

POOL OPERATIONS AND APPLICATION OF FORECAST INFORMED RESERVOIR OPERATIONS (FIRO) IN 2023

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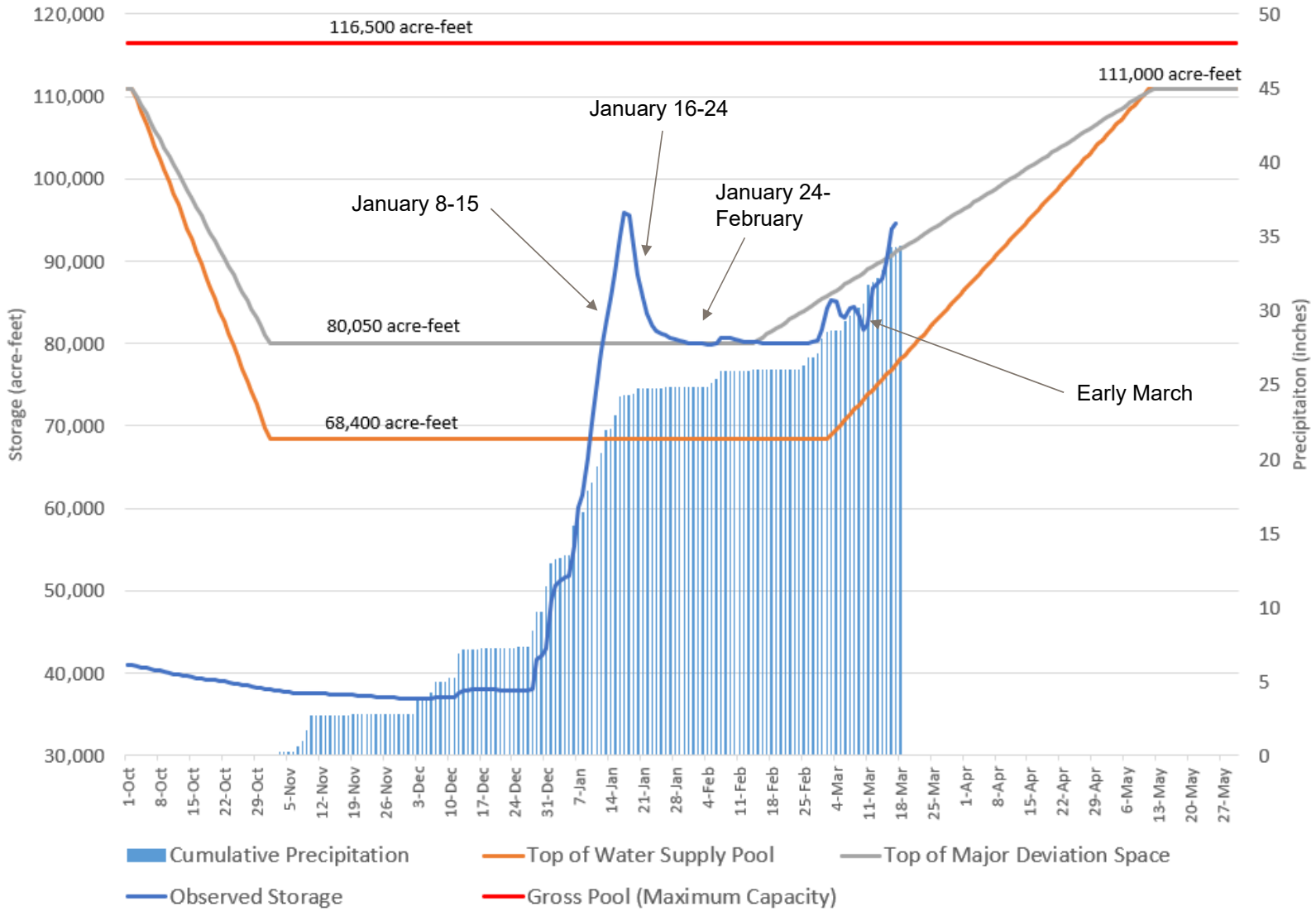


