Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 55.3 MAF, 0.4 MAF lower than last week (upper right). The September 1 runoff forecast for the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, IA is 29.1 MAF, 113% of average. For the September monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, [click here].
- Gavins Point releases are currently 34,500 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast ([click here]).
- The new US Monthly Drought Outlook released on August 31 shows drought conditions persisting or expanding over the lower Basin and into eastern South Dakota, and drought persisting across the northern tier of the Basin (lower right).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast ([click here]) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 4.7 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 3.8 feet above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 5.0 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 0.8 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

System Storage Comparison

- **Maximum (1967-2022)**
- **Top of Exclusive Flood Control (72.4)**
- **Average (1967-2022)**
- **Minimum (1967-2022)**
- **Base of Exclusive Flood Control (67.7)**
- **Base of Flood Control (56.1)**
- **Forecast**

US Monthly Drought Outlook: September 2023

- **US Monthly Drought Outlook**: Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

*In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF*
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 56.0 MAF, 0.2 MAF lower than last week (upper right). For the August monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 31,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- The current National Weather Service national map shows heat advisories, excessive heat watches, and red flag warnings across the lower Basin and into South Dakota (click here). Increased chances for above-normal temperatures are expected to continue across much of the Basin and increased chances for below-normal precipitation are expected to continue across the eastern portions of the Basin (lower right).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 4.3 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 4.4 feet above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 4.1 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 0.1 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

System Storage Comparison

- **Maximum (1969-2022)**: Top of Exclusive Flood Control (72.4 MAF)
- **Average (1969-2022)**: Base of Exclusive Flood Control (67.1 MAF)
- **Minimum (1969-2022)**: Base of Flood Control (56.1 MAF)
- **2022**: (Base of Multiple Use/Carryover = 17.6 MAF)
- **2023**:
- **2011**: In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF

CPC 6-10 Day Outlooks

- **6-10 Day Temperature Outlook**:
- **6-10 Day Precipitation Outlook**:

*In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF*
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 56.2 MAF, 0.1 MAF lower than last week (upper right). For the August monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 29,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- The next 7 days are forecasted to be fairly dry for much of the basin (lower right). Some rain is forecast in Montana and western North Dakota, which would help dry soil conditions in those areas.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **Fort Peck**: 4.1 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **Garrison**: 4.9 feet above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **Oahe**: 4.1 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **System**: 0.1 MAF above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

Missouri Basin RFC 7-Day Forecast Precipitation

Data created: 2023-08-16 11:24
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 56.3 MAF, the same as last week (upper right). The August 1 runoff forecast for the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, IA is 28.5 MAF, 111% of average. For the August monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 30,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- The updated monthly drought outlook (lower right) for August indicates continued improvement of drought conditions in the lower Basin and into southeastern South Dakota. The dry conditions in northern Montana and North Dakota that developed in July are expected to persist.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

- System storage is 56.3 MAF, the same as last week (upper right). The August 1 runoff forecast for the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, IA is 28.5 MAF, 111% of average. For the August monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 30,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- The updated monthly drought outlook (lower right) for August indicates continued improvement of drought conditions in the lower Basin and into southeastern South Dakota. The dry conditions in northern Montana and North Dakota that developed in July are expected to persist.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 56.3 MAF, 0.2 MAF less than last week (upper right). For the July monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 31,500 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- The updated CPC monthly outlooks show an increased potential for above-normal precipitation in much of the Basin, except for northwest Montana, North Dakota, and northwest South Dakota (click here).
- According to the US Drought Monitor, over the past 4 weeks conditions have dried out in northern Montana and parts of North Dakota within the Basin (lower right). Drought conditions are still present but have improved slightly in eastern Nebraska.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 3.6 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 4.9 feet above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 3.8 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 0.2 MAF above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

System Storage Comparison

- **Maximum (1969-2022)**
- **Top of Exclusive Flood Control (72.4)**
- **Base of Exclusive Flood Control (67.1)**
- **Average (1969-2022)**
- **Minimum (1969-2022)**
- **Base of Flood Control (56.1)**
- **2023 Forecast**

*In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF

US Drought Monitor – Compare Two Weeks

- **June 27, 2023**: 
  - **FORT PECK**: 3.6 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
  - **GARRISON**: 4.9 feet above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
  - **OAHE**: 3.8 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
  - **SYSTEM**: 0.2 MAF above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

