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DATE:   April 18, 2000

SUBJECT:   Flows at Lower Granite Dam for the weeks ending April 30 and May 7, 2000

GOAL:   To strive to achieve daily flows of at least 100 Kcfs at Lower Granite Dam for the spring migration.

SPECIFICATIONS:  Use water from Dworshak and Brownlee reservoirs as necessary to augment natural flows to achieve the goal of flows of at least 100 Kcfs at Lower Granite Dam.

JUSTIFICATION:   The April 18th SSARR spreadsheet shows flows at Lower Granite Dam decreasing to less than 100 Kcfs for the first week of May.  This time period is consistent with historic peak passage dates for yearling chinook and steelhead at this project.  Consequently, it is the objective of the fishery managers to avoid the projected decrease in flow below 100 Kcfs.  Dworshak and Brownlee reservoirs should be used to augment flow during this time.