Water Supply Highlights — March 2026

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Dakotas Area Office

Heart River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Dickinson	64%	15%	109%
Lake Tschida	6%	23%	91%

Precipitation was below average at both reservoirs, ranging from 6 percent of average at Lake Tschida to 64 percent at Dickinson. Inflows were below average at both reservoirs, ranging from 15 percent at Dickinson to 23 percent at Lake Tschida. Storage is near average — Dickinson at 109 percent and Lake Tschida at 91 percent.

Cheyenne River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Angostura	114%	19%	78%
Belle Fourche	70%	26%	134%
Deerfield	43%	64%	106%
Keyhole	20%	0%	131%
Pactola	47%	78%	101%

Precipitation was below average across the basin (Angostura at 114 percent the exception). Inflows were below average at all five reservoirs, ranging from zero at Keyhole to 78 percent at Pactola. Storage is variable — Angostura is below average at 78 percent; Deerfield (106 percent) and Pactola (101 percent) are near average; Belle Fourche (134 percent) and Keyhole (131 percent) are above average.

Grand and James Rivers	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Shadehill	63%	6%	101%
Jamestown	41%	144%	110%

Precipitation was below average at both reservoirs, at 63 percent at Shadehill and 41 percent at Jamestown. Inflows were below average at Shadehill (6 percent) and above average at Jamestown (144 percent). Storage is near average at Shadehill (101 percent) and at Jamestown (110 percent).

Wyoming Area Office

Bighorn River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Bull Lake	35%	248%	56%
Boysen	64%	85%	97%
Buffalo Bill	87%	220%	100%

Precipitation was below average at all three reservoirs. Inflows were above average at Bull Lake (248 percent) and Buffalo Bill (220 percent), and near average at Boysen (85 percent). Storage is below average at Bull Lake (56 percent) and near average at Boysen (97 percent) and Buffalo Bill (100 percent). Combined storage in the three reservoirs was 1,014,500 acre-feet, 95 percent of average.

North Platte River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Seminoe	112%	72%	58%
Pathfinder	45%	9%	54%
Glendo	9%	41%	88%
Guernsey	43%	59%	92%

Precipitation was below average at three of four reservoirs (Seminoe at 112 percent the exception). Inflows were below average across the basin, ranging from 9 percent at Pathfinder to 72 percent at Seminoe. Storage is variable — Seminoe (58 percent) and Pathfinder (54 percent) are below average; Glendo (88 percent) and Guernsey (92 percent) are near average. Combined North Platte storage was 1,028,800 acre-feet, 64 percent of average.

Eastern Colorado Area Office

CBT Project	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Green Mountain	34%	124%	85%
Willow Creek	33%	286%	—
Lake Granby	33%	246%	98%
Lake Estes	58%	146%	—
Carter Lake	—	—	112%
Horsetooth	—	—	123%

Precipitation was below average across the CBT project, ranging from 33 percent at Lake Granby and Willow Creek to 58 percent at Lake Estes. Inflows were above average at all measured locations, ranging from 124 percent at Green Mountain to 286 percent at Willow Creek. Storage is near average at Green Mountain (85 percent) and Lake Granby (98 percent), and above average at Carter Lake (112 percent) and Horsetooth (123 percent). End-of-month CBT storage in Green Mountain, Lake Granby, Carter Lake, and Horsetooth was 644,000 acre-feet, 103 percent of average.

Fry-Ark Project	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Ruedi	27%	142%	104%
Turquoise	42%	167%	119%
Twin Lakes	53%	389%	98%
Pueblo	70%	78%	98%

Precipitation was below average at all four reservoirs, ranging from 27 percent at Ruedi to 70 percent at Pueblo. Inflows were above average at three of four locations, with Twin Lakes at 389 percent of average; Pueblo was below average at 78 percent. Storage is near average at all four reservoirs, ranging from 98 percent at Twin Lakes and Pueblo to 119 percent at Turquoise. End-of-month Fry-Ark storage was 457,400 acre-feet, 102 percent of average.

Montana Area Office

Upper Missouri River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Clark Canyon	96%	54%	84%
Canyon Ferry	184%	93%	104%
Gibson	162%	396%	260%
Tiber (Elwell)	110%	158%	111%

Milk River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Sherburne	160%	443%	184%
Fresno	73%	31%	66%

Bighorn River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Yellowtail (Bighorn)	130%	54%	101%

Precipitation was above average across the upper Missouri, ranging from 96 percent at Clark Canyon to 184 percent at Canyon Ferry. Inflows were variable — Clark Canyon at 54 percent and Canyon Ferry at 93 percent, with Gibson at 396 percent and Tiber at 158 percent. Storage is variable as well — Clark Canyon is below average at 84 percent; Canyon Ferry near average at 104 percent; Gibson and Tiber above average at 260 and 111 percent.

