

(Friday April 17th, 2018)

Subject: 2018 Upper Snake River Operations Update

Purpose: The purpose of this Operations Update is to provide information regarding Reclamation's operations as the season progresses. The operations identified are based on the best available data at the time and are subject to change as new information becomes available. For additional information and resources, please visit our website at: <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/upperSnake/>.

Summary

The Snake River above Heise, ID, runoff volume forecast was recently adjusted upwards from the remaining runoff volume forecast through July. The increase in the forecast was due to the continued snowpack accumulation from the first of the month through the middle of the month. It appears the basin has essentially reached the peak snow for the year. Moderated temperatures in the near term likely won't produce very large runoff rates yet on the main stem of the Snake River. Due to the increased Heise forecast the discharge at Palisades is going to 20,000 cfs today in order to reach the new flood control target in early May. There are no changes in the very short term at Jackson Lake Dam. The increase from Palisades Dam is being passed downstream out of the Upper Snake System to maintain open space in American Falls Dam.

The only planned flow changes at this time are the following:

- **Palisades Dam** discharge was increased at 10 am this morning to go from 18,000 cfs to 20,000 cfs.
 - **American Falls Dam** discharge was increased at 11 am this morning to go from 19,000 cfs to 21,000 cfs.
 - **Minidoka Dam** discharge will go from 18,100 cfs to 20,100 cfs early tomorrow morning.
 - **Milner Dam** discharge will likely go from the current 14,300 cfs to approximately 16,300 cfs tomorrow morning.
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