

# Rocky Mountain Region Update

Mid-West Annual Meeting December 10, 2025

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## Agenda

- Power Marketing
- RMR Leadership Changes
- Maintenance Priorities
- RMR Focus Areas
- LAP Water Conditions

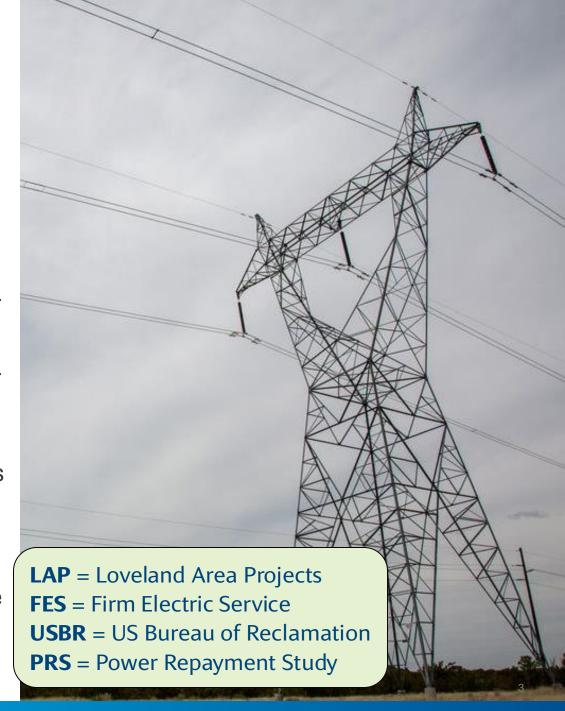




# **Power Marketing –**LAP FES Rates

- Current composite rate reminder
  - 1st step effective Jan 1, 2025
    39.84 mil/kWh (+8.8%); incl. 2.40 mil/kWh drought adder
  - 2nd step effective Jan 1, 2026
    43.10 mil/kWh (+8.2%); incl. 1.38 mil/kWh drought adder
- USBR generation model updates in early Nov
  - Incorporating updated purchase power/sales projections into FY25 PRS's
- Late March receive FY28 workplans
  - Incorporate in FY26 PRS's eval if 2nd step still adequate

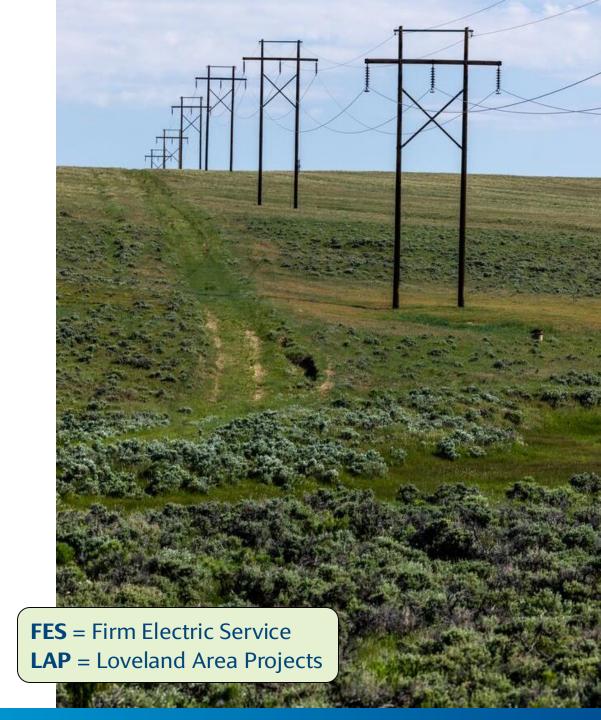




# **Power Marketing** – Other News

- New 2025 FES contracts began Oct 1, 2024
  - 30-year term ends Sep 30, 2054
  - New Power Marketing Initiative started in 2011, 14 years of work!
- With start of new contracts, LAP now has 12 new customers that receive the benefit of Federal Hydropower (9 KS, 2 NE, 1 CO)
  - Most new LAP customers since 2004
  - Now 132 Preference Customers + 12 project-use customers in CO, KS, NE, WY



