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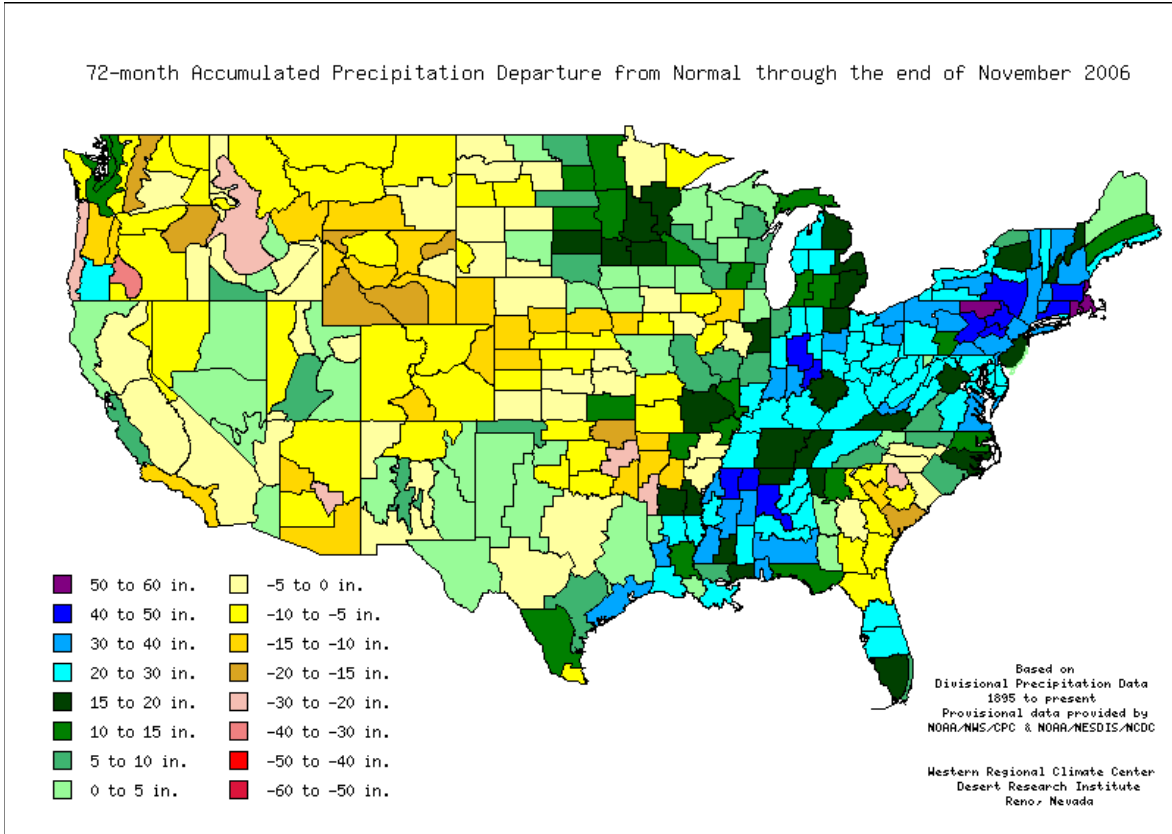
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## **CURRENT CONDITIONS**

The long-term drought continues to plague the mid-West. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, there are virtually no areas in the upper Missouri River Basin exhibiting “normal” moisture conditions. Furthermore, based upon projections from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwest Division, Water Management Division, the upper three reservoirs (Oahe, Garrison, and Ft. Peck) are likely to be very near to, or experience a new record low. Also, drought is predicted to persist or develop in much of the basin.

### Precipitation Departures

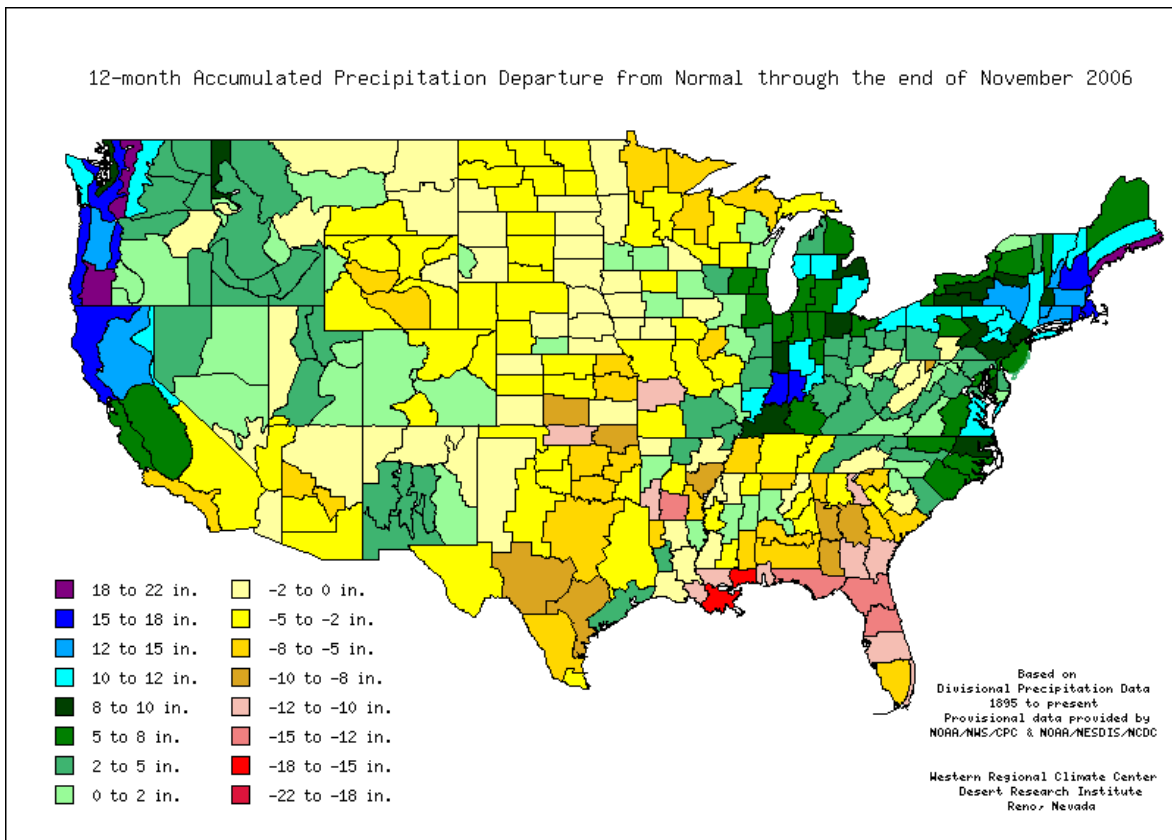
Precipitation departures from normal during the last 72 months for the United States are shown in Figure 1. In Montana, accumulated precipitation ranges from near normal to nearly a 15-inch deficit. Wyoming's accumulated precipitation varies widely from near normal to a 20-inch deficit. Nebraska ranges from near normal to a 15-inch deficit. The Dakotas generally range from near normal to a 10-inch surplus. 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**

