

Water District 1 Report – April 23, 2024

All water right priorities are currently being filled as excess water is spilling past Milner Dam. The Bureau of Reclamation is in flood risk management operations above Heise in anticipation of the upcoming runoff, and Palisades Reservoir is currently being drafted. There's approximately 11,000 cfs being released through Palisades Dam and 5,500 cfs spilling past Milner. Reservoir water rights are expected to fill this year leading to near full storage allocations for space holders.

Recharge water will be available for the duration of Milner Spill. Recharge efforts are continuing as several allowances for diverting recharge water are being used:

- Applying and receiving approval to use a portion of the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) recharge water right.
- Applying through the Idaho Department of Water Resources to receive temporary approvals to divert water while excess water is spilling past Milner Dam.
- Canals using their own permitted or licensed recharge water right.

Milner Spill is expected to continue for the upcoming weeks but can be cut at any time due to increased diversion demand, decreased streamflow, and/or changes in reservoir operations at Jackson and Palisades Reservoirs as they refill after flood control operations. The status of Milner Spill can be found under the Current Data tab at www.waterdistrict1.com and an update on the date Milner Spill is expected to cease will be posted once that information is known. Water users will need to comply promptly with the projected water right priorities to ensure their diversions will not be charged storage for continued recharge after Milner Spill ceases.

The coordinated forecast from the Bureau of Reclamation and Army Core of Engineers for Heise streamflow from April through September came in at 3,928,000 AF, which is 102% of average. This leads to a flow augmentation rental from the common pool to the Bureau of Reclamation of 150,000 AF. This water will be physically ran in 2024 and will be deducted from participating spaceholder allocations in 2025, unless Milner Spill occurs again next year.

Calendar

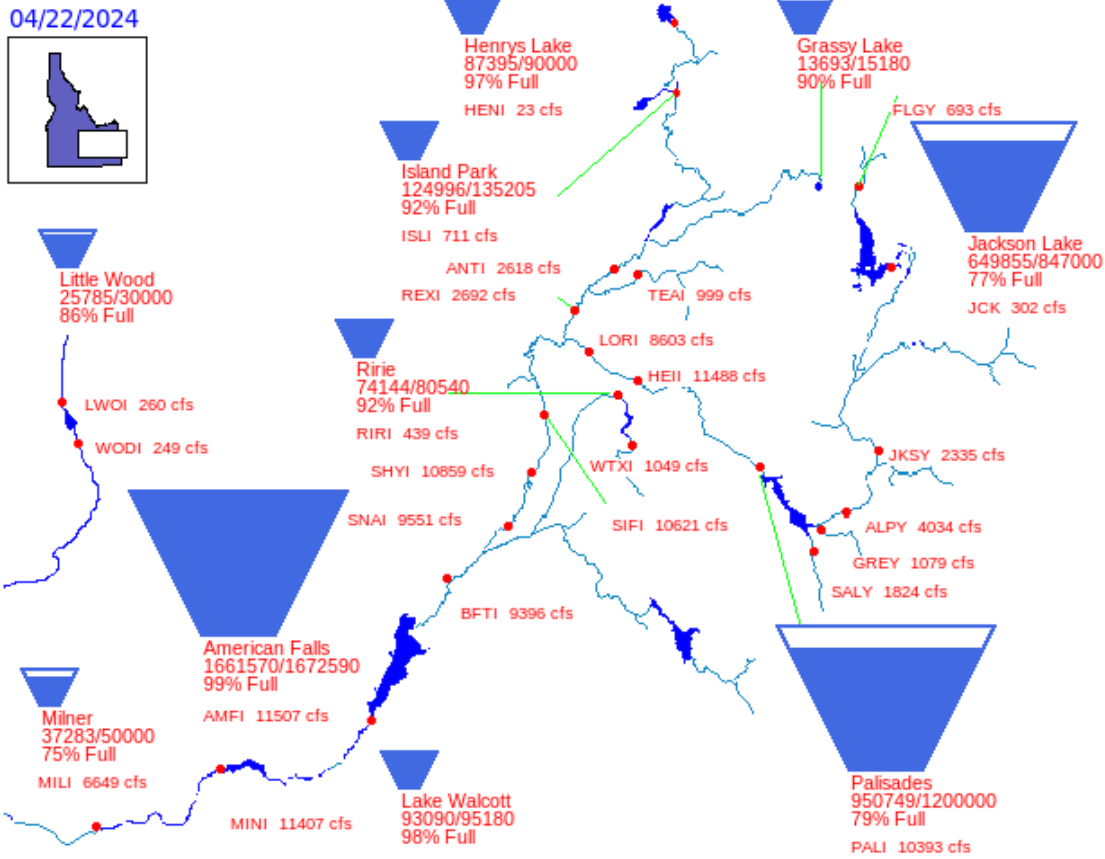
April 25th – Committee of Nine Meeting beginning at 10 AM at the Pocatello Airport.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89088102638?pwd=ZW5FZVkuXUdr8KZePdHlcnny2RqjZGO.1>
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May 10th – Upper Snake River Advisory Committee Meeting beginning at 10 AM.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87590895766?pwd=imCGeK6lUj8ctpmbUX9Hj7wtbkubr.1>
Meeting ID: 875 9089 5766
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Contact Cooper Fritz at 208-525-7161 or Cooper.Fritz@idwr.idaho.gov for additional information.

