



## EKI's Stewardship of Flathead Lake and the Lower Flathead River

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# February 5, 2024, FERC Response to Allegations

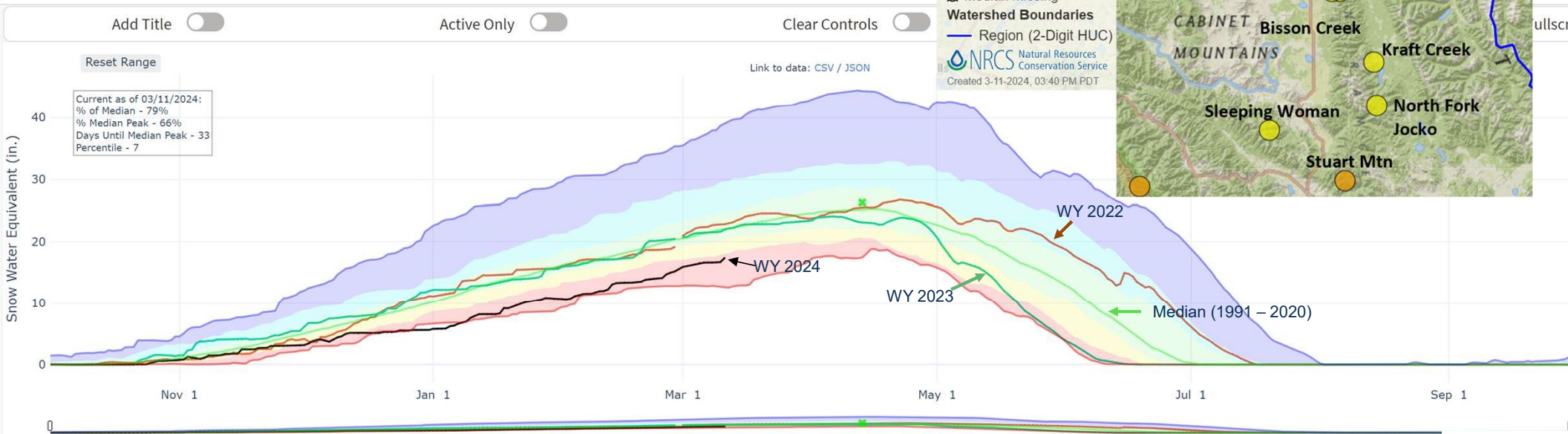
- + Over 20 complaints filed with FERC over the summer asserting EKI mismanaged the lake and did not comply with the license.
- + FERC conducted a thorough review of EKI's operations and communicated the results to EKI in a 7-page letter February 5, 2024.
- + FERC's Conclusion:
- + "...you complied with the operational requirements of your license in the summer of 2023."



# Flathead Basin Water Year 2024

## AWS Plot | SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN FLATHEAD

NWCC Home Site Plots ▾ Basin Plots ▾ Interactive Map Report Generator Update Reports Forecast Plots ▾ Web



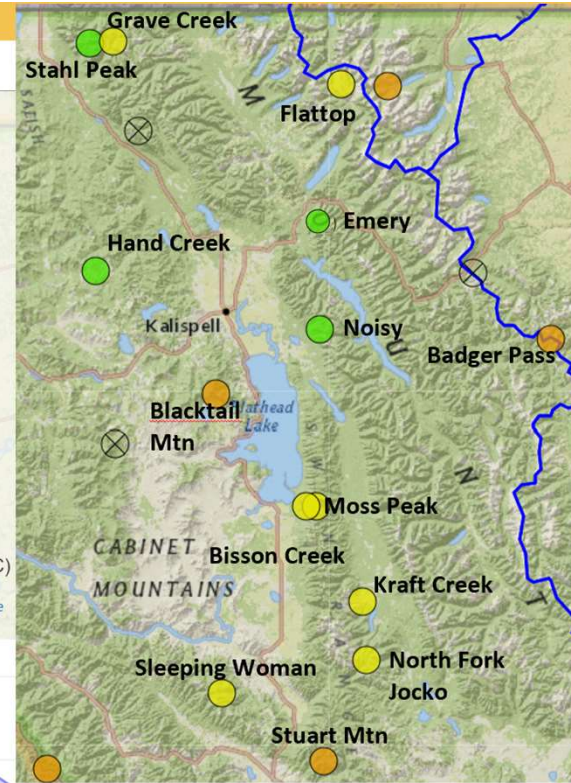
**Snow Water Equivalent**  
**Percent NRCS 1991-2020 Median**  
 March 10, 2024, end of day

