

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Summary of Klamath Project June 2012 Operations

The elevation of Upper Klamath Lake (UKL) decreased from 4,142.18 feet on June 1st to 4,141.36 feet on June 30th. The June 30, 2012 UKL elevation is about 0.75 feet lower than the elevation at the end of June 2011 (4142.17). Total net inflows to UKL for June were about 50 Thousand Acre Feet (TAF), which is 63% of the Natural Resource Conservation Service average of 79 TAF for the month.

Releases from Link River Dam averaged 1,326 cfs during the month. Iron Gate Dam releases varied from 1,640 cfs on June 1st to 1,330 cfs on June 30th, with an average of 1,554 cfs. Consistent with the Variable Base Flow Procedure (VBF), no VBF releases were made downstream of Iron Gate Dam during June since the UKL elevation did not exceed the threshold of 4142.5 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.