### State of the River

# Yampa River Outlook - Water Year 2022 The Past Shedding Light on the Future

March 23-24, 2022

Erin Light Division 6 Engineer



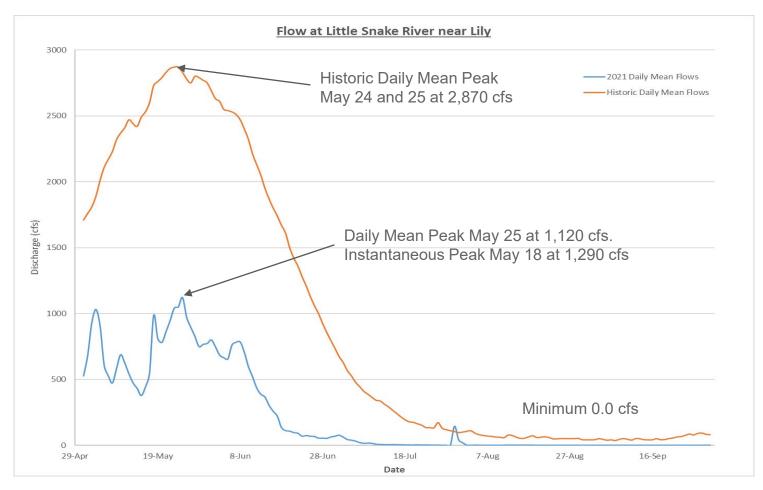
COLORADO Division of Water Resources

Department of Natural Resources

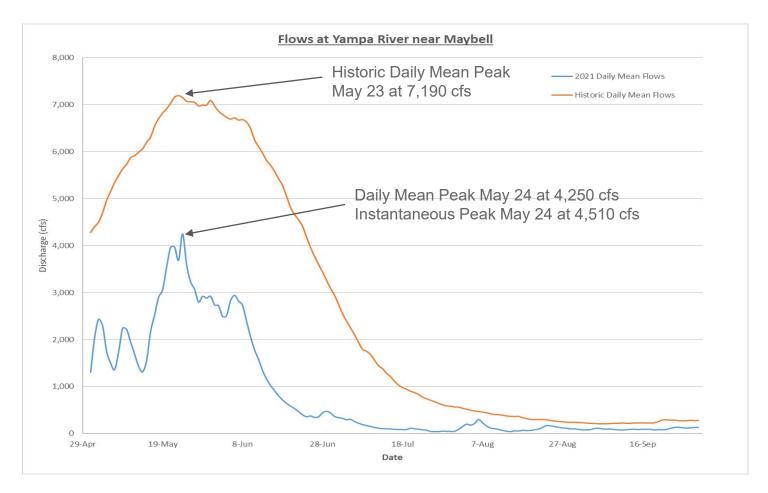
## **Reflecting on 2021 Water Year**

- Little Snake River
- Yampa River

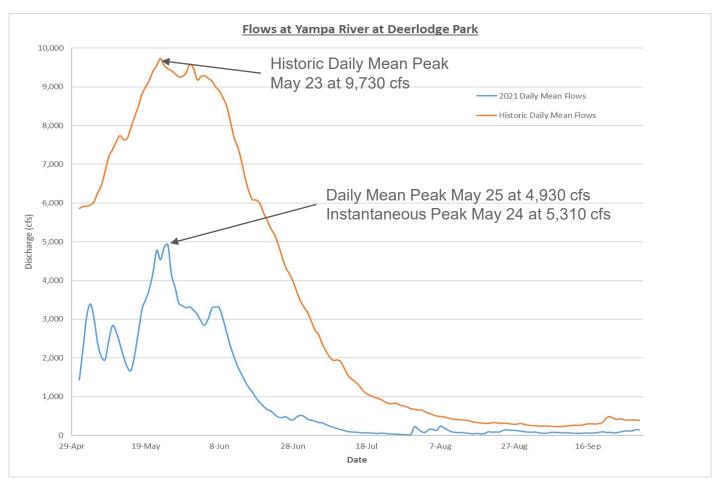














