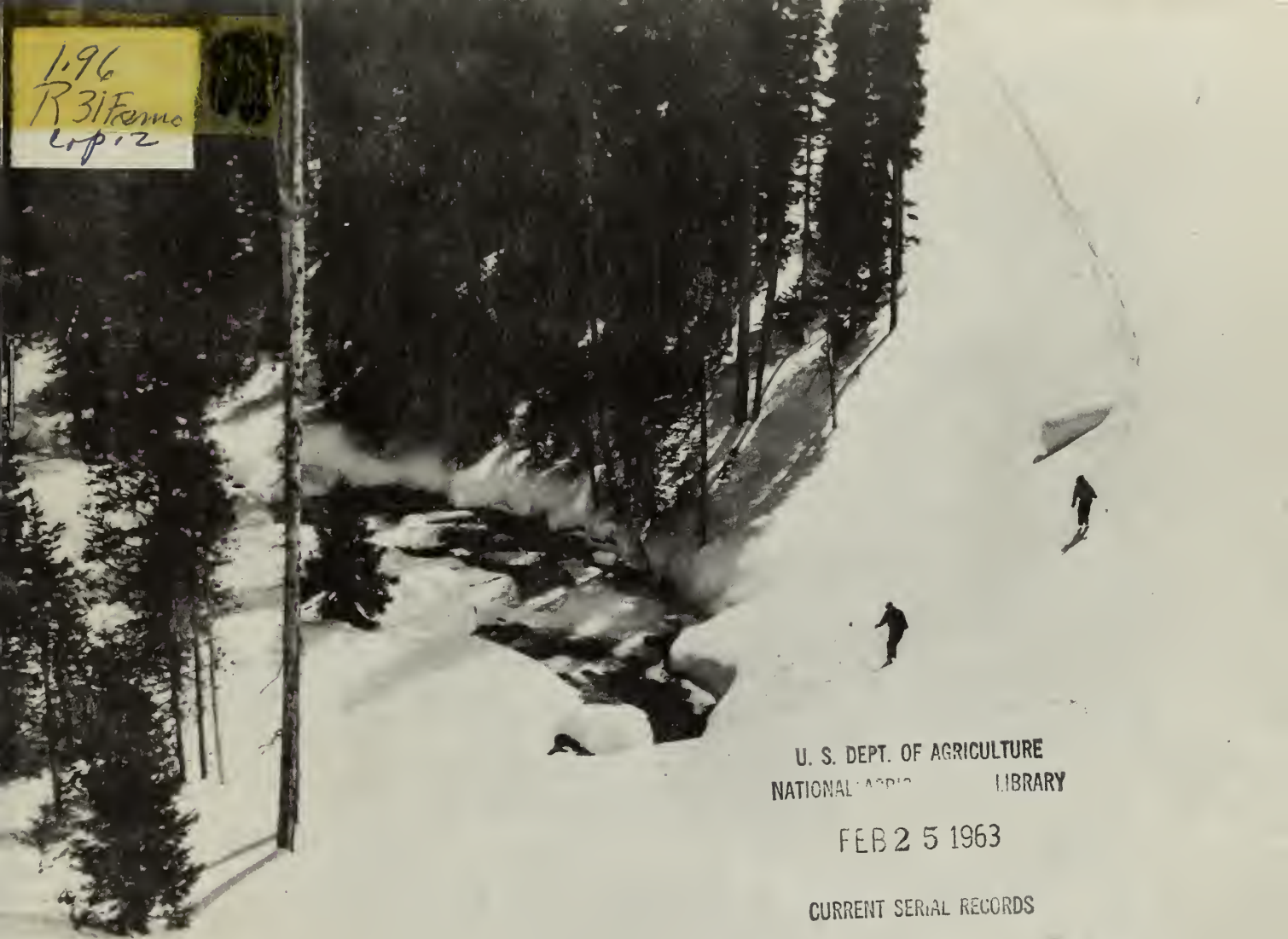


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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK
and
FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS
for
MONTANA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE...SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE,
and
MONTANA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Data included in this report were obtained by the agencies named above in cooperation with Federal, State and private organizations listed on the last page of this report

AS OF
JAN. 1, 1963

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

To Recipients of Water Supply Outlook Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Most of this precipitation falls as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from advance estimates of the streamflow.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, up to 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

Streamflow forecasts are obtained by a comparison of total or maximum snow accumulation, as measured by snow water equivalent, to the subsequent spring and summer or snowmelt season runoff over a period of years. The snow water equivalent measured in selected snow courses provides most of the index to the streamflow forecast for the following season. More accurate forecasts are usually obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast procedure. Early season forecasts assume average climatic conditions through the snowmelt season.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions. Soil Conservation Service Reports may be secured from Water Supply Forecasting Unit, Soil Conservation Service, P.O. Box 4170, Portland 8, Oregon.

