

GSFLOW Input Instructions: A Supplement to Appendix 1 of the GSFLOW manual (USGS TM 6-D1)

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Introduction

Instructions for preparing input files for GSFLOW were provided with the first release of GSFLOW as Appendix 1 in Markstrom and others (2008). Since that time, new functionality has been added to the software; some of the original functionality has been removed; and individual parameters and variables have been added, modified, and deleted. As a result, it has been necessary to update the original input instructions with each new release of GSFLOW. Input instructions for preparing a GSFLOW input dataset are now provided in three formats: This file provides updated information for a few of the tables in Appendix 1 that relate directly to the GSFLOW software. This file is a supplement to Appendix 1 in Markstrom and others (2008; TM 6-D1), which provides a general discussion of the terminology, styles, and formats of GSFLOW inputs and the definitions of each of the GSFLOW input files. This file also replaces the ‘Appendix1_Tables.pdf’ file that was distributed with previous versions of the software.

Input instructions for the several PRMS modules and MODFLOW packages that are part of the GSFLOW software can be found in separate resources:

PRMS Data and Parameter Files: Up-to-date specifications for PRMS dimensions, parameters, and input and output variables are provided in several tables on the PRMS-IV software distribution page:

ftp://brrftp.cr.usgs.gov/pub/mows/software/prms/4.0.1/PRMS_tableUpdates_4.0.1.pdf. In addition, documentation for the `nhru_summary`, `map_results`, and `climate_hru` modules can be found in the ‘doc\gsflow’ subdirectory of the GSFLOW distribution folder.

MODFLOW Input Files: Up-to-date descriptions of the input requirements for all MODFLOW-2005 and MODFLOW-NWT Packages and Processes are provided in the *Online Guide to MODFLOW-2005* (<http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/modflow/MODFLOW-2005-Guide/>) and *Online Guide to MODFLOW-NWT* (<http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/modflow-nwt/MODFLOW-NWT-Guide/>). These guides supercede information given on pages 176-226 in TM 6-D1.

Information Related to GSFLOW Input Tables

Tables 1 and 2: Descriptions of PRMS and GSFLOW modules and MODFLOW packages supported in GSFLOW version 1.2.0

Brief descriptions of the modules and packages that are supported in GSFLOW version 1.2.0 are given in table 1; a list of the PRMS modules and MODFLOW packages not implemented in GSFLOW version 1.2.0 is given in table 2. These two tables update tables 1 and 2 provided in TM 6-D1.

Table A1-1: Parameters specified in the GSFLOW Control File

This table supercedes table A1-1 on pages 135-136 of the GSFLOW manual (TM 6-D1). The GSFLOW Control File is described in detail on pages 134-139 of TM 6-D1. Additional notes follow:

1. Previous versions of GSFLOW required that a PRMS Parameter File be specified in the Control File for a MODFLOW-only simulation. The code has been updated so that the user no longer needs to specify a PRMS Parameter File for a MODFLOW-only simulation. Thus, for a MODFLOW-only simulation, the Control File could be as short as the following example for the Sagehen Creek GSFLOW model distributed with the software:

```
Control File for a MODFLOW-only simulation, Sagehen Creek Watershed
####
model_mode
1
4
MODFLOW
####
modflow_name
1
4
../input/modflow/sagehen.mf.nam
```

Note, however, that for restart simulations, the user also will need to specify control parameters **modflow_time_zero**, **init_vars_from_file**, **save_vars_to_file**, **start_time**, and **end_time**.

2. If default values shown for any input parameter are acceptable, the user does not need to enter those parameter blocks.

Table A1-2: GSFLOW variables that can be written to the Statistic Variables and (or) Animation Files (supercedes table A1-2 in TM 6-D1, pages 138-139)

1. The variables shown in this table relate to GSFLOW simulation mode only; additional variables can be written for PRMS-only simulations depending on values in the Data File and active modules (see *online* PRMS-IV tables 2, 1-2, 1-3, and 1.4 and 1.5).

Table A1-3: Time-series data that can be specified in the PRMS Data File (supercedes table A1-3 in TM 6-D1, page 141)

1. This table is provided *online* (PRMS-IV table 1.4, Time-series input variables that may be included in the Data File for the Precipitation-Runoff Modeling System). Refer to that table for the current list of variables that can be specified in PRMS Data Files.

2. The Data File must have at least one column of input values (“data”) in addition to the 6 values that specify the date and time for the time series. Variables that do not have values do not need to be specified. For example **form_data**, **solrad**, and **pan_evap** as shown in figure A1-1 in TM D6-1 page 140 could be removed.

Table A1-4: Dimensions defined in PRMS Parameter Files (supercedes table A1-4 in TM 6-D1, page 145)

1. Dimensions defined in this table are only needed for the GSFLOW and PRMS-only simulation modes, and are not needed for MODFLOW-only simulation mode because Parameter Files are not needed for a MODFLOW-only simulation.

Tables A1-5 and A1-6 through A1-22: Parameters in the PRMS Parameter File and input parameters for each of the PRMS modules (pages 147-172 in TM 6-D1)

1. These tables have been superceded and are provided *online* (PRMS-IV table 1.3, Parameters listed by usage with the associated modules in which they are used for the Precipitation-Runoff Modeling System). Refer to that table for the current list of parameters that can be specified in PRMS Parameter Files. Also note that not all of the parameters listed in *online* table 1.3 are available in GSFLOW; those that are available are based on the PRMS modules available in GSFLOW (see table 1 below).

Table A1-23: Parameters specified for GSFLOW modules (supercedes tables 3 and 4, page 27, and tables A1-23 through A1-27, pages 173-175 in TM 6-D1)

1. This table replaces the seven tables previously used to define input parameters for each of the GSFLOW modules. In keeping with the new structure of the table used to define PRMS-IV input parameters, the parameters for all of the GSFLOW modules are now combined into a single table.

