

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

for the

EASTERN GREAT BASIN

COLORADO BASIN RIVER FORECAST CENTER



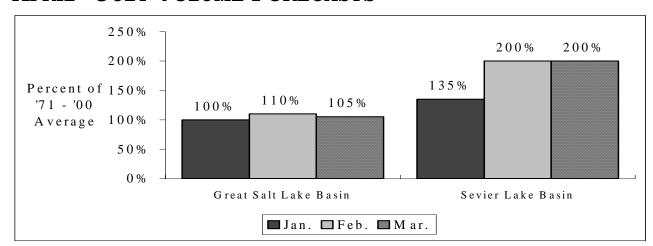


MARCH 1, 2005

SUMMARY

As of March 1 near to above average April-July runoff is forecast in the Great Salt Lake Basin and much above average in the Sevier Lake Basin with three record flows forecast on the Sevier River. Forecasts range from 80 to 170 percent of the 1971-2000 average in the Great Salt Lake Basin and 150 to 260 percent of average in the Sevier Lake Basin. Most forecast volumes changed only slightly from last month. March 1 snowpack ranges mostly from 85 to 205 percent of average in the Great Salt Lake Basin and 65 to 350 percent in the Sevier Lake Basin.

APRIL - JULY VOLUME FORECASTS



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GREAT SALT LAKE BASIN

The March 1 water supply outlook is for near to above average runoff in the Great Salt Lake Basin.

April-July streamflow forecasts for the Great Salt Lake Basin are as follows:

Bear River:

Near Average

Weber River:

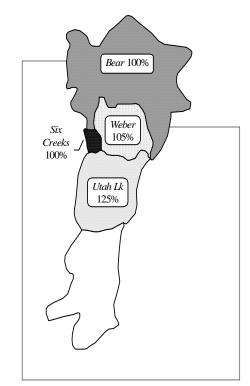
Near Average

Utah Lake:

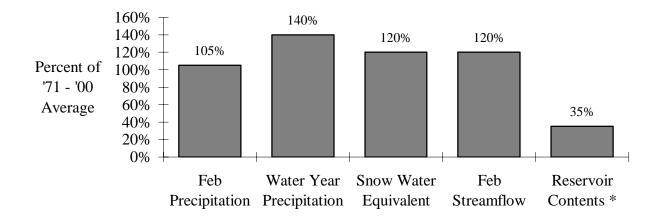
Above Average

Six Creeks:

Near Average



BASIN CONDITIONS - MARCH 1, 2005



^{*} Percent usable capacity, not percent average contents.

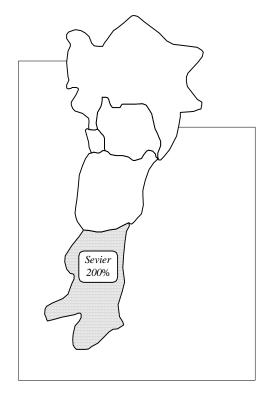
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SEVIER LAKE BASIN

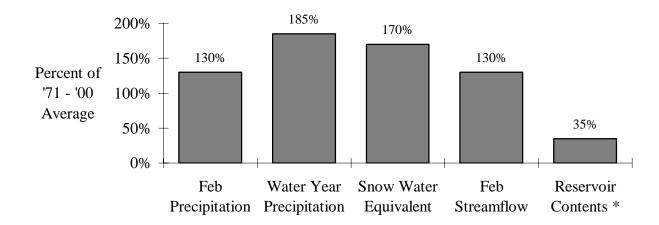
The March 1 water supply outlook is for much above average April-July runoff volumes in the Sevier Lake Basin. Record flows forecast for Sevier R. at Hatch, Sevier R. nr Kingston and Sevier R. at Vermillion Dam. EF Sevier nr Kingston is forecast to be the second largest flow on record.

April-July streamflow forecasts for the Sevier Lake Basin are as follows:

Sevier River: Much Above Average



Basin Conditions - March 1, 2005



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Specific site forecasts are listed beginning on page 5.

