

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Water Supply Committee

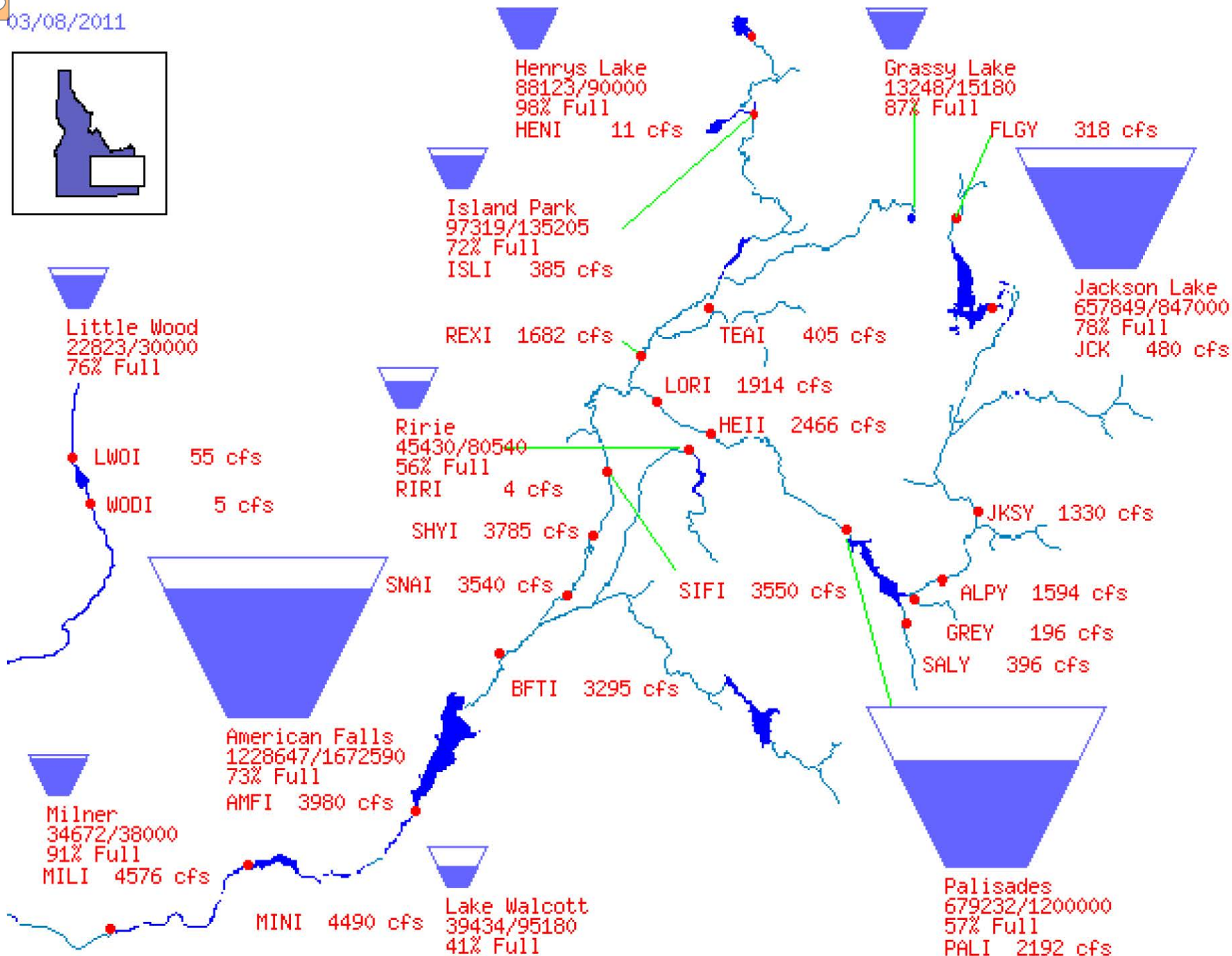
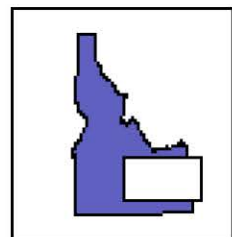
March 10, 2011

