

Water District 1 Report – February 12th, 2025

An atmospheric river event last week delivered much-needed precipitation after a relatively dry January, helping to boost snow levels closer to seasonal averages. Currently, our largest watershed, the Snake River above Heise, holds 103% of its median snow water equivalent. The Henrys Fork-Teton stands at 91%, while the Willow-Blackfoot-Portneuf is at 108%.

Despite this recent moisture, total precipitation accumulation since October remains below average across all watersheds—sitting at 95% for the Snake River above Heise, 90% for the Henrys Fork-Teton, and 93% for the Willow-Blackfoot-Portneuf. Base flows are also low, with the Snake River above Heise at just 89% of average.

Looking ahead, the Northwest River Forecast Center projects April through July runoff at Heise to reach 3.4 million acre-feet, or **87% of the historical average**.

The Upper Snake River Reservoir System currently holds 2.9 million acre-feet of water, representing 71% of its total capacity. This is approximately 108% of the average for this time of year, although it is 290,000 acre-feet lower than the volume recorded at this time last year.

Given the current state of the reservoir system, there is a possibility that a Milner Spill could occur again this year. If a spill happens, all water rights—including those for recharge across the system—will come into priority. However, probabilities suggest that any spill this year would likely be shorter in duration compared to last year.

Water users seeking recharge credits are encouraged to begin preparing their paperwork now to ensure recharge operations can be fully implemented as soon as a spill occurs—if it does. An application for temporary water use, including recharge, is attached.

The potential timeframe for a spill is roughly one month away but remains highly variable due to its sensitivity to changing hydrologic conditions. Updates will be posted at waterdistrict1.com and included in this report.

The American Falls 1921 storage water right is currently filling and is expected to remain in priority for another month. Junior priority reservoir water rights, such as the Palisades 1939 and Island Park 1935, will begin accruing new fill after the American Falls water right has been fully satisfied.

Jackson Lake's 1910 and Henrys Lake's 1917 storage water rights continue to accrue all inflows to their senior priority water rights. Additionally, the Lake Walcott, Palisades Winter Water Savings, and Island Park Winter Water Savings storage water rights have filled.

With Water District 1's annual meeting approaching, delegate voting forms are attached. To cast a vote, the irrigation entity must complete and submit the form.

March 3rd – Committee of Nine at 2 pm at the Holiday Inn, Idaho Falls.

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March 4th – Water District 1 Annual Meeting at 8:30 am at the Holiday Inn, Idaho Falls.

