

MONTANA DNRC STATE WATER PROJECTS RESERVOIR CONTENTS

April 30, 2026

All Contents in Acre-Feet

RESERVOIR	TOTAL CAPACITY (includes dead storage)*	CONTENTS						READING DATE	ELEVATION feet	COMMENTS	
		FULL POOL	30 YR AVERAGE	LAST YEAR	LAST MONTH	PRESENT	% CAPACITY				% AVERAGE
		CONTENTS	1995- 2025	Apr-25	Mar-26	Apr-26	Apr-26				Apr-26
		April									
CLARK FORK BASIN											
E.F. ROCK CREEK	16,040	9,950	10,345	8,947	9,525	59	96	4/30/2026	6,037.0		
NEVADA CREEK	11,207	9,909	5,801	10,384	11,522	103	116	4/23/2026	4,616.9		
W.F. BITTERROOT	32,362	22,413	20,252	27,464	32,945	102	147	4/30/2026	4,726.3		
LOWER MISSOURI BASIN											
ACKLEY	6,722	3,411	3,942	4,470	4,790	71	140	5/1/2026	4,309.5	3,689 AF active storage	
BAIR	7,300	4,602	3,631	3,077	3,530	48	77	4/30/2026	5,307.2		
DEADMAN'S BASIN	75,968	55,381	70,364	69,640	71,870	95	130	4/30/2026	3,919.0	68,119.27 AF active storage	
FRENCHMAN	2,777	2,748	--	2,717	--	--	--	--	--	Not reported	
MARTINSDALE	23,348	13,551	15,080	12,318	14,764	63	109	5/8/2026	4,769.4		
N.FK. SMITH RIVER	11,406	8,765	10,354	7,213	8,541	75	97	4/30/2026	5,478.7		
YELLOWWATER	3,842	1,998	2,115	1,579	1,324	34	66	5/11/2026	3,110.2		
UPPER MISSOURI BASIN											
MIDDLE CREEK	10,184	6,657	6,655	6,099	7,558	74	114	4/30/2026	6,709.3		
NILAN	10,992	7,666	5,452	4,392	--	--	--	--	--	Not reported	
RUBY RIVER	37,612	36,186	36,351	33,640	38,008	101	105	5/2/2026	5,393.0		
WILLOW CREEK	18,000	15,962	13,459	12,203	13,451	75	84	5/6/2026	4,730.3		
YELLOWSTONE BASIN											
COONEY	28,230	23,654	28,392	22,367	23,481	83	99	4/30/2026	4,245.4	23,390.7 AF active storage	
COTTONWOOD	1,900	1,648	--	1,302	1,510	79	92	5/7/2026	5,100.7		
TONGUE RIVER	79,071	57,050	63,107	53,992	64,878	82	114	4/30/2026	3,424.4		

* 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.

