# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District Monthly Drought Report November 2006





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# **CURRENT CONDITIONS**

A large majority of the Upper Missouri River basin continues to suffer from the effects of the current drought. Vast areas are still being classified as suffering "severe" or "exceptional" effects from the lack of sufficient moisture. As has been the case, the personnel operating the upper three reservoirs (Oahe, Garrison, and Ft. Peck) continue to struggle with balancing the drought effects and operation of the projects. Furthermore, the three month seasonal drought outlook (through January, released by NOAA) does not indicate significant improvement in the near future. In fact, it indicates persistence of the drought or intensification in the majority 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 10-inch surplus. The Dakotas generally range from near normal to a 30-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.

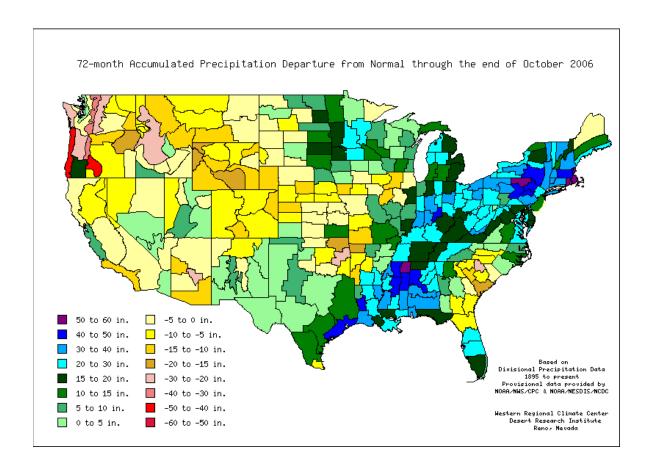


Figure 1 – 72 month Precipitation Departure From Normal <a href="http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep72">http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep72</a>

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

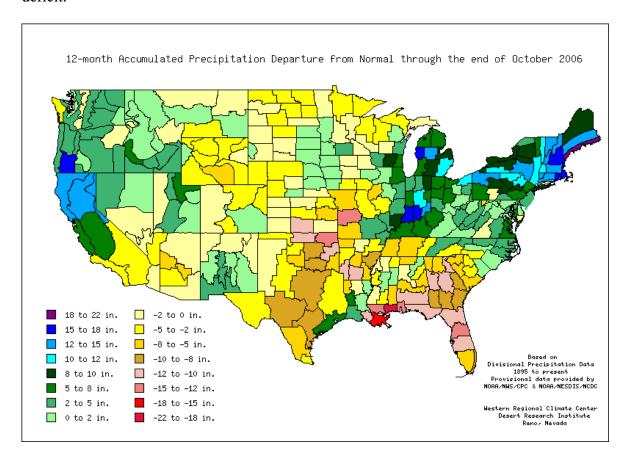
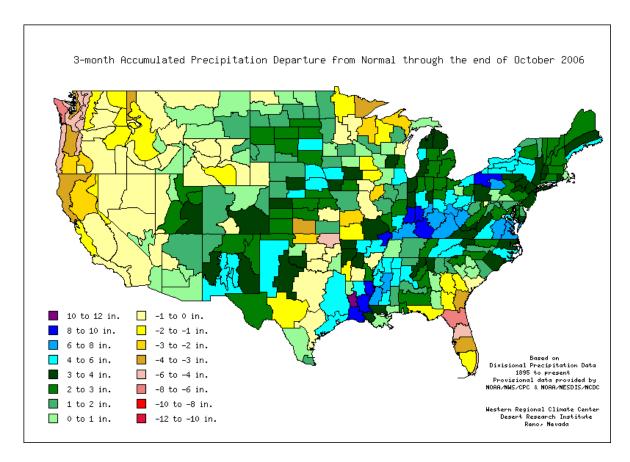


Figure 2 – 12 month Precipitation Departure From Normal <a href="http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep12">http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep12</a>

The three-month period (Figure 3) shows that much of the basin continues to receive an adequate supply of precipitation to move away from deficits.



