

Water District 1 Report – April 9th, 2025

Milner Spill will commence this Friday, April 11th. For the duration of Milner Spill, all water rights within the system—including recharge water rights and temporary water use permits—will be authorized to divert water.

Due to the inherent time lags in Water District 1’s water right accounting, recharge water rights and temporary permits are **authorized for diversion as of today** for locations upstream of American Falls. For information regarding planned turn-on dates and expected diversion rates—whether for recharge or irrigation—please contact Water District 1 at (208) 525-7161.

The length of Milner Spill remains uncertain and will depend on diversion demands, snowmelt rates, and streamflow responses. It may persist for a week or extend for several weeks. Unsurprisingly, weather conditions over the coming weeks will play a significant role in determining the duration.

Those diverting water for managed recharge are strongly encouraged to monitor the **projected water right priorities** available on Water District 1’s website. The site is updated daily on weekdays with the current status of Milner Spill.

Please note: any managed recharge occurring after the end of Milner Spill will be considered storage use and may be deducted from 2025 storage allocations.

The occurrence of Milner Spill has several implications:

1. The 2024 Common Pool rental—including the Bureau of Reclamation’s flow augmentation rental of 150,000 acre-feet—will not be deducted from spaceholder allocations in 2025. All proceeds from the rental, including accrued interest, will be distributed to participating spaceholders on a pro rata basis according to space.
2. Space evacuated to accommodate the 2024 Private Leases and the 2024 Extraordinary Circumstance Pool will refill according to its adjudicated priority. In other words, no space associated with these actions will be administered as “last-to-fill.”
3. Storage use will not count against 2025 storage allocations until Milner Spill has ended.
4. Diversions operating under water rights with annual volume limits will not begin accruing volume toward those limits until Milner Spill has concluded.

The American Falls 1921 water right is currently in priority. It will fill within the week, at which point the Palisades 1939 and Island Park 1935 water right will come into priority.

April 10th – Upper Snake Advisory at 10:00 am.

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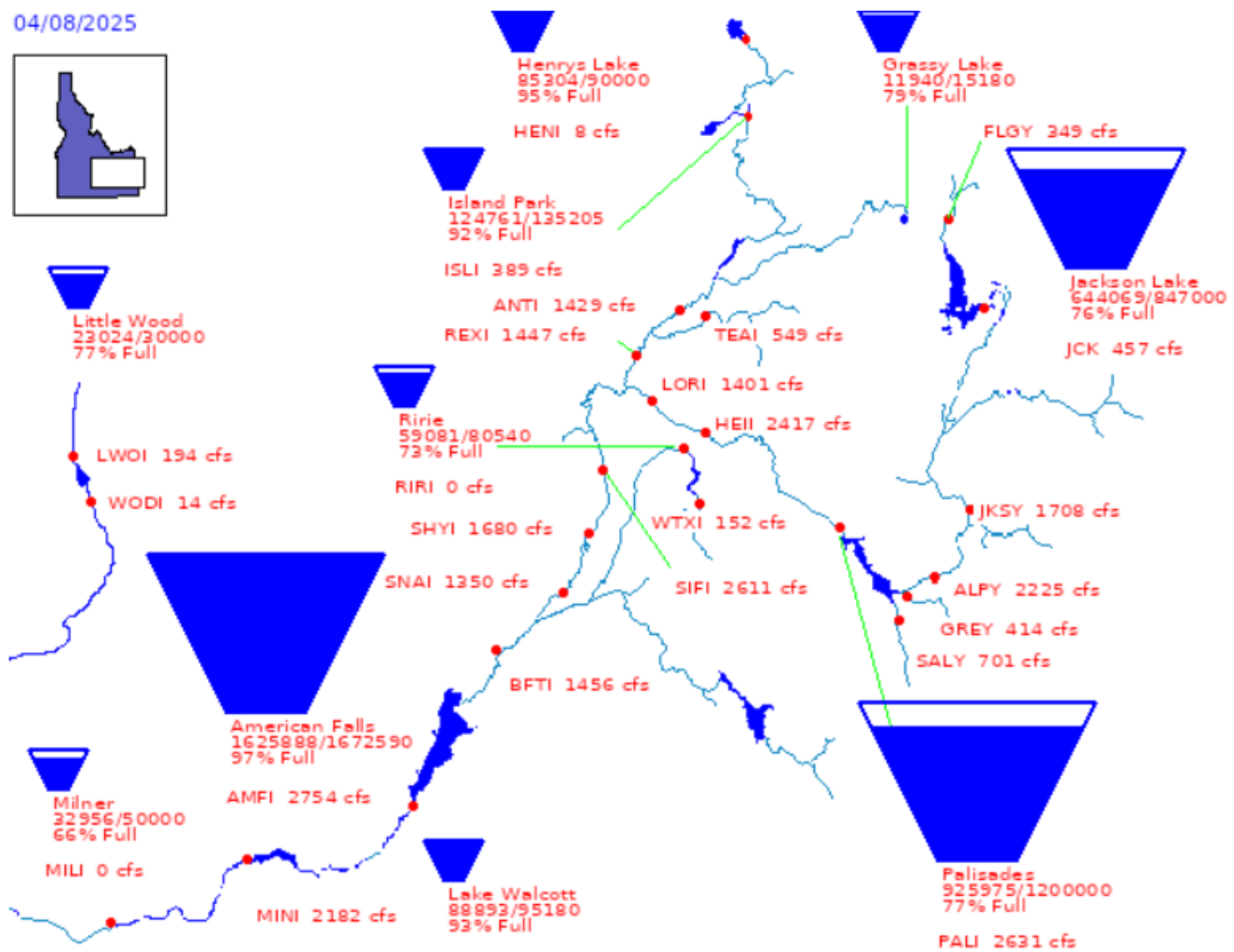
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April 22nd – Committee of Nine at 10:00 am at the Pocatello Airport.

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