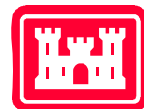


**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Omaha District  
Monthly Drought Report  
August 2006**



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Omaha District**

## Table of Contents

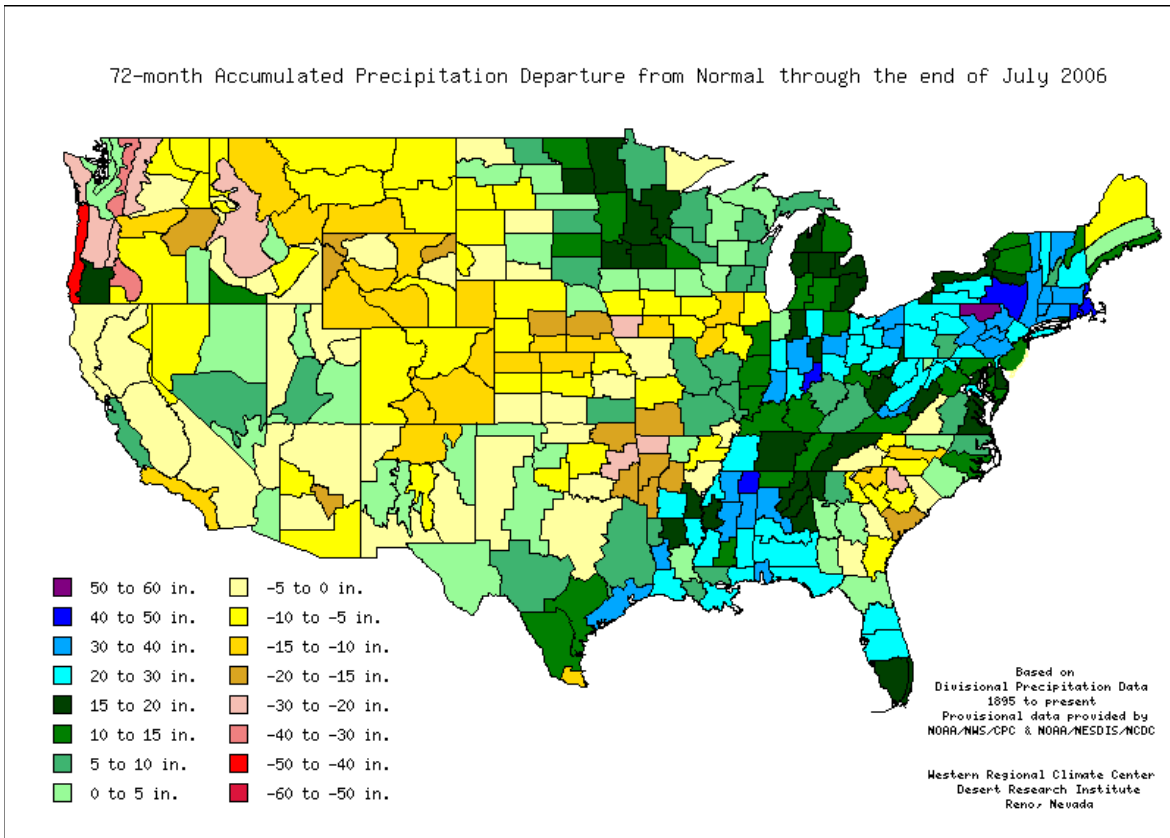
|   |    |
|---|----|
| Current Conditions  | 3  |
| Drought Outlook   | 10 |
| Ft. Peck, Montana   |    |
| Reservoir Elevation Overview  | 13 |
| Water Intake Overview   | 14 |
| Access Overview   | 14 |
| Noxious Weeds Overview  | 14 |
| Cultural Resources Overview   | 14 |
| Garrison, North Dakota  |    |
| Reservoir Elevation Overview  | 15 |
| Water Intake Overview   | 16 |
| Access Overview   | 19 |
| Boat Ramp Information   | 20 |
| Noxious Weeds Overview  | 22 |
| Cultural Resources Overview   | 22 |
| Other Areas of Interest/Concern   | 22 |
| Oahe, South Dakota  |    |
| Reservoir Elevation Overview  | 23 |
| Water Intake Overview   | 24 |
| Access Overview   | 26 |
| Noxious Weeds Overview  | 26 |
| Cultural Resources Overview   | 26 |
| Mainstem Reservoir Information, Weekly Elevation Comparison<br>5 JUN 2006 through 26 JUN 2006 | 27 |
| Mainstem Reservoir Storage Comparison Water Years 2004, 2005, 2006                            |    |
| Ft. Peck, MT  | 29 |
| Garrison, ND  | 30 |
| Oahe, SD  | 31 |

## **CURRENT CONDITIONS**

The drought in the south and on the high plains, including the Missouri River Basin, continued to spread and intensify throughout July. In sharp contrast to earlier in the spring when the basin had no areas of “severe” or “extreme” drought, there are now large areas of “severe” drought and pockets of “extreme” or “exceptional” drought. In fact, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, there are currently no areas within the Missouri River Basin exhibiting “normal” moisture conditions. This lack of moisture can be evidenced by recent news coverage of wildfires in western Nebraska and South Dakota as well as the coverage about the current very poor agricultural and livestock conditions in the area. Long term precipitation departures continue to show deficits up to 30-inches depending upon location in the basin. Also, forecast runoff numbers for the basin continue to fall with the current estimate at 18.1 MAF. This is down 1.1 MAF from last month’s estimate.

### Precipitation Departures

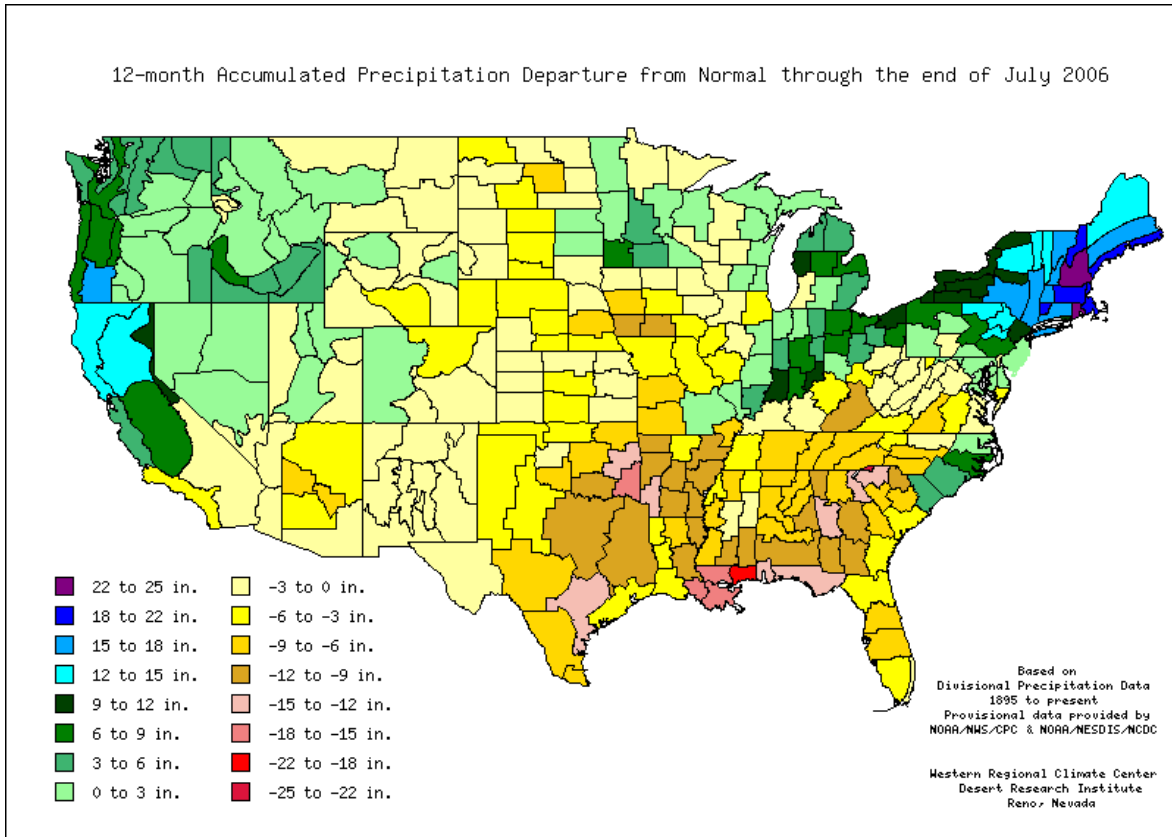
Precipitation departures from normal during the last 72 months for the United States are shown in Figure 1. In Montana, accumulated precipitation ranges from a 5-inch deficit to nearly a 20-inch deficit. The majority of Wyoming's accumulated precipitation is 10 to 15 inches below normal for the observation period. Southeast Nebraska and southwest Iowa have received from near normal to 15 inches less than normal precipitation. The Dakotas generally range from near normal to a 30-inch deficit. The South Platte River Basin in Colorado still shows precipitation deficits of 5 to 15 inches during a majority of the 72-month period.



