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Storage: The capacity in the five reservoirs is at 41% of normal. The reservoirs in the upper Yakima River area are at a low of 25% capacity, so the flow in the upper river is very low. The reservoirs in the Naches River branch are a 78% capacity which means the Naches River will be running at a greater rate this fall.

River Flow: There are five irrigation diversions in the Yakima River: Easton, Roza, Wapato, Sunnyside, & Prosser. After the Prosser diversion dam the Yakima River flow is only 616 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Lower Yakima River: Below Union Gap and after the Roza and Wapato Irrigation District diversions the Yakima River is running very low due to the removal of irrigation water by those two districts. The water temperature is high in the river due to the low water level and warm weather, and when the irrigation water runs off returning to the River its temperature is high. Fish and other aquatic life have a hard time surviving the low water and high water temperatures. During the next couple of weeks the temperature in the Yakima Valley will be in the high 80° degrees with some days reaching into the 100° range making it more dire for the Yakima River water temperature.

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