May 23rd and 24th – Bureau of Reclamation Windshield Snow Survey
See attachment at end of report.

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 88 % of capacity.

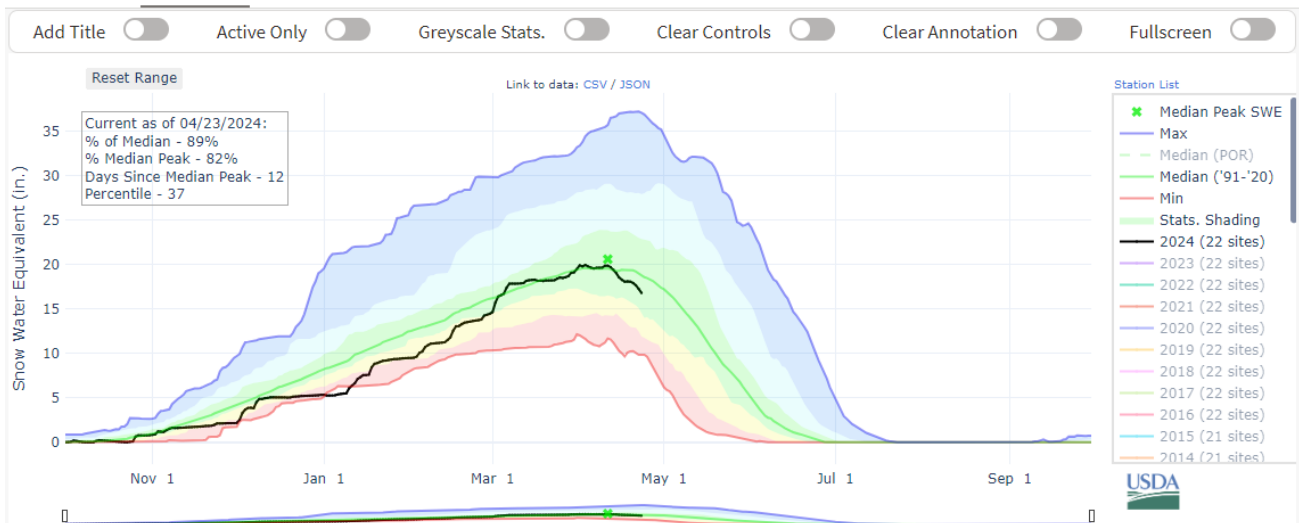
(Jackson Lake, Palisades, Grassy Lake, Island Park, Ririe, American Falls, Lake Walcott)