**Figure 1 – 72 month Precipitation Departure From Normal**

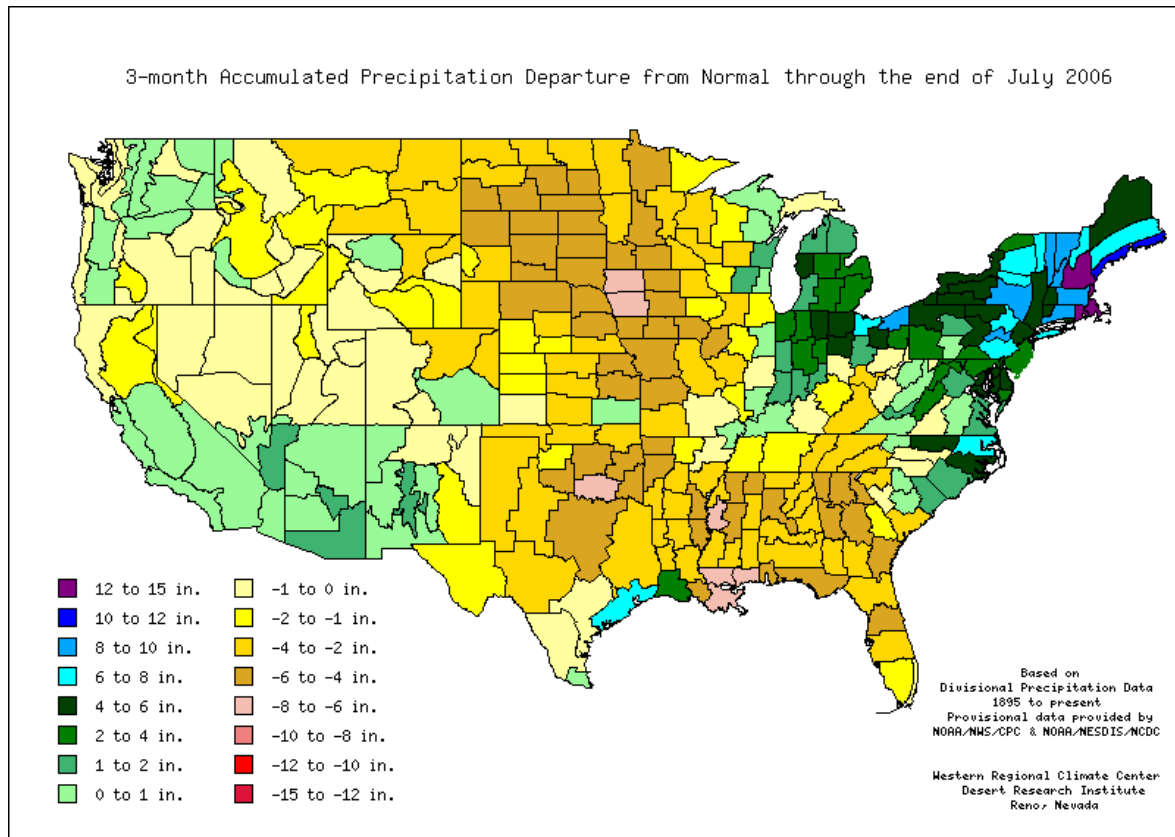
<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep72>

The 12-month precipitation accumulation in Figure 2 indicates that precipitation throughout much of the western and northwestern District is from normal to a six-inch deficit.



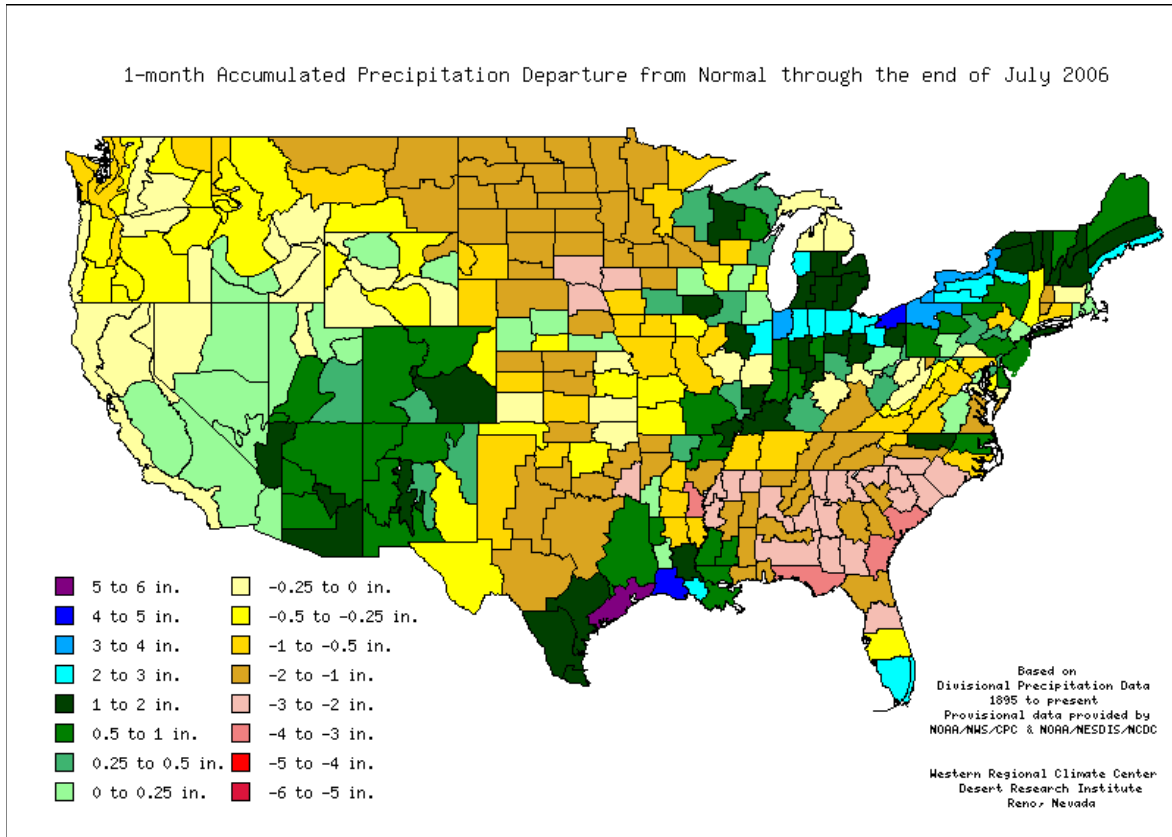
**Figure 2 – 12 month Precipitation Departure From Normal**  
<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep12>

The three-month period (Figure 3) shows deficits up to six-inches within the basin.



**Figure 3 – 3 month Precipitation Departure From Normal**  
<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep03>

The majority of the basin exhibited a precipitation deficit through July (Figure 4).



**Figure 4 – 1 month Precipitation Departure From Normal**  
<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep01>

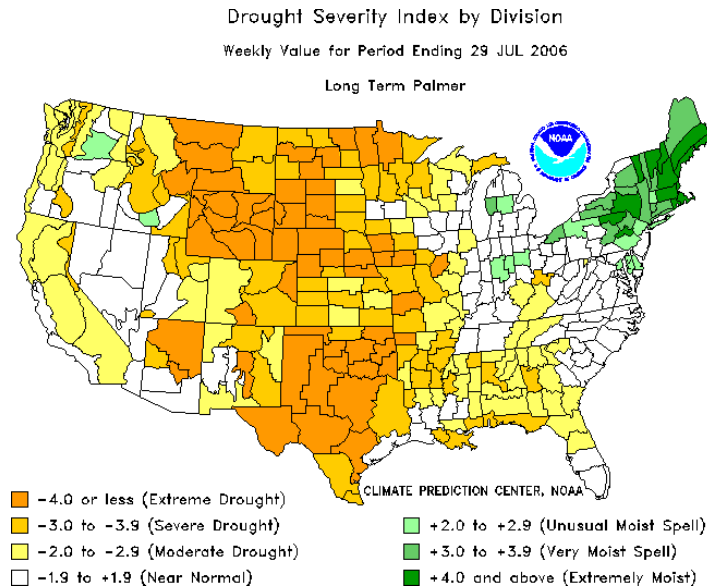
## Drought Indicators

The Palmer Drought Severity Index and the Drought Monitor are two commonly used drought-indicator products that convey both short-term and long-term drought conditions and impacts. Both the Palmer Index and Drought Monitor depict some regions exhibiting varying degrees of drought in Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana, which have been suffering from drought since 2000.

## Palmer Drought Severity Index

The Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) is a meteorological drought index that monitors the hydrologic water balance including the basic terms such as precipitation, evapotranspiration, soil recharge, runoff, and moisture loss. The purpose of this index is to provide standardized measurements of the moisture balance in a region without taking into account streamflow, lake and reservoir levels, and other hydrologic impacts. PDSI is a multi-month drought index; therefore, it responds well and is more suitable for short-term droughts.

Changes to the PDSI are more immediate in response to heavy precipitation over short periods. The PDSI shown in Figure 5 reflects moderate to extreme drought conditions across the Omaha District.



