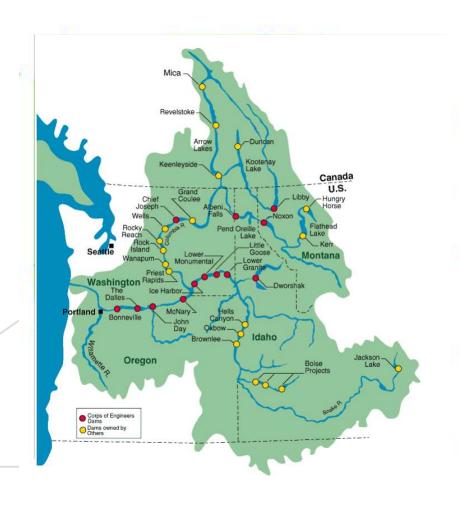
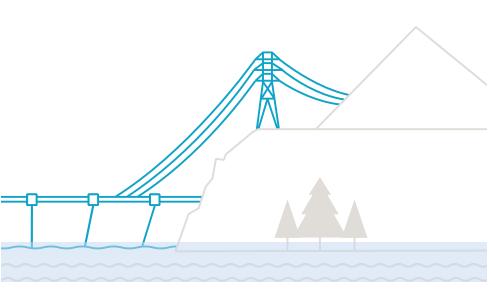
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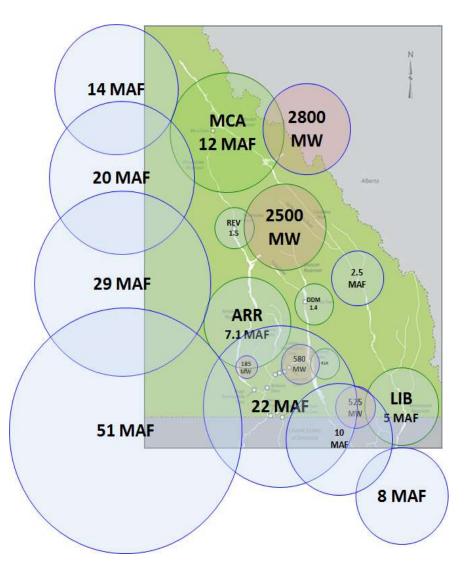






# **Columbia Basin Comparative Map**

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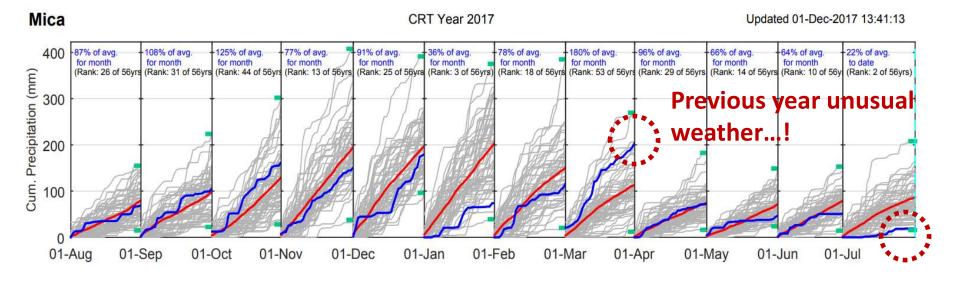


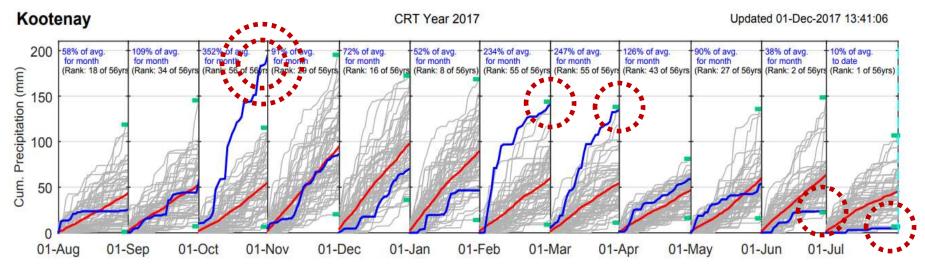
Inflow (Blue)
Storage (Green)
Capacity (Red)