 $Figure \ 3-3 \ month \ Precipitation \ Departure \ From \ Normal \ \underline{http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep03}$ 

For the month of November, the majority of the basin received normal precipitation. The exception is eastern South Dakota, which saw a deficit of 1 to 2 inches (Figure 4).

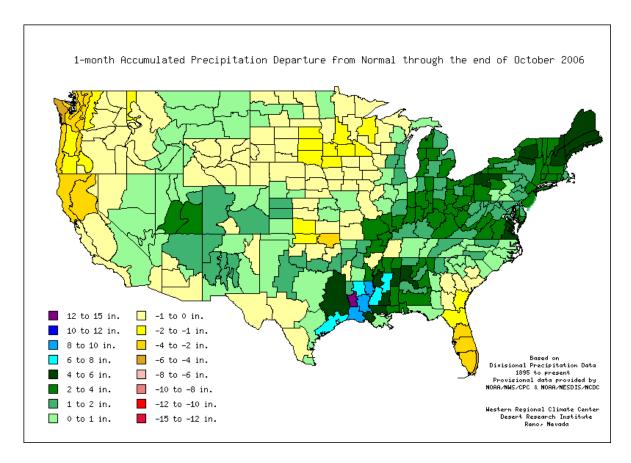


Figure 4 – 1 month Precipitation Departure From Normal <a href="http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep01">http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/spiFmap.pl?dep01</a>

# **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.

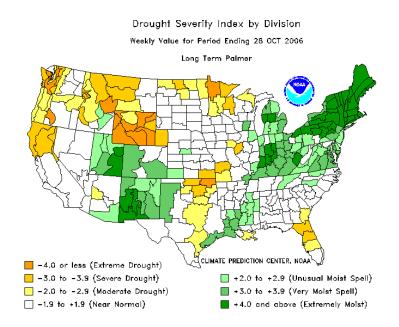


Figure 5 – Long-Term Palmer Drought Indicator Ending 28 OCT 2006 <a href="http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis\_monitoring/regional\_monitoring/palmer.gif">http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis\_monitoring/regional\_monitoring/palmer.gif</a>

# **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.

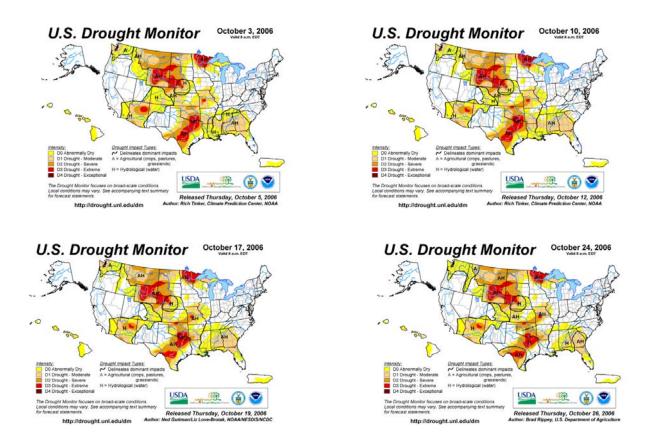


Figure 6 – U.S. Drought Monitor – October 3, 2006 through October 24, 2006 <a href="http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html">http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html</a>

# 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 detrimental effects.

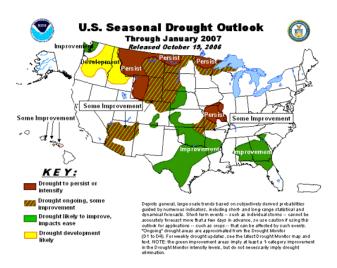


Figure 7 – Three-Month Seasonal Drought Outlook through January 2007 <a href="http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert\_assessment/seasonal\_drought.html">http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert\_assessment/seasonal\_drought.html</a>

# **Weekly Precipitation Need**

6 to 9 Inches

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

Additional Precip. Needed (In.) to Bring PDI to -0.5

Weekly Value for Period Ending 28 OCT 2006

Long Term Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDI)

CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER, NOAA

Trace to 3 Inches

9 to 12 Inches

12 to 15 Inches

 $\label{lem:policy} \textbf{Figure 8-Weekly Precipitation Need to Bring PDI to -0.5} \\ \underline{\text{http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis\_monitoring/regional\_monitoring/addpcp.gif}}$ 

Over 15 Inches

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 12 inches of precipitation while Soth Dakota and Nebraska would require up 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.