## Releases Made from Elkhead Creek Reservoir

CWCB/Recovery Program Release - 5,000 AF

Colorado River District Short Term Lease with

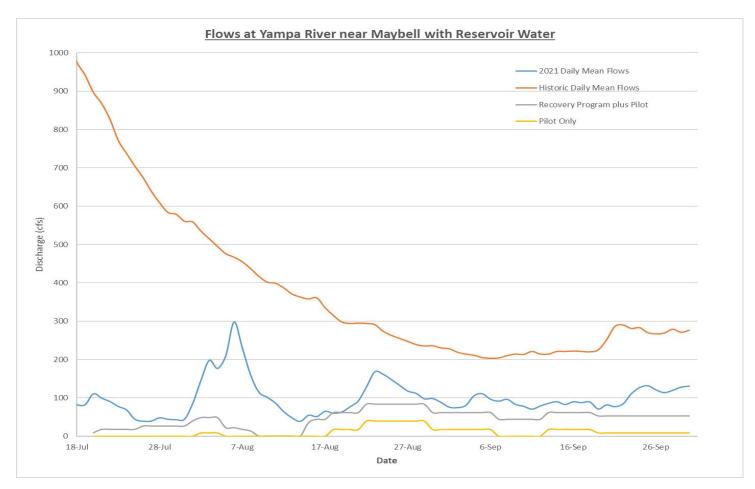
Recovery Program - ~1,500 AF

Colorado River District Pilot Project release - 1,500 AF

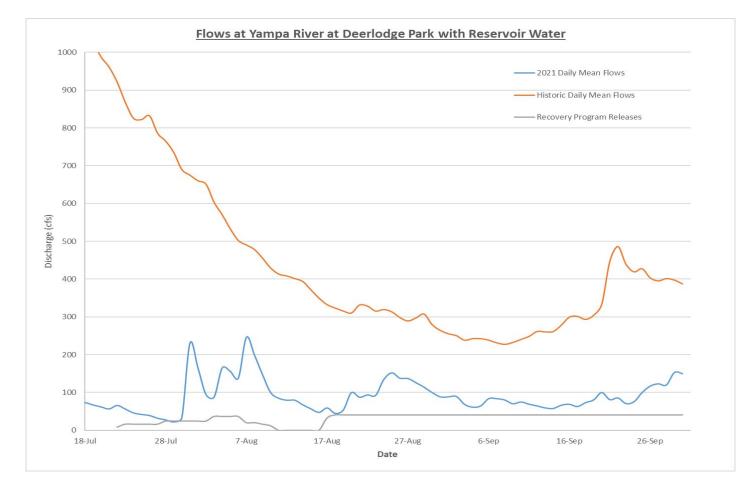
➤ Tri-State lease to Colorado River District for release - ~220 AF

Colorado River District and CWCB partnership to help agriculture water users - 677 AF











