

**Flaming Gorge Technical Working Group**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Friday, May 25, 2018**

In attendance: Jed Parker, Heather Patno, Greg Smith, Jerry Wilhite, Kevin Bestgen, Tom Chart, Don Anderson, Dave Speas, Randy Staffeldt, Dan Shaad, Tildon Jones, Matt Breen, Peter Crookston

1. May 25, 2018 Hydrology Review
  - a. Yampa River Basin SWE continues to track 2001

Items:

Yampa headwaters are responding well. Possibly more mid elevation snow available. Warmer temperatures forecast through the weekend.

Tom – drop early next week driven by cooling?

Greg – Cooling and loss of snowpack responsible

Matt/Randy – Opened outlet gate yesterday, raised wetland elevation. Light traps contained 8 larvae this morning captured in Stuart Lake. Increased flows may put more water into Stuart, through the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin – could Reclamation send more water to extend flows around 11,000 cfs

Jerry – Amount of water to be released probably could be better used to prop baseflows

Extended flows from bypass unlikely to reach elevation reached without bypass

Recovery program likely to put request to Reclamation on record to increase flows possibly on Memorial Day.

2. Next FGTWG – Monday, May 29 at 12:00 pm