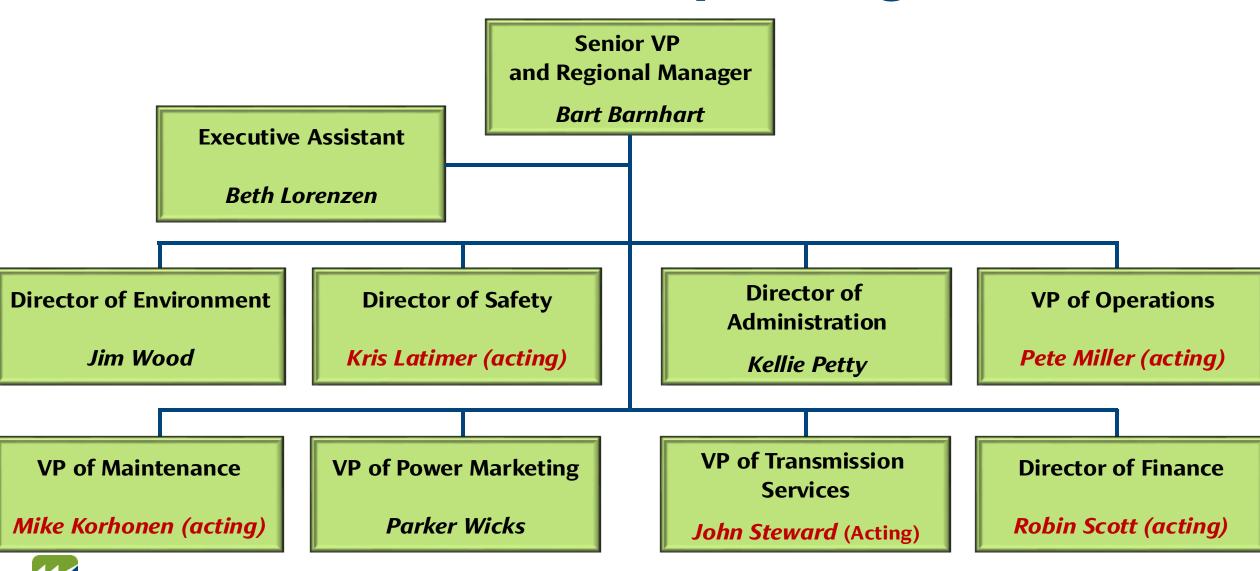


# **RMR Leadership Changes**

- RMR Key Departures
  - Ross Wiitanen VP of Maintenance
  - Jon Aust VP of Operations
  - Patrick Aston Director of Finance
  - Zea Flores VP of Transmission Services
  - Tim Duffy Director of Safety, last day Dec 13
- Current RMR Acting Leaders
  - Mike Korhonen VP of Maintenance
  - Pete Miller VP of Operations
  - Robin Scott Director of Finance
  - John Steward VP of Transmission Services
  - Kris Latimer Director of Safety



# **RMR Leadership Changes**



#### **RMR Maintenance Priorities**

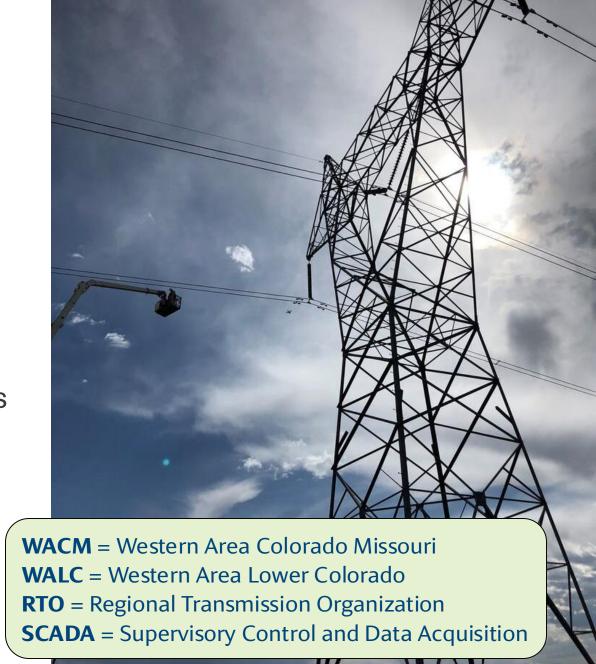
- Focus on getting PMs done, first! (especially NERC PMs)
  - RMR well on track to complete 2025 PMs, even in constrained manpower environment
  - Problem: Comm site generator PMs EEC/Hvy Equip Mech shortfall
- Then construction to extend system life
  - o Infrastructure workload growing across WAPA; evolve practices to avoid overloading shared resources
- Work for others when possible
  - Difficult if WAPA "shared services" needed manpower bandwidth
  - o Project: Burlington Northern Intermodal yard NE of Denver shared services needed
  - Project: Colorado Power Pathways crossover of WAPA T-line along I-76 shared services not needed
- Hiring ongoing
  - PMA's granted relief from 4:1, but it will take time to return to steady state

