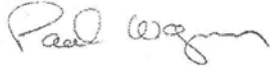


SYSTEM OPERATIONAL REQUEST: #2009-04

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FROM: Paul Wagner, Chairperson, Salmon Managers

DATE: July 28, 2009

SUBJECT: Dworshak Operations

SPECIFICATIONS:

Immediately decrease the outflow temperature at Dworshak Dam to 40°F while still maintaining the 12 Kcfs outflow. If temperatures exceed 68°F at the Lower Granite Tailrace as an instantaneous value for three or more consecutive hours before Friday July 31, 2009 at 9am, then immediately increase outflows at Dworshak Dam to 14 Kcfs while still maintaining the 40°F outflow temperature. This recommendation will be reviewed on Friday July 31, 2009 at 9 a.m., and if necessary, further recommendations will be made.

JUSTIFICATION:

The objective of this operation is to maintain temperatures at Lower Granite Dam that are below the water quality criteria of 68°F. Temperatures at the Lower Granite Tailrace are currently 67.6°F (9 a.m., July 28th, 2009). Current COE modeling suggests that the temperatures at the Lower Granite tailrace will remain below the 68°F water quality criteria, and actually recede below current levels. However, water temperatures at the Lower Granite tailrace appear to be increasing at the same time that forecasted air temperatures are expected to be very warm, warranting further intervention at Dworshak Dam.