Table 1. Description of PRMS and GSFLOW modules and MODFLOW packages implemented in GSFLOW version 1.2.0. [Module or package name: Users select only one of the modules or packages in each group indicated by a number from 1 to 8. Fortran or C programming language file: C programming language file designated with a ".c" at end of file name. Version: Shows the GSFLOW release version number when the module or package was first added to GSFLOW. Model mode: G is GSFLOW coupled simulation, P is PRMS-only simulation, M is MODFLOW-only simulation; HRU: hydrologic response unit]

Process	Fortran or C programming language file	Description	Version	Model mode
PRMS Modules				
Basin Definition	basin	Defines shared watershed-wide and hydrologic response unit (HRU) physical parameters and variables	1.0.00	G,P
Cascading Flow	cascade	Determines computational order of the HRUs and groundwater reservoirs for routing flow downslope	1.0.00	G,P
Climate and Flow Parameter and Variable Definition	climateflow	Defines shared watershed-wide and hydrologic response unit (HRU) climate and flow parameters and variables	1.1.5	G,P
Potential Solar Radiation	soltab	Computes potential solar radiation and sunlight hours for each HRU for each day of year	1.0.00	G,P
Daily Time Step Definition	prms_time	Computes time related variables within the daily time step	1.2.0	G,P
Observed Data	obs	Reads and stores observed data from all specified measurement stations	1.0.00	G,P
Temperature Distribution (1)	temp_1sta	Distributes maximum and minimum temperatures to each HRU by using temperature data measured at one station and an estimated monthly lapse rate	1.0.00	G,P
	temp_laps	Distributes maximum and minimum temperatures to each HRU by computing a daily lapse rate with temperature data measured at a base station and lapse station with differing altitudes	1.0.00	G,P
	xyz_dist	Determines the form of precipitation and distributes precipitation and temperatures to each HRU by using a multiple linear regression of measured data from a group of measurement stations or from atmospheric model simulation; selection requires this module also be selected for precipitation	1.0.00	G,P
	temp_dist2	Distributes maximum and minimum temperatures to each HRU by using a basin-wide lapse rate applied to the temperature data, adjusted for distance, measured at each station	1.0.00	G,P
	climate_hru	Reads distributed temperature values directly from files	1.1.5	G,P
	ide_dist	Determines the form of precipitation and distributes precipitation and temperatures to each HRU on the basis of measurements at stations with closest elevation or shortest distance to the respective HRU; selection requires this module also be selected for precipitation	1.2.0	G,P
Precipitation Distribution (2)	precip_1sta	Determines the form of precipitation and distributes it from one or more stations to each HRU by using monthly correction factors to account for differences in altitude, spatial variation, topography,	1.0.00	G,P

		and measurement gage efficiency.		
	precip_laps	Determines the form of precipitation and distributes it to each HRU by using monthly lapse rates	1.0.00	G,P
	xyz_dist	Distributes precipitation and maximum and minimum temperatures to each HRU using a multiple linear regression of measured data from a group of measurement stations or from atmospheric model results; selection requires this module also be selected for temperature	1.0.00	G,P
	precip_dist2	Determines the form of precipitation and distributes it to each HRU by using an inverse distance weighting scheme	1.0.00	G,P
	climate_hru	Reads distributed precipitation values directly from files	1.1.5	G,P
	ide_dist	Determines the form of precipitation and distributes precipitation and temperatures to each HRU on the basis of measurements at stations with closest elevation or shortest distance to the respective HRU; selection requires this module also be selected for temperature	1.2.0	G,P
Solar Radiation (3)	ddsolrad	Distributes solar radiation to each HRU and estimates missing solar radiation data using a maximum temperature per degree-day relation	1.0.00	G,P
	ccsolrad	Distributes solar radiation to each HRU and estimates missing solar radiation data using a relation between solar radiation and cloud cover	1.0.00	G,P
	climate_hru	Reads distributed solar radiation values directly from files	1.1.5	G,P
Potential Evapotranspiration (4)	potet_jh	Computes the potential evapotranspiration by using the Jensen-Haise formulation (Jensen and Haise, 1963)	1.0.00	G,P
	potet_hamon	Computes the potential evapotranspiration by using the Hamon formulation (Hamon, 1961)	1.0.00	G,P
	potet_pan	Computes the potential evapotranspiration for each HRU by using pan-evaporation data	1.0.00	G,P
	potet_hs	Computes the potential evapotranspiration by using the Hargreaves-Samani formulation (Hargreaves and Samani, 1982)	1.2.0	G,P
	potet_pm	Computes the potential evapotranspiration by using the Penman-Monteith formulation (Penman, 1948; Monteith, 1965)	1.2.0	G,P
	potet_pt	Computes the potential evapotranspiration by using the Priestley-Taylor formulation (Priestley and Taylor, 1972)	1.2.0	G,P
	climate_hru	Reads distributed potential evapotranspiration values directly from files	1.1.5	G,P
Transpiration Period (8)	transp_frost	Determines whether the current time step is in a period of active transpiration by the killing frost method	1.2.0	G,P
	transp_tindex	Determines whether the current time step is in a period of active transpiration by the temperature index method	1.0.00	G,P
	climate_hru	Reads distributed transpiration values directly from files	1.1.5	G,P

