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How forecasts are made

Most of the annual streamflow in the western United States originates as snowfall that has accumulated in the mountains during the winter and early spring. As the snowpack accumulates, hydrologists estimate the runoff that will occur when it melts. Measurements of snow water equivalent at selected manual snow courses and automated SNOTEL sites, along with precipitation, antecedent streamflow, and indices of the El Niño / Southern Oscillation are used in computerized statistical and simulation models to prepare runoff forecasts. These forecasts are coordinated between hydrologists in the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the National Weather Service. Unless otherwise specified, all forecasts are for flows that would occur naturally without any upstream influences.

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The wider the spread among these values, the more uncertain the forecast. As the season progresses, forecasts become more accurate, primarily because a greater portion of the future weather conditions become known; this is reflected by a narrowing of the range around the 50% exceedance probability forecast. Users should take this uncertainty into consideration when making their operational decisions. If users anticipate receiving a lesser supply of water, or if they wish to increase their chances of having an adequate supply of water for their operations, they may want to base their decisions on the 90% or 70% exceedance probability forecasts, or something in between. On the other hand, if users are concerned about receiving too much water (for example, threat of flooding), they may want to base their decisions on the 30% or 10% exceedance probability forecasts, or something in between. Regardless of the forecast value users choose for operations, they should be prepared to deal with either more or less water. (Users should remember that even if the 90% exceedance probability forecast is used, there is still a 10% chance of receiving less than this amount.) By using the exceedance probability information, users can easily determine the chances of receiving more or less water.

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Wyoming Water Supply Outlook Report

General

Generally, snow water equivalent (SWE) across the state is much below normal for this time of the year. SWE averages for the State are about 61 percent of normal for this time of the year. Northwest portion of the State is 50 of percent normal. Northeast Wyoming is 59 of percent of normal, and the southeast part of the State is 75 percent of average. Southwestern Wyoming is 59 percent of average for this time of the year.

Precipitation for April was variable across for the State. Year-to-date precipitation is generally well below average for the State. Precipitation ranged from 50 percent above average to about 40 percent below average, with about 2/3 of the basins being above the April average. Reservoir levels vary from about 46 percent of average to 156 percent of average, the exception being Eden Reservoir, which is too low to measure. Generally, the larger capacity reservoirs are above average storage. Forecast runoff varies from 16 to 87 percent of average. The mean of all the forecast points in the State is about 55 percent of average.

Snowpack

SWE is below to much below average for the entire State. SWE in the northwestern portion of the State is about 50 percent of average (79 percent of last year). Northeast Wyoming SWE is currently about 59 percent of average (79 percent of last year). The southeast portion is currently about 75 percent of average SWE (100 percent of last year). And the southwest is about 59 percent of average (95 percent of last year).

Precipitation

April precipitation was a mixed bag across the State. The Yellowstone and Madison River Basin received 154 percent of average precipitation during April. The Belle Fourche River Basin came in at only 53 percent of average for the month, but this was based solely on one SnoTel station. The following table displays the major river basins and their departure from normal for this month.

Basin	Departure from normal	Basin	Departure from normal
Snake River	+19%	Upper North Platte River	+37%
Yellowstone & Madison	+54%	Lower North Platte	+25%
Wind River	-13%	Little Snake River	+20%
Big Horn	-12%	Upper Green River	+11%
Shoshone & Clarks Fork	+04%	Lower Green River	+08%
Powder & Tongue River	-15%	Upper Bear River	+09%
Belle Fourche & Cheyenne	-47%		

Streams

Stream flow yield is expected to be below average across the State, and well below average in the northern half of the State. Most probable yield for the State is forecast to be about 56 percent of average (varies from 16 to 71 percent of average). The northwest part of the State is expected to yield about 56 percent of normal -- yield estimates vary from 37 to 72 percent of normal through the northwest region of the State. Yield from the northeast portion of Wyoming will be below average (about 54 percent of average) -- yield estimates vary from 32 to 75 percent of average for the various forecast points. The southeast portion of the state will be about 59 percent of normal -- yield estimates range from 16 to 87 percent of normal. The southwest portion of Wyoming

yield will be much below normal (about 55 percent of average), and estimates vary from 20 to 78 percent of average.

Reservoirs

The following reservoir data is based on the usable capacity of each reservoir. Although several reservoirs did not report, reservoir storage for those reporting is generally near or above average for about 2/3 of the listed reservoirs. See following table for further information about reservoir storage.

Major Reservoirs in Wyoming

B A S I N W I D E
R E S E R V O I R S U M M A R Y

FOR THE END OF APRIL 2001

BASIN AREA RESERVOIR	CURRENT AS % CAPACITY	LAST YR AS % CAPACITY	AVERAGE AS % CAPACITY	CURRENT AS % AVERAGE	CURRENT AS % LAST YR
ALCOVA	97	107	98	99	90
ANGOSTURA	95	99	93	102	96
BELLE FOURCHE	102	106	82	124	95
BIG SANDY	29	64	62	46	45
BIGHORN LAKE	62	65	58	107	96
BOYSEN	73	84	84	87	87
BUFFALO BILL	54	67	52	105	82
BULL LAKE	41	62	53	77	66
DEERFIELD	99	100	89	110	99
EDEN			NO REPORT		
ENNIS LAKE	76	78	86	88	97
FLAMING GORGE			AVERAGE NOT ESTABLISHED		
FONTENELLE	34	34	47	72	99
GLENDO	92	102	90	102	90
GRASSY LAKE	88	86	77	115	103
GUERNSEY	58	79	72	81	74
HEBGEN LAKE	77	81	65	118	95
JACKSON LAKE	78	85	54	145	93
KEYHOLE	88	91	57	156	97
PACTOLA	98	100	87	113	98
PALISADES	61	83	68	90	74
PATHFINDER	76	98	60	127	78
PILOT BUTTE	78	79	95	82	99
SEMINOE	65	74	39	169	88
SHADEHILL	98	69	80	123	143
TONGUE RIVER	56	52	46	122	108
VIVA NAUGHTON RES			NO REPORT		
WHEATLAND #2	54	78	56	97	69
WOODRUFF NARROWS			AVERAGE NOT ESTABLISHED		
GLENDO PROJECT USERS	94	94	70	134	100
KENDRICK PROJECT	80	87	67	119	92
NORTH PLATTE PROJ	74	101	74	100	73

Basin Summary of Snow Course Data

B A S I N S U M M A R Y O F
S N O W C O U R S E D A T A

MAY 2001

SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1961-90
WYOMING Snow Course and SNOTEL Stations						
ALBANY	9400	4/26/01	31	9.6	7.6	12.8
ASTER CREEK	7750				---	---
BALD MOUNTAIN SNOTEL	9380	5/01/01	---	16.7	22.1	24.1
BASE CAMP SNOTEL	7030	5/01/01	---	.0	1.0	10.7
BATTLE MTN. SNOTEL	7440	5/01/01	---	.0	.0	4.8
BEARLODGE DIVIDE	4680	4/30/01	0	.0	.0	.8
BEARTOOTH LK. SNOTEL	9280	5/01/01	---	13.5	22.8	26.0
BEAR TRAP SNOTEL	8200	5/01/01	---	.0	.0	4.2
BIG GOOSE	7760	4/26/01	18	4.8	5.5	8.3
BIG GOOSE SNOTEL	7760	5/01/01	---	4.4	6.5	---
BIG PARK	8620	4/26/01	38	12.8	14.9	20.5
BIG SANDY SNOTEL	9080	5/01/01	---	8.8	8.1	13.9
BLACKWATER SNOTEL	9780	5/01/01	---	17.9	19.6	25.7
BLIND BULL SNOTEL	8900	5/01/01	44	15.4	22.5	22.7
BLIND PARK PILLOW	6870	5/01/01	---	.0	.0	9.6
BLUE RIDGE	9620	5/01/01	---	4.0	---	12.7
BONE SPGS. SNOTEL	9350	5/01/01	---	12.3	16.6	18.4
BOXELDER	7280	4/27/01	20	6.8	4.9	6.4
BROOKLYN LK. SNOTEL	10220	5/01/01	---	21.2	16.3	28.9
BRYAN FLAT	6420	4/30/01	0	.0	.0	2.3
BUCK CREEK	7960	4/27/01	27	9.8	8.4	10.0
BURGESS JCT. SNOTEL	7880	5/01/01	---	8.2	12.3	13.5
BURROUGHS CRK SNOTEL	8750	5/01/01	---	8.1	10.6	12.9
CANYON SNOTEL	8090	5/01/01	---	9.1	8.7	10.9
CARTER MOUNTAIN	7950	4/30/01	0	.0	.2	6.0
CASPER MTN. SNOTEL	7850	5/01/01	---	8.8	12.9	17.8
CASTLE CREEK	8400	4/27/01	0	.0	.7	2.0
CCC CAMP	7000	4/30/01	1	.3	3.9	7.9
CHALK CK #1 SNOTEL	9100	5/01/01	44	14.5	18.2	22.8
CHALK CK #2 SNOTEL	8200	5/01/01	23	4.7	5.0	9.8
CLOUD PEAK SNOTEL	9850	5/01/01	---	10.0	17.1	17.7
COLD SPRINGS SNOTEL	9630	5/01/01	---	.0	.0	6.8
COTTONWOOD CR SNOTEL	7700	5/01/01	---	11.7	14.0	20.0
DARBY CANYON	8250	5/02/01	38	13.3	16.9	23.9
DEER PARK SNOTEL	9700	5/01/01	---	11.3	13.5	---
DITCH CREEK	6870	4/26/01	13	2.8	---	---
DIVIDE PEAK SNOTEL	8860	5/01/01	---	12.0	10.7	19.3
DOME LAKE SNOTEL	8880	5/01/01	---	8.0	9.6	15.0
DU NOIR	8760	4/26/01	14	4.7	.8	6.8
EAST RIM DIV SNOTEL	7930	5/01/01	---	6.4	8.3	14.8
ELBO RANCH	7100				3.6	9.0
ELKHART PARK SNOTEL	9400	5/01/01	---	11.1	8.1	14.0
EVENING STAR SNOTEL	9200	5/01/01	---	15.9	22.4	30.8

SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1961-90
FOUR MILE MEADOWS	7860				---	---
FOXPARK	9060	4/26/01	20	7.2	.0	5.4
GEYSER CREEK	8500	4/26/01	11	3.9	---	5.4
GLADE CREEK	7040	4/30/01	17	7.5	10.5	21.0
GRANITE CRK SNOTEL	6770	5/01/01	---	6.9	3.8	12.9
GRANNIER MEADOWS	8860	5/01/01	---	6.1	10.8	15.1
GRASSY LAKE SNOTEL	7270	5/01/01	---	18.0	20.5	33.9
GRAVE SPRINGS SNOTEL	8550	5/01/01	---	4.9	6.2	11.6
GREYS BOUNDARY	5720	4/29/01	0	.0	.0	2.6
GROS VENTRE SNOTEL	8750	5/01/01	---	8.9	7.9	13.9
GROVER PARK DIVIDE	7000	4/30/01	0	.0	.3	7.9
HAIRPIN TURN	9480	4/26/01	43	14.0	8.0	16.6
HANSEN S.M. SNOTEL	8360	5/01/01	---	.2	.5	6.9
HAMS FORK SNOTEL	7840	5/01/01	---	.0	.0	5.7
HASKINS CREEK	8980	4/27/01	71	29.2	30.0	32.6
HOBBS PARK SNOTEL	10100	5/01/01	---	6.3	9.4	18.0
HUCKLEBERRY DIVIDE	7300				---	---
INDIAN CREEK SNOTEL	9430	5/01/01	---	16.1	20.1	28.9
JACKPINE CREEK	7350	5/02/01	20	8.7	8.8	19.8
KELLEY R.S. SNOTEL	8180	5/01/01	---	6.0	7.4	15.0
KENDALL R.S. SNOTEL	7740	5/01/01	---	1.5	3.0	10.6
KIRWIN SNOTEL	9550	5/01/01	---	5.5	9.0	11.7
LA BONTE	8450	4/30/01	0	.0	.0	1.8
LAKE CAMP	7780	4/29/01	18	5.4	7.0	7.2
LA PRELE SNOTEL	8380	5/01/01	---	4.7	5.9	6.3
LARSEN CREEK	9020	4/26/01	23	8.0	9.8	11.2
LEWIS LAKE SNOTEL	7850	5/01/01	---	15.9	19.7	34.4
LEWIS LAKE DIVIDE	7850	4/30/01	51	22.5	33.2	42.0
LIBBY LODGE	8750	4/26/01	24	8.5	.8	9.0
LITTLE BEAR RUN	6240	5/01/01	0	.0	---	---
LITTLE WARM SNOTEL	9370	5/01/01	---	5.0	7.2	10.4
LOOMIS PARK SNOTEL	8240	5/01/01	---	6.9	8.6	15.1
LUPINE CREEK	7380	4/27/01	0	.0	.0	6.6
MALLO	6420	4/30/01	0	.0	---	.0
MARQUETTE SNOTEL	8760	5/01/01	---	2.2	6.6	8.6
MEDICINE LODGE LAKES	9340	4/26/01	38	10.6	10.5	12.5
MIDDLE FORK	7420	4/27/01	10	3.0	1.2	5.0
MIDDLE POWDER SNOTEL	7760	5/01/01	---	6.5	10.0	14.8
MORAN	6750				---	---
MOSS LAKE	9800	4/27/01	58	21.0	18.3	26.9
MOUNT TOM	5560				---	.1
NEW FORK SNOTEL	8340	5/01/01	---	3.8	3.2	9.1
NORRIS BASIN	7500	5/28/01	16	6.2	.0	7.5
NORTH BARRETT CREEK	9400	4/27/01	58	21.9	20.8	22.6
NORTH FRENCH SNOTEL	10130	5/01/01	---	29.7	25.8	29.4
NORTH RAPID CK PILL.	6130	5/01/01	---	.5	2.3	---
NORTH TONGUE	8450	4/26/01	31	8.6	11.1	13.9
OLD BATTLE SNOTEL	9920	5/01/01	---	29.6	27.8	38.2
OLD FAITHFUL	7400	4/30/01	0	.0	3.2	10.0
ONION GULCH	8780	4/26/01	28	6.2	5.6	8.9
OWL CREEK SNOTEL	8980	5/01/01	---	.0	.0	3.4
PARKERS PEAK SNOTEL	9400	5/01/01	---	15.6	17.9	23.7

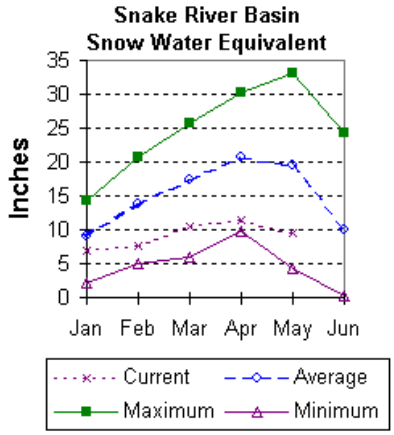
SNOW COURSE	ELEVATION	DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1961-90
PHILLIPS BENCH SNOT.	8200	5/01/01	---	17.0	19.7	29.5
POCKET CREEK	9350	4/26/01	38	9.8	---	13.3
POISON MEADOWS	8500				---	29.9
POLE MOUNTAIN	8700	4/26/01	19	6.4	1.2	4.1
POWDER RVR.PASS SNOT	9480	5/01/01	---	5.4	6.9	10.5
PURGATORY GULCH	8970	4/27/01	35	13.4	8.7	10.3
RANGER CREEK	8120	4/26/01	24	6.1	6.6	8.1
RENO HILL SNOTEL	8500	5/01/01	---	12.7	12.2	13.4
REUTER CANYON	6280	4/30/01	3	.8	.0	4.5
ROWDY CREEK	8300	4/30/01	32	11.4	16.6	20.6
RYAN PARK	8400	4/27/01	16	6.7	2.1	7.9
SALT RIVER SNOTEL	7600	5/01/01	---	2.0	4.3	10.8
SAND LAKE SNOTEL	10050	5/01/01	---	30.5	25.3	37.2
SANDSTONE SNOTEL	8150	5/01/01	---	4.2	2.4	9.8
SAWMILL DIVIDE	9260	4/26/01	39	10.6	14.1	15.6
SHELL CREEK SNOTEL	9580	5/01/01	---	12.4	15.8	17.0
SHERIDAN R.S.	7750	4/26/01	5	1.5	1.4	3.2
SNAKE RIVER STATION	6920				---	---
SNAKE RV STA SNOTEL	6920	5/01/01	---	1.8	.6	16.4
SNIDER BASIN SNOTEL	8060	5/01/01	---	5.9	6.9	13.0
SNOW KING MTN	7660				2.6	12.4
SOLDIER PARK	8780	4/26/01	21	1.1	.0	6.9
SOUR DOUGH	8460	4/26/01	25	6.6	4.2	6.9
SOUTH BRUSH SNOTEL	8440	5/01/01	---	4.5	3.0	10.6
SOUTH PASS SNOTEL	9040	5/01/01	---	8.4	12.0	18.1
SPRING CRK. SNOTEL	9000	5/01/01	---	18.8	20.1	29.6
ST LAWRENCE ALT SNOT	8620	5/01/01	---	.0	.0	5.4
SUCKER CREEK SNOTEL	8880	5/01/01	---	6.7	11.6	13.8
SYLVAN LAKE SNOTEL	8420	5/01/01	---	14.8	16.3	23.8
SYLVAN ROAD SNOTEL	7120	5/01/01	---	5.3	4.2	7.9
T CROSS RANCH	7900	4/26/01	4	1.2	.3	3.6
TETON PASS W.S.	7740	5/01/01	37	14.7	18.2	27.1
THUMB DIVIDE SNOTEL	7980	5/01/01	---	3.6	5.4	15.1
THUMB DIVIDE	7980				---	---
TIE CREEK SNOTEL	6870	5/01/01	---	2.3	.4	---
TIMBER CREEK SNOTEL	7950	5/01/01	---	.0	.1	6.0
TOGWOTEE PASS SNOTEL	9580	5/01/01	52	17.5	23.3	28.3
TOWNSEND CRK SNOTEL	8700	5/01/01	---	1.1	3.1	9.5
TRIPLE PEAK SNOTEL	8500	5/01/01	---	12.0	12.0	25.0
TURPIN MEADOWS	6900				---	---
TWO OCEAN SNOTEL	9240	5/01/01	---	22.0	24.5	29.2
TYRELL RANGER STA.	8300	4/26/01	21	3.2	.0	7.5
UPPER SPEARFISH	6500				---	7.0
WARREN PEAK SNOTEL	6520				5.5	9.6
WEBBER SPRING SNOTEL	9250	5/01/01	---	16.2	16.1	26.0
WHISKEY PARK SNOTEL	8950	5/01/01	---	23.1	23.3	29.6
WILLOW CREEK SNOTEL	8450	5/01/01	---	14.3	20.6	31.9
WINDY PEAK SNOTEL	7900	5/01/01	---	3.7	4.2	7.9
WOLVERINE SNOTEL	7650	5/01/01	---	.1	.0	8.1
WOOD ROCK G.S.	8440	4/26/01	26	6.5	9.5	12.2
YOUNTS PEAK SNOTEL	8350	5/01/01	---	9.5	15.0	18.3

