Releases into Missouri River cut back for winter

(KLZA)-- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reduced the flows from Gavins Point Dam into the lower Missouri River to 12 thousand cubic feet per second over the weekend.

Releases will be adjusted during the winter to lessen the impacts of river ice formation on the lower river.

The runoff for 2022 is forecast at 19 million acre-feet which is 74 percent of the normal runoff of 25.7 million acre feet.

There is currently 46 million acre feet of water stored in the Missouri River mainstem reservoirs which is approximately 10.1 million acre feet below the base of the System flood control zones.

While the mountain snowpack is currently above average, it is too early to make a projection of the final 2023 mountain snowpack.

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