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Klamath Project Operations Update



Link River Dam December 2021

Feb. 9, 2022

Our local Reclamation team is working to determine available water supply based on reservoir levels, inflows, snowpack and anticipated hydrological conditions for 2022 Klamath Project Operations. Here are some ongoing and upcoming operations updates for the Klamath Project:

Infrastructure Funding

In December 2021, The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) awarded Reclamation \$8.3 billion over 5 years (\$1.67 billion annually). Our local Reclamation team, in coordination with districts and local governments developed 5 proposals to use BIL funding to improve the following existing infrastructure: C Canal, A Canal and A Canal Tunnel, CG syphon, Link River Dam and Gerber Dam. There are several funding opportunities available through the BIL and our local team is working to identify other local projects and investments that are eligible. More information regarding



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funding available for Klamath Basin communities will be shared directly with districts, local governments and at www.usbr.gov/bil.

2022 Winter Diversions

Effective January 27, diversions from Lost River to the Klamath River to conduct PacifiCorp “pay-back” for a water transfer that prevented a wildlife die-off in 2021 were no longer required. Winter diversions through Ady Canal to the refuges are expected to resume around February 9 until March 1 in compliance with the Interim Operations Plan. Additional water available for refuges during 2022 will depend on hydrologic conditions.

A Canal Operations

Due to dry conditions, the A Canal was closed during the 2021 season. Our local Reclamation team is working with the Klamath Irrigation District, and local officials to determine needed preparations to operate the A Canal during the 2022 season. Safe operation of the A Canal this year will require a thorough inspection followed by a slower than usual “water-up” process that will take longer than the normal 2 weeks and is currently estimated as 6 weeks. While A Canal operations have yet to be determined, Reclamation will continue to collaborate with partners to maintain the safety of urbanized portions of the canal that run through downtown Klamath Falls.

2022 Klamath Project Deliveries

An initial determination and announcement of total acre-feet available for Klamath Project deliveries are anticipated April 2022.

Hydrologic Updates

Weekly Twitter hydrologic updates for the Klamath Basin are being posted @ReclamationCGB. Monthly hydrologic updates are posted on homepage of the Klamath Basin Area Office webpage <https://www.usbr.gov/mp/kbao>.

Check back for additional operations updates and news stories about the ongoing work and activities of our local Reclamation Team who serve Klamath Basin communities.

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