

Water District 1 Report – May 12th, 2025

Snowmelt has accelerated due to sustained warm temperatures. Natural flow is increasing as we approach peak runoff season, which typically occurs from late May through early June. Irrigation demand has stabilized with most operations now active. Natural flow has surpassed diversion demand, resulting in rising system contents and renewed priority of reservoir storage rights. This elevated priority for reservoir storage will remain as long as natural flow exceeds irrigation demand—a condition that may persist for several weeks.

The current deliverable water right priority for irrigation diversions across all reaches is **1939-07-28**.

Although peak snowpack was near the median, rapid melt has driven remaining snow levels below normal. As of today:

- Snake River above Heise is at 73% of median snow water equivalent (SWE)
- Henrys Fork–Teton is at 67%
- Willow–Blackfoot–Portneuf is at 29%

The Northwest River Forecast Center projects inflows to the Snake River above Heise at 96% of average.

From this point forward, the system is likely in fill mode, and the probability of another Milner Spill occurring this year is low. Storage rights for Island Park and Palisades may take another 2–4 weeks to fill, with Ririe Reservoir's 1969 right coming into priority thereafter. Storage rights for Lake Walcott, American Falls, Jackson Lake, and Winter Water Savings Accounts for American Falls and Palisades have already filled.

Canal managers should notify the Bureau of Reclamation or Water District 1 at (208) 525-7161 of any significant anticipated changes to diversion rates. Proactive communication helps ensure efficient system operations and supports optimal reservoir filling.

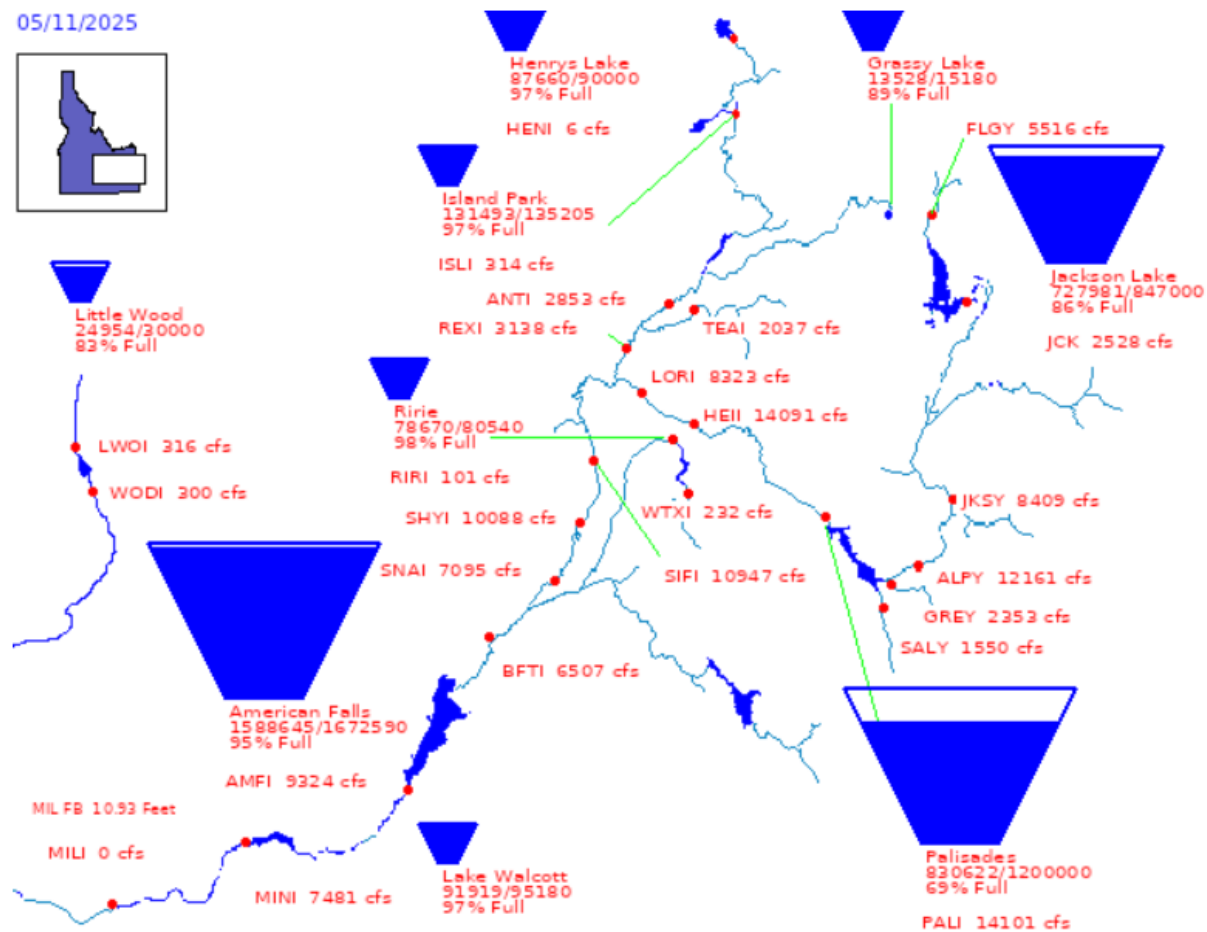
May 15th and 16th – Windshield Snow Survey and Jackson Public Meeting – see attached

