

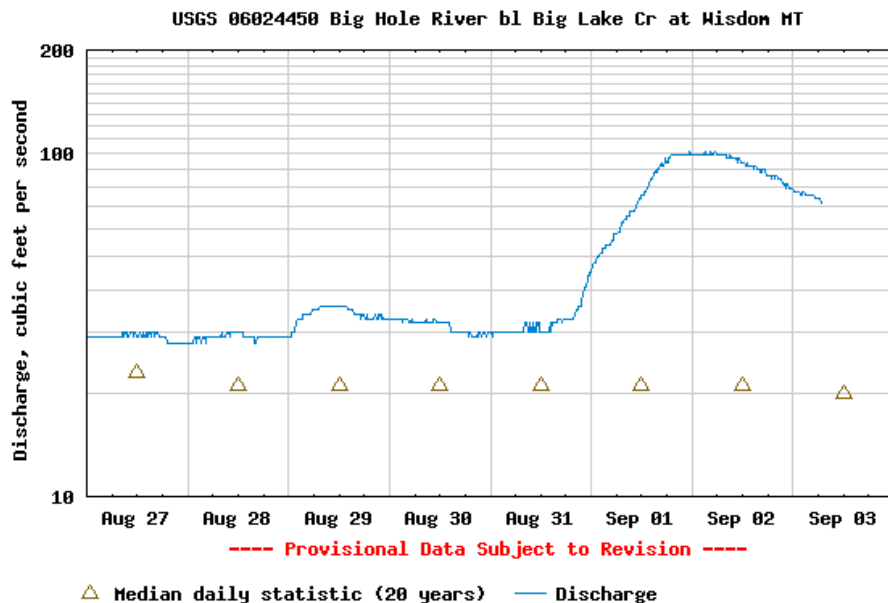


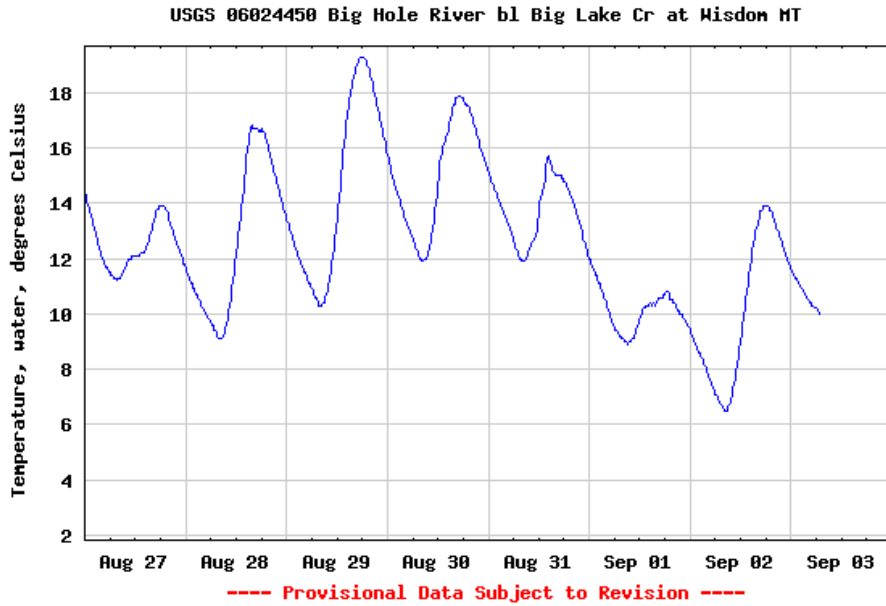
Big Hole Drought Management Plan Weekly Report

September 3, 2008

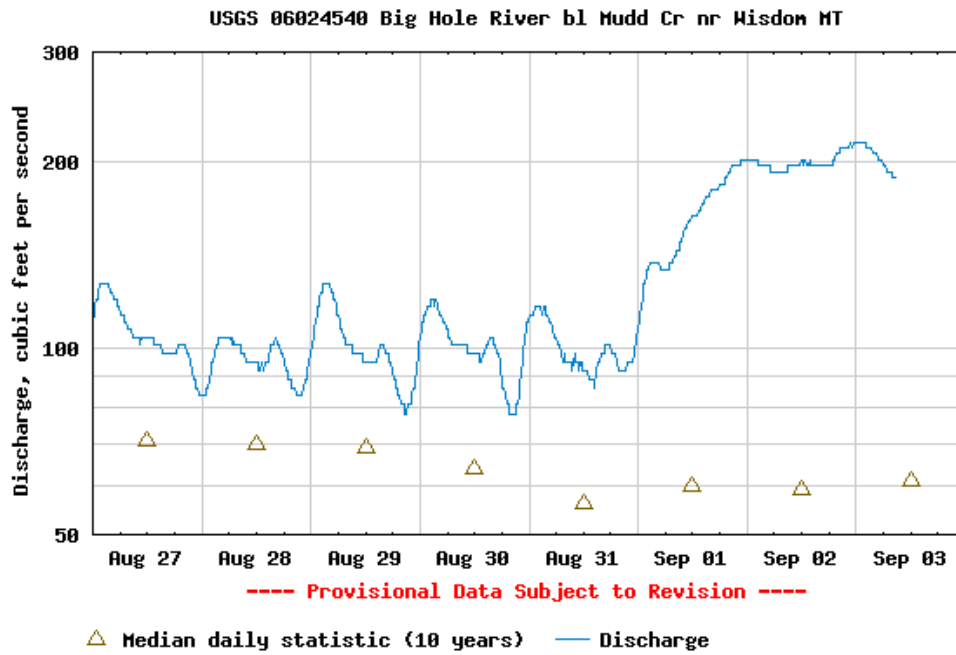
NRCS Snotel sites at Dark Horse Lake at the headwaters of the Big Hole, and Calvert Creek approximately mid-drainage, indicate there was an accumulation of 1.3 inches of precipitation between August 28 and September 3. The Mule Creek site on the lower drainage received 0.6 inches of accumulated precipitation during that same period. The weather forecast is for cool weather, with daytime highs in the 60's and nighttime highs in the 30's throughout southwest Montana. Flows at all gauges in the Big Hole River are above triggers and water temperatures are well below triggers for Big Hole Drought Management Plan. Unless there is a drastic change, this is the last weekly drought report that will go out in 2008.

