End of September storage in Lake Elwell was the highest on record and the end of September storage in Bighorn Lake was the third highest on record.

NEBRASKA-KANSAS AREA OFFICE

End of September storage at Kirwin and Webster Reservoirs was the third greatest ever recorded for the month.

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

Flow support for navigation will end on November 30. This is the first year since 2001 that a full 8-month navigation season has been supported. The closing dates along the river are:

Sioux	City	November	22
Omaha		November	24
Nebraska	City	November	25
Kansas	City	November	27
Mouth		December	01

The current forecast for runoff is 32.9 million acre-feet (MAF), 135 percent of normal. Storage in the system of reservoirs ended the month at 55.9 MAF, a decrease of 1.238 MAF from last month. Fort Peck Reservoir is currently more than 10.7 feet higher than last year at this time. Garrison Reservoir is currently 5.4 feet above normal for this time of the year and is 16.0 feet higher than a year ago. Oahe Reservoir is currently 8 feet above normal for this time of the year and is 14.6 feet higher than it was at this time last year.

The six main stem power plants generated 802 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity in September, 82 percent of normal because of reduced releases from the dams. Total energy production for 2009 is forecasted to be 6.8 billion kWh, compared to the average annual generation of 10 billion kWh.