





# Columbia Basin Water Management Division Roles

- Flood control studies, & Hydrologic investigations
- Real time operations
- Operational planning & Power system analyses (multi-purpose, Treaty ops.)



## Hydrology

- The 4<sup>th</sup> largest River in North America
- Entire Basin = 259,000 mi<sup>2</sup>
- Basin in Canada = 40,000 mi<sup>2</sup>
- Avg. Annual Runoff = 200 mil. acre-ft
- Storage Capacity = 39.5 mil. acre-ft
- Over 200 dams and projects
- Peak runoff in May June period





## System Flood Control

- Columbia River is water rich. Only 20% of average annual runoff storage is available for flood control regulation.
- System flood control point is The Dalles (just below the dam) and is the focus of the coordinated system operation.
- Local flood control points are also considered.
- Design Flood is 1894 (1240 kcfs unregulated at The Dalles)
  - storage and levees provide the capability to regulate 800 kcfs



## Models Currently in use

- Synthetic Streamflow and Reservoir Regulation (SSARR) model for Un-regulated flow calculations for Columbia and Snake Rivers
- AutoReg (GUI for SSARR) for Planning and Flood Control studies
- National Weather Service River Forecast System (NWSRFS) for Real-time operations
- Hydro System Seasonal Regulation (HYSSR) for System Power Studies



## ResSIM Models in Development

Real Time Operational ResSIM Model

Similar to NWSRFS model
Able to use RFC's ESP flows

- Un-Reg ResSIM Model
   Replacing SSARR Model for Un-regulation of
   Columbia and Snake Rivers
- Study ResSIM Model
   Replacing AutoReg Model
   Will be used for planning and flood control studies



## Developing a ResSIM model

- Create Watershed
   Define the projects and computation points
- Create Reservoir Network

Enter Physical Data
Define Reservoir Operations, & Rules
Setup Alternative Editor – mapping time-series

- Create Simulation
   Define time window and time step
- Calibration or Verification



Watershed

#### Based on NWSRFS, & SSARR

- Streamflow forecast points, Rivers,
   Reservoirs, Flood Control points
- Same naming convention for consistency
- Can be utilized for other CWMS models

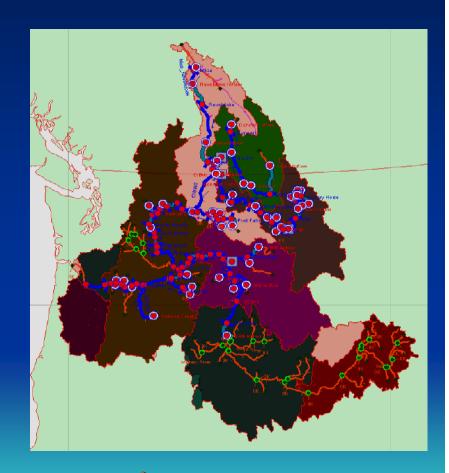




Reservoir Network

#### Physical data

- Reservoir data (Dam height, length)
- Rating curves
   (Elevation Vs storage, & outlet capacity)
- Reach routing parameters (SSARR, Lag-K)





Reservoir Network

#### Operational data

- Flood control rule curves
  - Forecast based time-series in DSS format
- Min.& Max Flow @ D/S control point
- Project min.& max. flows
- Rate of changes (release, pool elevation)
- Other rules (if-then-else, state variables, script)



Reservoir Network

#### Alternative Editor

- Mapping to all time-series data (in DSS)
  - ESP flow as inflow and local flow
  - Lookback data (initial conditions) from CROHMS database
  - Forecast Based Rule curves



- Model Consists
  - 32 Reservoirs
  - 93 Channel reaches
  - 126 Computation points includes

Inflow and outflow

Stream junctions

Flood control points

- Future Work
  - Model calibration or verification
  - Incorporate more operational rules (Treaty operating rules, 3-way rating, Lake routing)
  - Improve pre-and post-processing and customer products
  - Operational by water year 2007