PUBLISHED BY SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

<u>REPORTS</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COOPERATING WITH</u>
RIVER BASINS			
WESTERN UNITED STATES _____	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY) _____	PORTLAND, OREGON _____	ALL COOPERATORS
STATES			
ALASKA _____	MONTHLY (MAR.-MAY) _____	PALMER, ALASKA _____	ALASKA S.C.D.
ARIZONA _____	SEMI-MONTHLY _____ (JAN.15 - APR.1)	PHOENIX, ARIZONA _____	SALT R. VALLEY WATER USERS ASSOC. ARIZ. AGR. EXP. STATION
COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO _____	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY) _____	FORT COLLINS, COLORADO _____	COLO. STATE UNIVERSITY COLO. STATE ENGINEER N. MEX. STATE ENGINEER
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WYOMING _____	MONTHLY (FEB.-JUNE) _____	CASPER, WYOMING _____	WYOMING STATE ENGINEER

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<u>REPORTS</u>	<u>ISSUED</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
BRITISH COLUMBIA _____	MONTHLY (FEB.-JUNE) _____	WATER RIGHTS BR., DEPT. OF LANDS, FORESTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES, PARLIAMENT BLDG., VICTORIA, B.C., CANADA
CALIFORNIA _____	MONTHLY (FEB.-MAY) _____	CALIF. DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES, P.O. BOX 388, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK
FEDERAL-STATE-PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS
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MONTANA

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MONTANA
WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK
as of
January 1, 1963

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*
* The water supply outlook for the coming irrigation *
* season is Poor. Snow surveys made near the first *
* of January indicate the mountain snow pack is much *
* below average. Below average streamflow can be *
* expected next spring and summer unless precipita- *
* tion in the next three months is 120 to 150 per- *
* cent above average. *
* * * * *

Snow surveys made near the first of January in the Flathead River basin indicate the water stored in the snow pack is 36 percent of last year and 50 percent of the 1943-57 average.

In the Clark Fork River drainage the snow pack water content is 38 percent of last year and 53 percent average.

One snow course, Gibbons Pass, measured in the Bitterroot drainage is 73 percent of last year and 64 percent average.

East of the Continental divide the snow water content on the headwaters of the Missouri River is 40 percent of last year and 52 percent average.

Four snow courses measured on the Main Stem of the Missouri River have a water content that is 52 percent of last year and 52 percent average.

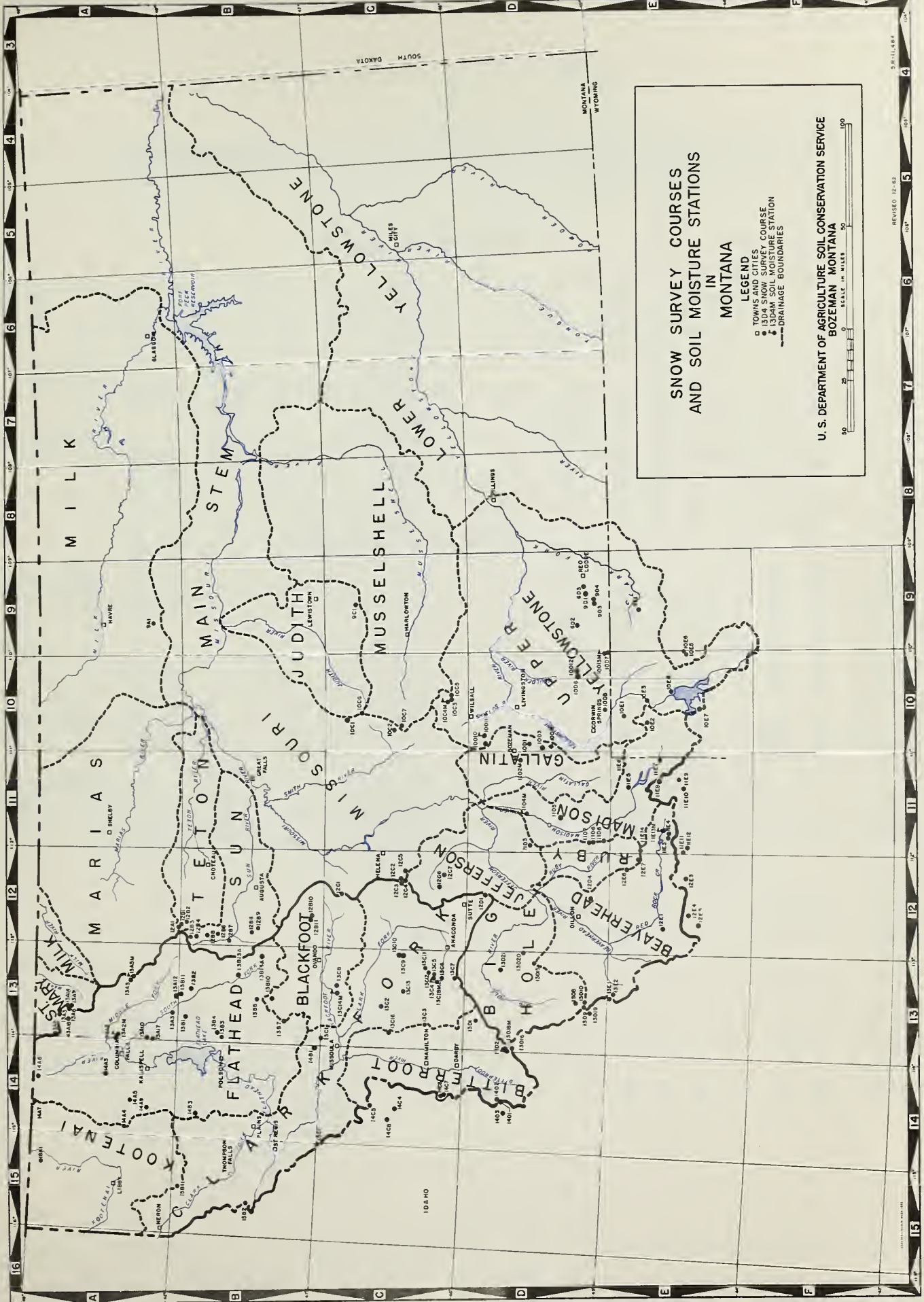
In the Yellowstone River headwaters the snow pack is 46 percent of last year and 61 percent average.

