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Subject: **Canyon Ferry Water Release Order - CFR No. 24-13**

**CURRENT RESERVOIR CONDITIONS:**

Elevation: 3789.20 Storage: 1,626,373 acre-feet; River Release: 3,400 cfs; Inflow: 4,820 cfs

**COMMENTS:**

Helena Valley Irrigation District has requested an increase in diversion to the Helena Valley Reservoir. The following operation changes are required.

**At 0900 hour on Thursday, April 25, 2024:**

*Maintain releases through the river outlet gates at  $\approx 0$  cfs.*

*Maintain releases through the spillway gates at 0 cfs.*

*Decrease turbine releases to  $\approx 3,200$  cfs ( $\approx 36$  MW-Hrs/hr).*

*Increase releases for Helena Valley Project to 380 cfs. (180 cfs pumped to Helena Valley and 200 cfs discharge to the Missouri River)*

*Maintain releases to the Missouri River at 3,400 cfs.*

*Increase releases from Canyon Ferry to 3,580 cfs.*