

**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
NAVAJO RESERVOIR
SPRING PEAK RELEASE SCHEDULE
May 7, 2009**

SENT VIA FAX AND E-MAIL

The Bureau of Reclamation has tentatively finalized this year's scheduled spring peak release from Navajo Reservoir. The schedule is still tentative due to the fact that the recent inflow forecast, received from the Colorado Basin River Forecast Center (CBRFC), showed a decrease from the previous forecast. We will be getting one more inflow forecast from the CBRFC prior to the start of the peak release (the week of May 18th). A further drop in that mid-May forecast could result in the spring peak release being reduced from the planned two-week duration down to a one-week duration. If that happens, another notice announcing the change will be distributed.

For now, the current spring peak release schedule is as follows: Reclamation will begin ramping up the release at 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2009. The release will be increased gradually over the next several days until the maximum release rate of 5,000 cfs is reached on Thursday, May 28th. The release will remain at 5,000 cfs through Tuesday, June 9th. On Wednesday, June 10th, the release will begin to be gradually decreased until it reaches 500 cfs on Thursday, June 18th. The attached chart shows the daily release rates throughout the spring peak release period.

The release pattern, duration, and magnitude for the spring peak release follow the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program (SJRIP) Flow Recommendations for Endangered Fish.

As noted above, this schedule is subject to change. Also, adjustments may be made to the releases if significant precipitation occurs during the scheduled release period.

If you have any questions, or would like further information, please contact Pat Page at (970) 385-6560 or e-mail him at ppage@usbr.gov (please note that the email address has recently changed).

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