

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## **Summary of Klamath Project July 2012 Operations**

The elevation of Upper Klamath Lake (UKL) decreased from 4,141.34 feet on July 1<sup>st</sup> to 4,140.02 feet on July 31<sup>st</sup>. The July 31, 2012 UKL elevation is 1.1 feet lower than the elevation at the end of July 2011 (4141.12). Total net inflows to UKL for July were about 18.5 Thousand Acre Feet (TAF), which is 53% of the Natural Resource Conservation Service average of 35 TAF for the month.

Releases from Link River Dam averaged 1,101 cfs during the month. Iron Gate Dam releases varied from 1,210 cfs on July 1<sup>st</sup> as they were ramping down from June to 1,010 cfs on several occasions in mid-July. The average Iron Gate flow for July was 1,035 cfs. Consistent with the Variable Base Flow Procedure (VBF), no VBF releases were made downstream of Iron Gate Dam during July since the UKL elevation did not exceed the threshold of 4141.8 feet during the month.

Reclamation is dedicated to managing, developing, and protecting water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Reclamation, and Klamath Project stakeholders are working together to manage available water to provide benefits to basin irrigators while protecting Endangered Species Act-listed fish.