

USACE NWW January Flood Risk Outlook

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Sun Valley – Boise/Little Wood Snow Flight
May 2025



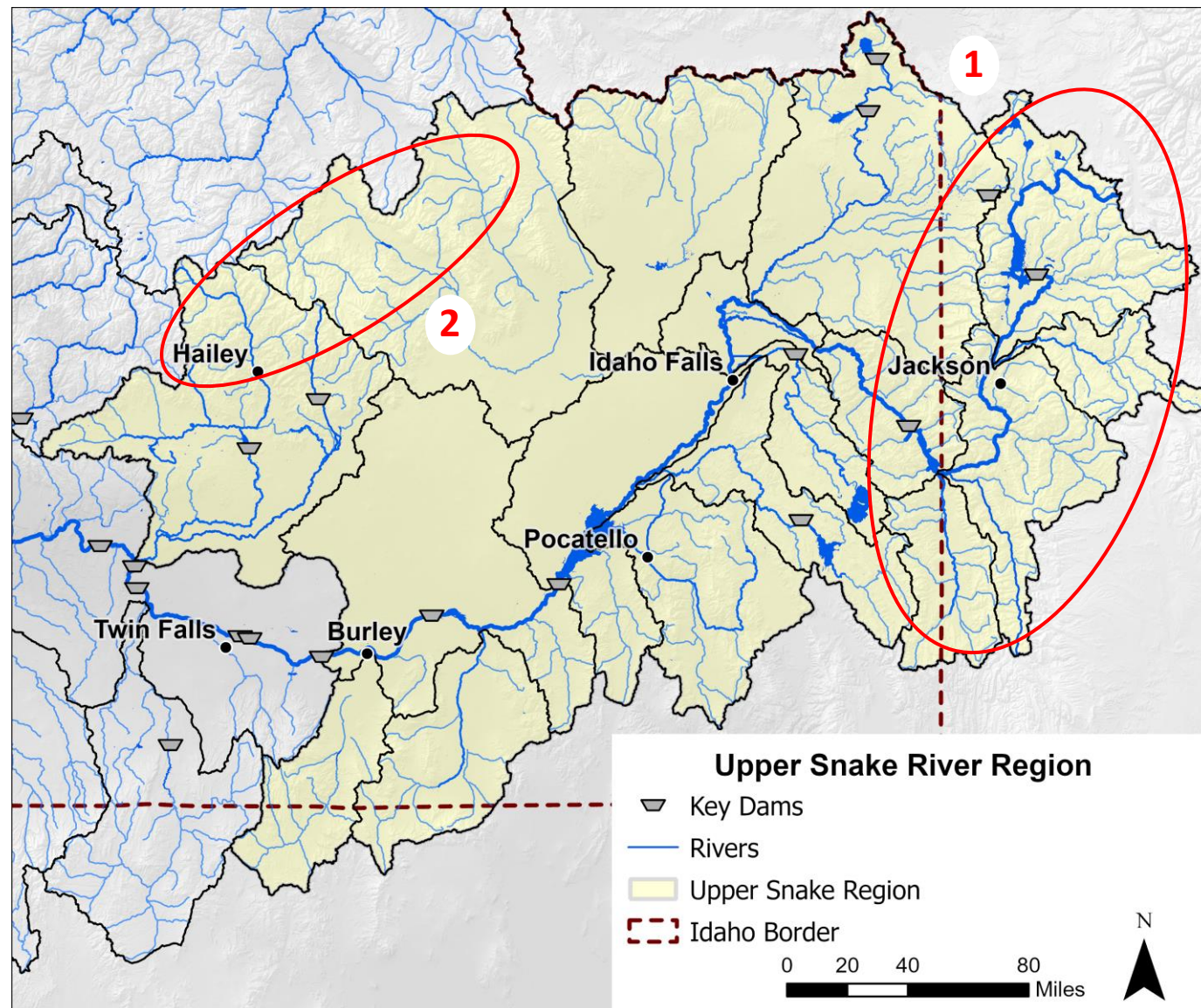
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Upper Snake Current Conditions