USGS Big Lake Creek Gauge: On September 1, the gauge at Wisdom Bridge climbed above 60 cfs, the first trigger flow of the Big Hole Drought Management Plan for the reach of river between Rock Creek Road and the mouth of the North Fork. The steep climb in flows mirrors precipitation conditions over the Labor Day weekend. Current flows at this gauge are 72 cfs, well above the median of 20 cfs. Water temperature at this gauge has remained below 70° F since late August.

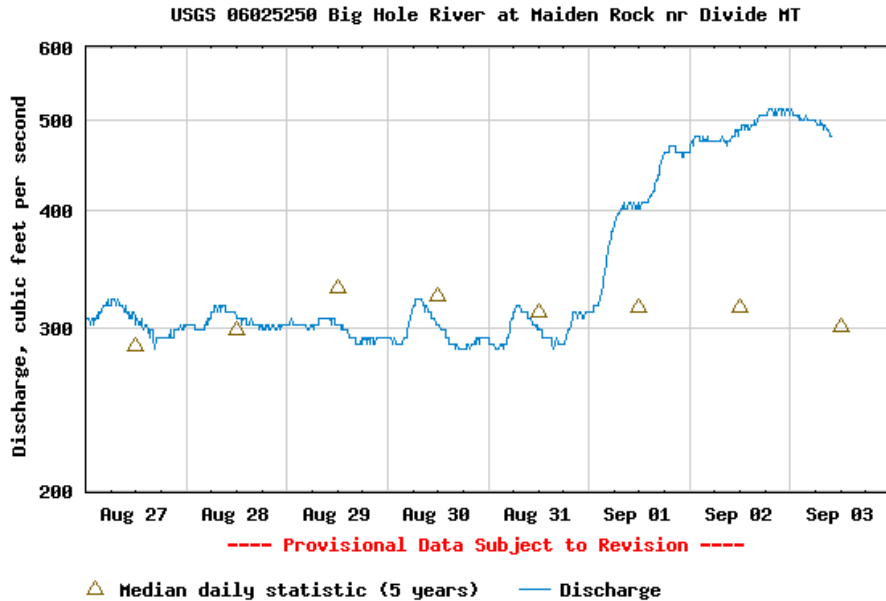




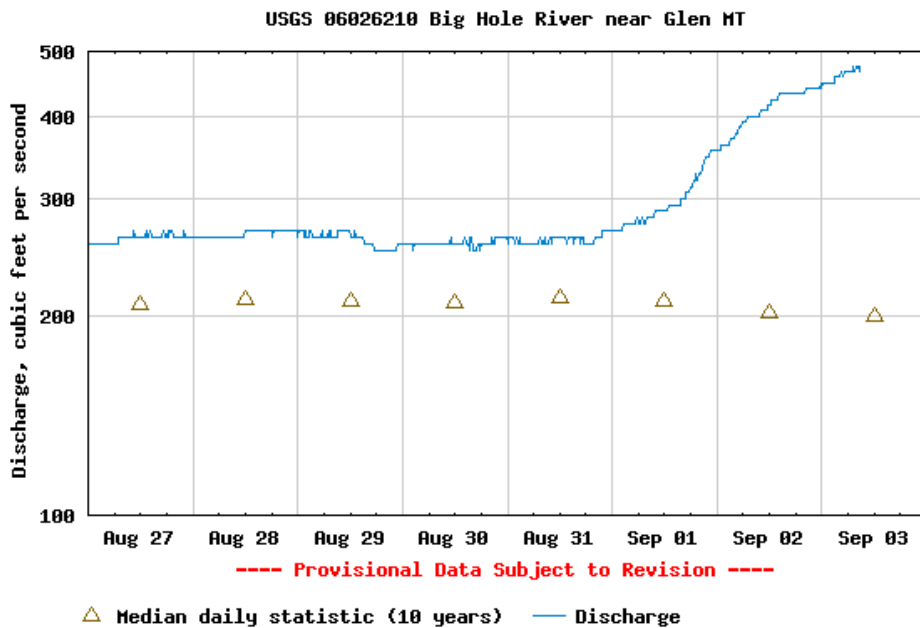
USGS Mudd Creek Gauge: Flows at Mudd Creek Gauge are 188 cfs; Median flows for this date are 61 cfs based on ten years of record. The first flow trigger for the DMP is 100 cfs.



USGS Maiden Rock Gauge: Flows at Maiden Rock Gauge are 482 cfs; Median flows are 301 based on five years of record. The first trigger under the DMP for this gauge is 250 cfs.



USGS Glen Gauge: Flows at Glen Gauge are 475 cfs. Median flows for this site base on ten years of record are 200 cfs. The first trigger for this gauge under the DMP is 250 cfs.



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Internet Resources

Drought Report – <http://www.nris.state.mt.us/drought>
 USGS Real Time Flow Data – <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/mt/nwis/current?type=flow>
 BHWC – <http://www.bhwc.org/Drought%20Management%20intro.html>