Mountain soil moisture is generally near or above average for this time of year with the exception of extreme northern portion of the State where below average conditions exist. Mild fall weather and generally near average fall precipitation have increased moisture content of the mountain soils, offsetting somewhat the low snow pack.

Storage in irrigation reservoirs is generally near average with the exception of the Sun, Marias, Teton and Milk River drainages where storage is slightly below average.

Storage in power reservoirs is generally near or above average.

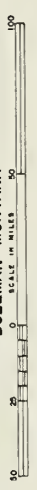




SNOW SURVEY COURSES AND SOIL MOISTURE STATIONS IN MONTANA

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
BOZEMAN MONTANA



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COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN										MISSOURI RIVER BASIN cont'd									
Drainage Basin & Course Name	Number	Elev.	Sec. Lat.	Twp.	Range Long.	Record Span	Measuring Dates 1/	Measured By 2/	Drainage Basin & Course Name	Number	Elev.	Sec. Lat.	Twp.	Range Long.	Record Span	Measuring Dates 1/	Measured By 2/		
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN cont'd																			
MADISON RIVER																			
Call Road	1107	8050	21	8S	2W	1962	3,4,5	1	Call Road	1107	8050	21	8S	2W	1962	3,4,5	1		
Crockett Lake	1106	8100	20	8S	2W	1962	3,4,5	1	Crockett Lake	1106	8100	20	8S	2W	1962	3,4,5	1		
Hebgen Dam	1115	6550	22	11S	3E	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3	Hebgen Dam	1115	6550	22	11S	3E	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3		
Jack Creek	1105	6800	13	6S	1E	1961	3,4	1	Jack Creek	1105	6800	13	6S	1E	1961	3,4	1		
North Meadow	1103	7500	23	3S	2W	1961	3,4	1	North Meadow	1103	7500	23	3S	2W	1961	3,4	1		
West Yellowstone	1117	6700	34	13S	5W	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3	West Yellowstone	1117	6700	34	13S	5W	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3		
GALLATIN RIVER																			
Devil's Slide	1004	8100	14	5S	6E	1935	2,3,4,5	6	Devil's Slide	1004	8100	14	5S	6E	1935	2,3,4,5	6		
Hook Meadow	1003	6600	22	4S	6E	1935	2,3,4,5	1	Hook Meadow	1003	6600	22	4S	6E	1935	2,3,4,5	1		
New World	1001	6700	24	3S	6E	1935	2,3,4	1	New World	1001	6700	24	3S	6E	1935	2,3,4	1		
Twenty-One Mile	1116	7150	1	11S	5E	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3	Twenty-One Mile	1116	7150	1	11S	5E	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3		
MISSOURI RIVER MAIN STEM																			
Chessman Reservoir	1205	6200	2	8N	5W	1936	1,2,3,4,5	3	Chessman Reservoir	1205	6200	2	8N	5W	1936	1,2,3,4,5	3		
Crystal Lake	901	6100	19	12N	18E	1941	3,4	1	Crystal Lake	901	6100	19	12N	18E	1941	3,4	1		
Elk Peak	1007	8000	10	8N	8E	1963	3,4	1	Elk Peak	1007	8000	10	8N	8E	1963	3,4	1		
Grasshopper	1002	7000	19	9N	8E	1938	3,4	1	Grasshopper	1002	7000	19	9N	8E	1938	3,4	1		
Kings Hill	1001	7500	35	13N	7E	1941	3,4,5	3	Kings Hill	1001	7500	35	13N	7E	1941	3,4,5	3		
Rocky Boy	941	5200	15	28N	16E	1934	3,4	1	Rocky Boy	941	5200	15	28N	16E	1934	3,4	1		
Stemple Pass	1201	6900	16	13N	7W	1934	3,4,5	3	Stemple Pass	1201	6900	16	13N	7W	1934	3,4,5	3		
Ten Mile Creek L.	1202	6250	13	8N	6W	1935	1,2,3,4,5	3	Ten Mile Creek L.	1202	6250	13	8N	6W	1935	1,2,3,4,5	3		
Ten Mile Creek M.	1203	6800	13	8N	6W	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3	Ten Mile Creek M.	1203	6800	13	8N	6W	1934	1,2,3,4,5	3		
Ten Mile Creek U.	1204	8000	19	8N	5W	1935	1,2,3,4,5	3	Ten Mile Creek U.	1204	8000	19	8N	5W	1935	1,2,3,4,5	3		
SUN-TENTON-MARIAS RIVERS																			
Bencharik	1288	5500	9	20N	10W	1948	3,4	1	Bencharik	1288	5500	9	20N	10W	1948	3,4	1		
Cabin Creek	1286	5400	33	23N	10W	1949	3,4	1	Cabin Creek	1286	5400	33	23N	10W	1949	3,4	1		
Five-Six	1289	5600	36	20N	10W	1948	3,4	1	Five-Six	1289	5600	36	20N	10W	1948	3,4	1		
Freight Creek	1241	6000	13	26N	10W	1948	3,4	1	Freight Creek	1241	6000	13	26N	10W	1948	3,4	1		
Gates Park	1285	5300	31	24N	10W	1949	3,4	1	Gates Park	1285	5300	31	24N	10W	1949	3,4	1		
Goat Mountain	1287	7000	20	22N	10W	1934	3,4,5	3	Goat Mountain	1287	7000	20	22N	10W	1934	3,4,5	3		
Voliron Creek	1282	5600	16	25N	9W	1948	3,4	1	Voliron Creek	1282	5600	16	25N	9W	1948	3,4	1		
