

USACE NWW May Flood Risk Outlook

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Fish Creek Damsite
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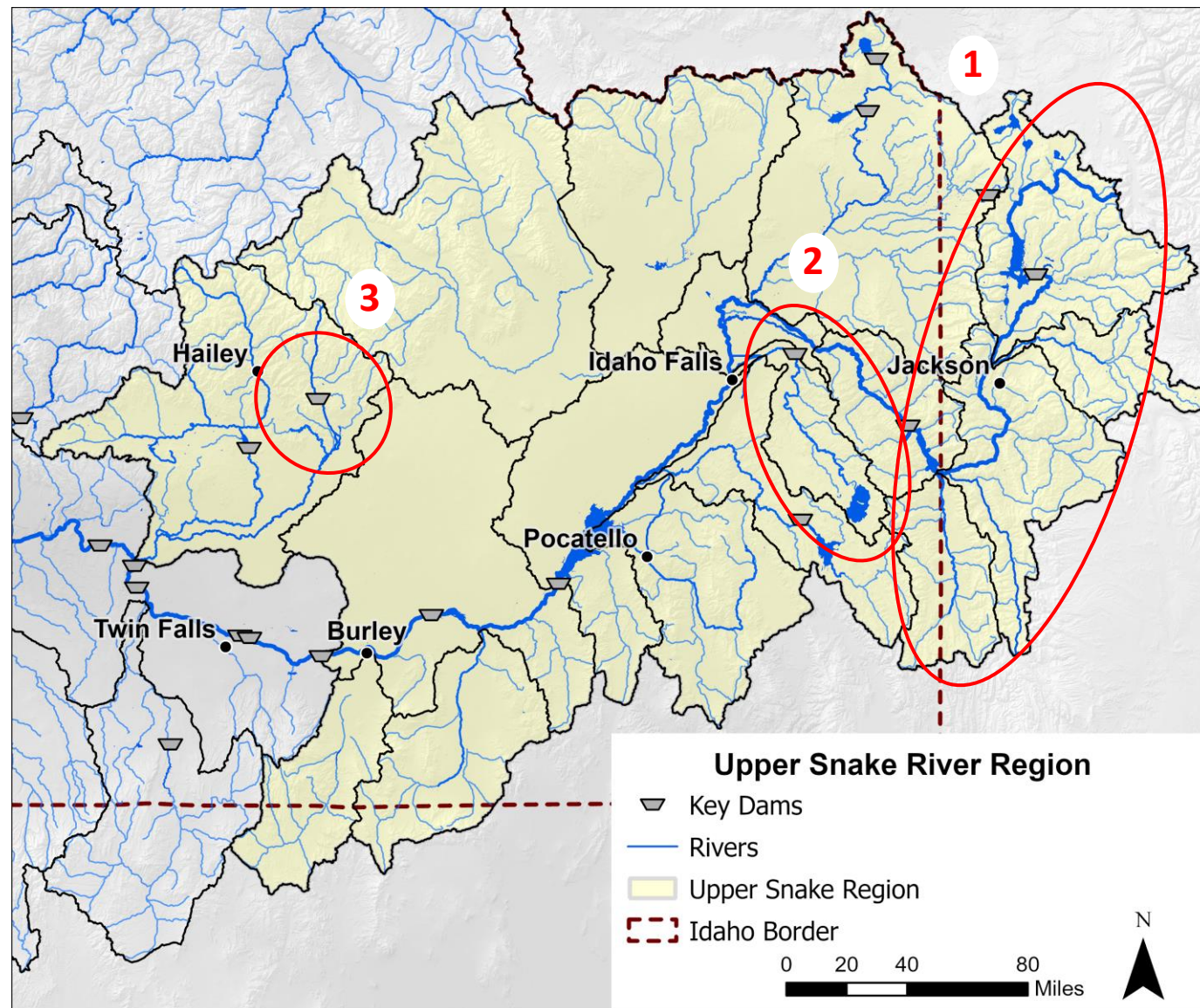


