

Runoff prediction highest in 5 years

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CODY - The Bureau of Reclamation is anticipating below-average runoff into Buffalo Bill Reservoir this spring but the highest in five years.

The agency said in a report issued earlier this month that a spring runoff of 600,000 acre-feet is predicted during the April through July runoff season. The predicted runoff is 93 percent of the average 644,000 acre-feet over the past 30 years.

But that's a huge improvement over last year's runoff of 427,000 acre-feet and the 2006 runoff of 546,000 acre-feet.