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Reclamation to Increase Releases from Clark Canyon

BILLINGS, MONT. -- The Bureau of Reclamation will increase releases from Clark Canyon Dam to begin evacuating water that has been stored in the flood pool during this year's spring runoff season, in coordination with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Beginning on Friday, July 15 releases from Clark Canyon Dam to the Beaverhead River will be increased incrementally to achieve a flow of approximately 600 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the Dillon gauge by the end of the month. Releases will be increased more slowly as flows at Dillon reach 500 cfs to ensure impacts of the higher releases are minimized. Flows at or above 500 cfs are anticipated for the next several weeks.

River recreationists are cautioned to be aware of changing flow conditions.

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