- ≥ 150%
- 130% - 149%
- 110% - 129%
- 90% - 109%
- 70% - 89%
- 50% - 69%
- < 50%

⊖ Observation missing  
 ⊕ Median is zero  
 ⊗ Median missing

**Watershed Boundaries**  
 — Region (2-Digit HUC)

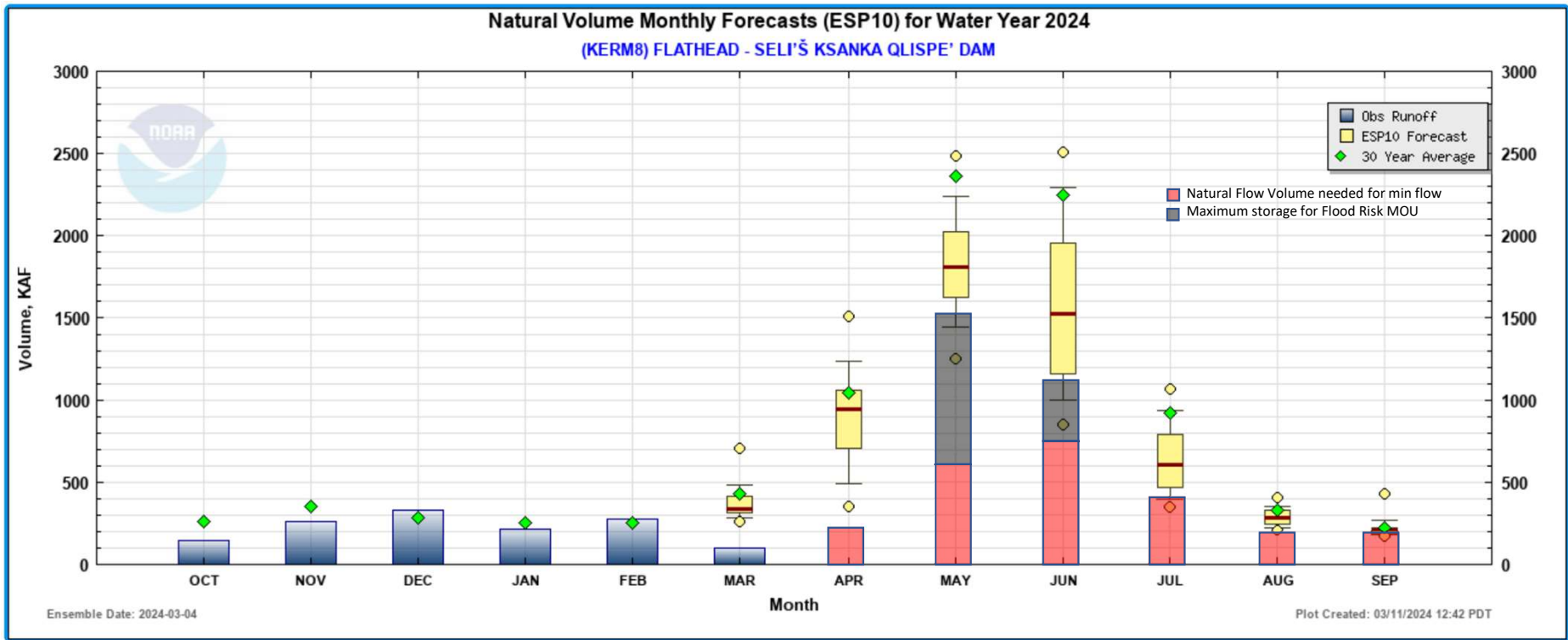
**NRCS** Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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22 Statistical shading breaks at 10th, 30th, 50th, 70th, and 90th Percentiles