- **July 25, 2023**: 
  - **FORT PECK**: 3.6 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
  - **GARRISON**: 4.9 feet above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
  - **OAHE**: 3.8 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
  - **SYSTEM**: 0.2 MAF above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 56.5 MAF, the same as last week (upper right). For the July monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 31,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The new service level, calculated from our July 1 storage check, has increased to 1,500 cfs below full service. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- From July 1 through July 24, upper Basin runoff has been 115% of average (click here). Runoff has been dropping off recently, with the past week only seeing 69% of average runoff in the upper Basin (click here).
- The most recent drought monitor (lower right) shows abnormally dry or drought conditions (D0-D4) over 45% of the Missouri River Basin, with extreme (D3) and exceptional (D4) drought present in Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

FORT PECK
3.3 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

GARRISON
4.9 feet above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

OAHE
3.4 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

SYSTEM
0.4 MAF above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

US Drought Monitor, Missouri Basin RFC:
July 18, 2023 (released July 20, 2023)

Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 56.5 MAF, 0.2 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the July monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 29,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The new service level, calculated from our July 1 storage check, has increased to 1,500 cfs below full service. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- The calendar year runoff forecast for the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, IA, updated July 1, is 29.2 MAF (114% of average).
- For the first half of July, upper Basin runoff has been 133% of average (click here). For the next week, there is very little precipitation forecast for the upper Basin (lower right).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- FORT PECK (3.0 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone):
- GARRISON (4.5 feet above base of Annual Flood Control Zone):
- OAHE (3.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone):
- SYSTEM (0.4 MAF above base of Annual Flood Control Zone):

System Storage Comparison

- Maximum (1969-2022): Top of Exclusive Flood Control (72.4)
- Top of Exclusive Flood Control (67.1)
- Base of Exclusive Flood Control (56.1)
- Average (1969-2022)
- Forecast (Base of Multiple Use/Carryover = 17.6)

*In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF.

NOAA WPC: 7-Day Total Precipitation Forecast
Mainstem Reservoir Status

▪ System storage is 56.3 MAF, 0.2 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the July monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.

▪ Gavins Point releases are currently 29,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The new service level, calculated from our July 1 storage check, has increased to 1,500 cfs below full service. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).

▪ The stage increase attributable to the increased service level will be 0.5 to 0.7 feet. Actual stages will depend on tributary input below the System.

▪ The calendar year runoff forecast for the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, IA, updated July 1, is 29.2 MAF (114% of average).

▪ Over the past two weeks, drought conditions have improved for large areas of the upper Basin, while worsening in areas of Kansas and Missouri (lower right).

▪ Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

FORT PECK
3.1 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

GARRISON
3.8 feet above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

OAHE
3.0 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

SYSTEM
0.2 MAF above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

UNL Drought Monitor: class change over past 2 weeks

*In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 56.1 MAF, 1.0 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the June monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 28,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The new service level, calculated from our July 1 storage check, has increased to 1,500 cfs below full service. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- Mountain snowpack has melted. Most of the mountain snowpack melted in June.
- While drought conditions have worsened over much of the lower Basin in the past month, the drought outlook for July shows drought improvement or removal is likely in most of the area (lower right).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

NOAA CPC: US Monthly Drought Outlook

Valid for July 2023
Released June 28, 2023

U.S. Monthly Drought Outlook
Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Atlas: Adam Miggia
NOAA/CPC/Clima Prediction Center

http://go.usa.gov/x3E2Gd
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 55.1 MAF, 0.9 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the June monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, [click here].
- Gavins Point releases are currently 24,000 cfs. Releases will be cycled between 27,000 cfs and 24,000 cfs in order to meet navigation targets and support all other authorized purposes. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast [click here].
- Mountain snowpack is completely melted. The mountain snowpack melted 2-3 weeks ahead of average, resulting in above-average runoff in May and June [click here].
- Conditions are still very dry across much of the Basin, but precipitation is forecast for some areas of the Basin over the next 7 days (lower right).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast [click here] for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

- In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 3.7 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 1.1 feet above base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 3.8 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 1.0 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

NOAA WPC Forecast 7-Day Total Precipitation

- [Click Here for NOAA Weekly Update]

Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 54.2 MAF, 0.8 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the June monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, [click here].
- Gavins Point releases are currently 24,000 cfs. Releases will be cycled between 27,000 cfs and 24,000 cfs in order to meet navigation targets and support all other authorized purposes. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast ([click here]).
- Mountain snowpack is almost completely melted. The mountain snowpack melted 2-3 weeks ahead of average, resulting in above-average runoff in May and the first part of June ([click here]).
- The current drought monitor for the Missouri River basin shows abnormally dry or drought conditions affecting most of the lower Basin. Currently 53% of the Basin is in some form of drought (lower right).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast ([click here]) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- FORT PECK: 4.4 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- GARRISON: 0.5 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- OAHE: 4.6 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- SYSTEM: 1.9 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

System Storage Comparison

- System Storage Comparison (upper right)

US Drought Monitor: Missouri Basin RFC

Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 53.4 MAF, 0.8 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the June monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 27,000 cfs. Releases will be cycled between 27,000 cfs and 24,000 cfs in order to meet navigation targets and support all other authorized purposes. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- Mountain snowpack is almost completely melted (lower right). The mountain snowpack has melted 2-3 weeks ahead of average, resulting in above-average runoff in May and the first part of June (click here).
- The early snowpack melt has not impacted the overall upper basin runoff forecast. The upper basin runoff forecast is 26.8 MAF (104% of average).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **Fort Peck**: 5.7 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **Garrison**: 2.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **Oahe**: 4.9 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **System**: 2.7 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

Mountain Snowpack: June 12, 2023

- Total above Fort Peck
- Total Fort Peck to Garrison

Provisional data. Subject to revision.
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 52.6 MAF, 0.7 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the June monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 20,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- Mountain snowpack has peaked above normal in both reaches (lower right). The Fort Peck reach peaked at 117% of normal on April 24 and has 9% of the peak remaining as of June 4. The Garrison reach peaked at 109% of normal on April 6 and has 12% of the peak remaining as of June 4 (click here).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

Mountain Snowpack: June 4, 2023

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 51.9 MAF, 0.8 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the May monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 20,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- Mountain snowpack has peaked above normal in both reaches (lower right). The Fort Peck reach peaked at 117% of normal on April 24 and has 20% of the peak remaining as of May 29. The Garrison reach peaked at 109% of normal on April 6 and has 20% of the peak remaining as of May 29 (click here).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 8.4 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 5.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 5.7 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 4.2 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

System Storage Comparison

- **Maximum (1969-2022)**: Top of Exclusive Flood Control (72.4 MAF)
- **Average (1969-2022)**: Base of Exclusive Flood Control (66.1 MAF)
- **Minimum (1969-2022)**: Base of Flood Control (56.1 MAF)

Mountain Snowpack: May 29, 2023

- **Total above Fort Peck**
- **Total Fort Peck to Garrison**

Provisional data. Subject to revision.
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 51.1 MAF, 0.5 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the May monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 20,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- Mountain snowpack has peaked above normal in both reaches (lower right). The Fort Peck reach peaked at 117% of normal on April 24 and has 37% of the peak remaining as of May 21. The Garrison reach peaked at 109% of normal on April 6 and has 35% of the peak remaining as of May 21 (click here).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 9.7 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 6.5 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 6.0 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 5.0 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

System Storage Comparison

- **Maximum (1969-2022)**
- **Top of Exclusive Flood Control (72.4)**
- **Average (1969-2022)**
- **Base of Exclusive Flood Control (67.7)**
- **Base of Flood Control (56.1)**
- **Base of Multiple Use/Carryover = 17.6**

*In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF.

