

## River & Stream Conditions In Hot Springs County April 4, 2018

The flow in the Bighorn River is being increased today to 3000cfs.

3000cfs is our trigger point for going to **Awareness Level Yellow**.

At this point our peaceful river becomes less forgiving:

- We all need to be careful when on the river and use Personal Floatation Devices.
- The water is still very cold. Anyone who falls in is at risk for hypothermia.
- If you're fishing from the shore keep an eye on children
- Any shore activity, make sure you are standing on solid ground. Watch out for undercut banks which could collapse.

Be sure you fit-test PFD's on small children before going on the water:

[Life Jacket Sizing for Kids](#)

Fit is important in keeping a child's head above water, so do not get a too-big PFD thinking he or she will grow into it.

Sizing for a youngster depends on his or her weight (and not chest size, as it does with adults):

Infant PFDs: 8 to 30 pounds

Child PFDs: 30 to 50 pounds

Youth PFDs: 50 to 90 pounds

For infants and small children, a PFD should have a:

Padded head support to help keep the child's head above water.

Grab handle to assist retrieving the child out of the water.

Crotch strap to help keep the PFD from riding up.

Our stream drainages are all normal, but expect to see increased flows in the next 3-4 weeks.