West Fork	1281	6000	6	25N	9W	1948	3,4	1	West Fork	1281	6000	6	25N	9W	1948	3,4	1		
Wrong Creek	1284	5700	32	25N	10W	1949	3,4	1	Wrong Creek	1284	5700	32	25N	10W	1949	3,4	1		
Wrong Ridge	1283	6800	17	25N	10W	1949	3,4	1	Wrong Ridge	1283	6800	17	25N	10W	1949	3,4	1		
JUDITH RIVER																			
Spur Fork	1006	8000	20	12N	9E	1963	3,4	1	Spur Fork	1006	8000	20	12N	9E	1963	3,4	1		
UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER																			
Bald Ridge	1005	7500	11	4N	10E	1961	3,4	1	Bald Ridge	1005	7500	11	4N	10E	1961	3,4	1		
Camp Senia	901	7890	2	8S	18E	1937	3,4,5	1	Camp Senia	901	7890	2	8S	18E	1937	3,4,5	1		
Cooke City	1007	7400	25	9S	14E	1937	1,2,3,4,5	6	Cooke City	1007	7400	25	9S	14E	1937	1,2,3,4,5	6		
Creville Mt.	1005	8400	22	9S	9E	1935	3,4	2	Creville Mt.	1005	8400	22	9S	9E	1935	3,4	2		
Gertrude Lake	903	9280	10	8S	18E	1961	3,4,5	1	Gertrude Lake	903	9280	10	8S	18E	1961	3,4,5	1		
Grizzly Peak	905	8400	26	7S	19E	1961	1,2,3,4,5	1	Grizzly Peak	905	8400	26	7S	19E	1961	1,2,3,4,5	1		
Independence	1006	8000	22	7S	12E	1940	3,4,5	1	Independence	1006	8000	22	7S	12E	1940	3,4,5	1		
Monument Peak	10012	9000	22	7S	12E	1961	3,4,5	1	Monument Peak	10012	9000	22	7S	12E	1961	3,4,5	1		
Porcupine R.S.	1003	6500	10	4N	10E	1938	3,4	1	Porcupine R.S.	1003	6500	10	4N	10E	1938	3,4	1		
Timberline Creek	904	8850	10	8S	18E	1961	3,4,5	1	Timberline Creek	904	8850	10	8S	18E	1961	3,4,5	1		
Sagejaws	10010	6550	36	2N	6E	1960	3,4,5	1	Sagejaws	10010	6550	36	2N	6E	1960	3,4,5	1		
West Rosebud	902	7500	10	7S	16E	1960	3,4,5	4	West Rosebud	902	7500	10	7S	16E	1960	3,4,5	4		
COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN																			
FRONT RIVER																			
Desert Mountain	1342N	5600	24	31N	19W	1956	Monthly	1	Desert Mountain	1342N	5600	24	31N	19W	1956	Monthly	1		
Marion Pass	1345N	5250	34	30N	16W	1950	Monthly	1	Marion Pass	1345N	5250	34	30N	16W	1950	Monthly	1		
CLARK FORK RIVER																			
Georgetown Lake	1319M	6450	6	5N	13W	1962	Monthly	1	Georgetown Lake	1319M	6450	6	5N	13W	1962	Monthly	1		
Lubrecht Forest	1314M	4100	11	13N	15W	1961	Monthly	8	Lubrecht Forest	1314M	4100	11	13N	15W	1961	Monthly	8		
BITTERROOT RIVER																			
Gibbons Pass	13018M	7100	4	2S	19W	1962	Monthly	1	Gibbons Pass	13018M	7100	4	2S	19W	1962	Monthly	1		
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN																			
BEAVERHEAD RIVER																			
Bloody Olek	13010	7600	12	8S	16W	1948	3,4	1	Bloody Olek	13010	7600	12	8S	16W	1948	3,4	1		
Carter Creek	1204	7100	22	8S	7W	1963	3,4	1	Carter Creek	1204	7100	22	8S	7W	1963	3,4	1		
Gold Stone	1309	8100	11	8S	16W	1948	3,4	1	Gold Stone	1309	8100	11	8S	16W	1948	3,4	1		
Lakeview Canyon	1114	6930	26	14S	2W	1948	3,4,5	10	Lakeview Canyon	1114	6930	26	14S	2W	1948	3,4,5	10		
Lakeview Ridge	1113	7400	27	14S	2W	1948	3,4,5	10	Lakeview Ridge	1113	7400	27	14S	2W	1948	3,4,5	10		
Lamb Pass	1301	7400	9	10S	15W	1948	3,4	1	Lamb Pass	1301	7400	9	10S	15W	1948	3,4	1		
Trail Creek	1302	7650	15	10S	15W	1948	3,4	1	Trail Creek	1302	7650	15	10S	15W	1948	3,4	1		
White Pine Ridge	1201	8850	18	14S	9W	1948	3,4,5	1	White Pine Ridge	1201	8850	18	14S	9W	1948	3,4,5	1		
RUBY RIVER																			
Clover Meadow	1108	8600	28	9S	2W	1963	3,4,5	1	Clover Meadow	1108	8600	28	9S	2W	1963	3,4,5	1		
Olivia	1207	7900	14	12S	4W	1963	3,4,5	1	Olivia	1207	7900	14	12S	4W	1963	3,4,5	1		
Notch	1206	8500	18	1S	4W	1963	3,4,5	1	Notch	1206	8500	18	1S	4W	1963	3,4,5	1		
BIG HOLE RIVER																			
Abundance Lake	13020	8800	7	3S	12W	1963	3,4,5	1	Abundance Lake	13020	8800	7	3S	12W	1963	3,4,5	1		
Dorkshore Lake	13019	8600	4	8S	16W	1963	3,4,5	1	Dorkshore Lake	13019	8600	4	8S	16W	1963	3,4,5	1		
Elk Horn Springs	13015	8100	15	4S	12W	1936	3,4,5	3	Elk Horn Springs	13015	8100	15	4S	12W	1936	3,4,5	3		
Foehlan	13021	8500	14	1S	13W	1963	3,4,5	1	Foehlan	13021	8500	14	1S	13W	1963	3,4,5	1		
Jahnke Creek	1308	7340	25	7S	16W	1948	3,4	1	Jahnke Creek	1308	7340	25	7S	16W	1948	3,4	1		
JEFFERSON RIVER																			
Berry Meadow	1207	7300	17	5N	5W	1962	3,4	1	Berry Meadow	1207	7300	17	5N	5W	1962	3,4	1		
Picnic Grounds	1206	6500	10	5N	6W	1941	2,3,4	4	Picnic Grounds	1206	6500	10	5N	6W	1941	2,3,4	4		
Pinestone	1201	7000	10	1N	7W	1938	1,2,3,4,5	1	Pinestone	1201	7000	10	1N	7W	1938	1,2,3,4,5	1		