Mountain Snowpack: May 21, 2023

- **Total above Fort Peck**
- **Total Fort Peck to Garrison**
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 50.6 MAF, 0.7 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the May monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, [click here].
- Gavins Point releases are currently 20,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast ([click here]).
- Plains snowpack has melted in the basin. Mountain snowpack has peaked above normal in both reaches (lower right). The Fort Peck reach peaked at 117% of normal on April 24 and has 60% of the peak remaining as of May 14. The Garrison reach peaked at 109% of normal on April 6 and has 58% of the peak remaining as of May 14 ([click here]).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast ([click here]) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

- [Click Here for System Storage Comparison]

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **Fort Peck**: 10.3 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **Garrison**: 7.1 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **Oahe**: 6.6 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **System**: 5.5 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

Mountain Snowpack: May 14, 2023

- [Click Here for Mountain Snowpack]

Provisional data. Subject to revision.
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 49.9 MAF, 0.3 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the May monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 19,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- Plains snowpack has melted in the basin. Mountain snowpack has peaked above normal in both reaches (lower right). The Fort Peck reach peaked at 117% of normal on April 24 and has 75% of the peak remaining as of May 7. The Garrison reach peaked at 109% of normal on April 6 and has 70% of the peak remaining as of May 7 (click here).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

*In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF

Mountain Snowpack: May 7, 2023
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 49.6 MAF, 0.4 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the May monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, [click here].
- The calendar year forecast for the upper Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, IA, updated on May 1, is 26.9 MAF (105% of average).
- Gavins Point releases are being increased from 17,000 cfs to 17,500 cfs today. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast ([click here]).
- Plains snowpack has melted in the basin. Mountain snowpack has peaked above normal in both reaches (lower right). The Fort Peck reach peaked at 117% of normal on April 24 and has 88% of the peak remaining. The Garrison reach peaked at 109% of normal on April 6 and has 85% of the peak remaining ([click here]).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast ([click here]) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 12.0 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 8.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 7.6 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 6.5 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

System Storage Comparison

- **Maximum (1969-2022)**
- **Top of Exclusive Flood Control (72.4)**
- **Average (1969-2022)**
- **Minimum (1969-2022)**
- **Base of Flood Control (56.1)**

Mountain Snowpack: May 1, 2023

- **Total above Fort Peck**: Provisional data. Subject to revision.
- **Total Fort Peck to Garrison**: Provisional data. Subject to revision.
Mainstem Reservoir Status

▪ System storage is 49.2 MAF, 0.7 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the April monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.

▪ Gavins Point releases are currently 16,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).

▪ Plains snowpack has melted in the basin except for in the upper James River basin in North Dakota. One to 5” of snow water equivalent (SWE) still remain above LaMoure, ND (click here).

▪ Mountain snowpack has continued to accumulate in both reaches. As of April 23, the reach above Fort Peck has 18.4” of SWE (119% of average). The reach between Fort Peck to Garrison has 15.7” of SWE (110% of average). The normal peak for both reaches occurs near April 17 (lower right) (click here).

▪ Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

FORT PECK
12.4 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

GARRISON
9.0 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

OAHE
8.3 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

SYSTEM
6.9 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

Mountain Snowpack: April 23, 2023

Total above Fort Peck

Total Fort Peck to Garrison

Provisional data. Subject to revision.
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 48.5 MAF, 1.5 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the April monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.

- Gavins Point releases are currently 16,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as needed to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).

- Much of the plains snowpack has melted across the Basin. Localized areas with 1-4" of snow water equivalent (SWE) still exist in the upper Milk River basin in MT and in the upper James River basin in ND, as well as isolated areas east of Bismarck, ND (click here).

- Mountain snowpack has peaked in both reaches. The reach above Fort Peck peaked on April 6 at 18.2" of SWE (114% of the normal peak). The reach between Fort Peck to Garrison peaked on April 6 at 15.9" of SWE (109% of the normal peak). As of April 17, 96% of the annual peak is remaining above Fort Peck, and 94% of the annual peak is remaining between Fort Peck and Garrison (lower right) (click here).

- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- Fort Peck: 12.9 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- Garrison: 10.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- Oahe: 9.6 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- System: 7.6 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

System Storage Comparison

- Maximum (1969-2022) Top of Exclusive Flood Control (72.4)
- Average (1969-2022) Base of Exclusive Flood Control (69.1)
- Minimum (1969-2022) Base of Flood Control (56.1)
- 2022 Forecast
- 2023
- (Base of Multiple Use/Carryover = 17.6)