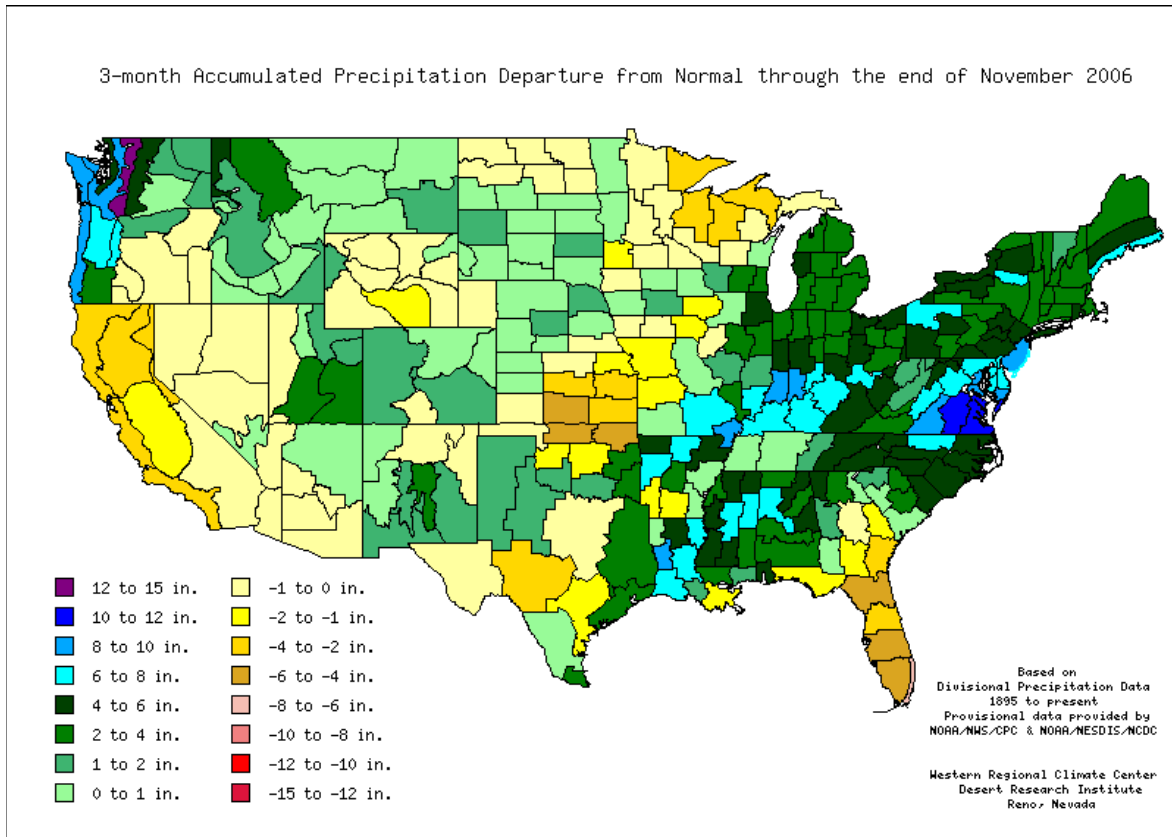
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The 12-month precipitation accumulation in Figure 2 indicates that precipitation throughout much of the western and northwestern District is from normal to a five-inch deficit.



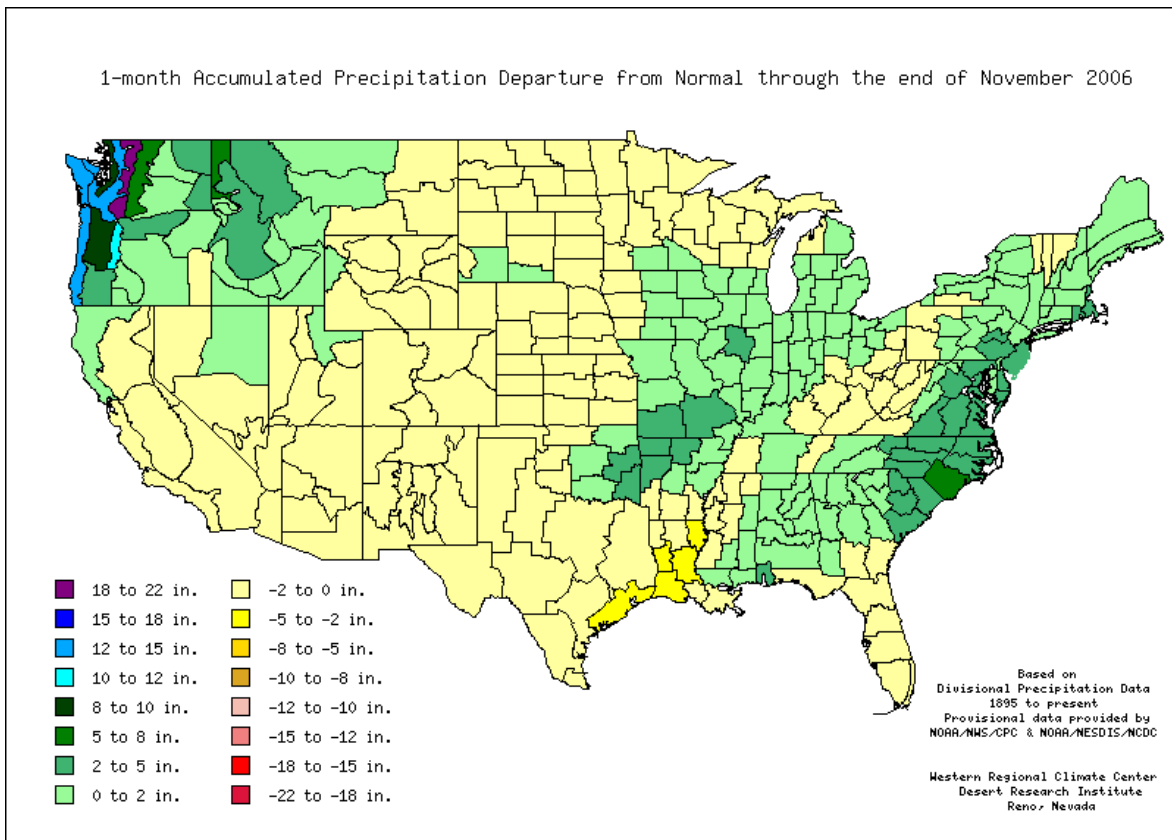
**Figure 2 – 12 month Precipitation Departure From Normal**  
<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep12>