	12-Apr	6-Jun	4-Jul	1-Sep	22-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec
2010	753.4	758.7	757.8	752.7	741.1	738.5	741.9
2011	748.5	747.7	748.2	744.7	743.2	736.1	732.0
2012	748.7	749.8	748.3	741.4	734.3	729.3	749.9
2013	734.3	732.1	730.1	721.9	716.6	712.7	708.7
2014	724.4	725.8	722.3	713.0	709.9	709.4	729.4
2015	733.5	730.4	727.7	720.1	713.8	709.1	718.0
2016	748.1	747.9	746.7	736.0	727.1	725.3	740.3
2017	750.1	754.0	752.9	745.8	738.2	734.8	732.6
2018	746.1	746.5	744.6	735.5	730.7	729.3	732.5
2019	750.6	752.8	751.3	746.0	739.8	735.6	738.1
2020	739.2	736.7	733.3	723.6	716.7	712.9	710.2
2021	716.5	714.6	711.2	699.6	690.7	701.5	714.7
2022	722.4	726.3	726.3	722.5	718.0	716.7	717.4
2023	755.4						

Infrastructure Operations (2010 to 2023)		
	Days	
Bushay Campground Closed (> 750 feet)	499	10%
Flood Control Pool	653	13%
Boat Ramps Closed (< 725 feet)	1,426	29%

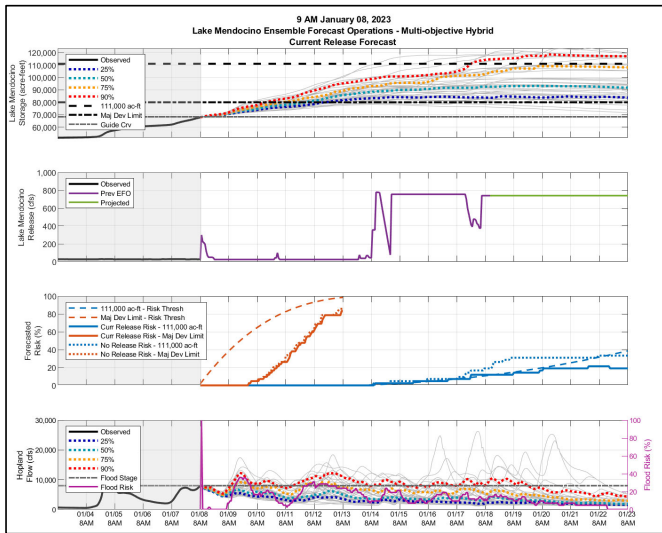
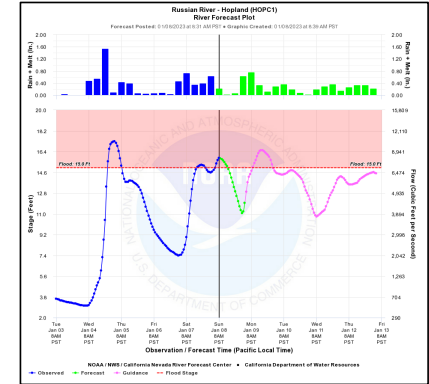
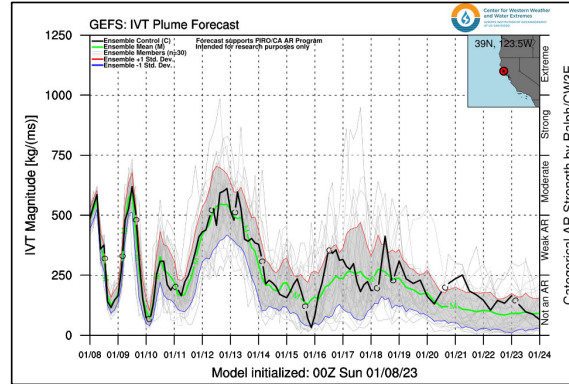
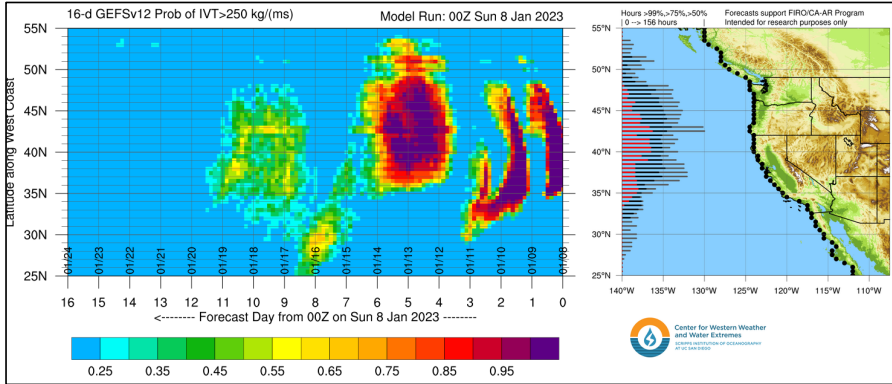