*In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF

Provisional data. Subject to revision.
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 47.0 MAF, 0.4 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the April monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavin's Point releases will drop to 14,000 cfs today and 12,000 cfs tomorrow. Releases will be adjusted to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavin's Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- Much of the plains snowpack has melted across the Basin except for the areas with heavier snow. One to 5” of snow water equivalent (SWE) still exists in parts of the Milk River basin in MT, and widespread areas of 4-8” of SWE are still present in central and eastern North Dakota as well as northeastern South Dakota (click here). Over the next three days, 0.8-4” of SWE is expected to melt in the Milk River basin and 2-4” of SWE is expected to melt in the Dakotas. Some localized areas in the Dakotas could see more than 4” of melt by April 14 (lower right).
- Mountain snowpack is slightly above average for both the reaches above Fort Peck (113% of average) and from Fort Peck to Garrison (109% of average) as of April 9 (click here).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 46.6 MAF, 0.1 MAF more than last week (upper right). The 2023 calendar year forecast for the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, updated April 3, is 26.4 MAF, 103% of average. For the April monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases will drop to 18,500 cfs today. Releases will be adjusted to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is in our daily forecast (click here).
- Spring public meetings are being held throughout the Basin this week (click here).
- Plains snowmelt runoff began to occur in late March. Extensive coverage still exists across northeastern MT, eastern SD, and all of ND (click here). Localized areas of up to 8 inches of SWE are present.
- A second major winter storm is currently hitting the Basin. An additional 12-18" of snow depth is expected to fall in eastern WY, western and northern SD, and eastern ND (lower right).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN WEEKLY UPDATE
04 APRIL 2023

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- FORT PECK: 14.3 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- GARRISON: 12.9 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- OAH: 12.7 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- SYSTEM: 9.5 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

NOAA WPC: Apr 3-5 Winter Storm

Winter Storm Severity Index
(Through Wednesday night)

Source: https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 46.5 MAF, 0.1 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the March monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are currently 21,500 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as necessary to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).
- Spring public meetings will be held throughout the Basin the week of April 3 (click here).
- Mountain snowpack is slightly above average for both the reaches above Fort Peck (115% of average) and from Fort Peck to Garrison (109% of average) as of March 26 (click here).
- Plains snow coverage still exists across northeastern Montana, eastern South Dakota and all of North Dakota (lower right). Localized areas of up to 8 inches of SWE are present.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

NOAA NOHRSC: Mar 21 Modeled Snow Water Equivalent

Source: https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 46.4 MAF, 0.1 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the March monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, [click here].
- Gavins Point releases are currently 24,000 cfs. Releases will be adjusted as necessary to meet downstream navigation targets. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast ([click here]).
- Spring public meetings will be held throughout the Basin the week of April 3 ([click here]).
- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck (110% of average) and from Fort Peck to Garrison (103% of average) as of March 19 ([click here]).
- Plains snow coverage still exists across eastern South Dakota and much of North Dakota (lower right). Localized areas of up to 8 inches of SWE are present.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast ([click here]) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels ([Click Here] for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 15.0 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 12.7 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 12.7 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 9.7 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

NOAA NOHRSC: Mar 21 Modeled Snow Water Equivalent

Source: [https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/](https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/)
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 46.3 MAF, 0.1 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the March monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are at the winter release rate of 12,000 cfs. Releases will be increased by 3,000 cfs per day beginning around March 18. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).
- Spring public meetings will be held throughout the Basin the week of April 3 (click here).
- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck (107% of average) and from Fort Peck to Garrison (102% of average) as of March 12 (click here).
- Plains snow coverage still exists across eastern South Dakota and much of North Dakota (lower right). Localized areas of up to 8 inches of SWE are present.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

FORT PECK
15.3 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

GARRISON
12.5 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

OAHE
12.7 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

SYSTEM
9.8 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

NOAA NOHRSC: Mar 14 Modeled Snow Water Equivalent

Source: https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 46.2 MAF, 0.2 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the March monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, [click here].
- The calendar year runoff forecast, updated on March 1, for the upper Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, IA is 21.5 MAF (84% of average).
- Gavins Point releases are at the winter release rate of 12,000 cfs. Releases will be increased by 3,000 cfs per day beginning around March 18. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).
- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck (105% of average) and from Fort Peck to Garrison (101% of average) as of March 5 (click here).
- Plains snow coverage still exists across eastern South Dakota and much of North Dakota (lower right). Localized areas of up to 8 inches of SWE are present.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

