

**U.S. Bureau of Reclamation**  
**Emergency Condition Notification Form**

**Date** June 8, 2011 Update      **Time:** 1:00 PM (MDT)

**Facility Affected:** Fresno Reservoir   **River(s) Affected:** Milk River

**Organizations Receiving this Notification:**

Hill County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point  
Blaine County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point  
Fort Belknap Reservation Tribal Police  
Chairman, Tribal Emergency Response Committee – Fort Belknap Reservation  
Phillips County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point  
Valley County Dispatch 24-hour Warning Point  
National Weather Service, Great Falls  
National Weather Service, Glasgow  
Montana State Disaster and Emergency Services, Helena  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha  
Bureau of Reclamation – Great Plains Regional Office

**1. Condition Description**

Up to 2.7 inches of rain fell in portions of the Milk River Basin during the previous 2-days resulting in a high streamflows. Streamflows in the Milk River Basin continue to remain at high levels. Inflows into Fresno Reservoir have decreased over the past day resulting in a reservoir elevation of 2577.2. As storm runoff reaches Fresno Reservoir this trend is expected to reverse.

In accordance with the Fresno EAP, spillway releases in excess of 2,000 cfs place Fresno Dam at an elevated response level requiring notifications to downstream authorities and affected agencies. **This is only a result of spillway releases exceeding 2,000 cfs. There are no dam safety related conditions or concerns with Fresno Dam.**

Below are the current conditions as of 12:00 p.m. June 8, 2011.

- Elevation = 2577.2
- Storage = 104,217 acre-feet
- Inflow (06/07/11) = 2,329 cfs
- Discharge = 2,180 cfs

**2. Potential River Levels and Times of Arrival**

Upstream river stations are again seeing increased flows from recent storm events; as such the projected un-gated spillway releases at Fresno Dam are expected to remain above 2,000 cfs for the next several days. Projections are based on the latest inflow forecasts from the National Weather Service.

### **3. Actions Taken by Reclamation**

Reclamation continues to monitor river levels both upstream and downstream of Fresno Reservoir, as well at conditions at Fresno Reservoir and will issue further notifications as conditions warrant.

### **4. Actions Expected of Downstream Agencies**

Flows in excess of 2,000 cfs on the Milk River below Fresno Dam are expected for the next several days. Downstream agencies should take these flows into account combined with existing downstream tributary flows entering the Milk River and notify landowners who occupy low lying areas subject to potential flooding. Strongly encourage property owners to take appropriate actions.

### **5. For Additional Information**

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