The three-month period (Figure 3) shows that much of the basin continues to receive an adequate supply of precipitation for near normal to a slight surplus of moisture over the observation period.



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

For the month of November, the majority of the basin received very near normal precipitation (Figure 4).



**Figure 4 – 1 month Precipitation Departure From Normal**  
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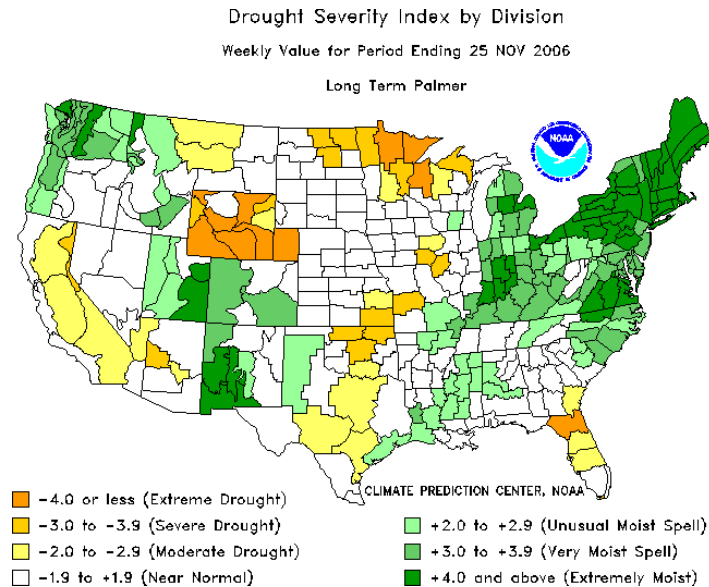
## Drought Indicators

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 near normal conditions in a large area of the basin and moderate to extreme drought conditions in others.



**Figure 5 – Long-Term Palmer Drought Indicator Ending 25 NOV 2006**

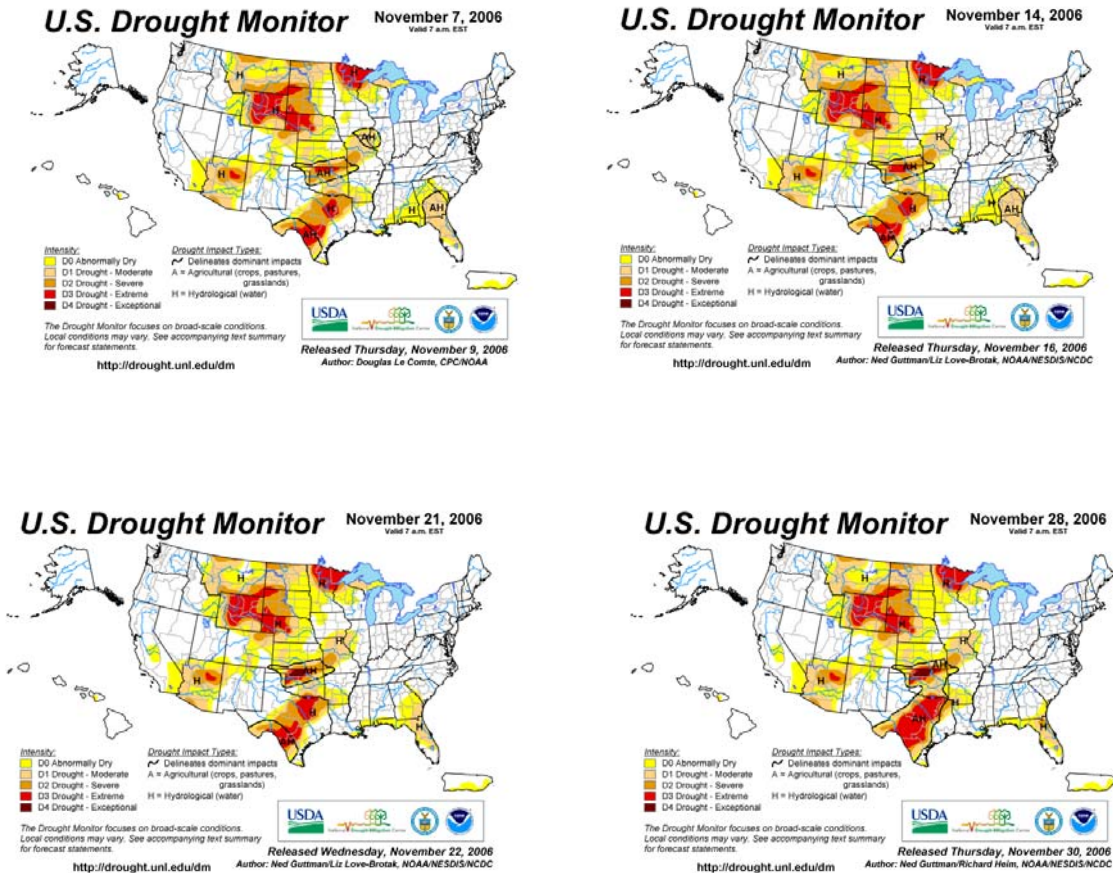
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## Drought Monitor

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 is indicative of the figures below, large portions of the basin are still experiencing the effects of the drought.



