

JULY

Streamflow

USGS Stream Gage Site Number	Site Name	Collection Date	Discharge (cfs)	Gage height (ft)	Temperature (°F)
06052500	Gallatin River at Logan, MT	July 5, 2017	851	4.88	62.06
		July 5, 2016	300		64.76
06048650	E Gallatin R ab Water Recla- mation Fa nr Bozeman, MT	July 5, 2017	83.4	3.51	
		July 5, 2016	52		
06043500	Gallatin River	July 5, 2017	1490	2.76	
	near Gallatin Gateway, MT	July 5, 2016	900		

Reservoir

DNRC Water Project Name	Collection Date	Reservoir Elevation (ft)	Reservoir Volume (acre-ft)	% Capacity (as of June 30)	% Avg (for June)
Middle Creek Dam (Hyalite)	July 5, 2017	6721.1	10208	99	105
				97 (2016)	99 (2016)
30-Yr Avg for June (acre-ft)		9569			

Understanding Streamgage Data

Discharge — the volume of water flowing past a given point in a stream in a given period of time (USGS)
Gage Height — the height of the water in the stream above a reference point (USGS)
Temperature — the temperature of a stream, in degrees Fahrenheit, recorded at a reference point

What is a streamgage?

A USGS streamgage is an active, continuously functioning measuring device located in the field that computes or estimates a mean daily streamflow or other set of unit values. USGS streamgages measure the elevation of water in a river or stream (the stage) which is then converted to a streamflow (discharge) using a curve that relates the elevation to a set of actual discharge measurements. The stage is typically measured every 15 minutes and data is transmitted to the USGS every 1 to 4 hours, after which stage and streamflow data is calculated and put on to the USGS website. For more information, <u>visit the USGS webpage on streamgages</u>.



Map illustrating select USGS streamgage sites and Middle Creek Dam site for Gallatin County (Source: <u>USGS</u>, <u>MT DNRC</u>)

Middle Creek Dam (Hyalite)

Middle Creek Dam (Hyalite), completed in 1951, is owned by the Montana DNRC and managed by the State Water Projects Bureau through a U.S. Forest Service Special Use Permit.

The reservoir stores 10,184 acre-feet of water and provides irrigation water for 73 farms and ranches and drinking water for 2,000 households. The reservoir is also used for recreational purposes. For more information, <u>visit the Montana DNRC State Water</u> <u>Projects Bureau webpage.</u>

Precipitation

Station Name	Station ID	Monthly Precipitation for June (in)
MSU-Extension CoCoRaHS	MT-GN-13	2.41
Logan Landfill	USC00245123	2.65
Historical Average (2008-2017)		2.13
Bozeman Montana State University	USC00241044	2.12
Historical Average (1892-2017)		2.89
Bozeman Gallatin Field Airport	USW00024132	2.14
Historical Average (1940-2017)		2.51

Station Name	Station ID	Monthly Precipitation for June (in)
Bozeman 1.5 SSE	US1MTGN0011	2.10
Historical Average (2013-2017)		1.87
Brackett Creek	USS0010D35S	5.20
Historical Average (1994-2017)		5.13
Sacajawea	USS0010D10S	5.50
Historical Average (1999-2017)		5.51
Lick Creek	USS0010D13S	1.70
Historical Average (1978-2017)		3.40



Map illustrating select climate data stations across Gallatin County (Source: NOAA)

About the Sources

MSU-Extension Rain Gauge—The <u>MSU-Extension CoCoRaHS gauge</u> is located at the Gallatin County Extension offices in Bozeman. It is registered as a part of the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), a citizen science volunteer program for community members to report daily precipitation and other climatological conditions. For more information on CoCoRaHS, visit the <u>official CoCoRaHS</u> <u>webpage</u>.

NOAA Global Summary of the Month — The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's <u>National</u> <u>Centers for Environmental Information</u> hosts and provides public access to a wide array of environmental and climatic data. Precipitation data, provided through the Center for Weather and Climate, is housed on its <u>Monthly Observational Data Map</u> through select climate stations. Data is presented as a monthly summary, organized by year, and includes general temperature and precipitation data.



U.S. Drought Monitor—Montana - displays areas experiencing drought conditions (current as of July 4). The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying <u>text summary</u> for forecast statements. **Author(s)**: David Simeral, Western Regional Climate Center. **Source**: <u>U.S. Drought Monitor</u>



Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI) - current as of July 1, 2017. The PDSI uses temperature and precipitation data to estimate relative dryness through a standardized index ranging from –4 (dry) to +4 (wet). **Source:** <u>Climate Data Guide</u>

If you are interested in receiving any more information on snowpack, stream flow, and drought resiliency contact Madison Boone, *Big Sky Watershed Corps Member*, at MSU Extension in Gallatin County and One Montana. <u>madison.boone@montana.edu</u> OR (406) 582-3281 The Gallatin County Drought Resiliency Index can be found online at <u>http://www.msuextension.org/gallatin/NaturalResourcesDroughtIndex.html</u>. All map and graph data can also be accessed by clicking on the image.

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