	frost_date	Computes the last spring frost and first fall frost for each HRU based on the simulation time period and distributed temperature; processes after precipitation distribution are not computed	1.2.0	P
Interception	intcp	Computes volume of intercepted precipitation, evaporation from intercepted precipitation, and throughfall that reaches the soil or snowpack	1.0.00	G,P
Snow	snowcomp	Initiates development of a snowpack and simulates snow accumulation and depletion processes by using an energy-budget approach	1.0.00	G,P
Surface Runoff (5)	srunoff_smidx	Computes surface runoff and infiltration for each HRU by using a nonlinear variable-source-area method allowing for cascading flow	1.0.00	G,P
	srunoff_carea	Computes surface runoff and infiltration for each HRU by using a linear variable-source-area method allowing for cascading flow	1.0.00	G,P
Soil Zone	soilzone	Computes inflows to and outflows from soil zone of each HRU and includes inflows from infiltration, groundwater, and upslope HRUs, and outflows to gravity drainage, interflow, and surface runoff to down-slope HRUs	1.0.00	G,P
Groundwater	gwflow	Sums inflow to and outflow from PRMS groundwater reservoirs; outflow can be routed to downslope groundwater reservoirs and stream segments	1.0.00	P
Streamflow	strmflow	Computes daily streamflow as the sum of surface runoff, shallow-subsurface flow (interflow), detention reservoir flow, and groundwater flow	1.0.00	P
	routing	Computes common segment routing flows for modules strmflow_in_out and muskingum	1.2.0	P
	strmflow_in_out	Routes water between segments in the system by setting the outflow to the inflow	1.2.0	P
	muskingum	Computes basin on-channel reservoir storage and outflows	1.2.0	P
Summary	basin_sum	Sums values for daily, monthly, yearly, and total flow summaries of volumes and flows for all HRUs	1.0.00	P
	map_results	Writes HRU summaries to a user specified target map at weekly, monthly, yearly, and total time steps (initially named grid_report)	1.1.3	G,P
	subbasin	Computes streamflow at internal basin nodes and variables by subbasin	1.1.00	G,P
	nhru_summary	Writes selected user-selected results dimensioned by the value of dimension nhru as daily, monthly, and/or mean-monthly time-series as Comma-Separated-Values (CSV) files	1.2.0	G,P
	water_balance	Computes daily HRU and basin-wide water balances for selected hydrologic processes when control parameter print_debug is specified equal to 1.	1.2.0	P
	write_climate_hru	Computes user-selected climate values for each HRU based on the simulation time period and distributed climate; processes after transpiration period are not computed	1.1.6	P
MODFLOW Packages				
Basic	gwf2bas7_NWT	BAS: Handles a number of basic administrative	1.0.00	G,M

		tasks; modification of gwf2bas7		
Block Centered Flow (6)	gwf2bcf7	BCF: Calculates conductance coefficients for groundwater-flow equations using a block-centered flow package	1.0.00	G,M
Layer Property Flow (6)	gwf2lpf7	LPF: Calculates conductance coefficients for groundwater-flow equations using a layer-property flow package	1.0.00	G,M
Hydrostratigraphic Unit Flow (6)	gwf2huf7	HUF: Calculates effective hydraulic properties for model layers using hydrostratigraphic units	1.0.00	G,M
Upstream-Weighting Package (6)	gwf2upw1	UPW: Calculates conductance coefficients for groundwater-flow equations using an upstream-weighting package. The package is used with the NWT solver	1.1.5	G,M
Horizontal Flow Barrier	gwf2hfb7_NWT	HFB: Simulates flow barriers by reducing horizontal conductance	1.0.00	G,M
Well	gwf2wel7_NWT	WEL: Adds terms to flow equation to represent wells	1.0.00	G,M
Multi-Node Well	gwf2mnw17_NWT	MNW, version 1: Adds terms to flow equation for wells that extract or inject water in more than one cell	1.0.00	G,M
	gwf2mnw27_NWT	MNW, version 2: Adds terms to flow equation for wells that extract or inject water in more than one cell	1.1.1	G,M
General Head Boundary	gwf2ghb7_NWT	GHB: Adds terms to flow equation to represent general head-dependent boundaries	1.0.00	G,M
Constand Head Boundary	gwf2chd7	CHD: Adds terms to flow equation to represent constant-head boundaries	1.0.00	G,M
Flow and Head Boundary	gwf2fhb7	FHB: Adds terms to flow equation to represent flow and head boundaries	1.0.00	G,M
Streamflow Routing	gwf2sfr7_NWT	SFR: Adds terms to flow equation to represent groundwater and stream interactions; modification of gwf1sfr2	1.0.00	G,M
Lake	gwf2lak7	LAK: Adds terms to flow equation to represent groundwater and lake interactions; modification of gwf1lak3	1.0.00	G,M
Unsaturated Zone Flow	gwf2uzf1_NWT	UZF: Adds terms to flow equation to represent recharge from the unsaturated zone, evapotranspiration, and groundwater discharge to land surface	1.0.00	G,M
Gage	gwf2gag7	GAG: Prints time series gage output for selected stream reaches and lakes; modification of gwf1gag5	1.0.00	G,M
Observation	obs2bas7, obs2chd7, obs2ghb7	OBS: Compares model-generated values of heads and flows to observed values for the BAS, CHD, and GHB Packages	1.0.00	G,M
Solver (7)	sip7_NWT	SIP: Solves simultaneous equations resulting from finite-difference approximations using the strongly implicit procedure	1.0.00	G,M
	pcg7_NWT	PCG: Solves simultaneous equations resulting from finite-difference approximations using a preconditioned conjugate-gradient procedure	1.0.00	G,M
	de47_NWT	DE4: Solves simultaneous equations resulting from finite-difference approximations using a direct solution procedure	1.0.00	G,M

