

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

In attendance: Jed Parker, Heather Patno, Jerry Wilhite, Kevin Bestgen, Tom Chart, Randy Staffeldt, Tildon Jones, Matt Breen

1. Possible flow scenarios
  - a. An overview of the difference in projected flows in the Yampa River between 5/23 and 5/25.
  - b. The 5/25 ESP run highlights that the Yampa projection have turned favorable in terms of benefits to floodplain operations.
2. Current CBRFC projections for Jensen gage
  - a. Overview of projected flows given for Jensen gage which shows a number of days above 11,000 cfs under current release scheme.
3. Benefits of increased bypass flows from Flaming Gorge Dam on Stuart Lake operations was discussed. Generally, higher flows would benefit larval entrainment at Stuart Lake.
4. Recovery program expressed desire to revisit previous Reclamation decision to not release above power plant capacity. Recovery program informed that a written request would be needed, and that if received, would be passed on to leadership, though it is unlikely to be implemented.
5. Recovery program agreed to write a formal request for increased releases.

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