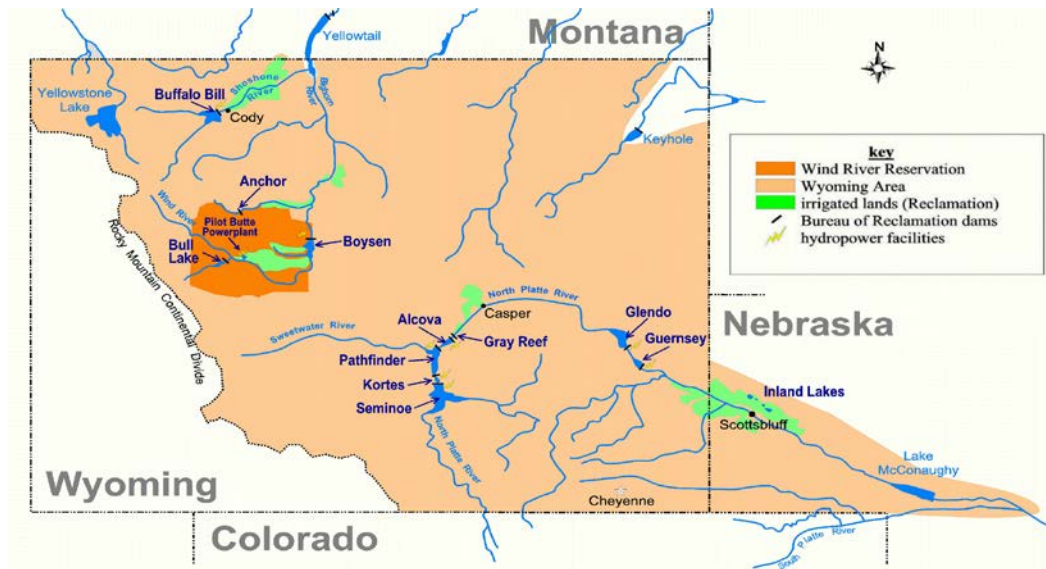


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Managing Water in the West

Bighorn Basin
Water Supply and Utilization Report
Wyoming Area Office
Report for November 2016



The Wyoming Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation is responsible for the operation of Reclamation reservoirs in Wyoming east of the Continental Divide except for Keyhole Reservoir. Four off-stream reservoirs in Nebraska commonly referred to as the Inland Lakes also fall within the Wyoming Area. The North Platte River Basin Reservoirs have a combined storage capacity of 2,800,000 acre-feet. The major reservoirs in the Shoshone and Wind/Bighorn Basins have a combined storage capacity of 1,600,000 acre-feet.



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**Report for November 2016
WATER SUPPLY AND UTILIZATION REPORT
BIGHORN RIVER BASIN
WYOMING AREA OFFICE**

This report concerns the operation of Reclamation facilities in the Shoshone and Wind/Bighorn River Basins.

Reclamation defines a water year as the time period of October 1 through September 30. Water year is abbreviated in this report as W. Yr.

Other organizations furnished information for the Water Supply and Utilization Report. Their cooperation is greatly appreciated.

This report is available on the Internet and can be accessed by following these steps:

- 1. Log on to the Great Plains Home Page at <http://www.usbr.gov/gp>**
- 2. Select Water Operations.**
- 3. Select Water Management Information.**
- 4. Select Water Supply Report.**
- 5. Under Bighorn Basin, select the current report or reports from the previous 12 months**