June 2nd and 3rd – Idaho Water User Association – Water Law & Resource Issues – Sun Valley
<https://www.iwua.org/Water-Law-&-Resource-Issues-Seminar>

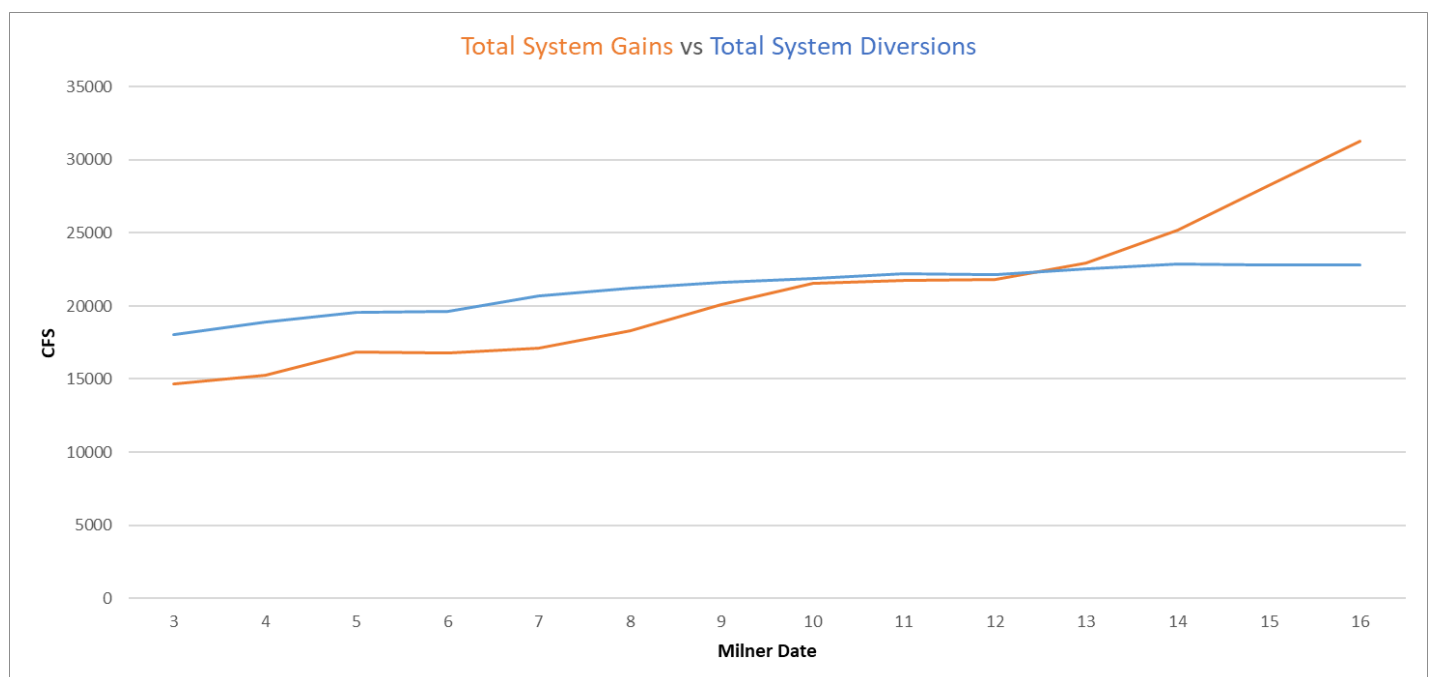
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Major Storage Reservoirs in the Upper Snake River Basin