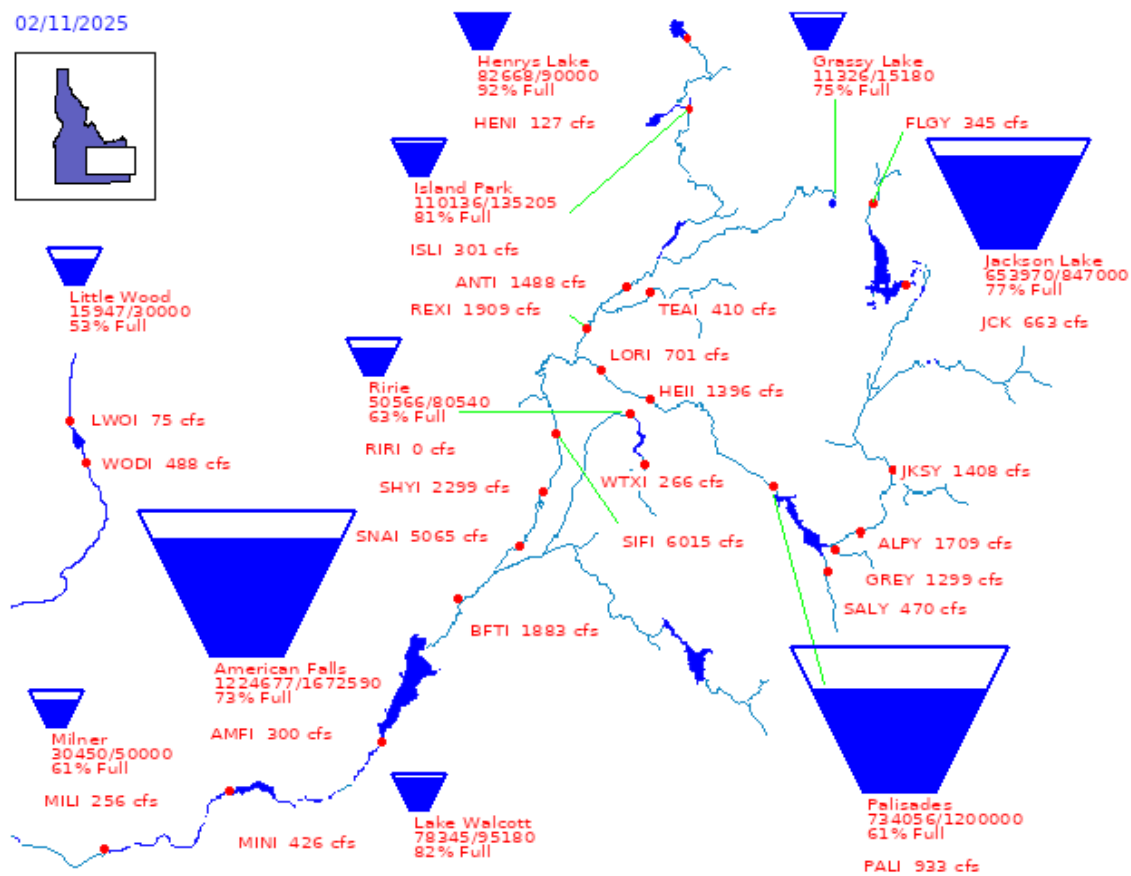
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Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region Major Storage Reservoirs in the Upper Snake River Basin

02/11/2025



PROVISIONAL DATA - Subject to change

Average daily streamflows indicated in cubic feet per second.
Reservoir levels current as of midnight on date indicated.
Click on gaging stations (red dots) for streamflow hydrographs.

Upper Snake River system is at 71 % of capacity.

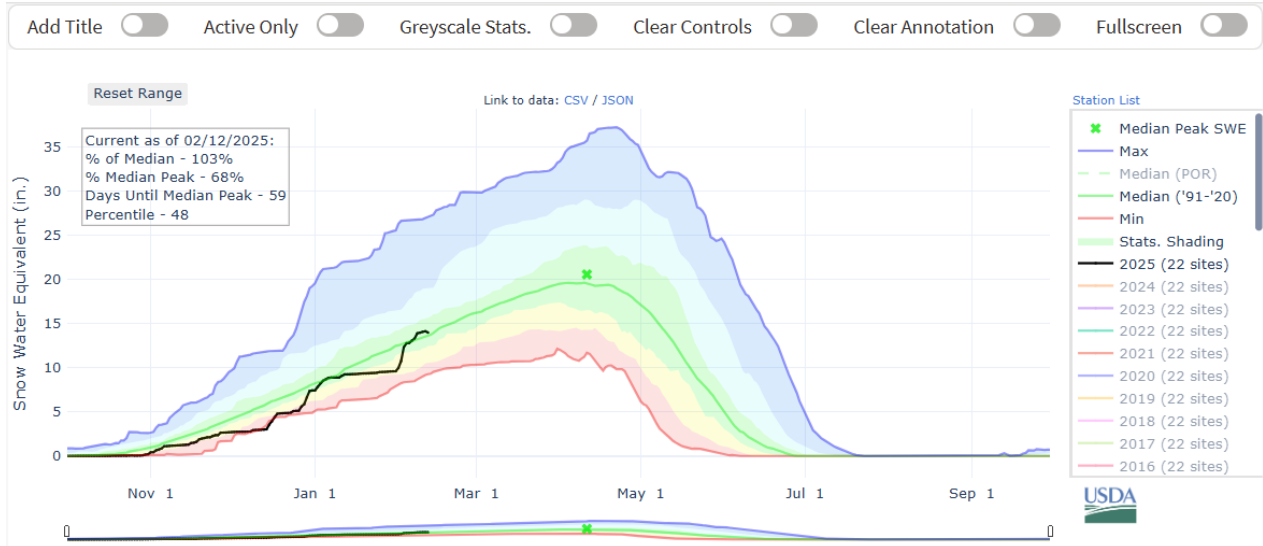
(Jackson Lake, Palisades, Grassy Lake, Island Park, Ririe, American Falls, Lake Walcott)

