

Water District 1 Report – May 20th, 2026

As temperatures warmed over the weekend, the pace of snowmelt increased, boosting natural flows and improving water right priorities above and below Blackfoot. Preliminary accounting indicates the Jackson 1913 right accrued additional paper fill for four days beginning on Milner date May 18. Some snowpack remains, but the timing and resulting improvements in water right priorities will depend on future temperatures and system diversion demand. Whether the system will receive additional reservoir fill remains uncertain.

The current projected priority is October 11, 1900, for both above and below Blackfoot. Priorities can change daily, and water managers are encouraged to monitor conditions at waterdistrict1.com to manage supplies as efficiently as possible. More than 400,000 acre-feet of storage has been diverted so far this year.

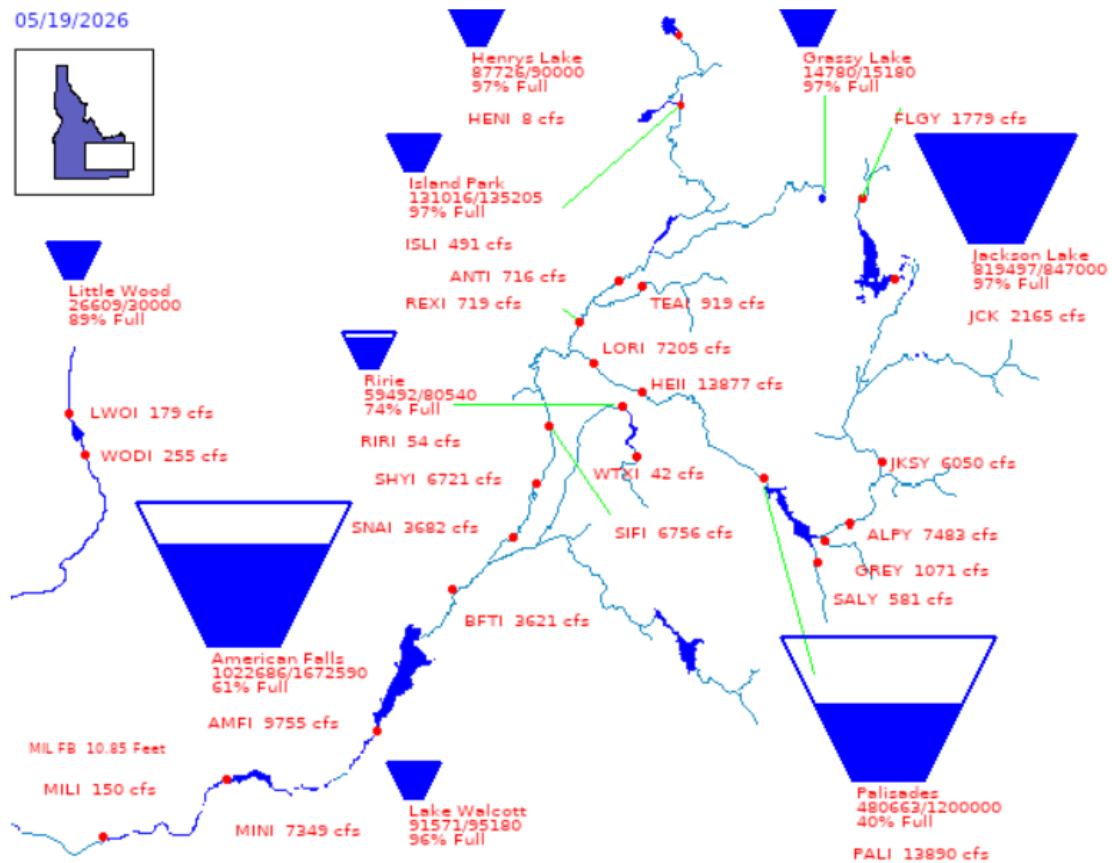
Current snow water equivalent values are 40% of median for the Snake River above Heise, 39% for the Henrys Fork–Teton basin, and fully melted out for the Willow–Blackfoot–Portneuf basin. Unregulated inflows at Heise were approximately 11,600 cfs yesterday, with this year's peak occurring on May 15 at approximately 19,700 cfs.

The Bureau of Reclamation targeted a flow augmentation volume of 74,993 acre-feet. Releases below Milner began May 6 and concluded May 19. The early timing of these releases was intended to maximize benefits for migrating species.

The physical reservoir system is currently 65% full. Outflows from Jackson Lake are being managed to control fill, while releases from Palisades are being managed to deliver irrigation water and keep the Snake River connected at Blackfoot. Canal managers are asked to provide advance notice to WD1 or the Bureau of Reclamation regarding planned changes in diversion rates to support efficient system draft management.

