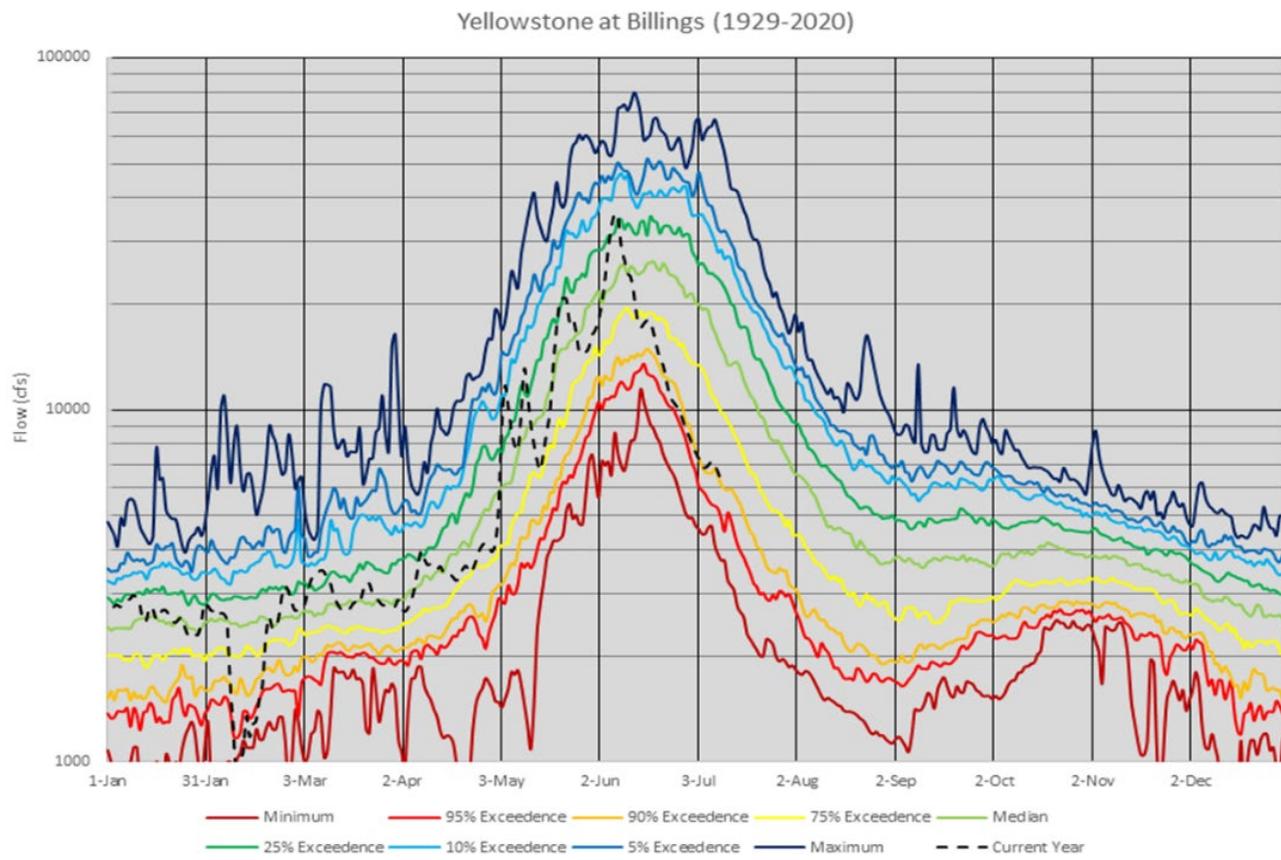


Billings City Administrator Weekly Report

December 29, 2021

- Yellowstone River – Water Treatment Plant Update** - As you know, our sole source of supply for water to serve the city is the Yellowstone River. Given the low flows this summer, we were concerned about low flows in the winter combined with cold temperatures. We been monitoring the river and are seeing exactly what we expected. The Yellowstone River hit a record low for the day yesterday (800 cfs). From what we can see and information we've gathered, it appears that there may be an ice jam somewhere around Livingston. With the continued cold temperatures and this low river flow, we could start to experience problems with our intake. As of now, we are still drawing from our main intake and if that gets worse, we will be able to use our back up intake which pulls from a deeper part of the river. At this time, we don't anticipate any issues with service but the fact that it's still December means we have a long winter of fighting the ice ahead of us!





Picture of river today at site of new intake

2. **Questions and Answers Section** – This new section of the Weekly is to compile the questions our staff receives from council members. City staff is including responses to emails received this week, so other city council members have the information. (No Q & A this week.)

Hope everyone has a safe and happy new year!