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# **Mainstem Reservoir Information**

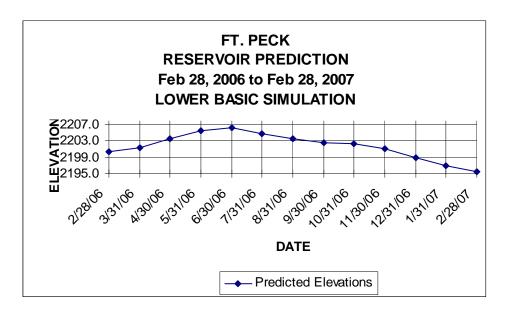
The mainstem reservoir elevations continued to fall throughout September. The Ft. Peck reservoir is at the same elevation as this time last year and it is continuing to decline. Garrison reservoir is 4.5 feet lower than 2005 and the Oahe reservoir is 1.5 feet lower than 2005. Several intakes on both 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**

		30-Day	120-Day
	Current Lake	Projected	Projected
Lake Elevation	Elevation	Elevation*	Elevation*
10/31/2005	10/31/2006	(11/30/2006)	(2/28/2007)
(ft. msl)	(ft. msl)	(ft. msl)	(ft. msl)
2202.4	2202.4	2201.2	2195.6

- 1. Current reservoir elevation is 31.6-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 the same elevation as on 10/31/05 (2202.4) 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				
	No issues.				
Hell Creek State Park	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.

# **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**

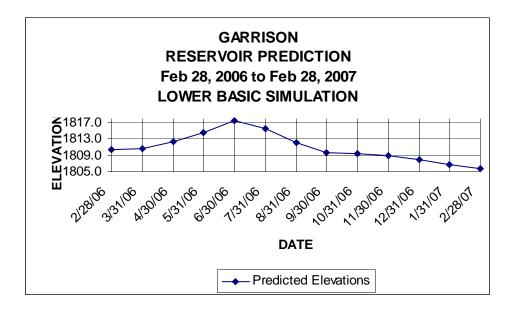
1. No issues to date.

# Garrison, North Dakota

# **Reservoir Elevation Overview**

		30-Day	120-Day
	Current Lake	Projected	Projected
Lake Elevation	Elevation	Elevation	Elevation*
10/31/2005	(10/31/2006)	(11/30/2006)	(2/28/2007)
(ft. msl)	(ft. msl)	(ft. msl)	(ft. msl)
1814.1	1809.6	1809.0	1805.8

- 1. Current reservoir elevation is 27.9-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 4.5 ft. lower than elevation on 10/31/05 (1814.1).
- \* Normally use 180-day projections; however, since the water year ends Feb. 28, the end of water year projection is used.



### **Water Intake Overview**

		Current Reservoir	Top of Screen	Operational Concern	Shutdown Elev.		Population	Contingency Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
Whiteshield	Operational	1809.6	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:**

- \$1.0 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-feet 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.

		Current Reservoir	Top of Screen	Operational Concern	Shutd Ele		Population	Contingency Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
Twin Buttes	Operational	1809.6	1784.4	1805	1788	1790	425	N	TAT/BOR

- 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:**

- 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-feet 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.

		Current	Top of	Operational	Shutdown Elev.			Contingency	
		Reservoir	Screen	Concern			Population	Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
Mandaree	Operational	1809.6	1786	1789.0	1789	1794	780	N	TAT/BOR

- 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.

		Current	Top of	Operational	Shutdown Elev.			Contingency	
		Reservoir	Screen	Concern			Population	Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
Four Bears	Operational	1809.6	1789.9	1800.0	1792	1794	900	N	TAT/BOR

- 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.

		Current	Top of	Operational	Shutdown Elev.			Contingency	
		Reservoir	Screen	Concern			Population	Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
Parshall	Operable	1809.6	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. Parshall is a proposed supplier for the Rural Water System.

<sup>\*</sup>Screen is raised or lowered according to reservoir elevations.