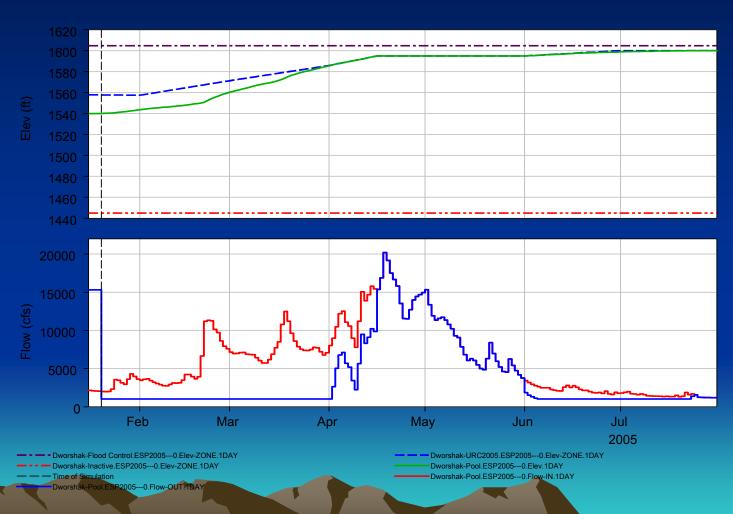


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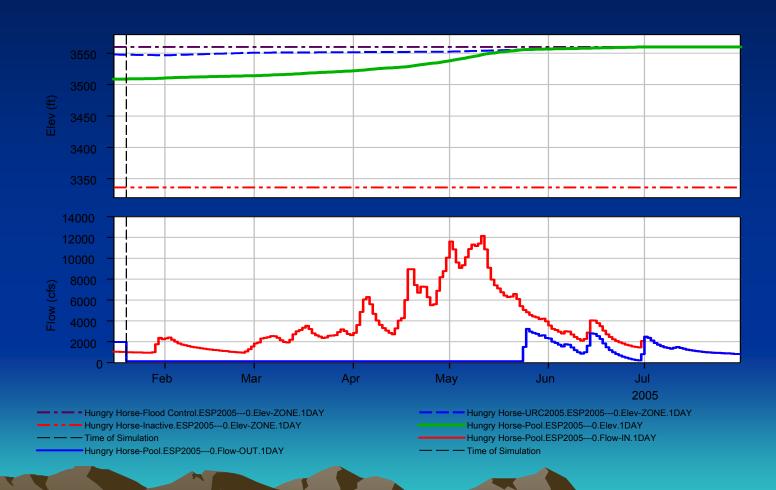
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## Hungry Horse Operation

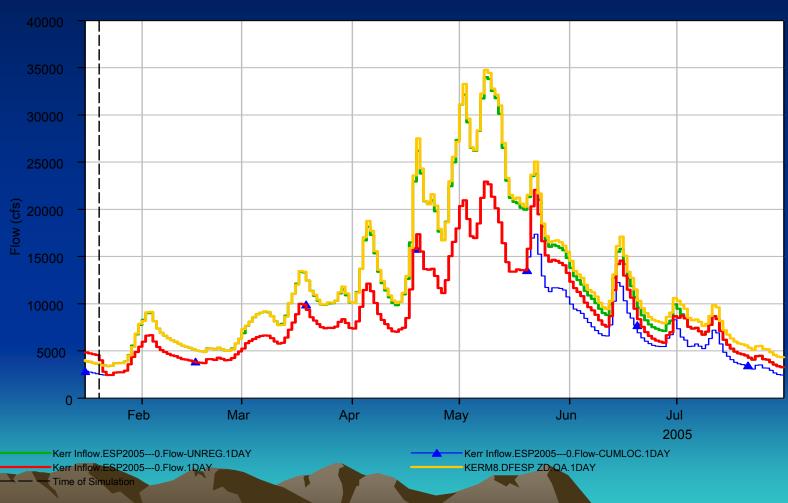
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#### Hydrograph Verification

#### NWSRFS Vs ResSIM @ Flathead River Simulation Based on January 2005 ESP Forecast



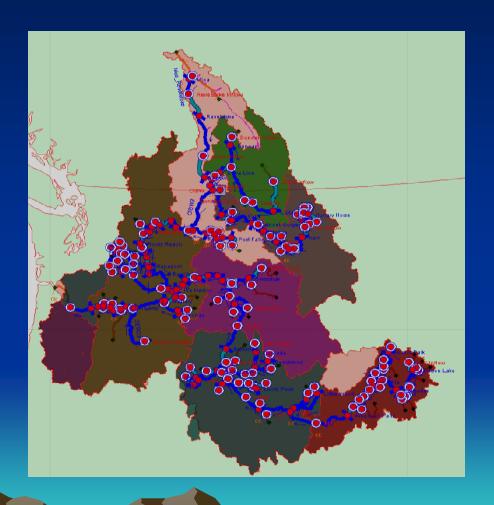


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## Un-Reg ResSIM Model

(Under Construction)

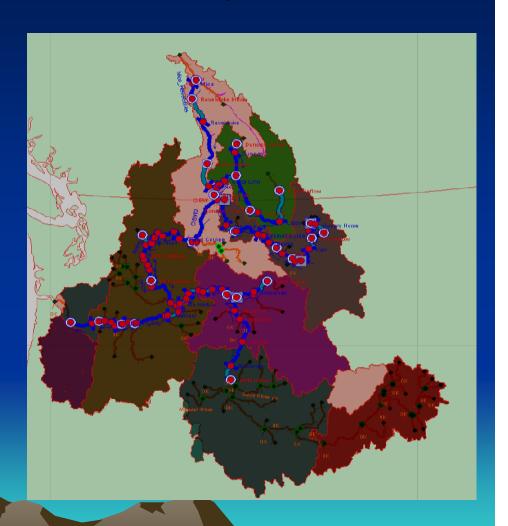
- Model Consists
  - 51 reservoirs
  - 165 channel reaches
  - 217 computation points
- Output product will be used for databases for flood control studies and public dissemination





# Study ResSIM Model (Under Construction)

- Model Consists
  - 23 reservoirs
  - 67 channel reaches
  - 91 computation points
- Model will be used for flood control studies





# Challenges/Desires

- 1. Would like to have tool in ResSIM to deal with 3-way discharge table associated with forebay and lake elevations
- Would like to have tool in ResSIM to deal with 3-way rating table at a control point based on backwater from a lake
- 3. Would like to have lake routing
- 4. Need ability to compute local flow from observed project data
- 5. Need to improve Process time (script and rules can increase computation time)



#### CONCLUSION

- Columbia Basin Water Management Division will continue it's important role in the multi-purposes operation of the Columbia River System
- Collaboration with the HEC, by adding new tools to ResSIM will make the next generation Reservoir Regulation model for the Columbia River System.