Mike Beus

Upper Snake Field Office

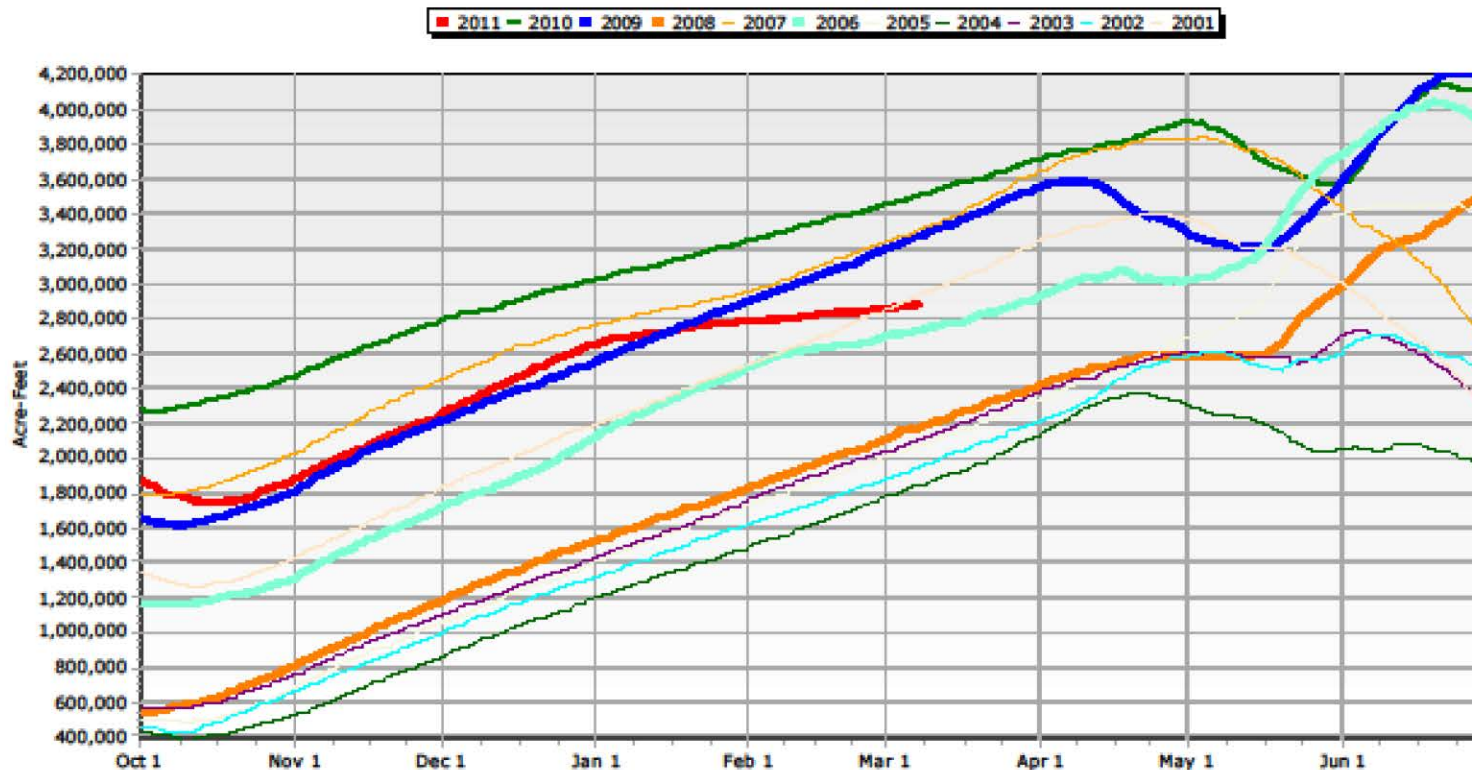


