

The Action Agencies plan is to operate Dworshak and Grand Coulee as follows from 3/26/08 forward:

Dworshak will maintain two unit operation of 8.3 kcfs through Sunday night at 2100 hours. At that time the project will increase flows to full load, which will result in a flow of about 10.7 kcfs. The plan is to maintain this flow until the April final water supply forecast is issued on April 1 or 2. A decision for future flows will be made at that time. Based on the latest inflow forecast, this operation is expected to result in a 31 March Dworshak forebay elevation of about 1513 feet, equivalent to a flood control shift of about 156 kaf from Dworshak to Grand Coulee. The expected March 31 elevation at Dworshak of 1513 feet is 3 feet lower than that reported at TMT on March 26th. This lower elevation still fits with the strategy to lower the chance of exceeding State of Idaho TDG standard of 110% as the project is drafted to the April 15 flood control elevation. The difference between the submitted March 31 Flood Control Elevation of 1519.1 ft, based on the full shift of 232 kaf and the adjusted partial shift of 156 kaf is 76 kaf. If this were translated to the computation of the April 10 elevation objective at Grand Coulee it would result in an upward adjustment of 3 tenths of a foot from 1244.2 feet to 1244.5 feet. This is a relatively small adjustment and Reclamation and BPA have agreed to target an elevation of 1244.5 feet on April 10 for this particular case.