- Top of Exclusive Flood Control (73.1 MAF)
- Average (1969-2022): 56.1 MAF
- Base of Exclusive Flood Control (56.7 MAF)
- Base of Flood Control (56.1 MAF)
- Minimum (1969-2022): 45.6 MAF
- Base of Multiple Use/Carryover = 17.6 MAF

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 15.4 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 12.4 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 12.9 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 9.9 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

NOAA NOHRSC: Mar 7 Modeled Snow Water Equivalent

Source: [https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/](https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/)
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 46.0 MAF, the same storage as last week (upper right). For the February monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, [click here].
- Gavins Point releases are at the winter release rate of 12,000 cfs. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast ([click here]).
- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck (104% of average) and from Fort Peck to Garrison (102% of average) as of February 27 ([click here]).
- Good plains snow coverage still exists across eastern South Dakota and much of North Dakota (lower right). Current snow water equivalent values in this area are above average to much above average for this time of year. No significant melt is expected in the upcoming week due to cooler temperatures moving into the Basin.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast ([click here]) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

Current Reservoir Levels ([Click Here for Comparison Plots])

- **FORT PECK**: 15.3 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 11.8 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 13.6 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 10.1 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

NOAA NOHRSC: Feb 28 Modeled Snow Water Equivalent

source: https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/

*In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF.
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 46.0 MAF, 0.1 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are at the winter release rate of 12,000 cfs. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).
- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck (105% of average) and from Fort Peck to Garrison (98% of average) as of February 20 (click here).
- Some plains snowpack melted last week; however, 1-4 inches of snow water equivalent still covers much of North Dakota and eastern South Dakota, and some parts of Nebraska (click here).
- The updated seasonal drought outlook shows much of the Basin should see drought improvement or removal over the next 3.5 months (lower right).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 15.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 11.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 14.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 10.1 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

NOAA Climate Prediction Center: Seasonal Drought Outlook

Valid Feb 16 – May 31, 2023

Source: www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov

Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 45.9 MAF, 0.1 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the February monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases are at the winter release rate of 12,000 cfs. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).
- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck (100% of average) and from Fort Peck to Garrison (94% of average) as of February 12 (click here).
- Much of the plains snowpack melted in Montana, southwestern North Dakota, western South Dakota, and Nebraska over the past week (lower right). The areas in the Dakotas and Nebraska that still have snow cover show 1-4” of snow water equivalent (SWE). Some localized areas in the Dakotas still show up to 5” of SWE.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **Fort Peck**: 15.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **Garrison**: 10.8 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **Oahe**: 14.7 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **System**: 10.2 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

NOAA NOHRSC: Feb 14 Modeled Snow Water Equivalent

Source: https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 45.8 MAF, the same storage as last week (upper right). The 2023 calendar year forecast for the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, updated February 1, is 21.1 MAF, 82% of average. For the February monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases will be reduced back to the winter release of 12,000 cfs today, February 7. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).
- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck and from Fort Peck to Garrison (click here).
- Some of the plains snowpack has melted with the warmer temperatures the past week (lower right). Widespread snow water equivalent amounts of 2-4” still exist in North Dakota and eastern South Dakota.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

FORT PECK
15.3 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

GARRISON
10.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

OAHE
15.4 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

SYSTEM
10.3 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

NOAA NOHRSC: Feb 7 Modeled 72-hr Snow Melt

Source: https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 45.8 MAF, 0.1 MAF above last week (upper right). For the Jan monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- Gavins Point releases were increased to 14,000 cfs on January 25 due to expected cold temperatures. Releases are currently forecasted to hold at 14,000 cfs until February 3, when they will be stepped back down to the winter release rate of 12,000 cfs. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).
- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck and from Fort Peck to Garrison (click here).
- Plains snowpack continues to be above normal in the Basin (lower right). Widespread snow water equivalent (SWE) amounts of 2-4” exist in the Dakotas, eastern Montana, and into Nebraska and northwest Iowa. Pockets of 4-5” of SWE are modeled in parts of the Dakotas.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

FORT PECK
15.1 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

GARRISON
9.5 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

OAHE
16.2 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

SYSTEM
10.3 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

System Storage Comparison

NOAA NOHRSC: Jan 31 Modeled Snow Water Equivalent

Source: [https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/](https://www.nohrsc.noaa.gov/)
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 45.7 MAF, the same as last week (upper right). For the January monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.

