

Water Supply Highlights — April 2026

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DAKOTAS AREA OFFICE

| Heart River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|-------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Dickinson | 94% | 10% | 100% |
| Heart Butte | 76% | 15% | 89% |

Precipitation was below average at both reservoirs, 94 percent of average at Dickinson and 76 percent at Heart Butte. Inflows were below average at both, 10 percent at Dickinson and 15 percent at Heart Butte. Storage is near average at both reservoirs, 100 percent at Dickinson and 89 percent at Heart Butte.

| Cheyenne River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|----------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Angostura | 53% | 19% | 79% |
| Belle Fourche | 40% | 56% | 140% |
| Deerfield | 48% | 49% | 106% |
| Keyhole | 39% | 0% | 129% |
| Pactola | 45% | 41% | 102% |

Precipitation was below average across the basin, ranging from 39 percent at Keyhole to 53 percent at Angostura. Inflows were below average at all five reservoirs, with zero recorded at Keyhole. Storage is variable — above average at Belle Fourche (140 percent) and Keyhole (129 percent), near average at Deerfield (106 percent) and Pactola (102 percent), and below average at Angostura (79 percent).

| Grand and James Rivers | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Shadehill | 142% | 9% | 101% |
| Jamestown | 47% | 79% | 72% |

Precipitation was above average at Shadehill (142 percent) and below average at Jamestown (47 percent). Inflows were below average at both, 9 percent at Shadehill and 79 percent at Jamestown. Storage is near average at Shadehill (101 percent) and below average at Jamestown (72 percent).

WYOMING AREA OFFICE

| Bighorn River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|---------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Bull Lake | 78% | 160% | 64% |
| Boysen | 59% | 84% | 100% |
| Buffalo Bill | 78% | 126% | 108% |

Precipitation was below average at all three reservoirs. Inflows were above average at Bull Lake (160 percent) and Buffalo Bill (126 percent), with Boysen near average at 84 percent. Storage is below average at Bull Lake (64 percent) and near average at Boysen (100 percent) and Buffalo Bill (108 percent).

| North Platte River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Seminole | 109% | 54% | 62% |
| Pathfinder | 65% | 39% | 50% |
| Glendo | 74% | 18% | 84% |
| Guernsey | 3% | 16% | 71% |

Precipitation was below average at three of four reservoirs, with Seminole near average at 109 percent and Guernsey lowest at 3 percent. Inflows were below average across the basin, ranging from 16 percent at Guernsey to 54 percent at Seminole. Storage is below average at all four reservoirs, ranging from 50 percent at Pathfinder to 84 percent at Glendo.

EASTERN COLORADO AREA OFFICE

| Colorado–Big Thompson | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Green Mountain | 70% | 73% | 74% |
| Lake Granby | 77% | 95% | 102% |
| Carter Lake | — | — | 99% |
| Horsetooth | — | — | 112% |

Precipitation was below average at Green Mountain (70 percent) and Lake Granby (77 percent). Inflows ranged from 73 percent at Green Mountain to 95 percent at Lake Granby. Storage is below average at Green Mountain (74 percent), near average at Lake Granby (102 percent) and Carter Lake (99 percent), and above average at Horsetooth (112 percent). The end-of-month CBT storage in the four reservoirs was 635,400 AF, 101 percent of average.

| Fryingpan–Arkansas | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Ruedi | 98% | 73% | 104% |
| Turquoise | 60% | 104% | 132% |
| Twin Lakes | 38% | 229% | 94% |
| Pueblo | 32% | 130% | 102% |

Precipitation was below average at all four reservoirs, ranging from 32 percent at Pueblo to 98 percent at Ruedi. Inflows were above average at three of four reservoirs, with Twin Lakes at 229 percent. Storage is near average, ranging from 94 percent at Twin Lakes to 132 percent at Turquoise. The end-of-month Fry-Ark storage in the four reservoirs was 454,300 AF, 105 percent of average.

MONTANA AREA OFFICE

| Upper Missouri River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Clark Canyon | 84% | 33% | 82% |
| Canyon Ferry | 120% | 81% | 108% |
| Gibson | 111% | 171% | 165% |
| Tiber (Elwell) | 47% | 100% | 112% |

| Milk River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Sherburne | 93% | 129% | 200% |
| Fresno | 56% | 50% | 69% |

| Bighorn River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|---------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Yellowtail | 98% | 52% | 104% |

Precipitation was variable, ranging from 47 percent at Tiber to 120 percent at Canyon Ferry. Inflows were variable, ranging from 33 percent at Clark Canyon to 171 percent at Gibson. Storage is variable — below average at Clark Canyon (82 percent), near average at Canyon Ferry (108 percent), and above average at Gibson (165 percent) and Tiber (112 percent).

Precipitation was near average at Sherburne (93 percent) and below average at Fresno (56 percent). Inflows were above average at Sherburne (129 percent) and below average at Fresno (50 percent). Storage is well above average at Sherburne (200 percent) and below average at Fresno (69 percent).

Yellowtail Dam received near-average precipitation at 98 percent of average. Inflows were below average at 52 percent. Storage is near average at 104 percent.