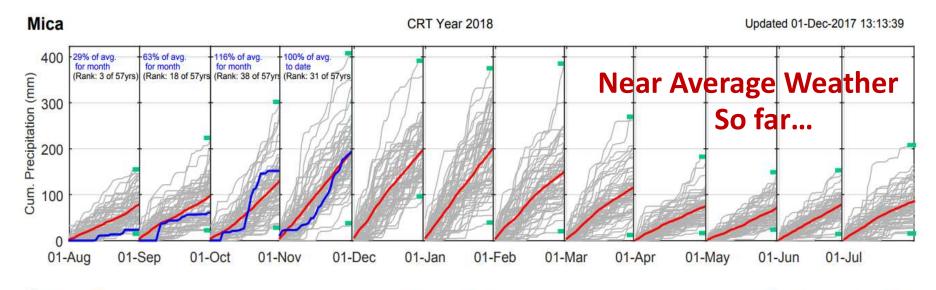
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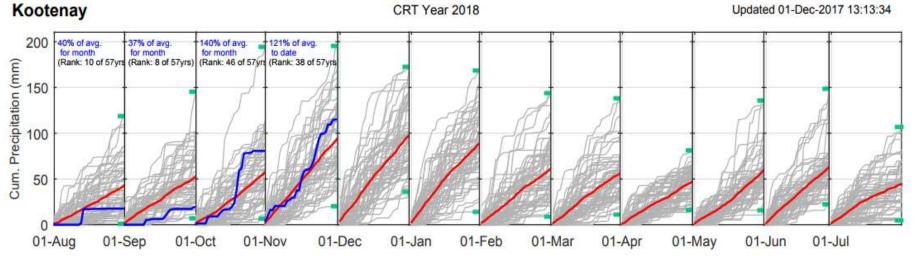






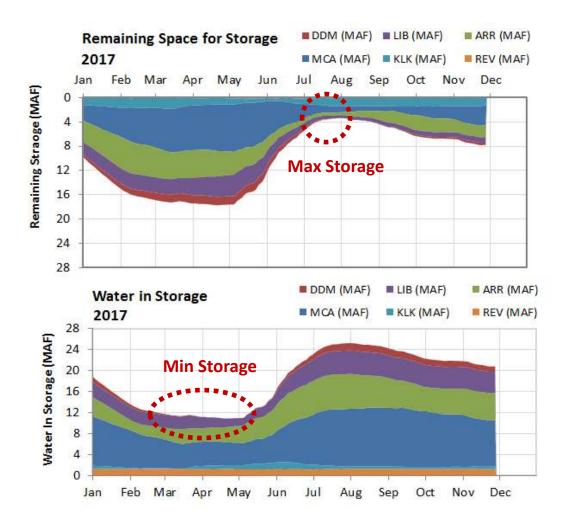
# Precip Summary: Aug 2017 to Nov 2017







# **System Storage Summary**

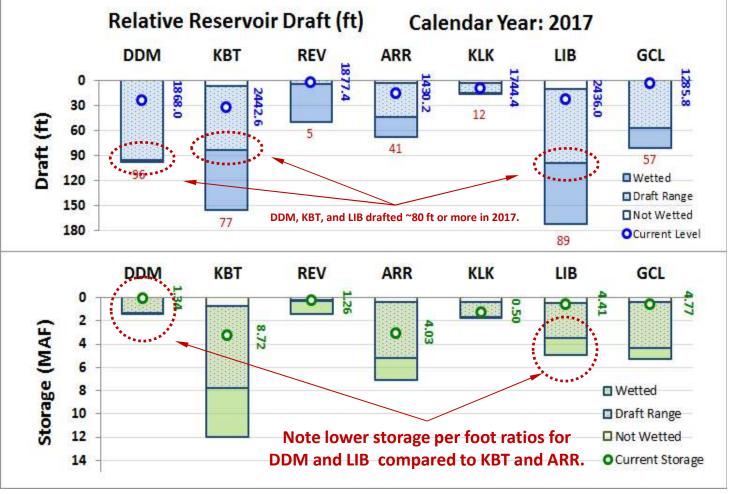


- System storage maximized mid Jul to Aug: ~20 MAF.
- System storage at minimum mid Mar: ~11.5 MAF.
- Bulk of seasonal storage swing in MCA, ARR, and LIB.