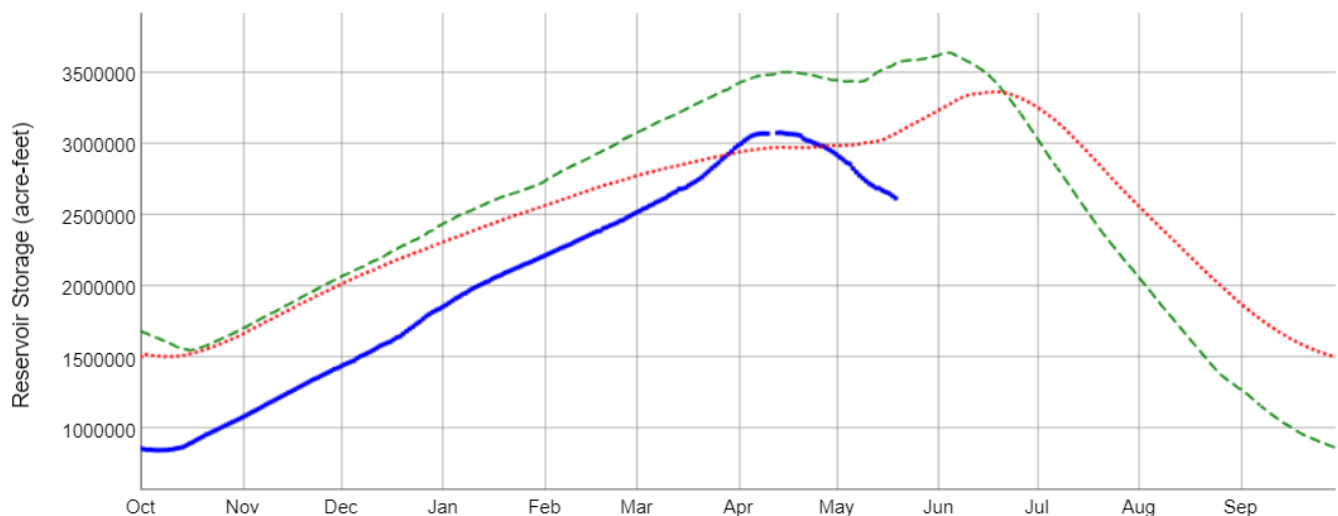
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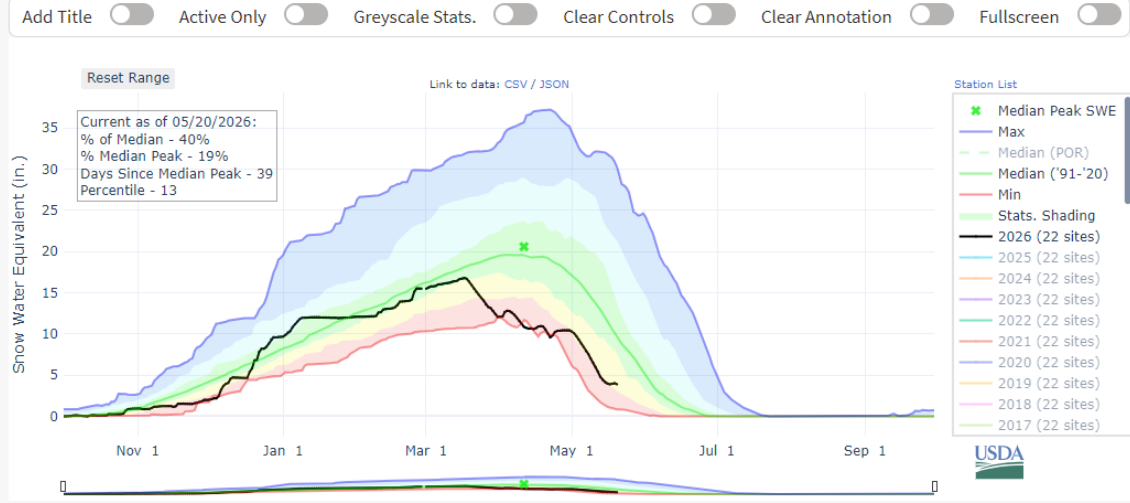
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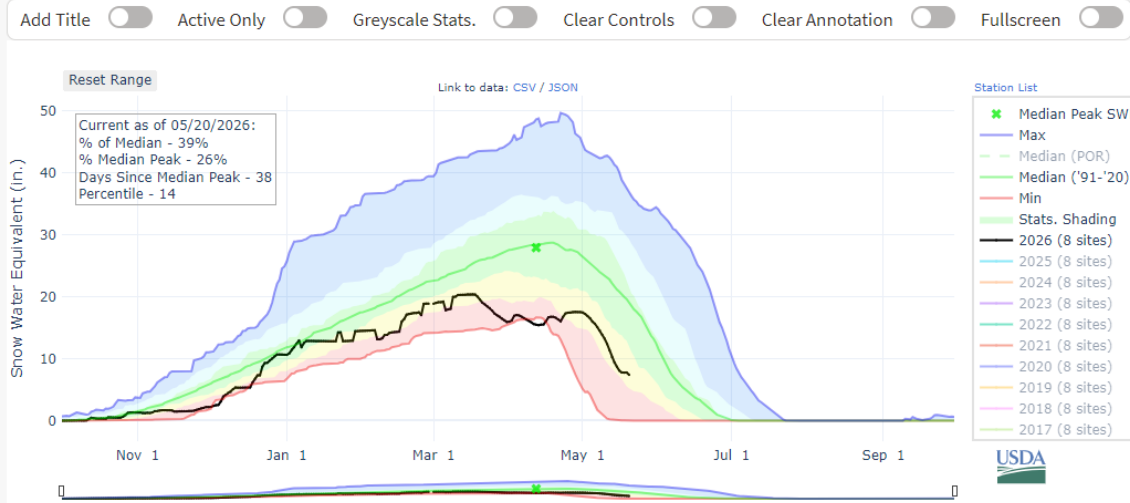
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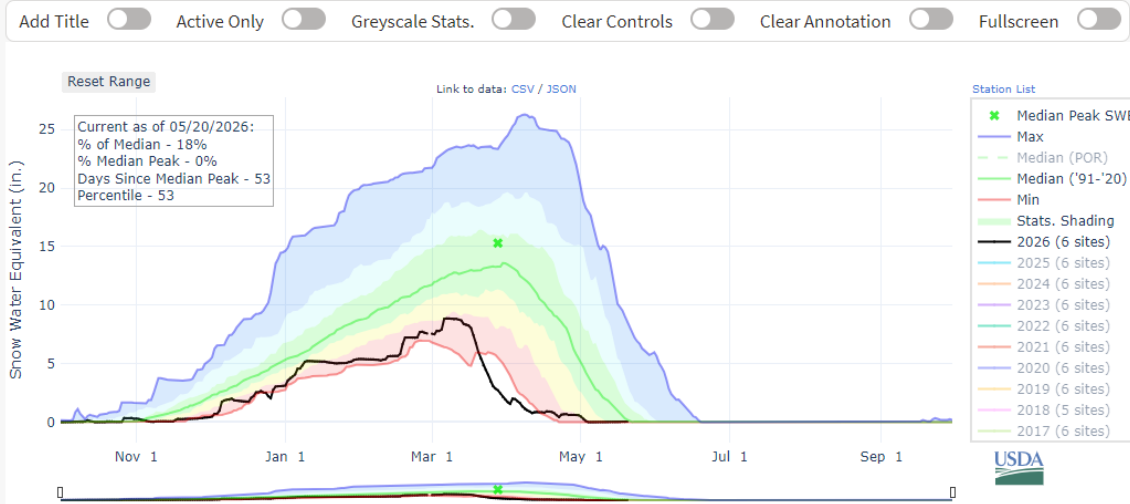