	gmg7	GMG: Solves simultaneous equations resulting from finite-difference approximations using a geometric multigrid solution of the preconditioned conjugate-gradient procedure	1.0.00	G,M
	NWT1 (various files)	NWT: Solves simultaneous equations resulting from finite-difference approximations using a Newton formulation	1.1.5	G,M
GSFLOW modules				
Computation Order	gsflow_prms	Controls model mode, the GSFLOW and PRMS daily time-step loop, and computational sequence order of GSFLOW and PRMS modules—PRMS equivalent file call_modules.f90	1.0.00	G,P,M
	gsflow_modflow	Controls sequence order for reading MODFLOW time-dependent input data and controls the computational sequence of calculations in the time-step and iteration loops for MODFLOW packages and defines variables used for converting between PRMS and MODFLOW units—MODFLOW equivalent MF_NWT.f	1.0.00	G,M
Integration	gsflow_prms2mf	Distributes the PRMS soilzone module computed gravity drainage and unsatisfied potential evaporation from HRUs to MODFLOW cells for input to the UZF Package and the PRMS surface-runoff and soilzone computed Hortonian and Dunnian surface runoff and interflow from HRUs to stream segments and lakes and precipitation and evaporation to lakes for input to the SFR and LAK Packages at the end of each time step	1.0.00	G
	gsflow_mf2prms	Distributes computed groundwater discharge from MODFLOW cells to HRUs for input to the PRMS soilzone module at the end of each time step	1.0.00	G
Summary	gsflow_budget	Computes watershed budget for GSFLOW and adjusts PRMS gravity reservoir storage using the flows to and from MODFLOW cells after the MODFLOW budget procedure and writes to the GSFLOW output file at the end of each timestep	1.0.00	G
	gsflow_sum	Computes detailed watershed water budgets for flow and storage components and writes these to the GSFLOW CSV file at the end of each timestep	1.0.00	G

Table 2. PRMS version 4.0.1 (3/22/2015) modules and MODFLOW-NWT version 1.9 (7/01/2014) packages not implemented in GSFLOW version 1.2.0.

[HRU: hydrologic response unit]

Module or package name	Fortran file	Description
PRMS modules		
Streamflow with On-channel Lakes	strmflow_lake	Computes daily streamflow as the sum of surface, subsurface, and ground-water flow contributions to each stream segment and routes flow through lakes
Summary	prms_summary	Computes select watershed-wide variables to a Comma-Separated Values (CSV) file
MODFLOW-NWT packages		
Recharge	gwf2rch7	RCH: Adds terms to groundwater flow equation to represent areal recharge to groundwater system
Evapotranspiration	gwf2evt7	EVT: Adds terms to groundwater flow equation to represent head-dependent evapotranspiration from groundwater system
Segmented Evapotranspiration	gwf2ets7	ETS Adds terms to groundwater flow equation to represent segmented head-dependent evapotranspiration from groundwater system
Interbed Storage	gwf2ibs7	IBS: Adds terms to groundwater flow equation to represent inelastic compaction of fine-grained sediments
Subsidence	gwf2sub7_NWT	SUB: Simulates aquifer-system compaction and land subsidence
Tile Drain	gwf2drt7	DRT: Adds terms to groundwater flow equation to represent groundwater discharge to drains while accounting for irrigation return flows
River	gwf2riv7_NWT	RIV: Adds terms to groundwater flow equation to represent rivers to represent head-dependent flow between a surface water body and a groundwater system
Drain	gwf2drn7_NWT	DRN: Adds terms to groundwater flow equation to represent ground-water discharge to drains
Reservoir	gwf2res7	RES: Adds terms to groundwater flow equation to represent leakage from reservoirs
Stream	gwf2str7	STR: Adds terms to flow equation to represent groundwater and stream interactions; predecessor to SFR2 Package
Seawater Intrusion	gwf2swi27_NWT	SWI: Allows three-dimensional vertically integrated variable-density groundwater flow and seawater intrusion in coastal multiaquifer systems to be simulated
Surface-Water Routing	gwf2swr7_NWT	SWR: Surface-water routing process is designed to simulated surface-water routing in one- and two-dimensional surface-water features and surface-water/groundwater interactions
Subsidence and Aquifer-System Compaction for Water-Table Aquifers	gwf2swt7	SWT: Simulates vertical compaction in models of regional groundwater flow. The program simulates groundwater storage changes and compaction in discontinuous interbeds or in extensive confining units, accounting for stress-dependent changes in storage properties.
Link to the MT3DMS contaminant-transport model	lmt7_NWT	LMT: Records flow information from MODFLOW for use by MT3DMS
Hydrograph capability	gwf2hydmod7.f	HYDMOD: Records time-series data for selected data types
Observation	obs2drn7, obs2riv7, obs2str7	OBS: Compares model-generated values of heads and flows to observed values for the DRN, RIV, and STR Packages

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Table A1-1. Parameters specified in the GSFLOW Control File.

[Pathnames for all files can have a maximum of 132 characters, variable names a maximum of 32 characters; Data Type: 1=integer, 2=single precision floating point (real), 3=double precision floating point (double); 4=character string; HRU, hydrologic response unit; GWR, groundwater reservoir; CBH, climate-by-HRU; ET, evapotranspiration; >, greater than; dimensions **ncascade**, **ncascdgw**, and **nsub** defined in table A1-4 of this document; the first two blocks of control parameters listed in the table are recommended for every simulation, although all parameters are optional depending on the appropriateness of the default values]