### **Relative Reservoir Draft: Calendar Year**

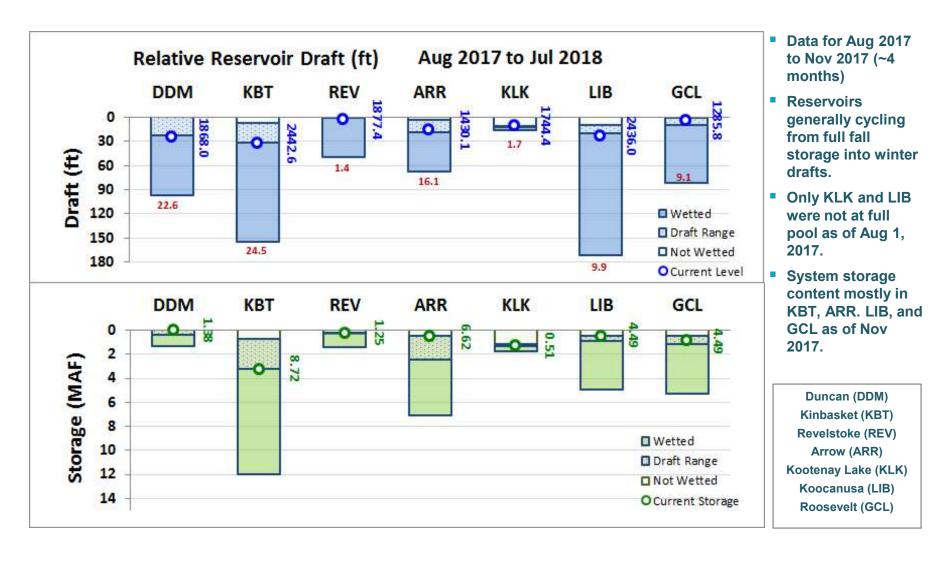


- Reservoirs generally cycling from full fall storage into winter drafts.
- Deepest full drafts in DDM, KBT, and LIB. However, KBT and LIB only drafted to ~1/2 their max possible draft.

Duncan (DDM)
Kinbasket (KBT)
Revelstoke (REV)
Arrow (ARR)
Kootenay Lake (KLK)
Koocanusa (LIB)
Roosevelt (GCL)

