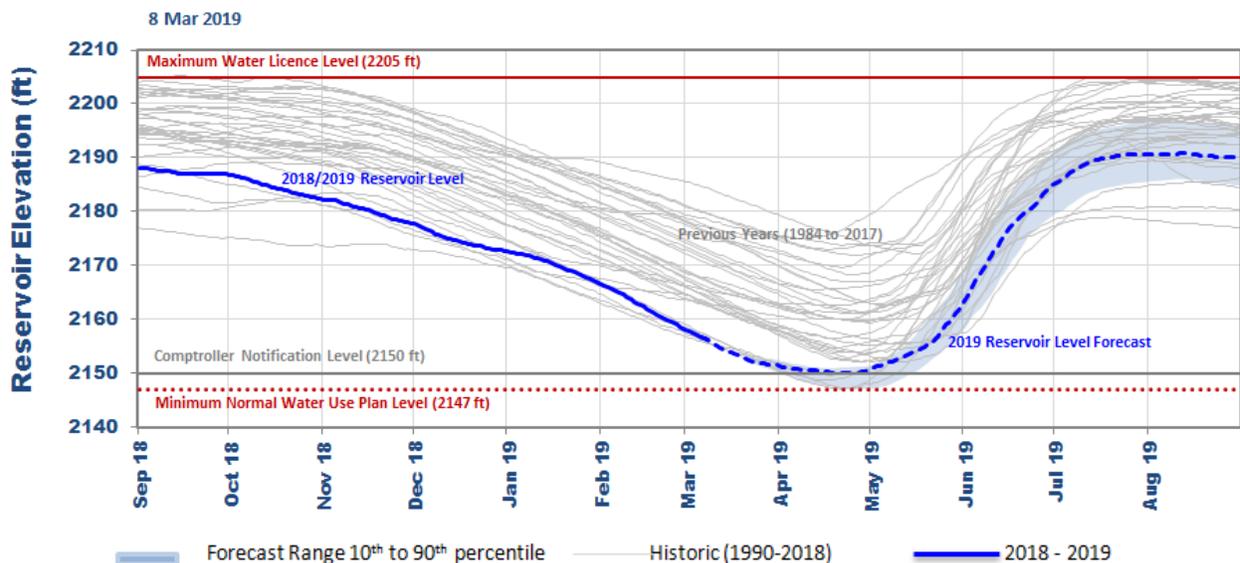


## BC HYDRO UPDATE: WILLISTON RESERVOIR OPERATIONS SPRING 2019 (March 11, 2019)

- Cooler weather across late January and a record cold February – the coldest since 1945 -- has resulted in increased provincial energy demand this winter. Current weather forecasts show the continuation of this weather pattern until at least mid-March.
- In addition, the weather has been drier and local water inflows to many of our reservoirs are well below average, or near record lows, for this time of year.
- There is now an increased likelihood of drafting the Williston Reservoir below elevation 2150 feet compared to the February 2019 forecast shared with the communities of Mackenzie and Hudson’s Hope, First Nations, local industry and elected officials.
- Approximately 60% of our reservoir modelling scenarios now show the reservoir dropping below elevation 2150 feet starting in early April 2019.
- BC Hydro will continue to provide regular updates, as often as weekly, for the Williston Reservoir elevation forecast. While accurate weather forecasting is always challenging, near term trends of warmer and wetter weather will help keep reservoir levels higher on Williston.
- BC Hydro manages its generation system in a reliable manner by balancing all its resource options, including depending on large basin reservoir storage and energy imports when needed. In particular, this spring, both the Columbia and the Peace are expected to be operating near minimum normal levels across the spring to support our Provincial Energy needs.

### Williston Reservoir Forecast (Spring 2019)



Updated: March 8, 2019 based on the March 2019 Water Supply Forecast and current operations.