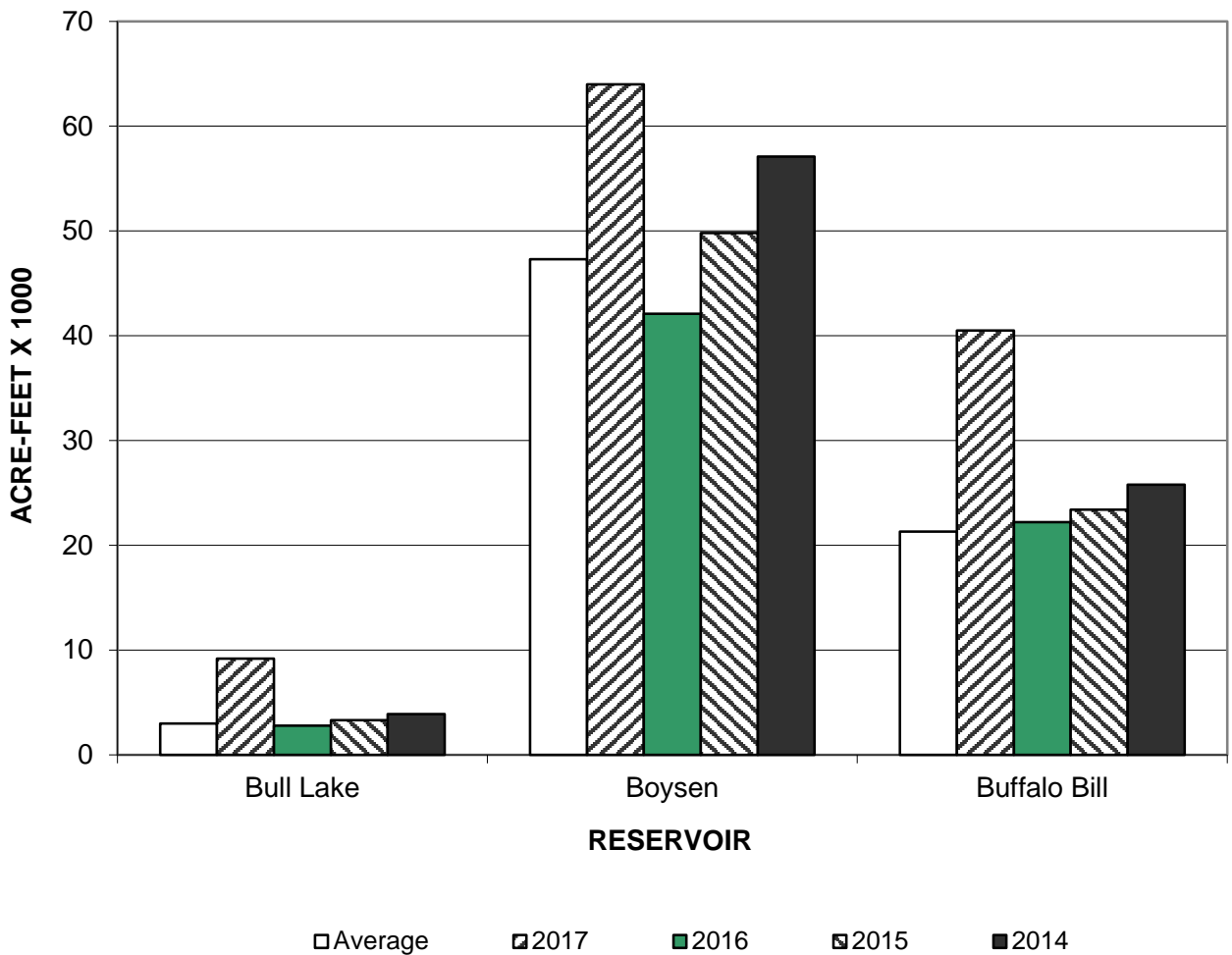
BIGHORN RIVER BASIN INFLOW

(1000 acre-feet)

| Reservoir | November Inflow | | | November Historical Inflow | | | Accumulated Inflow (October - November) | | |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-----------|
| | W. Yr. 2017 | 30 Yr. Avg. ¹ | % of Avg. | W. Yr. 2016 | W. Yr. 2015 | W. Yr. 2014 | W. Yr. 2017 | 30 Yr. Avg. | % of Avg. |
| Bull Lake | 9.2 | 3.0 | 307 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.9 | 26.7 | 8.8 | 303 |
| Boysen | 64.0 | 47.3 | 135 | 42.1 | 49.8 | 57.1 | 139.5 | 100.2 | 139 |
| Buffalo Bill | 40.5 | 21.3 | 190 | 22.2 | 23.4 | 25.8 | 93.4 | 46.4 | 201 |

¹ Average is based on the 1987-2016 period.

