

MONTANA DNRC STATE WATER PROJECTS RESERVOIR CONTENTS

September 30, 2025

All Contents in Acre-Feet

RESERVOIR	TOTAL CAPACITY (includes dead storage)*	CONTENTS								
	FULL POOL	30 YR AVERAGE	LAST YEAR	LAST MONTH	PRESENT	% CAPACITY	% AVERAGE	READING	ELEVATION	COMMENTS
	CONTENTS	1994- 2024	Sep-24	Aug-25	Sep-25	Sep-25	Sep-25	DATE		
		September							feet	
CLARK FORK BASIN										
E.F. ROCK CREEK	16,040	5,431	6,634	5,513	6,454	40	119	10/2/2025	6,026.6	
NEVADA CREEK	11,207	3,717	1,786	1,290	1,215	11	33	9/30/2025	4,575.4	
W.F. BITTERROOT	32,362	7,776	9,226	10,120	4,962	15	64	10/2/2025	4,657.3	
LOWER MISSOURI BASIN										
ACKLEY	6,722	3,092	3,165	4,663	3,368	50	109	9/26/2025	4,303.2	2,367 AF active storage
BAIR	7,300	2,871	2,154	2,150	2,046	28	71	9/30/2025	5,295.4	
DEADMAN'S BASIN	75,968	37,326	46,902	51,798	48,753	64	131	9/30/2025	3,906.9	45,003 AF active storage
FRENCHMAN	2,777	1,605	--	1,960	--	--	--	--	--	not reported
MARTINSDALE	23,348	9,542	11,894	13,595	11,409	49	120	10/2/2025	4,764.6	
N.F.K. SMITH RIVER	11,406	4,825	4,509	5,247	4,045	35	84	10/2/2025	5,460.6	
YELLOWWATER	3,842	1,771	1,187	1,630	1,426	37	81	10/1/2025	3,110.6	
UPPER MISSOURI BASIN										
MIDDLE CREEK	10,184	5,691	5,631	6,879	5,507	54	97	9/30/2025	6,697.3	
NILAN	10,992	5,211	4,519	879	790	7	15	10/3/2025	4,417.9	1,689.8 AF active storage
RUBY RIVER	37,612	10,657	12,694	12,801	7,738	21	73	10/1/2025	5,347.4	
WILLOW CREEK	18,000	7,432	5,784	7,902	--	--	--	--	--	not reported
YELLOWSTONE BASIN										
COONEY	28,230	15,845	18,631	18,358	14,260	51	90	9/30/2025	4,231.6	14,170 AF active storage
COTTONWOOD	1,900	749	1,061	--	765	40	102	9/26/2025	5,095.9	
TONGUE RIVER	79,071	43,488	44,851	50,463	40,544	51	93	9/30/2025	3,415.8	

* 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.