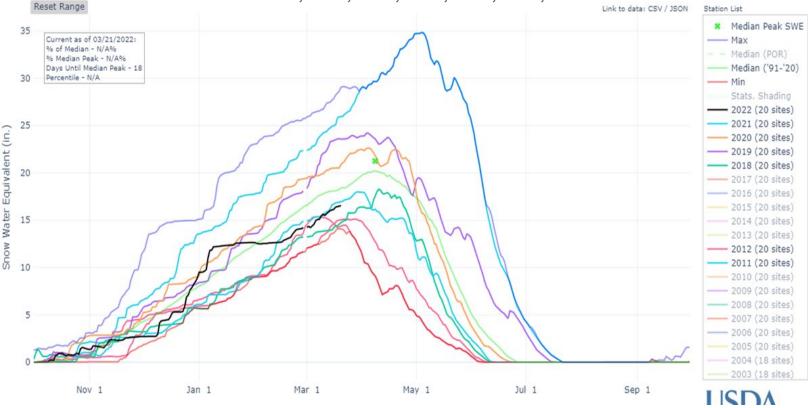
## **Status of Reservoirs**

#### <u>March 2022</u>

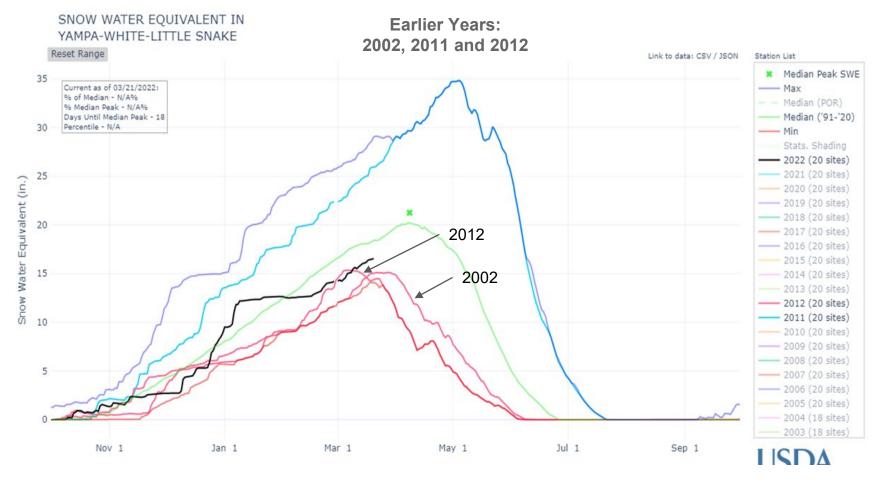
- Stillwater Reservoir 310 AF \*
- ≻ Yamcolo Reservoir 4,351 AF (45%)
- Stagecoach Reservoir 27,400 AF (75%)
- ➢ Fish Creek Reservoir 2,233 AF (54%)
- Elkhead Creek Reservoir 15,339 AF (60%)



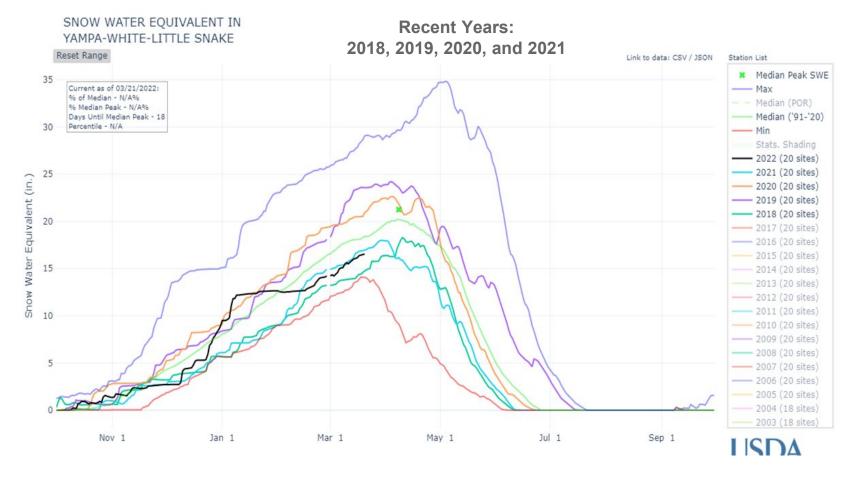
SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN YAMPA-WHITE-LITTLE SNAKE All Years: 2002, 2011, 2012, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021