**Figure 6 – U.S. Drought Monitor – November 7, 2006 through November 28, 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 large portions of the basin will continue to experience a persistent drought.

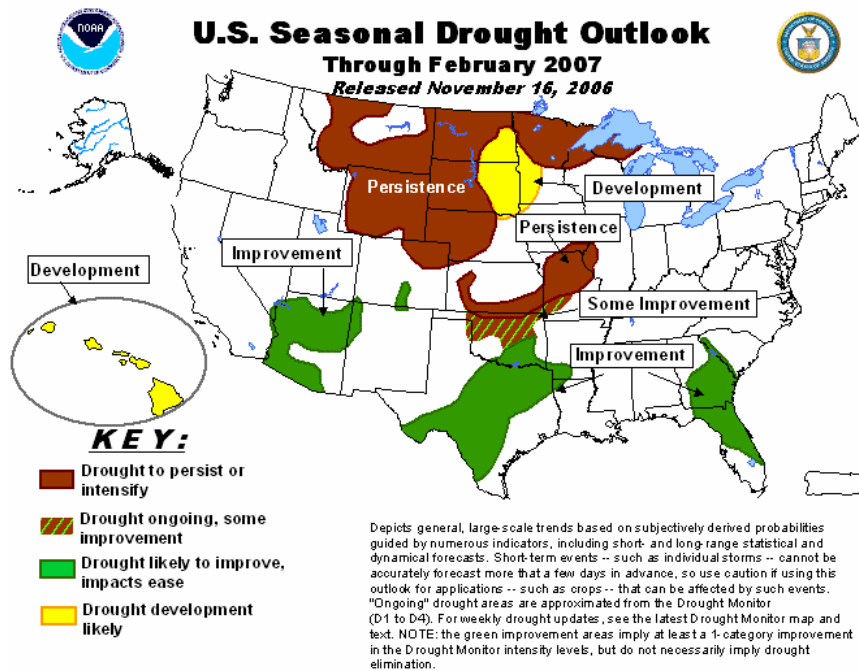
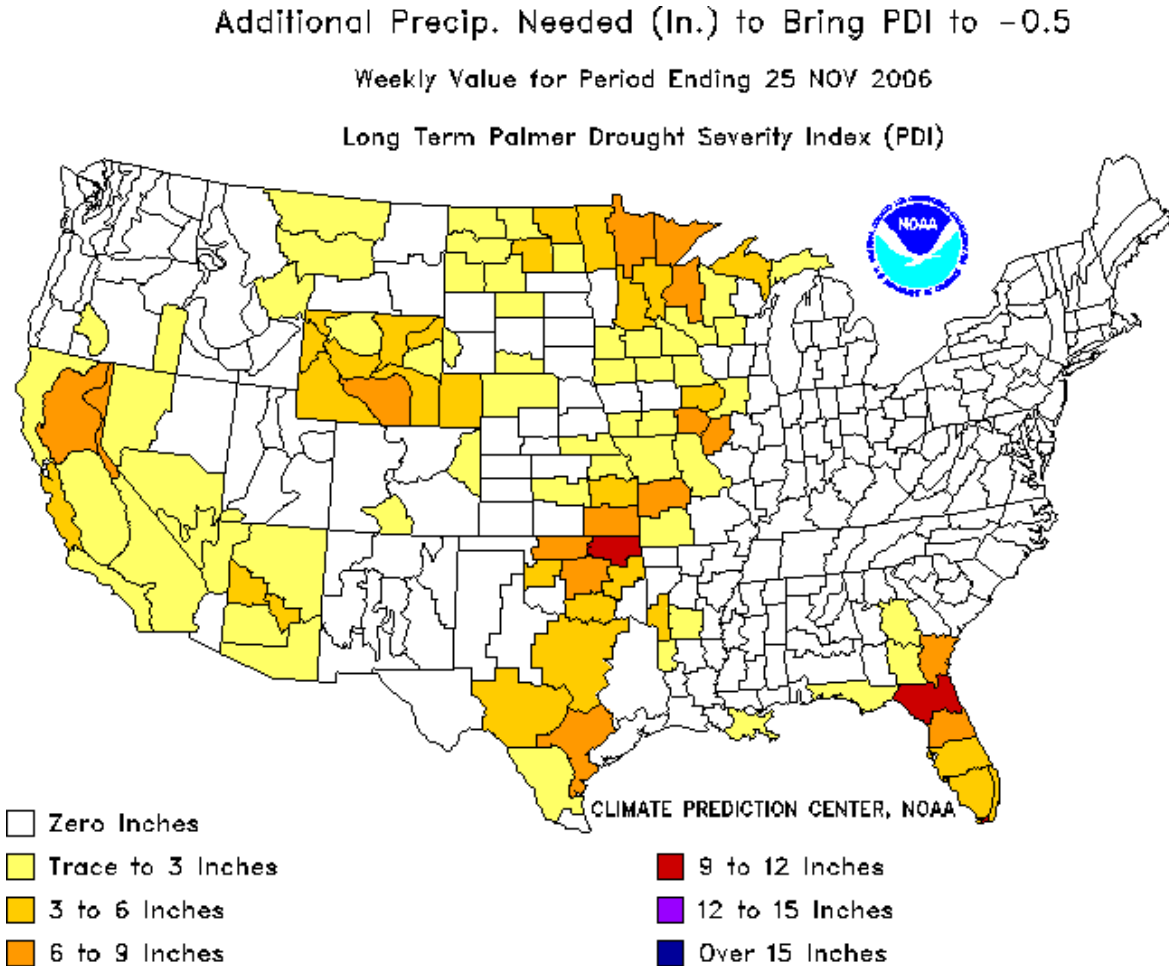