					Shutdown				
		Current	Top of	Operational	Elev.			Contingency	
		Reservoir	Screen	Concern			Population	Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
Pick City	Operational	1809.6	1795	1800	1798	1800	200		Pick City

- 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.

		Current	Top of	Operational	Shutdown Elev.		D 1.4	Contingency	D.
		Reservoir	Screen	Concern			Population	Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
Garrison	Operational	1809.6	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.

		Current	Top of	Operational	Shutdown Elev.		D 13	Contingency	ъ
		Reservoir	Screen	Concern			Population	Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
SW Pipeline	Operational	1809.6	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.

Updated 10/31/2006 Reservoir Elevation 10/31/06 – 1809.6

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

Location	Туре	Top Elevation	Bottom Elevation	Comments	Managing Agency	Contact Person	Phone
New Town (proposed ramp)	slide-in metal sections	1819.0	1807.5	Unusable	New Town Park Board	Dusty Rhodes	627-3900
Parshall Bay (2nd low-water)	poured concrete	1817.8	1808.5	Unusable	Mountrail County Park Board	Clarence Weltz	627-3377
Pouch Point (3rd low-water)	slide-in metal sections	1819	1809	Usable	Three Affiliated Tribes	Paul Danks	627-3627
Pouch Point (2nd low-water)	poured concrete	1834.8	1813	Unusable	Three Affiliated Tribes	Paul Danks	627-3627
Reunion Bay (2nd low water)	concrete planks	1826.6	1808	Unusable	Corps of Engineers	Linda Phelps	654-7411
Sakakawea State Park (main)	poured concrete	1850	1800	Usable	ND Parks & Rec	John Tunge	487-3315
Sanish Bay (Aftem) (low water)	poured concrete	1830.8	1807.4	Unusable	Aftem Lake Development	Gerald Aftem	852-2779
Skunk Creek Recreation Area (main)	poured concrete	1840	1806.5	Marginal	Three Affiliated Tribes	Ken Danks	290-2841
Sportsmen's Centennial Park	poured concrete	1831.6	1808.5	Unusable	McLean County	Les Korgel	462-8541
Steinke Bay	poured concrete	1833.1	1813.4	Unusable	North Dakota Game & Fish	Bob Frohlich	328-6346
Van Hook (Gull Island north low- water)	metal bridge deck sections	1817.8	1805	Usable	Mountrail County Park Board	Clarence Weltz	627-3377
Van Hook (west low water ramps)	poured concrete	1821.2	1808	Unusable	Mountrail County Park Board	Clarence Weltz	627-3377
White Earth Bay (main)	poured concrete	1850.9	1801	Usable	Mountrail County Park Board	Greg Gunderson	755-3277
Wolf Creek Recreation Area (1st low water)	poured concrete	1833.8	1802.5	Usable	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

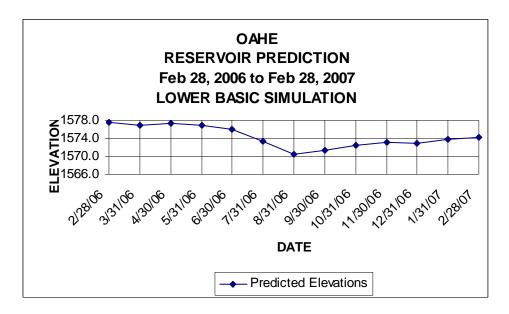
- 1. Garrison National Fish Hatchery Three issues exist and are of concern to the State of North Dakota and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
  - a. Addition of a fifth boiler and necessary power for operation.
  - b. Ability to fill 40 rearing ponds.
  - c. Adequacy of the existing 20-inch water supply 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.
- 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**

		30-Day	120-Day
	Current Lake	Projected	Projected
Lake Elevation	Elevation	Elevation	Elevation*
10/31/2005	(10/31/2006)	(11/30/2006)	(2/28/2007)
(ft. msl)	(ft. msl)	(ft. msl)	(ft. msl)
1574.0	1572.5	1573.1	1574.2

- 1. Current reservoir elevation is 35.0-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 1.5 feet lower than 10/31/05 (1574.0).
- \* Normally use 180-day projections; however, since the water year ends Feb. 28, the end of water year projection is used.



