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Storage: The current capacity of the five reservoirs in the Yakima Basin is at 8%. The Cle Elum Reservoir, which is the largest of the five, is currently at 4% of capacity. At the present time, the storage system's intake is more than what is being released for instream flow.

Instream Flow: With no snow, very little rain, and irrigation systems turned off, the Yakima River flow is at a minimum for the survival of fish and other instream aquatic life.

Agricultural Drought Assistance: Currently, the Department of Ecology is attempting to develop a drought insurance program to assist the agricultural community. The proposal would cost farmers to purchase the insurance, but does nothing to assist in combating the lack of water in the Yakima Basin. ([Click Here for Article](#))

Finding water to assist the agricultural community would include locating a source and planning for funding to provide the storage necessary to address the annual droughts. Increased conservation, the reduction of snowpack, and possible insurance will not solve the water problem. The solution is storage filled by the Columbia River.

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