DECLARATION OF INITIATION OF SYSTEM REFILL

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.
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 April 2022 official forecast is 86,007 kaf. All other forecasts can be found in Table 2 or at:
https://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. The Initial Controlled Flow (ICF) based on the official April forecast (5 April 2022) is 298 kcfs. The projected target flow will be approximately 300 kcfs in the lower Columbia with an ICF date of 7 May. Do not exceed an instantaneous flow of 350 kcfs at John Day. See the FCOP for how the ICF is computed. More details on the values used can be found at:
https://www.nwd-wc.usace.army.mil/report/storcorr/

D. System Flood Risk Management Refill Requirement Discussion.
Columbia Basin Water Management is declaring the initiation of system refill as summarized in Table 1. Note that each reservoir may begin refill on the prescribed date. Until a reservoir's refill date is reached, that reservoir must be no higher than the prescribed 30 April flood risk management (FRM) requirement elevation. During the refill season, end-of-month reservoir elevation targets and control flow may change in response to the shape and timing of the runoff. The current 30 April FRM requirements are based upon the official April water supply forecasts. The 31 May FRM requirements will be updated during the first week of May based on the official May forecast (04 May 2022).

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]	1609	2810	4080	4080	4080	2 May	2448	286	0
ARDB (ft)	1430.1	1422.9	1414.1	1414.1	1414.1	5 May	1425.0	1443.2	1444.0
DCDB (ft)[5]	1839.3	1812.5[5]	1807.7[5]	1807.7	1807.7	27 Apr	1834.5	1877.3	1892.0
LIB (ft) [4]	2384.6	2363.9	2371.8	2370.7	2370.7	27 Apr	n/a	n/a	2459.0
LIB (kcfs)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	~16	27 Apr	~16	~16	n/a
HGH (ft)	3542.2	3539.3	3539.3	3543.4	3542.5	1 May	n/a	n/a	3560.0
HGH (kcfs)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1 May	TBD	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	1271.5	1258.2	1250.7	6 May	1270.0	1289.6	1290.0
BRN (ft)	2077.0	2053.7	2059.1	2069.1	2077.0[6]	6 May	2077.0	2077.0	2077.0
DWR (ft)	1527.8	1518.6	1528.6	1559.5	1540.0[6]	6 May	1582.0	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, June and July are based on estimated normal runoff shape. Under certain circumstances, the Refill Guide Curve (also known as Flood Control Refill Curve) procedure may be used to determine when refill is to begin at each project where applicable.
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. April 30 requirements for Dworshak and Brownlee are based on these projects operating to their respective Flood Control Refill Curve.

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	13115	13050	12846	12727				114	98%
ARDB	Apr-Aug	25497	25513	24959	24662				111	98%
DCDB	Apr-Aug	2361	2398	2339	2314				113	98%
LIB	Apr-Aug	7273	7249	6972	6992				115	96%
HGH	May-Sep	1920	1810	1700	1600				90	n/a
SKQ[1]	Apr-Jul	5742	5676	6049	6057				99	92%
ALF[1]	Apr-Jul	11262	11353	11867	11845				96	90%
GCL[1]	Apr-Aug	60042	61575	61433	61846				106	95%
BRN[1]	Apr-Jul	5216	3995	3672	3278				64	85%
DWR	Apr-Jul	3090	2805	2669	2367				96	87%
TDA[1]	Apr-Aug	91310	88817	86386	86007				96	93%

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 2022: Jan 5, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 5, May 4, 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, 96% of the forecasted April through August runoff volume for Libby has yet to runoff.

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