

# Kerr Operations Update

A monthly report of project operations and Flathead Lake Levels

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## KERR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT OPERATION FOR FLATHEAD LAKE

Representatives from the PPL Montana, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and Bonneville Power Administration conferred on July 11, 2008, regarding current and projected operation of the Kerr Project. The current outflow is about 18,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) and the lake elevation, as of July 11, was 2892.80 feet, which is 0.20 feet from full elevation of 2893.0 feet.

Based on current information, PPL Montana anticipates that inflows will be adequate to maintain the lake at recreational levels throughout the summer season.

The project is being operated using the July volume runoff forecasts for the July through September period, and current stream flows which take into account Hungry Horse operations. The National Weather Service's July final volume runoff forecast for July through September for Flathead Lake is 115 percent of average. The natural stream flows for June averaged about 121 percent of normal.

In March 2002, PPL Montana filed a drought management plan (DMP) with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior for approval. The department is currently conducting an environmental review of PPL Montana's proposal and considering alternatives. A final DMP has not been issued. In the interim, the operation will continue to be evaluated and adjusted, as appropriate, in consultation with the parties involved and with consideration of the PPL Montana draft DMP criteria.

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