Lake Mendocino Storage for Water Year 2023



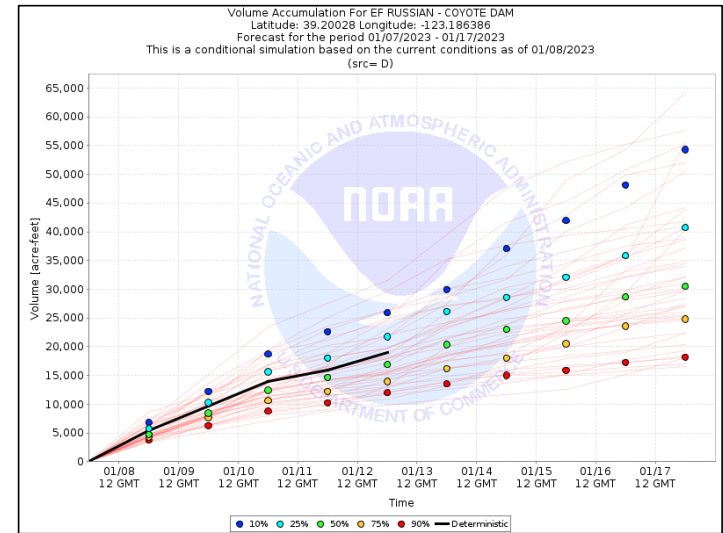


HOW TO MANAGE RESERVOIRS AND APPLY FIRO?