Figure 7 – Three-Month Seasonal Drought Outlook through February 2007  
[http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert\\_assessment/seasonal\\_drought.html](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/seasonal_drought.html)

## 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 and North Dakota would need from 3 to 6 inches of precipitation across the state, the North Platte River basin in Wyoming would require up to 3 to 9 inches of precipitation while South Dakota and Nebraska would require 3 to 6 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**

Reservoir elevations and storage continued their trend downward throughout the month of November. Similar to the previous several months, releases from the Garrison reservoir were closely monitored to protect intakes within Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe. In general, the Ft. Peck reservoir is 1.6 feet lower than this time last year; Garrison reservoir is 4.6 feet lower than 2005; and the Oahe reservoir is 2.3 feet lower than 2005. Several intakes on both Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe are below their “operational concern” elevations (as reported by the water system’s operators). However, no reports of intake failure or lack of a potable water supply have been reported. The intake elevations and conditions will continue to be monitored.

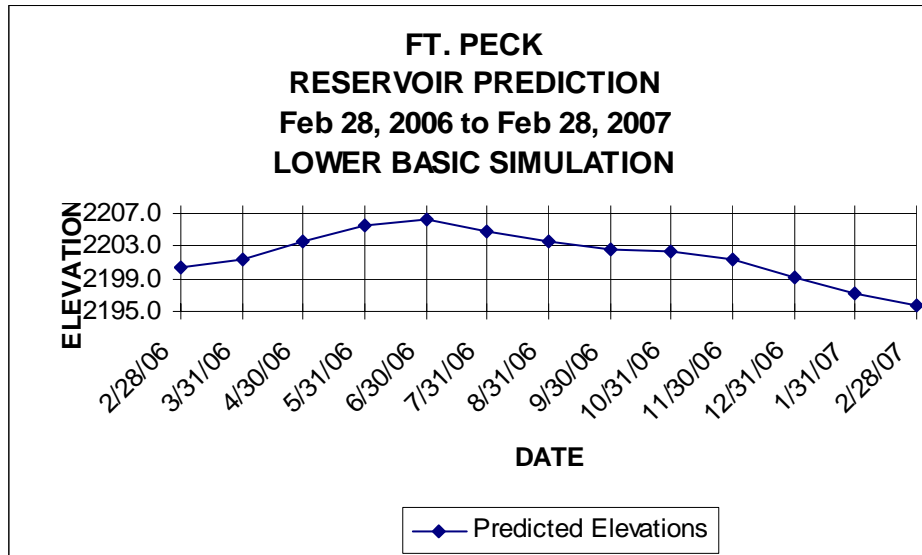
**Fort Peck, Montana**

**Reservoir Elevation Overview**

Lake Elevation 11/30/2005 (ft. msl)	Current Lake Elevation 11/30/2006 (ft. msl)	30-Day Projected Elevation* (12/31/2006) (ft. msl)	90-Day Projected Elevation* (2/28/2007) (ft. msl)
2202.9	2201.3	2199.1	2195.7

**Comments:**

1. Current reservoir elevation is 32.7-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 1.6-feet lower than 11/30/05 (2202.9) and trending downward. The reservoir is predicted to hit a new record low this winter.
- \* Normally use 180-day projections; however, since the water year ends Feb. 28, the end of water year projection is used.



### **Water Intake Overview**

Intake	Comments
Hell Creek State Park	No issues. Well completed 22 NOV 2004

### **Access Overview**

1. 8 ramps usable (Corps and State); 3 ramps unusable. No permanent ramps operational.
2. Remaining concessionaires marginal.
3. Based on current projections of the pool continuing to decline, it is improbable that any ramps will be usable at ice-out in the spring.

### **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**

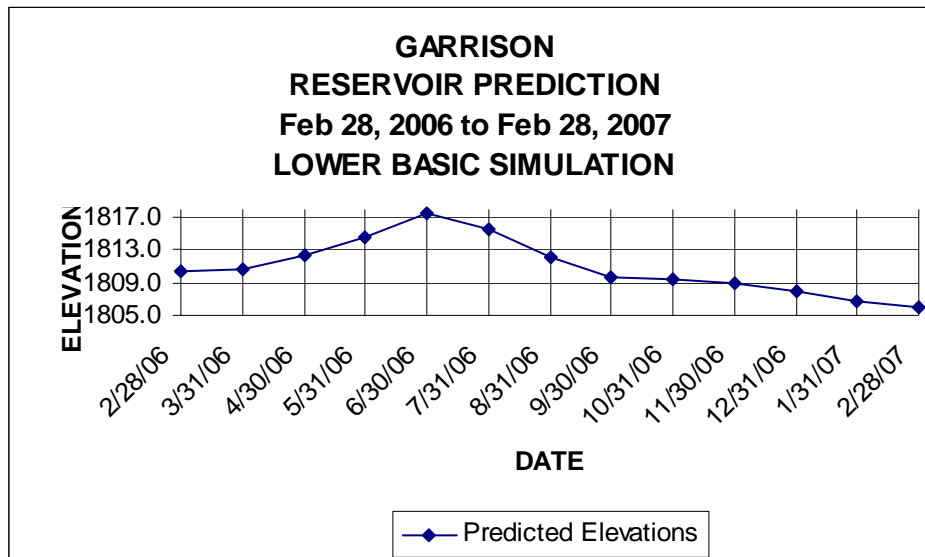
**Reservoir Elevation Overview**

Lake Elevation 11/30/2005 (ft. msl)	Current Lake Elevation (11/30/2006) (ft. msl)	30-Day Projected Elevation (12/31/2006) (ft. msl)	90-Day Projected Elevation* (2/28/2007) (ft. msl)
1813.6	1809.0	1807.9	1805.9

**Comments:**

1. Current reservoir elevation is 28.5-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 4.6-feet lower than elevation on 11/30/05 (1813.6).