1. Normal snowpack in Snake Headwaters – **Low flood risk for Jackson, Heise-Roberts levees**
2. Above-average snowpack in Wood, Lost Basins – **Average flood risk**



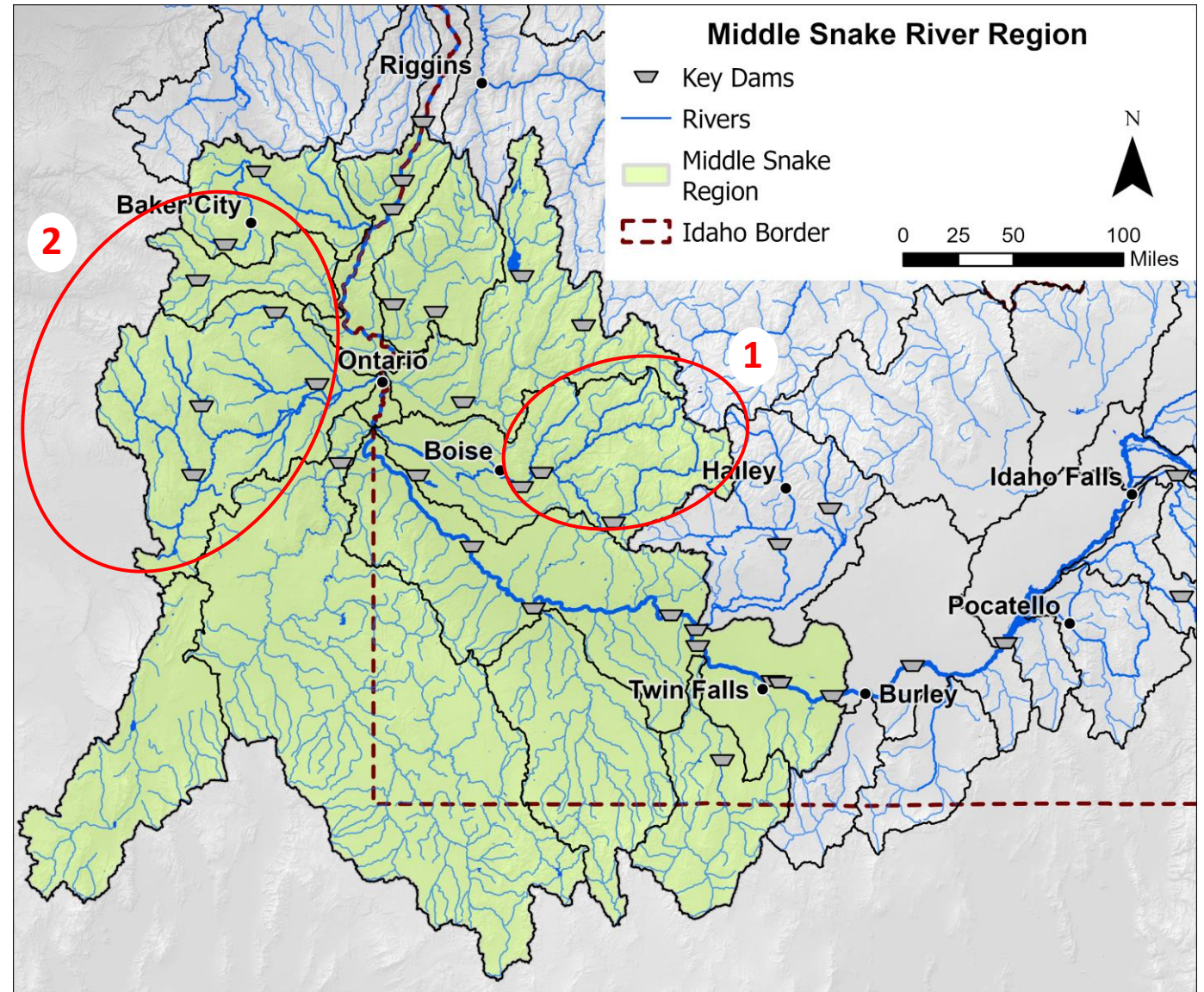


Middle Snake Current Conditions

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1. Boise System below-average snowpack, sufficient reservoir space, although filling quickly. More information on coming slides – **Low flood risk**
2. Very low snowpack in Eastern Oregon - **Low flood risk**