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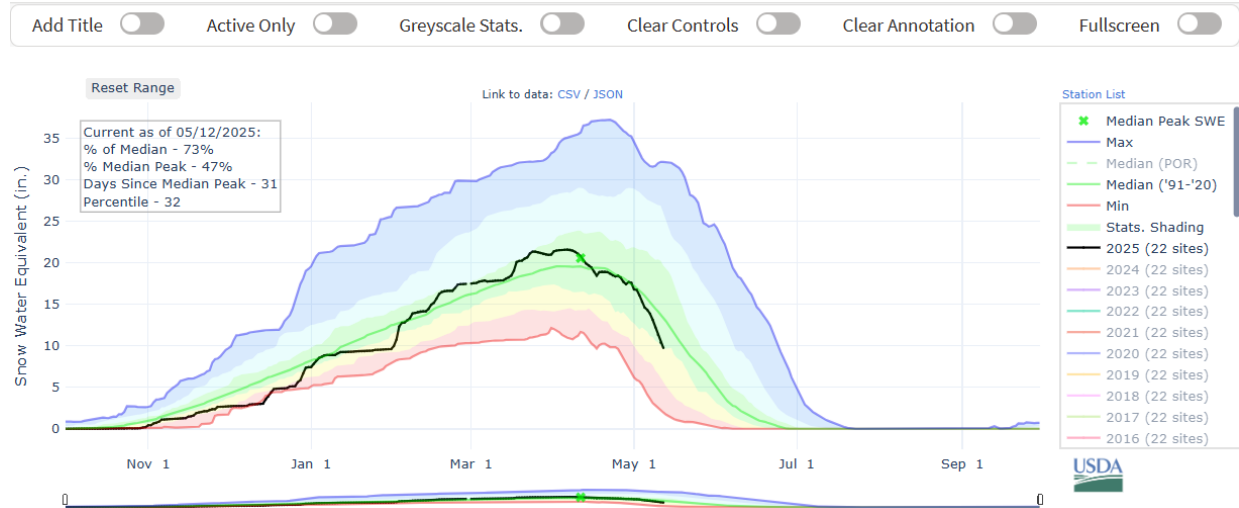


