

Flood Risk Management Requirements  
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NOTE: DUE TO DIMINISHED SNOWPACK AND NEAR COMPLETION OF REFILL AT MOST PROJECTS, THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE OF THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT OPERATING REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT OF WATER YEAR 2017

**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 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.**

A deviation request was approved for Arrow Reservoir allowing the end of June Flood Risk Management elevation requirement to be increased from 1440.0 ft to 1441.0 ft.

**C. Flood Risk Management Requirements**

These requirements (shown in Table 1) have been prepared using the most recent official seasonal volume forecasts. The April-August volume forecast at The Dalles Dam based on the June 2017 official forecast is 115,610 kaf. All other water supply forecasts can be found in Table 2.

Table 1 shows the flood risk management elevations, draft and flow limits for the evacuation, holding and refill periods.

**D. System Flood Risk Management Refill Requirement Discussion.**

Columbia Basin Water Management declared the initiation of system refill on May 4, and the refill initiation date for each reservoir is summarized in Table 1. During the runoff season, end-of-month reservoir elevation targets and Controlled Flow may change in response to the shape and timing of the runoff.

**E. Individual Project Flood Risk Management Requirements Discussion.**

This guidance is to be used for planning purposes and will be revised as updated streamflow forecasts become available and when additional operation guidance is needed.

**Table 1. Flood Risk Management Requirements**

Project	31Jan	28Feb	31Mar	15 Apr	Date Refill Starts	30 Apr	31 May	30 Jun <sup>3</sup>	31 Jul <sup>3</sup>
MCDB (kaf) <sup>2</sup>	1662	2810	4080	4080	29 Apr	4080	2448	286	0
ARDB (ft)	1430.5	1422.9	1414.1	1414.1	02 May	1414.1	1429.0	1441.0	1444.0
DCDB (ft)	1839.3	1815.3	1812.8	1807.7	24 Apr	1807.7	1828.8	1877.0	1892.0
LIB (ft) <sup>4</sup>	2396.2	2433.7	2382.1	2325.4	24 Apr	2325.4 <sup>4</sup>	<u>Est</u>	<u>Est</u>	2459.0
LIB (kcfs)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	24 Apr	n/a	15.9	n/a	n/a
HGH (ft)	3543.8	3549.0	3539.8	3533.6	01 May	3531.3	3546.8	3560.0	3560.0
SKQ (ft) <sup>5</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	2883.0	-	n/a	2890.0	2893.0	2893.0
ALF (ft) <sup>1</sup>	2060.0	2060.0	2056.0	n/a	-	2056.0	2062.5	2062.5	2062.5
GCL (ft)	1290.0	1290.0	1267.1	1234.0	03 May	1232	1262.0	1289.5	1290.0
BRN (ft)	2077.0	2048.3	2036.0	2024.0	03 May	2012.6	2060.0	2077.0	2077.0
DWR (ft)	1528.3	1531.1	1493.1	1471.1	03 May	1530	1580.0	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 June and July are based on projected runoff.
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. Seliš Ksanka Qlispè Dam, formerly known as Kerr Dam.

**Table 2. Water Supply Forecasts (Kaf)**

Project	Forecast Period	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Current month Forecast % of Normal	Residual Runoff <sup>3</sup> (% / KAF)
MCDB	Apr-Aug	11569	10737	10798	11503	11392	11792		107	49 / 5774
ARDB	Apr-Aug	23045	21065	21248	22530	23320	24009		109	42 / 10185
DCDB	Apr-Aug	2010	1954	1942	2036	2103	2204		110	43 / 939
LIB	Apr-Aug	6861	5583	6783	7654	8190	7594		129	30 / 2242
HGH	May-Sep	1828	1489	1691	1769	2018	2020		119	27 / 538
SKQ <sup>1,2</sup>	Apr-Jul	5649	5790	6327	7364	7527	7460		128	18 / 1306
ALF <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Jul	11413	11505	12255	14894	15206	14994		127	15 / 2302
GCL <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Aug	54930	53656	57336	64955	68159	70365		124	31 / 21461
BRN <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Jul	4801	5327	7560	10845	11277	10205		186	13 / 1364
DWR	Apr-Jul	3055	2541	2867	2984	2941	2838		117	6 / 158
TDA <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Aug	84945	82821	92337	105039	111123	115610		132	25 / 29449

Notes:

1. Official water supply forecasts for SKQ (KERM), ALF, GCL, BRN and TDA are the ESP 5-day-QPF median values published by the NWRFC on the following days for 2017: Jan 5, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 5.
2. Seliš Ksanka Qlispè Dam, formerly known as Kerr Dam.
3. Residual runoff values are applicable beginning in April. Residual runoff (% / KAF) is the percentage and volume of the current month's seasonal volume forecast that has yet to runoff during the forecast period. For example, 30% or 2,242 kaf of the forecasted April through August runoff volume for Libby has yet to runoff.

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