### **Water Intake Overview**

		Current	Top of	Operational	Shutde Ele			Contingency	
		Reservoir	Screen	Concern			Population	Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
Ft. Yates	Operational	1572.5	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.

# 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.

					Shutde	own			
		Current	Top of	Operational	Ele	v.		Contingency	
		Reservoir	Screen	Concern			Population	Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
Wakpala	Operational	1572.5	1563	1563	1566	1569	>500	N	SRST/BOR

- 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Intake is in riverine conditions and flow to the intake may be influenced by releases from Garrison reservoir.

		Current	Top of	Operational	Shutd Ele		D 1.:	Contingency	<b>.</b>
		Reservoir	Screen	Concern			Population	Plan?	Resp.
Intake	Status	Elev.	Elev.	Elev.	Summer	Winter	Supported	(Y/N)	Agency
Mni Wasté	Operational	1572.5	1555.7	1580	1561.9	1560.4	14,000	Y(DRAFT)	CRST

- 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**

2 Oct 2006	Project Information		Rese	Reservoir Elevation			Reservoir Storage			
						Current	Previous			
			Current	Previous		Storage	Storage			
	Multi-Purpose	Flood Control	Elevation	Elevation		(MAC-FT)	(MAC-FT)	Change		
Project	Pool Elev.	Pool Elev.	(10/2/06)	(9/25/06)	Change	(10/2/06)	(9/25/06)	(MAC-FT)		
Ft. Peck, MT	2160 - 2246	2246 - 2250	2202.6	2202.6	0.0	9.379	9.384	-0.005		
Garrison, ND	1775 – 1850	1850 – 1854	1809.6	1809.6	0.0	10.833	10.831	0.002		
Oahe, SD	1540 - 1617	1617 – 1620	1571.5	1571.8	-0.3	9.993	10.064	-0.071		
Big Bend, SD	1415 – 1422	1422 – 1423	1420.8	1421.1	-0.3	1.669	1.693	-0.024		
Ft. Randall, SD	1320 – 1365	1365 – 1375	1344.2	1345.4	-1.2	2.704	2.789	-0.085		
Gavins Point, SD	1204.5 - 1208	1208 - 1210	1207.5	1207.5	0.0	0.398	0.396	0.002		

9 Oct 2006	Project Information		Reservoir Elevation			Reservoir Storage		
						Current	Previous	
			Current	Previous		Storage	Storage	
	Multi-Purpose	Flood Control	Elevation	Elevation		(MAC-FT)	(MAC-FT)	Change
Project	Pool Elev.	Pool Elev.	(10/9/06)	(10/2/06)	Change	(10/9/06)	(10/2/06)	(MAC-FT)
Ft. Peck, MT	2160 - 2246	2246 - 2250	2202.5	2202.6	-0.1	9.375	9.379	-0.004
Garrison, ND	1775 – 1850	1850 – 1854	1809.5	1809.6	-0.1	10.808	10.833	-0.025
Oahe, SD	1540 - 1617	1617 – 1620	1571.8	1571.5	0.3	10.075	9.993	0.082
Big Bend, SD	1415 – 1422	1422 – 1423	1420.8	1420.8	0.0	1.670	1.669	0.001
Ft. Randall, SD	1320 – 1365	1365 – 1375	1339.9	1344.2	-4.3	2.439	2.704	-0.265
Gavins Point, SD	1204.5 - 1208	1208 - 1210	1207.6	1207.5	0.1	0.399	0.398	0.001

16 Oct 2006	Project Information		Resei	rvoir Elevatio	on	Reservoir Storage			
						Current	Previous		
			Current	Previous		Storage	Storage		
	Multi-Purpose	Flood Control	Elevation	Elevation		(MAC-FT)	(MAC-FT)	Change	
Project	Pool Elev.	Pool Elev.	(10/16/06)	(10/9/06)	Change	(10/16/06)	(10/9/06)	(MAC-FT)	
Ft. Peck, MT	2160 - 2246	2246 - 2250	2202.5	2202.5	0.0	9.363	9.375	-0.012	
Garrison, ND	1775 – 1850	1850 - 1854	1809.4	1809.5	-0.1	10.788	10.808	-0.020	
Oahe, SD	1540 - 1617	1617 – 1620	1571.9	1571.8	0.1	10.094	10.075	0.019	
Big Bend, SD	1415 – 1422	1422 – 1423	1421.0	1420.8	0.2	1.683	1.670	0.013	
Ft. Randall, SD	1320 – 1365	1365 – 1375	1338.2	1339.9	-1.7	2.336	2.439	-0.103	
Gavins Point, SD	1204.5 - 1208	1208 - 1210	1208.0	1207.6	0.4	0.412	0.399	0.013	