Total space available: 118,261.9 AF

Total storage capacity: 404,569.5 AF

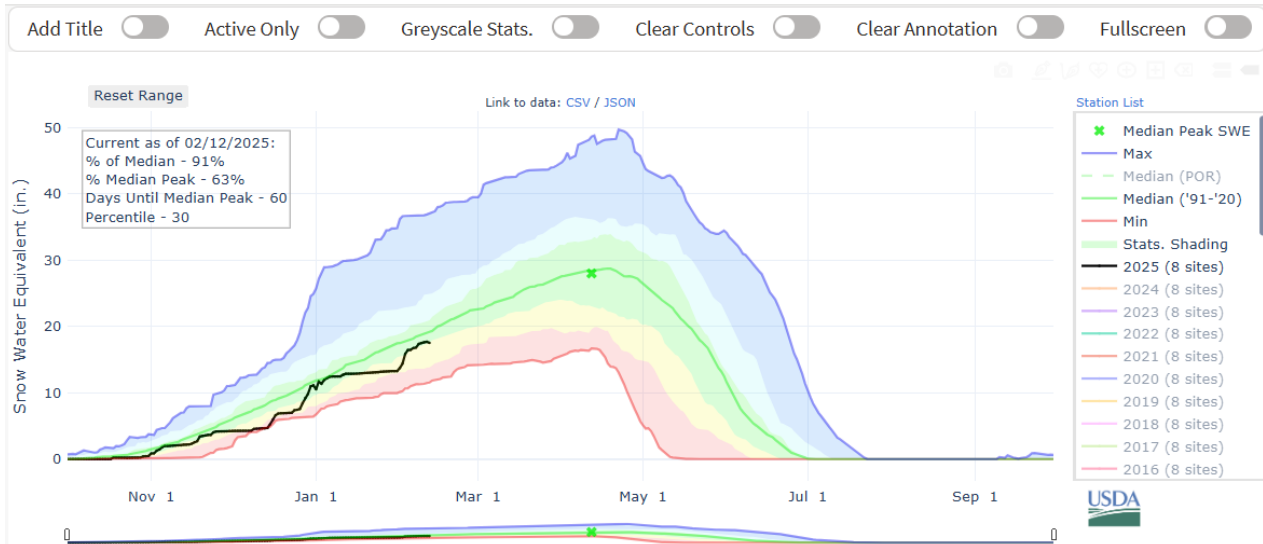
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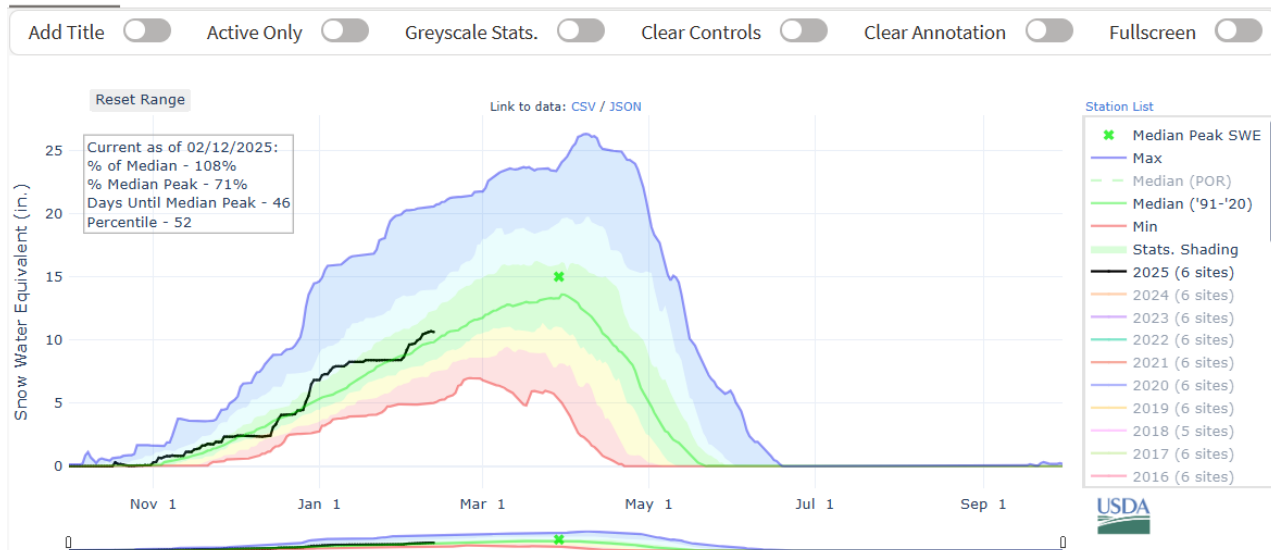
AWS Plot | SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN HENRYS FORK-TETON

