Trinity County, California

NEWS BRIEF

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TRINITY COUNTY, Calif. (January 12, 2025) – To ensure community safety and effective water management, Trinity County officials are sharing the following updates regarding reservoir releases and anticipated flow changes across the regional water system.

Information about the reservoir releases associated with this event can be found on ReadyTrinity.org. If you are not already registered, residents are strongly encouraged to sign up to receive real-time emergency notifications and public safety alerts directly to their mobile devices or email.

Trinity River / Lewiston Dam

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) has increased releases from Lewiston Dam to 1,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) to manage storage capacity at Trinity Lake. Trinity Reservoir is approximately 83% full at 2,044,156 acre feet.

- Upcoming Change: Due to reservoir capacity considerations, flows are scheduled to increase further to 3,000 cfs beginning Monday, January 12, 2026. Reservoir capacity is evaluated on a daily basis and the USBR will make future adjustments based upon weather activity.

Whiskeytown Lake

Due to increased inflows, water levels at Whiskeytown Lake are approaching capacity.

- Limited diversion from Lewiston to Carr Powerhouse due to capacity. Water may begin spilling into the Morning Glory Spillway (commonly known as the "Glory Hole").

Shasta / Keswick Dam

- Releases from Keswick Dam are currently at approximately 15,000 cfs increased from 10,000 cfs.

Outlook: While there are no immediate changes anticipated for Lewiston, residents should be prepared for flow adjustments based upon precipitation in the forecast.

Stay Informed: For the most up-to-date reservoir levels and real-time data, please visit the California Department of Water Resources Data Exchange Center (CDEC).

Sign up now at ReadyTrinity.org to ensure you receive the "Trinity River/Lewiston Dam Flow Change" alerts and other critical safety information.

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