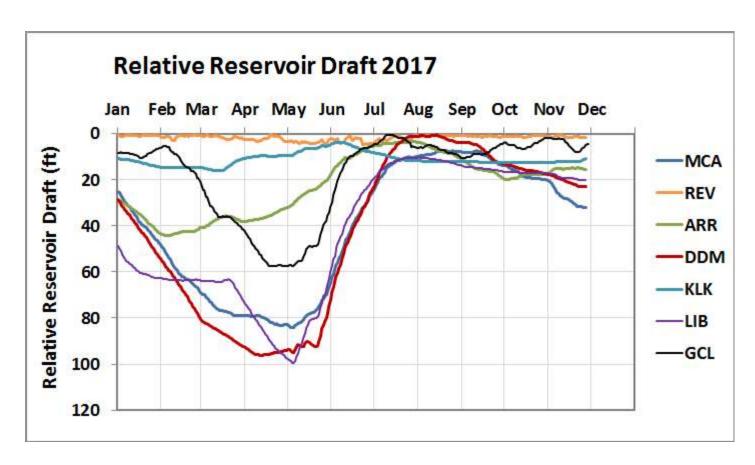


#### Relative Reservoir Draft: 4 months of CRT Year





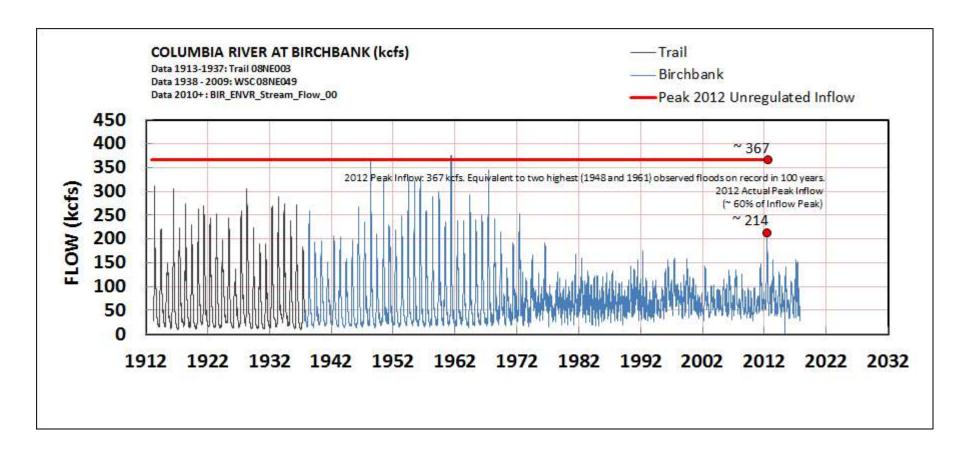
# **Relative Reservoir Draft and Storage**



- Reservoirs generally cycling from full fall storage into winter drafts.
- Only KLK and LIB were not at full pool as of Aug 1, 2017.
- System storage content mostly in KBT and ARR as of Nov 2017.
- Revelstoke has
   ~50' storage under
   its water licence.
   Kept near full pool
   under most
   circumstance for
   head gains.

