

(Thursday, December 21, 2023)

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 Tuesday, December 26th, a winter release from Ririe Reservoir will be initiated and extend through Friday, December 29th.**

Total System Update: The reservoir system is 63% full, which is approximately 114% of median for the date and 1,377,769 acre-feet higher than a year ago.

Snake above King Hill Storage (Dec 20)

BASIN	CURRENT STORAGE (Acre-Feet)	Storage Capacity (Acre-Feet)	%Full	365-Delta (Acre-Feet)
Little Wood	16,749	30,000	56%	6,746
Upper Snake Reservoir System	2,624,212	4,135,695	63%	1,377,769
<i>Above Heise (Jck & Pal)</i>	1,456,528	2,047,000	71%	1,085,029
Jackson Lake (Jck)	584,336	847,000	69%	423,038
Palisades (Pal)	872,192	1,200,000	73%	661,991
<i>Henry's Fork Reservoirs (Hen, Isl, Grs)</i>	212,204	240,385	88%	33,319
Island Park (Isl)	119,076	135,205	88%	27,140
Ririe Reservoir (Rir)	46,024	80,540	57%	3,217
<i>Lower System (American Falls and Lake Walcott)</i>	909,456	1,767,770	51%	256,204

***Ririe Reservoir:** Storage content is currently projected to exceed [interim agreement](#) levels. After review of current conditions, initiating a release in the near-term while the downstream channel does not require extensive snow removal is an appropriate action. Accordingly, between Tuesday, Dec 26 and Friday, Dec 29, approximately 2,400 acre-feet will be evacuated from the reservoir at a moderate release rate of 400 cfs. Please be advised, Reclamation staff will be monitoring channel conditions and the Ririe Outlet Channel throughout the operation. Upon completion of the operational objectives, Dam releases will be returned to 0 cfs. For additional information, please contact the individuals below, or call the Upper Snake River and Reservoir Operations line at 208-670-0761.

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