The two Milk River reservoirs are at opposite extremes. Sherburne had precipitation at 160 percent of average, inflow at 443 percent, and end-of-month storage at 184 percent. Fresno had precipitation at 73 percent, inflow at 31 percent, and storage at 66 percent.

Precipitation at Yellowtail was 130 percent of average. Inflow was 54 percent. End-of-month storage was 101 percent of average.

Nebraska–Kansas Area Office

Republican River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Swanson	0%	38%	65%
Enders	0%	8%	30%
Hugh Butler	0%	23%	56%
Harry Strunk	0%	117%	89%
Keith Sebelius	1%	21%	87%
Harlan County	2%	52%	75%
Lovewell	11%	30%	71%

Precipitation across the Republican River basin was effectively zero, ranging from 0 to 11 percent of average. Inflows were below average at six of seven reservoirs (Harry Strunk at 117 percent the exception). Storage is below average across the basin, ranging from 30 percent at Enders to 89 percent at Harry Strunk.

Solomon River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Kirwin	7%	13%	56%
Webster	2%	2%	29%
Glen Elder	1%	3%	80%

Precipitation was well below average across the Solomon basin, ranging from 1 to 7 percent of average. Inflows were well below average, ranging from 2 to 13 percent. Storage is below average at all three reservoirs, with Webster critically low at 29 percent.

Smoky Hill · Niobrara · Lower Platte	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Cedar Bluff	0%	0%	57%
Box Butte	65%	48%	84%
Merritt	38%	93%	91%
Calamus	64%	87%	99%
Davis Creek	19%	122%	110%

Precipitation was below average at all five reservoirs. Inflows were variable: Cedar Bluff received zero, Box Butte 48 percent, Merritt and Calamus near average, and Davis Creek above average at 122 percent. Storage is variable — Cedar Bluff (57 percent) and Box Butte (84 percent) are below average; Merritt, Calamus, and Davis Creek are near average.

Oklahoma–Texas Area Office

Arkansas River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Cheney	67%	53%	127%
Norman	30%	3%	104%
Sanford	10%	92%	144%

Red River	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Altus	1%	25%	45%
Arbuckle	57%	24%	117%
McGee Creek	113%	49%	86%
Mountain Park	0%	0%	113%

Nueces · Colorado · Washita	Precip	Inflow	Storage
Choke Canyon	23%	5%	13%
Twin Buttes	64%	9%	41%
Nasworthy	55%	97%	109%
Foss	1%	0%	124%
Fort Cobb	1%	47%	99%

Precipitation was below average at all three reservoirs, ranging from 10 percent at Sanford to 67 percent at Cheney. Inflows were below average at Cheney (53 percent) and Norman (3 percent), and near average at Sanford (92 percent). Storage is above average across the basin, ranging from 104 percent at Norman to 144 percent at Sanford.

Precipitation was below average at three of four reservoirs (McGee Creek at 113 percent the exception). Inflows were below average at all four reservoirs, ranging from zero at Mountain Park to 49 percent at McGee Creek. Storage is variable — Altus is well below average at 45 percent; McGee Creek near average at 86 percent; Mountain Park (113 percent) and Arbuckle (117 percent) above average.

Precipitation was below average across the basins. Inflows were below average at four of five reservoirs (Nasworthy at 97 percent near average). Storage is variable — Choke Canyon is critically low at 13 percent and Twin Buttes well below average at 41 percent; Fort Cobb (99 percent) and Nasworthy (109 percent) are near average; Foss is above average at 124 percent.

Corps of Engineers — Missouri River Mainstem

MARCH RUNOFF	2026 ANNUAL FORECAST	SYSTEM STORAGE	MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK
1.7 MAF	**17.8** MAF	**49.5** MAF	**Apr 2**
56 percent of average	69 percent of average	6.6 MAF below carryover top	71% Fort Peck · 65% Garrison reach

Dam	Avg Mar	Current	Forecast	EOM Mar	Apr forecast
Gavins Point	17,300 cfs	24,000 cfs	24,800 cfs	1,206.1	1,206.0
Fort Randall	15,500 cfs	—	—	1,353.9	1,355.1
Big Bend	20,800 cfs	—	24,600 cfs*	—	1,420.4
Oahe	20,800 cfs	—	24,600 cfs*	1,601.4	1,600.5
Garrison	16,000 cfs	14,000 cfs	14,000 cfs*	1,827.3	1,827.6
Fort Peck	4,900 cfs	5,000 cfs	5,000 cfs*	2,222.3	2,222.9

** Forecast average rate for the month.*

Hydropower. The six mainstem power plants generated 596 million kWh in March, 94 percent of the long-term monthly average of 636 million kWh. The annual forecast is 7.3 billion kWh, 78 percent of the long-term average of 9.3 billion kWh.