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Corps Say Plenty of Room in Missouri Reservoirs

(AP)-- The Army Corps of Engineers says there's plenty of room in upper Missouri River reservoirs to handle spring runoff.

But some groups are urging the corps to step up dam releases sooner rather than later, to guard against devastating flooding like the region experienced three years ago.

The corps is holding a series of public meetings in Missouri River states on its plans for managing the river this year. A meeting was held Tuesday evening in Nebraska City.

Officials forecast runoff at 32 million acre feet - 27 percent above average but well below the 61 million acre feet recorded in 2011. Available storage in river reservoirs is about 53 million acre feet.

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