

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, 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.**  
None are currently in effect.

**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 March 2018 official forecast is 98,132 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 March 2018 official forecast is 354 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.**  
No system refill requirements at this time.

**E. Individual Project Flood Risk Management Requirements Discussion.**  
No specific individual requirements at this time.

**Table 1. Flood Risk Management Requirements**

<b>Project</b>	<b>31Jan</b>	<b>28Feb</b>	<b>15Mar</b>	<b>31Mar</b>	<b>15 Apr</b>	<b>30 Apr<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>31 May<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>30 Jun<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>31 Jul<sup>3</sup></b>
MCDB (kaf) <sup>2</sup>	1662	2810.0	n/a	3267.0	3267.0	3267.0	1960.0	229.0	0.0
ARDB (ft)	1430.5	1422.9	n/a	1408.5	1408.5	1408.5	1420.3	1443.0	1444.0
DCDB (ft)	1839.5	1812.5	1807.7	1807.7	1807.7	1807.7	1834.5	1877.3	1892.0
LIB (ft) <sup>4</sup>	2401.8	2387.7	n/a	2358.3	2358.3	2358.3	2420.7	2459.0	2459.0
LIB (cfs)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
HGH (ft)	3541.5	3529.6	n/a	3496.2	3486.5	3485.4	3543.8	3560.0	3560.0
SKQ (ft) <sup>5</sup>	n/a	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	n/a	2056.0	n/a	2056.0	2062.5	2062.5	2062.5
GCL (ft)	1290.0	1289.6	n/a	1256.9	1240.5	1228.4	1261.8	1289.5	1290.0
BRN (ft)	2077.0	2046.8	n/a	2037.2	2031.6	2026.1	2070.4	2077.0	2077.0
DWR (ft)	1530.5	1516.5	n/a	1461.6	1451.0	1491.2	1564.6	1599.0	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 May, June and July are based on estimated normal runoff shape. Under certain circumstances, the Refill Guide Curve (also known as Flood Control Refill Curve) procedure may be used to determine when refill is to begin at each project where applicable.
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)**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Forecast Period</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Current month Forecast % of Normal</b>
MCDB	Apr-Aug	11117	11334	11753					107
ARDB	Apr-Aug	21606	22445	23532					107
DCDB	Apr-Aug	1995	2061	2174					108
LIB	Apr-Aug	6645	6765	7205					122
HGH	May-Sep	1964	2062	2302					136
SKQ <sup>1,2</sup>	Apr-Jul	5595	7346	7573					130
ALF <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Jul	12382	15152	15578					132
GCL <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Aug	55852	64817	65870					116
BRN <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Jul	5690	5509	5665					103
DWR	Apr-Jul	2941	2849	3093					128
TDA <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Aug	87282	94748	98132					112

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 2018: Jan 4, Feb 5, Mar 5, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 5, and Jul 6.
2. Seliš Ksanka Qlispè Dam, formerly known as Kerr Dam.

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