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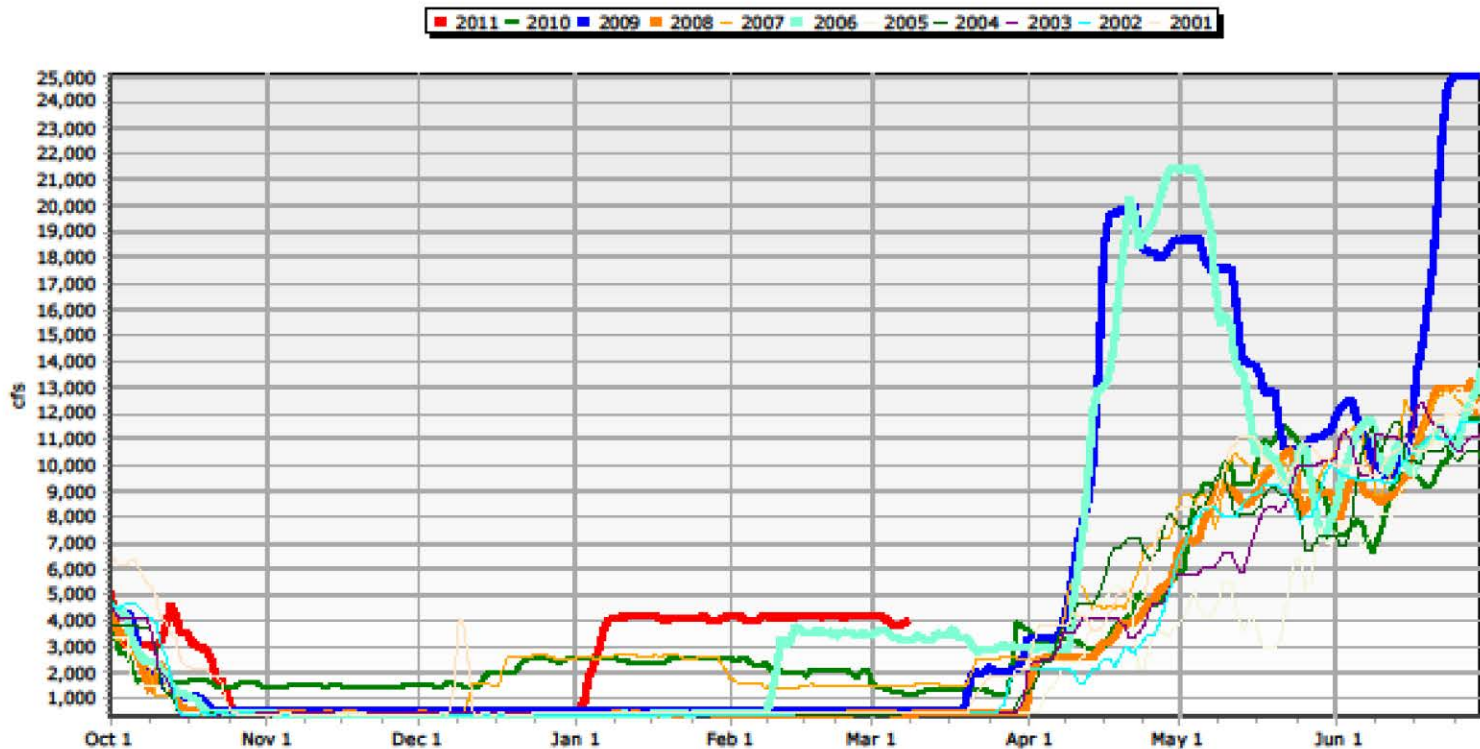