(d) Denotes discontinued site.

Snake River Basin (1)

Snow

Percentage of average snow water equivalent (SWE) for each drainage in the basin is: Snake above Jackson Lake -- 46 percent (85% of last year at this time), Pacific Creek -- 55 percent (86% of last year at this time), Gros Ventre River -- 63 percent (84% of last year at this time), Hoback River -- 54 percent (87% of last year at this time), Greys River – 54 percent (80% of last year at this time), Salt River -- 36 percent (66% of last year at this time). Snake River Basin above Palisades is 48 percent of average (81% of last year at this time). See the Basin Summary of Snow Courses at the beginning of this report for a detailed listing of snow course information.

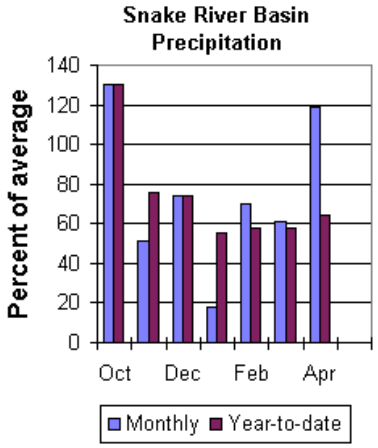


Precipitation.

Precipitation across the basin was much below average for last month. Monthly precipitation, for the basin, was 150 percent of average (162 percent of last year). April percentages range from 83 to 177 percent of average. Water-year-to-date precipitation is 76 percent of normal for the Snake River basin (85 percent of last year at this time). Year-to-date percentages range from 58 to 102 percent of average.

Reservoir.

Current usable storage compared to average for the three reservoirs in the basin is as follows: Grassy Lake —115 percent of average (13,400 acre feet compared to 13,000 last year), Jackson lake — 145 percent of average (663,400 acre feet compared to 716,600 acre feet last year), and Palisades Reservoir — 90 percent of average (858,800 acre feet compared to 1,161,100 acre feet last year).



Streamflow.

The most probable, 50 percent chance May through September runoff yield forecast is much below average for the basin. The Snake near Moran is expected to yield 475,000 acre-feet (58 percent of normal). Yield from the Snake River above Palisades Reservoir is estimated to be 1,585,000 acre-feet (64 percent of normal). The 50 percent chance yield near Heise is expected to be 2,055,000 acre-feet (60 percent of normal). Pacific Creek at Moran is expected to yield about 88,000 acre-feet (56 percent of average). Greys River above Palisades Reservoir is estimated to yield 182,000 acre-feet (52 percent of normal). Salt River near Etna is estimated to have a yield of 156,000 acre-feet (46 percent of normal).

SNAKE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
SNAKE near Moran (1,2)	MAY-SEP	348	435	475	58	515	602	814
SNAKE above Palisades (2)	MAY-SEP	1349	1490	1585	64	1680	1821	2475
PALISADES RESERVOIR INFLOW (1,2)	MAY-SEP	1592	1910	2055	60	2200	2518	3428
SNAKE near Heise (2)	MAY-SEP	1811	2042	2200	60	2358	2589	3672
PACIFIC CREEK at Moran	MAY-SEP	60	77	88	56	99	116	157
GREYS above Palisades	MAY-SEP	142	166	182	52	198	222	350
SALT near Etna	MAY-SEP	93	131	156	46	181	219	339

SNAKE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
GRASSY LAKE	15.2	13.4	13.0	11.7
JACKSON LAKE	847.0	663.4	716.6	456.5
PALISADES	1400.0	858.8	1161.1	950.0

SNAKE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
SNAKE above Jackson Lake	6	85	46
PACIFIC CREEK	2	86	55
GROS VENTRE RIVER	2	84	63
HOBACK RIVER	6	91	57
GREYS RIVER	5	80	54
SALT RIVER	5	66	36
SNAKE above Palisades	23	82	48

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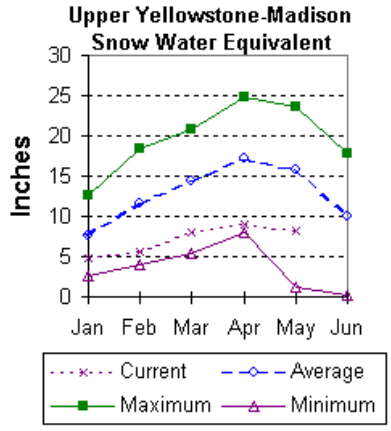
Upper Yellowstone and Madison River Basins (2)

Snow

Snowfall in these basins this year has been well below average for this time of the year. Snow water equivalent (SWE) is about 49 percent of average (83 percent of last year) in the Madison drainage. SWE in the Yellowstone drainage is about 54 percent of average (78 percent of last year at this time). See the "Snow Course Basin Summary" at the beginning of this document for more details on specific sites.

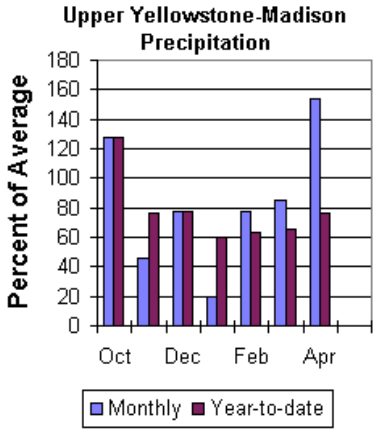


Precipitation

April precipitation in the Madison and Yellowstone drainage was about 154 percent of average (166 percent of previous year) for the 6 reporting stations -- percentage range was from 83 to 177 percent of average. Water-year-to-date precipitation is about 76 percent of average (85 percent of last year's amount). Year to date percentage ranges from 60 to 102 percent

Reservoir

Usable reservoir storage for Ennis Lake is 31,000 acre-feet (76 percent of capacity) – 88 percent of average. Hebgen Lake usable storage is about 290,000 acre-feet of water (77 percent of capacity) – 118 percent of average. Ennis Lake is storing about 97 percent and Hebgen Lake is storing about 95 percent of last year's volume.



Streamflow

All the following forecasts are the 50 percent chance runoff for the April through September runoff period. Yellowstone at Lake Outlet is expected to yield about 440,000 acre feet (56 percent of normal). Yellowstone at Corwin Springs will yield about 1,200,000 acre-feet (62 percent of normal). Yellowstone near Livingston will yield about 1,375,000 acre feet (61 percent of normal). Hebgen lake inflow is estimated to be 355,000 acre feet (69 percent of normal). See the following page for detailed runoff volumes.

