

WAC 173-546-080 Maximum future allocation. (1)(a) The department determines that there are certain times when there are surface waters above the instream flows, referred to as "high flows." These high flows provide critical ecological functions such as channel and riparian zone maintenance, flushing of sediments, and fish migration. In order to protect the frequency and duration of these higher flows, the department hereby establishes maximum amounts of water/flow that can be withdrawn from specific streams at specific times above the instream flow levels.

(b) A maximum allocation shall be used to review future applications for beneficial uses from the mainstem Entiat and Mad rivers for the periods and in the amounts specified below:

(i) The maximum allocation from May 1 - June 30 is 100 cfs. Of that 100 cfs, 25 cfs may be allocated from the Mad River.

(ii) For the period of July 1-15, the maximum allocation is 67 cfs from the mainstem Entiat only.

(iii) For the period of April 16-30, the maximum allocation is 25 cfs from the Mad River only.

(iv) For the periods during which it is clear that no water is likely to be available above the instream flows, no maximum allocation amount is indicated.

Maximum Future Allocation, Entiat River Basin

Month	Days	Total Maximum Allocation, Mainstem Entiat (in cfs). Measured at USGS Gauge #12452990, Entiat River nr. Entiat, RM 1.4	Portion of Maximum Allocation Available From Mad River (in cfs). Measured at USGS Gauge #12452890, Mad River at Ardenvoir, RM 0.35
January	1-31		
February	1-29		
March	1-31		
April	1-15		
	16-30		25
May	1-15	100	25
	16-31	100	25
June	1-15	100	25
	16-30	100	25
July	1-15	67	
	16-31		
August	1-31		
September	1-30		
October	1-31		
November	1-30		
December	1-31		

(2) The designation of a maximum allocation does not constitute a determination that water is available, as defined in RCW 90.03.290. A determination of water availability requires the application of four tests: Water is available; the use will not impair senior rights; water will be put to beneficial use; and the use is not detrimental to the public interest. Establishment of a water right from the allocation occurs after proper authorization from the department and after the water is first put to beneficial use. The water rights are subject to the instream flows established in WAC 173-546-050, and other provisions established in statutory, administrative and case law.

(3) The department shall require the metering and reporting of all permitted surface and groundwater withdrawals from the maximum allocation.

(4) The department will maintain a record of the amount of water allocated from the Entiat and Mad Rivers. If the maximum amounts are fully appropriated, the department shall notify Chelan County and the planning unit or its successor, in writing. The department shall also issue a public notice in a newspaper of general circulation for the region.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 43.27A, 90.54, 90.22, and 90.82 RCW. WSR 05-16-114 (Order 04-11), § 173-546-080, filed 8/3/05, effective 9/3/05.]