

## **WATER REPORT – January 3, 2012**

Only 86% of average precipitation has fallen since October 1<sup>st</sup> at SNOTEL sites in the watershed above American Falls. A portion of this total precipitation fell as rain and is not currently held in the snowpack. The snow-water-equivalent currently contained in the snowpack is 72% of average for the SNOTEL sites above American Falls. The short-term weather forecast isn't calling for significant snow accumulation over this next week. The good news is that it's still early in the season and a few storms can quickly bring the percentages back up closer to average conditions. The reservoir system contents above Milner are currently 71% full.

The **Idaho Water Users Association's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention** will be held January 24<sup>th</sup> thru January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside Hotel in Boise. For further scheduling information, see the IWUA website at [www.iwua.org](http://www.iwua.org).

The next **Committee of Nine Meeting** will be held at 6:00 PM, January 25<sup>th</sup> following the IWUA Convention's annual session in Boise.

Based on Mountain Data from NRCS SNOTEL Sites

\*\*Provisional data, subject to revision\*\*

Data based on the first reading of the day (typically 00:00) for Tuesday, January 03, 2012

Basin Site Name	Elev (ft)	Snow Water Equivalent			Year-to-Date Precipitation		
		Current (in)	Average (in)	Pct of Avg	Current (in)	Average (in)	Pct of Avg
<b>HENRY'S FORK, TETON BASINS</b>							
BLACK BEAR	8170	13.4	17.8	75	15.8	18.2	87
GRAND TARGHEE	9260	15.6	N/A	*	13.3	N/A	*
GRASSY LAKE	7265	10.9	15.2	72	15.7	17.9	88
ISLAND PARK	6290	4.8	6.8	71	7.2	8.9	81
LEWIS LAKE DIVIDE	7850	11.1	15.3	73	16.1	18	89
PHILLIPS BENCH	8200	8	13	62	10.2	13.9	73
PINE CREEK PASS	6720	6.3	7.2	88	9.5	10.4	91
WHITE ELEPHANT	7710	8.7	12.2	71	11.3	14.3	79
<b>Basin-wide percent of average</b>				<b>72</b>	<b>84</b>		
<b>SNAKE BASIN ABOVE PALISADES</b>							
BASE CAMP	7030	8.6	8.5	101	12	10.7	112
BLIND BULL SUM	8650	8	13.5	59	7.4	11.4	65
COTTONWOOD CREEK	7670	6	10	60	10.6	13.9	76
EAST RIM DIVIDE	7930	4.3	6.1	70	5.6	5.9	95
GRANITE CREEK	6770	5.4	7.9	68	6.9	9.8	70
GRASSY LAKE	7265	10.9	15.2	72	15.7	17.9	88
GROS VENTRE SUMMIT	8750	4.3	7.1	61	5.6	6.5	86
GUNSIGHT PASS	9820	5.5	N/A	*	6.8	N/A	*
LEWIS LAKE DIVIDE	7850	11.1	15.3	73	16.1	18	89
LOOMIS PARK	8240	5	8.2	61	7.3	8.6	85
PHILLIPS BENCH	8200	8	13	62	10.2	13.9	73
SALT RIVER SUMMIT	7760	3.8	5.6	68	5.2	9.2	57
SNAKE RIVER STATION	6920	7.5	8.1	93	11.8	11.3	104
SPRING CREEK DIVIDE	9000	7.7	12.8	60	9.2	13.4	69
THUMB DIVIDE	7980	7.1	7.9	90	9.4	9.3	101
TOGWOTEE PASS	9580	9.4	12	78	11.1	12.4	90
TWO OCEAN PLATEAU	9240	9.4	12	78	11.1	12.4	90
WILLOW CREEK	8380	8.6	14.7	59	14.1	16	88
<b>Basin-wide percent of average</b>				<b>73</b>	<b>85</b>		
<b>WILLOW, BLACKFOOT, PORTNEUF BASINS</b>							
OXFORD SPRING	6740	2.1	5.1	41	6.1	8.3	73
SEDGWICK PEAK	7850	4.5	9.8	46	8.6	10.9	79
SHEEP MTN.	6570	5.1	5.9	86	7.9	8.1	98
SLUG CREEK DIVIDE	7225	4.8	7.1	68	8.7	10.1	86
SOMSEN RANCH	6800	4.6	5.6	82	8.3	8.1	102
WILDHORSE DIVIDE	6490	4.4	7.8	56	9.4	10	94
<b>Basin-wide percent of average</b>				<b>62</b>	<b>88</b>		

