

## ADJUSTMENT OF SYSTEM REFILL

Flood Risk Management Requirements  
Northwestern Division  
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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 the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. 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 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 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.**

There are currently no deviations in place.

**C. Flood Risk Management Requirements**

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.**

The Initial Control Flow (ICF) date was declared as May 6, 2018. Based upon refill modeling of the most recent ESP traces, *setting a Controlled Flow (CF) would be less than ideal for the system due to the rapid decline of the projected runoff. In lieu of a CF, intermediate refill elevation targets are described in Section E.* If needed, the CF and/or elevation targets will be further updated as the system is managed for flood risk. The Flood Risk Management Requirements for refill are shown in Table 1 and are based on modeling of the most recent ESP traces and other information.

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

- Grand Coulee (GCL) discharges should target an end-of-month elevation of 1268 feet on May 31, 2018. Operations in June will target an elevation of 1280 feet on June 15, 2018 and 1290 feet on June 30, 2018.
- Seliš Ksanka Qlispè Dam (SKQ) should operate on free-flow. Inflows have forced pool elevations to 2892.2 feet. Future operation will be to hold the 2892.2 feet through June 6, 2018, filling gradually to elevation 2892.6 feet by June 20, 2018, and then gradually refilling the remaining space to elevation 2893 feet by June 30, 2018.

**Table 1. Flood Risk Management Requirements (See mid-month targets Section E.)**

Project	31Jan	28Feb	31Mar	15 Apr	30 Apr	Date Refill Starts	31 May <sup>3</sup>	30Jun <sup>3</sup>	31 Jul <sup>3</sup>
MCDB (kaf) <sup>2</sup>	1662	2810.0	3267.0	4080.0	4080.0	01 May	2448	286	0.0
ARDB (ft)	1430.5	1422.9	1408.5	1414.1	1414.1	04 May	1436	1443	1444.0
DCDB (ft)	1839.5	1812.5	1807.7	1807.7	1807.7	26 Apr	1845	1881	1892.0
LIB (ft) <sup>4</sup>	2401.8	2387.7	2358.3	2359.3	2362.4 <sup>4</sup>	26 Apr	Est	Est	2459.0
LIB (cfs)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9.2	26 Apr	~9.2	n/a	n/a
HGH (ft)	3541.5	3529.6	3496.2	3476.6	3475.4	01 May	n/a	3560	3560.0
HGH (cfs) <sup>7</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	01 May	~4.2	n/a	n/a
SKQ (ft) <sup>5</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	2883.0	n/a	-	2890 <sup>5</sup>	2893	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	1289.6	1256.9	1234.0	1222.7	05 May	1268	1290	1290.0
BRN (ft)	2077.0	2046.8	2037.2	2025.0	2030.0	05 May	2069	2077	2077.0
DWR (ft)	1530.5	1516.5	1461.6	1470.0	1500.0 <sup>6</sup>	05 May	1583 <sup>6</sup>	1600	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. Sêliš Ksanka Qlispè Dam, formerly known as Kerr Dam is operating on free flow, ~ elevation 2092 feet.
6. Dworshak is filling on its refill guide curve, with end of May FRM of 1583 feet.
7. Hungry Horse VARQ procedures do not specify end of month targets after the start of refill (after May 1 or 10 days before the ICF date). The VARQ flows are meant as a guide for refill and are not to be interpreted as a strict minimum flow.

**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> (%)
MCDB	Apr-Aug	11117	11334	11753	11727	11406			104	69
ARDB	Apr-Aug	21606	22445	23532	23310	23172			105	63
DCDB	Apr-Aug	1995	2061	2174	2208	2167			108	63
LIB	Apr-Aug	6645	6765	7205	7189	7356			125	55
HGH	May-Sep	1964	2062	2302	2395	2500			148	42
SKQ <sup>1,2</sup>	Apr-Jul	5595	7346	7573	8241	8274			142	41
ALF <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Jul	12382	15152	15578	17016	17558			149	39
GCL <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Aug	55852	64817	65870	68335	71449			126	51
BRN <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Jul	5690	5509	5665	6436	5889			108	37
DWR	Apr-Jul	2941	2849	3093	3040	3032			125	27
LWG <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Aug	21708	22241	22871	24658	24298			115	36
TDA <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Aug	87282	94748	98132	103337	106883			122	45

Notes:

1. Official water supply forecasts for SKQ, 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. Sêliš Ksanka Qlispè Dam, formerly known as Kerr Dam.
3. Residual runoff is the percentage of the current month's seasonal volume forecast that has yet to runoff.

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