

# MONTANA DNRC STATE WATER PROJECTS RESERVOIR CONTENTS

March 31, 2026

All Contents in Acre-Feet

RESERVOIR	TOTAL CAPACITY (includes dead storage)*	CONTENTS						READING DATE	ELEVATION	COMMENTS
		FULL POOL CONTENTS	30 YR AVERAGE 1995- 2025	LAST YEAR Mar-25	LAST MONTH Feb-26	PRESENT Mar-26	% CAPACITY Mar-26			
		March						feet		
<b>CLARK FORK BASIN</b>										
E.F. ROCK CREEK	16,040	9,553	9,904	8,711	8,947	56	94	3/31/2026	6,035.1	
NEVADA CREEK	11,207	8,180	4,320	--	10,384	93	127	3/26/2026	4,613.7	4/13/2026 - spilling
W.F. BITTERROOT	32,362	11,445	9,905	11,430	27,464	85	240	3/31/2026	4,717.4	
<b>LOWER MISSOURI BASIN</b>										
ACKLEY	6,722	3,185	3,981	4,350	4,470	66	140	4/8/2026	4,308.5	3,469 AF active storage
BAIR	7,300	3,894	2,870	2,471	3,077	42	79	3/31/2026	5,304.2	
DEADMAN'S BASIN	75,968	51,491	66,180	64,579	69,640	92	135	3/31/2026	3,917.9	65,890 AF active storage
FRENCHMAN	2,777	2,383	2,536	2,011	2,717	98	114	4/10/2026	2,264.5	
MARTINSDALE	23,348	10,155	11,193	10,242	12,318	53	121	4/5/2026	4,765.9	
N.FK. SMITH RIVER	11,406	7,030	7,273	5,870	7,213	63	103	3/31/2026	5,473.9	
YELLOWWATER	3,842	1,841	2,191	1,426	1,579	41	86	4/8/2026	3,111.2	
<b>UPPER MISSOURI BASIN</b>										
MIDDLE CREEK	10,184	6,095	5,705	5,484	6,099	60	100	3/31/2026	6,701.1	
NILAN	10,992	7,021	5,176	--	4,392	40	63	4/10/2026	4,425.9	3,492 AF active storage
RUBY RIVER	37,612	31,670	31,348	29,296	33,640	89	106	3/31/2026	5,388.8	
WILLOW CREEK	18,000	15,141	13,332	11,520	12,203	68	81	3/26/2026	4,728.2	
<b>YELLOWSTONE BASIN</b>										
COONEY	28,230	21,617	25,078	21,147	22,367	79	103	3/31/2026	4,243.9	22,277 AF active storage
COTTONWOOD	1,900	1,244	--	1,093	1,302	69	105	3/31/2026	5,099.6	
TONGUE RIVER	79,071	53,560	58,940	49,942	53,992	68	101	3/31/2026	3,420.8	

\* Note: Water elevation is in the local project datum.

\* Note: Reservoir contents include dead storage at the following:

Ackley 1001 AF \*\*  
 Cooney 90 AF \*\*  
 Deadman's 3750 AF \*\*  
 Nilan 900 AF \*\*

\*\* O&M slope storage table does not include dead storage (so dead storage has been added into the monthly contents table)

Tongue River 711 AF (O&M storage table includes dead storage)  
 W. F. Bitterroot 656 AF (O&M storage table includes dead storage)  
 Willow Creek 269 AF (O&M storage table includes dead storage)

\* Note: Cooney capacity reflects capacity after 1982 dam rehabilitation; prior capacity was 24,195 A.F. Average storage shown is for post rehabilitation data.

\* Note: Middle Creek capacity reflects capacity after 1993 dam rehabilitation; prior capacity was 8,027 A.F. Average storage shown is for post rehabilitation data.

\* Note: Nevada Creek Reservoir Capacity reflects live storage capacity survey conducted in year 2000. Prior live storage capacity documented as 12,723 AF.

\* Note: Tongue River capacity reflects capacity after 1999 dam rehabilitation; prior capacity was 68,040 A.F. Average storage is post rehabilitation data.

\* Note: Frenchman Reservoir capacity tables updated based on aerial survey; prior capacity was 3752 A.F. Average shown is from 2008 forward.

