

River releases reduced for winter

**(KAIR)--Releases from Gavins Point Dam, on the Nebraska/South Dakota border, have been decreased.**

**According to a news release from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the agency began reducing Gavins Point releases to the winter release rate on November 30.**

**The releases will be stepped down at a rate of 3,000 cubic feet per second per day until they reach 27,000 cubic feet per second, where they are expected to remain through December.**

**Releases will be reduced to 25,000 cubic feet per second in January and remain near that rate for the remainder of the winter.**

**Gavins Point Dam winter releases normally range between 12,000 and 17,000 cubic feet per second.**

**Higher-than-average winter releases from the Missouri River Mainstem System projects, including Gavins Point, continue emptying water from the 2019 runoff season still in storage.**

**The reductions will allow the river to fall below flood stage in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri by the end of this month.**

**The reductions come after flooding ravaged much of the Missouri and Mississippi River basins earlier this year, reaching record levels in many places.**

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