Parameter name	Description	Required/Simulation condition(s)	Number of Values	Data type	Default value
Simulation execution and input and output files					
csv_output_file	Pathname of GSFLOW Comma-Separated-Values (CSV) output file for selected GSFLOW basin-area weighted flows and storages for each time step	model_mode = GSFLOW	1	4	gsflow.csv
data_file	Pathname(s) for measured input Data File(s), typically a single Data File is specified	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS	number of Data Files	4	prms.data
end_time	Simulation end date and time specified in order in the control item as: year, month, day, hour, minute, second	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS	6	1	2001, 9, 30, 0, 0, 0
gsflow_output_file	Pathname for GSFLOW Water-Budget File of summaries of each component of the GSFLOW water budget	model_mode = GSFLOW	1	4	gsflow.out
gsf_rpt	Switch to specify whether or not the GSFLOW Comma-Separated-Values (CSV) output file is generated (0=no; 1=yes)	model_mode = GSFLOW	1	4	1
model_mode	Flag to indicate the simulation mode (GSFLOW=GSFLOW coupled model; PRMS=PRMS-only; MODFLOW=MODFLOW-only; FROST=growing season for each HRU; WRITE_CLIMATE=write CBH files of minimum and maximum air temperature (variables <i>tminf</i> and <i>tmaxf</i> -Fahrenheit), precipitation (variable <i>hru_ppt</i> -inches), solar radiation (variable <i>swrad</i> -Langley's), potential ET (variable <i>potet</i> -inches), and/or transpiration flag (variable <i>transp_on</i> -dimensionless)	required	1	4	GSFLOW
model_output_file	Pathname for Water-Budget File for results module <i>basin_sum</i>	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS	1	4	prms.out
modflow_name	Pathname for MODFLOW Name File	model_mode = GSFLOW or MODFLOW	1	4	modflow.nam
modflow_time_zero	Date and time for the first MODFLOW initial stress period in the control item as: year, month, day, hour, minute, second	model_mode = GSFLOW or MODFLOW and init_vars_from_file = 1 or save_vars_to_file = 1	6	1	2000, 10, 1, 0, 0, 0
param_file	Pathname(s) for PRMS Parameter File(s)	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS	number of Parameter Files	4	prms.params
rpt_days	Frequency with which summary tables are written to the GSFLOW Water-Budget File (0=none; >0=frequency in days, e.g., 1=daily,	model_mode = GSFLOW	1	1	7

Parameter name	Description	Required/Simulation condition(s)	Number of Values	Data type	Default value
start_time	7=every 7 th day) Simulation start date and time specified in order in the control item as: year, month, day, hour, minute, second	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS	6	1	2000, 10, 1, 0, 0, 0
Module selection and simulation options (model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS)					
cascade_flag	Flag to indicate if HRU cascades are computed (0=no; 1=yes)	ncascade > 0	1	1	1
cascadegw_flag	Flag to indicate if GWR cascades are computed (0=no; 1=yes)	ncascdgw > 0	1	1	1
dprst_flag	Flag to indicate if depression-storage simulation is computed (0=no; 1=yes)	optional	1	1	0
et_module	Module name for potential-evapotranspiration method (climate_hru, potet_jh, potet_hamon, potet_hs, potet_pt, potet_pm, or potet_pan)	required	1	4	potet_jh
precip_module	Module name for precipitation-distribution method (climate_hru, ide_dist, precip_1sta, precip_dist2, precip_laps, or xyz_dist)	required	1	4	precip_1sta
solrad_module	Module name for solar-radiation-distribution method (ccsolrad or ddsolrad)	required	1	4	ddsolrad
srunoff_module	Module name for surface-runoff/infiltration computation method (srunoff_carea or srunoff_smidx)	required	1	4	srunoff_smidx
strmflow_module	Module name for streamflow routing simulation method (strmflow, muskingum, or strmflow_in_out)	model_mode = PRMS	1	4	strmflow
subbasin_flag	Flag to indicate if internal subbasins are computed (0=no; 1=yes)	nsub > 0	1	1	1
temp_module	Module name for temperature-distribution method (climate_hru, temp_1sta, temp_dist2, temp_laps, ide_dist, or xyz_dist)	required	1	4	temp_1sta
transp_module	Module name for transpiration simulation method (climate_hru, transp_frost, or transp_tindex)	required	1	4	transp_tindex
Climate-by-HRU Files (model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS)					
cbh_binary_flag	Flag to specify whether to input CBH files in a binary format using the same order of values as the text file version (0=no; 1=yes)	et_module , precip_module , temp_module , solrad_module , or transp_module = climate_hru	1	1	0
humidity_cbh_flag	Flag to specify whether to read a CBH file with humidity data (0=no; 1=yes)	et_module = potet_pm	1	1	0
humidity_day	Pathname of the CBH file of pre-processed humidity input data for each HRU to specify variable <i>humidity_hru</i> -decimal fraction	et_module = potet_pm	1	4	humidity.day
orad_flag	Flag to specify whether or not the variable <i>orad</i> is specified as the	solrad_module =	1	1	0

