

(Friday, July 23)

Subject: 2021 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 operations outlined in this update are based on the best data available at the time and are subject to change as new information becomes available. For additional information and resources, please visit our website at <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/uppersnake/>.

Highlights

-This update provides an update for water operations at Milner Dam for today, July 23.

Milner Dam: Outflow is currently 1,500 cfs. At 8 am today outflow will be reduced down to approximately 400 cfs. Then at 12 noon today outflow will be increased back up to 1,500 cfs which will be maintained into early next week when over the course of Monday and Tuesday (7/26 and 7/27, respectively) outflow will then be reduced down to 0 cfs. The 4 hour window of decreased flow and then increased flows this morning is intended to help with efforts by the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department, which is engaged in looking for a missing swimmer in the Pillar Falls area of the Snake River, near Twin Falls, Idaho. The approximate 4 hours of reduced flows is anticipated to be realized at the Pillar Falls area near Twin Falls on Saturday morning, 7/24, due to travel time from Milner Dam to the downstream Twin Falls reach. The river level decrease in the Twin Falls reach, and then the subsequent river level increase, occurring tomorrow morning, from approximately 8 am to 12 noon, will be about 1 foot. Individuals are encouraged to be aware of their surroundings as they are near the Snake River.

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Reservoir levels, reservoir discharge, and river flows can be monitored on the USBR Hydromet page here:

<https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/>

The Upper Snake "teacup" diagram which provides a graphical overview of system conditions can be accessed here: <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/burtea.html>