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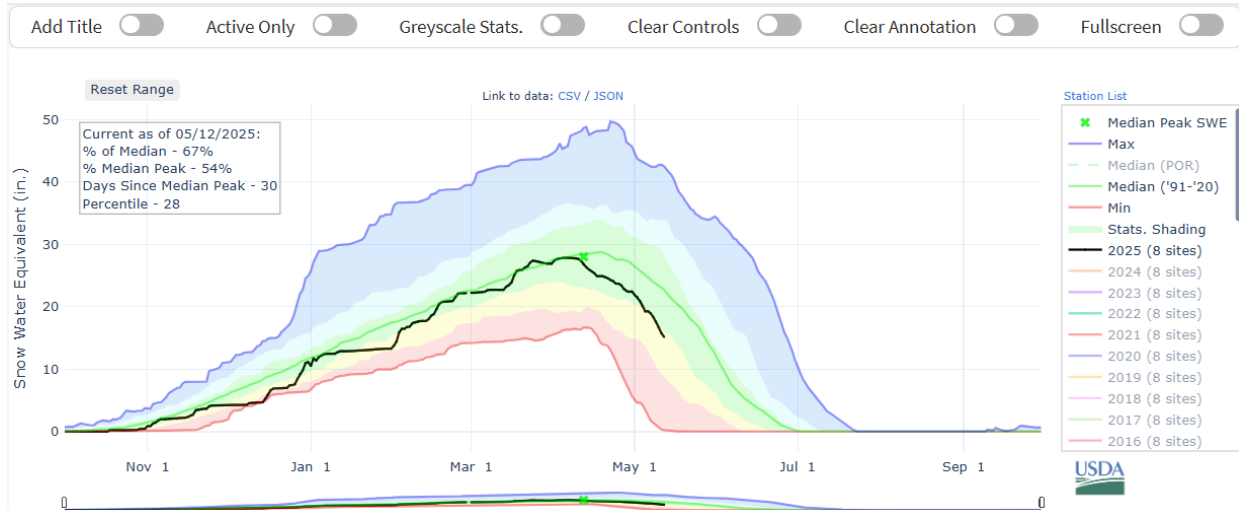
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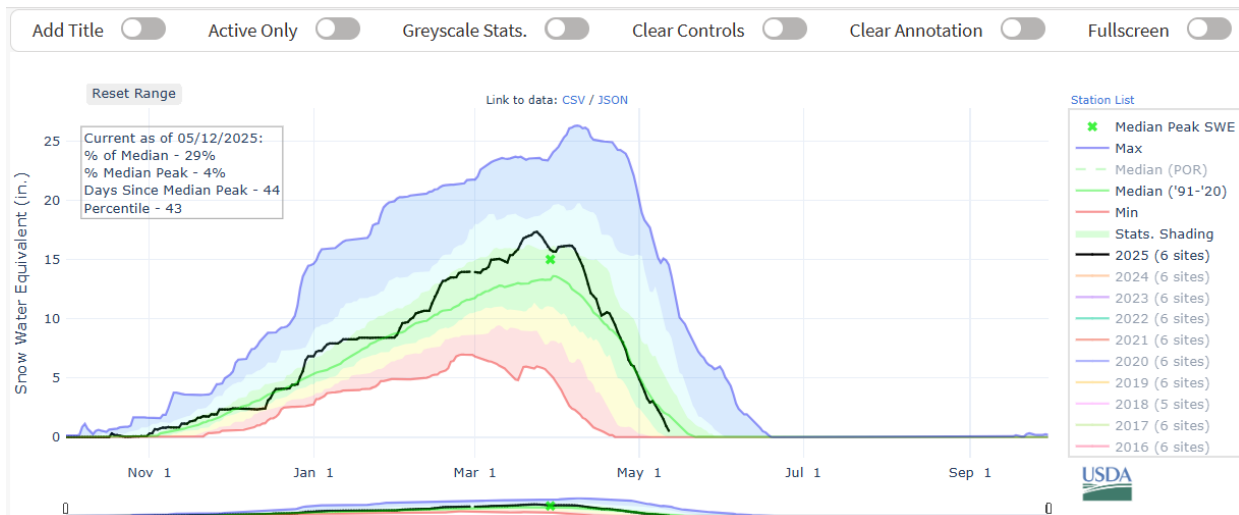
AWS Plot | SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN HENRYS FORK-TETON

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AWS Plot | SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN WILLOW-BLACKFOOT-PORTNEUF

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Subject: Annual Jackson Lake Operations Public Information Meeting and Windshield Snow Survey

Dear interested party:

The Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Snake Field Office (Reclamation), will conduct the 2025 Jackson Lake Operations Public Information Meeting and arrange the Annual Windshield Snow Survey on **May 15 & 16, 2025**. We invite you to participate.

The Jackson Lake Operations Public Information Meeting will include presentations on water supply, projected reservoir operations for Water Year 2025, and other current water resource areas. It will be held at **1:30 p.m.**, Thursday, May 15, at the Teton County Library, 125 Virginian Lane, Jackson, Wyoming.

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

Meeting ID: 225 420 186 018 0 Passcode: Ge3H78ou or **Dial-in by phone** [+1 202-640-1187,,109335641#](#)

On Friday, May 16, Reclamation partners will travel through Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks to observe remaining snow on the Snake and Henrys Fork watersheds. Partner travel through the parks will be self-guided along the typical route to view snowpack conditions at the survey locations. Route and comparative snowpack photo packets will be available for pickup at the public information meeting on Thursday, May 15.

A block of 20 rooms has been reserved at the 49'er Inn for the night of Thursday, May 15. The room rate is \$184.99, plus tax. **Please contact the 49'er Inn no later than Saturday, May 10, 2025, to ensure your room reservation.** The 49'er Inn can be reached at 307-733-7550; please reference confirmation number **45Y4KY Bureau of Reclamation**. Additionally, please RSVP with Brian Stevens, at (Cell 208-260-1935) or bstevens@usbr.gov with the following information:

- Facility/Organization representing
- Total number of people who will self-guide the snow survey route on Friday, May 16

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
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