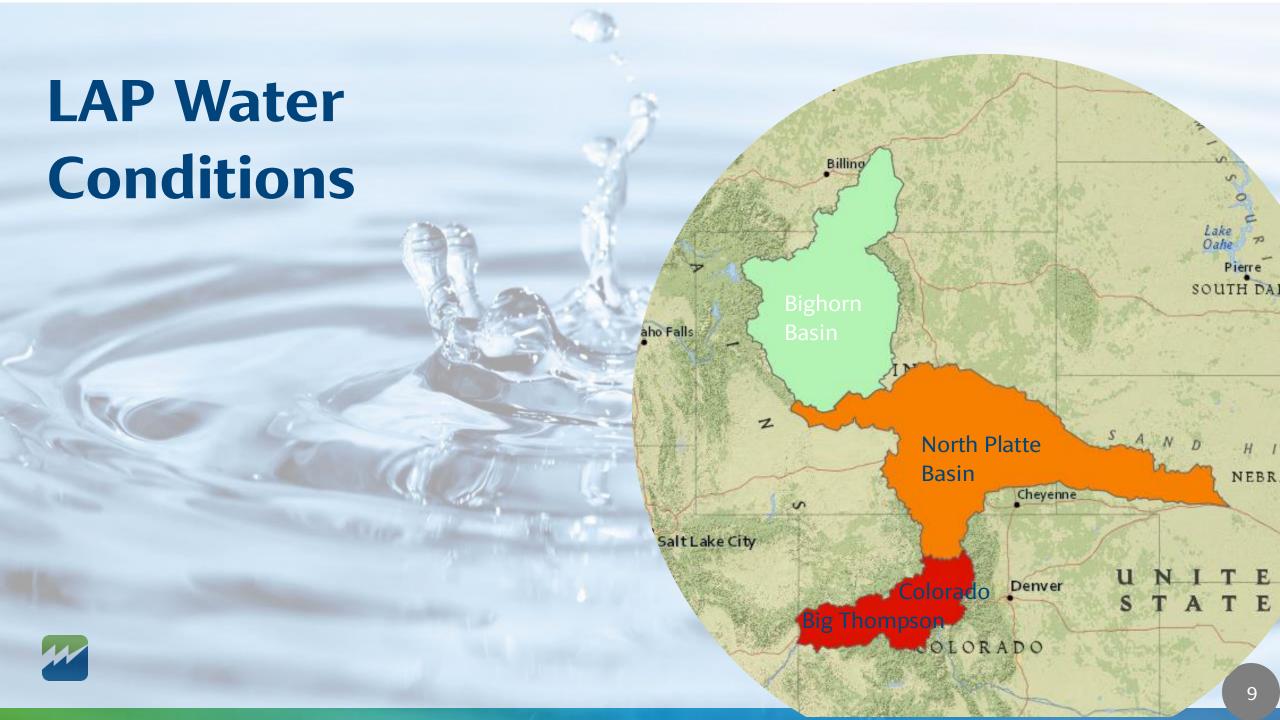


#### **RMR Focus Areas**

- Maintain RMR/CRSP transmission systems
- Keep rates as low as possible
- Operate WACM/WALC BA's reliably and safely
- Navigate personnel bandwidth (safety, BA ops) and hiring, procurement and budget challenges
- RTO
  - o Go live April 1, 2026
- Common SCADA (monitor/control the grid)

