



BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Montana Area Office - Reservoir Operations

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Bighorn Basin Current Conditions

Boysen Dam

Elevation: 4710.2 feet 14.8 feet below full pool

Elevation Change Since October 1: 0.0 feet

Average Elevation (30 years): 4714.7 feet

Storage: 495,882 acre feet Percent of Average: 50% Percent Full: 67%

Inflow: 1,115 cfs

River Release: 400 cfs

Snow Water Equivalent: 0.2 inches Percent of Median: 58%

October Volume Inflow Forecast: 38.0 kaf; 67% of average

Buffalo Bill Dam

Elevation: 5359.2 feet 34.3 feet below full pool

Elevation Change Since October 1: -4.2 feet

Average elevation (30 years): 5365.4 feet

Storage: 394,763 acre feet Percent of Average: 40% Percent Full: 61%

Inflow: 970 cfs

River Release: 1,000 cfs Canal Release: 500 cfs

Snow Water Equivalent: 0.2 inches Percent of Median: 37%

October Volume Inflow Forecast: 23.4 kaf; 77% of average

Yellowtail Dam

Elevation: 3625.2 feet 14.8 feet below full pool

Elevation change since October 1: 0.9 feet

Average elevation (30 years): 3629.1 feet

Storage: 854,894 acre feet Percent of average: 96% Percent Full: 85%

Inflow: 2,485 cfs

River release: 1,570 cfs Canal Release: 0 cfs

Snow Water Equivalent: 0.1 inches Percent of Median: 28%

October Volume Inflow Forecast: 115 kaf; 69% of average

