

## Water District 1 Report – March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Upper Snake River reservoir system is currently holding approximately 2.6 million acre-feet, which is 66% full. This is roughly 550,000 acre-feet less than at this time last year and 190,000 acre-feet below average.

A very warm and relatively wet winter has led to unusual hydrologic conditions. Precipitation to date is above average, but much of that precipitation has fallen as rain rather than snow. Combined with the warm temperatures, this has resulted in below-average snowpack values. The distribution of snowpack by elevation further illustrates this pattern, with high-elevation stations showing significantly more snow accumulation than lower-elevation locations. Current snow water equivalent is 93% of median for the Snake River above Heise, 75% for the Henry's Fork–Teton basin, and 68% for the Willow–Blackfoot–Portneuf basin. On the other hand, soil moisture is well above average across the basin. Taking all of these factors together, the Northwest River Forecast Center is currently forecasting runoff at 90% of average for the Snake River at Heise, which provides the bulk of Upper Snake River runoff.

An analysis has been completed to estimate where storage allocations could land based on current physical reservoir levels, hydrologic conditions, and paper carryover. The analysis compared a wet scenario similar to 1991 and a dry scenario similar to 2001 over the next three months and evaluated how accounts might fill under those conditions. Neither scenario resulted in a Milner spill. A 1991-type scenario, which was very wet, could lead to storage accounts filling completely. A 2001-type scenario, which was very dry, could lead to a significant deficit. If hydrologic conditions trend dry, the Palisades 1939, Island Park 1935, and Ririe 1969 accounts may receive little to no new fill. It is important to understand that this analysis is only an **estimate** intended to provide irrigators with information to help plan for 2026 operations based on potential storage water supplies.

If a dry scenario similar to 2001 occurs, storage allocations could be approximately as follows:

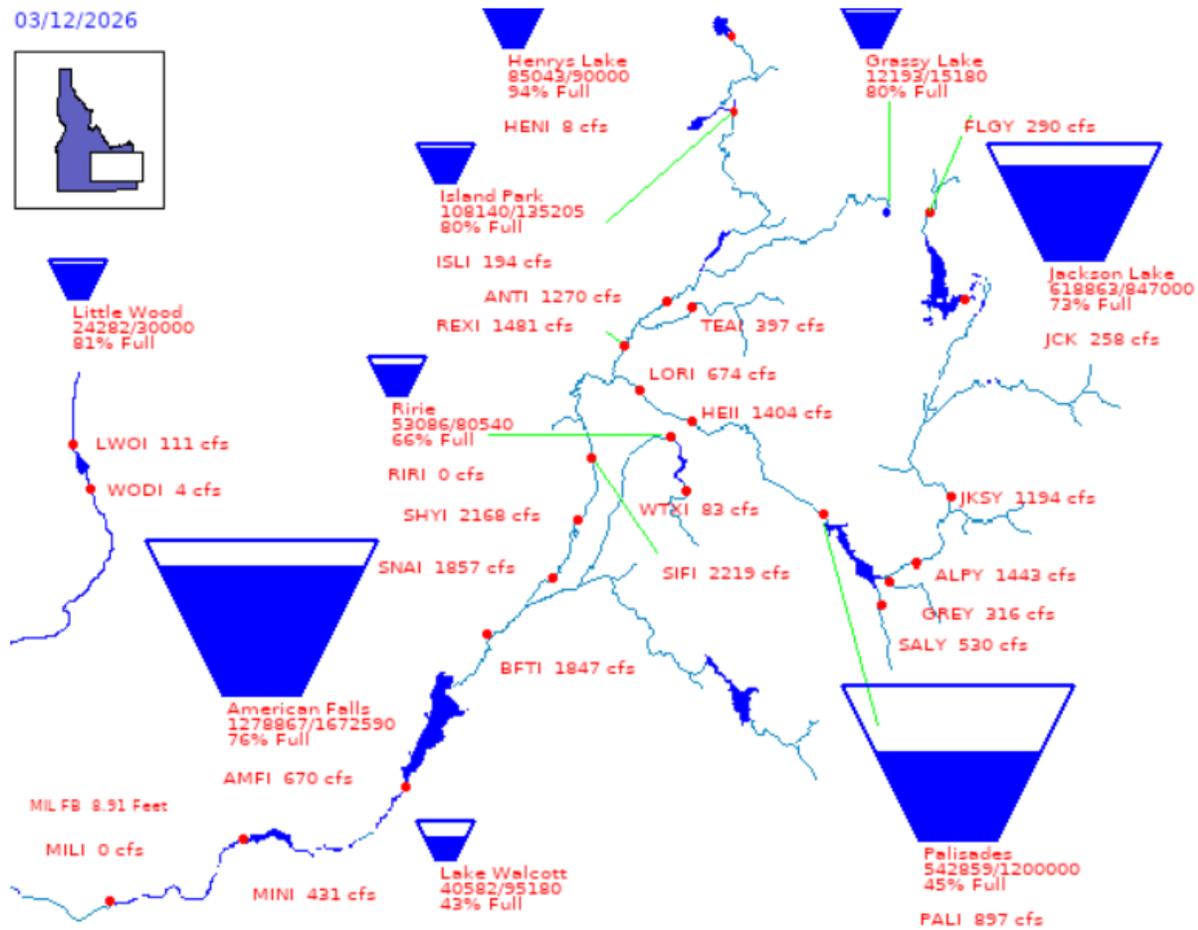
- American Falls 100%
- Walcott 100%
- Palisades WWS 100%
- Island Park WWS 100%
- Jackson 1906 and 1910 100%
- Jackson 1913 82%
- Henrys Lake 82%
- Island Park and Grassy 53%
- Palisades 39%
- Ririe 27%