SPECIFIC SITE FORECASTS

Great Salt Lake Basin: April through July volume (kaf) forecasts (except where noted).

| Stream | Station | Most | Percent | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|---------|------|------|
| | | Probable | Avg. | Max | Min |
| BEAR | UTAH-WYOMING STATE LINE, NR | 126 | 112 | 155 | 97 |
| | WOODRUFF NARROWS RES | 156 | 115 | 205 | 109 |
| | MONTPELIER, NR, STEWART DAM, B | 119 | 51 | 187 | 66 |
| BIG CK | RANDOLPH, NR | 4.3 | 88 | 6.1 | 2.5 |
| SMITHS FORK | BORDER, NR | 91 | 88 | 114 | 68 |
| LOGAN | LOGAN, NR, STATE DAM, ABV | 118 | 94 | 154 | 87 |
| BLACKSMITH FORK | HYRUM, NR, UP&L DAM, ABV | 46 | 96 | 69 | 28 |
| SMITH AND MOREHOUSE CK | OAKLEY, NR | 36 | 106 | 44 | 28 |
| WEBER | OAKLEY, NR | 137 | 111 | 165 | 109 |
| | ROCKPORT RES, WANSHIP, NR | 150 | 112 | 188 | 110 |
| | COALVILLE, NR | 150 | 109 | 220 | 114 |
| | ECHO RES, ECHO, AT | 200 | 112 | 250 | 148 |
| | GATEWAY | 390 | 110 | 495 | 285 |
| CHALK CK | COALVILLE | 49 | 109 | 67 | 31 |
| LOST CK | LOST CK RES, CROYDON, NR | 16 | 91 | 25 | 9.1 |
| EAST CANYON CK | EAST CANYON RES, MORGAN, NR | 33 | 106 | 45 | 23 |
| SF OGDEN | HUNTSVILLE, NR | 63 | 98 | 84 | 42 |
| OGDEN | PINEVIEW RES, OGDEN, NR | 125 | 94 | 167 | 83 |
| WHEELER CK | HUNTSVILLE, NR | 7.6 | 121 | 9.9 | 5.3 |
| SPANISH FORK | CASTILLA, NR | 85 | 110 | 128 | 42 |
| PROVO | WOODLAND, NR | 120 | 117 | 149 | 91 |
| | HAILSTONE, NR | 130 | 119 | 168 | 92 |
| | DEER CK RES | 150 | 119 | 205 | 96 |
| AMERICAN FORK | AMERICAN FORK, NR, UP PWRPLNT, | 48 | 150 | 57 | 39 |
| JORDAN | UTAH LAKE, PROVO, NR | 405 | 125 | 555 | 255 |
| LITTLE COTTONWOOD CK | SALT LAKE CITY, NR | 53 | 132 | 62 | 44 |
| BIG COTTONWOOD CK | SALT LAKE CITY, NR | 53 | 139 | 63 | 43 |
| CITY CK | SALT LAKE CITY, NR | 8 | 92 | 12.9 | 5.1 |
| EMIGRATION CK | SALT LAKE CITY, NR | 3.7 | 82 | 6.9 | 0.5 |
| MILL CK | SALT LAKE CITY, NR | 7 | 100 | 9.7 | 4.3 |
| DELL FK | LITTLE DELL RES | 5.8 | 85 | 9.7 | 1.95 |
| PARLEYS CK | SALT LAKE CITY, NR | 14 | 84 | 22 | 6.1 |
| VERNON CK | VERNON, NR | 1.4 | 95 | 2.3 | 0.84 |
| S WILLOW CK | GRANTSVILLE, NR | 4.2 | 131 | 5.6 | 2.8 |
| SETTLEMENT CK | TOOELE, NR | 1.9 | 96 | 2.9 | 1.16 |

Sevier Lake Basin: April through July volume (kaf) forecasts (except where noted).

| Stream | Station | Most | Percent | Reas. | Reas. |
|-------------|-------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|-------|
| | | Probable | Avg. | Max | Min |
| SEVIER | HATCH | 145 | 264 | 171 | 119 |
| | KINGSTON, NR | 210 | 236 | 245 | 173 |
| | PIUTE RES, MARYSVALE, NR | 265 | 210 | 335 | 197 |
| | VERMILLION DAM | 310 | 180 | 375 | 245 |
| | SIGURD, NR | 320 | 172 | 420 | 220 |
| | GUNNISON, NR, SAN PITCH, BLO | 470 | 168 | 690 | 250 |
| EF SEVIER | KINGSTON, NR | 83 | 218 | 107 | 59 |
| CLEAR CK | SEVIER, NR, DIV, ABV | 35 | 159 | 49 | 21 |
| SALINA CK * | SALINA | MA | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CHICKEN CK | LEVAN, NR | 4.5 | 100 | 8.4 | 2 |
| OAK CK | OAK CITY, NR, LITTLE CK, ABV | 1.8 | 110 | 2.7 | 1.09 |
| BEAVER | BEAVER, NR | 41 | 152 | 54 | 30 |
| | MINERSVILLE RES, MINERSVILLE, | 27 | 163 | 44 | 14.4 |
| COAL CK | CEDAR CITY, NR | 50 | 259 | 68 | 35 |

MA - much above normal (greater than 130 percent of normal)