UPPER YELLOWSTONE & MADISON RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
YELLOWSTONE at Lake Outlet	MAY-SEP	343	398	435	58	472	527	756
YELLOWSTONE RIVER at Corwin Spgs.	MAY-SEP	1042	1184	1280	69	1376	1518	1844
YELLOWSTONE RIVER near Livingston	MAY-SEP	1226	1362	1455	69	1548	1684	2123
HEBGEN Reservoir Inflow	MAY-SEP	218	258	285	67	312	352	428

UPPER YELLOWSTONE & MADISON RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
ENNIS LAKE	41.0	31.0	32.1	35.1
HEBGEN LAKE	377.5	290.0	305.7	246.1

UPPER YELLOWSTONE & MADISON RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
MADISON RIVER in WY	9	83	49
YELLOWSTONE RIVER in WY	11	78	54

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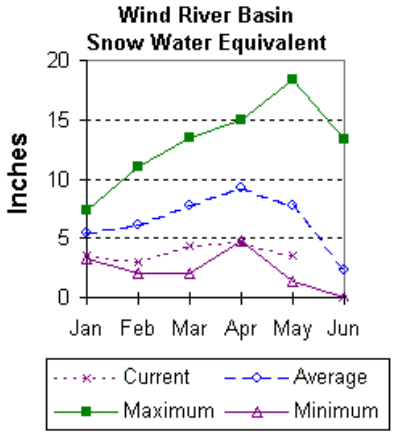
Wind River Basin (3)

Snow

The Wind River basin has much below average snow water equivalent (SWE) for this time of the year. SWE in the Wind River above Dubois is 58 percent of average (84 percent of last year). The Little Wind SWE is 27 percent of average water content (67 percent of last year), and the Popo Agie drainage SWE is about 37 percent of average (72 percent of last year). The Wind River basin, above Boysen Reservoir, SWE is about 45 percent of average (about 78 percent of last year). See the Basin Summary of Snow Course Data at the front of this report for details.

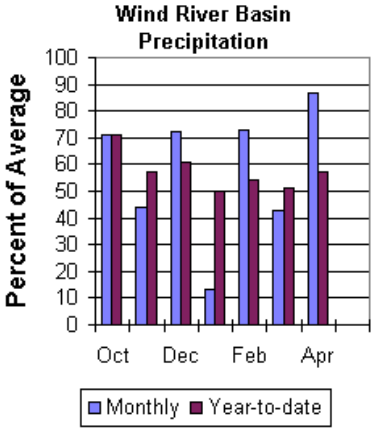


Precipitation

April precipitation in the basin varied from 28 to 109 percent of average. April precipitation for the basin was about 60 percent of average for the 9 reporting stations; that is about 53 percent of last year's amount. Water year-to-date precipitation is 57 percent of normal. The current water-year-to-date average is about 73 percent of last year at this time. Year to date figures range from 46 to 108 percent of average.

Reservoirs

Current usable storage varies from 77 to 82 percent of average. Bull Lake is currently storing about 61,700 acre feet (41 percent of capacity) -- the reservoir is at 77 percent of average at this time of the year. Boysen Reservoir is storing about 73 percent of capacity (437,300 acre feet) -- the reservoir is at 87 percent of average for this time of the year. Pilot Butte is storing 78 percent of capacity (24,700 acre feet) -- the reservoir is at 82 percent of average for this time of the year.



Streamflow

Water supply is estimated to be much below normal this year. The following values reflect the 50 percent chance yields for the April through September runoff period. The Wind River above Bull Lake Creek is expected to yield 315,000 acre feet (62 percent of average). Wind River at Riverton will yield about 312,000 acre feet (51 percent of average). Boysen Reservoir inflow will yield about 320,000 acre feet (42 percent of normal). Bull Lake Creek near Lenore is expected to yield about 100,000 acre feet (56 percent of average). Little Popo Agie River near Lander is expected to yield about 22,500 acre feet (46 percent of average). South Fork of Little Wind near Fort Washakie will yield about 51,000 acre feet (65 percent of average). Little Wind River near Riverton will yield about 145,000 acre feet (48 percent of average).

WIND RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
WIND RIVER abv Bull Lake Cr (2)	MAY-SEP	254	290	315	62	355	414	511
WIND RIVER at Riverton (2)	MAY-SEP	243	284	312	51	384	490	609
BOYSEN RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	MAY-SEP	211	276	320	42	425	579	758
BULL LAKE CR near Lenore (2)	MAY-SEP	82	93	100	56	113	132	179
LT POPO AGIE RIVER nr Lander	MAY-SEP	16.2	19.9	23	46	28	36	49
SF LT WIND nr Fort Washakie	MAY-SEP	38	46	51	65	59	71	78
LT WIND RIVER nr Riverton	MAY-SEP	88	122	145	48	193	263	303

WIND RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
BULL LAKE	151.8	61.7	93.5	79.9
BOYSEN	596.0	437.3	501.4	502.6
PILOT BUTTE		NO REPORT		

WIND RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
WIND RIVER above Dubios	7	84	58
LITTLE WIND	2	67	27
POPO AGIE	6	72	37
WIND above Boysen Resv	14	78	45

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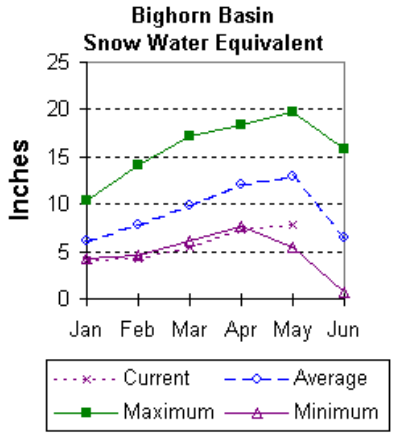
Bighorn River Basin (4)

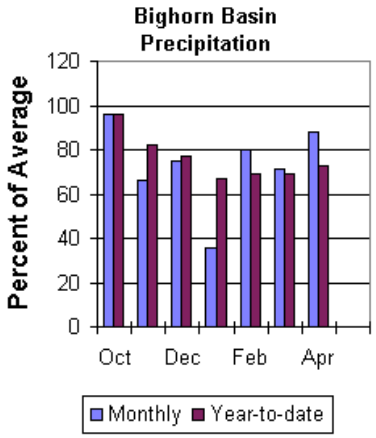
Snow

Snowpack in this basin is well below average for this time of year. The Nowood drainage SWE is 59 percent of average (97 percent of last year). Greybull River SWE is 31 percent of average (60 percent of last year). Shell Creek SWE is 70 percent of average (78 percent of last year). The basin SWE, as a whole, is currently 61 percent of average (82 percent of last year). For more information see Basin Summary of Snow Courses at beginning of report.



Precipitation

April precipitation was 88 percent of the monthly average (87 percent of last year). Sites ranged from 16 to 139 percent of average for the month. Year-to-date precipitation is 73 percent of normal; that is 80 percent of last year at this time. Year to date percentages, from the 13 reporting stations, range from 48 to 145.



Reservoir

Usable storage in Boysen Reservoir is currently 437,300-acre feet (87 percent of average). Bighorn Lake is now at 107 percent of average (841,200-acre feet). Boysen is currently storing 87 percent of last year at this time and Big Horn Lake is storing 96 percent of last year's volume.

Streamflow

The 50 percent chance May through September runoff is anticipated to be below normal. The Boysen Reservoir inflow is forecast to yield 320,000 acre feet (42 percent of average); the Greybull River nr Meeteese should yield 80,000 acre feet (41 percent of average); Shell Creek near Shell should yield 52,000 acre feet (72 percent of average) and the Bighorn River at Kane should yield 445,000 acre feet (43 percent of average).

BIGHORN RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
BOYSEN RESERVOIR Inflow (2)	MAY-SEP	211	276	320	42	425	579	758
GREYBULL RIVER nr Meeteetse	MAY-SEP	64	73	80	41	96	120	195
SHELL CREEK nr Shell	MAY-SEP	42	48	52	72	56	63	72
BIGHORN RIVER at Kane (2)	MAY-SEP	283	379	445	43	598	822	1039

BIGHORN RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
BOYSEN	596.0	437.3	501.4	502.6
BIGHORN LAKE	1356.0	841.2	877.6	789.2

BIGHORN RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
NOWOOD RIVER	5	97	59
GREYBULL RIVER	2	60	31
SHELL CREEK	4	78	70
BIGHORN (Boysen-Bighorn)	11	82	61

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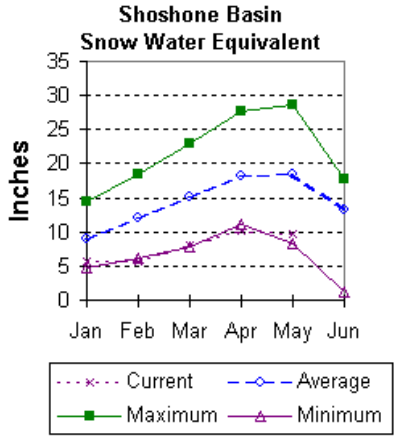
Shoshone and Clarks Fork River Basin (5)

Snow

Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) is 54 percent of the May 1 average (78 percent of last year) in the Shoshone River basin. The Clarks Fork River basin SWE is 52 percent of average (69 percent of last year). For more information see the Basin Summary of Snow Course Data at the beginning of this report.

