

(Monday, June 12)

Subject: 2023 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

****Delivery of flow augmentation set to begin Thursday, June 15 at a target delivery rate of 3,000 cfs**

Total System Update: The reservoir system is 90% full, which is approximately 108% of average and 1,222,275 acre-feet higher than a year ago. Please see the table below for an overview of System storage conditions.

Snake above King Hill Storage (Jun 11)

BASIN	CURRENT STORAGE (Acre-Feet)	Storage Capacity (Acre-Feet)	%FULL	%AVG	365-DELTA (Acre-Feet)
Little Wood	28,300	30,000	94%	107%	1,954
Upper Snake Reservoir System	3,736,131	4,135,695	90%	108%	1,222,275
<i>Above Heise (Jck & Pal)</i>	1,761,434	2,047,000	86%	106%	730,170
Jackson Lake (Jck)	630,851	847,000	74%	70%	310,605
Palisades (Pal)	1,130,583	1,200,000	94%	150%	419,565
<i>Henrys Fork Reservoirs (Hen, Isl, Grs)</i>	242,142	240,385	101%	104%	1,415
Island Park (Isl)	133,822	135,205	99%	102%	-567
Ririe Reservoir (Rir)	79,853	80,540	99%	113%	18,221
<i>Lower System (American Falls and Lake Walcott)</i>	1,652,702	1,767,770	93%	110%	472,469

****Flow Augmentation:** Beginning Thursday, June 15, the Bureau of Reclamation will initiate delivery of 150,000 acre-feet of storage water rentals from the Upper Snake to aid ESA-listed anadromous fish on the Lower Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam.

Beginning Thursday, releases from Milner Dam will increase from 0 cfs to approximately 3,000 cfs over a two-day period. Flows below Milner are expected to increase by approximately 1,500 cfs on Thursday, June 15, and another 1,500 cfs on Friday, June 16.

Interests downstream of Milner Dam in and around the Snake River through the Twin Falls area and viewing Shoshone Falls can expect river levels to increase incrementally by approximately 3.1' between June 15 and June 18. The public should use caution when near the river and should always be aware of the potential for sudden changes in river flows. At these rates, the delivery of Upper Snake flow augmentation is expected to extend into July. Additional updates will be issued as delivery nears completion.

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