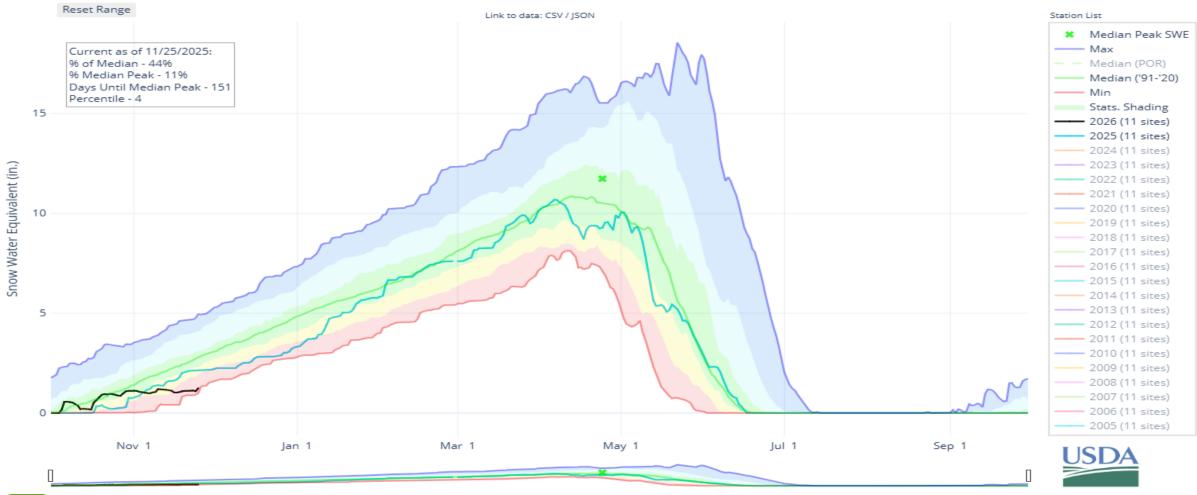






# **Big Horn Basin**

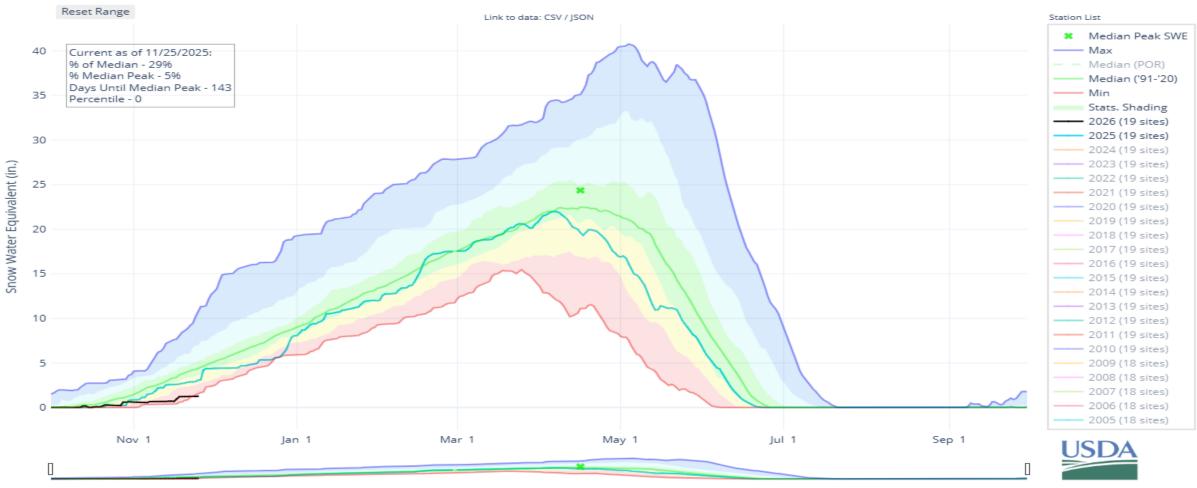
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# **Upper North Platte Basin**

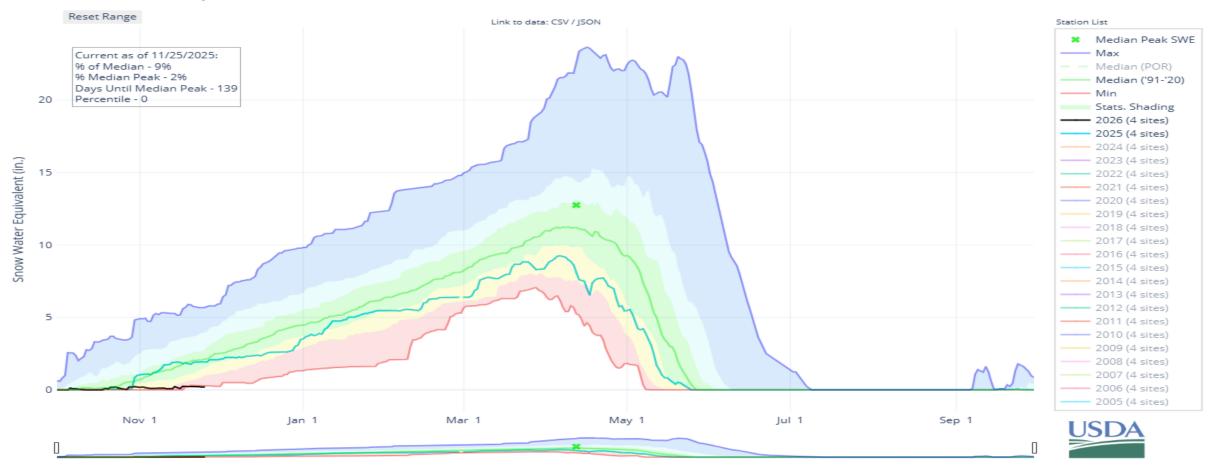
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#### **Lower North Platte Basin**