It is important to note that individual spaceholder accounts could vary significantly from these values due to carryover and Last-to-Fill obligations. Individual account holders in Jackson and Palisades will retain their carryover, or unused allocation, from 2025 if no spill occurs. Irrigators needing more detailed storage allocation outlooks tailored to specific canals are encouraged to contact Water District 1 staff.

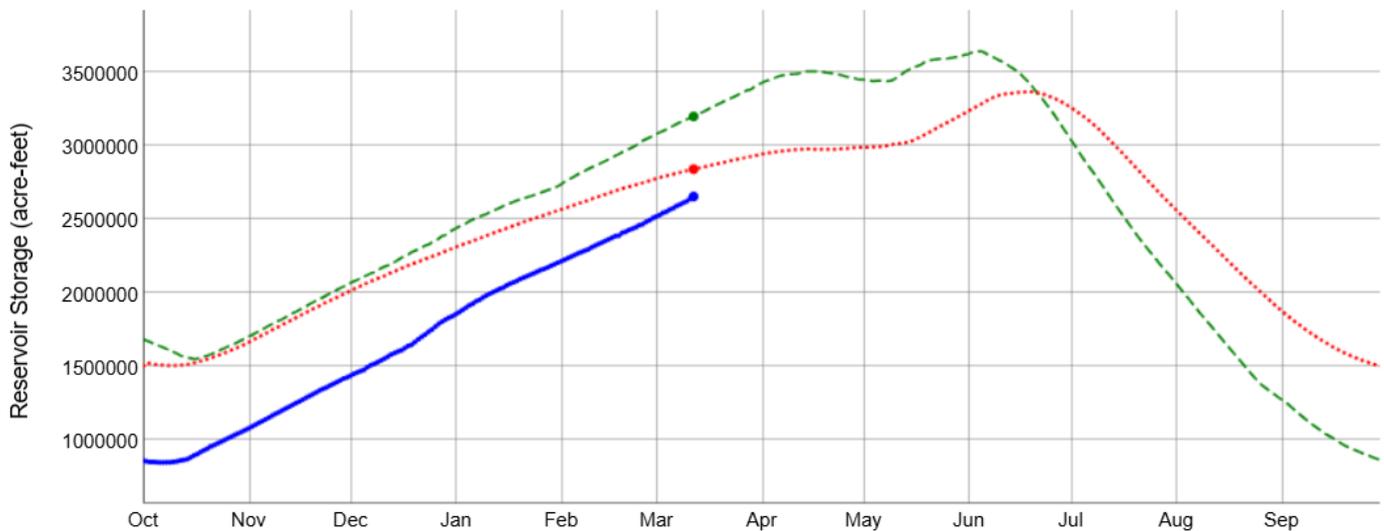
An updated draft final 2025 accounting, an updated draft final 2025 storage report, and a preliminary 2026 accounting run have been posted to the website.