**Figure 5 – Long-Term Palmer Drought Indicator Ending 29 JUL 2006**

[http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis\\_monitoring/regional\\_monitoring/palmer.gif](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/regional_monitoring/palmer.gif)



## Drought Monitor

The Drought Monitor is a multi-agency comprehensive drought classification scheme updated weekly by the National Drought Mitigation Center. The Drought Monitor combines information from the Palmer Drought Index, the Climate Prediction Center's soil moisture model, USGS weekly streamflow percentiles, the standard precipitation index, the crop moisture index, and during the snow season basin snow water content, basin average precipitation, and the surface water supply index. Since this product considers streamflow conditions and reservoir water supply, and it allows manual adjustment; it is a good depiction of long-term drought impacts to the affected areas. The Drought Monitor uses four levels of drought classification (moderate, severe, extreme, and exceptional), and it notes the type of impact caused by the drought (agricultural and hydrologic).

As July progressed, the drought conditions intensified throughout the basin. The worst conditions are in central South Dakota and southern North Dakota, where there are "exceptional" drought indicators.

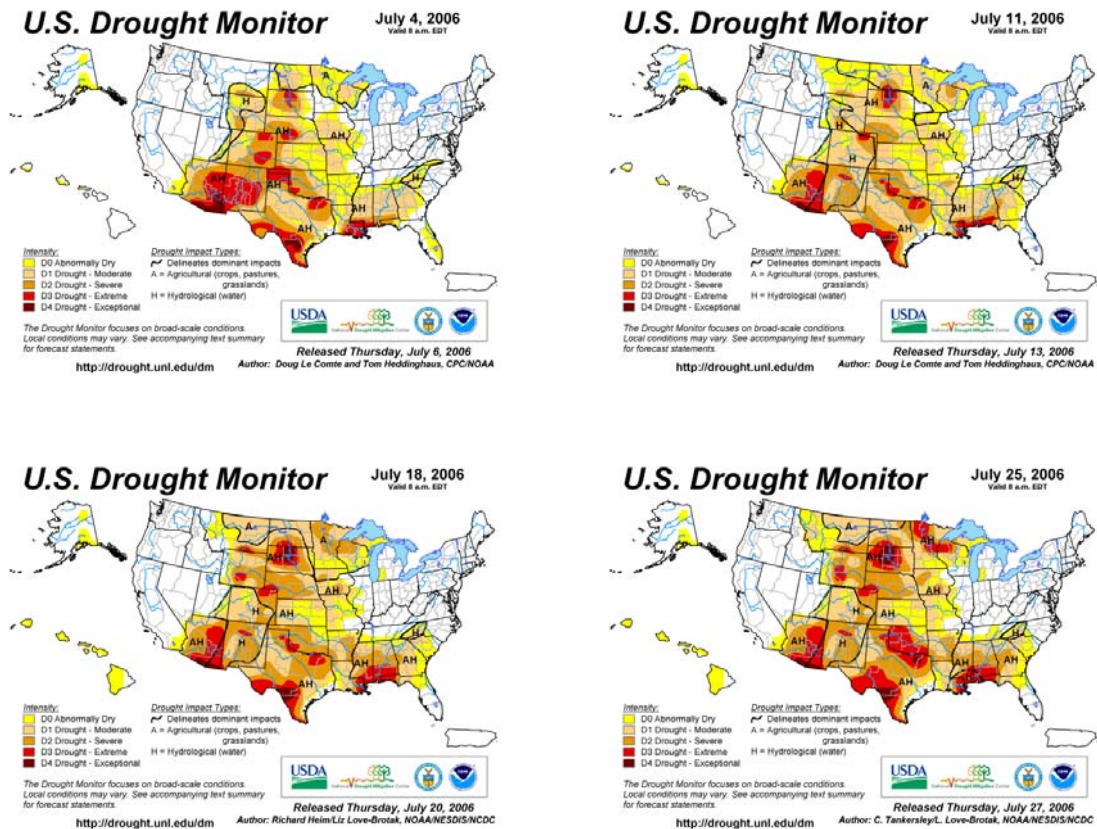


Figure 6 – U.S. Drought Monitor – July 4, 2006 through July 25, 2006

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>

## DROUGHT OUTLOOK

The basin drought outlook uses several expert products that indicate precipitation needs necessary to reduce the Palmer Drought to normal conditions, a one- and three-month climate outlook, and the impacts that future climate predictions could have on the current drought situation. The three-month Drought Outlook (Figure 7) indicates that the majority of the basin will see persistent drought conditions.

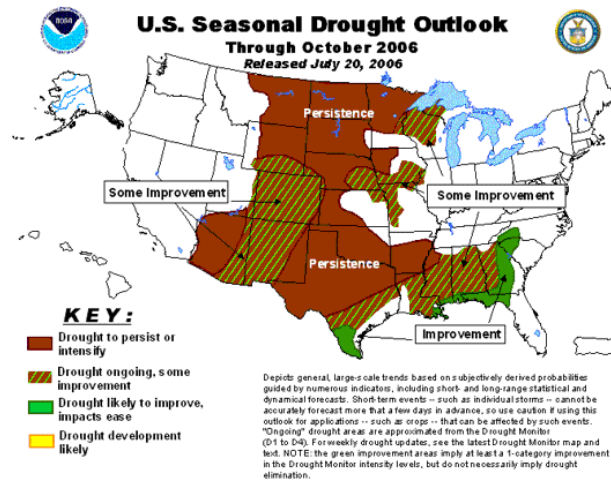
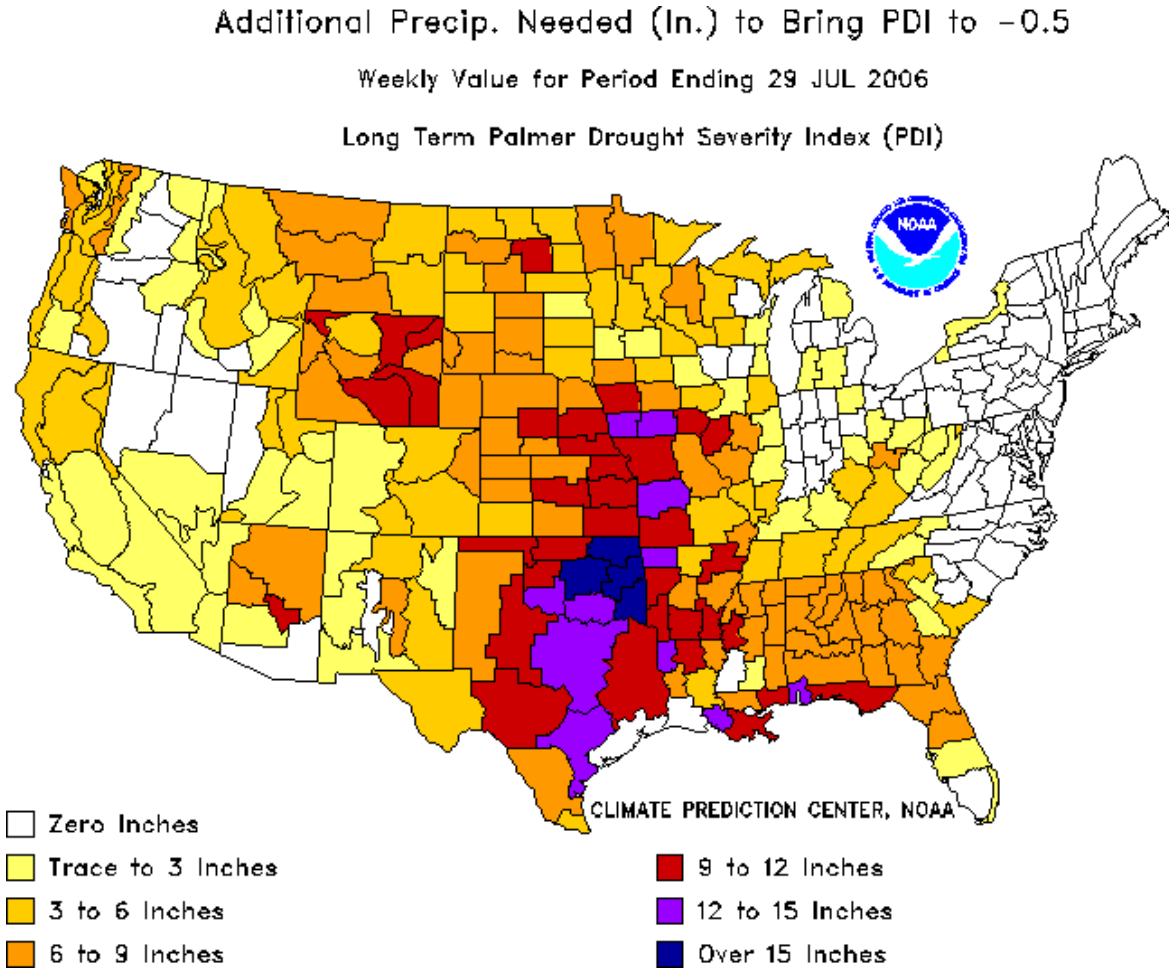


Figure 7 – Three-Month Seasonal Drought Outlook through October 2006

[http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert\\_assessment/seasonal\\_drought.html](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/seasonal_drought.html)

## Weekly Precipitation Need

Figure 8 is the weekly precipitation needed to reduce the current Palmer Drought Severity Index value to -0.5 or near normal conditions.