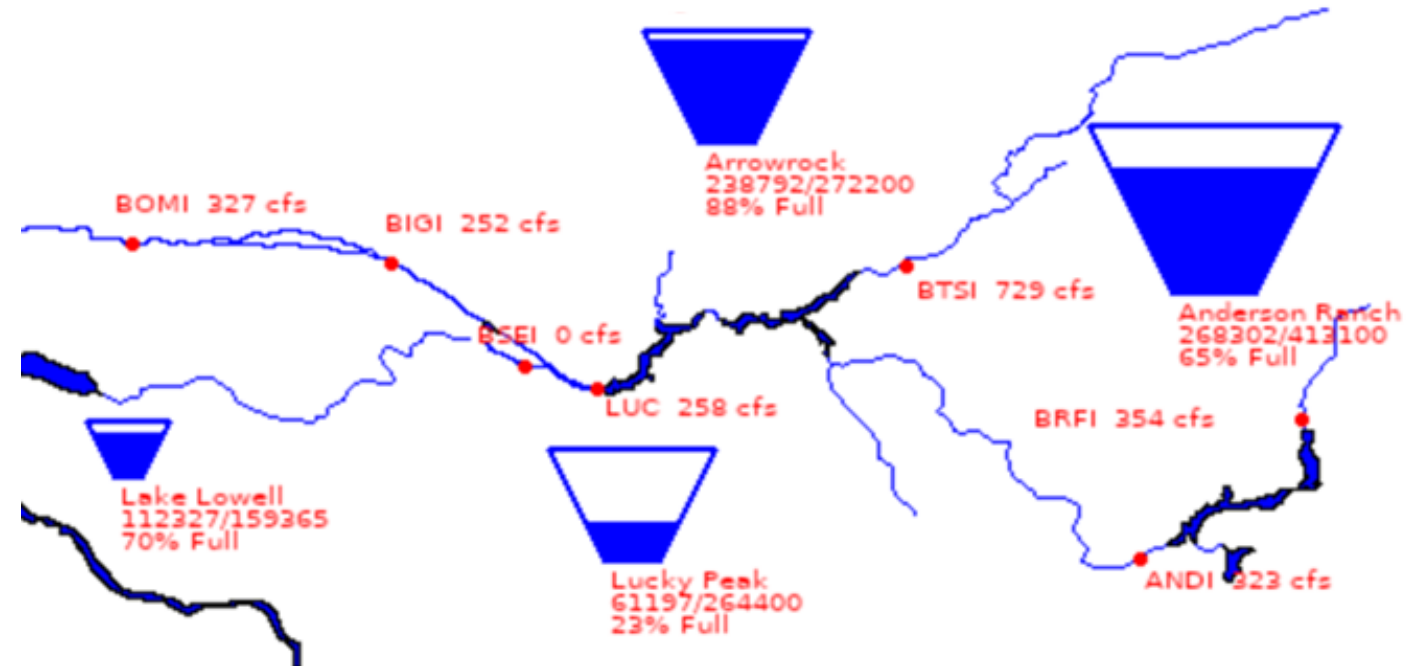


Middle Snake – Boise System



- High likelihood of flood risk management releases on the Boise River this upcoming spring
- Above-average natural flows into the reservoirs since mid-December