1/ Numerals 1,2,3,4,5,6 refer to January 1, February 1, March 1, April 1, May 1, May 15 and June 1.

2/ Numerals refer to Agency that secures the snow survey as follows:

1. Soil Conservation Service
2. U. S. Forest

SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF JULY 1, 1962

(Inches)

SOIL MOISTURE STATION			SOIL PROFILE		CURRENT DATA		PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	FIELD CAPACITY	DATE OF SURVEY	SOIL MOISTURE	LAST YEAR	** AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Flathead

13A2M	Desert Mountain	5600	54	8.4	6/29	7.1	-	8.5
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	54	6.5	6/25	5.2	3.4	5.1

Clark Fork

13C15M	Georgetown Lake	6450	48	8.3	7/5	7.3	-	-
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Bitterroot

13D18M	Gibbons Pass	7100	48	7.1	6/27	6.3	-	-
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MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

Beaverhead

11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3	6/29	12.8	-	-
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Madison

10D4M	Red Bluff	4800	40	4.7	7/1	1.1	-	-
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Gallatin

11D2M	College Site	4856	54	14.5	6/29	10.1	6.9	9.0
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Yellowstone

10D11M	Battle Ridge	6020	48	15.4	6/29	15.6	9.9	-
10D13M	Northeast Entrance	7350	48	9.4	6/30	8.1	-	-
10C4M	Shields River	5850	48	17.8 <u>1/</u>	6/29	13.8	8.6	-

** Average for period of record

1/ Capacity and previously published revised data.



SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF AUGUST 1, 1962

(Inches)

SOIL MOISTURE STATION			SOIL PROFILE		CURRENT DATA		PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	FIELD CAPACITY	DATE OF SURVEY	SOIL MOISTURE	LAST YEAR	**AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Flathead

13A2M	Desert Mountain	5600	54	8.4	8/1	5.1	-	6.6
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	54	6.5	7/27	3.6	3.0	3.8

Clark Fork

13C15M	Georgetown Lake	6450	48	8.3	8/6	4.4	-	-
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Bitterroot

13D18M	Gibbons Pass	7100	48	7.1	7/30	5.9	-	-
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MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

Beaverhead

11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3	7/31	9.8	-	-
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Madison

10D4M	Red Bluff	4800	40	4.7	8/3	1.4	1.1	-
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Gallatin

11D2M	College Site	4856	54	14.5	8/3	10.0	4.9	6.9
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Yellowstone

10D11M	Battle Ridge	6020	48	15.4	7/30	10.8	7.2	-
10D13M	Northeast Entrance	7350	48	9.4	8/2	8.7	-	-
10C4M	Shields River	5850	48	17.8 <u>1/</u>	7/30	9.4	6.4	-

** Average for period of record.

1/ Capacity and previously published revised data.



SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1962

(Inches)

SOIL MOISTURE STATION			SOIL PROFILE		CURRENT DATA		PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	FIELD CAPACITY	DATE OF SURVEY	SOIL MOISTURE	LAST YEAR	**AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Flathead

13A2M	Desert Mountain	5600	54	8.4	9/2	4.8	4.4	4.6
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	54	6.5	8/25	3.2	3.0	3.7

Clark Fork

13C15M	Georgetown Lake	6450	48	8.3	9/4	2.6	-	-
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Bitterroot

13D18M	Gibbons Pass	7100	48	7.1	8/30	5.0	-	-
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MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

Beaverhead

11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3	8/30	7.0	-	-
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Madison

10D4M	Red Bluff	4800	40	4.7	9/4	1.7	1.1	-
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Gallatin

11D2M	College Site	4856	54	14.5	8/31	8.5	4.0	6.0
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Yellowstone

10D11M	Battle Ridge	6020	48	15.4	8/31	8.3	5.9	-
10D13M	Northeast Entrance	7350	48	9.4	9/3	6.9	-	-
10C4M	Shields River	5850	48	17.8 <u>1/</u>	8/31	7.3	5.9	-

** Average for period of record

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SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1962

(Inches)

SOIL MOISTURE STATION			SOIL PROFILE		CURRENT DATA		PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	FIELD CAPACITY	DATE OF SURVEY	SOIL MOISTURE	LAST YEAR	**AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Flathead

13A2M	Desert Mountain	5600	54	8.4	10/1	4.0	4.9	5.7
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	54	6.5	9/27	3.2	3.6	3.8

Clark Fork

13C15M	Georgetown Lake	6450	48	8.3	10/1	2.3	-	-
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Bitterroot

13D18M	Gibbons Pass	7100	48	7.1	9/27	4.5	-	-
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MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

Beaverhead

11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3	10/2	5.8	-	-
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Madison

10D4M	Red Bluff	4800	40	4.7	10/13	1.2	3.2	-
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Gallatin

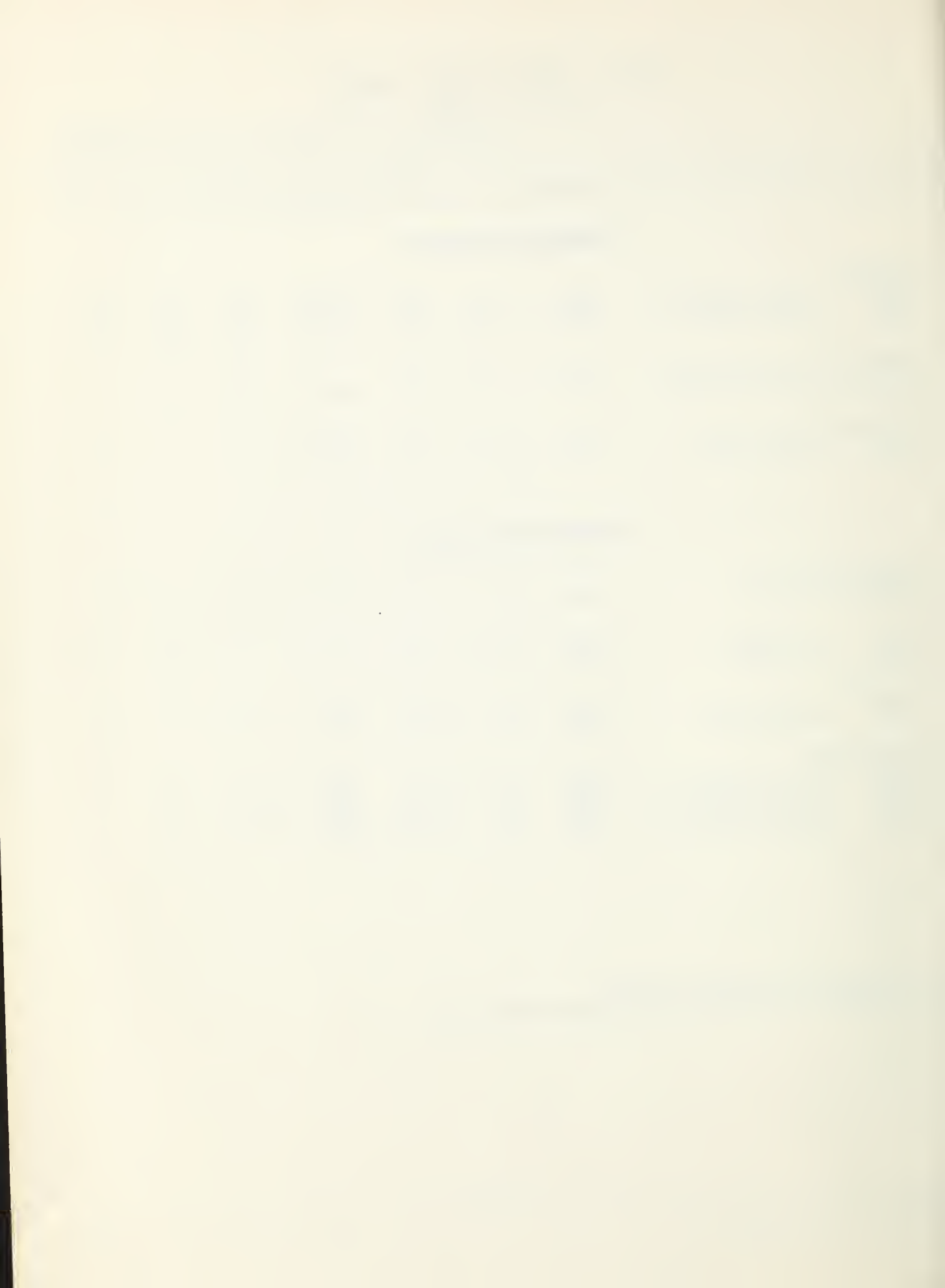
11D2M	College Site	4856	54	14.5	9/28	7.8	9.1	6.4
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Yellowstone

