



# 2023 Water Year Upper Flathead Basin Drought Summary



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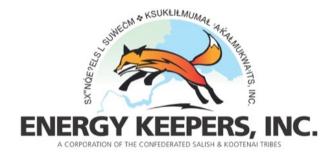
- Tribal Member
- St. Ignatius Native
- MSU Graduate in Civil Engineering
- 30 Years Working In Hydroelectric Arena





#### Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

of the Flathead Reservation





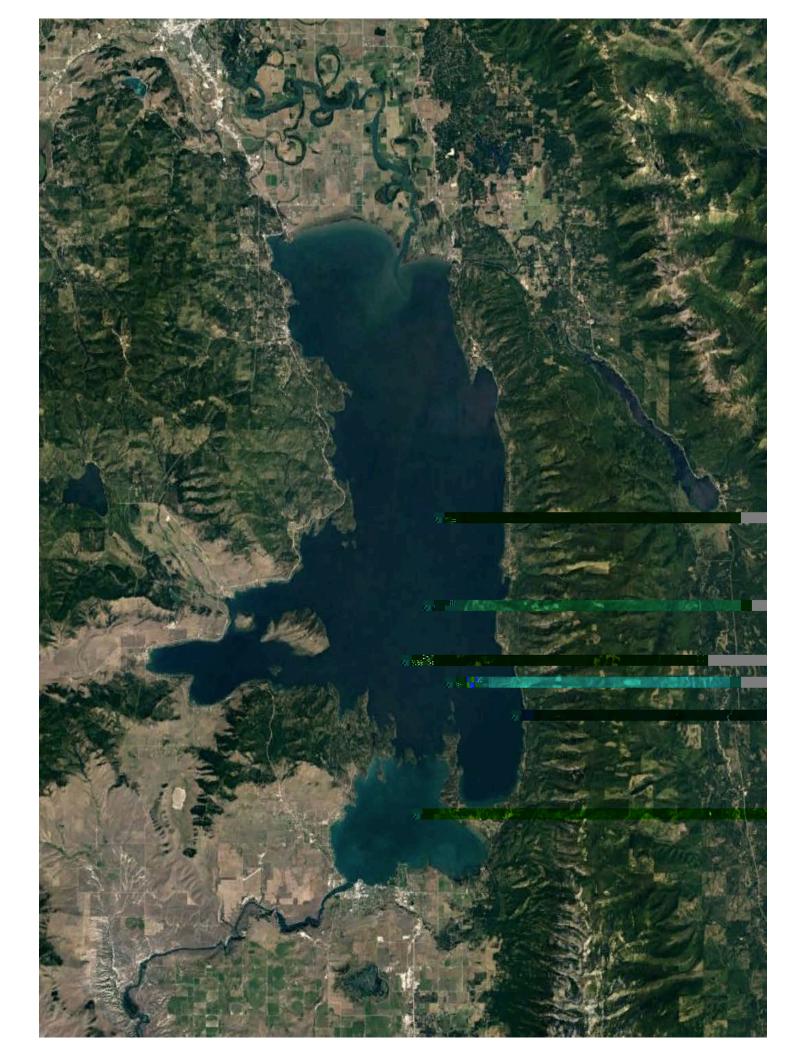








The Seli's Ksanka Olispe' Dam located on CSKT land 6 miles downstream of Flathead Lake the largest natural freshwater lake in the west. It is a 200-foot high, 381-foot-long concrete arch dam combined with a 1.2-million-acre foot storage reservoir in the top ten feet of Flathead Lake. Its powerhouse has a maximum generation capacity of 208 megawatts and an annual average production of 1.1 million megawatt hours of electricity. It is managed as part of the Columbia River basin flood control system.





# SKQ Controls Top 10' of Flathead Lake – 1.2 MAF



#### Typical EKI Operation:

- Strive for 2883' Min Pool April 15
- 2890' Memorial Weekend
- Full Pool 2893' June 15
- Top Foot 2893' 2892' Labor Day
- Minus 2' by Oct 31 2891'
- No less than 2888' Dec 31



### SKQ Controls Lower Flathead River

74 River Miles to Confluence with Clark Fork River

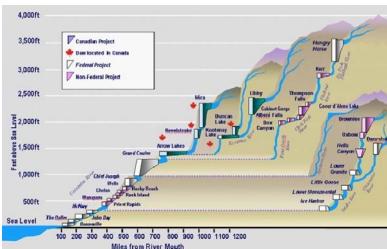






### Kerr is a part of the Columbia Hydroelectric Resource Base



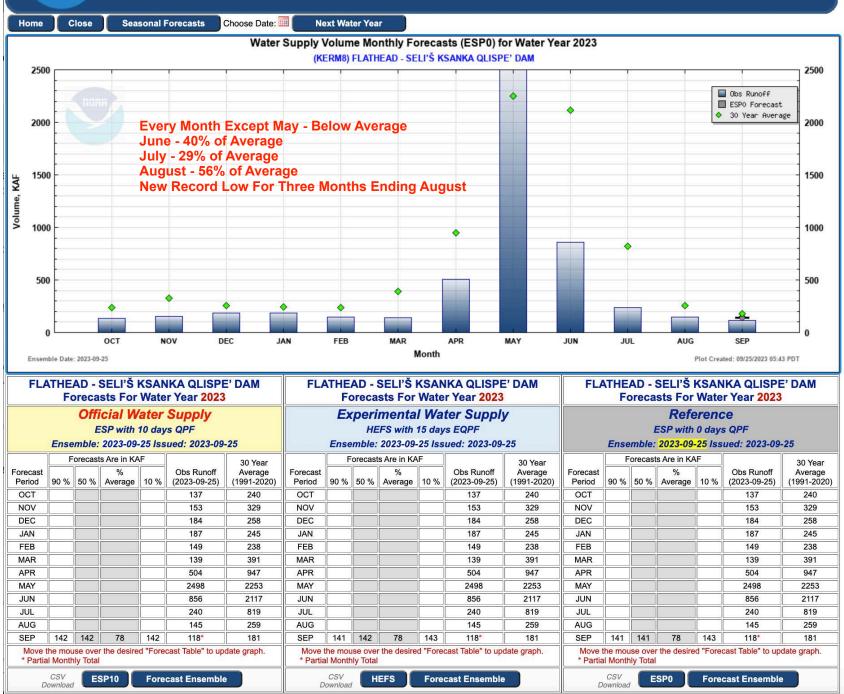




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#### Northwest River Forecast Center