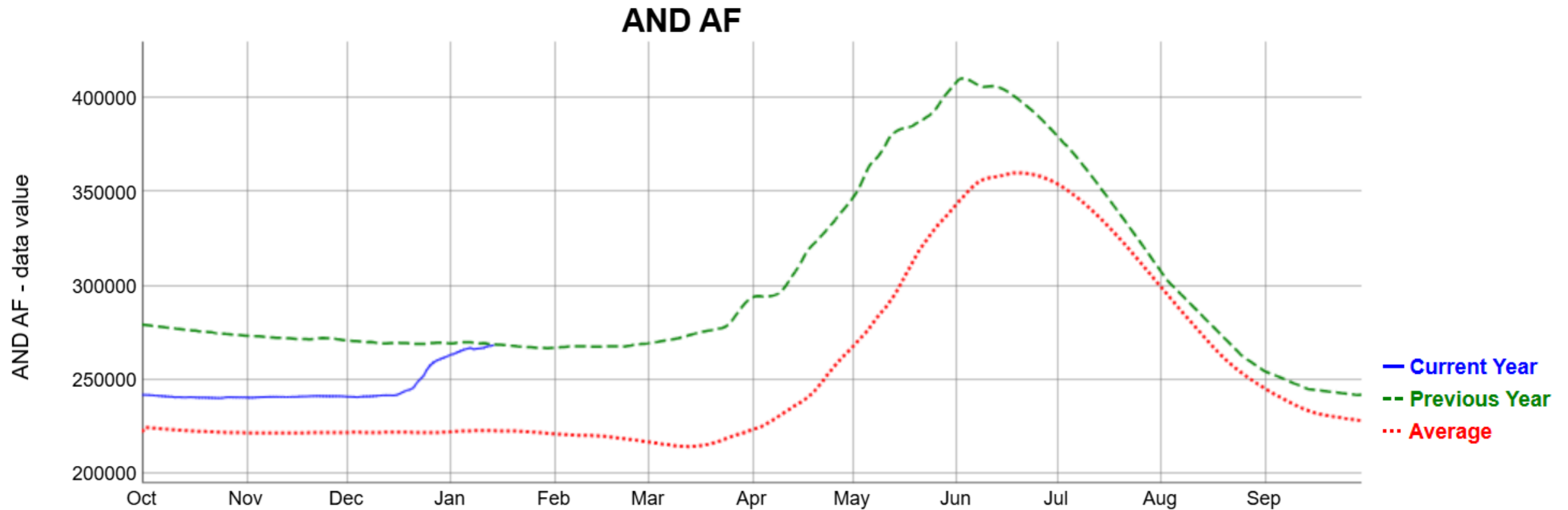
DATE	DATE – JUL RUNOFF VOLUME FORECAST
JANUARY 1	1,500 KAF / 96% Avg
FEBRUARY 1	--
MARCH 1	--
APRIL 1	--
MAY 1	--





Boise System - Anderson Ranch Dam

- Continuing to fill
- No short-term plans to increase releases from Anderson Ranch Dam