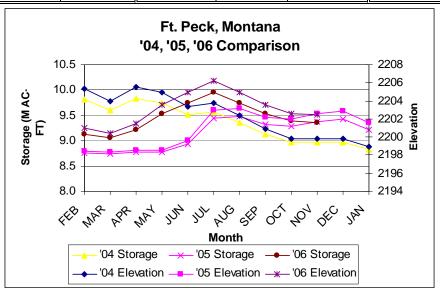
23 Oct 2006	<b>Project Information</b>		Resei	rvoir Elevatio	on	Reservoir Storage		
						Current	Previous	
			Current	Previous		Storage	Storage	
	Multi-Purpose	Flood Control	Elevation	Elevation		(MAC-FT)	(MAC-FT)	Change
Project	Pool Elev.	Pool Elev.	(10/23/06)	(10/16/06)	Change	(10/23/06)	(10/16/06)	(MAC-FT)
Ft. Peck, MT	2160 - 2246	2246 – 2250	2202.4	2202.5	-0.1	9.356	9.363	-0.007
Garrison, ND	1775 – 1850	1850 – 1854	1809.5	1809.4	0.1	10.809	10.788	0.021
Oahe, SD	1540 - 1617	1617 – 1620	1572.2	1571.9	0.3	10.146	10.094	0.052
Big Bend, SD	1415 – 1422	1422 – 1423	1420.8	1421.0	-0.2	1.671	1.683	-0.012
Ft. Randall, SD	1320 – 1365	1365 – 1375	1338.3	1338.2	0.1	2.345	2.336	0.009
Gavins Point, SD	1204.5 - 1208	1208 - 1210	1207.7	1208.0	-0.3	0.403	0.412	-0.009

30 Oct 2006	Project Information		Resei	voir Elevation	on	Reservoir Storage		
						Current	Previous	
			Current	Previous		Storage	Storage	
	Multi-Purpose	Flood Control	Elevation	Elevation		(MAC-FT)	(MAC-FT)	Change
Project	Pool Elev.	Pool Elev.	(10/30/06)	(10/23/06)	Change	(10/30/06)	(10/23/06)	(MAC-FT)
Ft. Peck, MT	2160 - 2246	2246 - 2250	2202.4	2202.4	0.0	9.357	9.356	0.001
Garrison, ND	1775 - 1850	1850 - 1854	1809.4	1809.5	-0.1	10.780	10.809	-0.029
Oahe, SD	1540 - 1617	1617 – 1620	1572.5	1572.2	0.3	10.197	10.146	0.051
Big Bend, SD	1415 – 1422	1422 – 1423	1421.1	1420.8	0.3	1.685	1.671	0.014
Ft. Randall, SD	1320 – 1365	1365 – 1375	1337.8	1338.3	-0.5	2.311	2.345	-0.034
Gavins Point, SD	1204.5 - 1208	1208 - 1210	1207.6	1207.7	-0.1	0.400	0.403	-0.003

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

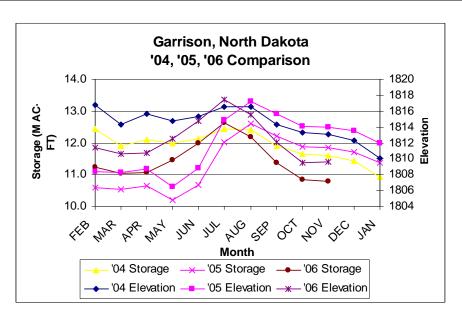
# Fort Peck, Montana

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		
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		
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		
1/1/2005	1575.8	10.824	1/1/2006	1575.6	10.778	1/1/2007		