### **ESP Monthly Water Supply Volumes**

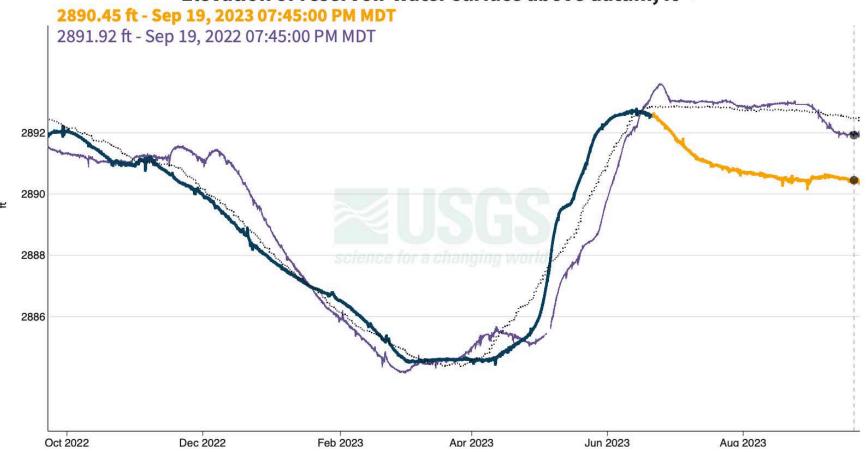




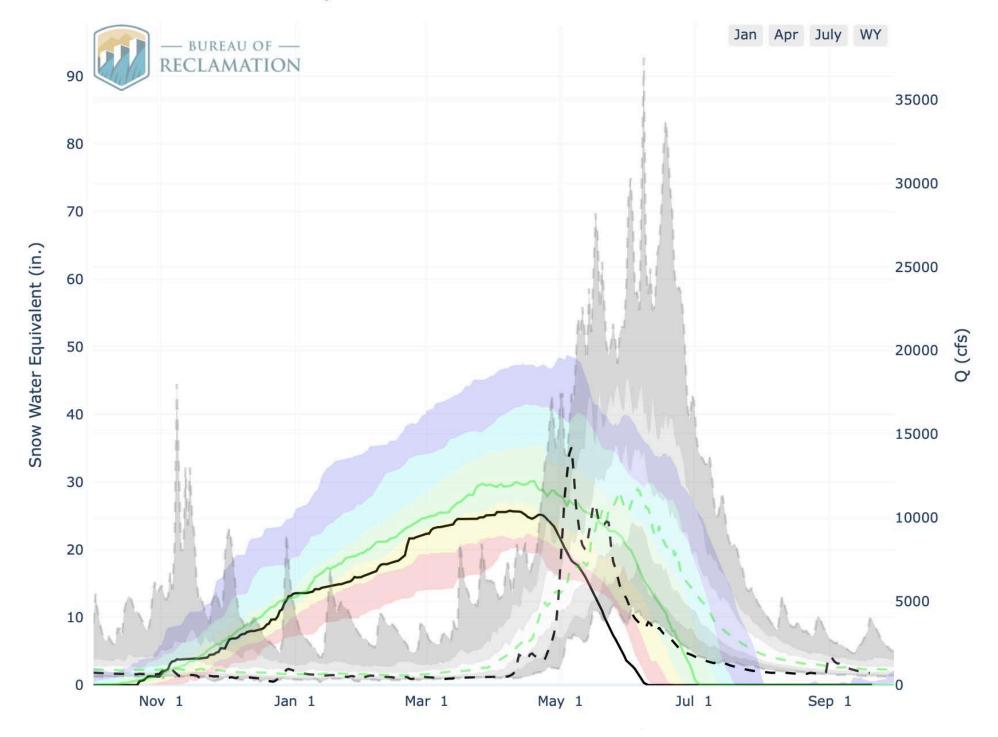
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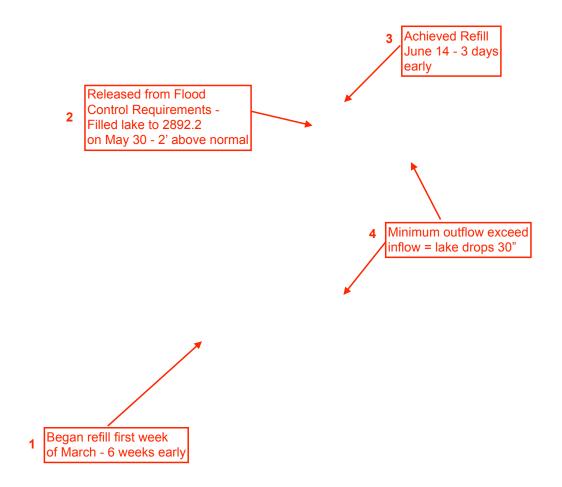
September 22, 2022 - September 22, 2023

Elevation of reservoir water surface above datum, ft



### Snow to Flow Relationship for NF Flathead R nr Columbia Falls





Last 9 Years Warmest on Record