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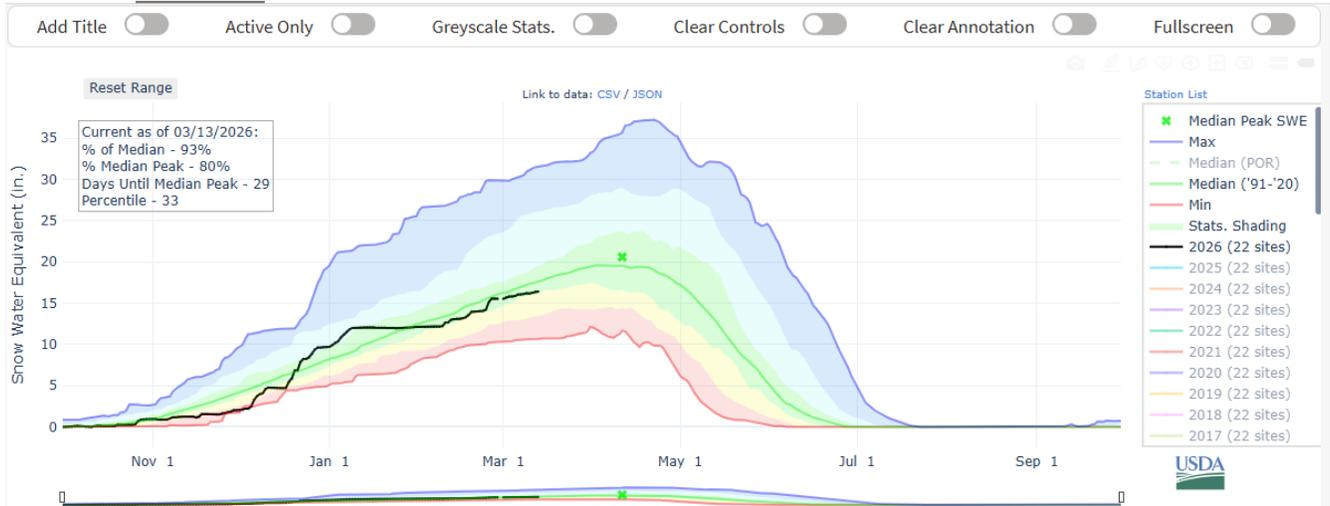
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 Average: 2840161.14