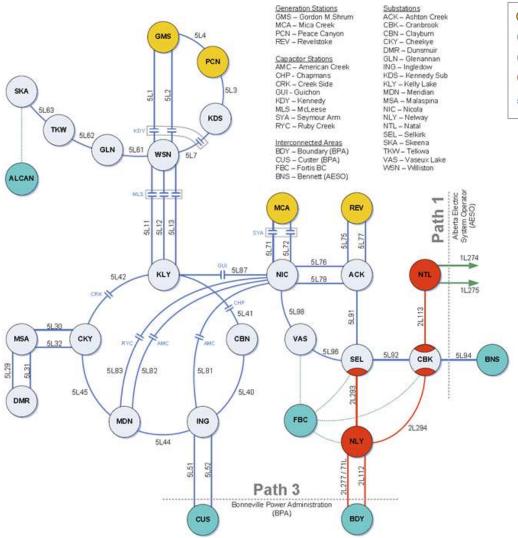


### **Birchbank Flows: Historical and Present**





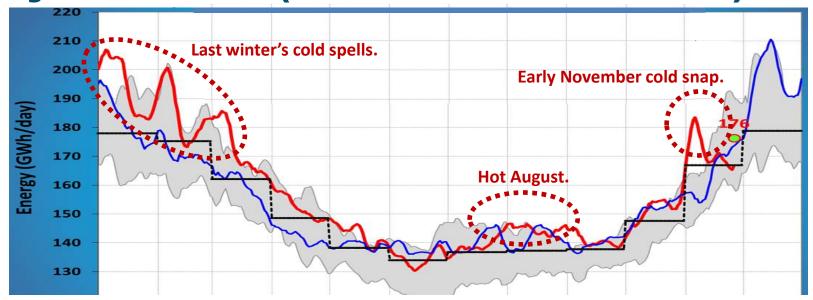
# **2017 System Operations**



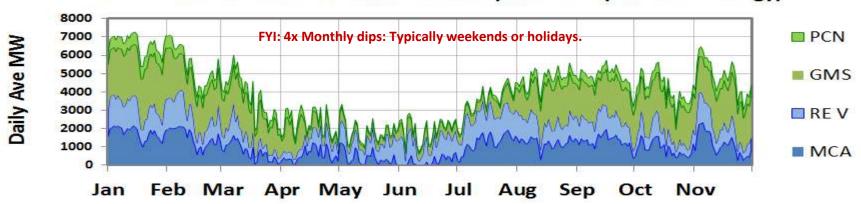




# System Load (Jan 2017 to Nov 2017)

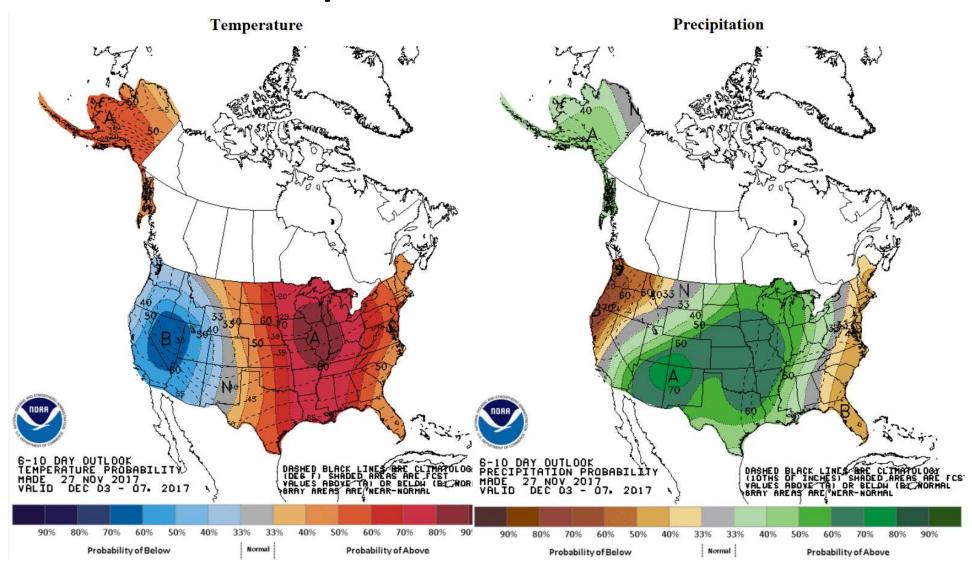


#### 2017 Generation: Peace and Columbia (Firm & Dispatchable Energy)





# 6 – 10 Day U.S. Weather Outlook



### **Monthly Operational Highlights: June to Present**

#### June

- Onset of provincial fires. BCH, transmission based assets, on Emergency footing June through August.
- Most snowpack is depleted by the end of June and inflows declined.
- Kootenay Lake reached its peak level of 1751.1 ft, 3.9' below the Flood Control Operating levels.

#### July

- July runoff remained lower than normal.
- Arrow reached its peak level of 1442.2 ft, 3.8 ft below full (1446') in late July and began drafting after.

#### **August**

- Duncan filled to nearly full 1891.4 ft, within 1 ft from full in early August and drafted to 1888 ft for WUP recreation target by Labour Day.
- Kinbasket did not fill fully (despite initial risk of surcharge and spill) due to low summer inflows. The reservoir reached its peak level of 2467.8 ft, 7.2 ft below full.
- The Columbia system began operating in proportional draft: evolving dry conditions in the Columbia basin.
- Exceptionally high market prices exceeding \$100/MWh for 4 days. Combination of power outages in the BPA system and hot weather.

#### September

- Continues to be drier than normal resulting in increased system proportional draft across the month.
- Inflows into the Kootenay were not sufficient to maintain the higher fish flow target d/s of BRD from late September through November. Flows were reduced to passing inflows during this low flow period in order conserve water in storage.



### **Monthly Operational Highlights: June to Present**

#### October

- Weather turned significantly wetter than normal. Most Canadian basins recorded above normal precipitation, Kootenay being wetter than the mainstem Columbia.
- The amount of proportional draft in the system reduced across the month resulting in lower than normal discharge from Arrow.

#### November

- Weather was very volatile starting with an early arctic outbreak in early November followed by stormy and warm weather aka the pineapple express later in the month.
- Mica set new record high generation earlier in the month due to the cold snap followed by near record low at month end due to the mild weather.
- The system continues to come off proportional draft as inflow conditions improve.
- Storms in the Kootenay basin over the weekend increased basin inflows above its historic maximum. Kootenay Lake levels increased by more than 1 foot in the past week. Flows were also increased to above its min flow target as of 26 Nov. Reservoirs generally cycling from full fall storage into winter drafts.

