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Corps to operate John Day reservoir at broader, higher range

Beginning Sept. 1, the John Day reservoir, Lake Umatilla, will be operated in a broader and higher range. The current operation has been to hold the reservoir elevation within the Minimum Irrigation Pool (MIP) between 262.5 feet and 264.5 feet. This operation is pursuant to Biological Opinion requirements and has also accommodated Tribal treaty fishing operations. The operating range from September through the end of irrigation season (November 15) will be from 262.5 to 266.5 feet. However, the Corps intends to operate the reservoir in a narrower band during fall Tribal treaty fishing as coordinated with CRITFC.



Please be advised that Lake Umatilla water levels during the fall could be up to 2 feet

higher and more variable than in recent months. Once irrigation season is over, the operating range for the rest of the fall and winter will likely be from 262.0 feet to 266.5 feet.

The Corps requests feedback at any time if higher pool levels cause or are expected to cause problems for affected parties. For flood risk management purposes, in the event of potential flooding in the Portland metro area, the full operating range from 257 to 268 feet may be utilized. Please feel free to contact [Columbia Basin Reservoir Regulation team lead Aaron Marshall](#) directly if you have any questions, concerns, or need additional information.

FEMA offers assistance through National Exercise Program



FEMA

FEMA is accepting requests for exercise support through the [National Exercise Program](#). State, local, tribal and territorial jurisdictions and their whole community partners can request no-cost assistance for exercise design, development, conduct and evaluation to validate capabilities across all mission areas. Fall 2021 requests for support are due by Nov. 1.

FEMA is hosting a series of webinars to provide information on the exercise support process for fall. All webinars will cover the same content. Please visit the [NEP webinar](#) page to register.

Webinar dates

- 10 a.m. PT on Aug. 30
- 11 a.m. PT on Sept. 7
- 12 p.m. PT on Sept. 15
- 1 p.m. PT on Sept. 23
- 10 a.m. PT on Oct. 1

How to submit a support request

- Download and complete the [exercise nomination form](#).
- Contact your FEMA [regional exercise officer](#) and express your intent to submit, so they can maintain visibility on requests across their region.
- Submit the exercise nomination form and required supporting documentation by email to nep@fema.dhs.gov. Please include “National Exercise Program Exercise Support Request” in the email subject line.

NOAA hosts HSRP public meetings

The NOAA Hydrographic Services Review Panel will hold a [virtual public meeting conducted via webinar](#), Sept. 1 from 9:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Sept. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. PT.

The meeting will have two special sessions highlighting: 1) offshore wind energy and data sharing

interests; and 2) the technology, operations and systems to support ocean surveying and mapping in less than 40 meters including lidar, satellite derived bathymetry, and multi-beam hydrographic surveys.

There will be updates on NOS programs, as well as the ocean and coastal mapping implementation plans for NOMECS, the Alaska Coastal Mapping Strategy (ACMS), coastal resilience and data, and other topics. Additional details can be found on [HSRP's website](#).



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