

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH

DAKOTAS AREA OFFICE

End-of-month elevation at Angostura Reservoir for the month of January was the fourth lowest in 56 years of record. January end-of-month elevation at Shadehill Reservoir was the lowest in 56 years of record.

Lake Tschida reported the thirteenth lowest end of month storage content on record for the month of January.

Inflows to Jamestown Reservoir were the thirteenth lowest on record for the month of January. Inflows to E.A. Patterson Reservoir were the sixth lowest on record for the month of January.

EASTERN COLORADO AREA OFFICE

The Lake Granby storage of 314,800 acre-feet (AF) on January 31, 2008, was 55,200 AF below average and 18,600 AF lower than 1 year ago. Colorado-Big Thompson Project storage water in Lake Granby, Carter Lake, and Horsetooth Reservoir was 450,000 AF on January 31, 2008, 113,600 AF below average and 56 percent of the total available storage capacity.

Total water storage in the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project at the end of January 2008, was 406,100 AF, and 48,800 AF higher than 1 year ago.

MONTANA AREA OFFICE

For the month of January, inflow to Canyon Ferry Reservoir was the second lowest on record; inflow to Bighorn Lake was the fifth lowest of record; inflow to Clark Canyon Reservoir was the seventh lowest on record; and inflow to Gibson Reservoir was the eighth lowest on record.

End of January storage in Canyon Ferry Reservoir was the ninth lowest of record. End of January storage was the eighth highest on record at Bighorn Lake.

NEBRASKA-KANSAS AREA OFFICE

The end of year storage at Bonny and Box Butte Reservoirs were the lowest end of January storage on record.

WYOMING AREA OFFICE

Bighorn River Basin

Nothing significant to report this month.

North Platte River Basin

The Kendrick storage ownership was the lowest January ownership in the last 30 years. The Glendo ownership was the second lowest January ownership in the last 30 years.

OKLAHOMA-TEXAS AREA OFFICE

Nothing significant to report this month.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT

Although the snowpack in the Rocky Mountains is encouraging, the forecasted runoff of the Missouri River Basin is still only 78 percent of normal for this time of the year. The low forecast is due to the relative lack of snow on the plains and the continued dry soil conditions as a result of the extended drought in the upper basin.

Runoff for 2008 is forecasted to be 19.5 million acre-feet (MAF).

The six main stem power plants generated 425 million kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity in January, only 58 percent of normal because of lower pool levels and reduced releases from the dams. Total energy production for 2008 is forecasted to be 6 billion kWh, compared to the average annual generation of 10 billion kWh.