

ADJUSTMENT OF SYSTEM REFILL

Flood Risk Management Requirements

Report #8 for Water Year 2019

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A. Purpose of Flood Risk Management Requirements. These requirements provide maximum end-of-month reservoir elevations and/or minimum outflows for flood risk management projects in the Columbia River Basin. These requirements are for use by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, Idaho Power, Energy Keepers, BC Hydro and Bonneville Power Administration for operations planning and include all formally approved deviations to date. Any deviation from the flood risk management requirements herein will require approval from the Chief, Columbia Basin Water Management Division (CBWM) per the Northwestern Division's (NWD) Deviation Policy (NWDR 1110-2-6). Requirements are in accordance with the Columbia River Treaty Flood Control Operating Plan (FCOP) and any project-specific water control manuals, with variations as described below. These flood risk management requirements will be revised and re-issued as new information becomes available.

B. List of Approved Flood Deviations from Water Control Manuals.

None are currently in effect.

C. Flood Risk Management Requirements

These requirements have been prepared using the most recent official seasonal volume forecasts. The April-August volume forecast at The Dalles Dam based on the May 2019 official forecast is 82,415 kaf. All other forecasts can be found in Table 2 or at:

<http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/report/colsum/>

Table 1 shows the flood risk management elevations, draft and flow limits for the evacuation, holding and refill periods. See the FCOP for how the ICF is computed. More details on the values used can be found at:

<http://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/report/storcorr/>

D. System Flood Risk Management Refill Requirement Discussion.

The ICF date was declared as April 22, for an ICF of 300 kcfs. The ICF flow rate was based on the official April 2019 seasonal runoff volume forecast. Based upon refill modeling of the most recent ESP traces, ***the Controlled Flow (CF) is approximately 300 kcfs with potential for a rapid recession.*** If needed, the Controlled Flow will be further updated as the system is managed for flood risk. The Flood Risk Management Requirements for refill are shown in Table 1 and are based on modeling of the most recent ESP traces and other information.

E. Individual Project Flood Risk Management Requirements Discussion.

No specific individual requirements at this time.

Table 1. Flood Risk Management Requirements

| Project | 31Jan | 28Feb | 31Mar | 15 Apr | Date Refill Starts | 30 Apr | 31 May ³ | 30 Jun ³ | 31 Jul ³ |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| MCDB (kaf) ² | 1662 | 2206 | 3420 | 3212 | 17 Apr | 3212 | 2448 | 286 | 0 |
| ARDB (ft) | 1430.5 | 1427.3 | 1419.2 | 1420.8 | 20 Apr | 1420.8 | 1434.0 | 1443.2 | 1444.0 |
| DCDB (ft) | 1840.9 | 1812.5 | 1807.7 | 1816.8 | 12 Apr | 1816.8 | 1839.9 | 1879.0 | 1892.0 |
| LIB (ft) ⁴ | 2422.2 | 2436.4 | 2441.3 | 2449.7 | 12 Apr | 2453.0 | - | 2459.0 | 2459.0 |
| LIB (kcfs) | - | - | - | - | 12 Apr | - | ~18 | - | - |
| HGH (ft) | 3548.5 | 3548.7 | 3545.1 | 3553.1 | 01 May | 3553.6 | - | 3560.0 | 3560.0 |
| HGH (kcfs) | - | - | - | - | | - | ~5-6 | - | - |
| SKQ (ft) | - | - | - | 2883.0 | - | - | 2890.0 | 2893.0 | 2893.0 |
| ALF (ft) ¹ | 2060.0 | 2060.0 | 2056.0 | - | - | 2056.0 | 2062.5 | 2062.5 | 2062.5 |
| GCL (ft) | 1290.0 | 1290.0 | 1283.3 | 1283.3 | 21 Apr | 1278.9 | 1284.2 | 1289.5 | 1290.0 |
| BRN (ft) | 2077.0 | 2060.6 | 2049.3 | 2061.3 | 21 Apr | 2068.7 | 2075.7 | 2077.0 | 2077.0 |
| DWR (ft) | 1547.9 | 1558.6 | 1559.0 | 1573.8 | 21 Apr | 1573.8 | 1596.0 | 1600.0 | 1600.0 |

Notes:

1. Albeni Falls flood risk management elevations are based on readings at the Hope gage.
2. KAF units refer to required flood risk management space (draft) in the reservoir.
3. Flood risk management requirements for May and June are based on numerical modeling.
4. Per the Libby Dam WCM, Rule 1 of the VarQ operating procedures, releases will be limited to the hydraulic capacity of the powerhouse to the best extent possible.

Table 2. Water Supply Forecasts (Kaf)

| Project | Forecast Period | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Current Month Forecast % of Normal | Residual Runoff ² (%) |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MCDB | Apr-Aug | 10560 | 11079 | 10972 | 10252 | 9696 | | | 88 | 84 |
| ARDB | Apr-Aug | 21643 | 22302 | 21323 | 19774 | 18468 | | | 84 | 79 |
| DCDB | Apr-Aug | 1956 | 2030 | 2007 | 1893 | 1771 | | | 88 | 79 |
| LIB | Apr-Aug | 5639 | 5318 | 5478 | 4752 | 4983 | | | 85 | 77 |
| HGH | May-Sep | 1533 | 1500 | 1580 | 1400 | 1460 | | | 86 | 71 |
| SKQ ¹ | Apr-Jul | 5123 | 4845 | 4560 | 4310 | 4952 | | | 85 | 58 |
| ALF ¹ | Apr-Jul | 11057 | 10420 | 9848 | 9714 | 11032 | | | 94 | 52 |
| GCL ¹ | Apr-Aug | 55941 | 51352 | 48998 | 47853 | 48664 | | | 86 | 66 |
| BRN ¹ | Apr-Jul | 4383 | 4160 | 5863 | 5450 | 7275 | | | 133 | 47 |
| DWR | Apr-Jul | 2239 | 1951 | 2142 | 1964 | 2438 | | | 101 | 36 |
| TDA ¹ | Apr-Aug | 83322 | 75301 | 76636 | 75577 | 82415 | | | 94 | 58 |

Notes:

1. Official water supply forecasts for SKQ, ALF, GCL, BRN and TDA are the ESP 5-day-QPF median values published by the NWRFC on the following days for 2019: Jan 4, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 3, May 3, Jun 5, and Jul 6.
2. Residual runoff is the percentage of the current month's seasonal volume forecast that has yet to runoff.

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