

(Tuesday, June 16)

Subject: 2020 Upper Snake River 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**

***The Upper Snake Field Office is initiating the delivery of water year 2020 salmon flow augmentation from the Upper Snake. Beginning today through Thursday, releases to the river below Milner will be increased to approximately 4,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) in increments of 1,500 cfs per day. The volume to be delivered from the Upper Snake for federal flow augmentation is expected to total approximately 240,000 acre-feet, which is the largest volume delivered from the Upper Snake since 1995.**

Operations Summary

***Jackson Lake:** Jackson Lake's releases were reduced from a peak flow of approximately 5,500 cfs on June 4-8, to a flow of approximately 2,750 cfs on June 12. The reservoir has approximately 15,000 acre-feet of available space. Reservoir inflow is projected to range between 2,700-4,250 cfs over the next 7-10 days.

***Palisades:** Palisades' releases were reduced from a peak flow of approximately 20,000 cfs on June 5-6, to a flow of approximately 12,000 cfs on June 10. The reservoir has approximately 30,000 acre-feet of available space, with reservoir inflows projected to range between 12-16,000 cfs over the next 7-10 days.

***American Falls:** Releases are being increased from providing irrigation demand (~12,000 cfs) to approximately 16,500 cfs to provide delivery of flow augmentation below Milner. The increase is scheduled to occur in two increments of approximately 2,250 cfs on Tuesday and Wednesday.

***Milner:** Releases to the river below Milner will be increased from zero to approximately 4,500 cfs in three increments of 1,500 cfs scheduled today through Thursday.

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>