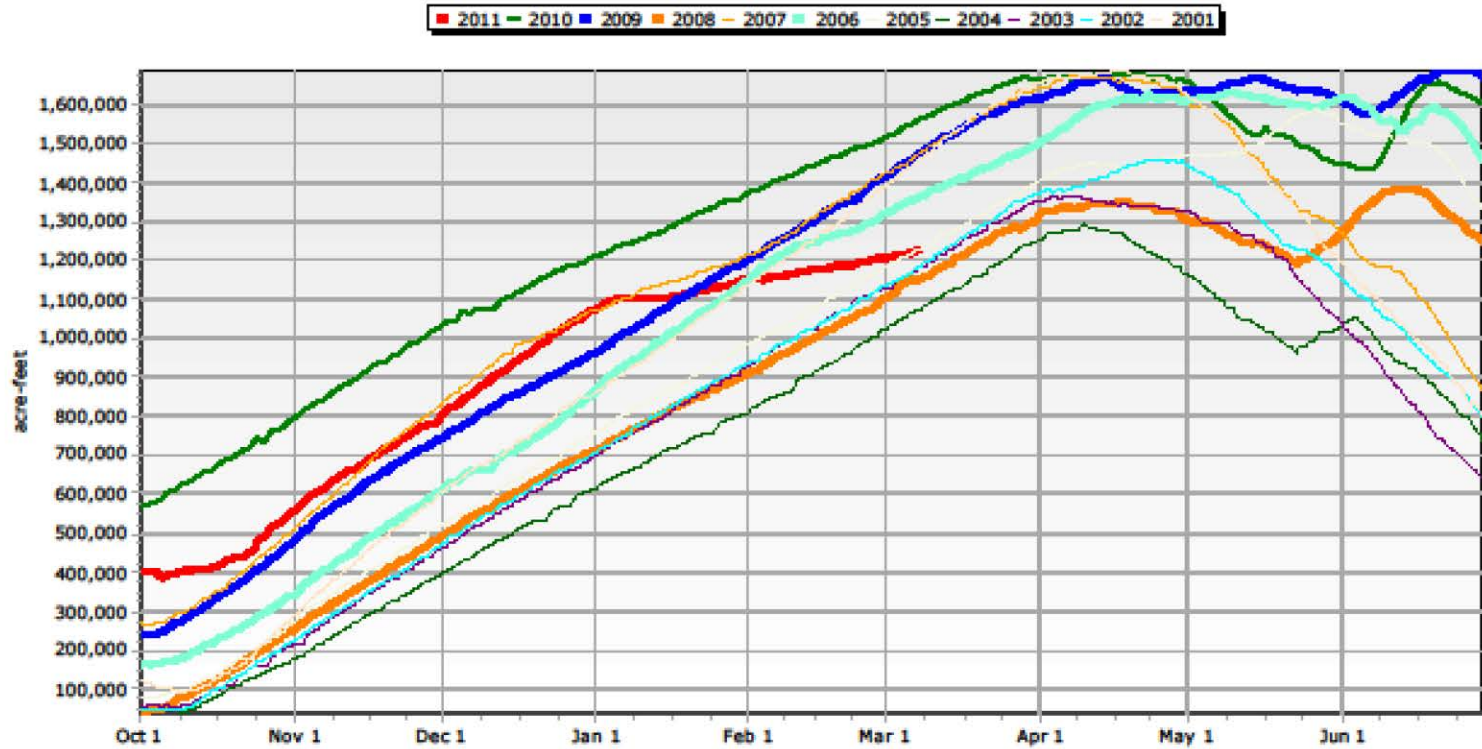
Total Upper Snake River Storage



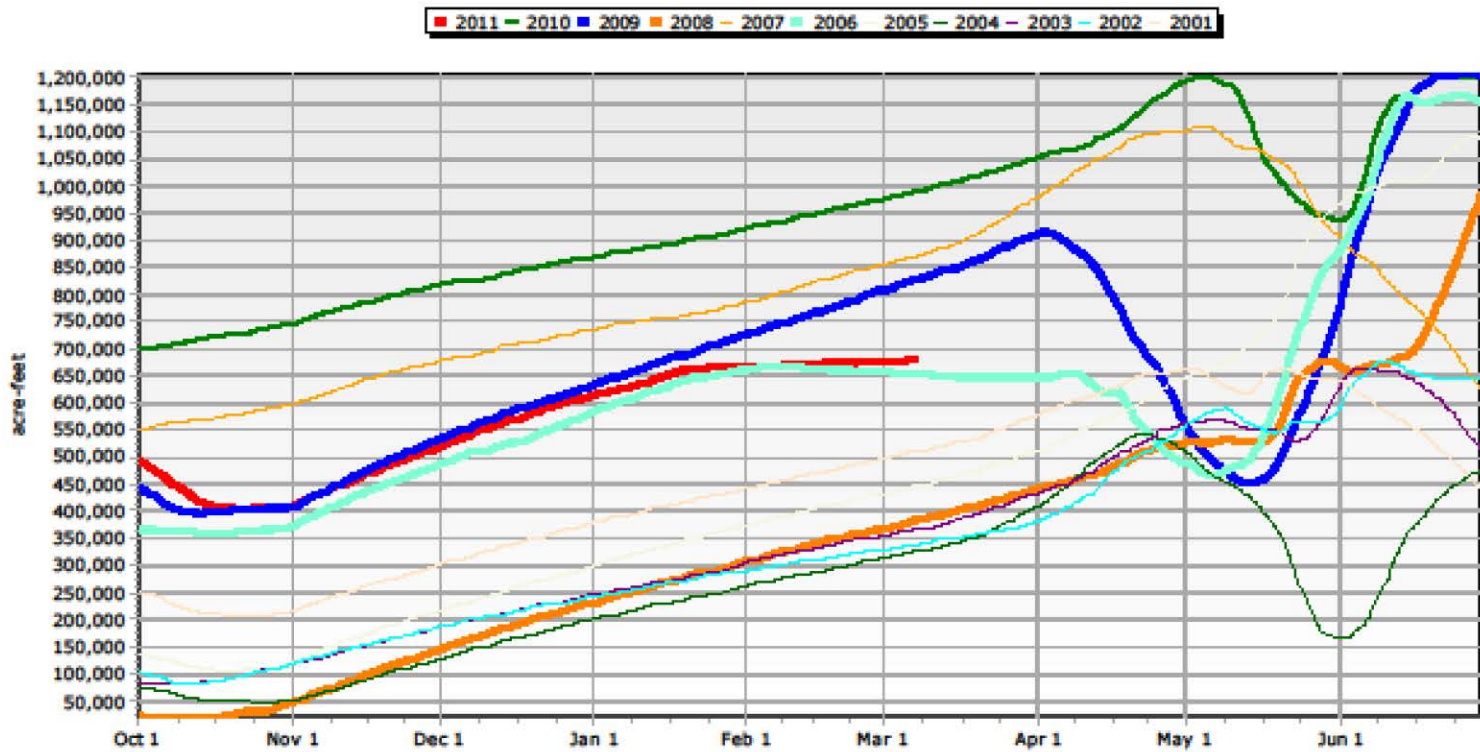
Snake River at Neeley, ID Elevation:4242.000



