

## Pacific Northwest Region Water Supply Update April 22, 2009

March was a generous month for the Pacific Northwest in terms of water supply. Significant precipitation fell throughout the region, shoring up snowpack and leading to April 1 runoff forecasts much improved over those in March. April weather has primarily been cool and showery, with the exception being this week which brought record temperatures to some locations. Snowmelt runoff is beginning to get underway in earnest in the mountain basins; runoff in the lower and mid elevations is beginning to recede. More cool unsettled weather is forecast to return. Thanks to good carryover storage from last year, water supplies will be adequate in 2009 even if runoff comes in below average, although supplies will be tight in the Malheur and Owyhee basins. Flood control releases are being made in the Upper Snake and Payette basins to reserve space for the coming runoff, but no significant flood control operations are anticipated in the Region at this time.

	<b>Snowpack % of avg</b>	<b>Water Year Precipitation % of avg</b>	<b>Forecasted Spring Runoff % of avg</b>	<b>Reservoir Storage % full</b>	<b>Allocations</b>
Yakima (WA)	85	91	97	84	full
Flathead/Hungry Horse (MT)	85	87	99	72	n/a
Crooked (OR)	70	88	81	93	n/a
Boise (ID)	75	91	80	72	n/a
Payette (ID)	79	86	82	69	n/a
Upper Snake (ID)	101	104	99	81	n/a
Columbia Basin (Columbia R at the Dalles)	89	94	87	n/a	n/a