

(Tuesday April 3rd, 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

Reclamation's April through July volume runoff forecast for Heise is 3700 KAF, which is 114% of the 1981-2010 average. To begin advancing on updated flood control targets for Jackson Lake Dam and Palisades Dam the following changes have or will be made this week.

- **Jackson Lake Dam** discharge will be increased Thursday (4/5) at 10 am from the current 630 cfs up to between 1,000 cfs and 1,500 cfs.
- **Palisades Dam** discharge will be increased Thursday (4/5) evening into Friday (4/6) morning to go from the current 10,000 cfs up to between 14,500 cfs and 16,000 cfs by Friday morning.
- **American Falls Dam** discharges were increased today from 11,000 cfs to 13,000 cfs. Another increase will occur Wednesday (4/4) morning at 10 am to go from 13,000 cfs to 15,000 cfs.
- **Minidoka Dam** discharges were increased today from 11,400 cfs to 13,400 cfs. Another increase will occur very early Wednesday (4/4) morning to go from 13,400 cfs to 15,400 cfs.
- **Milner Dam** discharges are likely to go from approximately 9,000 cfs from this morning up to approximately 11,000 cfs this afternoon. Another increase will occur tomorrow (4/4) that will take discharges from 11,000 cfs up to 13,000 cfs.

Reclamation's April through July volume runoff forecast for Little Wood Dam is 74 KAF. To begin advancing on updated flood control targets for Little Wood Dam the following change will be made Wednesday 4/4.

- **Little Wood Dam** discharge will be increased Wednesday (4/4) from the current 250 cfs up to 350 cfs.
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