RECLANATION *Managing Water in the West* Upper Snake Water Supply Outlook and Reservoir Operations 2017

(Jackson and Palisades)

Jackson, Wyoming May 18, 2017





U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation





Total Upper Snake Storage

2017 = 2011 = 1997 = 1996 = 1986 = 1982



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-Normal Minimum 10% 30% 50% 70% 90% Maximum WY2017 45 40 Snow Water Equivalent (Inches) Natural Res 35 Conservation Service 30 25 20 15 10 5 0 1-Dec 1-Feb 1-Mar 1-Apr 1-May 1-Jun 1-Jul 1-Aug 1-Oct 1-Nov 1-Jan 1-Sep

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Snake Basin above Jackson Lake 2017 Snow Water with Non-Exceedence Projections (5 sites)

Based on Provisional SNOTEL data as of May 16, 2017

Snake Basin above Jackson Lake 2017 Snowpack Comparison Graph (5 sites)

Based on Provisional SNOTEL data as of May 16, 2017



LEWIS LAKE DIVIDE Elevation:7850

2017 - 2011 - 1997 - 1996 - 1986 - 1982



TOGWOTEE PASS Elevation:9580

2017 = 2011 = 1997 = 1996 = 1986 = 1982



Jackson Lake Winter Flow



Jackson Lake Storage







Jackson Lake discharge was decreased to 2,000 cfs in late April due to the projections showing that we would have more space than required on May 1^{st.}





2017 = 2014 = 2009 = 2008 = 1995









Unregulated flow





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Snake River above Reservoir near Alpine, WY Elevation: 5684.000

2017 = 2011 = 1996







- Northwest River Forecast Center is projecting inflows into Jackson Lake to go to around 5,000 cfs early next week.
- Based on inflows and the projected residual from our Midmonth forecast, we will probably increase Jackson outflows in the 4,000 to 6,000 cfs range in early June.
- Flows at Pacific Creek at Moran have been above bankfull stage since May 8th (approx. 1,380 cfs). The Salt River above Palisades near Etna has been in Minor flood stage (approx. 3,536 cfs) since the 10th.
- <u>Should</u> be able to capture the runoff peaks at Jackson Dam.

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2017 - 2011 - 1996



Snake River near Irwin, ID Elevation:5353.000

2017 - 2011 - 1996



Regulated flow

2017 = 2011 = 1996



Unregulated flow

Palisades Storage



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Snake River near Heise, ID Unregulated Flow

2017 - 2011 - 1982 - 1996





Unregulated Flow Rankings Within the Last 40 Years

	Runoff Volume at	Peak Flow	Runoff Volume at	Peak Flow at
Year	Heise	at Heise	Jackson Lake	Jackson Lake
1997	1	2	1	2
1986	2	1	3	1
2011	3	4	5	5
1971	4	5	4	4
1996	5	3	2	3
2017	?	?	?	?
Anomolies:				
#3 Peak Flow Heise - June 18, 1974				
#3 Peak Flow Jackson Lake - June 7, 2010				
#4 Peak Flow Jackson Lake - June 17, 1974				



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Forecast Freezing Level , Ending 12Z, 05/20/2017









2017 - 2011 - 1996





Operations Release Plan (Summary)*

- Jackson 2,200 cfs discharge, will likely get around the 4,000 to 6,000 cfs range in early June. Currently 67% full. Target to fill in early-June. Taper off to 2,000 to 2,500 cfs during the summer.
- Palisades 10,000 cfs discharge ~3.3 MAF of residual remains to come into the system above Palisades Dam. 24% full. Targeting to fill in mid to late June.
- <u>Note:</u> At the very least, high flows below the dam from the tributaries is expected, if not flood flows, depending on the spring temperatures and potential rainfall. Tributary flows will be high if not near channel capacity as well.

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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Snake River Operations Web Sites

- New Upper Snake water information site http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/uppersnake/index.html
- USBR HydroMet http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/
- Northwest River Forecast Center <u>http://www.nwrfc.noaa.gov/rfc/</u>
- NRCS SNOTEL Data <u>http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/</u>

Questions?

