

HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER 2025

DAKOTAS AREA OFFICE

November precipitation was varied in the Heart River Basin with 187 percent of average precipitation at Dickinson Reservoir and seven percent of average at Heart Butte Reservoir. Within the Cheyenne, Grand, and James River basins precipitation was below average, ranging from 25 percent of average precipitation at Keyhole Reservoir to 109 percent of average at Angostura Reservoir.

November inflows in the Heart River basin were about average, with 113 percent of average inflow at Dickinson and 97 percent of average inflows at Heart Butte Reservoir. For the Cheyenne River basin, inflows were about average, ranging from zero inflow at Keyhole Reservoir to 99 percent of average at Pactola Reservoir. The James and Grand River basin inflows were varied with 29 percent of average inflow at Shadehill Reservoir and 319 percent of average at Jamestown Reservoir.

End-of-month storage in the Heart River basin was about average; 117 percent of average for Dickinson Reservoir, and 99 percent of average at Heart Butte Reservoir. End-of-month storage in the Cheyenne River basin was above average, ranging from 79 percent of average at Angostura Reservoir to 199 percent of average at Belle Fourche Reservoir. End-of-month storage at Shadehill and Jamestown Reservoirs was above average, showing 108 percent of average for Shadehill and 110 percent of average for Jamestown.

EASTERN COLORADO AREA OFFICE

Precipitation was below average over the Colorado-Big Thompson Project (CBT) during November. Willow Creek and Granby Reservoirs reported the lowest precipitation at 40 percent of average, while Lake Estes Reservoir had the highest at 43 percent of average.

Inflows were below average over the CBT during November. The inflow to Lake Estes Reservoir was the lowest with 48 percent of average. The inflow to Green Mountain Reservoir was the highest at 93 percent of average.

The Lake Granby end-of-month storage of 419,000 acre-feet (AF) was 10,023 AF below average and 33,200 AF lower than one year ago on this date. End-of-month storage in Carter Lake and Horsetooth Reservoir was 116 and 134 percent of average, respectively. The November end-of-month CBT storage in Green Mountain, Lake Granby, Carter Lake, and Horsetooth Reservoir was 658,300 AF; 3,950 AF above average.

Precipitation was below average over the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project (Fry-Ark) during November. Precipitation at Ruedi Reservoir was the lowest with 10 percent of average precipitation, while Pueblo Reservoir received 124 percent of average precipitation during the month.

Native inflows were below average over the Fry-Ark during November. The inflow to Twin Lakes Reservoir was the lowest with zero inflow. The inflow to Pueblo Reservoir was the highest with 110 percent of average inflow.

End-of-month storage is about average for the Fry-Ark. Pueblo Reservoir end-of-month storage was the highest at 112 percent of average. Ruedi and Turquoise Reservoirs end-of-month storage are the lowest at 89 percent of average. The total November end-of-month storage in the four reservoirs was 458,600 AF, 101 percent of average.

MONTANA AREA OFFICE

Precipitation during November was below average in the upper Missouri River basin, ranging from 37 percent of average at Clark Canyon Reservoir to 115 percent of average at Tiber Reservoir. Inflows were below average, ranging from 69 percent of average at Clark Canyon Reservoir to 88 percent of average at Gibson Reservoir. End-of-month storage is varied, and ranges from 19 percent of average at Willow Creek Reservoir to 93 percent of average at Tiber and Pishkun Reservoirs.

For the Milk River Basin, the precipitation was above average, ranging from 131 percent of average at Fresno Reservoir to 129 percent of average at Sherburne Reservoir. The inflows were varied; 194 percent of average at Sherburne Reservoir and 15 percent of average inflow at Fresno Reservoir. End-of-month storage ranges from 77 percent of average at Fresno Reservoir to 187 percent of average at Sherburne Reservoir.

November precipitation was 58 percent of average at Yellowtail Dam. Inflows were 79 percent of average. End-of-month storage was 104 percent of average.

NEBRASKA-KANSAS AREA OFFICE

Precipitation in the Republican River Basin was below average during the month of November, ranging from 40 percent of average at Harry Strunk Reservoir to 167 percent of average at Keith Sebelius Reservoir. Inflows were below average and ranged from eight percent of average inflow at Enders Reservoir to 88 percent of average at Keith Sebelius Reservoir. Ignoring Bonny Reservoir, which has been drained for Compact compliance, end-of-month storage ranges from 38 percent of average at Enders Reservoir to 95 percent of average at Keith Sebelius Reservoir.

Precipitation in the Solomon River Basin was above average during the month of November, ranging from 183 percent of average at Webster Reservoir to 276 percent of average at Glen Elder Reservoir. The inflows were below average, ranging from 20 percent of average inflow at Webster Reservoir to 152 percent of average at Glen Elder Reservoir. End-of-month storage ranges from 33 percent of average at Webster Reservoir to 80 percent of average at Glen Elder Reservoir.

For the Smoky Hill, Niobrara, and Lower Platte Basins, precipitation was varied, ranging from zero at Davis Creek and Merritt Reservoirs to 177 percent of average at Cedar Bluff Reservoir. The inflows were varied, ranging from 37 percent of average inflow at Cedar Bluff Reservoir to 193 percent of average at Davis Creek Reservoir. End-of-month storage ranges from 59 percent of average at Cedar Bluff Reservoir to 116 percent of average at Calamus Reservoir.

