

General Comments:

Snowpack and precipitation are below average. The basinwide snowpack average as of February 15 is 78.3%. Last year at this time the Big Hole snowpack was approximately 115% of average. The high elevation stations are the most behind with Darkhorse Lake (8600') and Mule Creek (8300') reporting 69% and 71% respectively.

The February 1, 2012 NRCS Water Supply Outlook predicts April to July streamflows at Wisdom and Melrose to be 69% and 75% of average assuming average temperature and precipitation.

BIG HOLE BASIN APPROXIMATE PRECIPITATION				
		15-Jan		
	elevation	current inches	normal inches	% avg
Barker Lakes	8250	9.8	11.5	85
Basin Creek	7180	5.9	6.1	97
Bloody Dick	7600	9.5	11.7	81
Calvert Creek	6430	9.5	8.2	116
Darkhorse Lake	8600	16.4	23.3	70
Moose Creek	6200	13.9	15.4	90
Mule Creek	8300	10.6	11.9	89
Saddle Mtn.	7940	16.4	20.6	80
	TOTAL	92	108.7	
BASIN AVERAGE		84.6		
BIG HOLE BASIN APPROXIMATE SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT				
		15-Jan		
	elevation	current inches	normal inches	% avg
Barker Lakes	8250	7.2	10	72
Basin Creek	7180	3.7	5.5	67
Bloody Dick	7600	7.3	9.4	78
Calvert Creek	6430	8.3	6.7	124
Darkhorse Lake	8600	16	23.2	69
Moose Creek	6200	10.7	13.6	79
Mule Creek	8300	8.3	11.7	71
Saddle Mtn.	7940	16.5	19.5	85
	TOTAL	78	99.6	
BASIN AVERAGE		78.3		