**Figure 8 – Weekly Precipitation Need to Bring PDI to -0.5**

[http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis\\_monitoring/regional\\_monitoring/addpcp.gif](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/regional_monitoring/addpcp.gif)

In order to reach near normal Palmer Drought conditions, Montana would need from 3 to 9 inches of precipitation across the state, the North Platte River basin in Wyoming would require up to 6 to 12 inches of precipitation while Nebraska would require up to 12 inches. Water supply deficits in large reservoirs, groundwater reserves, and possibly subsoil moisture reserves would receive limited benefit from the weekly Palmer precipitation needs. Mitigation of a multi-year drought would likely require multiple years of normal and above-normal water inflow conditions.

## **Mainstem Reservoir Information**

The mainstem reservoir system conditions worsened during July. Only the Ft. Peck reservoir is higher than at this time last year. The level of the Oahe reservoir will be closely monitored and coordinated with Garrison releases to make sure that no adverse impacts are realized at any Oahe reservoir municipal water intakes. Based on the current reservoir conditions and the latest predictions from Northwestern Division Water Management Division, no municipal water intakes within the reservoirs appear to be in jeopardy.

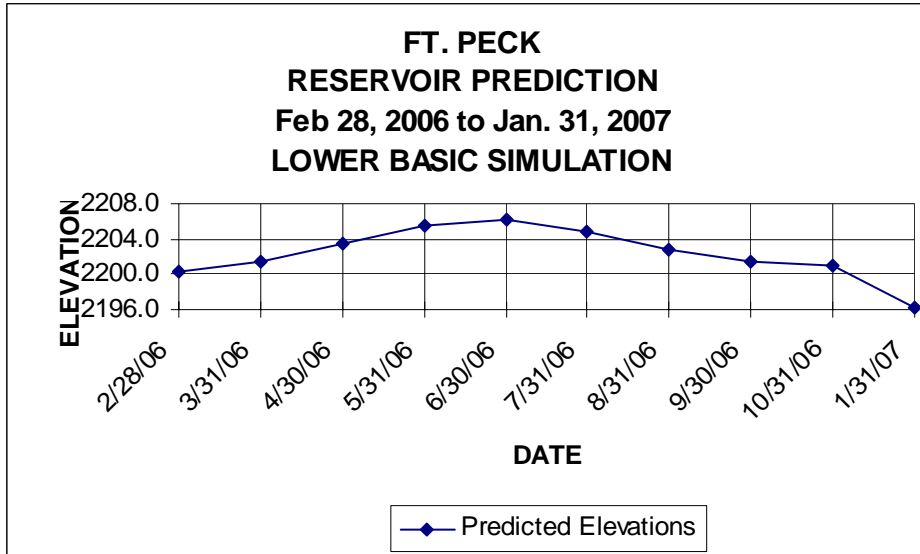
**Fort Peck, Montana**

**Reservoir Elevation Overview**

| Lake Elevation<br>7/31/2005<br>(ft. msl) | Current Lake<br>Elevation<br>7/31/2006<br>(ft. msl) | 30-Day<br>Projected<br>Elevation*<br>(8/31/2006)<br>(ft. msl) | 180-Day<br>Projected<br>Elevation*<br>(01/31/2007)<br>(ft. msl) |
|--|---|---|---|
| 2203.2                                   | 2205.0  | 2204.9  | 2196.2  |

**Comments:**

1. Current reservoir elevation is 29.0-feet below the top of conservation pool (elevation 2234.0 ft. msl).
2. \*Projections provided are based upon the Lower Basic Simulation prepared by the Reservoir Control Center.
3. Current elevation is 1.8-ft. higher than elevation on 7/31/05 (2203.2).



### **Water Intake Overview**

| Intake                | Comments                                 |
|-----------------------|--|
| Hell Creek State Park | No issues.<br>Well completed 22 NOV 2004 |

### **Access Overview**

1. 9 ramps usable (Corps and State); 2 ramps unusable. No permanent ramps operational.
2. Remaining concessionaires marginal.

### **Noxious Weeds Overview**

1. As the reservoir elevation dropped, the noxious weeds spread along the shoreline.
2. Main concern is Saltcedar, which thrives along the shoreline as the reservoir elevation declines.
3. Noxious weed control is being addressed.

### **Cultural Resources Overview**

1. No issues to date.

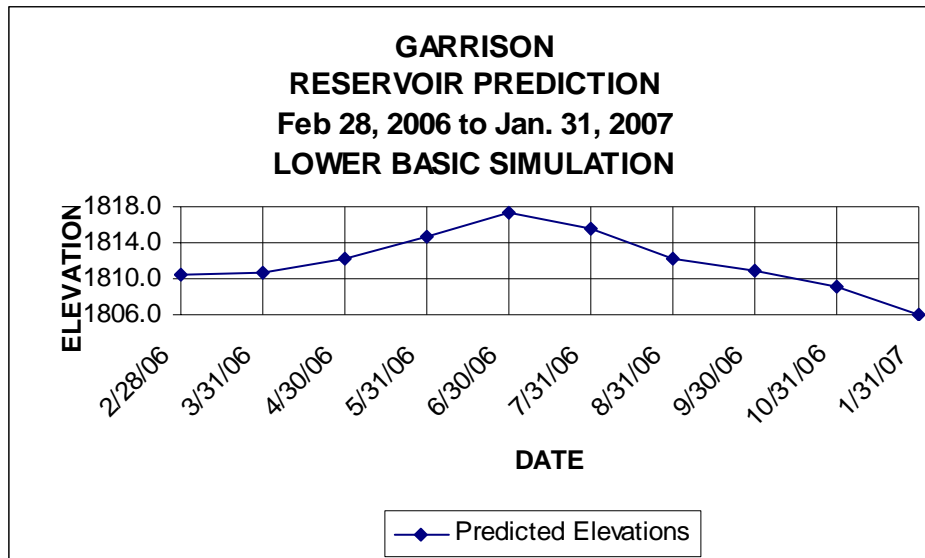
**Garrison, North Dakota**

**Reservoir Elevation Overview**

| Lake Elevation<br>7/31/2005<br>(ft. msl) | Current Lake<br>Elevation<br>(7/31/2006)<br>(ft. msl) | 30-Day<br>Projected<br>Elevation*<br>(8/31/2006)<br>(ft. msl) | 180-Day<br>Projected<br>Elevation*<br>(1/31/2007)<br>(ft. msl) |
|--|---|---|--|
| 1817.3                                   | 1815.6  | 1815.5  | 1805.9   |

**Comments:**

1. Current reservoir elevation is 21.9-feet below the top of conservation pool (elevation 1837.5 ft. msl).
2. \*Projections provided are based upon the Lower Basic Simulation prepared by the Reservoir Control Center.
3. Current reservoir elevation is 1.7 ft. lower than elevation on 7/31/05 (1817.3).



## Water Intake Overview

| Intake      | Status      | Current Reservoir Elev. | Top of Screen Elev. | Operational Concern Elev. | Shutdown Elev. |        | Population Supported | Contingency Plan? (Y/N) | Resp. Agency |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|             |             |                         |                     |                           | Summer         | Winter |                      |                         |              |
| Whiteshield | Operational | 1815.6                  | 1787                | 1805                      | 1787           | 1792   | 720                  | N                       | TAT/BOR      |

**Comments:**

1. Top of Screen Elevation taken from survey completed by the Corps in 2005. The intake was extended and lowered 2-feet since the Corps' survey in 2005.

**Future Plans:**

1. Ft. Berthold Rural Water System secured \$1.0 million funding through USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant Program for improvements in 2006. Currently, FBRW is working on the appropriate paperwork and the design of the system improvements. The improvements are planned to include:
  - a. Extending approximately 400 to 500 feet from the current intake screen with 8" to 12" casing pipe. The new intake screen elevation would be approximately 1763 (or lower).
  - b. Estimated cost: \$1.16 million.
  - c. Estimated time of completion: Late 2006.



| Intake      | Status      | Current Reservoir Elev. | Top of Screen Elev. | Operational Concern Elev. | Shutdown Elev. |        | Population Supported | Contingency Plan? (Y/N) | Resp. Agency |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|             |             |                         |                     |                           | Summer         | Winter |                      |                         |              |
| Twin Buttes | Operational | 1815.6                  | 1784.4              | 1805                      | 1788           | 1790   | 425                  | N                       | TAT/BOR      |

Comments:

1. Top of Screen Elevation taken from survey completed by the Corps in 2005.
2. In August, Ft. Berthold Rural Water System cleaned the “short tube” side of the existing intake structure and lowered the pump to a new elevation of approximately 1800. Both the “long tube” and “short tube” pumps should be at nearly equal elevations.
3. Erosion due to low reservoir levels have caused increased sediment in the intake piping. This has increased maintenance cost to remove the sediment and increased the cost of treating the water.

