

Flaming Gorge Update - May 15, 2012

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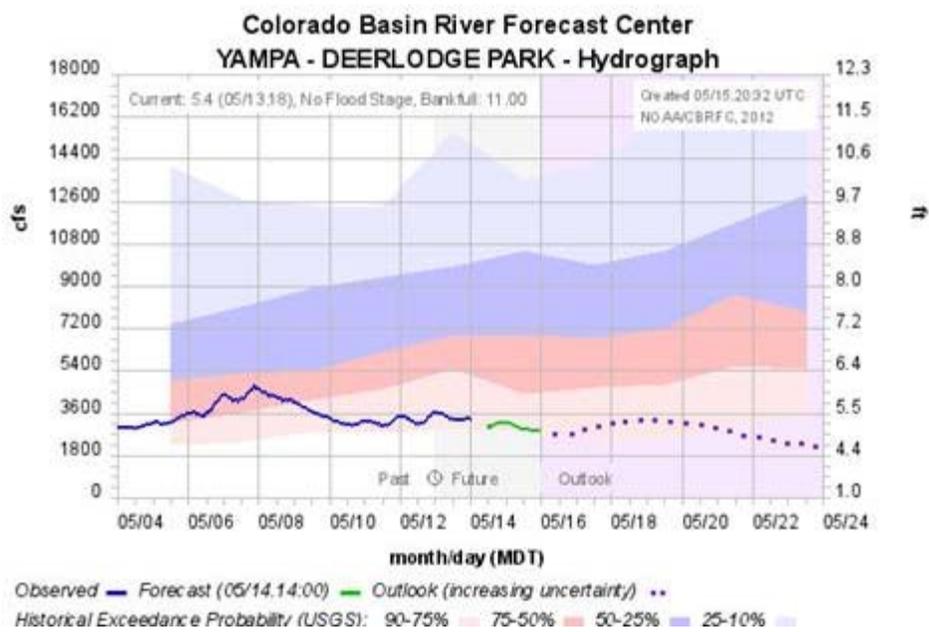
Flaming Gorge is releasing an average daily flow of 1,600 cubic feet per second (cfs). The Colorado Basin River Forecast Center (RFC) forecast has decreased with current forecasted flows on the Yampa River at Deerlodge, CO between 2,800 and 3,500 cfs this weekend.

Biologists are engaged in river sampling daily, but have not detected larval presence this year. The earliest dates of larval presence in dry years has been between May 15 and May 21. Reclamation anticipates at least 2 days notification in the event larval presence is reported and Flaming Gorge releases are increased.

Once larval presence has been detected, Reclamation will determine if releases from Flaming Gorge Dam combined with Yampa River flows below the confluence with the Green 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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