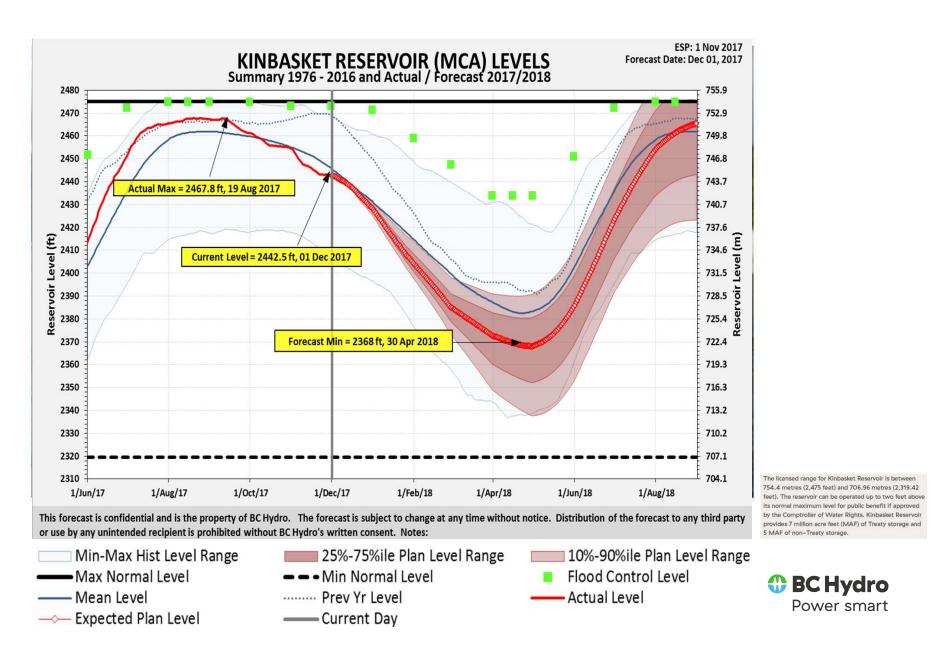


# **Near Term Forecasts: Columbia System**



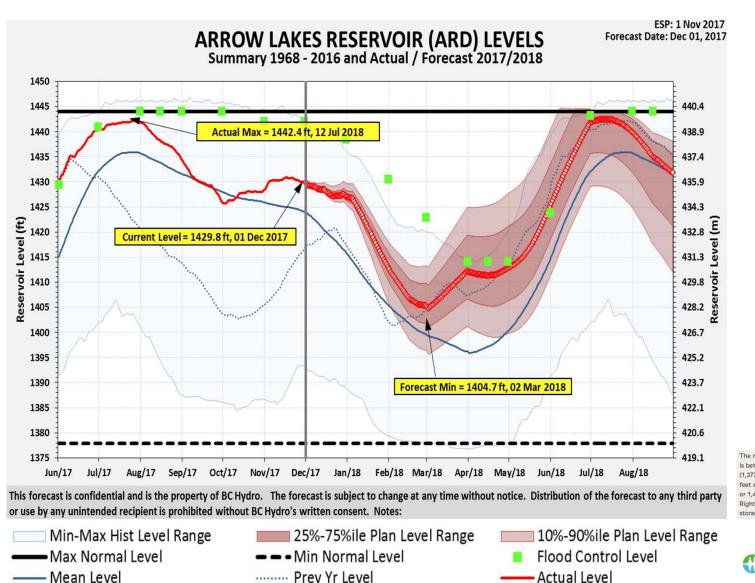


### **Kinbasket: Near Term Forecast**



### **Arrow: Near Term Forecast**

→ Expected Plan Level

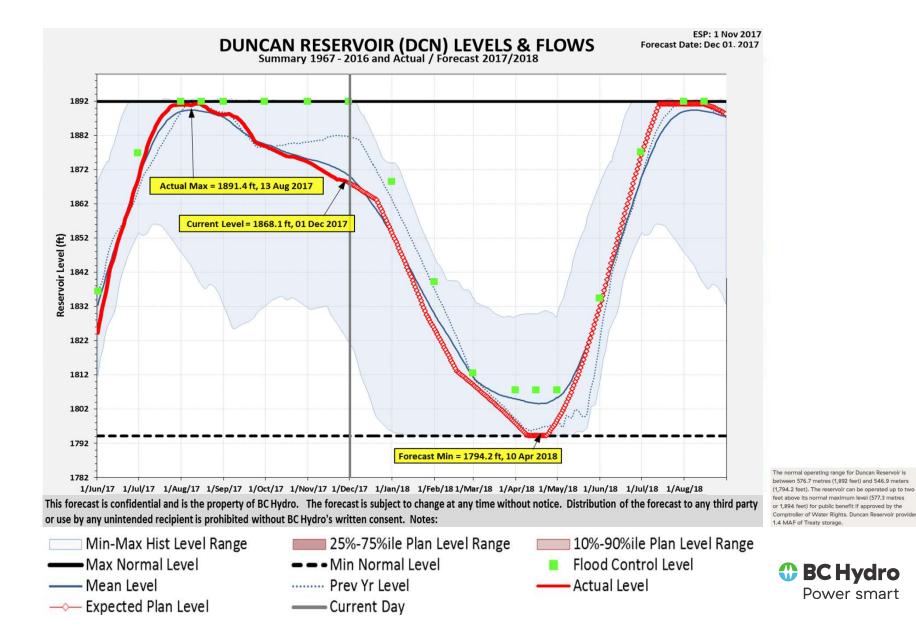


---- Current Day

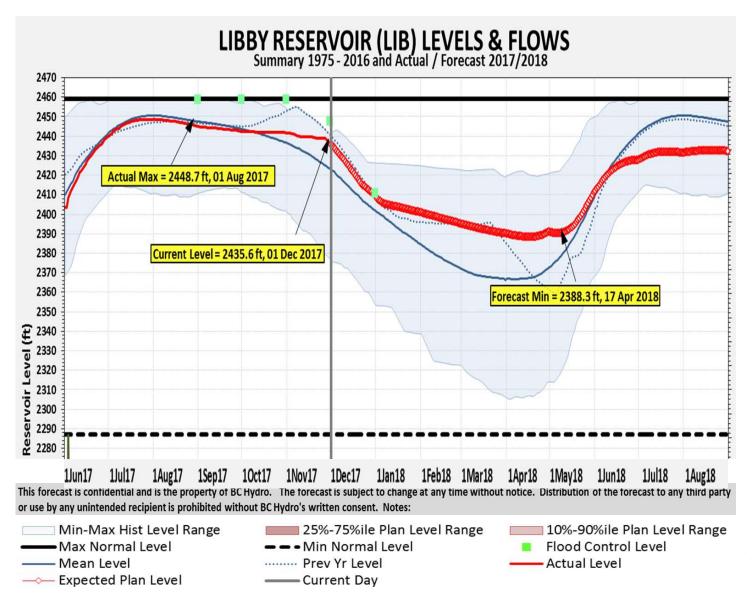
The normal licensed range for Arrow Lakes Reservoir is between 440.1 metres (1,444 feet) and 419.9 metres (1,377.9 feet). The reservoir can be operated up to two feet above its normal maximum level (to 440.7 metres or 1,446 feet) if approved by the Comptroller of Water Rights. Arrow Lakes Reservoir provides 7.1 MAF of Treaty