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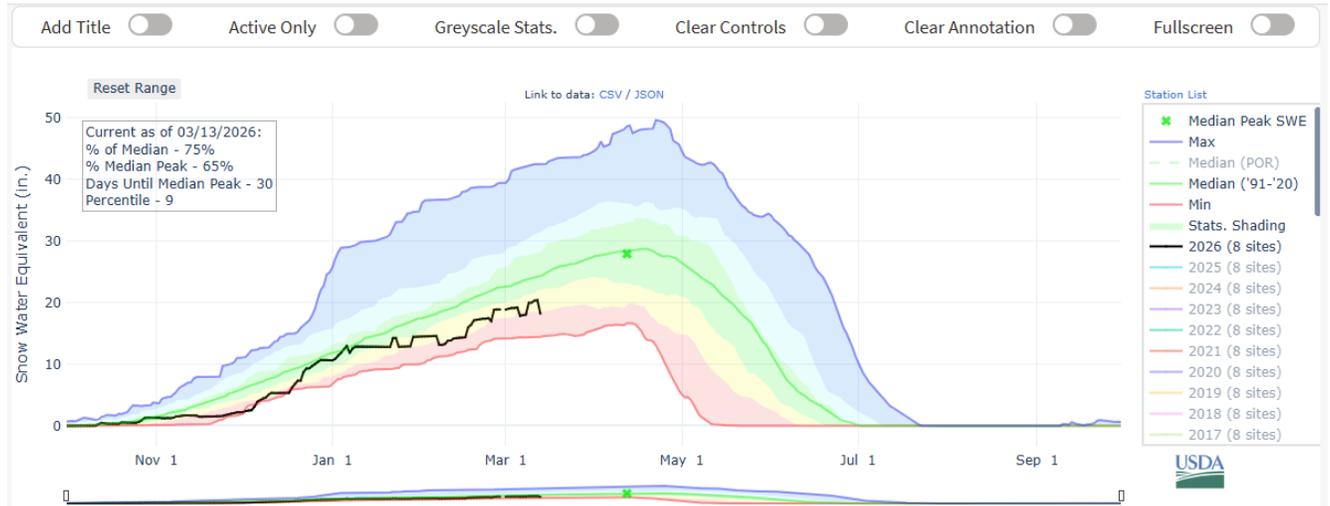
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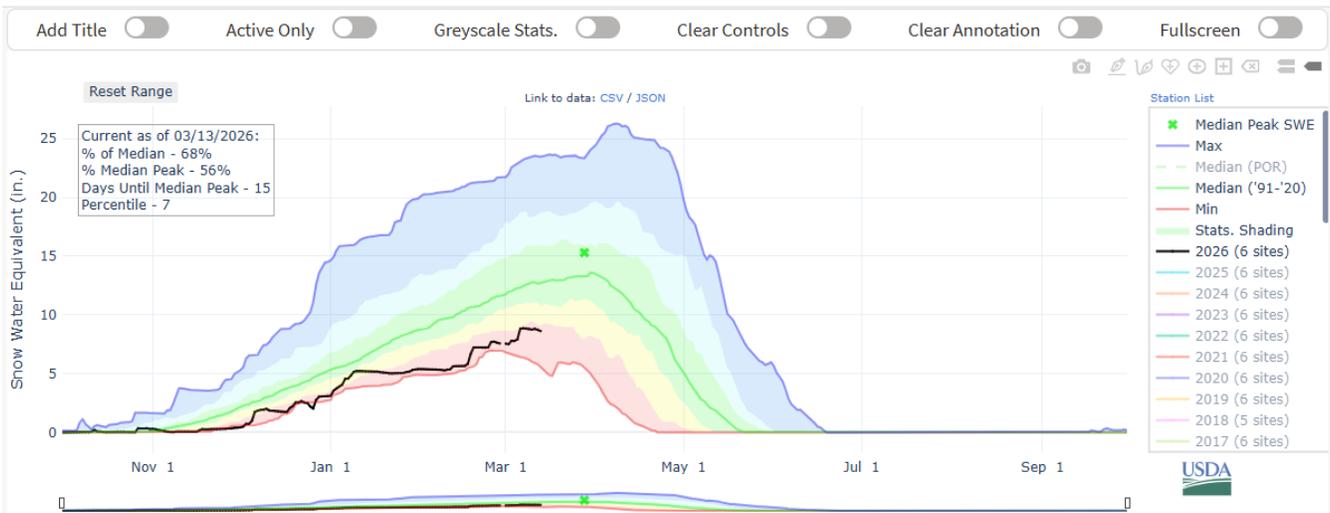