\* Normally use 180-day projections; however, since the water year ends Feb. 28, the end of water year projection is used.



## 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	1809.0	1787	1805	1794	1796	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. \$1.0 million grant was secured from USDA Tribal Set-Aside program to do work on this intake. FBRW (Fort Berthold Rural Water) also intends to shift some of the Four Bears Intake funding to this intake to cover project shortfalls.
2. Project design includes a 950-foot bored pipeline into the lake at elevation 1763. The line will be 24" polyethylene pipe. New SCADA control and pumps are included in the project design. The Title of the project is: "FBRW 2006A; East Segment Intake Replacement".
3. FBRW has the option of discontinuing existing system or keeping the system in operation as a backup.
4. Project bids were opened 19 JUL 2006. The apparent low bidder was Northern Improvement. FBRW is considering a change order to lower the bid cost from \$1.607 M to \$1.464 M. The change order would remove the riprap work from the project.
5. The project was scheduled to begin in October of 2006 and be completed by July of 2007.



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	1809.0	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. 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. FBRW also intends to shift some funding from the Four Bears project to cover funding shortfalls.
2. Project design includes an 800-foot bored pipeline into the lake at elevation 1741. The line will be a 24" polyethylene pipe. New SCADA control and pumps are included in the design. The title of the project is: "FBRW 2006 C; South Segment Intake Replacement".
3. FBRW has the option of discontinuing existing system or keeping the system in operation as a backup.
4. Project bids were opened 19 JUL 2006. The apparent low bidder was Northern Improvement. FBRW is considering a change order to lower costs from the bid of \$1.701 M to \$1.471 M.
5. The contract has been awarded and work was scheduled to begin in October 2006 and be completed in July 2007.

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	1809.0	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 and work on the intake was completed in 2005.

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	1809.0	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. 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. However, this funding is being diverted to complete work on other FBRW intakes. FBRW intends to find an alternative source of funding or use tribal funds to complete an intake improvement project.
2. The project design includes 1,160-feet of 24-inch polyethylene pipe bored into the reservoir at elevation 1741. The design includes SCADA control and new pumps.
3. FBRW has the option of discontinuing existing system or keeping the system in operation as a backup.
4. Project bids were opened 19 JUL 2006. The low bid was \$180,000 over the project estimate. FBRW is negotiating with the low bidder in an attempt to lower the project costs.

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	1809.0	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. Parshall is a proposed supplier for the Rural Water System.
2. The Corps of Engineers is working on a Technical Assistance Report for the Parshall intake. The report is currently being reviewed by the Division office.

\*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	1809.0	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	1809.0	1787.2	1805	1792	1792	1830	N	Garrison

**Comments:**

1. Top of Screen Elevation taken from survey completed by the Corps in 2005.
2. A regulatory permit was currently issued for the reinstallation of existing 950-feet of 8" poly pipe and installation of new 250-feet of 8" poly pipe to extend the intake system.

Intake	Status	Current Reservoir Elev.	Top of Screen Elev.	Operational Concern Elev.	Shutdown Elev.		Population Supported	Contingency Plan? (Y/N)	Resp. Agency
					Summer	Winter			
SW Pipeline	Operational	1809.0	1779.0	1782	1776		34,000	N	SW Pipeline

**Comments:**

1. This system provides water for the City of Dickinson, Antelope Valley Power Plant, Coal Gasification Plant, and the Southwest Water Authority.

**Access Overview**

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

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**Reservoir Elevation 11/30/06 – 1809.0**

<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>Unusable</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>Marginal</b>	Lutheran Bible Camp	Larry Crowder	337-2246
<b>Charging Eagle Bay (1st low water)</b>	poured concrete	1829.2	1810.6	<b>Unusable</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>Unusable</b>	Corps of Engineers	Linda Phelps	654-7411
<b>Deepwater Creek (1st low water)</b>	poured concrete	1838.5	1809	<b>Unusable</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>Usable</b>	Corps of Engineers	Linda Phelps	654-7411
<b>Government Bay (main ramp)</b>	poured concrete	1857	1810	<b>Unusable</b>	Corps of Engineers	Linda Phelps	654-7411
<b>Hazen Bay (2nd low water)</b>	poured concrete	1830.6	1808	<b>Unusable</b>	Hazen Park Board	Jeff Gustafson`	748-6948
<b>Indian Hills (2nd low water)</b>	concrete planks	1817.6	1807	<b>Unusable</b>	Parks & Rec/Tribes	Kelly Sorge	743-4122
<b>Indian Hills (1st low water)</b>	concrete planks	1826.4	1811.8	<b>Unusable</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>New Town (proposed ramp)</b>	slide-in metal sections	1819.0	1807.5	<b>Unusable</b>	New Town Park Board	Dusty Rhodes	627-3900
<b>Parshall Bay (2nd low-water)</b>	poured concrete	1817.8	1808.5	<b>Unusable</b>	Mountrail County Park Board	Clarence Weltz	627-3377
<b>Pouch Point (3rd low-water)</b>	slide-in metal sections	1819	1809	<b>Unusable</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>Unusable</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>Unusable</b>	Aftem Lake Development	Gerald Aftem	852-2779
<b>Skunk Creek Recreation Area (main)</b>	poured concrete	1840	1806.5	<b>Marginal</b>	Three Affiliated Tribes	Ken Danks	290-2841
<b>Sportsmen's Centennial Park</b>	poured concrete	1831.6	1808.5	<b>Unusable</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>Unusable</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.
2. \$422,000 allocated for use in FY '06, due to budget cuts, only \$81,000 anticipated for FY '07.