Future Plans:

1. Ft. Berthold Rural Water System has secured funding through the Indian Health Services, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant Program to improve the system in 2006. The FBRW is currently completing the necessary paperwork and working on the design for the improvements. The current plans are to:
  - a. Install a new casing approximately 450-feet into the lake.
  - b. Install a new 10” to 12” supply line, approximately 300- to 400-feet beyond the current location to approximate elevation 1780.0.
  - c. Provide bank stabilization and erosion control over the new line.

| Intake   | Status      | Current Reservoir Elev. | Top of Screen Elev. | Operational Concern Elev. | Shutdown Elev. |        | Population Supported | Contingency Plan? (Y/N) | Resp. Agency |
|----------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|          |             |                         |                     |                           | Summer         | Winter |                      |                         |              |
| Mandaree | Operational | 1815.6                  | 1786                | 1789.0                    | 1789           | 1794   | 780                  | N                       | TAT/BOR      |

Comments:

1. The new intake screen is at elevation 1786.
2. Grant monies for the project were secured from USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant Program and Indian Health Services.

| Intake     | Status      | Current Reservoir Elev. | Top of Screen Elev. | Operational Concern Elev. | Shutdown Elev. |        | Population Supported | Contingency Plan? (Y/N) | Resp. Agency |
|------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|            |             |                         |                     |                           | Summer         | Winter |                      |                         |              |
| Four Bears | Operational | 1815.6                  | 1789.9              | 1800.0                    | 1792           | 1794   | 900                  | N                       | TAT/BOR      |

Comments:

1. Top of Screen Elevation taken from survey completed by the Corps in 2005.
2. The screen has been checked by divers and it was confirmed that approximately 20-feet of water is over the intake.
3. Erosion due to low reservoir levels have caused increased sediment in the intake piping. This has increased maintenance cost to remove the sediment and increased the cost of treating the water.

Future Plans:

1. Ft. Berthold Rural Water System has secured funding through USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant Program to improve the intake in 2006. FBRW is currently completing paperwork and working on the design for the following:
  - a. Exploration and mapping of the intake area.
  - b. Replacement/extension approximately 200- to 250-feet from the current intake screen with 8" to 12" casing pipe. The new intake screen would be at approximate elevation 1785 (or lower).
  - c. Estimated cost: \$942,500
  - d. Estimated time of completion: 2006.

| Intake   | Status   | Current Reservoir Elev. | Top of Screen Elev. | Operational Concern Elev. | Shutdown Elev. |        | Population Supported | Contingency Plan? (Y/N) | Resp. Agency |
|----------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|          |          |                         |                     |                           | Summer         | Winter |                      |                         |              |
| Parshall | Operable | 1815.6                  | 1803.6*             | 1806.6                    | 1797.5         | 1801.5 | 1000                 | N                       | Parshall     |

Comments:

1. Top of Screen Elevation taken from survey completed by the Corps in 2005.
2. The City had a telescoping riser attached to the intake by 30 July 2005. The riser extended the intake to within 3- to 4-feet of the water's surface.
3. Require at least 3 feet of water over the intake for proper operation.
4. Water quality at current level is good following water treatment.

Future Plans:

1. Discussions have been held between Parshall and New Town regarding future water supply. No formal decisions have been reached.

\*Screen is raised or lowered according to reservoir elevations.

| Intake    | Status      | Current Reservoir Elev. | Top of Screen Elev. | Operational Concern Elev. | Shutdown Elev. |        | Population Supported | Contingency Plan? (Y/N) | Resp. Agency |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|           |             |                         |                     |                           | Summer         | Winter |                      |                         |              |
| Pick City | Operational | 1815.6                  | 1795                | 1800                      | 1798           | 1800   | 200                  |                         | Pick City    |

Comments:

1. Top of Screen Elevation taken from survey completed by the Corps in 2005.
2. At least 5-feet of water is necessary to operate this intake. If continued usage is planned, the intake will have to be lowered.

Future Plans:

1. Rural water is available to the City, however, they have chosen to continue using their intake until the water no longer meets State Health Standards or work is required on their intake.

| Intake   | Status      | Current Reservoir Elev. | Top of Screen Elev. | Operational Concern Elev. | Shutdown Elev. |        | Population Supported | Contingency Plan? (Y/N) | Resp. Agency |
|----------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|          |             |                         |                     |                           | Summer         | Winter |                      |                         |              |
| Garrison | Operational | 1815.6                  | 1787.2              | 1805                      | 1792           | 1792   | 1830                 | N                       | Garrison     |

Comments:

1. Top of Screen Elevation taken from survey completed by the Corps in 2005.

**Access Overview**

1. Ft. Stevenson State Park Marina design is completed. However, no federal funding is available for construction.

Updated 7/3/2006

**Reservoir Elevation 7/31/06 – 1815.6**

| <b>Location</b>                              | <b>Type</b>             | <b>Top Elevation</b> | <b>Bottom Elevation</b> | <b>Comments</b> | <b>Managing Agency</b>  | <b>Contact Person</b> | <b>Phone</b> |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Beaver Bay (low-water-COE)</b>            | poured concrete         | 1829                 | 1808                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Corps of Engineers      | Linda Phelps          | 654-7411     |
| <b>Beulah Bay</b>                            | poured concrete         | 1852.4               | 1799                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Beulah Park Board       | Bev Sullivan          | 870-5852     |
| <b>Camp of the Cross</b>                     | Slide-in metal sections | 1819                 | 1806                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Lutheran Bible Camp     | Larry Crowder         | 337-2246     |
| <b>Charging Eagle Bay (1st low water)</b>    | poured concrete         | 1829.2               | 1810.6                  | <b>Usable</b>   | Three Affiliated Tribes | Jim Mossett           | 880-1203     |
| <b>Dakota Waters Resort (low-water)</b>      | poured concrete, planks | 1853.4               | 1797                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Beulah Park Board       | Kelvin Heinsen        | 873-5800     |
| <b>Deepwater Creek (2nd low water)</b>       | concrete planks & metal | 1820                 | 1808                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Corps of Engineers      | Linda Phelps          | 654-7411     |
| <b>Deepwater Creek (1st low water)</b>       | poured concrete         | 1838.5               | 1809                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Corps of Engineers      | Linda Phelps          | 654-7411     |
| <b>Douglas Creek (low water)</b>             | poured concrete, planks | 1831                 | 1801                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Corps of Engineers      | Linda Phelps          | 654-7411     |
| <b>Fort Stevenson State Park (low water)</b> | poured concrete         | 1821.8               | 1790                    | <b>Usable</b>   | ND Parks & Rec          | Dick Messerly         | 337-5576     |
| <b>Four Bears Park (south low water)</b>     | concrete planks         | 1820.7               | 1803                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Three Affiliated Tribes | Alan Chase            | 627-4018     |
| <b>Garrison Creek Cabin Site</b>             | poured concrete         | 1857                 | 1802                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Garrison Cabin Assc.    | Percy Radke           | 337-2247     |
| <b>Government Bay (low water)</b>            | slide-in metal sections | 1815                 | 1803                    | <b>Unusable</b> | Corps of Engineers      | Linda Phelps          | 654-7411     |
| <b>Government Bay (main ramp)</b>            | poured concrete         | 1857                 | 1810                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Corps of Engineers      | Linda Phelps          | 654-7411     |
| <b>Hazen Bay (2nd low water)</b>             | poured concrete         | 1830.6               | 1808                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Hazen Park Board        | Jeff Gustafson`       | 748-6948     |
| <b>Indian Hills (2nd low water)</b>          | concrete planks         | 1817.6               | 1807                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Parks & Rec/Tribes      | Kelly Sorge           | 743-4122     |
| <b>Indian Hills (1st low water)</b>          | concrete planks         | 1826.4               | 1811.8                  | <b>Usable</b>   | Parks & Rec/Tribes      | Kelly Sorge           | 743-4122     |
| <b>McKenzie Bay (east ramp)</b>              | poured concrete         | 1850.9               | 1796                    | <b>Usable</b>   | McKenzie Marine Club    | Rhonda Logan          | 579-3366     |

| <b>Location</b>                                   | <b>Type</b>                | <b>Top Elevation</b> | <b>Bottom Elevation</b> | <b>Comments</b> | <b>Managing Agency</b>      | <b>Contact Person</b> | <b>Phone</b> |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <b>Parshall Bay (2nd low-water)</b>               | poured concrete            | 1817.8               | 1808.5                  | <b>Usable</b>   | Mountrail County Park Board | Clarence Weltz        | 627-3377     |
| <b>Pouch Point (3rd low-water)</b>                | slide-in metal sections    | 1819                 | 1809                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Three Affiliated Tribes     | Paul Danks            | 627-3627     |
| <b>Pouch Point (2nd low-water)</b>                | poured concrete            | 1834.8               | 1813                    | <b>Unusable</b> | Three Affiliated Tribes     | Paul Danks            | 627-3627     |
| <b>Reunion Bay (2nd low water)</b>                | concrete planks            | 1826.6               | 1808                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Corps of Engineers          | Linda Phelps          | 654-7411     |
| <b>Sakakawea State Park (main)</b>                | poured concrete            | 1850                 | 1800                    | <b>Usable</b>   | ND Parks & Rec              | John Tunge            | 487-3315     |
| <b>Sanish Bay (Aftem) (low water)</b>             | poured concrete            | 1830.8               | 1807.4                  | <b>Usable</b>   | Aftem Lake Development      | Gerald Aftem          | 852-2779     |
| <b>Skunk Creek Recreation Area (main)</b>         | poured concrete            | 1840                 | 1806.5                  | <b>Usable</b>   | Three Affiliated Tribes     | Ken Danks             | 290-2841     |
| <b>Sportsmen's Centennial Park</b>                | poured concrete            | 1831.6               | 1808.5                  | <b>Usable</b>   | McLean County               | Les Korgel            | 462-8541     |
| <b>Steinke Bay</b>                                | poured concrete            | 1833.1               | 1813.4                  | <b>Unusable</b> | North Dakota Game & Fish    | Bob Frohlich          | 328-6346     |
| <b>Van Hook (Gull Island north low-water)</b>     | metal bridge deck sections | 1817.8               | 1805                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Mountrail County Park Board | Clarence Weltz        | 627-3377     |
| <b>Van Hook (west low water ramps)</b>            | poured concrete            | 1821.2               | 1808                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Mountrail County Park Board | Clarence Weltz        | 627-3377     |
| <b>White Earth Bay (main)</b>                     | poured concrete            | 1850.9               | 1801                    | <b>Usable</b>   | Mountrail County Park Board | Greg Gunderson        | 755-3277     |
| <b>Wolf Creek Recreation Area (1st low water)</b> | poured concrete            | 1833.8               | 1802.5                  | <b>Usable</b>   | Corps of Engineers          | Linda Phelps          | 654-7411     |