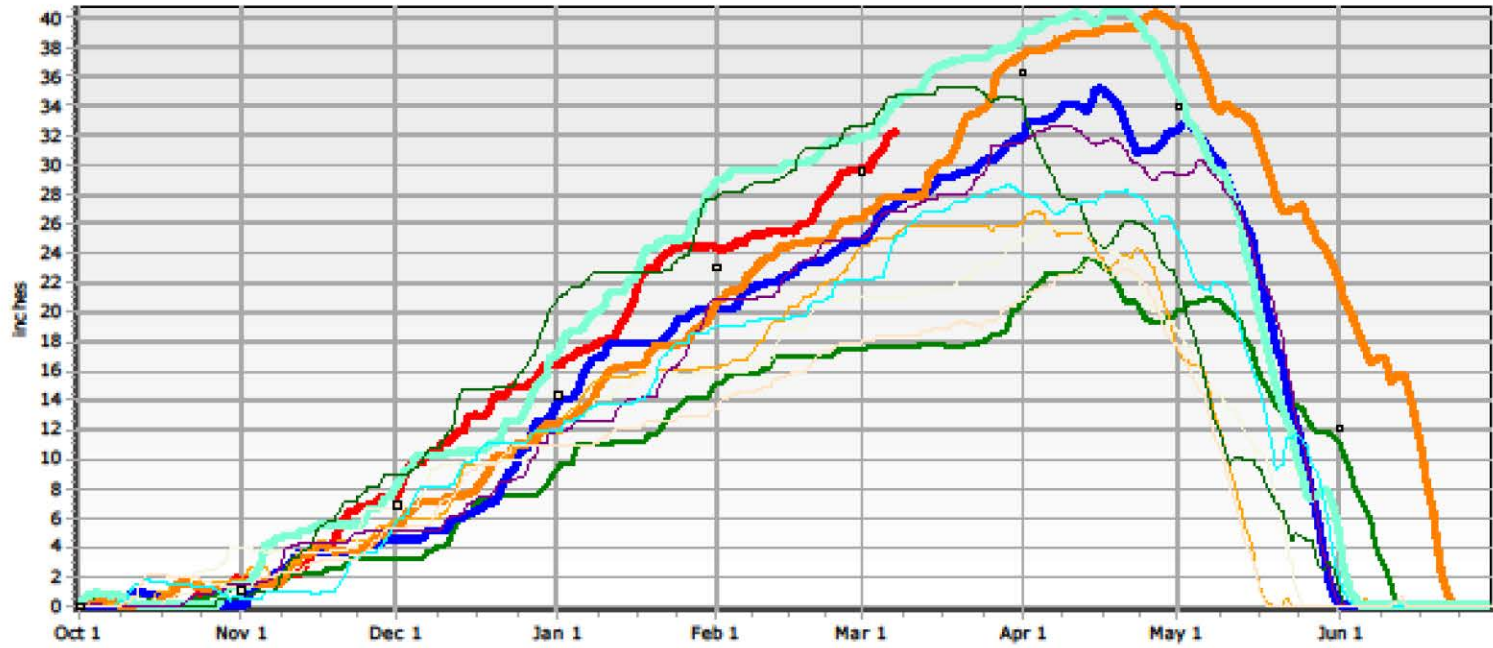
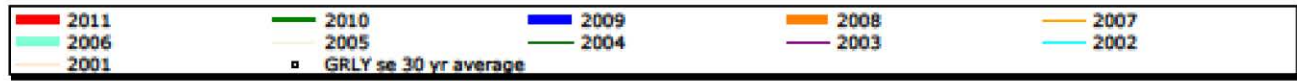
American Falls Reservoir at American Falls, ID Elevation:4370.000



