

Flaming Gorge Technical Working Group
Meeting Notes
Monday, May 21, 2018

In attendance: Jed Parker, Nick Williams, Ashley Nielsen, Paul Abate, Heather Patno, Jerry Wilhite, Kevin Bestgen, Tom Chart, George Weekly, Don Anderson, Dave Speas, Randy Staffeldt, Dan Shaad, Matt Breen

1. May 21, 2018 Hydrology Review
 - a. Yampa River Basin SWE continues to track 2001
 - b. Comparison of 2018 and 2001 flows given
 - c. Potential release scenarios given based off of previous FGTWG discussion regarding desire to maintain flows at 10,000 cfs to enhance Stuart Lake operations

2. Release scenario discussion
 - a. Desire expressed to evaluate possibility of utilizing bypass flows to maintain 11,000 cfs at Jensen to benefit Stuart Lake operations
 - b. Reclamation asked for clarification on benefits of 11,000 cfs flows as opposed to benefits under current release schedule
 - i. Generally, higher flows result in more head on the gates at Stuart Lake resulting in more chance for larval entrainment. In addition, extended periods of higher flows result in more likely chance of capturing the higher period of larval drift
 - c. After evaluating higher flow effects on Stuart Lake operations on Friday, more details and benefits of potential increased flows to be discussed during potential Friday FGTWG

3. Discussion on larvae
 - a. A total of 10 razorback sucker larvae were capture overnight in light traps
 - b. Still in the ascending limb of larval emergence

4. Next FGTWG – Wednesday, May 23 at 1:00 pm