

River releases reduced for winter

(KAIR)--Releases from Gavins Point Dam, on the Nebraska/South Dakota border, have been decreased.

According to a news release from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the agency began reducing Gavins Point releases to the winter release rate on November 30.

The releases will be stepped down at a rate of 3,000 cubic feet per second per day until they reach 27,000 cubic feet per second, where they are expected to remain through December.

Releases will be reduced to 25,000 cubic feet per second in January and remain near that rate for the remainder of the winter.

Gavins Point Dam winter releases normally range between 12,000 and 17,000 cubic feet per second.

Higher-than-average winter releases from the Missouri River Mainstem System projects, including Gavins Point, continue emptying water from the 2019 runoff season still in storage.

The reductions will allow the river to fall below flood stage in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri by the end of this month.

The reductions come after flooding ravaged much of the Missouri and Mississippi River basins earlier this year, reaching record levels in many places.

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