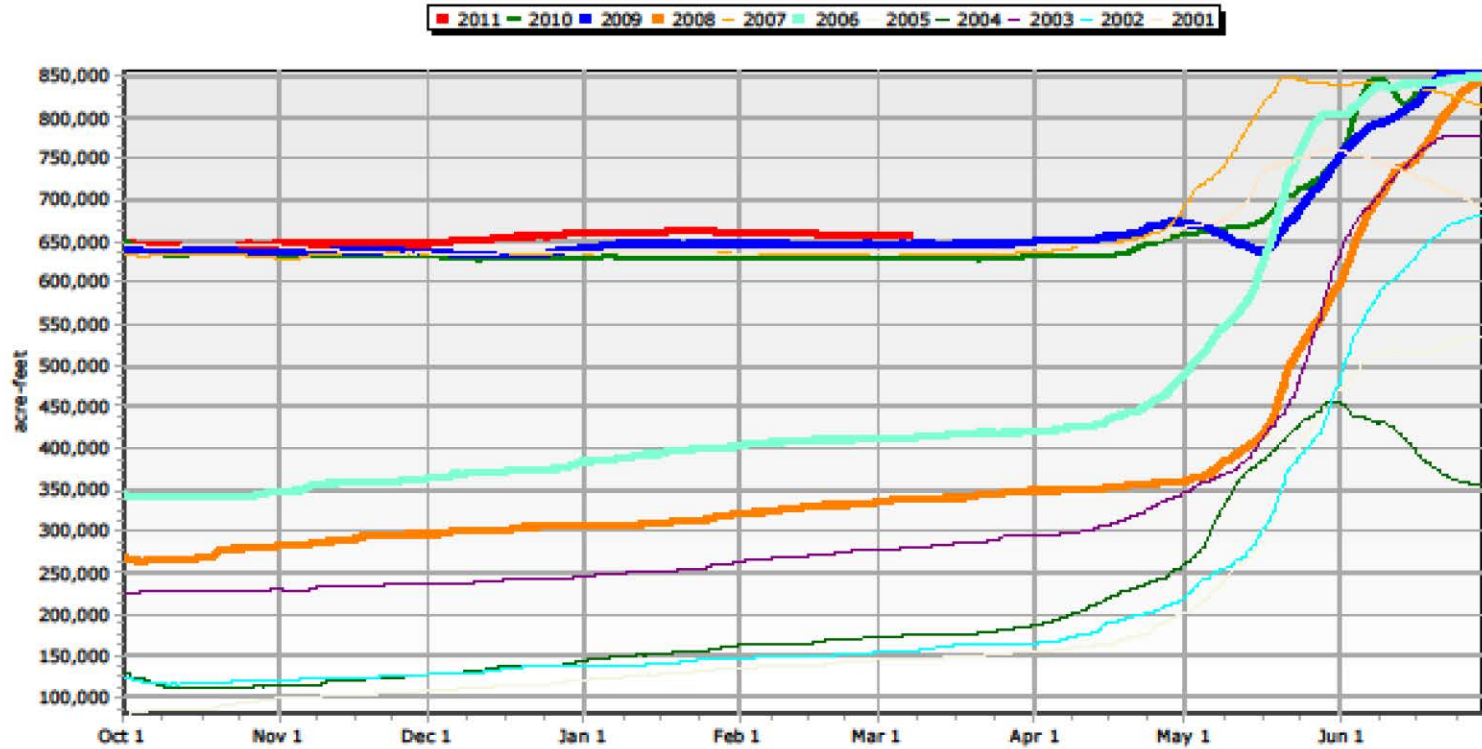
Palisades Reservoir near Irwin, ID Elevation:5353.000