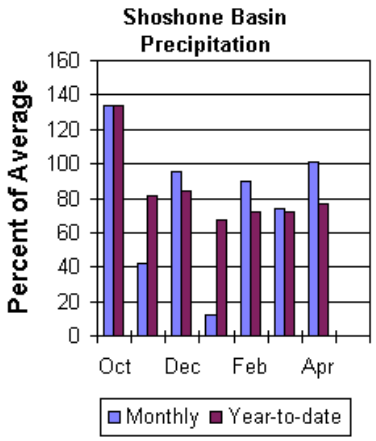


Precipitation

Precipitation for the month of April was 104 percent of normal (126 percent of last year). Monthly percentages range from 17 to 168 percent of average. The basin year-to-date precipitation is now 77 percent of average (82 percent of last year). Year-to-date percentages range from 41 to 102 percent of average.

Reservoir

Current usable storage in Buffalo Bill Reservoir is 105 percent of average (82 percent of last year's storage) – the reservoir is about 52 percent of capacity. Currently, about 352,100 acre-feet of usable storage is in the reservoir compared to 430,800 acre feet last year – normally the reservoir stores about 335,100 acre feet at this time of the year. Detailed reservoir data is shown on the following page and on the reservoir storage summary at the beginning of this report.



Streamflow

The fifty percent yield (May through September period) for North Fork Shoshone River at Wapiti is expected to be 335,000 acre-feet (70 percent of average). South Fork of the Shoshone River near Valley is estimated to yield of 140,000 acre-feet (54 percent of average), and South Fork above Buffalo Bill Reservoir is expected to be 81,000 acre-feet (37 percent of average). At the Buffalo Bill Reservoir, the fifty percent chance yield for the Shoshone River is expected to be about 440,000 acre-feet (58 percent of average). The fifty-percent chance yield for the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone near Belfry, Montana is expected to be about 300,000 acre-feet (53 percent of average).

SHOSHONE & CLARKS FORK RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
NF SHOSHONE RIVER at Wapiti	MAY-SEP	302	322	335	70	354	383	480
SF SHOSHONE RIVER nr Valley	MAY-SEP	121	132	140	54	154	176	259
SF SHOSHONE RIVER abv Buffalo Bill	MAY-SEP	60	72	81	37	104	138	218
BUFFALO BILL DAM Inflow (2)	MAY-SEP	363	409	440	58	494	573	754
CLARKS FORK RIVER nr Belfry	MAY-SEP	255	282	300	53	334	384	566

SHOSHONE & CLARKS FORK RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
BUFFALO BILL	646.6	352.1	430.8	335.1

SHOSHONE & CLARKS FORK RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
SHOSHONE RIVER	7	78	54
CLARKS FORK in WY	7	69	52

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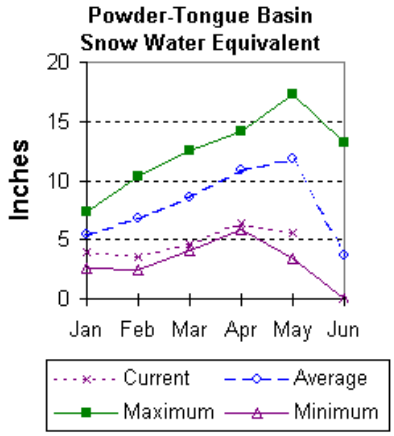
Powder and Tongue River Basins (6)

Snow

Snow water equivalent (SWE) in the Upper Tongue River drainage is 61 percent of normal (73 percent of last year). The Goose Creek drainage is 61 percent of average (78 percent of last year). Clear Creek drainage is 47 percent of normal SWE (82 percent of last year). Crazy Woman Creek is 69 percent of average (109 percent of last year). The Upper Powder River drainage is 47 percent of average (80 percent of last year). The Powder River basin snow water equivalent (SWE), in Wyoming, is about 47 percent of average (81 percent of last year). For more information see Basin Summary of Snow Courses at beginning of report.

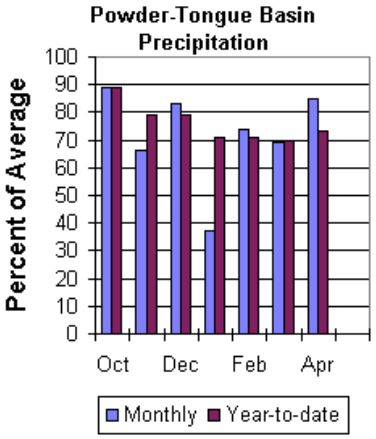


Precipitation

April precipitation was 85 percent of average for the 11 reporting stations (85 percent of last year). Monthly percentages range from 47 to 137 percent of average. Precipitation for the year ranges from 59 to 83 percent of average at the reporting stations. Year-to-date precipitation is about 73 percent of average in the basin; this is 78 percent of last year at this time.

Reservoir

Tongue River Reservoir is currently at 122 percent of average usable storage for this time of year (44,500 acre feet) – the reservoir is about 46 percent of capacity (total capacity is 79,100 acre feet). Last year at this time the reservoir was storing about 41,100 acre feet – average storage is about 36,600 acre feet for this time of the year. Detailed reservoir data is shown on the following page and on the reservoir storage summary at the beginning of this report.



Streamflow

The following runoff values are for the 50 percent probability during the May through September forecast period. The estimated yield for Tongue River near Dayton is 65,000-acre feet (60 percent of normal). Middle Fork of the Powder River near Barnum is estimated to yield 5,700-acre feet (32 percent of average). The North Fork of the Powder near Hazelton should yield about 5,300 acre-feet (56 percent of normal). The estimated yield for Clear Creek near Buffalo is 19,000 acre-feet (51 percent of average). Rock Creek near Buffalo will yield about 11,000 acre-feet (48 percent of normal), and Piney Creek at Kearny should yield about 19,500 acre-feet (42 percent of average).

POWDER & TONGUE RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
TONGUE RIVER nr Dayton (2)	MAY-SEP	50	59	65	60	75	89	109
MIDDLE FORK POWDER nr Barnum	MAY-SEP	3.9	5.0	5.7	32	7.9	11.3	17.7
NORTH FORK POWDER nr Hazelton	MAY-SEP	3.90	4.73	5.30	56	6.31	7.80	9.50
CLEAR CREEK nr Buffalo	MAY-SEP	15.4	17.5	19.0	51	22	26	37
ROCK CREEK nr Buffalo	MAY-SEP	8.4	9.9	11.0	48	13.2	16.4	23
PINEY CREEK at Kearny	MAY-SEP	9.3	15.4	19.5	42	29	44	47

POWDER & TONGUE RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
TONGUE RIVER	79.1	44.5	41.1	36.6

POWDER & TONGUE RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
UPPER TONGUE RIVER	8	74	61
GOOSE CREEK	2	76	61
CLEAR CREEK	4	82	47
CRAZY WOMAN CREEK	3	109	69
UPPER POWDER RIVER	4	80	47
POWDER RIVER in WY	8	81	47

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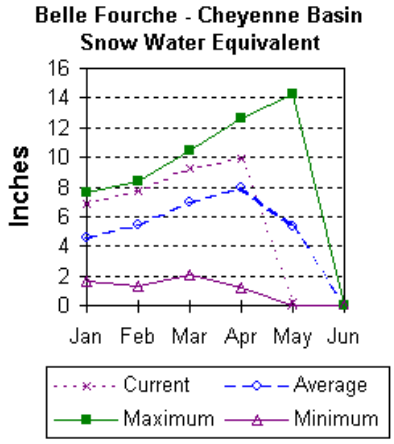
Belle Fourche and Cheyenne River Basins (7)

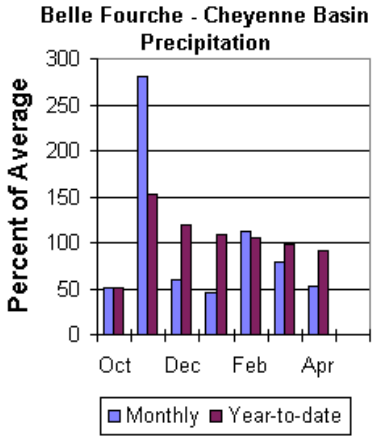
Snow.

