

**WAC 173-532-030 Establishment of instream flows.** (1) The instream flows established in this chapter are based on the recommendations of the planning unit; consultation with the departments of fish and wildlife, agriculture, and community, trade, and economic development; the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation; and public input received during the rule-making process.

(2) Instream flows established here are water rights, which protect stream flows from future consumptive appropriations. The instream flow recommendations submitted by the planning unit received the unanimous vote of the planning unit. In accordance with RCW 90.82.080 (2)(a), and unanimous vote of the planning unit, the priority date of the instream flows is the effective date of this chapter.

(3) Instream flow rights shall be protected from impairment by junior water rights and by all future changes and transfers of senior and junior water rights.

(4) Instream flows, expressed in cubic feet per second (cfs), are measured at the management points identified in WAC 173-532-025. For reaches that do not have management points, the flows established for the nearest management point or points (where a tributary with a management point contributes to such flow) apply to those reaches.

(5) Instream flows are established for the stream management units in WAC 173-532-025, as indicated in Table II.

**Table II  
Instream Flows in the Walla Walla River Basin  
(cubic feet per second)**

Month	Stream Management Unit			
	Mill Creek MP 1 (Mill Creek at Kooskooskie),USGS Gage No. 14013000	Walla Walla River MP 5a (Walla Walla River at Detour Road), Department Gage No. 32A100	North Fork Touchet River, MP 6a (North Fork Touchet above Dayton), Department Gage No. 32E050	Touchet River MP 11 (Touchet River at Bolles), Department Gage No. 32B100
January	110	250	95	150
February	125	250	95	150
March	150	350	125	200
April	150	350	125	200
May	125	250	125 Closure	200 Closure
June	100 Closure	Closure	95 Closure	125 Closure
July	53 Closure	Closure	65 Closure	74 Closure
August	41 Closure	Closure	53 Closure	48 Closure
September	41 Closure	Closure	51 Closure	56 Closure
October	48 Closure	Closure	63 Closure	82 Closure
November	100 Closure	Closure	95 Closure	150 Closure
December	110	250	95	150

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 90.82, 90.54, 90.22, 90.03, and 90.44 RCW. WSR 07-17-007 (Order 04-08), § 173-532-030, filed 8/2/07, effective 9/5/07; Order DE 77-30, § 173-532-030, filed 12/14/77.]