

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
CONTINGENCY PLAN Q & A DOCUMENT
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We continue to hope that Congress will reach an agreement to avoid a government shutdown, but we are working to prepare for all possible scenarios. The following document provides information regarding the Bureau of Reclamation's contingency plans in the event of a government shutdown.

Will my water or power delivery be affected?

No. Reclamation's employees who directly assist in delivering water and power at 476 dams in 17 western states -- including 58 power plants -- will remain on the job.

Will water users, including irrigators, be affected?

Water delivery will not be disrupted.

Will Reclamation visitor centers remain open?

During this period, Reclamation visitor centers that are funded through appropriations will be closed. Those not funded by appropriations, including visitor centers at Hoover Dam and Grand Coulee Dam, will remain open. To determine if a visitor center is open, please contact the facility directly.

Can I still go water skiing or use the reservoirs recreationally?

Recreation areas located on Reclamation land and water bodies may be directly managed by Reclamation, by another Federal agency, or by a non-Federal managing partner. In the event of a lapse in appropriations, recreation areas managed directly by Reclamation, and which are funded through appropriations, will be closed. Those which are not funded by appropriations will remain open. Decisions on whether areas managed by another Federal partner will remain open will be made by each Federal managing partner. Those recreation areas managed by a non-Federal partner will remain open at the discretion of the partner. To determine the status of any recreation area, please contact the local recreation area.

Will recreation area concessionaires remain open?

Reclamation will not require concessionaires to close. These businesses are primarily operated by the private sector and are not dependent upon appropriations or the presence of Reclamation staff to operate.

**What happens if there's a big storm or rapid snow melt which creates flooding conditions?
Will Reclamation be prepared for this possibility and other emergencies?**

Yes. Reclamation has identified a tier of "on call" employees who can be recalled to their posts in an emergency to handle these types of contingencies.

Is there anyone I can contact if I have questions?

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