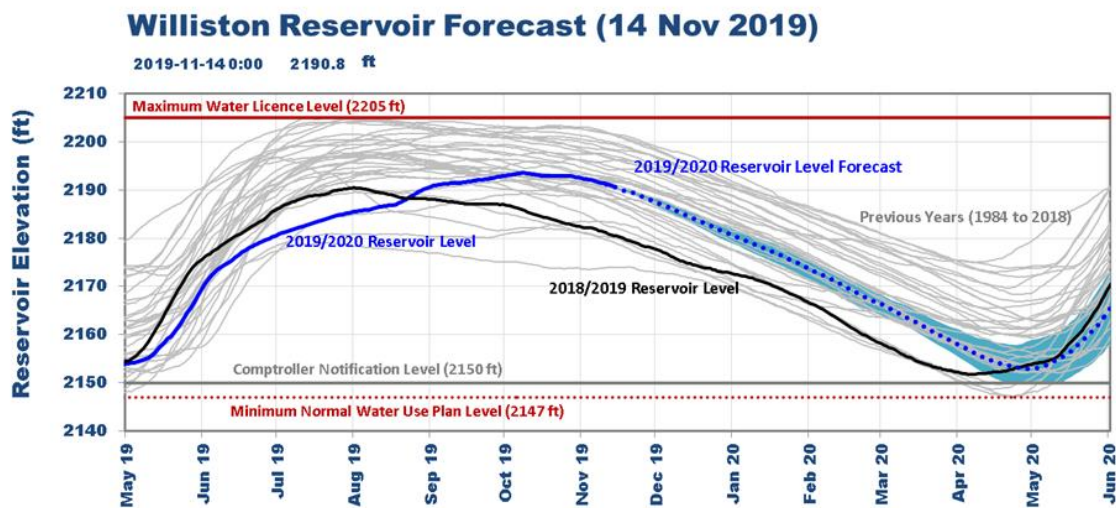


BC HYDRO UPDATE: WILLISTON RESERVOIR OPERATIONS SPRING 2020 (November 15, 2019)

- Northern B.C. remains in its third consecutive year of below average inflows.
- While overall annual volume remains below normal, the reservoir is now about 10 feet higher than it was at this time last year, thanks to rain in August and September.
- The final 2019 Williston Reservoir water supply forecast (February to September) was at 86% of normal.
- From now until spring 2020, the Williston Reservoir is forecast to operate to levels near, or above, those observed during the winter of 2018/2019 and the spring of 2019.
- As it did last year, BC Hydro will continue to operate Williston Reservoir to avoid drafting below elevation 2,150 feet (655.32 metres) in spring 2020 under most conditions.
- Earlier this summer, BC Hydro submitted notification to draft below 2,150 feet to the provincial Comptroller of Water Rights in accordance with the Peace Water Use Plan (WUP) Order.
- Compared to this time last year, the likelihood of needing to draft below 2,150 feet in spring 2020 for system energy needs is much less due to well above average rainfall in August, in addition to higher overall water supply in BC Hydro's system.
- Preparation for diversion of the Peace River at Site C for dam construction will be considered in Williston operations planning for the spring and summer of 2020. BC Hydro is planning to manage these requirements within existing Peace WUP operation limits.
- BC Hydro will continue our offer to meet with First Nations, local government and the forest industry to share updates on operations and solicit feedback and will continue to provide updates on Williston Reservoir forecasts as needed.



Updated: November 14, 2019 based on the October 2019 Water Supply Forecast and current operations.