### **Noxious Weeds Overview**

1. Project personnel are continuing efforts to combat noxious weeds.

### **Cultural Resources Overview**

1. Project personnel continue to monitor the shoreline for the protection of cultural resources.

### **Other Areas of Interest/Concern**

1. Garrison National Fish Hatchery – Three issues exist and are of concern to the State of North Dakota and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
  - a. Addition of a fifth boiler and necessary power for operation.
  - b. Ability to fill 40 rearing ponds.
  - c. Adequacy of the existing 20-inch water supply line from the penstocks.
2. Fact sheets for the hatchery issues exist. OP-TM is investigating a design for additional power requirements to the hatchery. An MOU may need to be set up to address future operating needs and requirements.
3. Garrison Cold Water Fishery – The modification to the trashracks of intakes 2 and 3, was completed 22 July 2005. The modifications were kept in place throughout the winter period, as the cost to remove and replace was comparable to lost power generation costs. The plates will be inspected in the spring with an underwater camera to ensure structural adequacy.

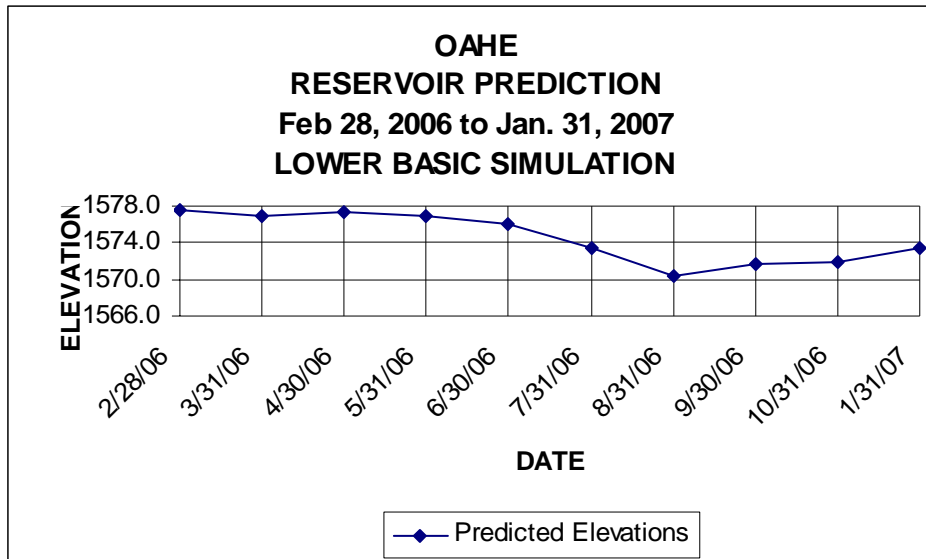
**Oahe, South Dakota**

**Reservoir Elevation Overview**

| Lake Elevation<br>7/31/2005<br>(ft. msl) | Current Lake<br>Elevation<br>(7/31/2006)<br>(ft. msl) | 30-Day<br>Projected<br>Elevation*<br>(8/31/2006)<br>(ft. msl) | 180-Day<br>Projected<br>Elevation*<br>(1/31/2007)<br>(ft. msl) |
|--|---|---|--|
| 1576.4                                   | 1573.4  | 1573.4  | 1573.4   |

**Comments:**

1. Current reservoir elevation is 34.1-feet below the top of conservation pool (elevation 1607.5 ft. msl).
2. \*Projections provided are based upon the Lower Basic Simulation prepared by the Reservoir Control Center.
3. Current reservoir elevation is 3.0 feet lower than 7/31/05 (1576.4).



### Water Intake Overview

| Intake    | Status      | Current Reservoir Elev. | Top of Screen Elev. | Operational Concern Elev. | Shutdown Elev. |        | Population Supported | Contingency Plan? (Y/N) | Resp. Agency |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|           |             |                         |                     |                           | Summer         | Winter |                      |                         |              |
| Ft. Yates | Operational | 1573.4                  | 1571.2              | 1573                      | 1572.2         | 1575.2 | 3,400                | Y                       | SRST/BOR     |

**Comments:**

1. Top of Screen Elevation taken from survey completed by the Corps in 2005.
2. A backup well has been drilled and tested.
3. New well and plumbing is installed at Fort Yates and can be used as a backup water source.
4. Intake is in riverine conditions and flow to the intake may be influenced by releases from Garrison reservoir.

**Future Plans:**

1. The intake at Fort Yates remains in a river condition and may continue to have sedimentation problems as long as Oahe remains below elevation 1580. Sediment levels in the sump are measured weekly and the river channel is monitored.
2. Contingency plans are in place and have been exercised.

| Intake  | Status      | Current Reservoir Elev. | Top of Screen Elev. | Operational Concern Elev. | Shutdown Elev. |        | Population Supported | Contingency Plan? (Y/N) | Resp. Agency |
|---------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|         |             |                         |                     |                           | Summer         | Winter |                      |                         |              |
| Wakpala | Operational | 1573.4                  | 1563                | 1563                      | 1566           | 1569   | >500                 | N                       | SRST/BOR     |

**Comments:**

1. Top of Screen Elevation taken from survey completed by the Corps in 2005, a new low profile screen was installed lowering the top of the screen elevation to 1563.
2. Contingency plans are being drafted to respond to an intake failure. Initial response to an intake failure at Wakpala would be hauling water from the city of Mobridge to the treatment plant to be distributed using the existing transmission lines.



| Intake    | Status      | Current Reservoir Elev. | Top of Screen Elev. | Operational Concern Elev. | Shutdown Elev. |        | Population Supported | Contingency Plan? (Y/N) | Resp. Agency |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|           |             |                         |                     |                           | Summer         | Winter |                      |                         |              |
| Mni Wasté | Operational | 1573.4                  | 1555.7              | 1580                      | 1561.9         | 1560.4 | 14,000               | Y(DRAFT)                | CRST         |

Comments:

1. Top of Screen Elevation taken from survey completed by the Corps in 2005.
2. Construction of a temporary intake approximately 16 miles from the existing intake is underway and is proceeding well. The construction project is a collaborative effort between the Tribe, the State, the Corps and many other entities.
3. Trigger Points for continuation of construction are being closely monitored.

**Access Overview**

1. The State of South Dakota is responsible for maintaining recreational areas and access to the reservoir in South Dakota. The Oahe Project maintains the access in North Dakota.
2. Ramps on Oahe Project in North Dakota:

| AREA                 | Status   |
|----------------------|----------|
| Sibley Park          | Usable   |
| Little Heart Bottoms | Usable   |
| Kimball (Desert)     | Usable   |
| Graner's Bottoms     | Usable   |
| Maclean Bottoms      | Usable   |
| Hazelton             | Usable   |
| Ft. Rice             | Usable   |
| North Beaver Bay     | Usable   |
| Walker Bottoms       | Usable   |
| Jennerville (Rivery) | Usable   |
| Fort Yates           | Unusable |
| Cattail Bay          | Unusable |
| Langeliers Bay       | Unusable |
| Beaver Creek         | Unusable |
| State Line           | Unusable |

<http://gf.nd.gov/fishing/mo-riv-system-boatramps-status.html>.

**Noxious Weeds Overview**

1. The Oahe Project has a \$325,000 budget for salt cedar and other noxious weed control for FY 06.

**Cultural Resources Overview**

1. Project personnel continue to monitor the shoreline for the protection of cultural resources. As the reservoir elevation falls, more opportunities are uncovered for looters, which collect artifacts and sell them on the open market.

**Other**

1. The Oahe Project Manager met with County Commissioners at Pollack to discuss constructing a firebreak between the reservoir and the park. Project personnel will investigate constructing a firebreak. This will require working with/coordinating with the State of South Dakota, the current landowner of the proposed construction site.

