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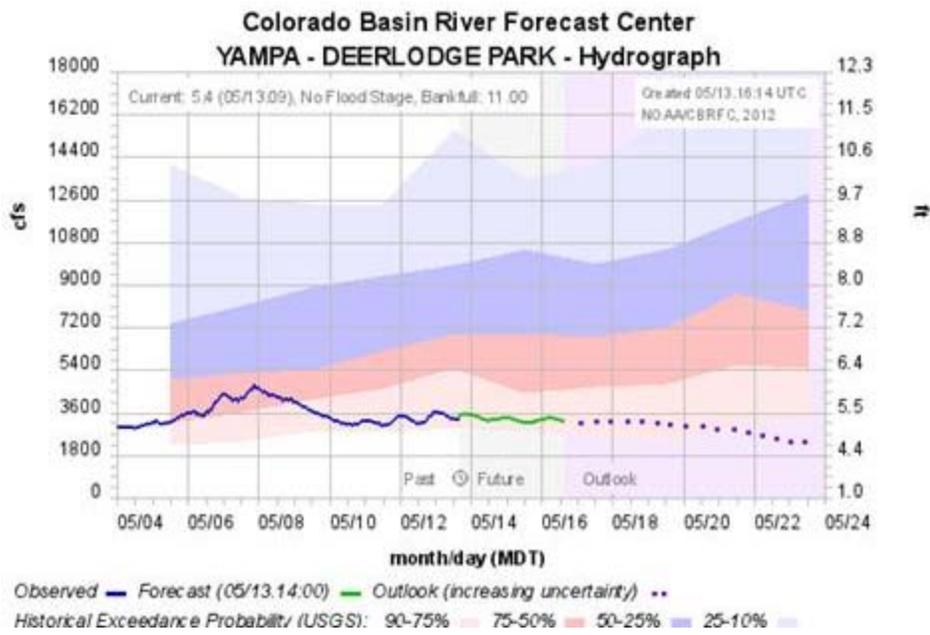
Please extend a warm Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in your life. Flaming Gorge is releasing an average daily flow of 1,600 cubic feet per second (cfs). The Colorado Basin River Forecast Center (RFC) forecast tightened up. There is a 90% chance that flows on the Yampa River at Deerlodge will be at or below 3,900 cfs next week. There is at least a 50% chance that flows will be between 4,000 and 4,200 cfs next week with flows decreasing the week of May 18th.

Biologists sampling on the Green River have not reported any larval presence; however, next week is the earliest prediction of larval presence. Reclamation continues to coordinate with them and will notify the public once larval presence has been reported. Reclamation anticipates at least 2 days notification in the event larval presence is reported and Flaming Gorge releases are increased.

If larval presence occurs before the predicted increase in Yampa River flows, there may still be an opportunity during the week of May 14th to increase Flaming Gorge releases somewhere between the combined capacity of powerplant and bypass tubes. The purpose of the increased releases would entrain larval fish and meet the experimental flow target for one to six days above 8,300 cfs measured at the Green River at Jensen, Utah. The possibility exists that the necessary conditions to meet the experimental flow targets on the Green River at Jensen during larval presence may not occur this year and the spring peak for 2012 is 7,080 cfs on April 29th.

Current projections for the average daily release from Flaming Gorge for the period between June and September 30, 2012, range between 1,300 cfs and 1,500 cfs. Average daily releases are anticipated to decrease beginning October 1 anywhere between 800 cfs to 1,100 cfs depending on current and forecasted river conditions at that time. Projected releases are provisional and subject to change.

[CBRFC Yampa River at Deerlodge 10-Day Forecast](#)



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