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Memorandum

To: WY-6040, Casper Control Center

From: WY-4105, Water Scheduler, Water and Civil Works Branch, Mills WY

Subject: **WATER RELEASE ORDER**
BU 01-26 (Reservoir releases)

GENERAL

Releases from Buffalo Bill Dam will decrease as the irrigation season ends and winter flows begin. On October 15th, the control of the releases from Buffalo Bil Reservoir to the river will be returned to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Reclamation staff will manage the transition to winter operating flows with the following schedule:

October 15th, releases to the river will decrease from 800 cfs to approximately 600 cfs.
October 17th, releases to the river will decrease from 600 cfs to approximately 350 cfs.
October 18th, releases to the river will decrease from 350 cfs to approximately 210 cfs.

The winter release rate of 150 cfs is based on a criteria established in the *Buffalo Bill Reservoir Enlargement Winter Release Operation Agreement – 2019*. With additional contributions from springs located below the dam, the flows at the gage will be approximately 210 cfs.

At no time shall the combined release from Buffalo Bill Dam outlet works and the Shoshone Powerplant be less than 100 cfs.

BUFFALO BILL DAM

October 15, 2025

0400 – Beginning at 0400 decrease the release to the river to 600 cfs, as measured at the Cody gage.

October 17, 2025

0400 – Beginning at 0400 decrease the release to the river to 450 cfs, as measured at the Cody gage.

0600 – Beginning at 0600 decrease the release to the river to 350 cfs, as measured at the Cody gage.

October 18, 2025

0400 – Beginning at 0400 decrease the release to the river to 210 cfs, as measured at the Cody gage

At no time shall the combined release from Buffalo Bill outlet works and the Shoshone Powerplant be less than 100 cfs.

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