### **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.

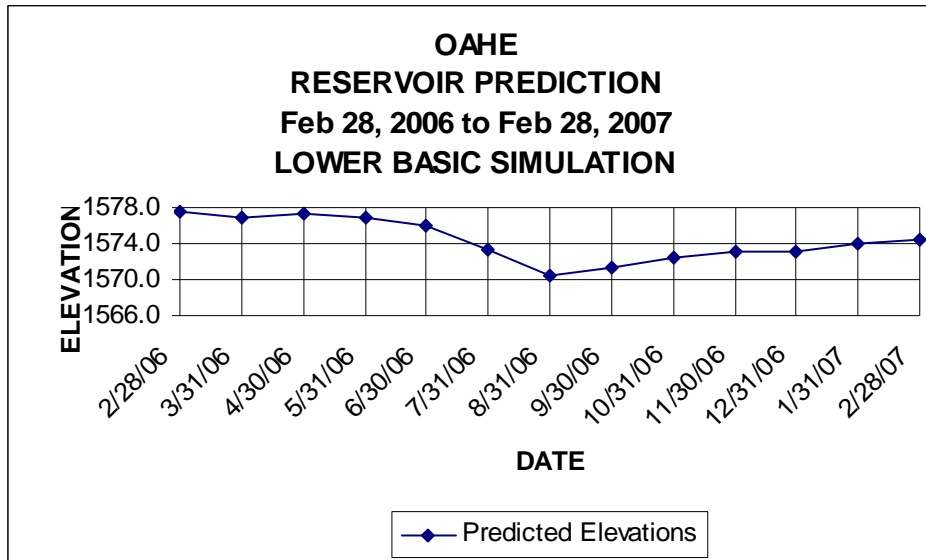
**Oahe, South Dakota**

**Reservoir Elevation Overview**

Lake Elevation 11/30/2005 (ft. msl)	Current Lake Elevation (11/30/2006) (ft. msl)	30-Day Projected Elevation (12/31/2006) (ft. msl)	90-Day Projected Elevation* (2/28/2007) (ft. msl)
1575.5	1573.2	1573.1	1574.4

**Comments:**

1. Current reservoir elevation is 34.3-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 2.3-feet lower than 11/30/05 (1575.5).
- \* Normally use 180-day projections; however, since the water year ends Feb. 28, the end of water year projection is used.



### 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	1573.2	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.

\*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	1573.2	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	1573.2	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.

### 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 expended \$362,000 for salt cedar and other noxious weed control for FY 06. Currently, neither the CRA nor the FY 07 budget has any money for noxious weed control.

### 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.

## Mainstem Reservoir Information, Weekly Elevation Comparison

6 Nov 2006								
Project	Project Information		Reservoir Elevation			Reservoir Storage		
	Multi-Purpose Pool Elev.	Flood Control Pool Elev.	Current Elevation (11/6/06)	Previous Elevation (10/30/06)	Change	Current Storage (MAC-FT) (11/6/06)	Previous Storage (MAC-FT) (10/30/06)	Change (MAC-FT)
Ft. Peck, MT	2160 - 2246	2246 - 2250	2202.3	2202.4	-0.1	9.339	9.357	-0.018
Garrison, ND	1775 - 1850	1850 - 1854	1809.2	1809.4	-0.2	10.738	10.780	-0.042
Oahe, SD	1540 - 1617	1617 - 1620	1573.0	1572.5	0.5	10.281	10.197	0.084
Big Bend, SD	1415 - 1422	1422 - 1423	1420.9	1421.1	-0.2	1.672	1.685	-0.013
Ft. Randall, SD	1320 - 1365	1365 - 1375	1337.3	1337.8	-0.5	2.286	2.311	-0.025
Gavins Point, SD	1204.5 - 1208	1208 - 1210	1207.7	1207.6	0.1	0.401	0.400	0.001

13 Nov 2006								
Project	Project Information		Reservoir Elevation			Reservoir Storage		
	Multi-Purpose Pool Elev.	Flood Control Pool Elev.	Current Elevation (11/13/06)	Previous Elevation (11/6/06)	Change	Current Storage (MAC-FT) (11/13/06)	Previous Storage (MAC-FT) (11/6/06)	Change (MAC-FT)
Ft. Peck, MT	2160 - 2246	2246 - 2250	2202.2	2202.3	-0.1	9.322	9.339	-0.017
Garrison, ND	1775 - 1850	1850 - 1854	1809.1	1809.2	-0.1	10.713	10.738	-0.025
Oahe, SD	1540 - 1617	1617 - 1620	1572.9	1573.0	-0.1	10.301	10.281	0.020
Big Bend, SD	1415 - 1422	1422 - 1423	1420.8	1420.9	-0.1	1.670	1.672	-0.002
Ft. Randall, SD	1320 - 1365	1365 - 1375	1337.8	1337.3	0.5	2.312	2.286	0.026
Gavins Point, SD	1204.5 - 1208	1208 - 1210	1207.8	1207.7	0.1	0.403	0.401	0.002

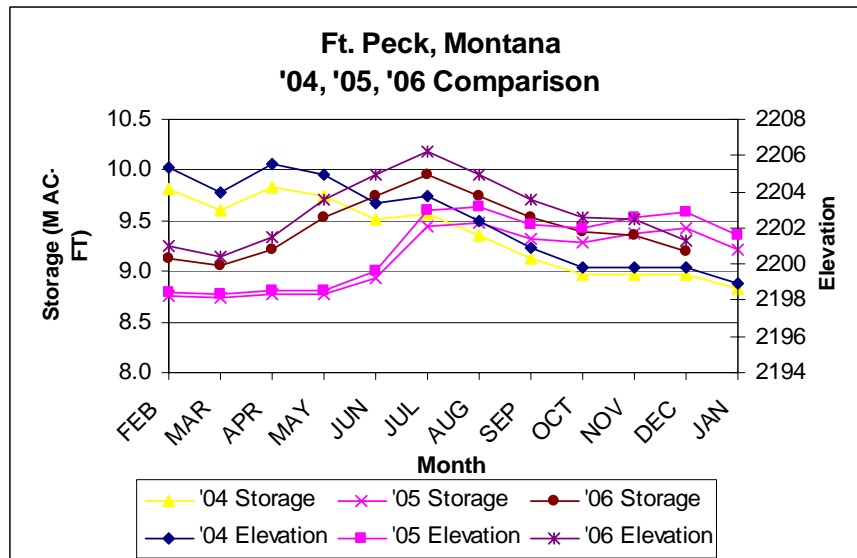
20 Nov 2006								
Project	Project Information		Reservoir Elevation			Reservoir Storage		
	Multi-Purpose Pool Elev.	Flood Control Pool Elev.	Current Elevation (11/20/06)	Previous Elevation (11/13/06)	Change	Current Storage (MAC-FT) (11/20/06)	Previous Storage (MAC-FT) (11/13/06)	Change (MAC-FT)
Ft. Peck, MT	2160 - 2246	2246 - 2250	2201.9	2202.2	-0.3	9.287	9.322	-0.035
Garrison, ND	1775 - 1850	1850 - 1854	1809.1	1809.1	0.0	10.702	10.713	-0.011
Oahe, SD	1540 - 1617	1617 - 1620	1573.1	1572.9	0.2	10.313	10.301	0.012
Big Bend, SD	1415 - 1422	1422 - 1423	1420.8	1420.8	0.0	1.671	1.670	0.001
Ft. Randall, SD	1320 - 1365	1365 - 1375	1338.8	1337.8	1.0	2.357	2.312	0.045
Gavins Point, SD	1204.5 - 1208	1208 - 1210	1207.5	1207.8	-0.3	0.396	0.403	-0.007