Upper Snake Current Conditions

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1. Early runoff in Snake Headwaters. Decent streamflow response last week. Closely monitoring Jackson Lake, but no FRM releases planned – **Low flood risk for Jackson, No flood risk for Heise-Roberts levees**
2. No snowpack in Willow Basin. No FRM releases from Ririe this season – **No flood risk**
3. Little Wood Dam had brief FRM releases during final fill. – **No flood risk**



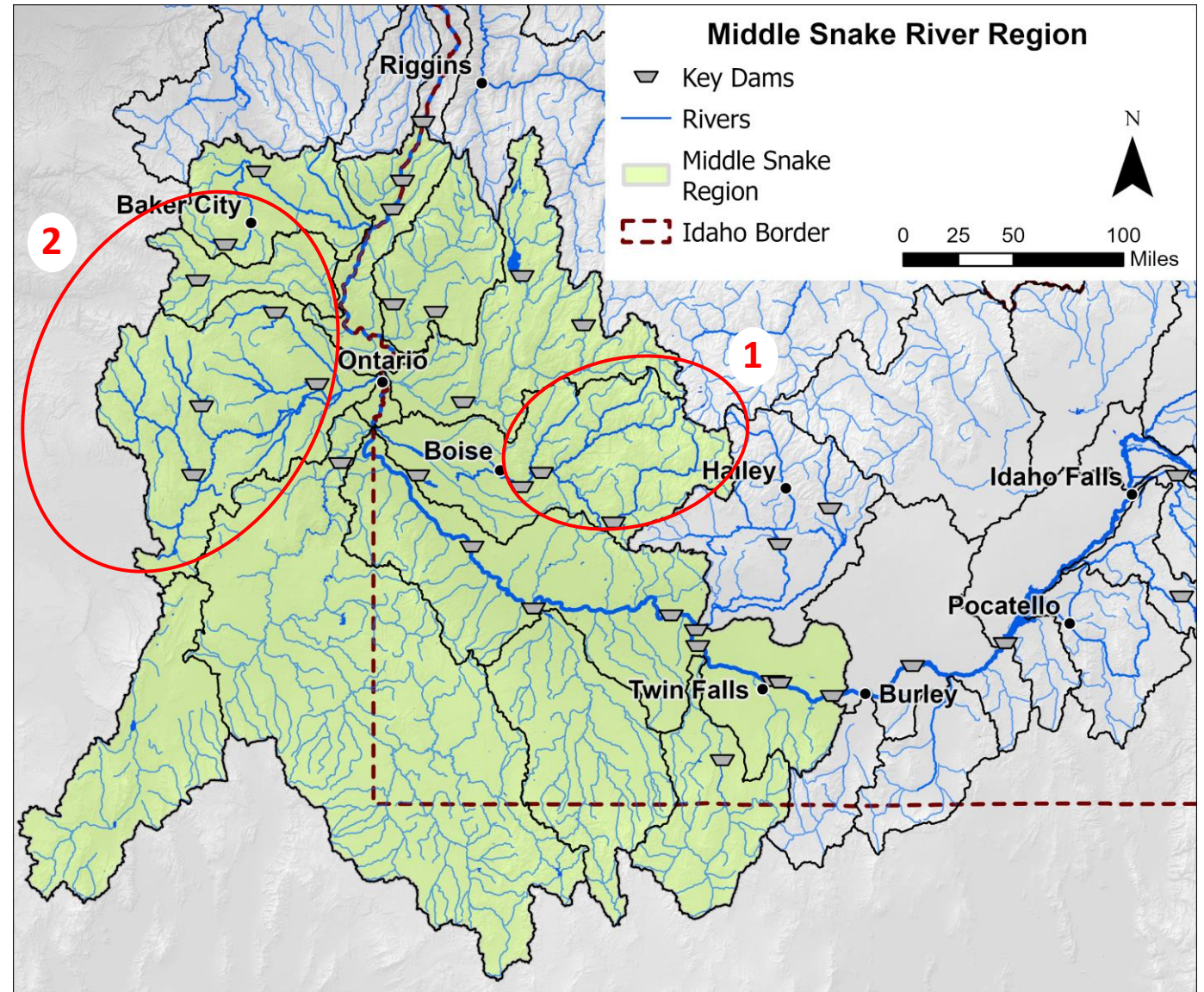


Middle Snake Current Conditions

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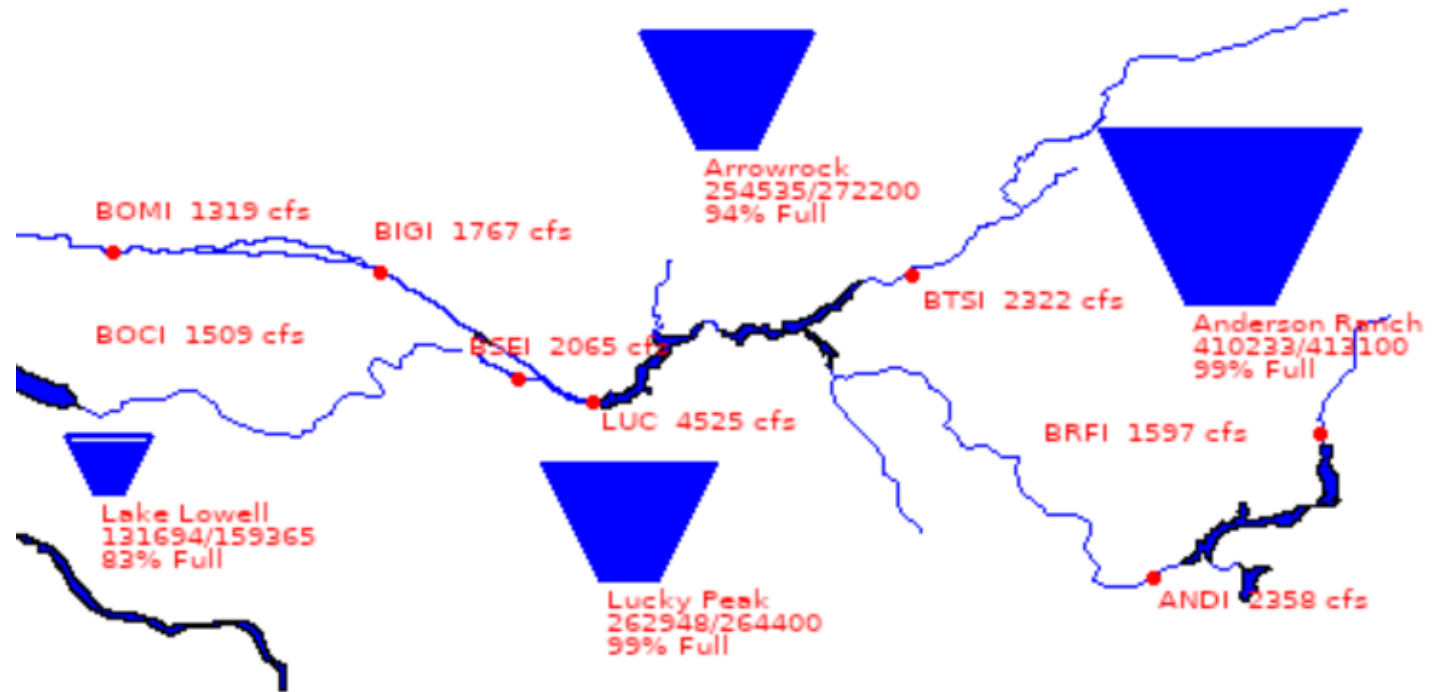
1. Boise System early runoff, brief FRM in April, more information on coming slide – **Low flood risk**
2. No snowpack in Eastern Oregon. No FRM releases this season. Bully Creek Drought Contingency Plan Activated to maximize refill - **No flood risk**