## Mainstem Reservoir Information, Weekly Elevation Comparison

**3 July 2006**

| Project          | Project Information      |                          | Reservoir Elevation        |                              |        | Reservoir Storage                 |                                     |                 |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                  | Multi-Purpose Pool Elev. | Flood Control Pool Elev. | Current Elevation (7/3/06) | Previous Elevation (6/26/06) | Change | Current Storage (MAC-FT) (7/3/06) | Previous Storage (MAC-FT) (6/26/06) | Change (MAC-FT) |
| Ft. Peck, MT     | 2160 - 2246              | 2246 - 2250              | 2206.2                     | 2206.3                       | -0.1   | 9.950                             | 9.968                               | -0.018          |
| Garrison, ND     | 1775 - 1850              | 1850 - 1854              | 1817.3                     | 1817.3                       | 0.0    | 12.622                            | 12.619                              | 0.003           |
| Oahe, SD         | 1540 - 1617              | 1617 - 1620              | 1575.7                     | 1576.2                       | -0.5   | 10.857                            | 10.921                              | -0.064          |
| Big Bend, SD     | 1415 - 1422              | 1422 - 1423              | 1420.6                     | 1420.7                       | -0.1   | 1.666                             | 1.679                               | -0.013          |
| Ft. Randall, SD  | 1320 - 1365              | 1365 - 1375              | 1354.4                     | 1354.9                       | -0.5   | 3.492                             | 3.520                               | -0.028          |
| Gavins Point, SD | 1204.5 - 1208            | 1208 - 1210              | 1206.6                     | 1206.9                       | -0.3   | 0.373                             | 0.380                               | -0.007          |

**10 July 2006**

| Project          | Project Information      |                          | Reservoir Elevation         |                             |        | Reservoir Storage                  |                                    |                 |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                  | Multi-Purpose Pool Elev. | Flood Control Pool Elev. | Current Elevation (7/10/06) | Previous Elevation (7/3/06) | Change | Current Storage (MAC-FT) (7/10/06) | Previous Storage (MAC-FT) (7/3/06) | Change (MAC-FT) |
| Ft. Peck, MT     | 2160 - 2246              | 2246 - 2250              | 2205.9                      | 2206.2                      | -0.3   | 9.909                              | 9.950                              | -0.041          |
| Garrison, ND     | 1775 - 1850              | 1850 - 1854              | 1817.0                      | 1817.3                      | -0.3   | 12.548                             | 12.622                             | -0.074          |
| Oahe, SD         | 1540 - 1617              | 1617 - 1620              | 1575.7                      | 1575.7                      | 0.0    | 10.834                             | 10.857                             | -0.023          |
| Big Bend, SD     | 1415 - 1422              | 1422 - 1423              | 1419.9                      | 1420.6                      | -0.7   | 1.624                              | 1.666                              | -0.042          |
| Ft. Randall, SD  | 1320 - 1365              | 1365 - 1375              | 1354.0                      | 1354.4                      | -0.4   | 3.440                              | 3.492                              | -0.052          |
| Gavins Point, SD | 1204.5 - 1208            | 1208 - 1210              | 1206.1                      | 1206.6                      | -0.5   | 0.361                              | 0.373                              | -0.012          |

**17 July 2006**

| Project          | Project Information      |                          | Reservoir Elevation         |                              |        | Reservoir Storage                  |                                     |                 |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                  | Multi-Purpose Pool Elev. | Flood Control Pool Elev. | Current Elevation (7/17/06) | Previous Elevation (7/10/06) | Change | Current Storage (MAC-FT) (7/17/06) | Previous Storage (MAC-FT) (7/10/06) | Change (MAC-FT) |
| Ft. Peck, MT     | 2160 - 2246              | 2246 - 2250              | 2205.6                      | 2205.9                       | -0.3   | 9.867                              | 9.909                               | -0.042          |
| Garrison, ND     | 1775 - 1850              | 1850 - 1854              | 1816.9                      | 1817.0                       | -0.1   | 12.481                             | 12.548                              | -0.067          |
| Oahe, SD         | 1540 - 1617              | 1617 - 1620              | 1574.9                      | 1575.7                       | -0.8   | 10.657                             | 10.834                              | -0.177          |
| Big Bend, SD     | 1415 - 1422              | 1422 - 1423              | 1420.2                      | 1419.9                       | 0.3    | 1.651                              | 1.624                               | 0.027           |
| Ft. Randall, SD  | 1320 - 1365              | 1365 - 1375              | 1354.3                      | 1354.0                       | 0.3    | 3.475                              | 3.440                               | 0.035           |
| Gavins Point, SD | 1204.5 - 1208            | 1208 - 1210              | 1205.7                      | 1206.1                       | -0.4   | 0.352                              | 0.361                               | -0.009          |

**24 July 2006**

| Project          | Project Information      |                          | Reservoir Elevation         |                              |        | Reservoir Storage                  |                                     |                 |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                  | Multi-Purpose Pool Elev. | Flood Control Pool Elev. | Current Elevation (7/24/06) | Previous Elevation (7/17/06) | Change | Current Storage (MAC-FT) (7/24/06) | Previous Storage (MAC-FT) (7/17/06) | Change (MAC-FT) |
| Ft. Peck, MT     | 2160 - 2246              | 2246 - 2250              | 2205.3                      | 2205.6                       | -0.3   | 9.806                              | 9.867                               | -0.61           |
| Garrison, ND     | 1775 - 1850              | 1850 - 1854              | 1816.2                      | 1816.9                       | -0.7   | 12.364                             | 12.481                              | -0.117          |
| Oahe, SD         | 1540 - 1617              | 1617 - 1620              | 1574.3                      | 1574.9                       | -0.6   | 10.557                             | 10.657                              | -0.100          |
| Big Bend, SD     | 1415 - 1422              | 1422 - 1423              | 1420.1                      | 1420.2                       | -0.1   | 1.629                              | 1.651                               | -0.022          |
| Ft. Randall, SD  | 1320 - 1365              | 1365 - 1375              | 1354.6                      | 1354.3                       | 0.3    | 3.505                              | 3.475                               | 0.030           |
| Gavins Point, SD | 1204.5 - 1208            | 1208 - 1210              | 1205.6                      | 1205.7                       | -0.1   | 0.347                              | 0.352                               | -0.005          |

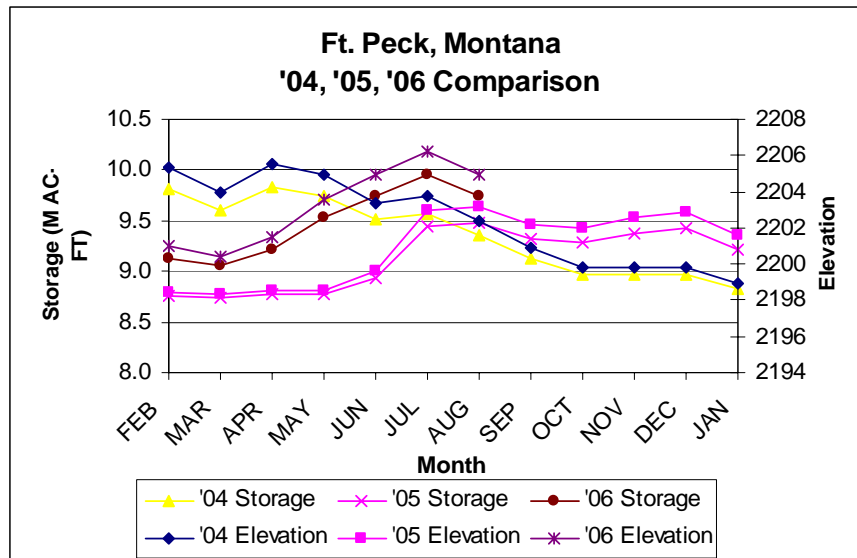
31 July 2006

| <b>Project</b>   | <b>Project Information</b> |                          | <b>Reservoir Elevation</b>  |                              |        | <b>Reservoir Storage</b>           |                                     |                 |
|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                  | Multi-Purpose Pool Elev.   | Flood Control Pool Elev. | Current Elevation (7/31/06) | Previous Elevation (7/24/06) | Change | Current Storage (MAC-FT) (7/31/06) | Previous Storage (MAC-FT) (7/24/06) | Change (MAC-FT) |
| Ft. Peck, MT     | 2160 - 2246                | 2246 – 2250              | 2205.0                      | 2205.3                       | -0.3   | 9.757                              | 9.806                               | -0.049          |
| Garrison, ND     | 1775 – 1850                | 1850 – 1854              | 1815.6                      | 1816.2                       | -0.6   | 12.196                             | 12.364                              | -0.168          |
| Oahe, SD         | 1540 - 1617                | 1617 – 1620              | 1573.4                      | 1574.3                       | -0.9   | 10.413                             | 10.557                              | -0.144          |
| Big Bend, SD     | 1415 – 1422                | 1422 – 1423              | 1420.5                      | 1420.1                       | 0.4    | 1.650                              | 1.629                               | 0.021           |
| Ft. Randall, SD  | 1320 – 1365                | 1365 – 1375              | 1353.9                      | 1354.6                       | -0.7   | 3.439                              | 3.505                               | -0.066          |
| Gavins Point, SD | 1204.5 - 1208              | 1208 - 1210              | 1205.2                      | 1205.6                       | -0.4   | 0.337                              | 0.347                               | -0.010          |