### **Duncan: Near Term Forecast**

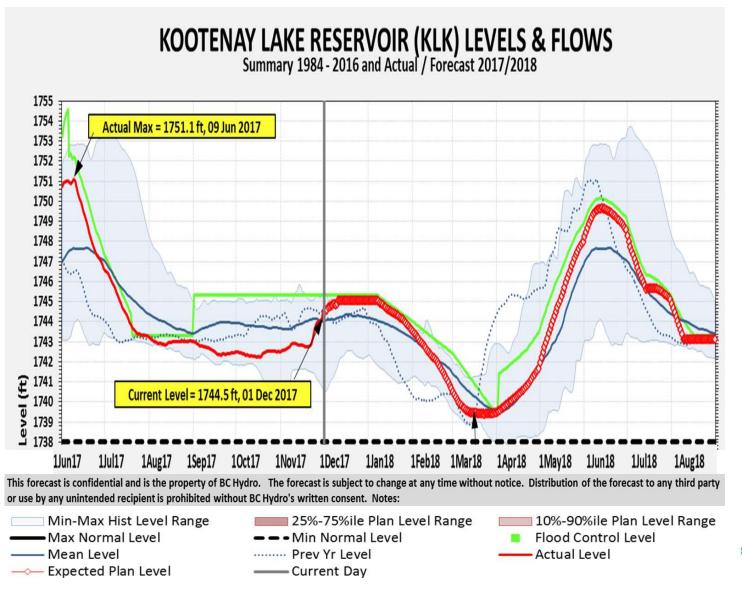


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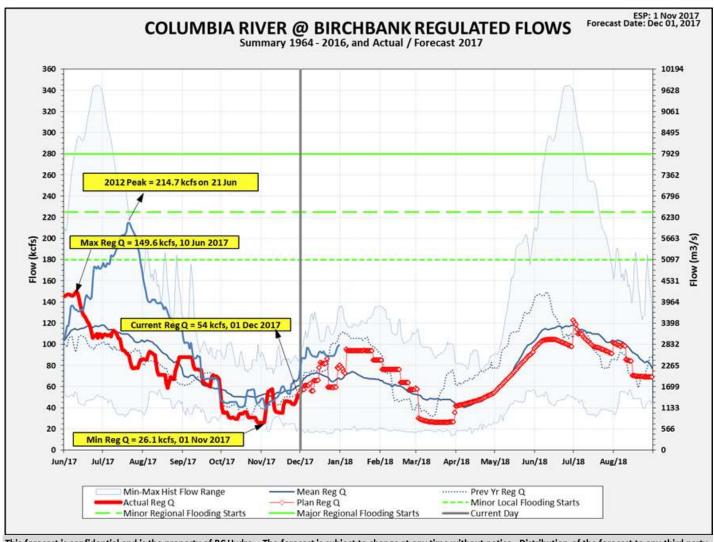


# **Kootenay: Near Term Forecast**





### **Columbia River Birchbank: Forecast**



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### **Additional Information**

# Want to stay informed of BC Hydro operations?

#### REGIONAL OPERATIONS UPDATE MEETINGS

BC Hydro hosts its annual Operations Update meetings in the following Columbia basin communities: Castlegar, Cranbrook, Creston, Golden, Meadow Creek, Nakusp, Revelstoke Valemount and Wardner.

These meetings are held to:

- Listen to, and learn from, local residents, stakeholders, First Nations and community representatives who have an interest in the operation of the Columbia River Treaty facilities and BC Hydro facilities in the East Kootenay and Thompson/Okanagan/Columbia regions.
- Provide information on the operations of Columbia River
   Treaty facilities in Canada and other facilities that are
   operated in a coordinated manner on the Columbia system.
- Provide an update on BC Hydro activities.

#### OPERATIONS UPDATE CONFERENCE CALLS

BC Hydro periodically hosts conference calls to provide updates on our Columbia and Kootenay system operations. If you would like to receive email notifications regarding these meetings and conference calls, please contact Dayle Hopp at dayle.hopp@bchydro.com.

### BC HYDRO'S TOLL-FREE RESERVOIR INFORMATION LINE: 1 877 924 2444

BC Hydro's toll-free reservoir information line provides up-todate reservoir water level and river flow information which is available at your convenience. The recording is updated every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and provides:

- O Current Water Levels: Arrow Lakes Reservoir, Duncan Dam Reservoir, Kinbasket Reservoir, Koocanusa Reservoir, Kootenay Lake, Revelstoke Reservoir, Sugar Lake Reservoir and Whatshan Lake Reservoir.
- Current River Flows: Columbia River at Birchbank, Duncan River at the Lardeau Confluence, Shuswap River and the flow downstream from Wilsey Dam at Shuswap Falls.