10D11M	Battle Ridge	6020	48	15.4	9/28	7.5	9.3	-
10D13M	Northeast Entrance	7350	48	9.4	9/29	7.5	-	-
10C4M	Shields River	5850	48	17.8 <u>1/</u>	9/28	7.1	7.5	-

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SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 1962

(Inches)

SOIL MOISTURE STATION			SOIL PROFILE		CURRENT DATA		PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	FIELD CAPACITY	DATE OF SURVEY	SOIL MOISTURE	LAST YEAR	**AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Flathead

13A2M	Desert Mountain	5600	54	8.4	11/1	6.4	-	-
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	54	6.5	-	-	5.1	4.7

Clark Fork

13C15M	Georgetown Lake	6450	48	8.3	11/7	3.3	-	-
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Bitterroot

13D18M	Gibbons Pass	7100	48	7.1	10/31	6.1	-	-
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MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

Beaverhead

11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3	10/31	5.8	-	-
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Madison

10D4M	Red Bluff	4800	40	4.7	-	-	2.7	-
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Gallatin

11D2M	College Site	4856	54	14.5	10/26	7.8	9.6	7.4
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Yellowstone

10D11M	Battle Ridge	6020	48	15.4	10/30	13.5	12.7	-
10D13M	Northeast Entrance	7350	48	9.4	11/1	7.7	-	-
10C4M	Shields River	5850	48	17.8 <u>1/</u>	10/30	8.4	7.7	-

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SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF DECEMBER 1, 1962

(Inches)

SOIL MOISTURE STATION			SOIL PROFILE		CURRENT DATA		PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	FIELD CAPACITY	DATE OF SURVEY	SOIL MOISTURE	LAST YEAR	**AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Flathead

13A2M	Desert Mountain	5600	54	8.4	-	-	-	-
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	54	6.5	-	-	5.3	4.9

Clark Fork

13C15M	Georgetown Lake	6450	48	8.3	12/3	3.5	-	-
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Bitterroot

13D18M	Gibbons Pass	7100	48	7.1	11/29	6.1	-	-
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MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

Beaverhead

11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3	11/30	5.5	-	-
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Madison

10D4M	Red Bluff	4800	40	4.7	11/24	2.1	-	-
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Gallatin

11D2M	College Site	4856	54	14.5	11/30	11.8	10.1	8.4
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Yellowstone

10D11M	Battle Ridge	6020	48	15.4	11/30	14.4	13.2	-
10D13M	Northeast Entrance	7350	48	9.4	12/1	7.5	-	-
10C4M	Shields River	5850	48	17.8 <u>1/</u>	11/30	8.6	11.6	-

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SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF JANUARY 1, 1963

(Inches)

SOIL MOISTURE STATION			SOIL PROFILE		CURRENT DATA		PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	FIELD CAPACITY	DATE OF SURVEY	SOIL MOISTURE	LAST YEAR	**AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Flathead

13A2M	Desert Mountain	5600	54	8.4	12/28	6.8	-	6.7
13A5M	Marias Pass	5250	54	6.5	12/30	5.5	5.6	4.7

Clark Fork

13C15M	Georgetown Lake	6450	48	8.3	12/27	3.3	-	-
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Bitterroot

13D18M	Gibbons Pass	7100	48	7.1	12/28	5.9	-	-
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MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

Beaverhead

11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3	12/31	5.5	-	-
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Madison

10D4M	Red Bluff	4800	40	4.7	1/4	2.6	2.8	-
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Gallatin

11D2M	College Site	4856	54	14.5	12/28	12.3	10.7	8.3
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Yellowstone

10D11M	Battle Ridge	6020	48	15.4	12/31	13.8	13.0	-
10D13M	Northeast Entrance	7350	48	9.4	1/2	7.2	-	-
10C4M	Shields River	5850	48	17.8 <u>1/</u>	12/31	9.2	11.8	-

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SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF JANUARY 1, 1963

(Inches)

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT DATA			PAST RECORD	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	
						LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

FLATHEAD RIVER

13A2	Desert Mountain	5600	12/28	18	4.0	9.5	6.4*
13A5	Marias Pass	5250	1/3	23	5.8	9.9	8.1
13A13	Quintonkon	3800	1/2	7	1.8	9.4	-
13B2	Spotted Bear Mt.	7000	1/3	16	3.3	9.4	7.7*
13A12	Trout Lake	3600	1/2	12	2.8	10.4	7.7*
13B11	Twin Creeks	3580	1/2	6	1.5	8.4	5.3*

CLARK FORK RIVER

13B10	Coyote Hill	4200	12/31	9	1.2	8.2	5.0*
15B2	Lookout	5250	12/28	33	9.0	22.9	16.4*
13C8	Lubrecht Forest #6	4040	12/31	0	0	4.4	1.5*
13C7	Storm Lake	7780	12/27	23	5.6	6.3	6.6*
13C1	Stuart Mountain	7400	12/28	26	7.4	-	-
14B1	TV Mountain	6800	12/29	18	4.0	11.3	8.3*