**BIGHORN RIVER BASIN
RESERVOIR INFLOW
November**



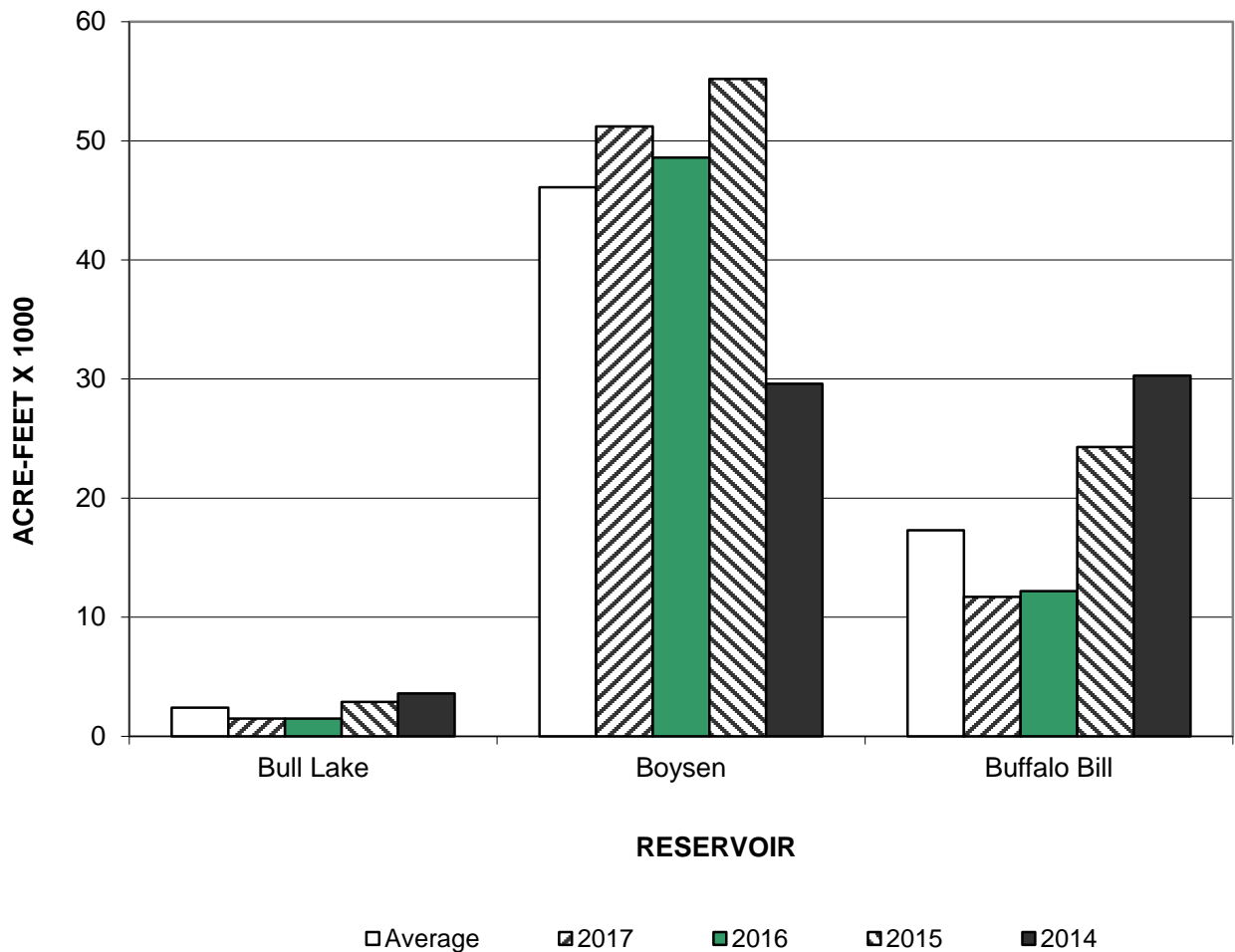
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| Bull Lake | 1.5 | 2.4 | 63 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 3.6 | 27.6 | 8.1 | 341 |
| Boysen | 51.2 | 46.1 | 111 | 48.6 | 55.2 | 29.6 | 101.7 | 97.6 | 104 |
| Buffalo Bill | 11.7 | 17.3 | 68 | 12.2 | 24.3 | 30.3 | 44.6 | 55.4 | 81 |

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**BIGHORN RIVER BASIN
RESERVOIR OUTFLOW
November**