Parameter name	Description	Required/Simulation condition(s)	Number of Values	Data type	Default value
potet_day	last column of the swrad_day CBH file (0=no; 1=yes) Pathname of the CBH file of pre-processed potential-ET input data for each HRU to specify variable <i>potet</i> -inches	climate_hru et_module = climate_hru	1	4	potet.day
precip_day	Pathname of the CBH file of pre-processed precipitation input data for each HRU to specify variable <i>precip</i> -units based on value specified for parameter precip_units	precip_module = climate_hru	1	4	precip.day
swrad_day	Pathname of the CBH file of pre-processed solar-radiation input data for each HRU to specify variable <i>swrad</i> - units based on Langleys and value specified for parameter rad_conv	solrad_module = climate_hru	1	4	swrad.day
tmax_day	Pathname of the CBH file of pre-processed maximum air temperature input data for each HRU to specify variable <i>tmaxf</i> -units based on value specified for parameter temp_units	temp_module = climate_hru	1	4	tmax.day
tmin_day	Pathname of the CBH file of pre-processed minimum air temperature input data for each HRU to specify variable <i>tminf</i> -units based on value specified for parameter temp_units	temp_module = climate_hru	1	4	tmin.day
transp_day	Pathname of the CBH file of pre-processed transpiration on or off flag for each HRU file to specify variable <i>transp_on</i> -dimensionless	transp_module = climate_hru	1	4	transp.day
windspeed_cbh_flag	Flag to specify whether to read a CBH file with wind speed data (0=no; 1=yes)	et_module = potet_pm	1	1	0
windspeed_day	Pathname of the CBH file of pre-processed wind speed input data for each HRU to specify variable <i>windspeed_hru</i> -meters/second	et_module = potet_pm	1	4	windspeed.day
Debug options (model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS)					
cbh_check_flag	Flag to indicate if CBH values are validated each time step (0=no; 1=yes)	optional	1	1	1
parameter_check_flag	Flag to indicate if selected parameter-values validation checks are treated as warnings or errors (0=warning; 1=errors; 2=check parameters and then stop execution)	optional	1	1	1
print_debug¹	Flag to indicate type of debug output (-1=minimize screen output; 0=none; 1=water balances; 2=basin module; 4=basin_sum module; 5=soltab module; 7=soilzone module; 9=snowcomp module; 13=cascade module; 14=subbasin module)	optional	1	1	0
Statistic Variables (statvar) Files (model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS)					
nstatVars	Number of variables to include in Statistics Variables File and names specified in statVar_names	statsON_OFF = 1	1	1	0
stat_var_file	Pathname for Statistics Variables File	statsON_OFF = 1	1	4	statvar.out
statsON_OFF	Switch to specify whether or not the Statistics Variables File is generated (0=no; 1=statvar text format; 2=CSV format)	statsON_OFF = 1	1	1	0
statVar_element	List of identification numbers corresponding to variables specified	statsON_OFF = 1	nstatVars	4	none

Parameter name	Description	Required/Simulation condition(s)	Number of Values	Data type	Default value
statVar_names	in statVar_names list (1 to variable's dimension size) List of variable names for which output is written to Statistics Variables File	statsON_OFF = 1	nstatVars	4	none
Initial Condition Files					
init_vars_from_file	Flag to specify whether or not the Initial Conditions File is specified as an input file (0=no; 1=yes)	optional (available for all model modes)	1	1	0
save_vars_to_file	Flag to determine if an Initial Conditions File will be generated at the end of simulation (0=no; 1=yes)	optional (available for all model modes)	1	1	0
var_init_file	Pathname for Initial Conditions input file	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS and init_vars_from_file = 1	1	4	prms_ic.in
var_save_file	Pathname for the Initial Conditions File to be generated at end of simulation	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS and save_vars_to_file = 1	1	4	prms_ic.out
Animation Files (model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS)					
ani_output_file	Root pathname for Animation Files(s) to which a filename suffix based on dimension name associated with selected variables is appended	aniOutON_OFF = 1	1	4	animation.out
aniOutON_OFF	Switch to specify whether or not Animation File(s) are generated (0=no; 1=yes)	animation output	1	1	0
aniOutVar_names	List of variable names for which all values of the variable (that is, the entire dimension size) for each time step are written to Animation Files(s)	aniOutON_OFF = 1	naniOutVars	4	none
naniOutVars	Number of output variables specified in the aniOutVar_names list	aniOutON_OFF = 1	1	1	0
Mapped Results Files (model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS)					
mapOutON_OFF	Switch to specify whether or not Mapped Output file(s) by a specified number of columns (parameter ncol) of daily, monthly, yearly, or total simulation results is generated (0=no; 1=yes)	optional	1	1	0
mapOutVar_names	List of variable names for which output is written to mapped output files(s)	map_resultsON_OFF = 1	nmapOutVars	4	none
nmapOutVars	Number of variables to include in mapped output file(s)	map_resultsON_OFF = 1	1	1	0
Nhru Summary Results Files (model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS)					
nhruOutBaseFileName	Base pathname for each Nhru Summary Output File; the name of the selected variable is appended to this value	nhruOutON_OFF = 1	1	4	none
nhruOutON_OFF	Switch to specify whether or not Nhru Summary Output File(s) are generated (0=no; 1=yes)	optional	1	1	0
nhruOutVar_names	List of variable names for which output is written to Nhru Summary Output File(s). Each variable is written to a separate file with the	nhruOutON_OFF = 1	nhruOutVars	4	none

Parameter name	Description	Required/Simulation condition(s)	Number of Values	Data type	Default value
nhruOutVars	prefix of each file equal to the value of nhruOutBaseFileName . Number of variables to include in Nhru Summary Output File(s)	nhruOutON_OFF = 1	1	1	0
nhruOut_freq	Output frequency and type of the Nhru Summary Output File(s) (1=daily; 2=monthly; 3=both; 4=mean monthly)	nhruOutON_OFF = 1	1	1	1

¹File and screen output options: 1=water balance output files written in current directory, for `intcp` module file `intcp.wbal`; for `snowcomp` module `snowcomp.wbal`; for `srunoff` module `srunoff_smidx.wbal` or `srunoff_carea.wbal`; for `soilzone` module `soilzone.wbal`; for `gwflow` module `gwflow.wbal`; 2=`basin` module output written to screen; 4=`basin_sum` debug information written to file `basin_sum.dbg` in current directory; 5=`soltab` module output written to the file `soltab_debug` in current directory; 7=`soilzone` debug information concerning input parameter consistency written to file `soilzone.dbg` in current directory; 9=arrays of *net_rain*, *net_snow*, and *snowmelt* written to screen; 13=`subbasin` error and warning messages and cascade paths are written to the file `cascade.msgs` in current directory; 14=`subbasin` computation order written to file `tree_structure` in current directory.

Table A1-2. Input and output variables for GSFLOW for which values can be written to the PRMS Statistic Variables File and PRMS Animation Variables File(s) for each simulation time step.