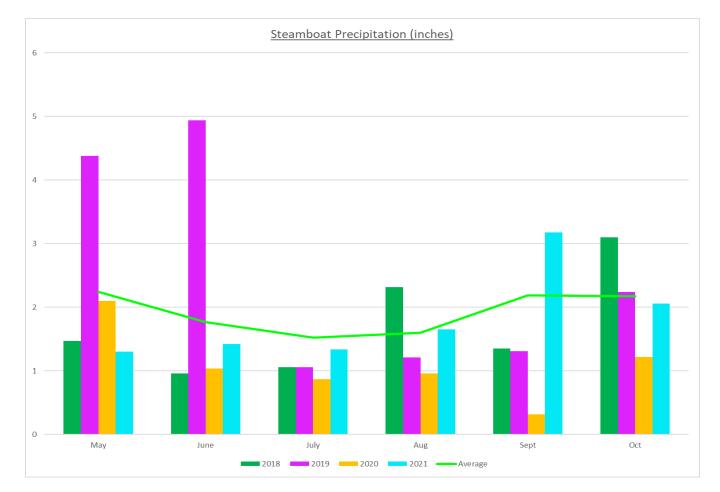




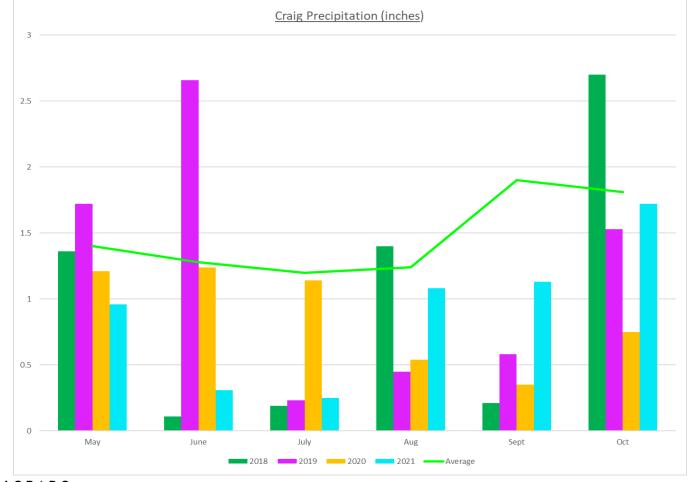




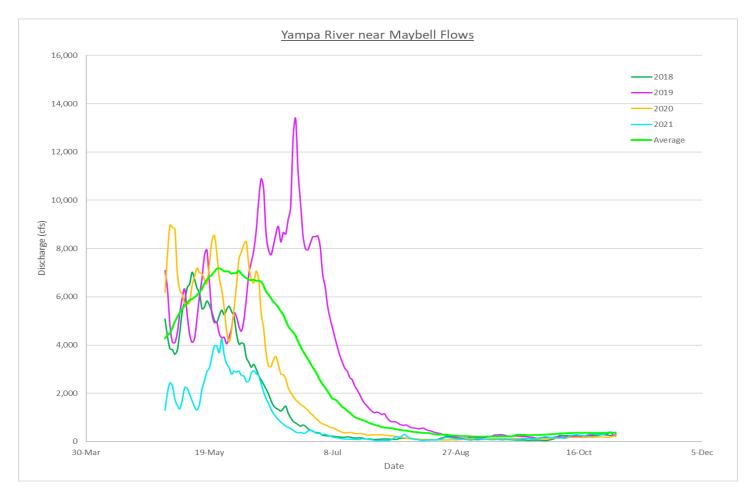




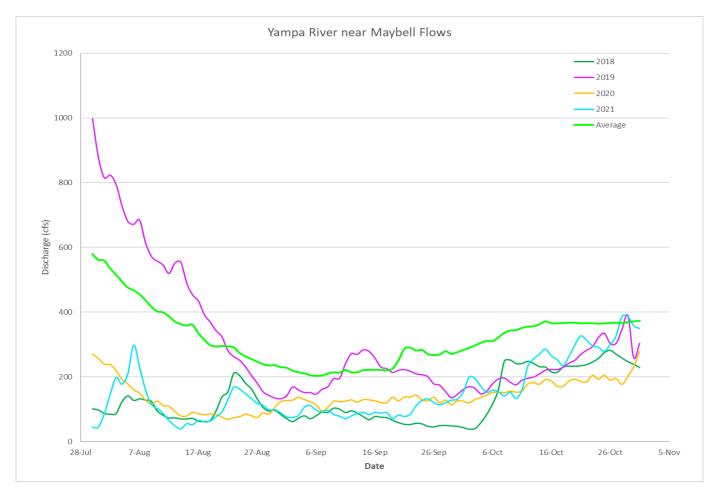