Middle Snake – Boise System

- **Low Flood Risk**
- FRM releases 15 April – 27 April to manage the lower system. No additional FRM anticipated this season
- Peak natural inflow to the system: 7,300 cfs on 14 May
- System at 98% of capacity, currently passing inflow
- Arrowrock Dam managing remaining system space, ideal for final fill



DATE	DATE – JUL RUNOFF VOLUME FORECAST
JANUARY 1	1,500 KAF / 96% Avg
FEBRUARY 1	1,150 KAF / 76% Avg
MARCH 1	875 KAF / 62% Avg
APRIL 1	625 KAF / 51% Avg
MAY 1	450 KAF / 49% Avg



Lower Snake Current Conditions

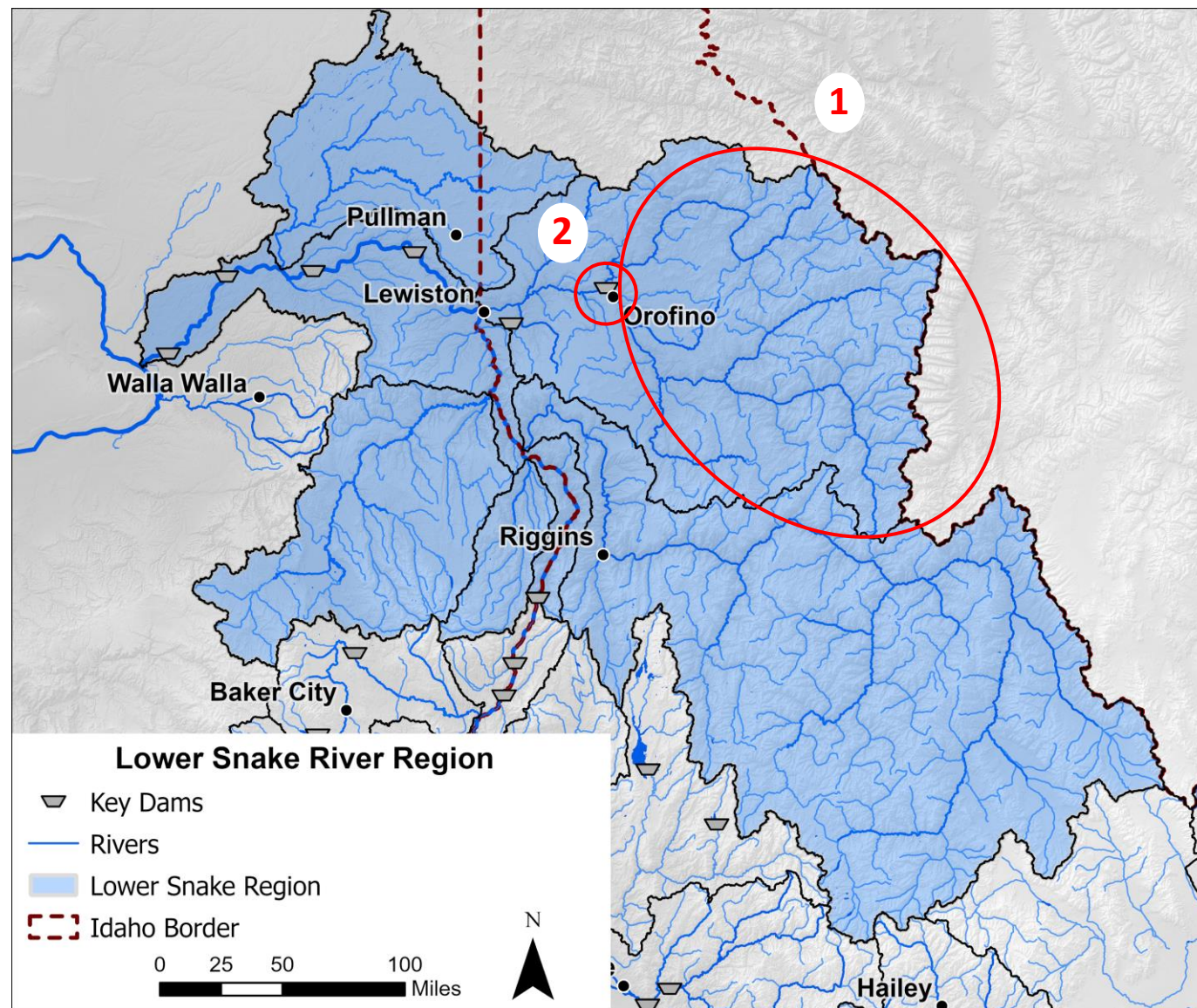
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1. Below-average snowpack in the Clearwater Basin. **Low flood risk**
2. Dworshak refilling, moving down to minimum releases this week

