

Flood Risk Management Requirements
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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 (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.
No deviations currently in place.

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 2021 official forecast is 74,529 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 Initial Controlled Flow (ICF) based on the official May forecast is 260 kcfs with an ICF date of 11 May. The ICF flow rate was based on the official May 2021 seasonal runoff volume forecast. If needed, the Controlled Flow (CF) will be updated as the system is managed for flood risk. The Flood Risk Management Requirements shown in Table 1 are based on the official May 2021 seasonal runoff volume forecasts and modeling. Refill dates are also listed on Table 1. During the runoff season, end-of-month reservoir elevation targets and CF may change in response to the shape and timing of runoff.

Operate projects to end of month elevations rather than trying to maintain a controlled flow (CF) of 260 kcfs. Do not exceed 325 kcfs at John Day. Note that flows in the lower Columbia may be lower or higher than the CF during the runoff season.

E. Individual Project Flood Risk Management Requirements Discussion.
No specific individual requirements at this time.

Table 1. Flood Risk Management Requirements

Project	31 Jan	28 Feb	31 Mar	15 Apr	30 Apr	Date Refill Starts	31 May ³	30 Jun ³	31 Jul ³
MCDB (kaf) ²	1662	2810	4080	3831	3831	6 May	1804	210	0
ARDB (ft)	1430.5	1422.9	1414.1	1416.1	1416.1	9 May	1426	1444.0	1444.0
DCDB (ft) ⁵	1839.3	1812.5 ⁵	1807.7 ⁵	1807.7	1807.7	1 May	1834.5	1877.3	1892.0
LIB (ft) ⁴	2408.1	2406.2	2401.0	2410.7	2409.9	1 May	n/a	n/a	2459.0
LIB (kcfs)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1 May	~5	TBD	n/a
HGH (ft)	3543.9	3543.8	3534.1	3541.9	3540.9	1 May	n/a	n/a	3560.0
HGH (kcfs)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1 May	~6	TBD	n/a
SKQ (ft)	n/a	n/a	n/a	2883.0	n/a	-	2890.0	2893.0	2893.0
ALF (ft) ¹	2060.0	2060.0	2056.0	n/a	2056.0	-	2062.5	2062.5	2062.5
GCL (ft)	1290.0	1290.0	1280.1	1274.7	1272.8	10 May	1282	1290.0	1290.0
BRN (ft)	2077.0	2055.7	2056.7	2072.3	2074.1	10 May	2077.0	2077.0	2077.0
DWR (ft) ⁶	1533.0	1536.2	1516.0	1533.8	1533.8	10 May	1594	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, June and July are based on estimated normal runoff shape.
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.
5. Per the Duncan Storage Resevation Diagram, Duncan Reservoir is required to achieve its full flood risk management draft requirement of 1807.7 ft by 15 March.
6. Under certain circumstances, the Flood Control Refill Curve procedure may be used to determine when refill is to begin at each project.

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	11920	11670	12116	11794	10782			98	95%
ARDB	Apr-Aug	23266	22959	23544	23107	21691			99	93%
DCDB	Apr-Aug	2170	2098	2186	2172	2025			101	94%
LIB	Apr-Aug	6215	5979	5980	5549	5191			88	91%
HGH	May-Sep	1820	1670	1805	1626	1600			95	93%
SKQ ¹	Apr-Jul	5632	5499	5197	4676	4702			81	82%
ALF ¹	Apr-Jul	10919	11323	11022	10025	9766			83	79%
GCL ¹	Apr-Aug	55490	57326	55403	53855	50446			89	86%
BRN ¹	Apr-Jul	4202	3959	4204	3453	3007			55	71%
DWR	Apr-Jul	2843	2432	2855	2716	2149			89	69%
TDA ¹	Apr-Aug	82416	83271	82215	78733	74529			85	82%

Notes:

1. Official water supply forecasts for SKQ, ALF, GCL, BRN and TDA are the ESP 10-day-QPF median values published by the NWRFC on the following days for 2021: Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 5, May 5, Jun 3.
2. Residual runoff values are applicable starting in April. Residual runoff (%) is the percentage of the current month's seasonal volume forecast that has yet to runoff during the forecast period. For example, 91% of the forecasted April through August runoff volume for Libby has yet to runoff.

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