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Rain on Snow up to 7,000 - 8,000 feet in Clearwater Basin above Dworshak Reservoir Jan 26, 2015

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Westwide SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal



SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) Records



NOTE: Until further notice, record calculations are based on period of record through water year 2012; water years 2013 and 2014 are not analyzed.

> Current Snow Water (SWE) Equivalent Records

- New High
- 💠 Near High
- Non-Record
 New Low
- Near Low
- snow free

Analysis includes sites with more than 20 years of historical data. "Near" record means that one other year of the period of record is more extreme.



Westwide SNOTEL Water Year (Oct 1) to Date Precipitation % of Normal



SNOTEL Water Year (Oct 1) to Date Precipitation Records



Idaho SNOTEL Water Year (Oct 1) to Date Precipitation % of Normal







Total Precipitation Anomaly: 01 February 2015 - 10 February 2015

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Feb 1 – 13 Precipitation	1
as % of Feb Monthly Tot	al
Panhandle	121%
Spokane & Clearwater	74%
Salmon & Weiser	82%
Payette, Boise Big Wood	93%
Little Wood & Big Lost	90%
Little Lost & Birch	67%
Mud Lake & Henrys Fork	45%
Snake abv Palisades	62%
Raft & Goose	70%
Willow, Blackfoot & Portneu	f 49%
Bear	55%
Salmon Falls & Owyhee	47%
Bruneau	22%

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SNOTEL Yesterday's Minimum Temperature Records



SNOTEL Yesterday's Maximum Temperature Records













Feb 1 Panhandle Snowpack varies with elevation, many snow courses in the lower 10%ile

Feb 1 CDA Snow Index (Lookout & Mosquito Ridge) shows the 26.1" which is lowest since 2005 & 5th lowest since record starts in 1961.

6.6 " of SWE at Benton Springs Snow Course, 4,920 feet, in Priest River is 5th lowest since record starts in 1937 Lowest years: 1977 2005 1942 1981 1979 1976 and 2015

SWE as of Feb 13

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SF Salmon

Salmon Basin

106%



Salmon Basin 2015 Snow Water with Non-Exceedence Projections (22 sites)

Based on Provisional SNOTEL data as of Feb 11, 2015











Idaho Surface Water Supply Index February 1, 2015

Г				Agricultural Water
			Most Recent Year	Supply Shortage May
		SWSI	With Similar SWSI	Occur When SWSI is
	BASIN or REGION	Value	Value	Less Than
Based on 2014 SWSI tables	Northern Panhandle	Not Available		
	Spokane	-1.8	1995	NA
	Clearwater	1.3	2006	NA
	Salmon	2.3	2009	NA
	Weiser	-1.6	2004	NA
	Payette	-0.9	2000	NA
	Boise	0.7	2008	-1.5
	Big Wood	<mark>-0.2</mark>	<mark>2010</mark>	<mark>0.6</mark>
	Little Wood	-0.2	2010	-1.3
	Big Lost	<mark>-0.2</mark>	<mark>2008</mark>	<mark>0.6</mark>
	Little Lost	<mark>-0.5</mark>	<mark>2008</mark>	<mark>1.3</mark>
	Teton	0.2	2010	-3.9
	Henrys Fork	-0.8	2010	-3.2
	Snake (Heise)	1.6	2006	-1.5
	<mark>Oakley</mark>	<mark>-0.2</mark>	<mark>2000</mark>	<mark>0.4</mark>
	<mark>Salmon Falls</mark>	<mark>-1.0</mark>	<mark>2008</mark>	<mark>-0.8</mark>
	Bruneau	0.0	2008	NA
	<mark>Owyhee</mark>	<mark>-3.3</mark>	<mark>2013</mark>	<mark>-3.2</mark>
	Bear River	-0.5	2014	-3.7

SWSI SCALE, PERCENT CHANCE OF EXCEEDANCE, AND INTERPRETATION















Salmon Falls Basin 2015 Snowpack Comparison Graph (5 sites)

Based on Provisional SNOTEL data as of Feb 11, 2015













Trinity and the road to Trinity Mountain SNOTEL site Feb 11, 2015

Questions?

Thanks For Fixing the Snow Reader! appreciate Wark! JOW

