

COLUMBIA RIVER REGIONAL FORUM

TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT TEAM

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FACILITATOR'S SUMMARY NOTES ON FUTURE ACTIONS

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The following notes are a summary of issues that are intended to point out future actions or issues that may need further discussion at upcoming meetings. These notes are not intended to be the "record" of the meeting, only a reminder for TMT members.

Water Supply Forecast:

Dave Westnedge from the National Weather Service reported that a low pressure trough will cause below normal temperatures that are expected to last from Friday through the middle of next week. Although it is difficult to predict that far out, he said no warming is likely until the first part of June. He expects the runoff peak to occur around June 10 to 14.

Current Operations:

TMT discussed current system operations. Cathy Hlebechuk reported that discharge out of Libby is expected to increase Wednesday, May 15, as requested by the USFWS for bull trout operations. Idaho Fish and Game will complete their entrainment study at Dworshak Thursday night; the COE plans to reduce releases out of Dworshak Friday through June 30 for refill. Tony Norris reported that Grand Coulee's operating plan has not changed from last week, which is to meet Priest Rapids flows and target 220 kcfs at McNary as much as possible. The minimum at Grand Coulee remains 1240' (unless flows at Priest Rapids cannot be met). There were concerns that weekend flows were low at McNary. Scott Bettin said that Biological Opinion requirements caused the fluctuation in flows.

Bridge removal work at McNary was completed Saturday. Four hoists still need to be fixed and there is uncertainty as to when this will be done.

Action: The BOR will notify TMT if flows at Priest Rapids cannot be met.

Action: The Salmon Managers will discuss the possibility of delaying Dworshak refill to increase flows for fish. They may develop an SOR based on this and present it at a TMT conference call Wednesday, May 16, at 1 pm. TMT members will notify their IT representatives that IT may be asked to join the call Wednesday or meet Thursday to discuss the possible SOR.