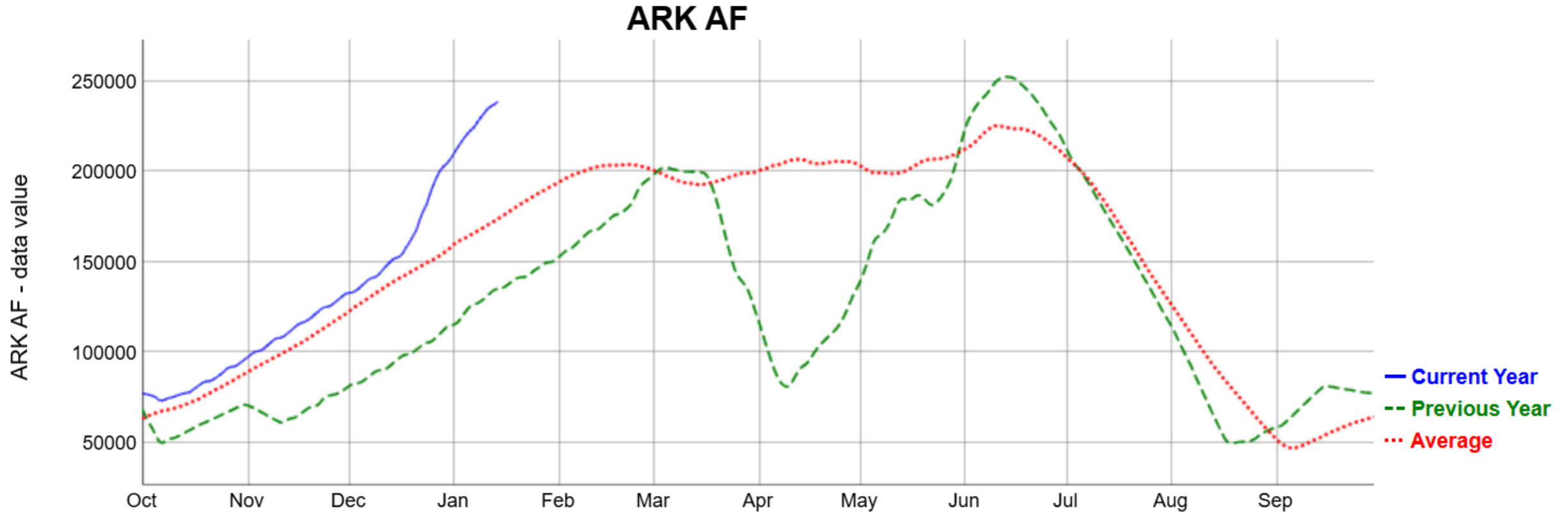




Boise System – Arrowrock Dam



- Filling quickly, nearing its reservoir capacity (272,200 AF)
- Scheduled to increase releases into Lucky Peak starting Tuesday, 20 Jan