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AWS Plot | SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN WILLOW-BLACKFOOT-PORTNEUF

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STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY APPROVAL OF WATER USE

For a use not intended to become an established water right and not to exceed one (1) year in duration in accordance with Idaho Code § 42-202A.

Name of applicant _____ Phone () _____

Mailing address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Email _____

1. Source of water _____ tributary to _____

2. Location of point(s) of diversion. If more than two, attach a Point of Diversion/Place of Use Supplement. []

Table with 10 columns: TWP, RGE, SEC, GOVT LOT, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4, County, Source, Local name or tag #

3. Location of place of use. If more rows are needed, attach a Point of Diversion/Place of Use Supplement. []

Table with 17 columns: TWP, RGE, SEC, NE, NW, SW, SE, NE, NW, SW, SE, NE, NW, SW, SE, NE, NW, SW, SE, Totals

4. Proposed use of water:

- a. [] Prevention of flood damage [] Ground water recharge [] Ground water or surface water remediation
[] Other (Limited to a diverted volume of 5 acre-feet.) Describe: _____

b. Attach a detailed description of how the proposal will accomplish the intended objective, such as prevention of flood damage.

5. Amount of water. Complete all three:

- a. Maximum rate of diversion: _____ cfs; or _____ gpm.
b. Maximum daily volume: _____ AF; or _____ gallons.
c. Maximum volume over the duration of the request: _____ AF; or _____ gallons.

6. Duration of diversion: from _____ (month-day) to _____ (month-day).

7. Describe proposed diverting works: _____

- 8. a. Who owns the property at the requested point of diversion? _____
b. Who owns the facilities that will convey water to the place of use? _____
c. Who owns the land to be irrigated or place of use? _____
d. If any of the items above is owned by a person or entity other than the applicant, describe the arrangement allowing access and attach written evidence of the arrangement. _____

9. Attach an 8 1/2" x 11" map identifying the water source, point(s) of diversion, place(s) of use and conveyance system.

I hereby acknowledge that I assume all risk of the diversion and use of the water under this approval. I certify this is a temporary use and is not intended to become an established water right.

