

## **YBSA Monthly Report May 2025**

Storage: Current storage in the five reservoirs is at 65%. This year's storage is at the same level as last year's storage. The amount of water available is 200,000 acre/feet less than the historical amount. Snow melt at this time is providing water to increase the storage capacity. At present, intake is greater than outflow. A small amount of water will be released from Lake Cle Elum and Rimrock Lake to provide for out migration of fish.

Cascade Snowpack: Last Winter the snow accumulation in the Cascades, which provide the water in the Yakima Basin for agriculture and instream flow for fish, was less than was needed. This Spring, rain and warm temperatures has eliminated the opportunity for continued non-storage flow in the Yakima Basin. Less natural flow creates a problem on how to manage the remaining stored water in the reservoirs.

Irrigation: Cherry and asparagus season is almost over. Crops will still need to be managed until fall when the final crops will be harvested. Roza Irrigation District, with a junior water right (proratable water), has decided to turn the system off for two weeks, hoping the reserved water will be available in the Fall for needed uses.

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