

SYSTEM OPERATIONAL REQUEST: #2000-24

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DATE: June 13, 2000

SUBJECT: Dworshak Dam Outflow

SPECIFICATIONS: Delay the refill of Dworshak Dam until June 30 by immediately increasing outflow from the project. Refill at an even rate from now until the end of the month.

JUSTIFICATION: According to the June 12th SSARR run, Dworshak Reservoir is scheduled to refill to full capacity earlier than the June 30th date required by the Biological Opinion. The present SSARR indicates the project will fill by June 21, 2000. Once the project is full, it will pass inflow. As modeled in the COE's June 13th spreadsheet the proposed operation results in a decreased flow at Lower Granite for the week ending June 18th and an increase in flow for the week ending June 25th.

The recommended operation presented here produces a more even flow across the period. Given the fact that spring migrants continue to pass Lower Granite and Little Goose Dam in large numbers it would be more prudent to provide flow in this fashion, rather than decreasing and increasing flows.