NEBRASKA–KANSAS AREA OFFICE

| Republican River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Swanson Lake | 32% | 25% | 63% |
| Enders | 57% | 17% | 30% |
| Hugh Butler | 32% | 26% | 55% |
| Harry Strunk | 75% | 68% | 92% |
| Keith Sebelius | 35% | 48% | 85% |
| Harlan County | 54% | 29% | 75% |
| Lovewell | 89% | 93% | 77% |

| Solomon River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|---------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Kirwin | 70% | 28% | 54% |
| Webster | 49% | 7% | 26% |
| Glen Elder | 70% | 16% | 77% |

| Smoky Hill · Niobrara · Lower Platte | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|---|--------|--------|---------|
| Cedar Bluff | 64% | 8% | 56% |
| Box Butte | 39% | 40% | 76% |
| Merritt | 78% | 89% | 88% |
| Calamus | 31% | 54% | 96% |
| Davis Creek | 65% | 319% | 162% |

Precipitation was below average across the basin, ranging from 32 percent at Swanson Lake and Hugh Butler to 89 percent at Lovewell. Inflows were below average at all reservoirs, ranging from 17 percent at Enders to 93 percent at Lovewell. Storage is below average across the basin, ranging from 30 percent at Enders to 92 percent at Harry Strunk.

Precipitation was below average at all three reservoirs, ranging from 49 percent at Webster to 70 percent at Kirwin and Glen Elder. Inflows were well below average, ranging from 7 percent at Webster to 28 percent at Kirwin. Storage is below average, ranging from 26 percent at Webster to 77 percent at Glen Elder.

Precipitation was below average across all five reservoirs, ranging from 31 percent at Calamus to 78 percent at Merritt. Inflows ranged from 8 percent at Cedar Bluff to 319 percent at Davis Creek. Storage is variable — below average at Cedar Bluff (56 percent) and Box Butte (76 percent), near average at Merritt (88 percent) and Calamus (96 percent), and above average at Davis Creek (162 percent).

OKLAHOMA–TEXAS AREA OFFICE

| Arkansas River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|----------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Cheney | 67% | 53% | 122% |
| Norman | 30% | 3% | 108% |
| Sanford | 10% | 92% | 141% |

Precipitation was below average across the basin, ranging from 10 percent at Sanford to 67 percent at Cheney. Inflows were below average, with Norman at only 3 percent. Storage is above average, ranging from 108 percent at Norman to 141 percent at Sanford.

| Red River | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|---------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Altus | 1% | 25% | 46% |
| Arbuckle | 57% | 24% | 124% |
| McGee Creek | 113% | 49% | 97% |
| Mountain Park | 0% | 0% | 111% |

Precipitation ranged from zero at Mountain Park to 113 percent at McGee Creek, and was below average at all reservoirs except McGee Creek. Inflows were below average at all four reservoirs. Storage is variable — above average at Arbuckle (124 percent) and Mountain Park (111 percent), near average at McGee Creek (97 percent), and below average at Altus (46 percent).

| Nueces · Colorado · Washita | Precip | Inflow | Storage |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Choke Canyon | 23% | 5% | 13% |
| Twin Buttes | 64% | 158% | 41% |
| Nasworthy | 55% | 69% | 109% |
| Foss | 1% | 0% | 123% |
| Fort Cobb | 1% | 47% | 100% |

Precipitation was below average across the basin, ranging from 1 percent at Foss and Fort Cobb to 64 percent at Twin Buttes. Inflows ranged from zero at Foss to 158 percent at Twin Buttes. Storage is variable — above average at Foss (123 percent), near average at Nasworthy (109 percent) and Fort Cobb (100 percent), below average at Twin Buttes (41 percent), and critically low at Choke Canyon (13 percent).

APRIL RUNOFF

1.5

MAF

Above Sioux City · 51 percent of average

2026 ANNUAL FORECAST

17.1

MAF

Above Sioux City · 67 percent of average

SYSTEM STORAGE

49.2

MAF

6.9 MAF below top of carryover zone

MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK

77 / 79

% of avg

Fort Peck and Garrison reaches · peaked Mar 16 · 74 percent of peak remained May 4

| Dam | Avg Apr | Current | Forecast | EOM Apr (ft) | May Fcst (ft) |
|--------------|---------|---------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| Gavins Point | 23,800 | 23,500 | 25,100 | 1,206.5 | 1,206.0 |
| Fort Randall | 21,900 | — | — | 1,355.1 | 1,355.0 |
| Big Bend | 23,100 | — | 21,200* | — | 1,421.0 |
| Oahe | 23,200 | — | 21,400* | 1,600.1 | 1,599.5 |
| Garrison | 14,200 | 14,000 | 18,000* | 1,827.1 | 1,827.4 |
| Fort Peck | 4,800 | 5,000 | 7,000* | 2,222.9 | 2,223.7 |

* Forecast average rate for the month.

HYDROPOWER

The six mainstem power plants generated 648 million kWh in April, 93 percent of the long-term monthly average of 696 million kWh. The annual forecast is 7.3 billion kWh, 78 percent of the long-term average of 9.3 billion kWh.