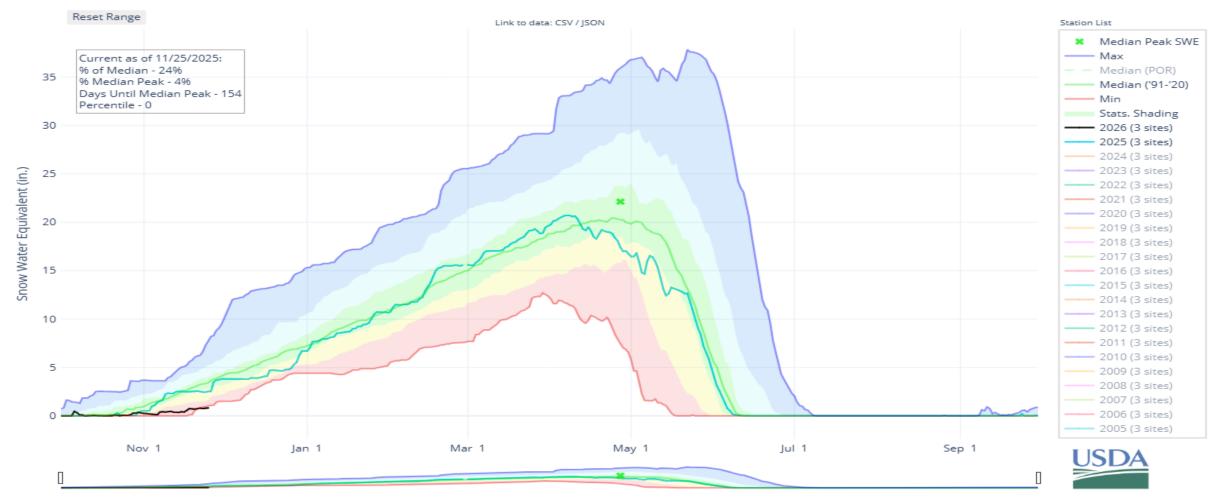
#### SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN LOWER NORTH PLATTE





# **Big Thompson**

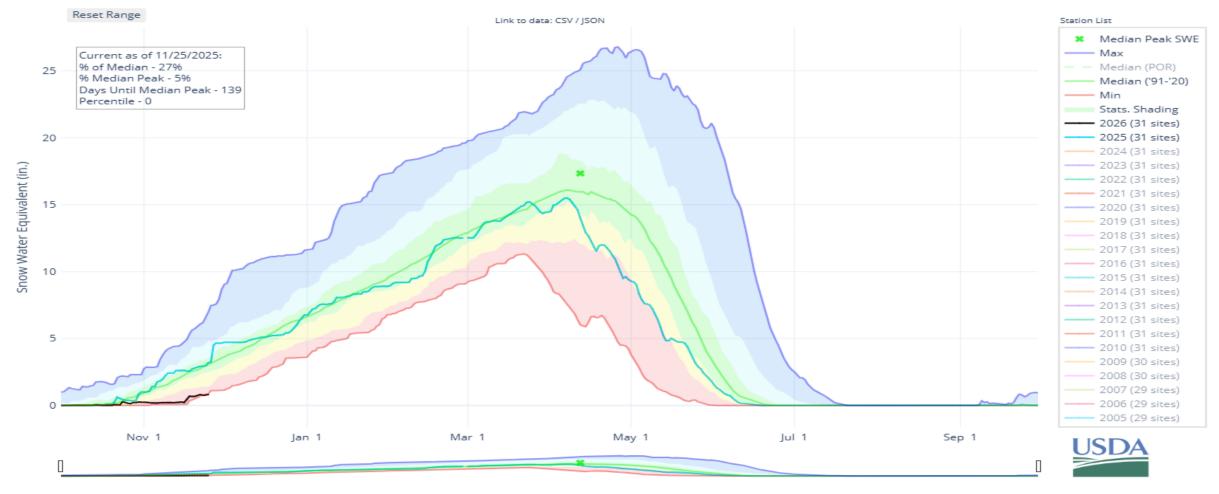
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### **Colorado Headwaters**

#### SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT IN COLORADO HEADWATERS





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