[Dimension variables are defined in table A1-4 of this document; HRU, hydrologic response unit; ET, evapotranspiration; cfs: cubic feet per second; L3, cubic length units of MODFLOW; L3/T, cubic length units of MODFLOW per time units of MODFLOW; >, greater than; <, less than]

Variable name	Description	Dimension	Units	Data type
<i>actet_gw</i>	Actual ET from each MODFLOW cell for each HRU	nhru	inches	real
<i>actet_tot_gwsz</i>	Total actual ET from each MODFLOW cell and PRMS soil zone	nhru	inches	real
<i>ave_uzf_infil</i>	Running average infiltration to UZF cells	one	L3	double
<i>basin_gw2sm</i>	Basin average water exfiltrated from UZF and added to soilzone	one	inches	double
<i>basin_reach_latflow</i>	Lateral flow into all reaches in the basin	one	cfs	double
<i>basin_sroff_farflow</i>	Basin area-weighted average cascading surface runoff to farfield (deprecated)	one	inches	double
<i>basin_szfarflow</i>	Basin area-weighted average farfield flow from gravity and preferential-flow reservoirs (deprecated)	one	inches	double
<i>basinactet</i>	Volumetric flow rate of actual evaporation from HRUs	one	L3/T	double
<i>basindnflow</i>	Volumetric flow rate of cascading Dunnian runoff and interflow to HRUs	one	L3/T	double
<i>basindunnian</i>	Volumetric flow rate of Dunnian runoff to streams	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinfarfieldflow</i>	Volumetric flow rate of PRMS interflow and surface runoff leaving modeled region as far-field flow (deprecated)	one	L3/T	double
<i>basingravstor</i>	Volume of water in gravity reservoirs of the soil zone	one	L3	double
<i>basingvr2sm</i>	Volumetric flow rate of flow from gravity reservoirs to capillary reservoirs	one	L3/T	double
<i>basingw2sz</i>	Volumetric flow rate of ground-water discharge from the saturated zone to the soil zone	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinhortonianlakes</i>	Volumetric flow rate of Hortonian surface runoff to lakes	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinimpevavap</i>	Volumetric flow rate of evaporation from impervious areas	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinimpervstor</i>	Volume of water in impervious reservoirs	one	L3	double
<i>basininfil</i>	Volumetric flow rate of soil infiltration including precipitation, snowmelt, and cascading Hortonian flow	one	L3/T	double
<i>basininfil2pref</i>	Volumetric flow rate of soil infiltration into preferential-flow reservoirs including precipitation, snowmelt, and cascading surface runoff	one	L3/T	double
<i>basininfil_tot</i>	Volumetric flow rate of soil infiltration into capillary reservoirs including precipitation, snowmelt, and cascading Hortonian and Dunnian runoff and interflow minus infiltration to preferential-flow reservoirs	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinintcpevap</i>	Volumetric flow rate of evaporation of intercepted precipitation	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinintcpstor</i>	Volume of intercepted precipitation in plant-canopy reservoirs	one	L3/T	double
<i>basininterflow</i>	Volumetric flow rate of slow interflow to streams	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinlakeevap</i>	Volumetric flow rate of evaporation from lakes	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinlakeinsz</i>	Volumetric flow rate of interflow and Dunnian surface runoff to lakes	one	L3/T	double

<i>basinlakeprecip</i>	Volumetric flow rate of precipitation on lakes	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinnetgwwel</i>	Net groundwater pumping in volume	one	L3	double
<i>basinpervet</i>	Volumetric flow rate of evapotranspiration from pervious areas	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinsm2gvr</i>	Volumetric flow rate of flow from capillary reservoirs to gravity reservoirs	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinsnow</i>	Volumetric flow rate of snow on modeled region	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinsnowmelt</i>	Volumetric flow rate of snowmelt	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinsoilmoist</i>	Volume of water in capillary reservoirs of the soil zone	one	L3	double
<i>basinsoilstor</i>	Soil moisture storage in volume	one	L3	double
<i>basinsoiltogw</i>	Volumetric flow rate of direct gravity drainage from excess capillary water to the unsaturated zone	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinsroff</i>	Volumetric flow rate of surface runoff to streams	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinsrofffarflow</i>	Volumetric flow rate of PRMS surface runoff leaving land surface as far-field flow (deprecated)	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinstrmflow</i>	Volumetric flow rate of streamflow leaving modeled region	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinsz2gw</i>	Potential volumetric flow rate of gravity drainage from the soil zone to the unsaturated zone (before conditions of the unsaturated and saturated zones are applied)	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinszfarflow</i>	Volumetric flow rate of PRMS interflow and surface runoff leaving soilzone modeled region as far-field flow (deprecated)	one	L3/T	double
<i>basinszreject</i>	Volumetric flow rate of gravity drainage from the soil zone not accepted due to conditions in the unsaturated and saturated zones	one	L3/T	double
<i>cell_drain_rate</i>	Recharge rate for each cell	ngwcell	L/T	real
<i>cum_pweqv</i>	Comulative change in snowpack storage	one	L3	double
<i>cum_satstor</i>	Comulative change in saturated storage	one	L3	double
<i>cum_soilstor</i>	Comulative change in soilzone storage	one	L3	double
<i>cum_uzstor</i>	Comulative change in unsaturated storage	one	L3	double
<i>gw2sm</i>	HRU average water exfiltrated from groundwater model and added back to soilzone	nhru	inches	real
<i>gw2sm_grav</i>	Groundwater discharge to gravity-flow reservoirs	nhrucell	inches	real
<i>gw_inout</i>	Volumetric flow rate to saturated zone along external boundary (negative value is flow out of modeled region)	one	L3	double
<i>gw_rejected</i>	HRU average recharge rejected by UZF	nhru	inches	real
<i>gw_rejected_grav</i>	Recharge rejected by UZF for each gravity-flow reservoir	nhrucell	inches	real
<i>gwflow2lakes</i>	Volumetric flow rate of groundwater discharge to lakes	one	L3/T	double
<i>gwflow2strms</i>	Volumetric flow rate of groundwater discharge to streams	one	L3/T	double
<i>kkiter</i>	Current iteration in GSFLOW simulation	one	none	integer
<i>lake_change_stor</i>	Change in lake storage	one	L3	double
<i>lake_stor</i>	Volume of water in lakes	one	L3	double

