

(Thursday, March 21, 2024)

Subject: 2024 Upper Snake River and Reservoir Operations Update

Purpose: The purpose of these updates is to provide information regarding Reclamation's operations and basin conditions as the season progresses. The information is provisional and subject to change.

Highlights

*****Beginning Friday, March 22nd, operational spill from the System will begin passing Milner Dam**

Total System Update: The reservoir system is 89% full, which is approximately 122% of median for the date and 1,534,827 acre-feet higher than a year ago. The table below summarizes storage conditions.

Snake above King Hill Storage (Mar 20)

BASIN	CURRENT STORAGE (Acre-Feet)	Storage Capacity (Acre-Feet)	%Full	365-Delta (Acre-Feet)
Little Wood	22,739	30,000	76%	5,096
Upper Snake Reservoir System	3,681,965	4,135,695	89%	1,534,827
<i>Above Heise (Jck & Pal)</i>	1,728,216	2,047,000	84%	1,134,415
Jackson Lake (Jck)	624,115	847,000	74%	430,104
Palisades (Pal)	1,104,101	1,200,000	92%	704,311
<i>Henrys Fork (Hen, Isl, Grs)</i>	221,287	240,385	92%	10,361
Island Park (Isl)	123,378	135,205	91%	7,659
Ririe Reservoir (Rir)	53,836	80,540	67%	5,649
<i>Lower System (American Falls and Lake Walcott)</i>	1,678,626	1,767,770	95%	384,402

Palisades: Storage content is 92% of capacity and 155% of median. Reservoir releases will be increased from 2,500 cfs to 4,000 cfs on Monday, March 25th to regulate reservoir levels relative to forecasted runoff. Flood risk operations are conducted in coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers – Walla Walla District.

*****Milner Spill:** The lower system is approaching full and basin conditions indicate future inflow for this segment of the System will exceed irrigation demand and available storage capacity. Accordingly, releases from American Falls and Minidoka Dam will be increased on Friday, March 22nd to approximately 2,700 cfs. At current depletion levels, it is anticipated that initially there will be approximately 2,000 cfs of spill available at Milner Dam, which is a privately owned facility, by end of day tomorrow.

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