The Belle Fourche River Basin is essentially melted out as of May 1. See Basin summary of Snow Course Data at the beginning of this report for a detailed listing.



Precipitation.

Precipitation, for the month of April was 53 percent of average in the Black Hills (44 percent of last April). Monthly percentages range from 16 to 108 percent. Year-to-date precipitation is 92 percent of average and 109 percent of last year's amount. Year to date percentages range from 86 to 92. This is from the 3 reporting stations.



Reservoir.

Usable reservoir storage is generally above average in the basin. Angostura is currently storing 102 percent of average (116,300-acre feet). Belle Fourche reservoir is storing 124 percent of average (181,200-acre feet). Deerfield reservoir is storing 110 percent of average (15,000-acre feet). Keyhole reservoir is storing 156 percent of average (171,000-acre feet). Pactola reservoir is storing 113 percent of average (54,000-acre feet), and Shadehill reservoir is storing 123 percent of average (80,000-acre feet).

Streamflow

Streamflow forecasts are below average as of May 1. Deerfield Reservoir inflow is forecast at 2,250 acre feet (75 percent of average). Pactola is forecast at 10,500 acre feet (70 percent of average). This is for the May – July runoff period.

BELLE FOURCHE & CHEYENNE RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
DEERFIELD RESERVOIR Inflow	MAY-JUL	0.77	1.65	2.25	75	3.05	4.22	3.00
PACTOLA RESERVOIR Inflow	MAY-JUL	0.0	6.2	10.5	70	16.6	26	15.1

BELLE FOURCHE & CHEYENNE RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
ANGOSTURA	122.1	116.3	120.9	113.7
BELLE FOURCHE	178.4	181.2	189.9	145.7
DEERFIELD	15.2	15.0	15.2	13.6
KEYHOLE	193.8	171.0	175.4	109.6
PACTOLA	55.0	54.0	54.9	47.9
SHADEHILL	81.4	80.0	55.8	65.2

BELLE FOURCHE & CHEYENNE RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
BELLE FOURCHE	3	0	5

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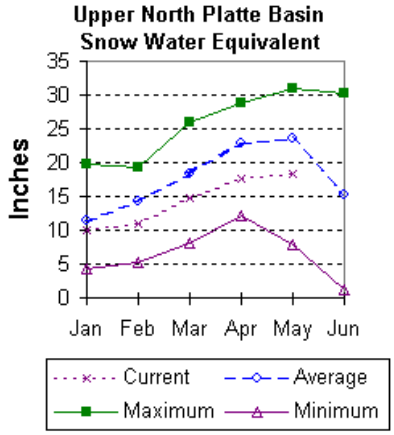
Upper North Platte River Basin (8)

Snow

The snow courses above Seminoe Reservoir have about 78 percent of average snow water equivalent (SWE) recorded for this time of the year (100 percent of last year). SWE in the drainage area above Northgate is about 75 percent of average and 80 percent of last year at this time. SWE in the Encampment River drainage is about 79 percent of normal and 108 percent of last year. Brush Creek SWE for the year is about 86 percent of normal and 120 percent of last year's SWE. Medicine Bow and Rock Creek drainage SWE is about 78 percent of average and 121 percent of last year at this time. For more information see Basin Summary of Snow Courses at the beginning of this report.

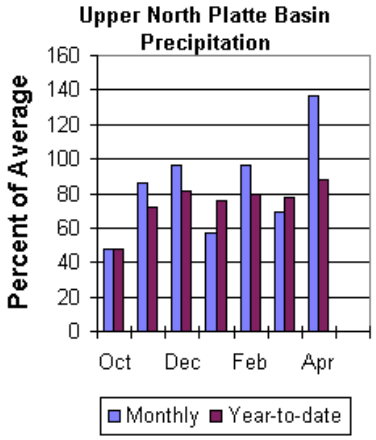


Precipitation

Nine reporting stations indicate April precipitation was 137 percent of average and about 168 percent of last year's amount. April precipitation varied from 84 to 172 percent of average. Total water-year-to-date precipitation is about 88 percent of average for the basin, which is about 101 percent of last year's amount. Year to date percentage ranges from 62 to 111 percent of average for the 9 reporting stations.

Reservoirs

Seminoe Reservoir usable storage is currently about 169 percent of normal for this time of the year. The reservoir is storing 88 percent of last year's amount. Seminoe Reservoir is estimated to be storing 663,500 acre-feet (65 percent of capacity). Last year, at this time, the reservoir had 753,000 acre-feet in storage.



Streamflow

All the following yields are based on the fifty percent chance April through September yield. Yield for the North Platte River near Northgate is expected to be about 122,000 acre-feet (54 percent of average). Encampment River near Encampment is estimated to yield 115,000 acre-feet (78 percent of normal). Rock Creek near Arlington is estimated to yield 35,000 acre-feet (64 percent of average). Seminoe Reservoir inflow should be about (415,000 acre-feet (62 percent of normal). See the following table for more detailed information on projected runoff.

UPPER NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
North Platte River nr Northgate	MAY-SEP	61	97	122	54	147	183	228
Encampment River nr Encampment	MAY-SEP	80	101	115	78	129	150	148
Rock Creek nr Arlington	MAY-SEP	28	32	35	64	38	43	55
Seminoe Reservoir inflow	MAY-JUL	230	340	415	62	490	600	671
	MAY-SEP	337	407	455	62	503	573	733

UPPER NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
SEMINOE	1016.7	663.5	753.0	392.0

UPPER NORTH PLATTE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
N PLATTE above Northgate	7	80	75
ENCAMPMENT RIVER	4	108	79
BRUSH CREEK	5	120	86
MEDICINE BOW & ROCK CREEK	3	121	78
N PLATTE above Seminoe	19	100	78

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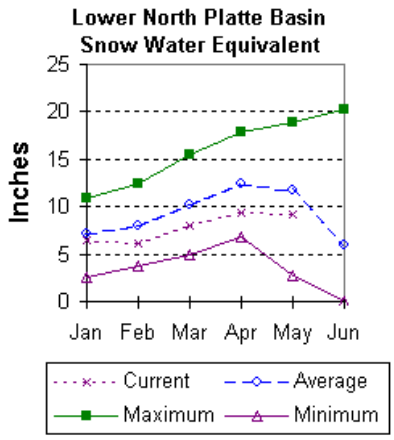
Lower North Platte River Basin (9)

Snow

SWE for the North Platte River basin in Wyoming averages 78 percent of normal (103 % of last year). The Sweetwater drainage SWE is currently 51 percent (69 percent of last year). Deer and LaPrele Creek SWE is 94 percent of average (108 percent of last year. SWE for the North Platte above the Laramie River drainage is 77 percent of average (98 % of last year). SWE for the Laramie River above Laramie is 80 percent of average (97 % of last year). SWE for the Little Laramie River is 79 percent of average (163 percent of last year). SWE for the Laramie River above the mouth is 80 percent of average (112 % of last year). For more information see Basin Summary of Snow Courses at beginning of report.

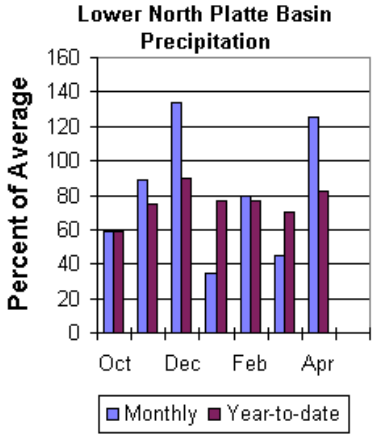


Precipitation

Last months precipitation ranged from 24 to 214 percent for the 11 reporting stations. April precipitation for the basin was 125 percent of average (113 percent of last year). The water year-to-date precipitation for the basin is currently 82 percent of average (92 percent of last year). Year to date percentages range from 46 to 134.

Reservoir

The Lower North Platte River basin usable storage is average to well above average. Reservoir storage is as follows: Alcova 178,300 acre feet (99 percent of average); Glendo 466,600 acre feet (102 percent of average); Guernsey 26,600 acre feet (81 percent of average); Pathfinder 774,400 acre feet (127 percent of average); Seminoe 663,500 acre feet (169 percent of average). Wheatland No.2 53,000 acre feet (97 percent of average).. Water allocated to project use is near average with North Platte Project users at 100 percent of average, Kendrick Project users at 119 percent of average, and Glendo Project users at 134 percent of average.



