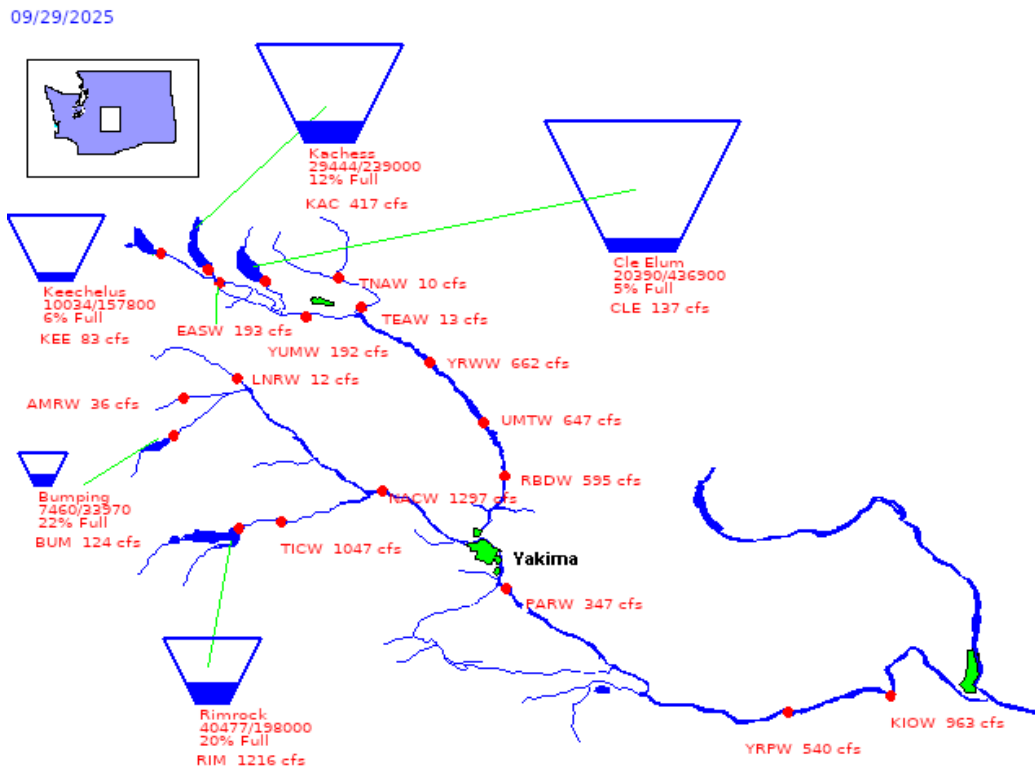


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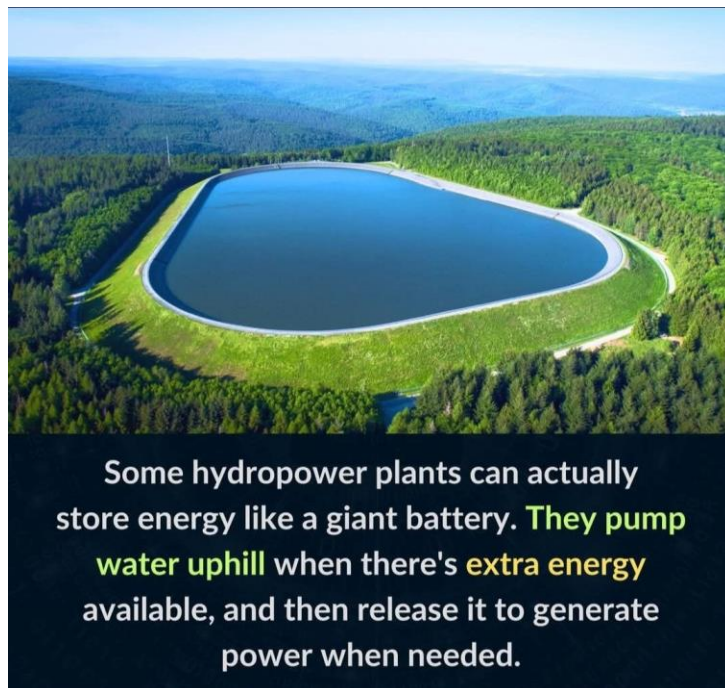
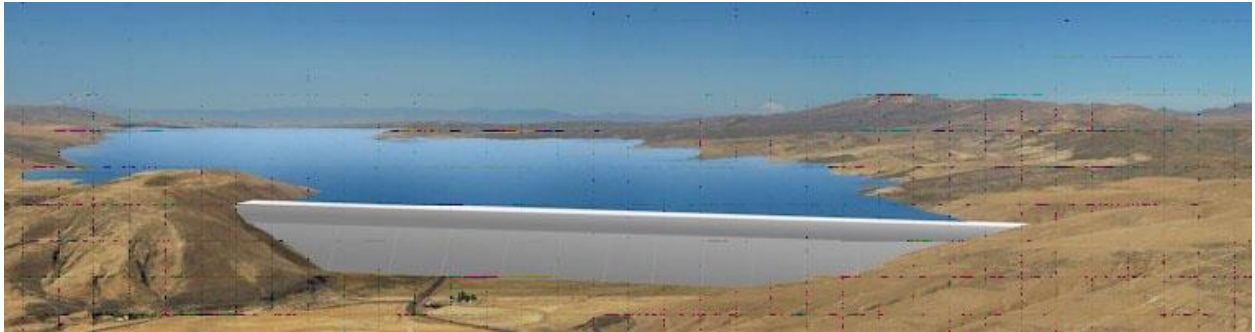
Storage: The current capacity of the five reservoirs in the Yakima Basin is at 9%. The five reservoirs are still releasing more water from storage than water returning to the reservoirs. The instream flow has been reduced to a minimum amount. Current storage is at its lowest level at this time.



Irrigation Diversion: The Roza irrigation district delivery to its agricultural users has been shut off. This is the earliest it has ever happened. Sunnyside Valley Irrigation District's irrigators will still get their share of the water. The early shutoff may help with building the water storage needed for next year's irrigation season. A large snowpack is needed for out of stream and instream use next year. See [Yakima Herald Republic Article Here](#).

Finding More Water: Finding water and a location for additional water to be stored was proposed over two decades ago. A plan was introduced, called Black Rock Reservoir, to build a facility, which would help solve the problem. Water from the Columbia River would be pumped to and stored in the Moxee Valley at the

proposed Black Rock Reservoir. This would provide the Yakima Basin additional water as needed for instream flow (fish) and out of stream use (ag).



Some hydropower plants can actually store energy like a giant battery. They pump water uphill when there's extra energy available, and then release it to generate power when needed.

Harvesting Fruit: The Yakima Basin is one of the most diversified agricultural regions in the United States producing a variety of fruit, vegetables, and livestock. This year's early cherry harvest was strong in both yield and price. The market for fruit such as apricots, plums, and apples was strong as well. The hop harvest is progressing, but an over abundance of hops might effect price. Our pear crop is now laying on the ground with no way to market the crop. There has been a lack of workers needed to harvest the Yakima Basin crops. With a shortage of water, fewer workers, and lack of markets, the Yakima Basin agriculture production has been affected.

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