

Water District 1 Report – May 7th, 2024

Milner Spill continues this week as excess flows pass Milner Dam. American Falls and Lake Walcott are physically full and unable to capture all the inflow to those reservoirs. Approximately 9,500 cfs is spilling past Milner today. Palisades is under flood risk management operations with releases of approximately 13,000 cfs. All water rights and temporary water use permits are in priority while Milner Spill occurs.

Milner Spill is expected to continue for the week, although flow past Milner is expected to gradually decrease throughout the week. Milner Spill is anticipated to be day to day by next week and may cease at any time. Those conducting recharge with water rights or temporary water use permits are advised to pay close attention to the projected water rights under the “Current Data” tab at www.waterdistrict1.com. Water District 1 is coordinating closely with the Bureau of Reclamation to provide notice of when Milner Spill is projected to cease. Any recharge that continues after Milner Spill ceases will be counted against the diversion’s storage supply for 2024.

The updated forecast from the Bureau of Reclamation and Army Corps of Engineers for unregulated runoff volume above Heise from May through July came in at 2,700,000 acre-feet, which is 93% of average. This forecast advises flood risk management operations above Heise, including the flow rate released out of Palisades.

Calendar

May 9th – Upper Snake River Advisory Committee Meeting beginning at 10 AM.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87590895766?pwd=imCGeK6ljUj8ctpmbUX9Hj7wtbkubr.1>

Meeting ID: 875 9089 5766

Passcode: 460137

Phone access: +1 669 444 9171 US

Contact Cooper Fritz at 208-525-7161 or Cooper.Fritz@idwr.idaho.gov for additional information.

May 17th – Reservoir & River Ops Subcommittee

Time and location TBD

May 17th – Jackson Water Group Subcommittee

Time and location TBD

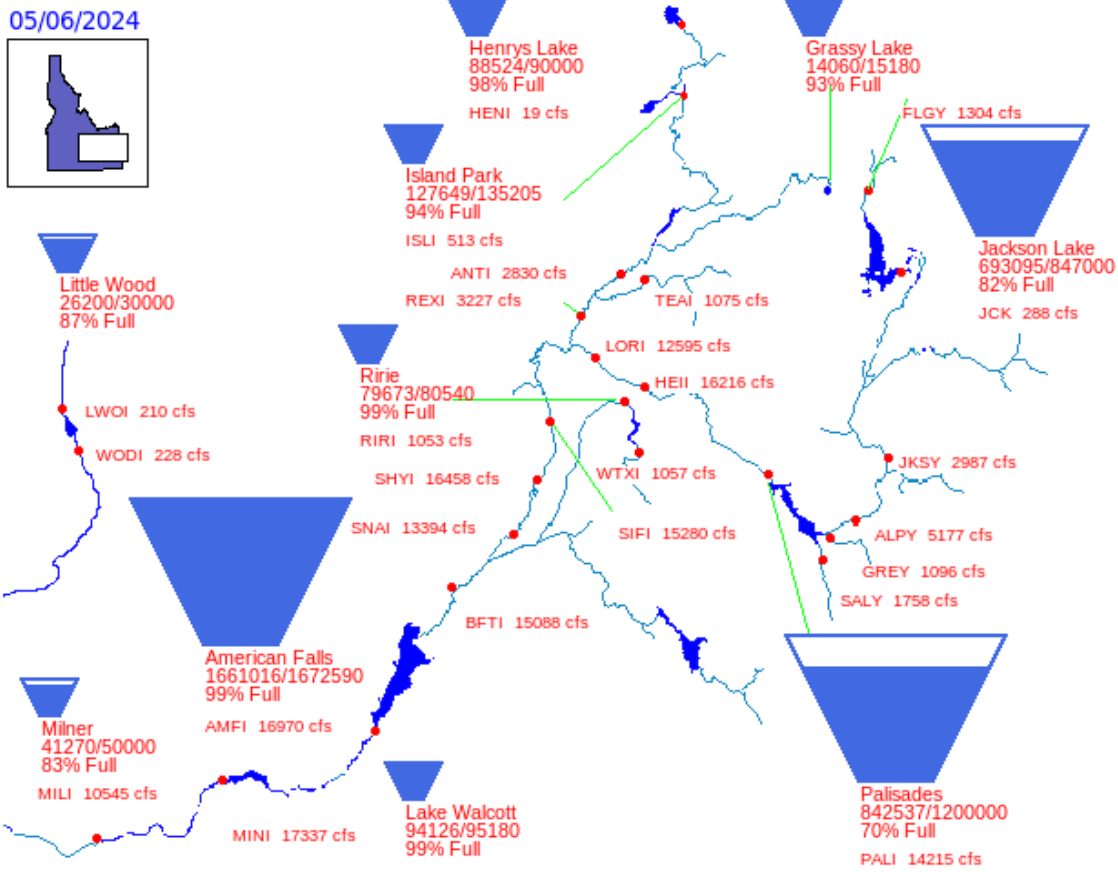
May 23rd and 24th – Bureau of Reclamation Windshield Snow Survey

Please contact Darrin Fredrickson at 931-237-1866 for more information

May 30th – Nez Perce Subcommittee Meeting beginning at 10 AM at IDWR’s Eastern Regional Office.

Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Region

Major Storage Reservoirs in the Upper Snake River Basin



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 87 % of capacity.

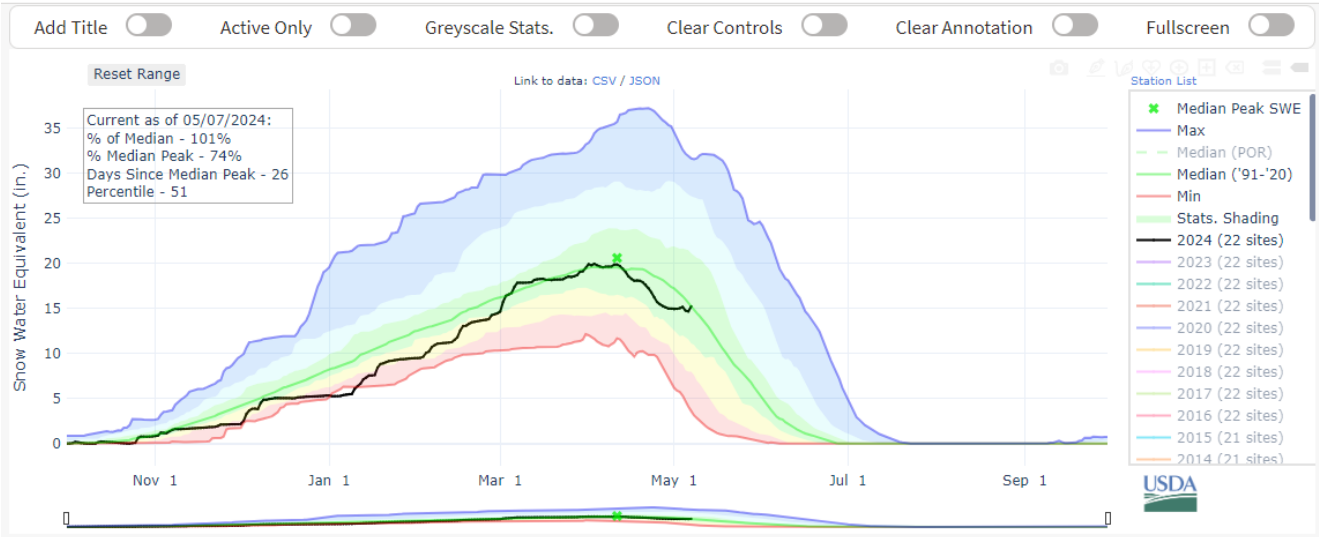
(Jackson Lake, Palisades, Grassy Lake, Island Park, Ririe, American Falls, Lake Walcott)

Total space available: 533539 AF

Total storage capacity: 4045695 AF

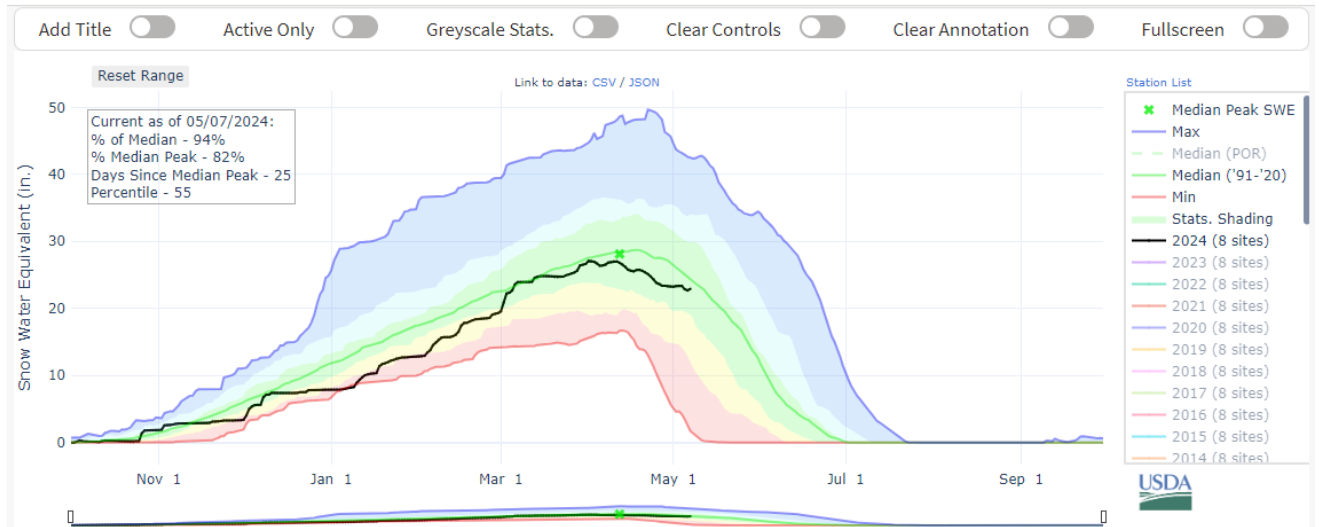
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