

# MONTANA DNRC STATE WATER PROJECTS RESERVOIR CONTENTS

January 31, 2026

All Contents in Acre-Feet

RESERVOIR	TOTAL CAPACITY (includes dead storage)*	CONTENTS						READING DATE	ELEVATION	COMMENTS
	FULL POOL	30 YR AVERAGE	LAST YEAR	LAST MONTH	PRESENT	% CAPACITY	% AVERAGE			
	CONTENTS	1995- 2025	Jan-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Jan-26	Jan-26			
		January								
CLARK FORK BASIN									feet	
E.F. ROCK CREEK	16,040	8,346	9,053	8,338	8,571	53	103	2/2/2026	6,033.9	
NEVADA CREEK	11,207	5,754	2,750	--	4,197	37	73	1/30/2026	4,593.0	
W.F. BITTERROOT	32,362	7,963	7,878	15,035	13,859	43	174	1/28/2026	4,688.4	
LOWER MISSOURI BASIN										
ACKLEY	6,722	3,038	3,901	3,919	4,112	61	135	2/2/2026	4,306.8	3,111 AF active storage
BAIR	7,300	3,332	2,485	2,356	2,395	33	72	2/2/2026	5,298.7	
DEADMAN'S BASIN	75,968	45,267	57,014	57,815	60,558	80	134	2/2/2026	3,913.3	56,808 AF active storage
FRENCHMAN	2,777	1,820	1,290	2,264	1,758	63	97	2/5/2026	2,262.7	
MARTINSDALE	23,348	9,613	10,242	10,606	10,292	44	107	2/6/2026	4,762.8	
N.FK. SMITH RIVER	11,406	6,172	5,950	5,219	5,486	48	89	2/3/2026	5,466.9	
YELLOWWATER	3,842	1,717	1,324	1,401	1,401	36	82	1/28/2026	3,110.5	
UPPER MISSOURI BASIN										
MIDDLE CREEK	10,184	5,867	5,421	5,363	5,364	53	91	2/2/2026	6,696.4	
NILAN	10,992	6,141	4,680	--	--	--	--	--	--	not reported
RUBY RIVER	37,612	25,085	25,007	22,378	25,320	67	101	2/2/2026	5,379.3	
WILLOW CREEK	18,000	11,169	10,620	9,818	10,310	57	92	2/2/2026	4,724.9	
YELLOWSTONE BASIN										
COONEY	28,230	18,892	21,669	20,386	20,481	73	108	2/2/2026	4,241.3	20,391 AF active storage
COTTONWOOD	1,900	792	--	830	1,113	59	141	1/29/2026	5,098.5	
TONGUE RIVER	79,071	45,879	44,917	45,335	46,452	59	101	2/2/2026	3,418.1	

\* 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.