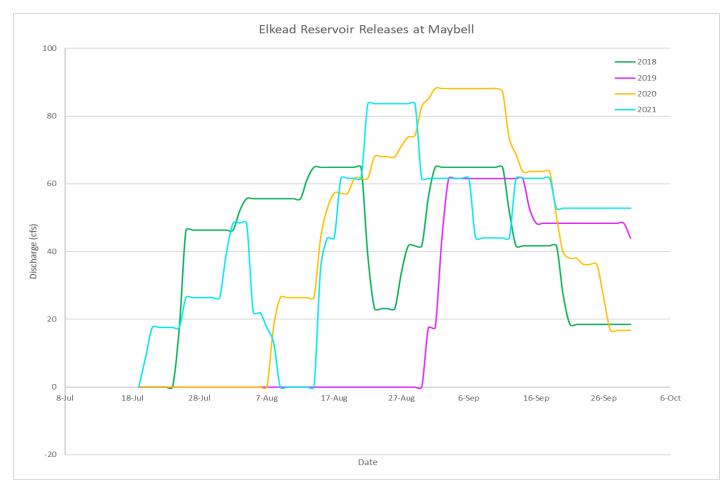




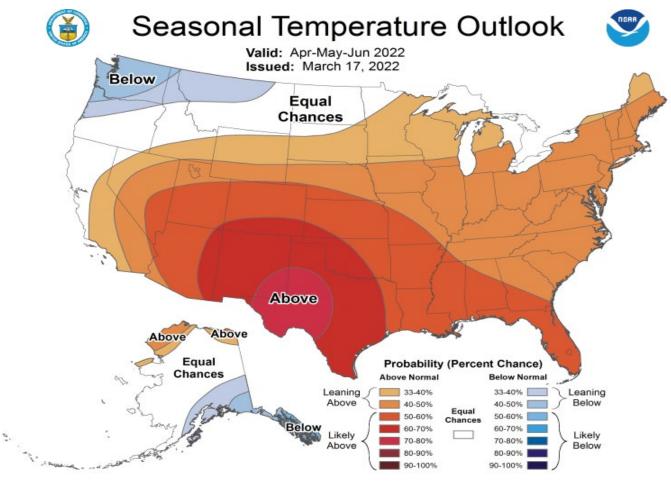




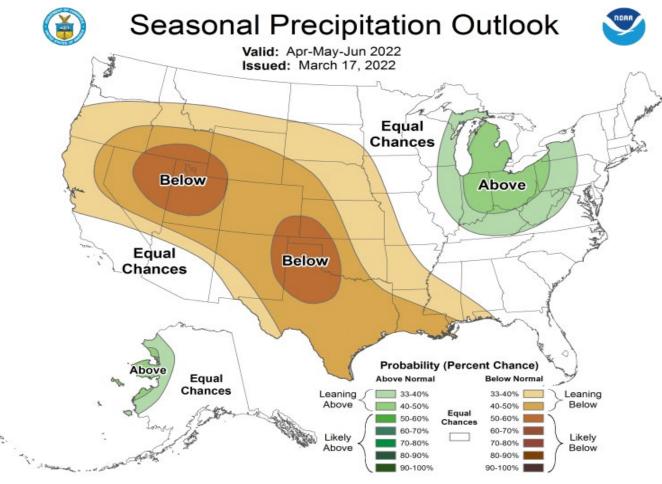
















March 2011

March 2012



