

Missouri River Basin – Update – 18 February 2020

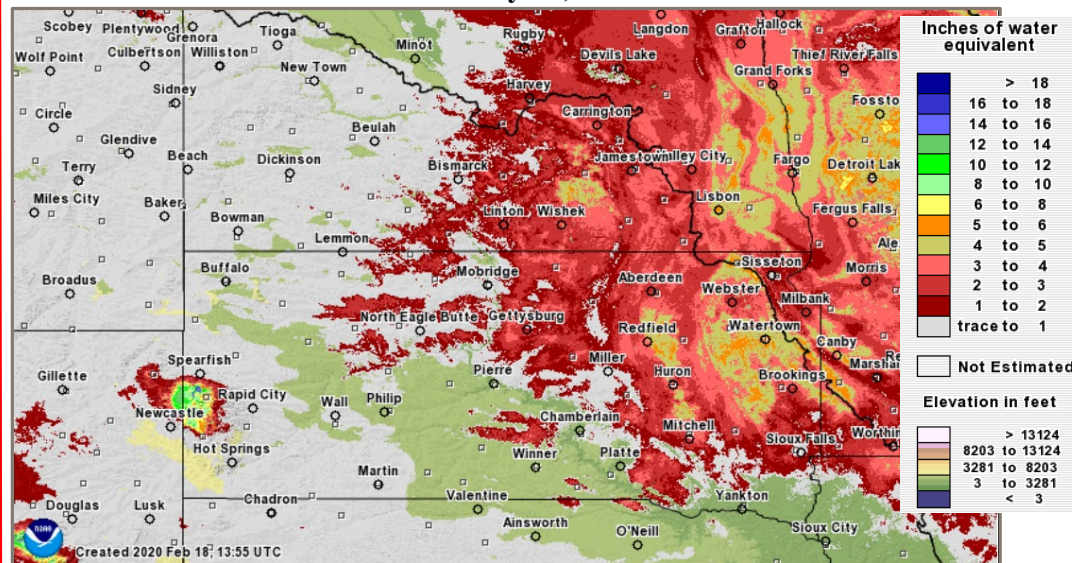
Mainstem Reservoir Status:

- ❖ System storage is 56.3 MAF; 16.1 MAF of flood control storage is available. All 2019 floodwaters were evacuated; System storage reached 56.0 MAF on January 22. We expect to see an increase in System storage this week from plains snowmelt in the upper Basin.
- ❖ Plains snowpack in the upper Basin is primarily in central and eastern ND and SD (upper right quadrant). There are large areas with 4 to 5 inches of SWE and some smaller areas with 5 to 6 inches of SWE.
- ❖ Mountain snowpack is slightly above average (lower right quadrant).
- ❖ The 2020 calendar year runoff forecast, updated on 3 February, for the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City is 36.3 MAF (141% of average).
- ❖ Refer to the 3-Week Forecast ([click here](#)) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows and releases.
- ❖ The Gavins Point release is currently 35,000 cfs, twice average for this time of year. We continue to remain as aggressive with releases, but we do have ice restrictions in some areas. The schedule and forecasted Missouri River flows and stages can be found here:

[Click Here](#) for Missouri River releases, flows & stages

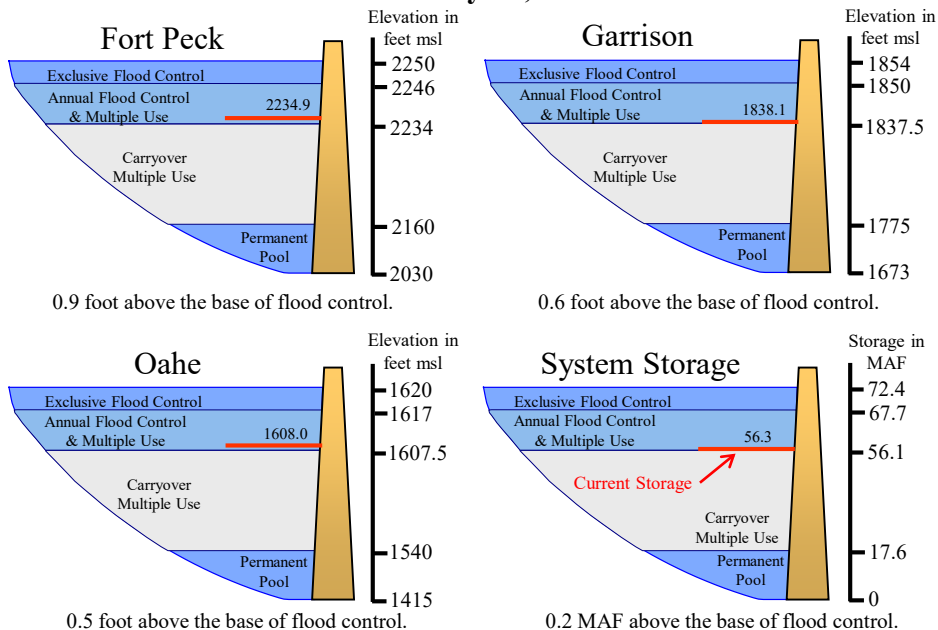
Plains Snowpack

February 11, 2020



Current Reservoir Levels

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Mountain Snowpack

February 17, 2020

