

Snowpack lower so far in Bighorn Basin

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CODY -- The Bureau of Reclamation reports that snowpack conditions in the Bighorn Basin in north-central Wyoming were 74 percent of average as of the first of the year.

Agency officials say that current water supply forecasts indicate that spring runoff into Bighorn Lake could be about 68 percent of average.

However, reservoir storage in the Bighorn Basin continues to be at above-average levels. Storage in Bighorn Lake on Jan. 1 was 107 percent of average; Boysen Reservoir was at 111 percent of normal; and Buffalo Bill Dam was at 107 percent of the normal level.

Officials say if the current trends continue, adjustments may need to be made to river releases in the coming months.