

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Projection of Klamath Project September 2012 Operations

Consistent with the current operations plan, the September Variable Base Flow Procedure (VBF) calculations are as follows:

- September 2012
 - September VBF Target Flow: 1,028 cfs
 - September VBF Threshold Elevation: 4,141.0 ft

The Upper Klamath Lake (UKL) elevation on August 31 was 4138.73 feet, which is well below the elevation for VBF threshold releases. The projected continued downward trajectory indicates that UKL elevations throughout September will remain below the VBF threshold elevation of 4,141.0 feet throughout the month. Therefore, no VBF threshold releases are anticipated in September based on the current UKL elevation, historic and forecasted UKL inflows and Iron Gate Dam releases. The hydrologic conditions of the upper Klamath Basin, however, will be reviewed regularly to evaluate whether changes to the VBF threshold releases are warranted. September 1 will briefly have elevated flows as part of a planned release for the Yurok ceremony downstream on the Klamath River.

The September VBF target flows are calculated based on the coordinated Natural Resource Conservation Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration June 1, 2012 UKL inflow forecast.