Signature of Applicant _____ Title, if any _____ Date _____

Received by _____ Date _____ Time _____

\$50.00 fee received by _____ # _____ Date _____

Watermaster comments received? _____ Date _____

STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Idaho Department of Water Resources ("Department") has examined this application for temporary approval to use water under the provisions of Idaho Code § 42-202A and has determined that:

___ A. The application for temporary approval should be denied because _____

- ___ B. The application for temporary approval should be approved, since
 1. The temporary approval can be properly administered.
 2. Other water sources are not readily available.
 3. The approval is in the public interest.
 4. The approval will not injure known public values associated with the water source or any known water rights.
 5. If the temporary approval is within a water district, the Department has sought and considered the recommendations of the watermaster.

This application is therefore hereby:

- ___ A. DENIED
- ___ B. APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:
 1. Diversion and use of water under this approval is subject to all valid existing water rights.
 2. The applicant assumes all risk of the use of the water under this approval.
 3. This approval authorizes a maximum diversion volume of _____ AF and a maximum diversion rate of _____ cfs.
 4. This approval does not grant a right-of-way across the land of another.
 5. The Department may cancel or reduce the rate of flow or volume authorized by this approval. For example, the Department may cancel or reduce this approval if it concludes the water use is injuring other water rights or adversely affecting fish, wildlife or other public values.
 6. The applicant shall not divert water when downstream minimum flow water rights are not being satisfied.
 7. This approval does not create a continuing right to use water.
 8. A temporary approval for ground water recharge or prevention of flood damage shall be an opportunistic use of surplus water and shall not interfere with the filling of surface water reservoirs.
 9. For a temporary approval authorizing ground water recharge or ground water or surface water remediation, the applicant shall measure and record the weekly quantity of water diverted and report the diversion data to the Department upon request.
 10. This temporary approval is not an authorization for the described water use to be used as mitigation or credit for any other purpose.
 11. Other: _____

 12. This approval expires on _____.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

For the Department



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IDWR DIRECTOR
MAT WEAVER

February 12, 2025

Canal Secretaries:

The Water District 1 Annual Meeting will be held March 4, 2025 at Holiday Inn & Suites (3005 S Frk, exit 116 off Interstate 15) in Idaho Falls at 8:30 am to 12:45pm. **Lunch will NOT be provided.**

Enclosed is the voting delegate form. Please return by March 1, 2025 so that we can get the paperwork completed in advance of the Annual meeting. Since the business meeting is in the morning there will not be a lot of time for additions or changes.

- Mail to: Water District 1, 900 N. Skyline Dr., Suite A, Idaho Falls, ID 83402-1718
- Email to: Shelly.Bradford@idwr.idaho.gov
- Call in: 208-525-7161 and ask for Shelly

The proposed Resolutions and Rental Pool Procedures for the upcoming 2025 season will be available soon for viewing on the Water District 1 webpage www.waterdistrict1.com. Any additional modifications to the proposed Resolutions and Rental Pool Procedures, made by the Committee of Nine at their March 3th meeting, will be presented to the water users at the March 4th Water District 1 Annual Meeting for approval.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting will also be posted on the website and emailed out to anyone that receives WD1 water reports. For those accessing via Zoom, the Zoom information will be on the agenda.

Feel free to call me with any questions.

Shelly Bradford
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208-525-7161

Enclosures

Water District No. 1
900 N. Skyline Dr. Suite A
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402

ATTN: Shelly Bradford

This is to notify Water District 1 that:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VOTING DELEGATE

And

NAME AND ADDRESS OF VOTING ALTERNATE

will represent our canal as a voting delegate, and alternate, at the annual meeting of Water District 1 being held at **8:30am on March 4, 2025, at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 3005 S Frk, Idaho Falls, Idaho.**

CANAL COMPANY OR IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By _____
Secretary

Email _____

Note: This form or information on this form needs be returned to Shelly via email or mail, **no later than March 1st, 2025.** We appreciate your help in advanced planning.

Shelly Bradford
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