OKLAHOMA-TEXAS AREA OFFICE

November precipitation was below average over the Arkansas River Basin, ranging from 42 percent of average at Norman Reservoir to 89 percent of average at Sanford Reservoir. Inflows were below average, ranging from eight percent of average inflow at Norman Reservoir to 124 percent of average at Cheney Reservoir. End-of-month storage in the Arkansas River basin is

above average and ranges from 111 percent of average at Norman Reservoir to 139 percent of average at Sanford and Cheney Reservoirs.

For the Red River Basin, November precipitation was below average, ranging from 18 percent of average precipitation at Altus Reservoir to 122 percent of average at McGee Creek Reservoir. The inflows ranged from zero inflow at Altus and Mountain Park Reservoirs to 19 percent of average at Arbuckle Reservoir. End-of-month storage in the Red River basin ranges from 49 percent of average at Altus Reservoir to 122 percent of average at Arbuckle and Mountain Park Reservoirs.

For the Nueces, Colorado and Washita Basins, the precipitation was varied, ranging from 44 percent of average precipitation at Fort Cobb Reservoir to 378 percent of average at Twin Buttes Reservoir. The inflows were below average, ranging from zero inflow at Choke Canyon Reservoir to 124 percent of average at Foss Reservoir. End-of-month storage in the basins ranges from 17 percent of average at Choke Canyon Reservoir to 125 percent of average at Foss Reservoir.

WYOMING AREA OFFICE

November precipitation was below average in the Bighorn River basin, ranging from 55 percent of average at Buffalo Bill Reservoir to 108 percent of average at Bull Lake Reservoir. Reservoir inflow in the Bighorn basin was about average, ranging from 85 percent of average at Boysen Reservoir to 117 percent of average at Buffalo Bill Reservoir. End-of-month storage in the Bighorn Basin is below average, ranging from 48 percent of average at Bull Lake Reservoir to 89 percent of average at Boysen Reservoir.

Precipitation during November was below average in the North Platte River Basin, ranging from 24 percent of average at Seminole Reservoir to 109 percent of average at Pathfinder Reservoir. Inflows were below average, ranging from zero inflow at Pathfinder Reservoir to 85 percent of average at Seminole Reservoir. End-of-month storage is below average and ranges from 57 percent of average at Pathfinder Reservoir to 126 percent of average at Guernsey Reservoir.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT

Runoff in the upper Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, Iowa, was 0.9 million acre-feet (MAF) during November, 81 percent of average. The 2025 calendar year runoff forecast is 19.6 MAF, 76 percent of the annual average, 25.7 MAF. The total volume of water stored in the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System (System) on November 30 was 48.8 MAF, 7.3 MAF below the base of the System flood control storage zone. System storage is forecast to begin the 2026 runoff season at 48.6 MAF, 7.5 MAF below the base of the system flood control zone.

Reservoir Forecasts

- **Gavins Point Dam**

- Average releases past month – 23,500 cfs
- Current release rate – 14,000 cfs
- Forecast release rate – 12,000 cfs
- End-of-November reservoir level – 1,207.7 feet
- Forecast end-of-December reservoir level – 1,207.5 feet

- **Notes:** Releases were reduced to 14,000 cfs on Dec. 1. The winter release rate will be 12,000 cfs based on the Sept. 1 System storage check and may be adjusted to lessen the impacts of winter ice formation.
- **Fort Randall Dam**
 - Average releases past month – 20,700 cfs
 - End-of-November reservoir level – 1,337.5 feet (down 7.0 feet during November)
 - Forecast end-of-December reservoir level – 1,339.3 feet
 - **Notes:** Releases will be adjusted as necessary to maintain the desired reservoir elevation at Gavins Point. The reservoir will refill to the base of the flood control pool from December to February.
- **Big Bend Dam**
 - Average releases past month – 15,200 cfs
 - Forecast average release rate – 12,800 cfs
 - Forecast reservoir level – 1,420.6 feet
- **Oahe Dam**
 - Average releases past month – 15,800 cfs
 - Forecast average release rate – 12,600 cfs
 - End-of-November reservoir level – 1,599.8 feet (down 0.6 feet during November)
 - Forecast end-of-December reservoir level – 1,600.4 feet
- **Garrison Dam**
 - Average releases past month – 13,900 cfs
 - Current release rate – 14,000 cfs
 - Forecast average release rate – 15,500 cfs
 - End-of-November reservoir level – 1,830.4 feet (down 0.9 feet during November)
 - Forecast end-of-December reservoir level – 1,829.0 feet
 - **Notes** – Releases will be set near 16,000 cfs prior to the river freeze-in at Bismarck, North Dakota and will remain at that rate through the winter.
- **Fort Peck Dam**
 - Average releases past month – 3,900 cfs
 - Current release rate – 5,000 cfs
 - Forecast average release rate – 5,000 cfs
 - End-of-November reservoir level – 2,222.2 feet (down 0.1 feet during November)
 - Forecast end-of-December reservoir level – 2,221.7 feet
 - **Notes:** Releases will remain at 5,000 cfs through the winter

Hydropower

The six mainstem power plants generated 522 million kWh of electricity in November. Typical energy generation for November is 739 million kWh. The power plants are projected to generate 7.7 billion kWh of electricity this year, 82 percent of the long-term average, 9.4 billion kWh.