27 Nov 2006								
Project	Project Information		Reservoir Elevation			Reservoir Storage		
	Multi-Purpose Pool Elev.	Flood Control Pool Elev.	Current Elevation (11/27/06)	Previous Elevation (11/20/06)	Change	Current Storage (MAC-FT) (11/27/06)	Previous Storage (MAC-FT) (11/20/06)	Change (MAC-FT)
Ft. Peck, MT	2160 - 2246	2246 - 2250	2201.6	2201.9	-0.3	9.239	9.287	-0.048
Garrison, ND	1775 - 1850	1850 - 1854	1809.2	1809.1	0.1	10.718	10.702	0.016
Oahe, SD	1540 - 1617	1617 - 1620	1573.5	1573.1	0.4	10.390	10.313	0.077
Big Bend, SD	1415 - 1422	1422 - 1423	1420.7	1420.8	-0.1	1.663	1.671	-0.008
Ft. Randall, SD	1320 - 1365	1365 - 1375	1338.2	1338.8	-0.6	2.335	2.357	-0.022
Gavins Point, SD	1204.5 - 1208	1208 - 1210	1207.4	1207.5	-0.1	0.393	0.396	-0.003

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

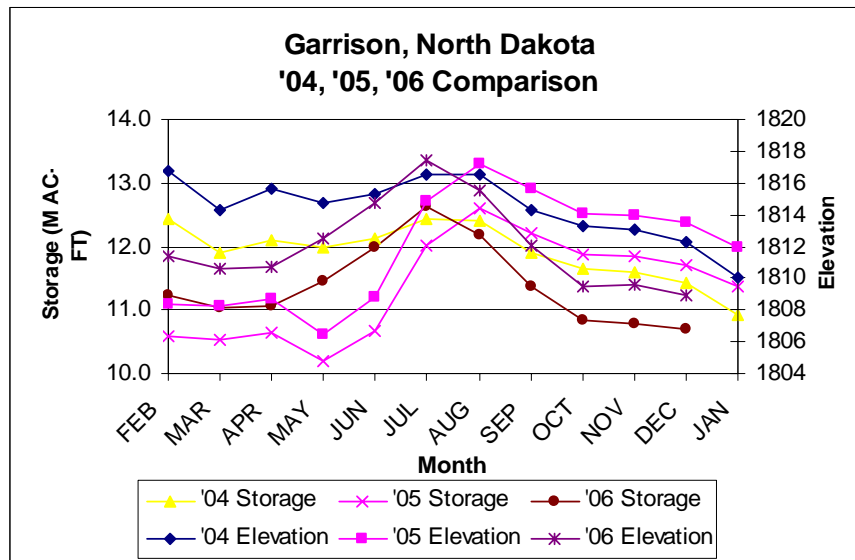
### Fort Peck, Montana

Water Year 2004 (FEB 2004 – JAN 2005)			Water Year 2005 (FEB 2005 – JAN 2006)			Water Year 2006 (FEB 2006 – JAN 2007)		
Date	Elevation	Storage (MAC-Ft.)	Date	Elevation	Storage (MAC-Ft.)	Date	Elevation	Storage (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	2203.6	9.525
10/1/2004	2199.8	8.969	10/1/2005	2202.0	9.286	10/1/2006	2202.6	9.383
11/1/2004	2199.8	8.963	11/1/2005	2202.6	9.371	11/1/2006	2202.5	9.359
12/1/2004	2199.8	8.961	12/1/2005	2202.9	9.432	12/1/2006	2201.3	9.192
1/1/2005	2198.9	8.829	1/1/2006	2201.5	9.222	1/1/2007		



## Garrison, ND

Water Year 2004 (FEB 2004 – JAN 2005)			Water Year 2005 (FEB 2005 – JAN 2006)			Water Year 2006 (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	1812.1	11.372
10/1/2004	1813.3	11.645	10/1/2005	1814.11	11.861	10/1/2006	1809.5	10.838
11/1/2004	1813.1	11.589	11/1/2005	1814.00	11.837	11/1/2006	1809.6	10.772
12/1/2004	1812.3	11.422	12/1/2005	1813.50	11.707	12/1/2006	1808.9	10.702
1/1/2005	1810	10.936	1/1/2006	1812.0	11.371	1/1/2007		



## Oahe, SD

Water Year 2004 (FEB 2004 – JAN 2005)			Water Year 2005 (FEB 2005 – JAN 2006)			Water Year 2006 (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	1570.3	9.807
10/1/2004	1573.2	10.316	10/1/2005	1572.63	10.267	10/1/2006	1571.4	9.998
11/1/2004	1574.8	10.608	11/1/2005	1573.90	10.501	11/1/2006	1572.6	10.214
12/1/2004	1576	10.866	12/1/2005	1575.6	10.814	12/1/2006	1573.2	10.339
1/1/2005	1575.8	10.824	1/1/2006	1575.6	10.778	1/1/2007		