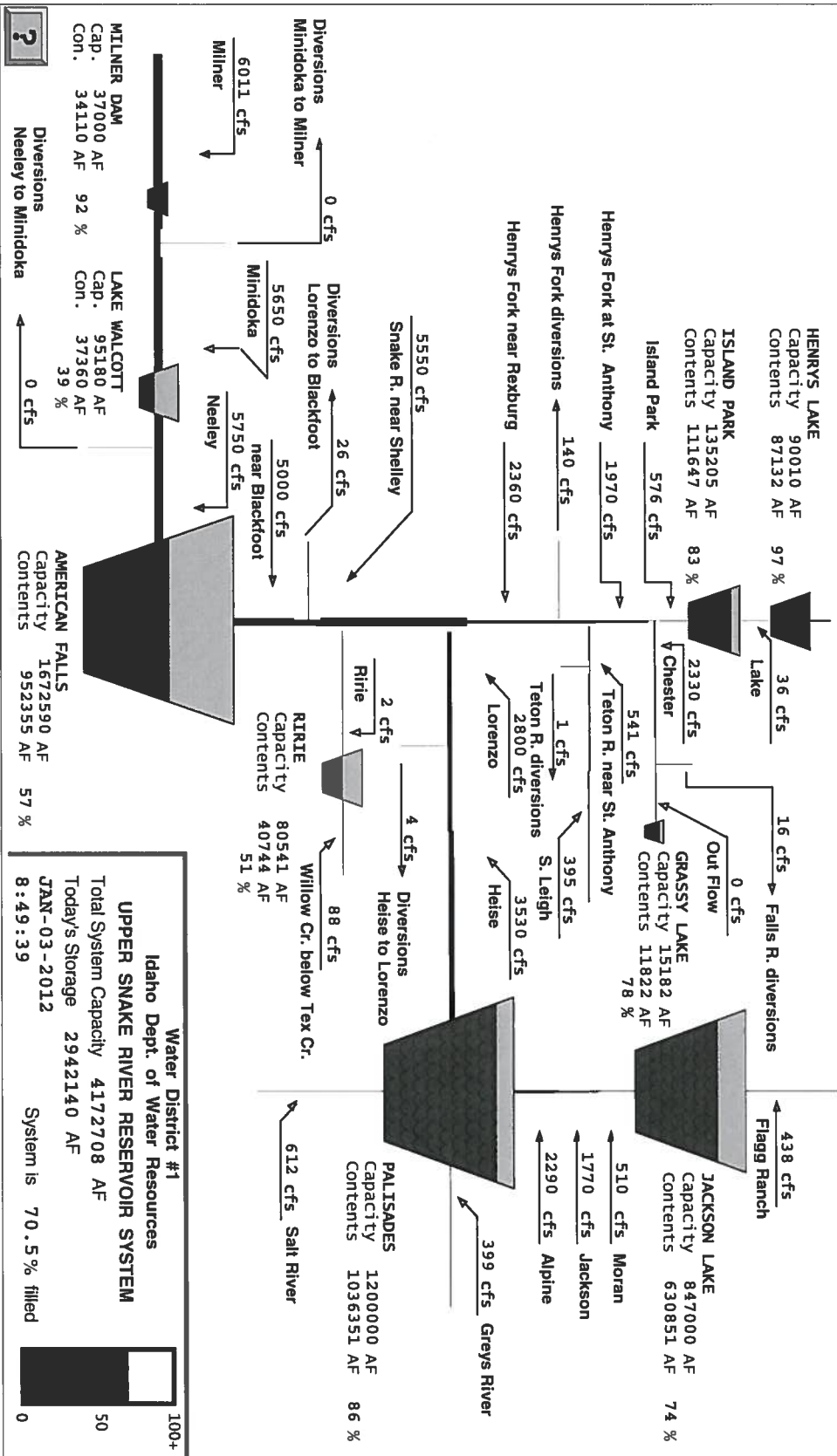
-M = Missing data.

\* = Analysis may not provide a valid measure of conditions.

N/A = No average available.

Reference period for average conditions is 1971-2000.

# USRRS FLOW SCHEMATIC



Water District #1  
**Idaho Dept. of Water Resources**  
**UPPER SNAKE RIVER RESERVOIR SYSTEM**  
 Total System Capacity 4172708 AF  
 Today's Storage 2942140 AF  
 JAN-03-2012  
 System is 70.5% filled

