

MONTANA DNRC STATE WATER PROJECTS RESERVOIR CONTENTS

December 31, 2025

All Contents in Acre-Feet

RESERVOIR	TOTAL CAPACITY (includes dead storage)*	CONTENTS				% CAPACITY Dec-25	% AVERAGE Dec-25	READING DATE	ELEVATION feet	COMMENTS
		30 YR AVERAGE	LAST YEAR	LAST MONTH	PRESENT					
		1994- 2024	Dec-24	Nov-25	Dec-25					
	FULL POOL CONTENTS	December								
CLARK FORK BASIN										
E.F. ROCK CREEK	16,040	7,788	8,544	7,906	8,338	52	107	1/5/2026	6,033.1	
NEVADA CREEK	11,207	5,277	2,677	--	--	--	--	--	--	not reported
W.F. BITTERROOT	32,362	7,724	8,013	7,892	15,035	46	195	1/7/2026	4,691.5	
LOWER MISSOURI BASIN										
ACKLEY	6,722	3,066	3,826	3,780	3,919	58	128	12/26/2025	4,305.9	2,918 AF active storage
BAIR	7,300	3,196	2,382	2,184	2,356	32	74	1/5/2026	5,298.4	
DEADMAN'S BASIN	75,968	43,304	53,712	53,493	57,815	76	134	1/5/2026	3,911.8	54,065 AF active storage
FRENCHMAN	2,777	1,628	1,139	2,213	2,264	82	139	1/5/2026	2,263.7	
MARTINSDALE	23,348	9,380	--	10,711	10,606	45	113	1/6/2026	4,763.3	
N.F.K. SMITH RIVER	11,406	5,849	--	4,750	5,219	46	89	12/26/2025	5,465.8	
YELLOWWATER	3,842	1,665	1,273	1,375	1,401	36	84	1/8/2026	3,110.5	
UPPER MISSOURI BASIN										
MIDDLE CREEK	10,184	5,782	5,402	5,335	5,363	53	93	1/5/2026	6,696.3	
NILAN	10,992	5,637	4,509	--	--	--	--	--	--	not reported
RUBY RIVER	37,612	21,499	21,690	17,425	22,378	59	104	1/5/2026	5,375.5	
WILLOW CREEK	18,000	9,938	--	7,560	--	--	--	--	--	not reported
YELLOWSTONE BASIN										
COONEY	28,230	18,276	20,778	19,423	20,386	72	112	1/5/2026	4,241.2	20,296 AF active storage
COTTONWOOD	1,900	773	--	--	830	44	107	12/30/2025	5,096.5	
TONGUE RIVER	79,071	44,942	45,289	41,653	45,335	57	101	1/5/2026	3,417.6	

* 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.

