Hog Park Reservoir to fill

Cheyenne, WY - People living near or visiting the Encampment, Riverside, Baggs, Savery and Dixon areas should expect higher than normal flows in the Encampment and Little Snake Rivers this year because of runoff from an above average snowpack.

Hog Park Reservoir, which is one of eight reservoirs for the City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities is expected to fill around Monday, June 6, 2016. Based on the predicted forecast, increased snowmelt in the surrounding area will continue to flow into the Hog Park Reservoir which will cause the reservoir to fill. Once the reservoir is full, a spillway will safely direct natural runoff water coming into the reservoir back into Hog Park Creek, a tributary to the Encampment River, which may result in higher than normal flows in the Encampment River.

Typically at this time of year, the BOPU closes its collection structures, which restricts trans-basin flow from the western side of the Continental Divide into Hog Park Reservoir. Since no runoff will be diverted trans-basin, natural snowmelt is expected to increase flows into the Little Snake River.

With a higher than normal snowpack, flows in the Encampment River, Little Snake River and surrounding riverways could be heavy for several weeks. People living near or visiting the Encampment River, Little Snake River and surrounding riverways should exercise caution and be aware that flows may rapidly change depending on weather conditions.

As of June 2, 2016, Hog Park Reservoir contained 21,462 acre-feet of water, or approximately 94.8 percent of capacity. Since one acre-foot equals 325,851 gallons of water, at full capacity Hog Park can hold 7.0 billion gallons of water.