

CHURCHILL COUNTY FLOOD MITIGATION 2017
PRESS RELEASE
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QUICK FACTS:

- Snow is being lost faster than flows are showing in the Carson River
- Outflows from Lahontan Reservoir will be lowered to 1100 cfs by Monday, June 5, 2017
- The V-Line, including the new weir, will begin to be closed off starting Thursday, June 1, 2017
- Should we encounter an unplanned major event flows may have to be increased
- It is recommended that residents leave defense precautions in place and be vigilant of weather or run-off events
- Due to irrigation, the river will fluctuate throughout the summer

MORE INFORMATION:

At this morning's weekly briefing of all the participating parties, snow pack, Carson River flows, and Lahontan Reservoir forecast and projections were carefully evaluated. The Truckee-Carson Irrigation District and the Bureau of Reclamation have decided to lower the outflows from Lahontan due to the current snow pack and the projected run-off. Snow is melting and being lost faster than inflows are showing in the Carson River. Continued flows measured at Fort Churchill are expected to be in the 3500 cfs range and may continue at the level through next week. Flows are then expected to slowly decline.

This decision is made with the understanding that if we have unplanned major events in the upstream of the Carson River the flows may have to be increased. It is highly recommended that residents leave their defensive precautions in place and to be vigilant of weather and run-off events. Irrigation deliveries may cause some fluctuations in Carson River flows throughout the summer months.

The goal is to decrease outflows to 1100 cfs by Monday, June 5, 2017. The V-Line, which is where the new weir is located, will begin to be closed off starting Thursday, June 1, 2017. The situation will continue to be monitored and adjustments will be made when necessary.

If you need to report debris or breaches, please contact the Churchill County Sheriff's Office at 775.423.3116. If it is an emergency situation dial 911. Sandbag delivery operations are suspended at this time. The Emergency Operations Center may be reached for messages only at 775.423.4177.