BIGHORN RIVER BASIN STORAGE

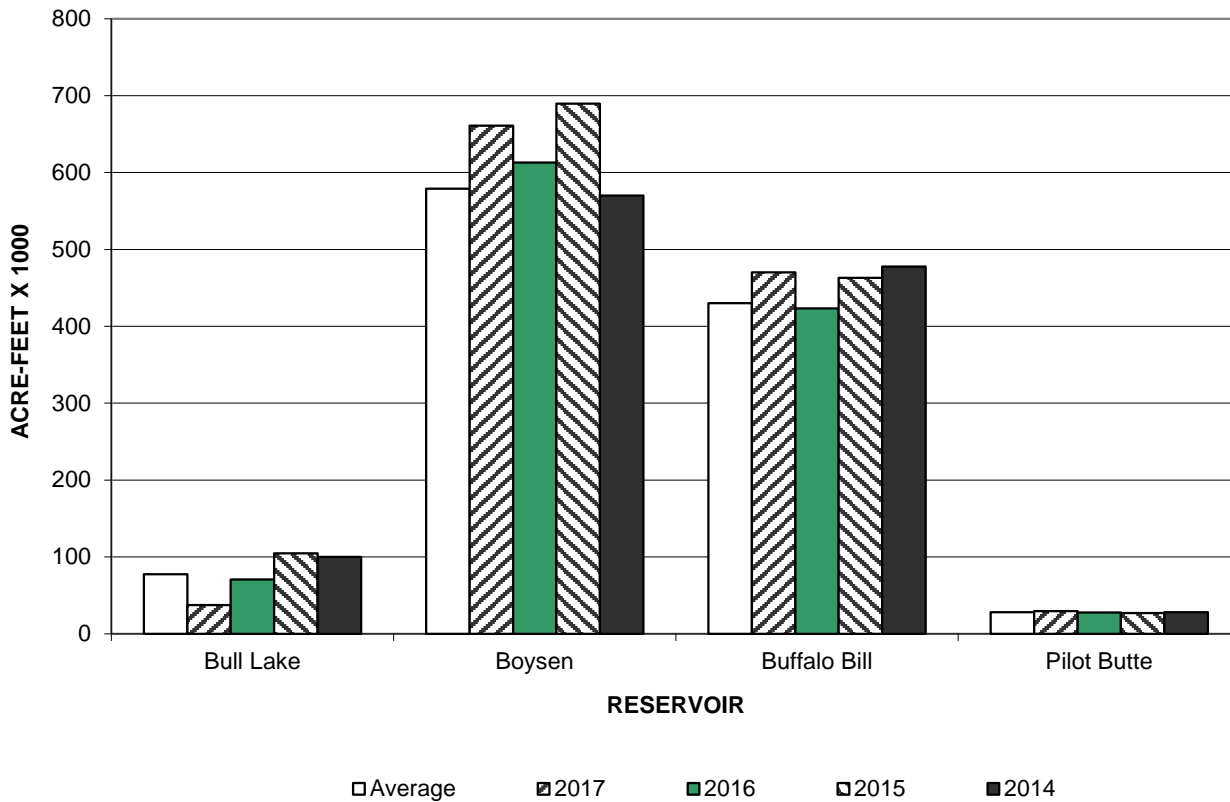
(1000 acre-feet)

| Reservoir | Total Storage End of November | | | End of November Historical Storage | | | Total Conservation Storage Capacity | Percent of Capacity |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|---------------------------|
| | W. Yr. 2017 | 30 Yr. Avg. ¹ | % of Avg. | W. Yr. 2016 | W. Yr. 2015 | W. Yr. 2014 | | |
| Bull Lake | 37.4 | 77.4 | 48 | 70.7 | 104.8 | 100.1 | 152.5 | 25 |
| Boysen | 661.0 | 579.2 # | 114 | 612.9 | 689.7 | 570.0 | 741.6 | 89 |
| Buffalo Bill | 470.1 | 430.0 ² | 109 | 423.4 | 463.1 | 477.7 | 646.6 | 73 |
| Pilot Butte | 29.5 | 28.3 | 104 | 27.7 | 27.0 | 28.0 | 33.7 | 88 |

¹ Average is based on the 1987-2016 period.

² This does not reflect a long term average because in 1992 the capacity of the reservoir was increased to approximately 646,565 acre-feet as a result of raising the dam. The average used here reflects data from 1993 through 2016.

**BIGHORN RIVER BASIN
RESERVOIR STORAGE
End of November**



BIGHORN RIVER BASIN GENERATION

(Energy in giga-watt hours)

| Powerplant | November Gross Generation | | | November Historical Generation | | | Accumulated Gross Gen. (October - November) | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|------|-----------|
| | W. Yr. 2017 | Avg. | % of Avg. | W. Yr. 2016 | W. Yr. 2015 | W. Yr. 2014 | W. Yr. 2017 | Avg. | % of Avg. |
| Boysen ¹ | 4.7 | 3.4 | 138 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 8.1 | 7.3 | 111 |
| Pilot Butte ² | 0.0 | 0.0 | n/a | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0 |
| Heart Mtn. ³ | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 122 |
| Buffalo Bill ³ | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 4.9 | 0.1 | 4.9 | 2 |
| Shoshone ³ | 1.6 | 1.5 | 107 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 100 |
| Spirit Mtn. ⁴ | 0.0 | 0.0 | n/a | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 120 |

¹ Average is based on the 1987-2016 period.

² Average is based on the 1990-2016 period. Pilot Butte Powerplant is currently in "mothballed" status and does not generate electricity.

³ Average is based on the 1993-2016 period.

⁴ Average is based on the 1996-2016 period.

**BIGHORN RIVER BASIN
GROSS GENERATION
November**