Operating for 10 feet from full around Memorial Day. Aiming to fill by mid-June.

Dworshak official monthly Apr-Jul runoff volume forecast:
1,912 KAF // 77% of average

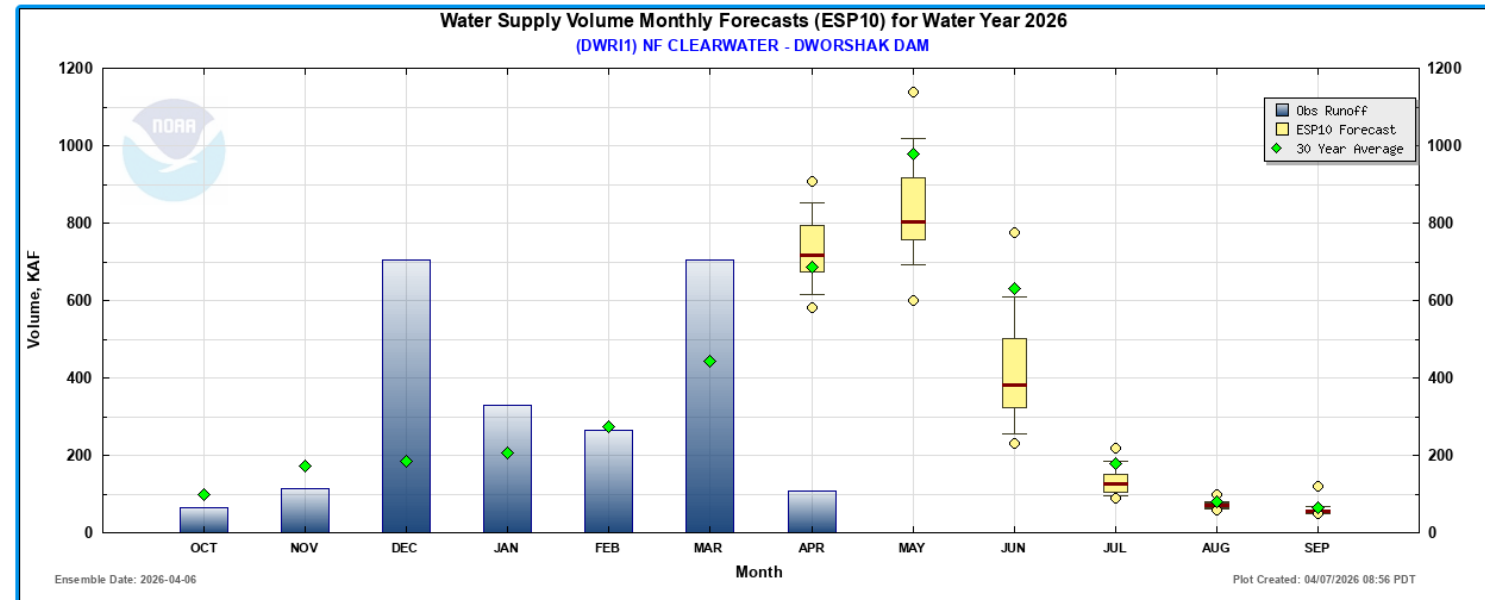




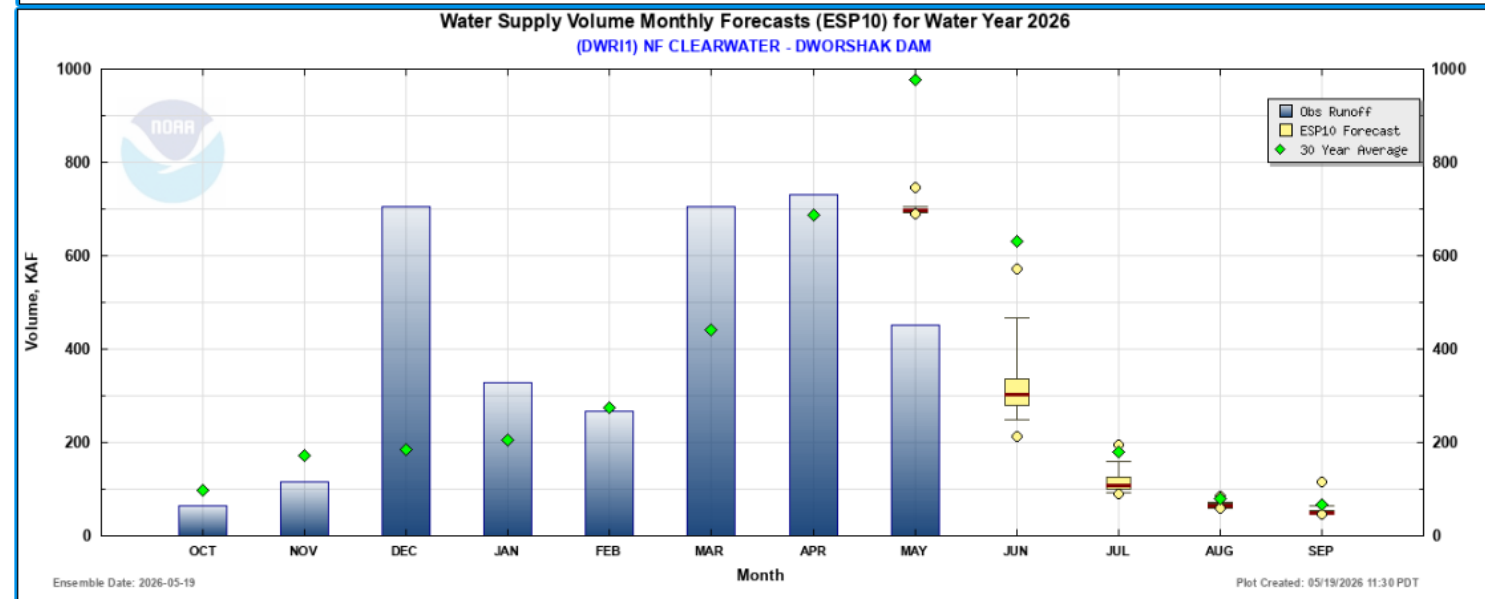
Dworshak Runoff Distribution



NWRFC ESP10
Forecast – 7 April