BITTERROOT RIVER

13D2	Gibbons Pass	7100	12/28	30	8.1	11.0	12.7*
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SNOW SURVEY DATA

AS OF JANUARY 1, 1963

(Inches)

SNOW COURSE			CURRENT DATA			PAST RECORD	
			DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER CONTENT	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION				LAST YEAR	AVERAGE

MISSOURI RIVER BASIN

BEAVERHEAD RIVER

12E3	Camp Creek	6800	12/28	11	2.2	5.0	4.2*
11E12	Kilgore	6200	12/28	9	2.1	6.1	4.6*

JEFFERSON RIVER

12D1	Pipestone Pass	7200	12/28	13	3.0	2.8	2.7*
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MADISON RIVER

11E9	Big Springs	6500	12/30	15	3.2	13.5	8.2
11E5	Hebgen Dam	6550	1/2	11	2.2	5.6	5.9
11E10	Island Park	6315	12/30	14	3.0	10.2	6.3
10E2	Norris Basin	7500	1/2	15	3.1	5.4	4.6*
11E8	Valley View	6500	12/30	21	4.7	9.0	5.8
11E7	West Yellowstone	6700	1/2	12	2.3	6.2	5.7

GALLATIN RIVER

11E6	Twenty-One Mile	7150	1/2	17	3.6	10.3	8.6
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MISSOURI MAIN STEM

12C5	Chessman Reservoir	6200	1/4	3	0.5	1.9	2.2
12C2	Tenmile, Lower	6250	1/4	8	1.9	3.7	3.5
12C3	Tenmile, Middle	6800	1/3	15	3.4	5.4	5.3
12C4	Tenmile, Upper	8000	1/3	17	4.4	6.8	6.7

UPPER YELLOWSTONE RIVER

10E3	Canyon	7750	1/3	20	4.3	8.6	6.3*
10D7	Cooke City	7400	1/2	14	3.0	4.8	4.0*
10E6	East Entrance	7000	12/31	16	2.5	6.0	4.7*
9D5	Grizzly Peak	8400	12/28	26	6.0	15.0	-
10E4	Lake Camp #2	7850	12/31	12	2.0	5.8	4.5*
10E1	Lupine Creek	7300	1/2	17	3.0	8.1	5.1*
10E5	Sylvan Pass	7100	12/31	18	3.9	7.5	6.5*
10E7	Thumb Divide	7900	12/31	25	6.6	14.7	10.2*

RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1962

(1000 Acre Feet)

BASIN	RESERVOIR	USEABLE CAPACITY	USEABLE STORAGE		
			THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
<u>COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN</u>					
Flathead	Hungry Horse	3,428.0	3,155.0	2,992.0	2,883.0**
	Flathead Lake	1,791.0	1,610.0	1,367.0	1,257.1
	Camas <u>1/</u>	45.2	24.8	25.4	23.8
	Mission Valley <u>2/</u>	100.3	25.1	20.8	28.2
Clark Fork	Georgetown Lake	31.0	27.7	26.0	25.3
	Noxon	334.6	331.3	325.0	-
Bitterroot	Como	34.9	15.0	-	9.3
<u>MISSOURI RIVER BASIN</u>					
Beaverhead	Lima	84.0	N.R.	-	32.4
Ruby	Ruby	38.8	N.R.	16.2	22.7**
Madison	Hebgen Lake <u>3/</u>	384.8	233.6	106.8	240.3
	Ennis Lake	41.0	39.4	39.3	37.6
Gallatin	Middle Creek	8.0	4.1	2.0	3.1**
Missouri	Canyon Ferry	2,043.0	2,015.0	1,382.0	1,682.0**
	Hauser & Helena	61.9	53.6	52.0	54.9
	Lake Helena	10.4	7.6	7.0	8.3**
	Holter Lake	81.9	73.0	67.1	71.6
	Smith River	10.7	7.3	1.6	5.0**
	Ackley Lake	5.8	N.R.	1.6	3.9
	Durand	7.0	5.3	0.8	4.3
	Martinsdale	23.1	8.9	1.3	9.5
	Deadman's Basin	72.2	42.1	4.8	48.5**
	Fort Peck	19,410.0	10,040.0	8,820.0	11,061.0
Sun-Teton	Gibson	105.0	33.6	34.0	55.5
	Willow Creek	32.3	25.5	10.3	18.4
	Pishkun	32.0	18.5	17.4	19.0
Marias	Lower Two Medicine	16.6	N.R.	0	0
	Four Horns	19.2	N.R.	14.0	8.6
	Swift	30.0	8.6	13.5	18.1
	Lake Francis	112.0	65.9	74.8	94.4
	Tiber	1,313.0	625.5	619.0	626.2**
Milk	Fresno	127.2	36.1	15.9	66.6
	Nelson	66.8	48.3	16.8	37.2
	Lake Sherburne	66.1	N.R.	13.0	16.3
Yellowstone	Mystic Lake	20.8	14.7	13.4	14.5
	Tongue River	68.0	N.R.	39.9	7.9
	Cooney	27.5	15.0	15.0	8.8

1/ Sum of four small reservoirs on west side of Flathead Lake.

2/ Sum of eight small reservoirs in Mission Valley not including Jocko Lake.

3/ New capacity curve.

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