

Surface Water Users in the Yakima Basin



Senior Water Right Holders

- Pre-1905 priority date receives full water right



Pro-ratable Water Right Holders

- Receives full right in non drought years
- 1905 priority date receives reduced amount of water right in drought years



Junior Water Right Holders

- Post-1905 priority date receives no water in drought years, example: 2001, 2005 water years



No Water Rights

- Those diverting water illegally never have a right to do so

- ✓ 2,406,917 acre feet of total water right entitlements from the Yakima River.
- ✓ 1,091,300 acre feet of non-proratable entitlements (e.g. seniors: Sunnyside Valley, Yakima Tieton ID, Naches-Selah ID, part of Wapato IP).
- ✓ 1,315,617 acre feet of proratable water and Post 1905 (e.g. juniors) right entitlements (Kittitas, Roza and part of Wapato are about 80% of this amount 1,061,000 ac. ft.).
- ✓ The combined total capacity of the five Reclamation reservoirs is 1,065,400 ac.ft.