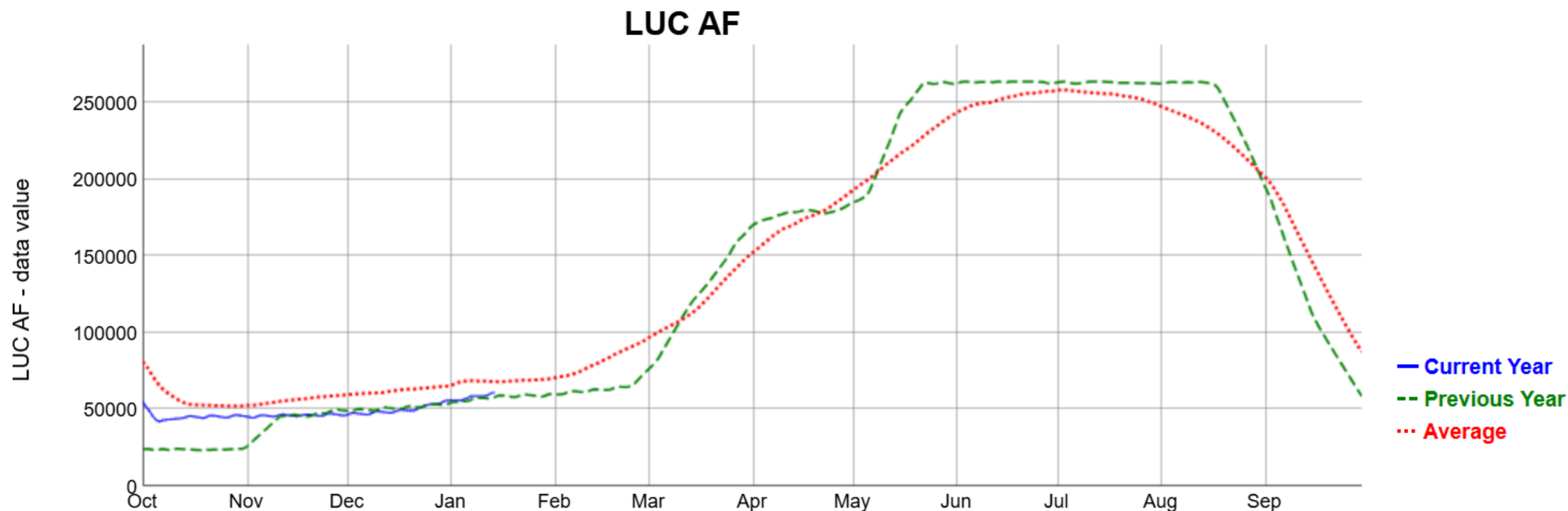




Boise System – Lucky Peak Dam



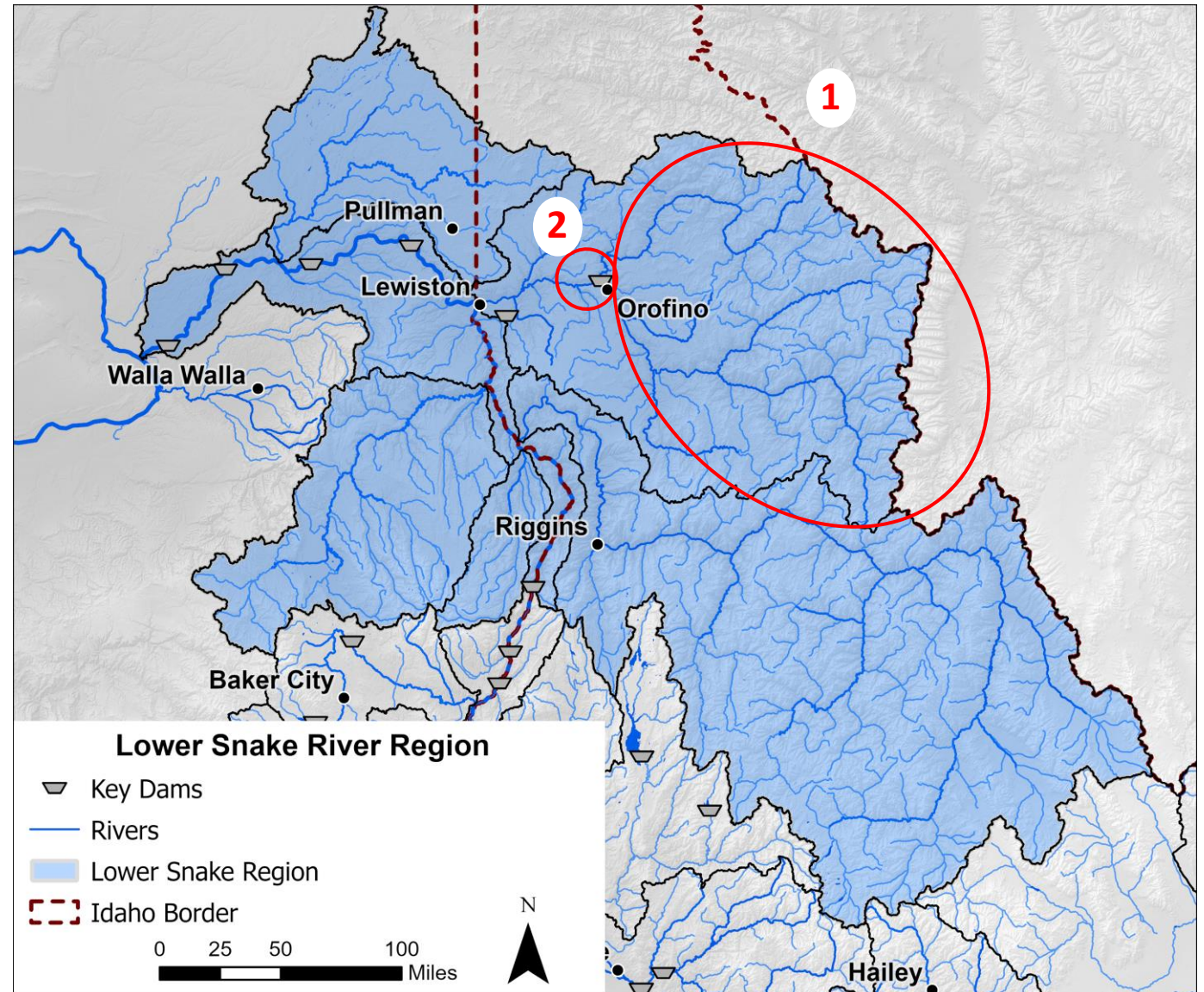
- Will begin to fill at a faster rate due to Arrowrock Dam releases
- Not anticipating conflicts with in-system winter space requirements
- No increases to Lucky Peak releases planned at this time



Lower Snake Current Conditions

1. Below-average snowpack in the Clearwater Basin, but high winter natural flows – **Average flood risk**
2. Dworshak official Apr-Jul runoff volume forecast: 1,963 KAF // 79% of average

Dworshak reservoir currently 30 feet higher than normal, making releases to manage its flood risk management target elevations. (Releases of 6-8 kcfs through the rest of January)





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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