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ROSS LAKE BEING HELD DOWN AS FLOOD RELIEF

Ross Lake is now being kept at a level about 100 feet below the full mark in order to hold back some of the heavy run-off expected from melting snow in the next few months. Ass't. Supt. John Nelson reports that the water level as held at present will provide the storage space for about 900,000 acre feet of water.

Snow surveys made April 1st showed that the run-off of the Skagit will be the highest in 27 years during the period from April 1st to August 31st.

The 900,000 acre-feet of storage space in the Ross reservoir represents about one-third of such a run-off, which allows a substantial amount of storage with which to hold back the flood peaks on the lower river.