- Gavins Point releases are at the winter release rate of 12,000 cfs. Due to forecasted cold temperatures, releases are currently forecasted to increase tomorrow to 14,000 cfs and hold until Feb 1. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).

- Below-normal temperatures are expected to extend further south into the Basin over the next two weeks, which could lead to additional ice formation (lower right).

- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck and from Fort Peck to Garrison (click here).

- Plains snowpack continues to be above-normal for this time of year, compared to the 18-year median (click here).

- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 15.0 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 8.9 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 17.1 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 10.4 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

NOAA Climate Prediction Center: Temperature Outlooks

- **6-10 Day Temperature Outlook**
  - Valid: January 24 - February 5, 2023
  - Issued: January 23, 2023

- **8-14 Day Temperature Outlook**
  - Valid: January 31 - February 8, 2023
  - Issued: January 23, 2023

Source: [https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/](https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/)
Mainstem Reservoir Status

- System storage is 45.7 MAF, the same as last week (upper right). For the January monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- The 2022-2023 Final AOP was posted to the website (click here).
- Gavins Point releases were reduced to the winter release rate of 12,000 cfs on January 13. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).
- A winter storm is forecast to impact southern and eastern South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa over the next few days. Much of Nebraska could receive 8 to 12" of snow, and freezing rain and ice could impact southeastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa (lower right).
- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck and from Fort Peck to Garrison (click here).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

System Storage Comparison

Current Reservoir Levels (Click Here for Comparison Plots)

- **FORT PECK**: 15.0 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 8.4 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 17.0 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 10.4 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

Winter Storm: January 17-19, 2023

- Forecast Snowfall (Neon Tuesday - 6PM Thursday CST)
- Probability of Minor Impacts from Icing (6PM Tue - 6PM Wed CST)

Source: [https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/](https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/)
Mainstem Reservoir Status:

- System storage is 45.7 MAF, 0.1 MAF more than last week (upper right). For the January monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- The 2022-2023 Final AOP was posted to the website (click here).
- Gavins Point releases will be reduced to 13,000 today and are scheduled to be reduced to the winter release of 12,000 cfs on January 13. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).
- Plains snowpack above normal for this time of year (lower right). Two to 5” of snow water equivalent (SWE) is modeled across the Dakotas and into eastern Montana. Much of Nebraska has between trace and 2” of SWE.
- Mountain snowpack is near average for both the reaches above Fort Peck and from Fort Peck to Garrison (click here).
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels

- **FORT PECK**: 14.9 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **GARRISON**: 7.8 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **OAHE**: 17.3 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- **SYSTEM**: 10.4 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

Plains Snowpack

- **January 10, 2023**

Source: www.nohrsc.noaa.gov
Missouri River Basin – Update – 3 January 2023

Mainstem Reservoir Status:
- System storage is 45.6 MAF, the same storage as last week (upper right). The 2023 calendar year forecast for the Missouri River Basin above Sioux City, updated January 3, is 20.8 MAF, 81% of average. For the January monthly study with forecasted pool levels and releases for each mainstem project, click here.
- The 2022-2023 Final AOP was posted to the website (click here).
- The current Gavins Point release is 14,000 cfs due to extreme cold temperatures in the Basin. Releases are currently forecast to drop back down to the winter release of 12,000 cfs on January 9. The release schedule for Gavins Point is provided in our daily forecast (click here).
- Plains snowpack is widespread and above normal for this time of year (lower right). Over 2” of snow water equivalent (SWE) is modeled across the Dakotas and into eastern Montana. Over 3” of SWE exists across most of the central Dakotas with pockets of up to 6” of SWE.
- Refer to the 3-Week Forecast (click here) for the most up-to-date System information – pool levels, inflows, and releases.

Current Reservoir Levels
- FORT PECK: 15.1 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- GARRISON: 7.4 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- OAHE: 17.6 feet below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.
- SYSTEM: 10.5 MAF below base of Annual Flood Control Zone.

Plains Snowpack

System Storage Comparison

Source: www.nohrsc.noaa.gov

*In January 2011, the Base of Flood Control was 56.8 MAF, and the Top of Exclusive Flood Control was 73.1 MAF