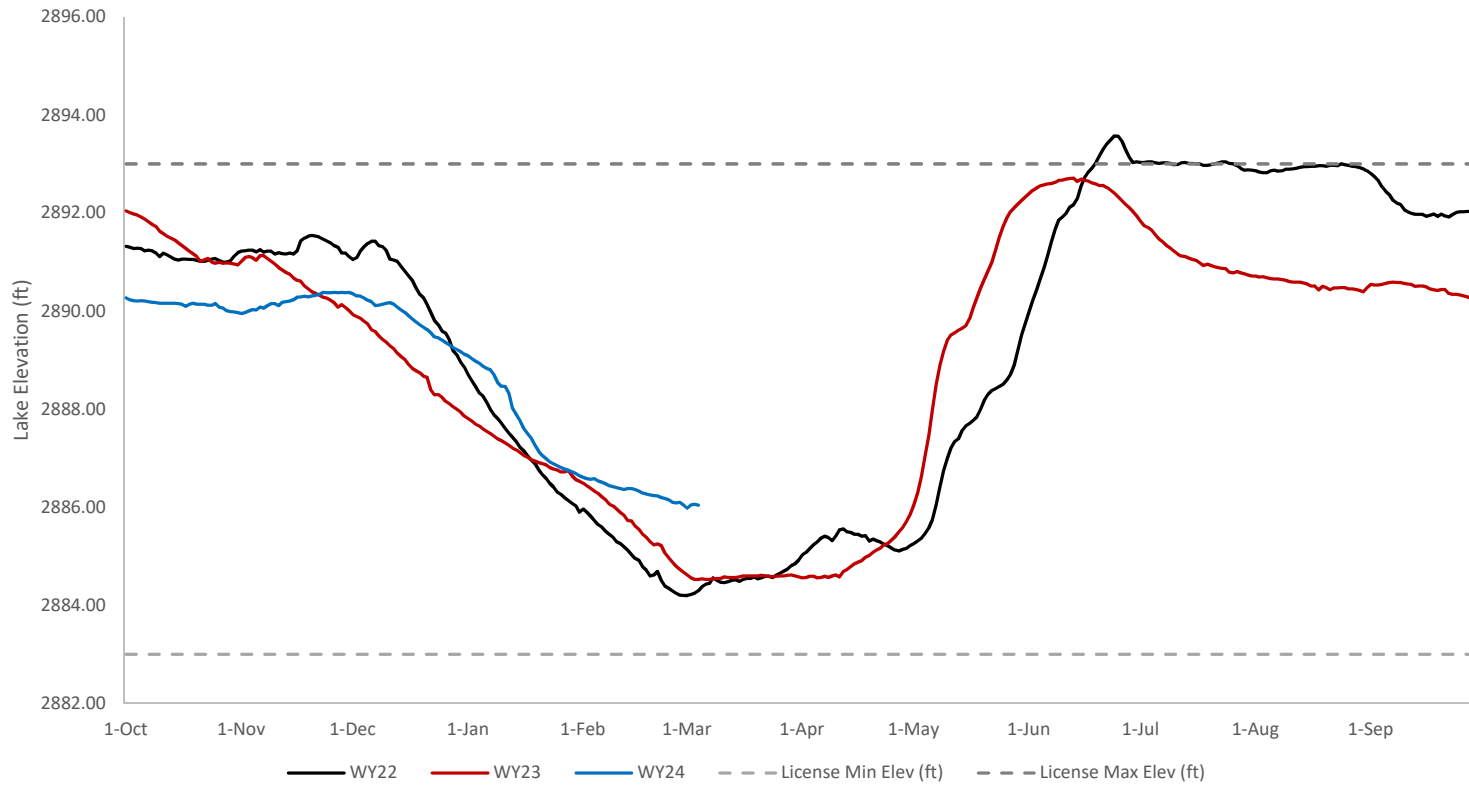
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Water supply volume forecasts for natural flows into Flathead Lake are below average but still above the flow volumes needed to meet minimum flows on the lower Flathead River and the maximum storage allowed for flood risk management. The SKQ dam will release flows higher than the minimum flow requirements as needed to remain in compliance with flood risk management objectives.

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## Flathead Lake Elevation







For news updates and lake level  
forecasts please visit  
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# Thoughts going forward:

- + Climate forecasts are for more extremes in our weather which will lead to more extremes in the water supply into Flathead Lake.
- + Resilience in the face of conditions that none of us have ever faced.
  - + Lake level forecasts – Energy Keepers Website
- + Operations must meet multiple obligations, including flood risk management and fish and wildlife conservation under the Endangered Species Act.
- + Seek input from multiple Federal, State, and Tribal regulatory agencies, including those represented on the Technical Management Team
- + Current operations including those developed through the Montana Fish Accords have helped stabilize flows and keep more water in Hungry Horse reservoir providing significant benefits to resident fish above and below the dams.



# Where can you find more information?



For a recording of this presentation, common Q/A's, and links to other agencies' webpages visit [www.usbr.gov/pn/](http://www.usbr.gov/pn/)



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