AN - above normal (111-130 percent of normal)

NN - near normal (90-110 percent of normal)

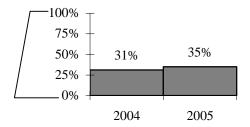
BN - below normal (70-89 percent of normal)

MB - much below normal (less than 70 percent of normal)

^{*} Categorical Forecast - Current regulations allow for discontinuance of a streamflow volume forecast when observations at the point have not been taken or recorded for 5 years or longer. Recognizing the importance to the user, the NWS and NRCS have often continued to provide forecasts long after observations have ceased. Forecasters will now have the option to express these forecasts categorically (e.g. instead of issuing a forecast of 77 percent of average, the forecast would simply be "below average"). Specifically, the categories are:

END OF MONTH RESERVOIR CONTENTS

Percent of Usable Capacity



| RESERVOIR | Usable | EOM Usable | Percent Usable |
|----------------------|----------|------------|----------------|
| (vol. in 1000 ac-ft) | Capacity | Contents | Capacity (%) |
| Bear Lake | 1302 | 17 | 1 |
| Causey | 7.1 | 3.2 | 45 |
| Jordanelle | 311 | 213.5 | 69 |
| Deer Creek | 149.7 | 121 | 81 |
| East Canyon | 49.5 | 35.9 | 73 |
| Echo | 73.9 | 46.3 | 63 |
| Gunnison | 20.3 | 4.3 | 21 |
| Hyrum | 15.3 | 10.4 | 68 |
| Lost Creek | 22.5 | 5.7 | 25 |
| Minersville | 23.3 | 8 | 34 |
| Otter Creek | 52.5 | 22.1 | 42 |
| Pine View | 110.1 | 66.9 | 61 |
| Piute | 71.8 | 26.8 | 37 |
| Rockport | 60.9 | 42.5 | 70 |
| Sevier bridge | 236 | 72 | 31 |
| * Utah Lake | 870.9 | 478.3 | 55 |
| Willard | 215 | 97.7 | 45 |
| Woodruff Narrows | 55.8 | 19 | 34 |
| TOTAL | 3647.6 | 1290.6 | 35 |
| | | | |
| Flaming Gorge | 3749 | 2786.2 | 74 |
| Lake Powell | 24322 | 8264.7 | 34 |
| Moon Lake | 36 | 22 | 61 |
| Red Fleet | 25.7 | 16.3 | 63 |
| Scofield | 65.8 | 10.5 | 16 |
| Starvation | 165.3 | 143.2 | 87 |
| Steinaker | 34.4 | 20.1 | 58 |
| Strawberry | 1105.9 | 722.8 | 65 |
| Upper Stillwater | 32.5 | 2.2 | 7 |

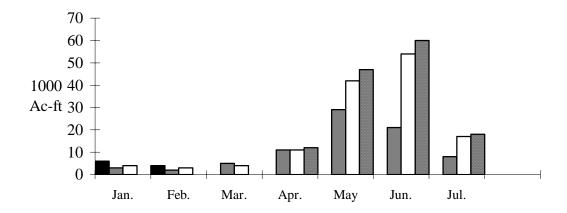
^{*} Usable capacity taken at compromise

Total does not include missing site usable capacities

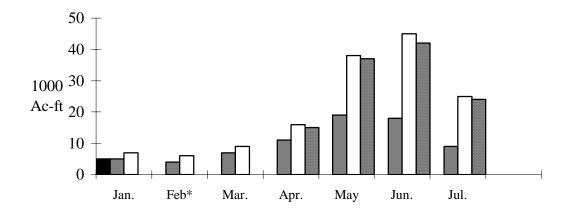
MONTHLY STREAMFLOWS

 \blacksquare 2005 Water Year $\; \blacksquare$ 2004 Water Year $\; \square$ 30 Year Average $\; \blacksquare$ 2005 Forecast

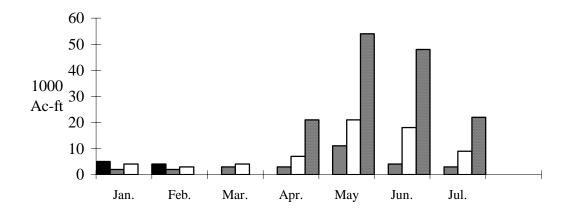
Weber Oakley, nr:



Logan - Logan, nr, State Dam, abv:

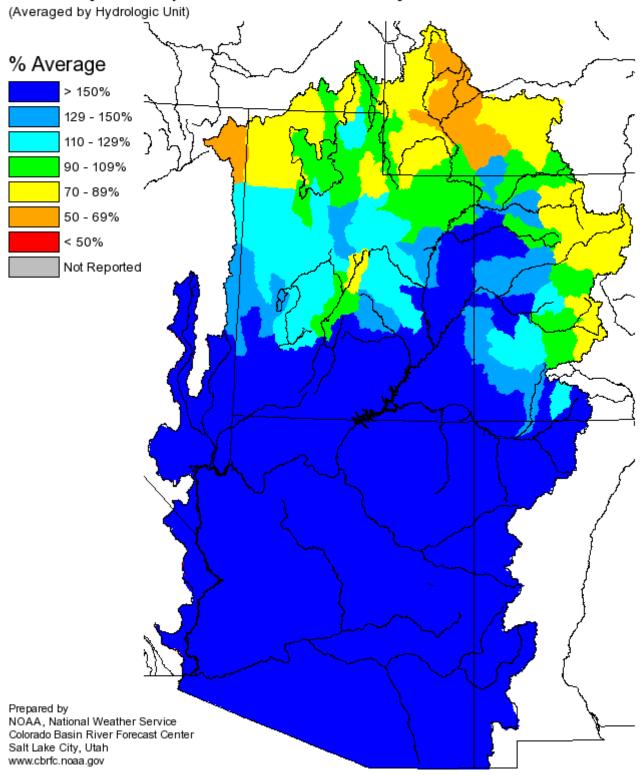


Sevier - Hatch:

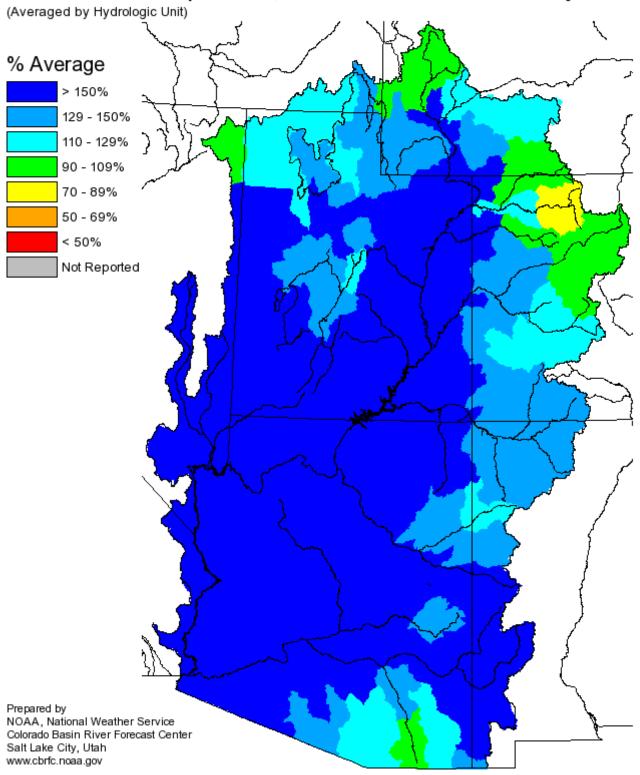


^{*} observed data unavailable

Monthly Precipitation for February 2005



Seasonal Precipitation, October 2004 - February 2005



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Water supply forecasts take into consideration present hydrometeorological conditions and use average basin temperatures and precipitation for the forecast period. As the forecast season progresses, a greater portion of the future hydrologic and climatic uncertainty becomes known and monthly forecasts become more accurate.

Volume forecasts represent adjusted flows; that is, observed flows with upstream water use taken into account. Adjusted flows will closely approximate natural or unimpaired flows. However, not all upstream diversions or impoundments are measured or quantifiable. For specific adjustments used with each forecast point, consult the Guide to Water Supply Forecasting.

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DEFINITIONS:

Acre-Foot:

The volume equal to one acre covered one foot deep (43,560 cubic feet).

Average:

The arithmetic mean. The sum of the values divided by the number of values.

Categories:

Much above Average Above Average Near Average Below Average Much Below Average Greater than 130% 111-130% 90-110% 70-89% Less than 70%

Forecast Period:

The period from April 1 through July 31.

Median:

The middle value. One half of the observed values are higher and half of the values are lower than this.

Most Probable Forecast:

Given the current hydrometeorological conditions to date, this is the best estimate of what the runoff volume will be this season.

Reasonable Maximum Forecast:

Given the current hydrometeorological conditions, the seasonal runoff that has a ten percent (10%) chance of being exceeded.

Reasonable Minimum Forecast:

Given the current hydrometeorological conditions, the seasonal runoff that has a ninety percent (90%) chance of being exceeded.

Water Year:

The period from October 1 through September 30.

NOTE: Data used in this report are provisional and are subject to revision.

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