American Falls Concrete Spillway Rehabilitation Project

American Falls Dam, a 94-foot-high composite concrete and earth gravity-type dam on the Snake River in Power County, near the town of American Falls, is undergoing a multi-year spillway rehabilitation project. Construction activities address the need for replacement and repair of deteriorating concrete on the spillway and downstream dam face repairs.

Season two construction began July 2021 and concluded November 2021. Completed activities include spillway concrete replacement and some dam face repairs. Work will resume on the remainder of the concrete placements on the spillway and dam face in summer 2022. Construction is anticipated to be completed in October 2022.

Flows resumed through the spillway in late November and will continue until spring or summer 2022 depending on the water forecast and operations. Reclamation continues to operate American Falls Reservoir consistent with previous years during the multi-year construction period. For up-to-date water storage conditions at the reservoir, information regarding releases from American Falls Dam, and project updates can be found on the project website at https://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/ea/idaho/americanfalls/index.html.