NWRFC ESP10
Forecast – 19 May



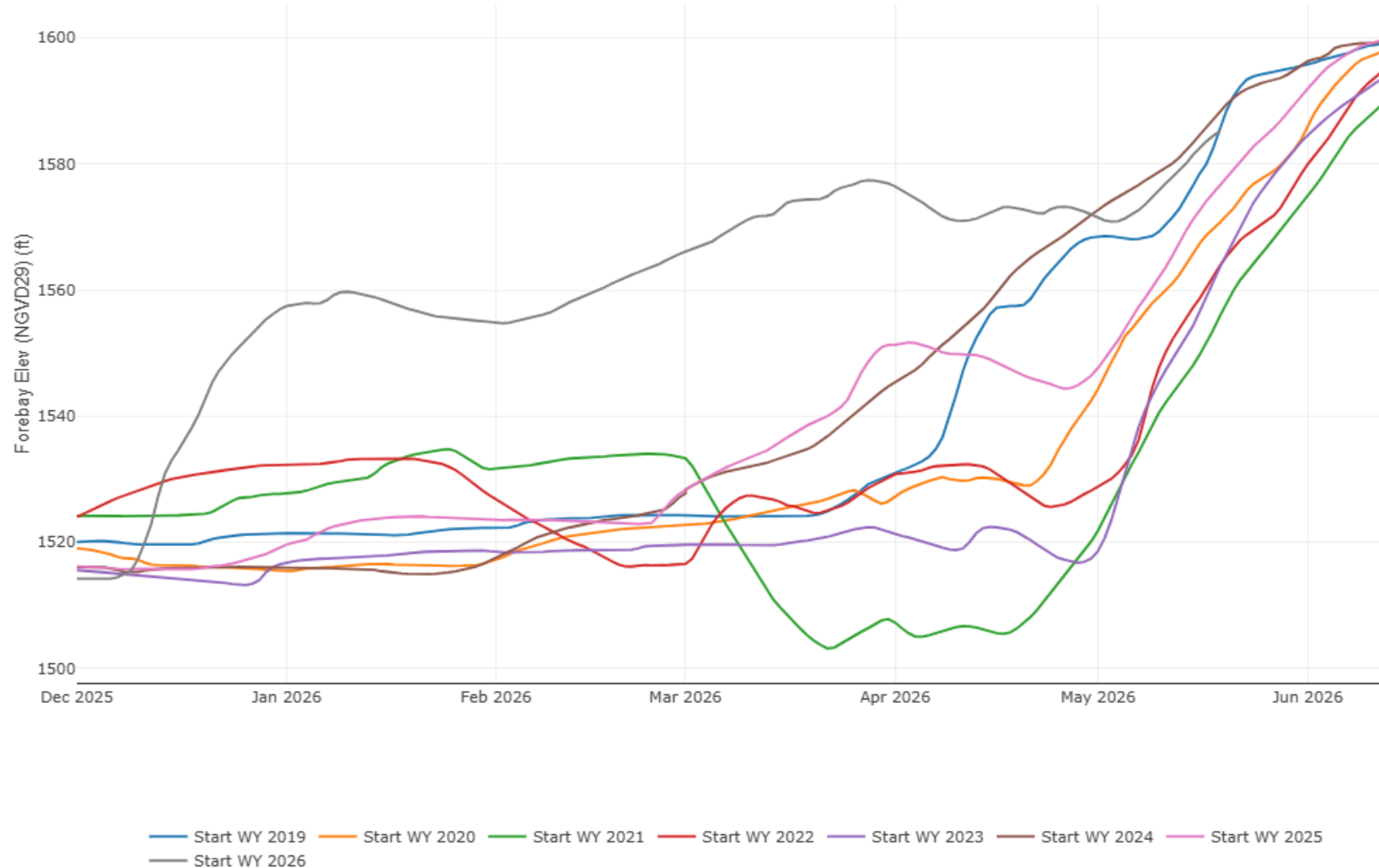


Dworshak Reservoir Elevations – WY19-WY26



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DWR.Elev-Forebay.Ave.~1Day.1Day.CBT-REV





USACE Communications



- Public Engagements
 - Routine (i.e. IDWR Water Supply Meetings, Columbia River Basin Technical Management Team Calls)
 - Ad-Hoc
- Basin Email Updates
 - Jackson Levees – Feb-Jul
 - Boise System – Year-round
 - Dworshak Dam/Lower Snake – Year-round
- USACE News Releases
 - www.nww.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Releases/

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