

(Wednesday, April 2, 2025)

Subject: 2025 Upper Snake River and Reservoir Operations Update

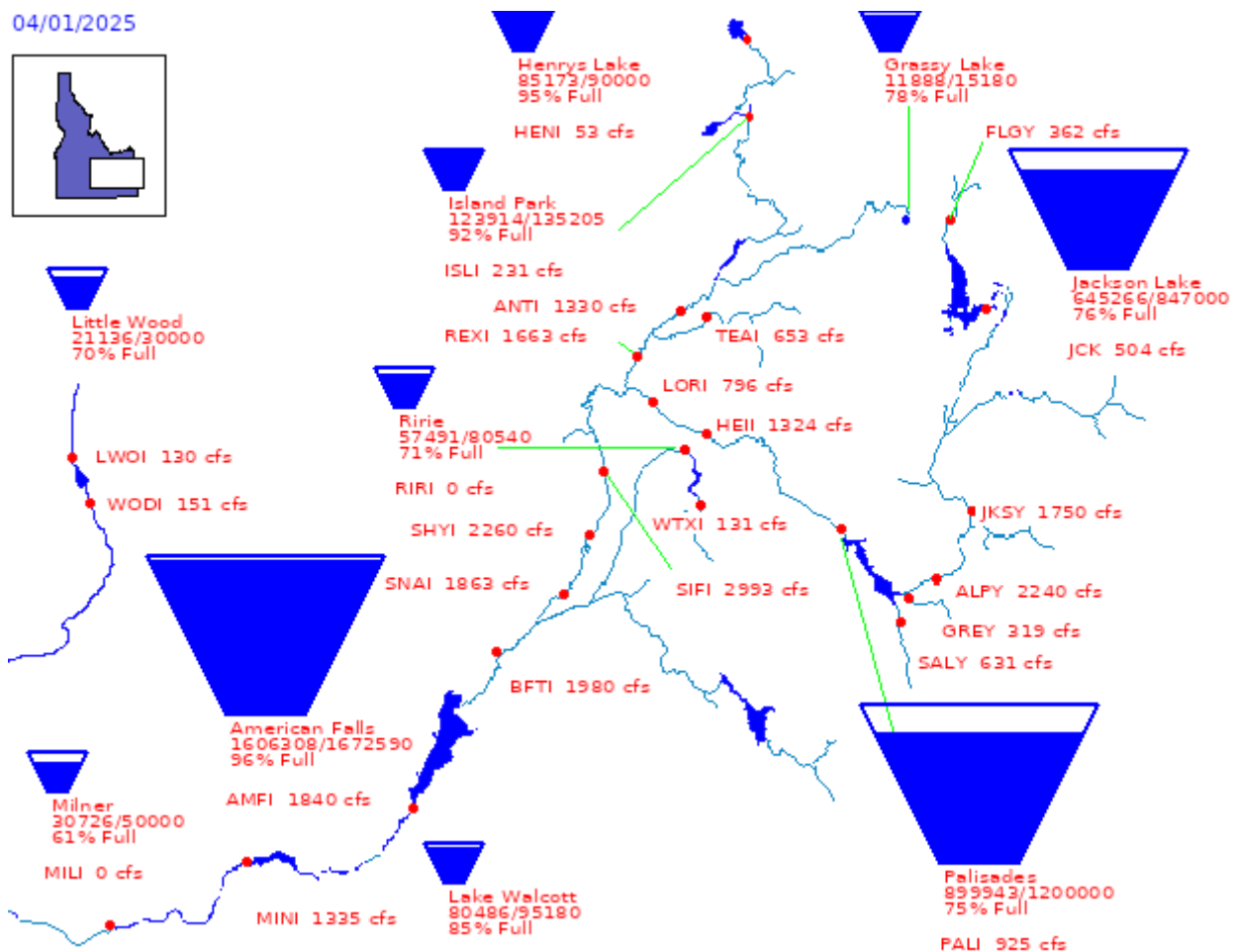
Purpose: The purpose of these updates is to provide information regarding Reclamation's operations and basin conditions as the season progresses. The information is provisional and subject to change.

## Highlights

\*April 2025 Runoff Forecasts

\*Palisades Release Adjustments from April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Total System Update:** The Upper Snake River reservoir system upstream of Milner Dam is currently 85% full, which is approximately 117% of the 1991-2020 median for the date. Diversions for irrigation began last week and are anticipated to continue to increase as the irrigation season progresses.



**\*April 2025 Runoff Forecasts:** Please see the table below for a summary of the April 2025 runoff forecasts finalized today. The April through July Heise runoff forecast coordinated between Reclamation and the US Army Corps of Engineers included below corresponds to the April 1 to September 30 Heise Forecast being 3,936 KAF (102% of normal). This April through September forecast combined with the system carryover from the previous fall results in a Reclamation flow augmentation rental of 150,000 acre-feet from Water District 1 to occur this year, per the Water District 1 Flow Augmentation Rental Chart. Per the NRCS, snowpack in the Snake River basin upstream of Milner Dam is currently 108% of the 1991-2020 median for the date.

**CURRENT MONTHLY FORECAST SUMMARY  
APR 1, 2025**

FORECAST POINT	FORECAST PERIOD	1991-2020 AVERAGE (KAF)	FORECAST (KAF)	PERCENT NORMAL
*** HEISE	APR-JUL	3304	3380	102%
JACKSON LAKE	APR-JUL	770	724	94%
ISLAND PARK	APR-JUL	200	170	85%
TETON	APR-JUL	347	330	95%
*** RIRIE	APR-JUN	55	65	119%
*** LITTLE WOOD	APR-JUL	72	57	79%

\* Coordinated with USACE

**\*Palisades Release Adjustments from April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Storage content is 75% of capacity and 150% of median. In coordination with the US Army Corps of Engineers reservoir releases will be increased from 900 cfs up to 6,000 cfs over a 4-day window beginning Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> to regulate reservoir levels relative to forecasted runoff. Two increases are scheduled to occur each day. Each increase is anticipated to result in approximately 0.3 feet increase in river stage at the Irwin gage downstream.

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