## Mainstem Reservoir Storage Comparison – Water Years 2004, 2005, 2006

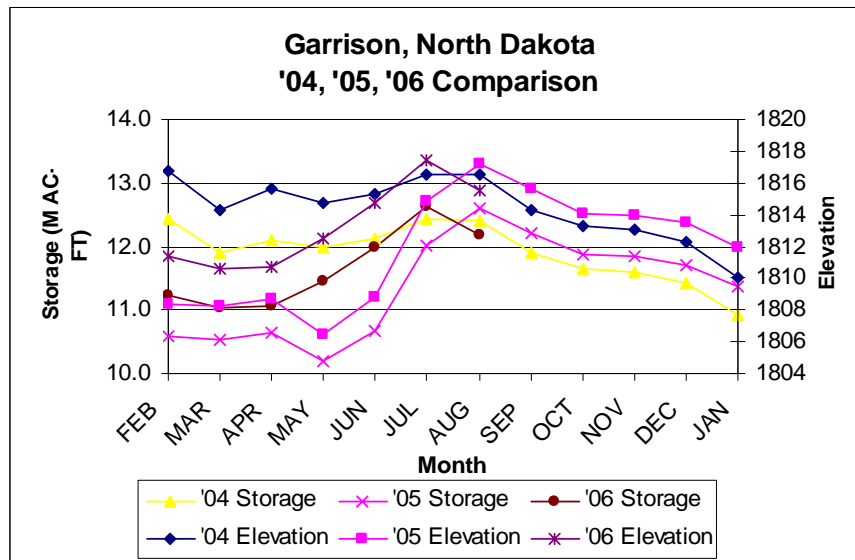
### Fort Peck, Montana

| Water Year 2004<br>(FEB 2004 – JAN 2005) |           |                      | Water Year 2005<br>(FEB 2005 – JAN 2006) |           |                      | Water Year 2006<br>(FEB 2006 – JAN 2007) |           |                      |
|--|-----------|----------------------|--|-----------|----------------------|--|-----------|----------------------|
| Date                                     | Elevation | Storage<br>(MAC-Ft.) | Date                                     | Elevation | Storage<br>(MAC-Ft.) | Date                                     | Elevation | Storage<br>(MAC-Ft.) |
| 2/1/2004                                 | 2205.3    | 9.806                | 2/1/2005                                 | 2198.4    | 8.749                | 2/1/2006                                 | 2201.0    | 9.134                |
| 3/1/2004                                 | 2204      | 9.603                | 3/1/2005                                 | 2198.3    | 8.732                | 3/1/2006                                 | 2200.4    | 9.048                |
| 4/1/2004                                 | 2205.5    | 9.837                | 4/1/2005                                 | 2198.5    | 8.773                | 4/1/2006                                 | 2201.5    | 9.222                |
| 5/1/2004                                 | 2204.9    | 9.740                | 5/1/2005                                 | 2198.5    | 8.773                | 5/1/2006                                 | 2203.6    | 9.540                |
| 6/1/2004                                 | 2203.4    | 9.507                | 6/1/2005                                 | 2199.6    | 8.935                | 6/1/2006                                 | 2204.9    | 9.741                |
| 7/1/2004                                 | 2203.8    | 9.565                | 7/1/2005                                 | 2203.0    | 9.448                | 7/1/2006                                 | 2206.2    | 9.958                |
| 8/1/2004                                 | 2202.4    | 9.357                | 8/1/2005                                 | 2203.2    | 9.472                | 8/1/2006                                 | 2204.9    | 9.750                |
| 9/1/2004                                 | 2200.9    | 9.121                | 9/1/2005                                 | 2202.2    | 9.325                | 9/1/2006                                 |           |                      |
| 10/1/2004                                | 2199.8    | 8.969                | 10/1/2005                                | 2202.0    | 9.286                | 10/1/2006                                |           |                      |
| 11/1/2004                                | 2199.8    | 8.963                | 11/1/2005                                | 2202.6    | 9.371                | 11/1/2006                                |           |                      |
| 12/1/2004                                | 2199.8    | 8.961                | 12/1/2005                                | 2202.9    | 9.432                | 12/1/2006                                |           |                      |
| 1/1/2005                                 | 2198.9    | 8.829                | 1/1/2006                                 | 2201.5    | 9.222                | 1/1/2007                                 |           |                      |



## Garrison, ND

| Water Year 2004<br>(FEB 2004 – JAN 2005) |           |                   | Water Year 2005<br>(FEB 2005 – JAN 2006) |           |                   | Water Year 2006<br>(FEB 2006 – JAN 2007) |           |                   |
|--|-----------|-------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|
| Date                                     | Elevation | Storage (MAC-Ft.) | Date                                     | Elevation | Storage (MAC-Ft.) | Date                                     | Elevation | Storage (MAC-Ft.) |
| 2/1/2004                                 | 1816.7    | 12.446            | 2/1/2005                                 | 1808.4    | 10.574            | 2/1/2006                                 | 1811.4    | 11.230            |
| 3/1/2004                                 | 1814.3    | 11.891            | 3/1/2005                                 | 1808.2    | 10.537            | 3/1/2006                                 | 1810.6    | 11.040            |
| 4/1/2004                                 | 1815.6    | 12.110            | 4/1/2005                                 | 1808.65   | 10.632            | 4/1/2006                                 | 1810.7    | 11.076            |
| 5/1/2004                                 | 1814.7    | 11.989            | 5/1/2005                                 | 1806.47   | 10.189            | 5/1/2006                                 | 1812.5    | 11.460            |
| 6/1/2004                                 | 1815.3    | 12.121            | 6/1/2005                                 | 1808.8    | 10.665            | 6/1/2006                                 | 1814.7    | 11.992            |
| 7/1/2004                                 | 1816.5    | 12.426            | 7/1/2005                                 | 1814.9    | 12.026            | 7/1/2006                                 | 1817.4    | 12.629            |
| 8/1/2004                                 | 1816.5    | 12.401            | 8/1/2005                                 | 1817.17   | 12.591            | 8/1/2006                                 | 1815.5    | 12.172            |
| 9/1/2004                                 | 1814.3    | 11.914            | 9/1/2005                                 | 1815.56   | 12.216            | 9/1/2006                                 |           |                   |
| 10/1/2004                                | 1813.3    | 11.645            | 10/1/2005                                | 1814.11   | 11.861            | 10/1/2006                                |           |                   |
| 11/1/2004                                | 1813.1    | 11.589            | 11/1/2005                                | 1814.00   | 11.837            | 11/1/2006                                |           |                   |
| 12/1/2004                                | 1812.3    | 11.422            | 12/1/2005                                | 1813.50   | 11.707            | 12/1/2006                                |           |                   |
| 1/1/2005                                 | 1810      | 10.936            | 1/1/2006                                 | 1812.0    | 11.371            | 1/1/2007                                 |           |                   |



## Oahe, SD

| Water Year 2004<br>(FEB 2004 – JAN 2005) |           |                   | Water Year 2005<br>(FEB 2005 – JAN 2006) |           |                   | Water Year 2006<br>(FEB 2006 – JAN 2007) |           |                   |
|--|-----------|-------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|--|-----------|-------------------|
| Date                                     | Elevation | Storage (MAC-Ft.) | Date                                     | Elevation | Storage (MAC-Ft.) | Date                                     | Elevation | Storage (MAC-Ft.) |
| 2/1/2004                                 | 1577.6    | 11.204            | 2/1/2005                                 | 1575.2    | 10.715            | 2/1/2006                                 | 1576.8    | 11.037            |
| 3/1/2004                                 | 1579.2    | 11.504            | 3/1/2005                                 | 1576.2    | 10.924            | 3/1/2006                                 | 1577.6    | 11.209            |
| 4/1/2004                                 | 1582.1    | 12.110            | 4/1/2005                                 | 1574.29   | 10.568            | 4/1/2006                                 | 1576.7    | 11.024            |
| 5/1/2004                                 | 1581.6    | 12.056            | 5/1/2005                                 | 1574.82   | 10.608            | 5/1/2006                                 | 1577.4    | 11.150            |
| 6/1/2004                                 | 1578.4    | 11.338            | 6/1/2005                                 | 1576.47   | 10.980            | 6/1/2006                                 | 1577.0    | 11.088            |
| 7/1/2004                                 | 1576.8    | 11.045            | 7/1/2005                                 | 1577.6    | 11.214            | 7/1/2006                                 | 1575.8    | 10.880            |
| 8/1/2004                                 | 1574.3    | 10.540            | 8/1/2005                                 | 1576.38   | 10.958            | 8/1/2006                                 | 1573.4    | 10.378            |
| 9/1/2004                                 | 1572.1    | 10.112            | 9/1/2005                                 | 1572.64   | 10.363            | 9/1/2006                                 |           |                   |
| 10/1/2004                                | 1573.2    | 10.316            | 10/1/2005                                | 1572.63   | 10.267            | 10/1/2006                                |           |                   |
| 11/1/2004                                | 1574.8    | 10.608            | 11/1/2005                                | 1573.90   | 10.501            | 11/1/2006                                |           |                   |
| 12/1/2004                                | 1576      | 10.866            | 12/1/2005                                | 1575.6    | 10.814            | 12/1/2006                                |           |                   |
| 1/1/2005                                 | 1575.8    | 10.824            | 1/1/2006                                 | 1575.6    | 10.778            | 1/1/2007                                 |           |                   |