Information from NWS and CW3E available for use

Actual products from January 8, 2023

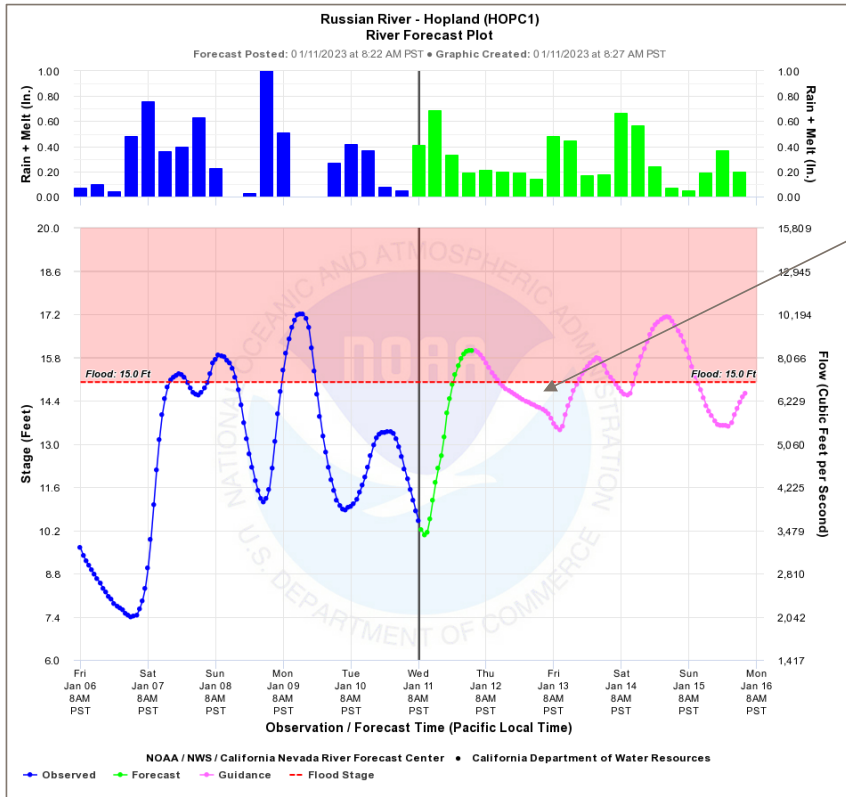




JANUARY 8 THROUGH 15

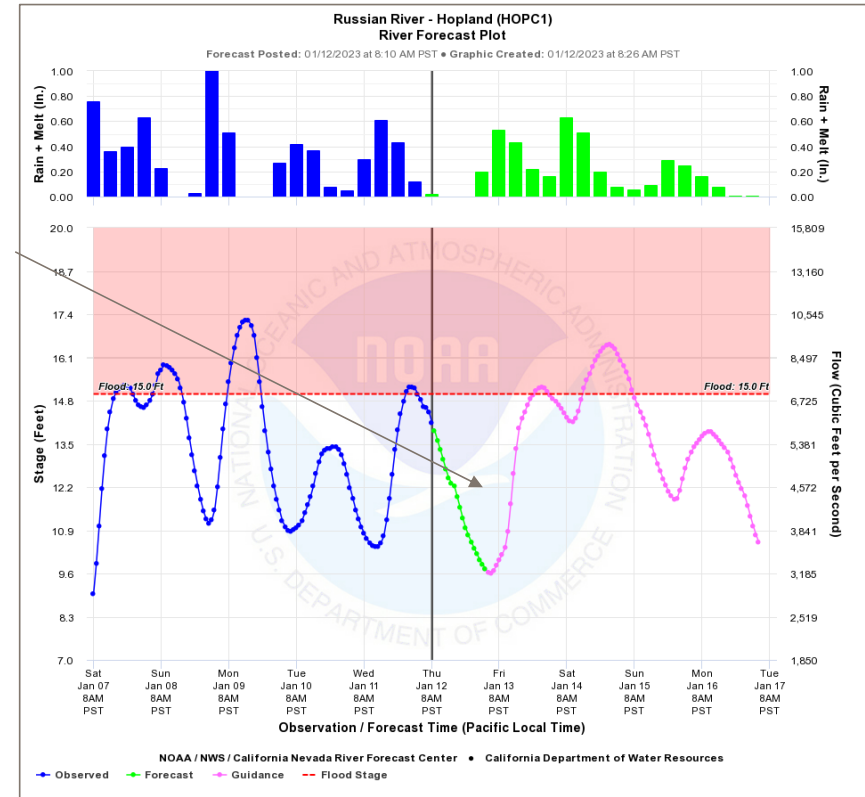


NWS Projection for Hopland: January 11 and 12



Some variability in forecasted window for initiating potential release between January 12-13

