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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Jim Ruff -- Manager, Mainstem Passage and River Operations
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SUBJECT: April Runoff Forecasts and Power Supply Implications

As you are aware, 2010 is shaping up to be a below average water year, particularly in the Snake River Basin. On April 7, 2010, the NOAA Northwest River Forecast Center will be releasing its "final" water supply forecasts for the month of April for the Columbia River Basin.

Accordingly, at the April 14, 2010, Council meeting in Boise, staff will present: 1) the latest Columbia Basin snowpack and runoff information; and 2) implications for the regional power supply based on hydroelectric system modeling analysis using NOAA's April runoff forecasts and current storage project elevations.