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BIG HOLE RIVER DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN - VERSION 2016-2021

QUICK REFERENCE

SECTION	FLOW TRIGGERS APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 31	TEMPERATURE TRIGGERS
I: Saginaw Bridge on Skinner Meadows Road to North Fork Big Hole River Mouth	160 cfs - April 1 to June 30 target for Arctic grayling spawning.	<p>Step 1:</p> <p>MFWP Hoot-Owl Fishing Restrictions: Hoot-owl fishing restriction will be in place when daily maximum water temperature reaches or exceeds 73° F (23° C) for at least some period of time during three consecutive days. Hoot-owl fishing closure prohibits fishing between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. (Midnight). They will remain in place until September 15 or until re-opening criteria are met.</p> <p>Step 2:</p> <p>MFWP River Closure Due to High Temperatures: River closure based on water temperature may be implemented if hoot-owl restrictions are inadequate to protect the fishery (e.g., prolonged period where water temperatures exceed 73° F and forecasts are not favorable for cooler temperature, thermal stress in fish observed by biologist, etc.). Closure will remain in place until September 15 or until re-opening criteria are met.</p> <p><i>Sections temperature measured at:</i></p> <p>I: USGS Wisdom Gage</p> <p>II: USGS BHR near Wise River</p> <p>III: USGS Maiden Rock</p> <p>IV: USGS Glen Gage</p> <p>V: USGS Hamilton Ditch Gage</p> <p>MFWP Water Body Closures Interactive Map</p> <p>Contact: Big Hole Watershed Committee</p> <p style="text-align: right;">bhwc.org info@bhwc.org 406-960-4855</p>
	60 cfs – Prepare for Conservation	
	40 cfs - Conservation	
	20 cfs - MFWP River Closure Measured at USGS Wisdom Gage (06024450)	
II: North Fork of Big Hole River confluence to Dickie Bridge	450 cfs - April 1 to June 30 target for Arctic grayling spawning.	
	170 cfs – Prepare for Conservation	
	140 cfs - Conservation	
	100 cfs - MFWP River Closure Measured at USGS Big Hole River near Wise River Gage (06024580)	
III: Dickie Bridge to MFWP Maiden Rock Fishing Access Site	250 cfs – Prepare for Conservation	
	200 cfs - Conservation	
	150 cfs - MFWP River Closure Measured at USGS Maiden Rock Gage (06025250)	
IV: MFWP Maiden Rock to Tony Schoonen Fishing Access Sites	290 cfs – Prepare for Conservation	
	240 cfs - Conservation	
	190 cfs - MFWP River Closure Measured at USGS Glen Gage (06026210)	
V: Tony Schoonen FAS to confluence of Big Hole River with Jefferson River	200 cfs – Prepare for Conservation	
	150 cfs - Conservation	
	100 cfs - MFWP River Closure Measured at USGS Big Hole River below Hamilton Ditch near Twin Bridges Gage (06026420)	