

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, BC Hydro, Bureau of Reclamation, Idaho Power, PPL Montana, 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 Division (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 are in place at this time.

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 2014 official forecast is 96741 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. The Initial Controlled Flow (ICF) based on the May forecast is 372 kcfs. 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.

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 requirement elevation. During the runoff season, end-of-month reservoir elevation targets and control flow may change in response to the shape and timing of the runoff.

E. Individual Project Flood Risk Management Requirements Discussion.

Projects shall stay at or below 30 April flood risk management requirement elevations until project refill is triggered. See Table 1 for individual project refill dates.

Table 1. Flood Risk Management Requirements

Project	31Jan	28Feb	31Mar	15 Apr	30 Apr	Date Refill Starts	31 May	30 Jun	31 Jul
MCDB (kaf) ²	1662	1840	4080	n/a	4080	4 May	2448	286	0
ARDB (ft)	1430.5	1430.1	1414.1	n/a	1414.1	7 May	1423.8	1444.0	1444.0
DCDB (ft)	1846.9	1829.4	1826.9	n/a	1817.0	29 Apr	1840.0	1878.6	1892.0
LIB (ft)	2426.7	2436.4	2440.9	n/a	2387.0	29 Apr	<u>Est</u>	<u>Est</u>	2459.0
LIB (kcfs) ⁴	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	29 Apr	16	16	n/a
HGH (ft)	3544.4	3539.0	3532.4	3496.4	3495.4	29 Apr	3523.7	3560.0	3560.0
KERM (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	1266.8	1250.0	1235.2	8 May	1267.8	1290.0	1290.0
BRN (ft)	2077.0	2073.6	2067.3	2056.1	2056.3	8 May	2077.0	2077.0	2077.0
DWR (ft)	1546.5	1543.5	1517.6	1492.5	1499.8	18 Apr ³	1572.3	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. Under certain circumstances, the Flood Control Refill Curve (FCRC) procedure may be used to determine when refill is to begin at each project where applicable.
4. Per the Libby Dam WCM, Rule 8 of the VarQ operating procedures, releases can be adjusted prior to June 30th at Libby Dam to control refill.

Table 2. Water Supply Forecasts (Kaf)

Project	Forecast Period	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Current month Forecast % of Normal ²	Residual Runoff ¹ (%)
MCDB	Apr-Aug	10300	10358	10207	11080	11224			102	95
ARDB	Apr-Aug	19678	20003	19926	21761	22170			101	92
DCDB	Apr-Aug	1785	1728	1761	1891	1903			95	92
LIB	Apr-Aug	5432	5192	5505	6868	6996			119	90
HGH	May-Sep	1787	1819	2142	2204	2400			142	93
KERM	Apr-Jul	6367	5433	6737	7219	7343			126	81
ALF	Apr-Jul	11816	10126	13807	14298	15163			129	79
GCL	Apr-Aug	54638	48197	57818	60382	64683			114	85
BRN	Apr-Jul	3723	3246	3861	3934	3519			64	70
DWR	Apr-Jul	2296	2274	2701	3111	3183			132	70
TDA	Apr-Aug	84888	72458	88832	92057	96741			111	81

Notes:

1. Residual runoff values are applicable starting April. Residual runoff volume (Maf) is the amount of the current month's seasonal volume forecast that is still left to runoff. The percentage shows the volume that is yet to runoff, divided by the forecasted volume. As an example, at Libby, the residual runoff volume will be the current month's Apr-Aug forecast volume minus the amount of observed runoff since April 1st.
2. Official water supply forecasts for KERM, ALF, GCL, BRN and TDA are the ESP 5-day-QPF median values published by the NWRFC on the following days for 2014: Jan 8, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 8, May 7, Jun 6 and Jul 8.

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