

## **YBSA Monthly Report March 2026**

Storage: The five reservoirs are currently at 91% of capacity which is almost at capacity, which is larger than normal for this time of year. The snow-water equivalent (SWE) at this time in the upper Yakima basin is 36% and 60% in the Naches basin. Currently, the acre-feet (af) of water in storage is 284,000 af more than average.

Yakima River: Current flow in the Yakima River is at minor flood stage. With a low snowpack that is melting, the summer and fall river flow will be restricted. The progratable out-of-stream use of water is predicted to be less than 50% for agricultural use. The instream flow has to be kept at a large enough level for salmonoids and other fish to survive during the summer and fall.

Irrigation distribution starts in the Yakima Basin on April 1.