Streamflow

Yields from 16 to 87 percent are expected in the basin during the forecast period. The following yields are based on the fifty percent chance probability runoff for the May through September forecast period. The Sweetwater near Alcova is forecast to yield about 9,700 acre-feet (16 percent of average). Deer Creek at Glenrock is expected to yield about 42 percent of average (12,600 acre-feet). LaPrele Creek above the reservoir is estimated to yield 58 percent of average (11,500 acre-feet). North Platte River below Guernsey Reservoir is expected to yield about 51 percent of normal (405,000 acre-feet), and below Glendo Reservoir is anticipated to yield about 52 percent of average (430,000 acre-feet). Laramie River near Woods should yield about 87 percent of average (111,000 acre-feet). The Little Laramie near Filmore should produce about 48,000 acre-feet (79 percent of average).

LOWER NORTH PLATTE, SWEETWATER & LARAMIE RIVER BASINS
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
Sweetwater River nr Alcova	MAY-JUL	5.6	6.7	7.4	13	16.7	30	56
	MAY-SEP	7.0	8.6	9.7	16	19.7	34	61
Deer Creek at Glenrock	MAY-SEP	7.5	10.4	12.6	42	15.0	18.9	30
La Prele Creek ab La Prele Reservoir	MAY-SEP	3.2	7.3	11.5	58	17.0	28	20
North Platte River blw Glendo Reserv	MAY-JUL	146	291	390	51	489	634	761
	MAY-SEP	277	353	405	51	506	656	793
North Platte River blw Guernsey Resv	MAY-JUL	251	343	405	52	525	700	780
	MAY-SEP	270	365	430	52	554	737	825
Laramie River nr Woods	MAY-SEP	66	93	111	87	129	156	127
Little Laramie River nr Filmore	MAY-SEP	39	44	48	79	52	58	61

LOWER NORTH PLATTE, SWEETWATER & LARAMIE RIVER BASINS
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
ALCOVA	184.3	178.3	197.7	179.9
GLENDO	506.4	466.6	516.1	457.6
GUERNSEY	45.6	26.6	36.0	32.8
PATHFINDER	1016.5	774.4	994.6	609.0
SEMINOE	1016.7	663.5	753.0	392.0
WHEATLAND #2	98.9	53.0	77.0	54.9
NORTH PLATTE PROJ		NO REPORT		
KENDRICK PROJECT		NO REPORT		
GLENDO PROJECT USERS		NO REPORT		

LOWER NORTH PLATTE, SWEETWATER & LARAMIE RIVER BASINS
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
SWEETWATER	3	73	51
DEER & LaPRELE CREEKS	2	96	88
N PLATTE abv Laramie R.	24	97	76
LARAMIE RIVER abv Laramie	9	97	80
LITTLE LARAMIE RIVER	4	163	79
LARAMIE RIVER above mouth	12	112	80
NORTH PLATTE	32	103	77

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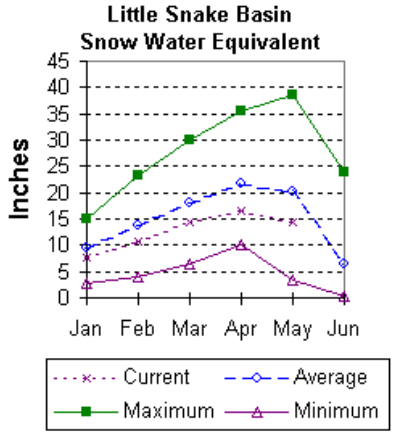
Little Snake River Basin (10)

Snow

Snowfall has been below average across the basin this year. Currently, snow water equivalent (SWE) in the Little Snake River drainage is 71 percent of average (104 percent of last year at this time). For more information see Basin Summary of Snow Courses at beginning of this report.

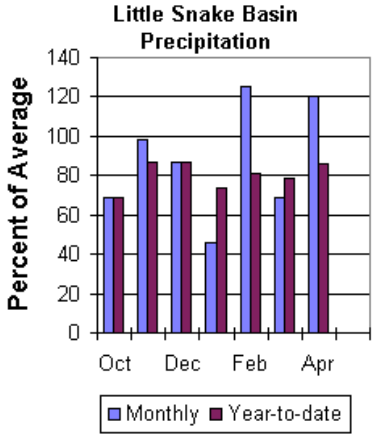


Precipitation

Precipitation across the basin was above average this past month. April precipitation was 120 percent of average (194 percent of last year) for the 5 reporting stations. April precipitation ranged from 78 to 148 percent of average. The Little Snake River basin water-year-to-date precipitation is currently 86 percent of average (103 percent of last year). Year-to-date percentages range from 78 to 94 percent of average.

Streamflow

Runoff yield in the Little Snake River drainage is expected to be below normal this year. Stream yield is based on the 50 percent probability for the April through July forecast period. The Little Snake River near Slater should yield about 100,000 acre-feet (65 percent of normal). Little Snake River near Dixon is estimated to yield 210,000 acre-feet (64 percent of normal).



LITTLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
Little Snake River nr Slater	APR-JUL	65	85	100	65	116	142	155
LITTLE SNAKE R nr Dixon	APR-JUL	104	167	210	64	253	316	329

LITTLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg

LITTLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
LITTLE SNAKE RIVER	8	104	71

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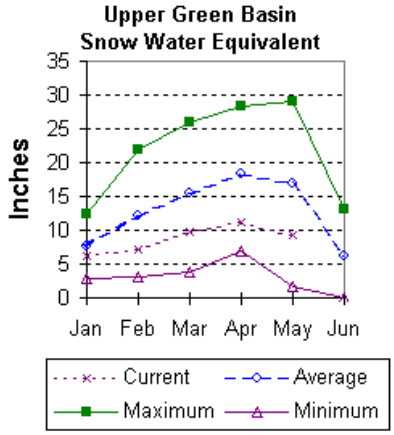
Upper Green River Basin (11)

Snow

The Upper Green River Basin snow water equivalent (SWE), above Fontenelle Reservoir, is about 56 percent of average (86 percent of last year). The Green River basin SWE above Warren Bridge is 44 percent of normal (84 percent of last year). SWE on the west side of the Upper Green River basin is about 58 percent of normal, 82 percent of this time last year. Newfork River SWE is now about 68 percent of normal (132 percent of last year). Big Sandy-Eden Valley SWE is about 67 percent of average (94 percent of last year). For more information see the Basin Summary of Snow Courses at the beginning of this report.

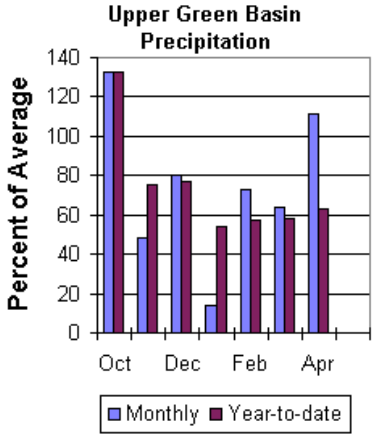


Precipitation

The 11 reporting precipitation sites in the basin were 111 percent of the April average (191 percent of last year at this time). April precipitation varied from 59 to 178 percent of average. Water year-to-date precipitation is about 88 percent of average (63 percent of last year). Year to date percentage of average ranges from 56 to 75 percent for the reporting stations.

Reservoir

Usable storage in Big Sandy Reservoir is 11,100 acre-feet (46 percent of average and 29 percent of the total capacity). Eden Reservoir water level is too low to measure. Usable storage in Fontenelle Reservoir is 117,200 acre feet (72 percent of average and 34 percent of capacity. Flaming Gorge Reservoir is currently storing 3,041,200 acre feet -- 85 percent of last year and 81 percent of capacity. No average has been established for Flaming Gorge. Detailed reservoir data is shown on the following page and on the reservoir storage summary at the beginning of this report.



Streamflow

The fifty-percent chance April through July runoff in the Upper Green River basin is forecast much below average. Green River at Warren Bridge is expected to yield about 175,000 acre-feet (66 percent of normal). Pine Creek above Fremont Lake is expected to yield 80,000 acre-feet (77 percent of normal). New Fork River near Big Piney is expected to yield about 240,000 acre-feet (62 percent of normal). Fontenelle Reservoir Inflow is estimated to be 450,000 acre-feet (53 percent of average), and Big Sandy near Farson is expected to be about 38,000 acre-feet (67 percent of normal).

