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### **TALOR PARK RESERVOIR RELEASES THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Taylor Local Users Group (TLUG) representatives met August 6 and recommended the following releases from Taylor Park Reservoir:

240 cfs August through September 6, 2021 (Labor Day Holiday)

135 cfs\* September 7 through 30, 2021

***\*subject to change based on current conditions.***

“These releases will make it possible to whitewater raft the Taylor River and float fish the Gunnison River,” said Sonja Chavez, general manager for the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District. “These releases also support agricultural water users as they finish hay crops and the fishery by keeping water temperatures below critical levels during August, which is typically the hottest time of the year.”

Chavez said that these releases are possible due to early and careful management of existing reservoir supplies by the TLUG representatives, in cooperation with the Bureau of Reclamation, as well as the arrival of critical July monsoon rains which put this July’s precipitation total at 140 percent of average.

Beginning on September 7<sup>th</sup>, Taylor Reservoir releases will be reduced to 135 cfs and are

tentatively planned to stay at this level through the rest of September. Winter releases of 75 cfs are planned and end of year storage content is estimated to be approximately 60,000 acre feet.

The Taylor Local Users Group will meet again on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 4 p.m. at the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District Offices, 210 West Spencer Avenue, Gunnison, CO 81230 to discuss future releases. The public is welcome.