Flooding Along Missouri River Not a Concern Despite Heavy Runoff

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Runoff continues to be above normal in the upper Missouri River basin, but it isn't leading to any flooding concerns.

The Army Corps of Engineers says runoff above Sioux City, Iowa, in July was 33 percent above normal. Water management chief Jody Farhat says July precipitation in the region was below normal but high runoff persists in some areas because of heavy rains in June.

The reservoir system still has three-fourths of its flood storage capacity available. Farhat says water in flood control zones will be released during the rest of the year to serve water supply needs and downstream navigation. The corps earlier announced a full-service eight-month navigation season downstream.

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