UPPER GREEN RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
Green River at Warren Bridge	APR-JUL	138	160	175	66	190	212	266
Pine Creek abv Fremont Lake	APR-JUL	67	75	80	77	85	93	104
	MAY-JUL	66	74	79	78	84	92	101
New Fork River nr Big Piney	APR-JUL	155	206	240	62	274	325	385
Fontenelle Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	346	406	450	53	496	567	849
Big Sandy River nr Farson	APR-JUL	24	32	38	67	44	52	57

UPPER GREEN RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
BIG SANDY		NO REPORT		
EDEN		NO REPORT		
FLAMING GORGE	3749.0	3041.2	3196.9	---
FONTENELLE	344.8	117.2	118.6	161.8

UPPER GREEN RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
GREEN above Warren Bridge	4	89	47
UPPER GREEN (West Side)	7	82	58
NEWFORK RIVER	3	132	68
BIG SANDY/EDEN VALLEY	2	94	67
GREEN above Fontenelle	14	87	57

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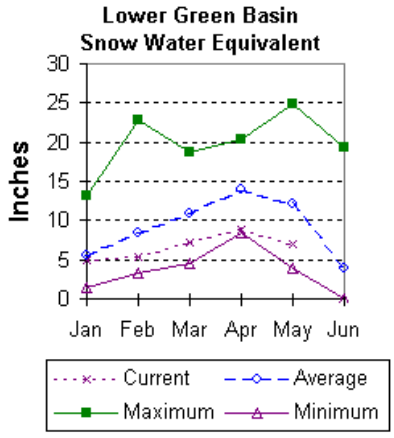
Lower Green River Basin (12)

Snow

Snow Water Equivalent in the Lower Green, as of May 1, is below average. SWE in the Hams Fork is 50 percent of average (82% of last year). Blacks Fork SWE is currently 63 percent of average (95 percent of last year). The Henry's fork SWE is currently 88 percent of average (204 percent of last year). The basin, as a whole, is 57 percent of average (92 percent of last year). For more information see Basin Summary of Snow Courses at beginning of this report.

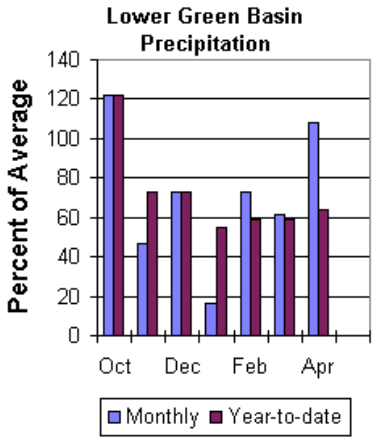


Precipitation

Precipitation was below average for the 3 reporting stations during April. Precipitation ranged from 41 to 119 percent of average for the month. The entire basin received 108 percent of average for the month (162 percent of last year). The basin year-to-date precipitation is currently 64 percent of average (91 percent of last year). Year to date percentages range from 61 to 69.

Reservoir

Usable storage in Fontenelle Reservoir this month is 117,200 acre feet (72 percent of average and 99 percent of last year. Flaming Gorge is currently at 3,041,200 acre feet of usable storage. There is no average established for Flaming Gorge. Viva Naughton did not report this month.



Streamflow

Expected yields vary from 37 to 72 percent of average across the basin. The following forecast values are based on a 50 percent chance probability for the April through July forecast period. Green River near Green River is forecast to yield about 460,000-acre feet (51 percent of average). Blacks Fork near Robertson is forecast to yield 68,000-acre feet (72 percent of average). East Fork of Smiths Fork near Robertson is estimated to yield 20,000 acre-feet (67 percent of average). The estimated yield for Hams Fork near Frontier is 28,000-acre feet (42 percent of average). Viva Naughton Reservoir inflow will be about 33,000-acre feet (37 percent of average). Flaming Gorge Reservoir inflow will be about 620,000-acre feet (52 percent of average).

LOWER GREEN RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
Green River nr Green River, WY	APR-JUL	277	386	460	51	534	643	899
Blacks Fork nr Robertson	APR-JUL	52	62	68	72	74	84	95
EF of Smiths Fork nr Robertson	APR-JUL	16.9	18.7	20	67	21	24	30
Hams Fk blw Pole Ck nr Frontier	APR-JUL	19.3	24	28	42	32	38	66
Hams Fk Inflow to Viva Naughton Res	APR-JUL	13.8	25	33	37	41	52	89
Flaming Gorge Reservoir Inflow	APR-JUL	365	517	620	52	723	875	1196

LOWER GREEN RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
FONTENELLE	344.8	117.2	118.6	161.8
FLAMING GORGE	3749.0	3041.2	3196.9	---
VIVA NAUGHTON RES		NO REPORT		

LOWER GREEN RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
HAMS FORK RIVER	4	82	50
BLACKS FORK	5	95	63
HENRYS FORK	3	204	88
GREEN above Flaming Gorge	26	93	58

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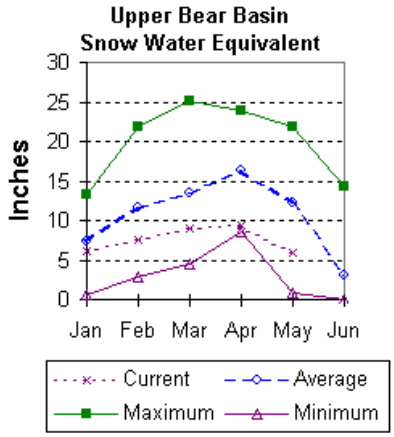
Upper Bear River Basin (13)

Snow

Snow water equivalent (SWE), at snow courses in the Bear River above the Idaho State line, is 49 percent of average (89 percent of last year). SWE for the Bear River in Utah is estimated to be 56 percent of average; that is about 96 percent of last year at this time. SWE in the Wyoming portion of the Bear River drainage (Smiths and Thomas Forks) is estimated at 49 percent of average (79 percent of last year at this time.). See the Basin Summary of Snow Course Data at the beginning of this report for more detailed information.

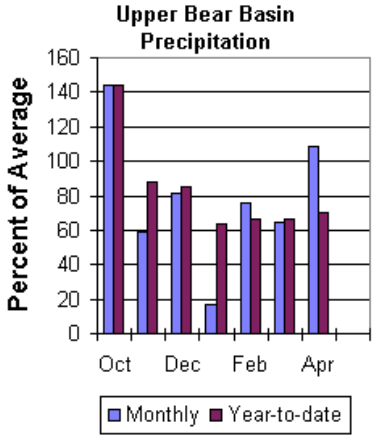


Precipitation

Precipitation for the month of April was 109 percent of average for the 2 reporting stations; this is 147 percent of the previous April. The year-to-date precipitation, for the basin, is 70 percent of average; this is 90 percent of last year's amount.

Reservoir

Usable storage in Woodruff Narrows Reservoir is 21,500 acre-feet (38 percent of total capacity) The reservoir is currently storing about 38 percent of the amount stored last year at this time.



Streamflow

The upper Bear River drainage is expected to have much below average runoff this spring. The following 50 percent chance stream flow yields are for the April through September period. Smiths Fork near Border is estimated to yield 47,000 acre-feet (43 percent of normal), and Thomas Fork drainage near the Idaho-Wyoming state line is estimated to yield 6,000 acre-feet or 20 percent of normal. Bear River near the Utah-Wyoming State Line is expected to yield about 60,000 acre feet (48 percent of average), The Bear River near Woodruff is expected to yield about 68,000 acre-feet (about 44 percent of normal).

UPPER BEAR RIVER BASIN
Streamflow Forecasts - May 1, 2001

Forecast Point	Forecast Period	<<====== Drier ====== Future Conditions ======= Wetter ======>> Chance Of Exceeding * 90% (1000AF)	70% (1000AF)	50% (Most Probable) (1000AF)	(% AVG.)	30% (1000AF)	10% (1000AF)	30-Yr Avg. (1000AF)
SMITHS FK nr Border, WY	MAY-SEP	37	43	47	43	52	60	109
THOMAS FK nr WY-ID State Line (Disc.	MAY-SEP	3.8	5.0	6.0	20	7.2	9.4	30
Bear R nr UT-WY State Line	APR-SEP	53	57	60	48	63	68	126
	MAY-SEP	50	54	57	48	60	65	120
BEAR R nr Woodruff, UT	APR-SEP	44	57	68	44	81	105	154
	MAY-SEP	36	47	57	44	69	91	131

UPPER BEAR RIVER BASIN
Reservoir Storage (1000 AF) - End of April

Reservoir	Usable Capacity	*** Usable Storage *** This Year	Last Year	Avg
WOODRUFF NARROWS	57.3	21.5	57.3	---

UPPER BEAR RIVER BASIN
Watershed Snowpack Analysis - May 1, 2001

Watershed	Number of Data Sites	This Year as % of Last Yr	Average
UPPER BEAR RIVER in Utah	7	96	56
SMITHS & THOMAS FORKS	4	79	49
BEAR RIVER abv ID line	9	88	49
NORTHWEST	70	79	50
NORTHEST	17	75	56
SOUTHEAST	35	100	74
SOUTHWEST	35	95	59

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