No release made

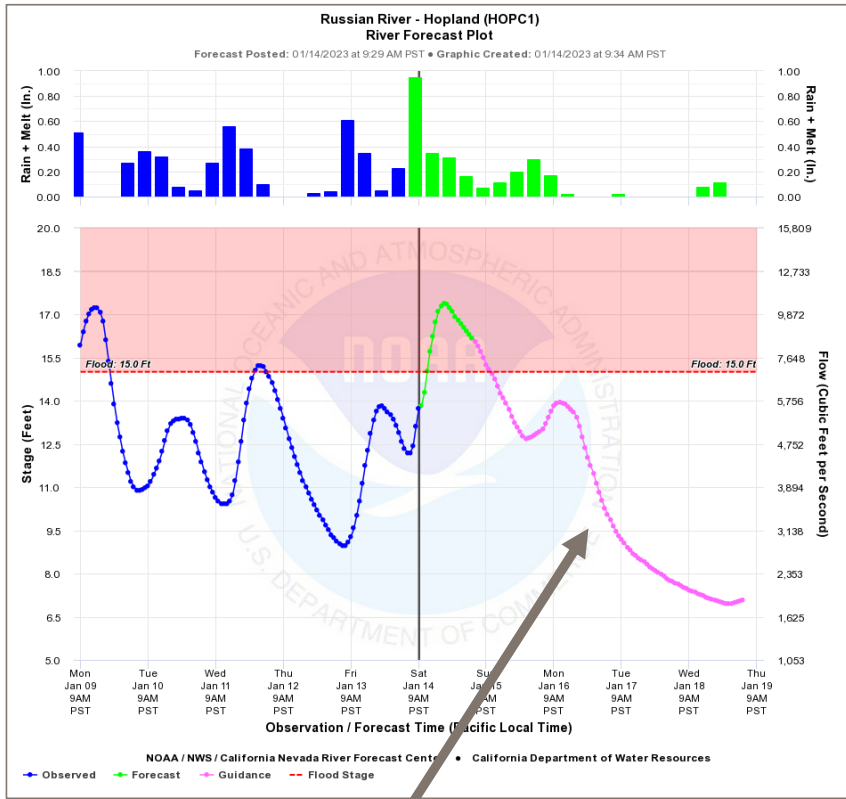




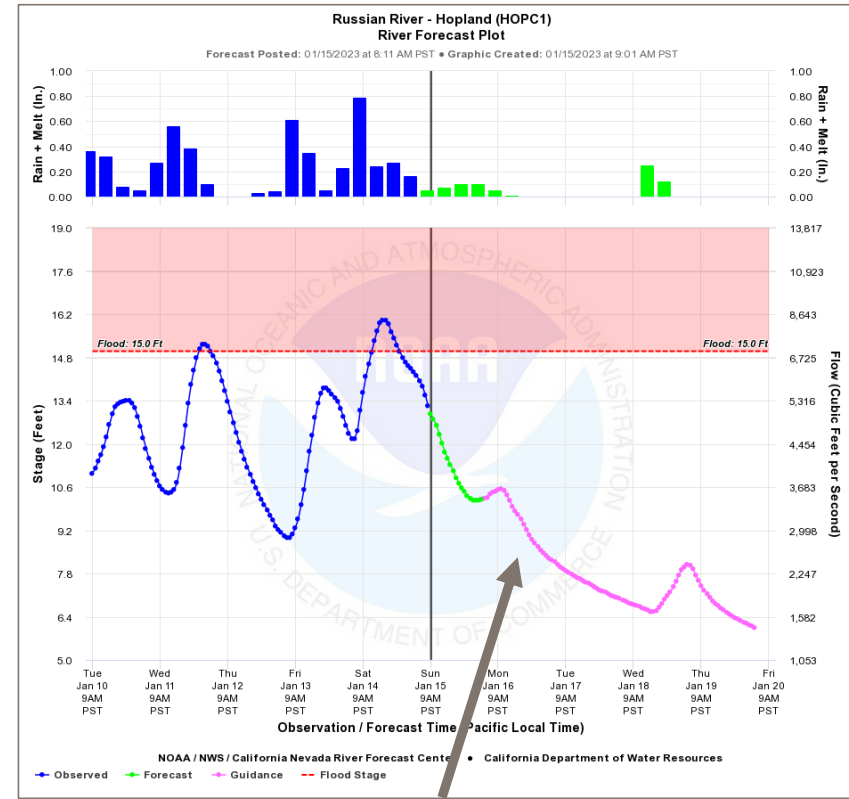
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NWS Projection for Hopland: January 14 and 15



January 14 NWS forecast for streamflow on Hopland showed obvious recession in flows beginning on January 16



January 15 NWS forecast for streamflow on Hopland showed obvious recession in flows beginning on January 16



JANUARY 16 THROUGH 24

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Flood control release of 3,000 cfs was initiated on January 16

Release was gradually lowered in the days that followed January 16

Reservoir storage was lowered from approximately 95,000 acre-feet to 80,000 acre-feet from January 16 through 24



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Lake Mendocino Pool Elevation and Management

