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Idaho Power is providing this May 22, 2013 update to keep boaters informed about flow conditions on the Snake River downstream from Hells Canyon Dam.

Inflows to Hells Canyon have been relatively high for the last two weeks as higher than normal temperatures increased snowmelt and runoff. Despite the recent increase in flows, long-term projections of inflows to the Hell Canyon Complex continue to be below normal. Beginning today, Idaho Power intends to vary flow below Hells Canyon Dam. For the next few days, daily average flows are anticipated to be in the 12,000 cfs to 13,000 cfs range with a minimum flow of 8,700 cfs. On May 28th and 29th, boaters can expect extended periods of flat flows of 8,700 cfs. Those periods of flat flows will generally be from midnight to early afternoon. Please keep in mind that operational conditions can change rapidly due to a variety of factors and flows could drop below 8,500 cfs.

Idaho Power will continue to provide email updates to the boating community as conditions change and we update our operational plans. For current information, we recommend that boaters in Hells Canyon utilize the flow monitors located at the Hells Canyon Visitors Center, Pittsburg Landing, Cache Creek, Heller Bar, Hells Gate Marina, and at the Forest Service's Hells Canyon National Recreational Area office in Clarkston Washington. River users may also call 1-800-422-3143 for the latest stream flow and Brownlee reservoir water level information.

Flow information for Hells Canyon can also be found on the [Idaho Power water information website](#) . If you have any questions or comments, you may contact us at hccflow@idahopower.com.