Total space available: 477598 AF

Total storage capacity: 4045695 AF

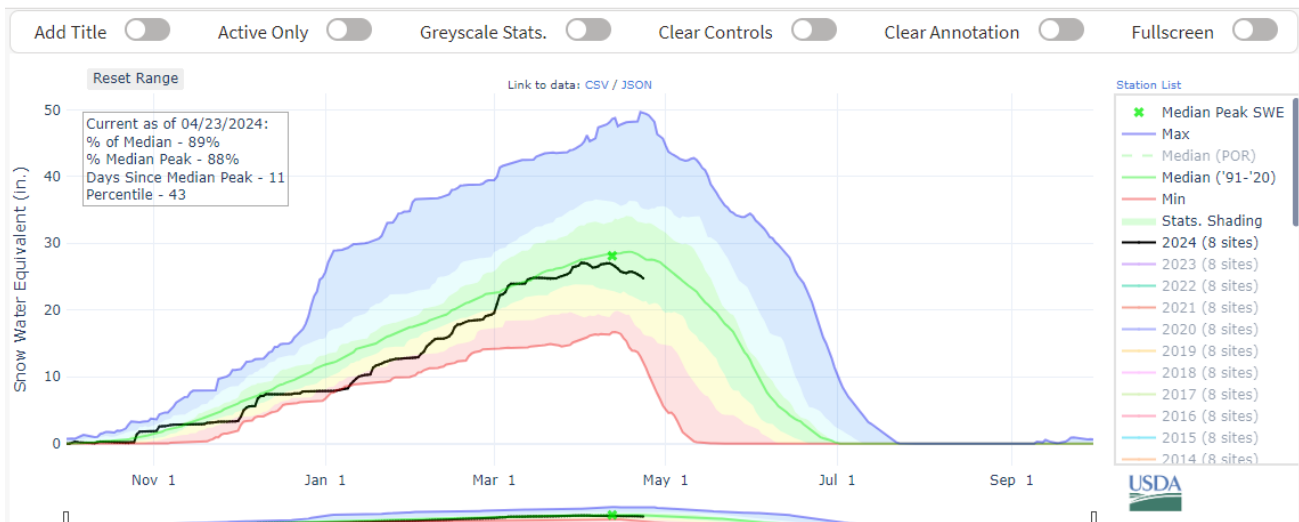
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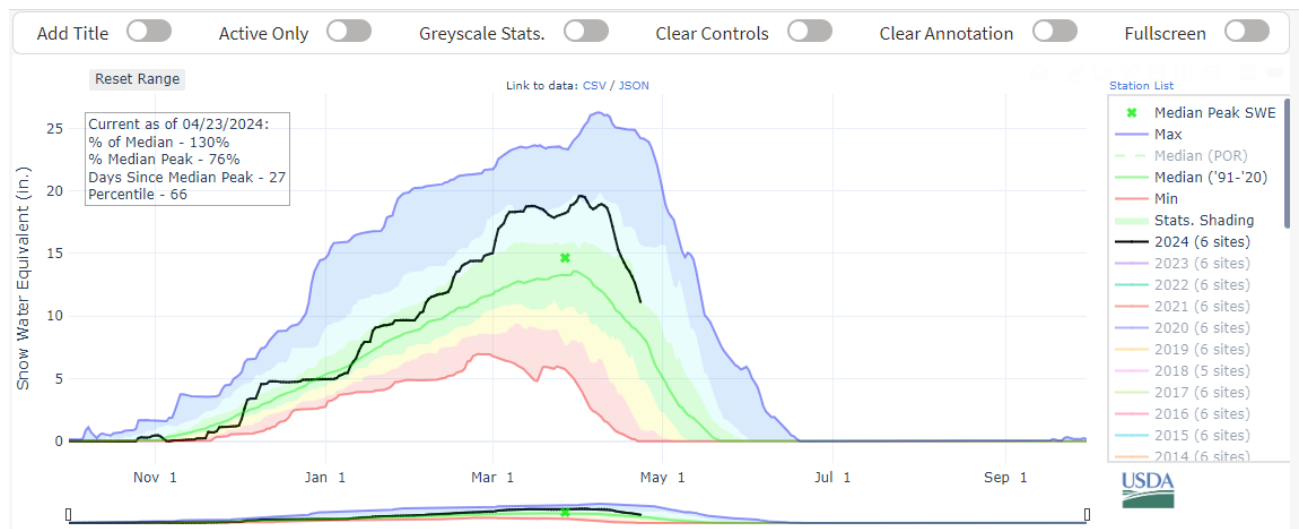
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Subject: Jackson Lake Operations Meeting and Annual Windshield Snow Survey

Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Snake Field Office (Reclamation), will conduct the 2024 Jackson Lake Operations Meeting and Annual Windshield Snow Survey on **May 23 & 24, 2024**. We invite you to participate.

The Jackson Lake Operations Public Information Meeting will include presentations on water supply, projected reservoir operations for Water Year 2024, and other current water resource issues. It will be held at **3:00 p.m.**, Thursday, May 23rd at the Teton County public library, 125 Virginian Ln., Jackson, Wyoming.

There is also a virtual option in **Microsoft Teams** [Need help? Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 259 634 047 074 Passcode: QStsVL or **Dial-in by phone** [+1 202-640-1187,496988037#](#)

On Friday, May 24th, Reclamation and its partners will travel through Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks to observe remaining snow on the Snake and Henrys Fork watersheds. We will depart from the 49'er Inn at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast at the Signal Mountain Lodge. The survey will proceed onward from Signal Mountain Lodge after breakfast.

A block of 20 rooms has been reserved at the 49'er Inn for the night of Thursday, May 23th. The room rate is \$179.00, plus tax. **Please contact the 49'er Inn no later than Friday, May 17th, 2024, to ensure your room reservation.** The 49'er Inn can be reached at 307-733-7550; please reference confirmation number **45W5JA Bureau of Reclamation**. Additionally, please RSVP with Darrin Fredrickson, at (Cell 931-237-1866) or dfredrickson@usbr.gov with the following information:

- Facility/Organization representing
- Total number of people who will participate in the snow survey on the 24th

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

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