GRASSY LAKE Elevation:7265.000



Jackson Lake at Dam on Snake River near Moran, WY Elevation: 6789.000

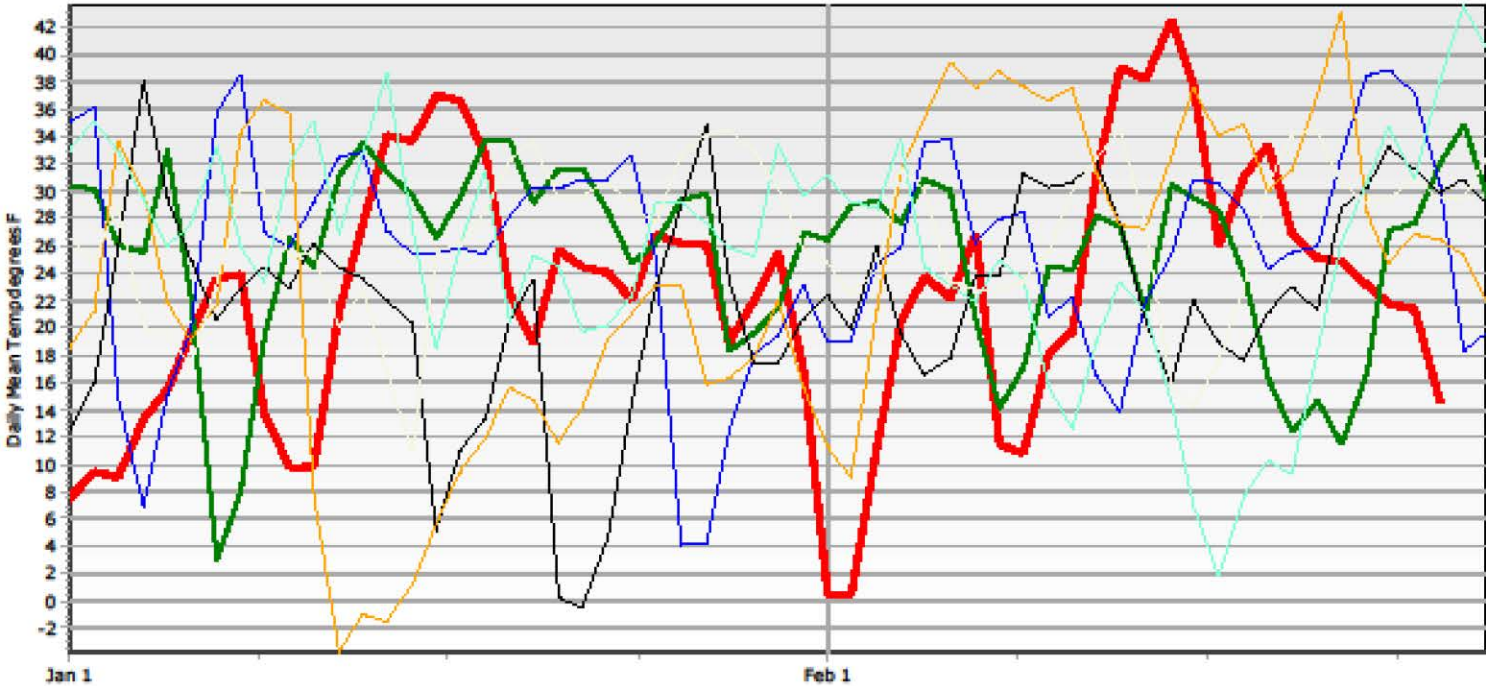


Summary

- **Snow Water Equivalent is Highest Since 2006**
- **Reservoir Storage is Very Good**
 - American Falls is 8 Feet from Full
 - Palisades is Above Level of Anticipated Flood Control
 - Jackson Lake is Slightly Above Flood Criteria
- **If Ice Thaws as Expected**
 - Fill Lake Walcott Starting March 21
 - Will Take About 7 Days
 - Then, ???
- **Expect Palisades Flow to Ramp to 10,000 cfs the Week of March 28**

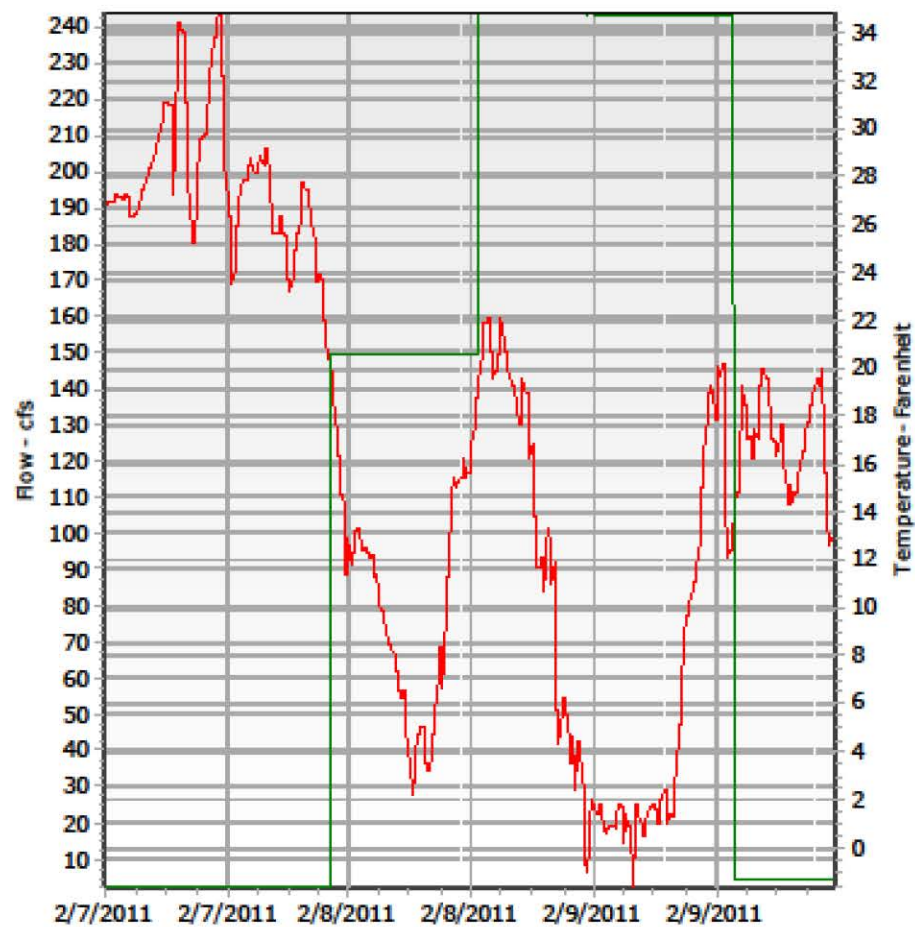
Ririe Dam Weather Station Elevation: 5119.000

2011 2010 2009 2008 2007 2006 2005



Ririe Dam, Idaho

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Tuesday, February 8

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Wednesday, February 9

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Summary of Ririe Operation

- **Corps of Engineers Letter, January 4, 2011**
 - Deficient Space Relative to Section 7 Criteria
- **Reclamation Chose to Wait Until February**
- **Planning/Scheduling Completed February 3**
- **Next time:**
 - Wait for Warmer Weather
 - Contingencies for Changing Weather Forecasts