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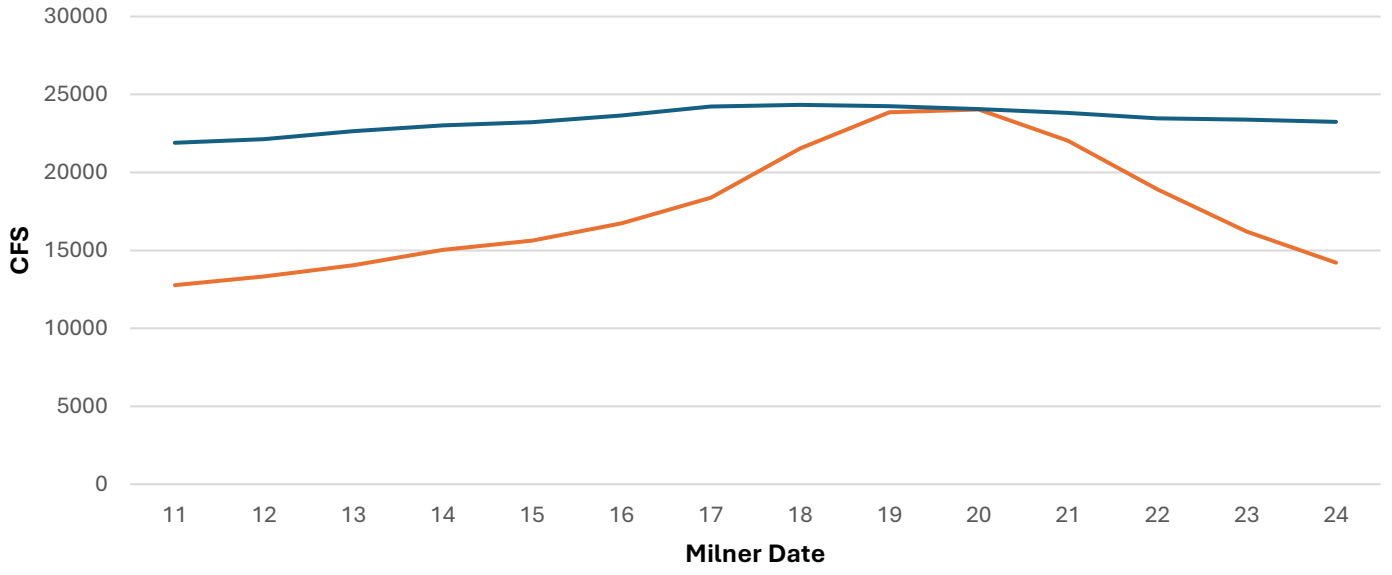


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Total System Gains vs Total System Diversions



Above Blackfoot Gains vs Above Blackfoot Diversions

