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Hello:

Flaming Gorge Dam is currently releasing an average daily release of 2,200 cfs. The February forecast for unregulated inflow into Flaming Gorge for the April-July period is continuing to decrease and is currently at 70% of average. Dry conditions are forecasted this spring. The remainder of February falls within the winter period base flow classification outlined in the 2006 Record of Decision, while March and April are transition months. The base flow classification period limits the daily change to 3% per day and those restrictions end during the transition period. Therefore, beginning February 15, 2016, Flaming Gorge Dam will begin decreasing from 2,200 cfs to minimum releases of 800 cfs according to the attached schedule.

It is anticipated that releases will remain at 800 cfs until the beginning of spring runoff sometime in May or June. Base flow releases are subject to observed hydrology and all projections may change.

The Flaming Gorge Working Group is an open public forum for information exchange between Reclamation and the stakeholders of Flaming Gorge Dam. The public is encouraged to attend and comment on the operations and plans presented by Reclamation at these meetings. Meeting notes from past Working Group meetings are posted on the Working Group webpage. For more information on this group and these meetings please contact Dale Hamilton at 801-379-1186 or Heather Patno at 801-524-3883.

Reclamation will be holding two Flaming Gorge Working Group meetings this year. The first meeting will be held on March 22, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in Green River, Utah at the Green River High School.

Reclamation will be holding the second Flaming Gorge Working Group meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources offices located at 318 North Vernal Avenue, Vernal, Utah.

Flaming Gorge information for the last forty days can be found here: : http://www.usbr.gov/uc/water/rsvrs/ops/crsp_40_fgd.html

Regards,

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