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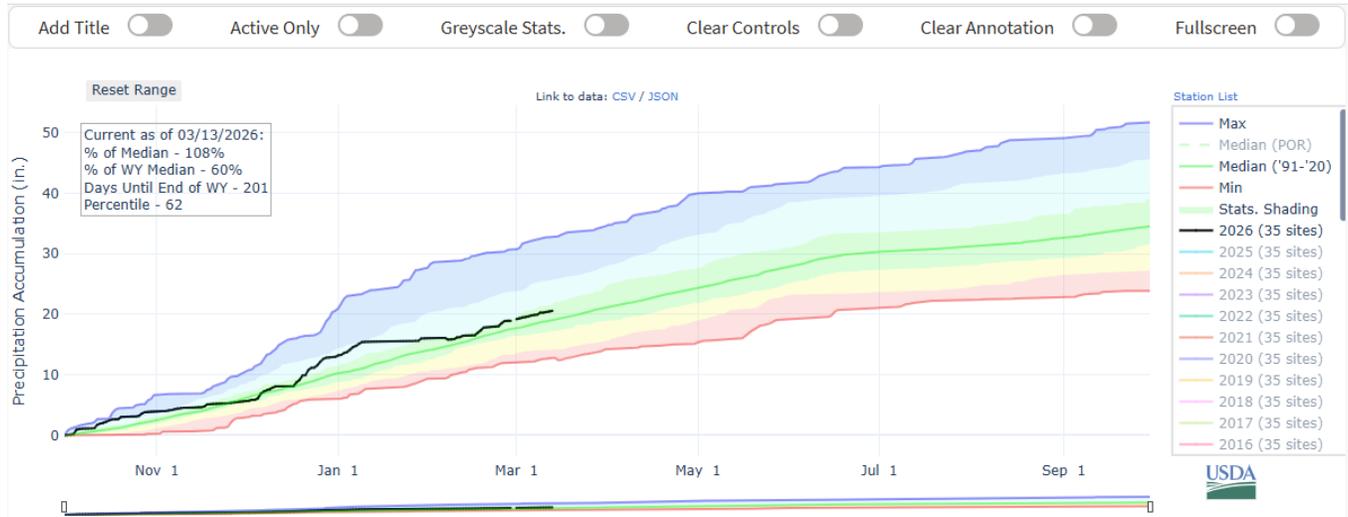
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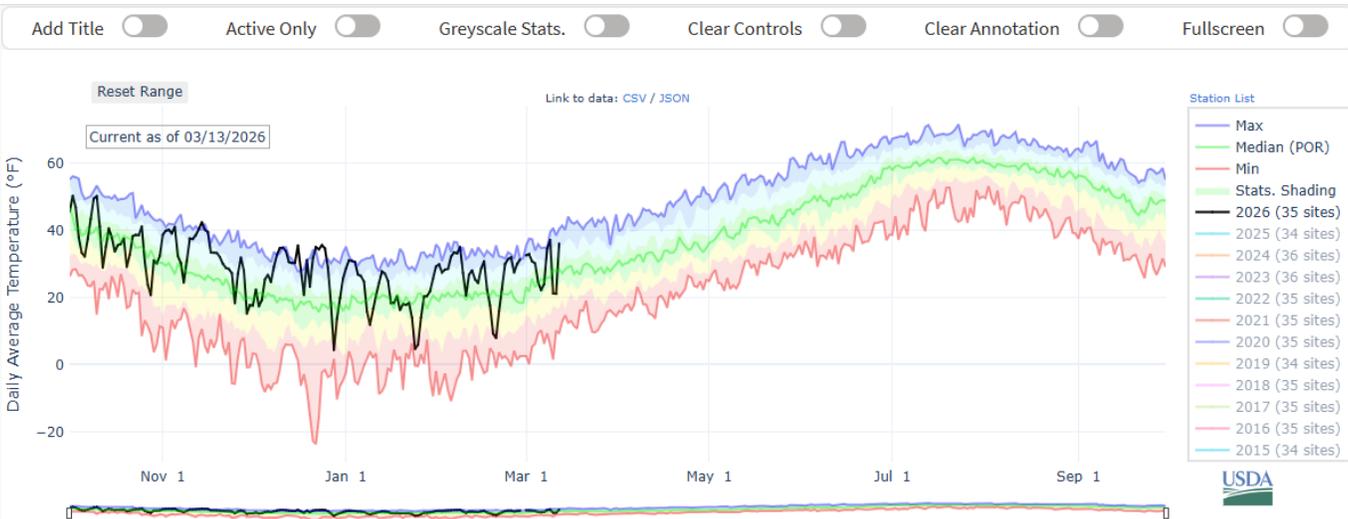
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