<i>lakebed_loss</i>	Volumetric flow rate of lake leakage to the unsaturated and saturated zones	one	L3/T	double
<i>mfoutflow_to_gvr</i>	MODFLOW total discharge and ET to each HRU	nhru	L3	real
<i>net_sz2gw</i>	Net volumetric flow rate of gravity drainage from the soil zone to the unsaturated and saturated zones	one	L3/T	double
<i>obs_strmflow</i>	Volumetric flow rate of streamflow measured at a gaging station	one	L3/T	double
<i>rate_pweqv</i>	Change in snow pack storage	one	L3	double
<i>rate_satstor</i>	Change in saturated storage	one	L3	double
<i>rate_soilztor</i>	Change in soil zone storage	one	L3	double
<i>rate_uzstor</i>	Change in unsaturated storage	one	L3	double
<i>reach_cfs</i>	Stream flow leaving each stream reach	nreach	cfs	real
<i>reach_wse</i>	Water surface elevation in each stream reach	nreach	cfs	real
<i>sat_change_stor</i>	Change in saturated-zone storage	one	L3	double
<i>sat_et</i>	Volumetric flow rate of evapotranspiration from the saturated zone	one	L3/T	double
<i>sat_recharge</i>	HRU total recharge to the saturated zone	nhru	L3	double
<i>sat_store</i>	Volume of water in the saturated zone	one	L3	double
<i>sfruz_change_stor</i>	Change in unsaturated-zone storage under streams	one	L3	double
<i>sfruz_tot_stor</i>	Volume of water in the unsaturated-zone beneath streams	one	L3	double
<i>stream_inflow</i>	Specified volumetric stream inflow rate into model	one	L3	double
<i>stream_leakage</i>	Volumetric flow rate of stream leakage to the unsaturated and saturated zones	one	L3	double
<i>streambed_loss</i>	Volumetric flow rate of stream leakage to the unsaturated and saturated zones	one	L3/T	double
<i>streamflow_sfr</i>	Streamflow as computed by SFR for each segment	nsegment	cfs	real
<i>strm_farfield</i>	Flow out of basin as far-field flow (deprecated)	one	cfs	double
<i>strm_stor</i>	Volume of water in streams	one	L3	double
<i>total_pump</i>	Total pumpage from all cells	one	L3	double
<i>total_pump_cfs</i>	Total pumpage from all cells	one	cfs	double
<i>unsat_et</i>	Volumetric flow rate of evapotranspiration from the unsaturated zone	one	L3/T	double
<i>unsat_store</i>	Volume of water in the unsaturated zone	one	L3	double
<i>uzf_del_stor</i>	Change in unsaturated-zone storage	one	L3	double
<i>uzf_et</i>	Volumetric flow rate of evapotranspiration from the unsaturated and saturated zones	one	L3/T	double
<i>uzf_infil</i>	Volumetric flow rate of gravity drainage to the unsaturated and saturated zones	one	L3/T	double
<i>uzf_infil_map</i>	HRU total gravity drainage to UZF cells	nhru	L3	double
<i>uzf_recharge</i>	Volumetric flow rate of recharge from the unsaturated zone to the saturated zone	one	L3/T	double

Table A1-4. Dimensions defined in the PRMS Parameter File.

[Dimensions only need to be defined for GSFLOW and PRMS-only simulation modes; HRU, hydrologic response unit; GWR, groundwater reservoir; >, greater than; control parameters **temp_module**, **precip_module**, **solrad_module**, **et_module**, **strmflow_module**, **subbasin_flag**, **cascade_flag**, **cascadegw_flag**, and **mapOutON_OFF** are defined in table A1-1 of this document; parameter **hru_solsta** defined in table 1-3 of online PRMS-IV documents; note that Dimensions that do not have an associated parameter specified in the Parameter File(s) or variable specified in the Data File are optional]

Dimension	Description	Default	Required/Simulated Condition(s)
Spatial dimensions			
ngw ¹	Number of GWRs (used in PRMS-only simulations)	1	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS
ngwcell	Number of cells in the MODFLOW grid (includes active and inactive cells)	0	model_mode = GSFLOW or when mapOutON_OFF = 1 and model_mode = PRMS
nhru ¹	Number of hydrologic response units	1	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS
nhrucell	Number of unique intersections between HRUs and spatial units of a target map for mapped results	0	model_mode = GSFLOW or when mapOutON_OFF = 1 and model_mode = PRMS
nlake	Number of lakes	0	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS when any HRU has hru_type specified equal to 2
nreach	Number of reaches on all stream-channel segments	0	model_mode = GSFLOW
nsegment	Number of stream-channel segments	0	model_mode = GSFLOW or when HRU or GWR cascading flow is active or strmflow_module = strmflow_in_out or muskingum when model_mode = PRMS
nssr ¹	Number of subsurface reservoirs	1	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS
nsub	Number of internal subbasins	0	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS and subbasin_flag = 1 or parameter subbasin_down is specified
Time-series input data dimensions (model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS)			
nevap	Number of pan-evaporation data sets	0	et_module = potet_pan or when any HRU has hru_pansta specified > 0
nhumid	Number of relative-humidity measurement stations	0	optional
nobs	Number of streamflow-measurement stations	0	optional in general and required when using the replacement flow option when strmflow_module = muskingum or strmflow_in_out and model_mode = PRMS
nrain	Number of precipitation-measurement stations	0	precip_module = precip_1sta , precip_laps , precip_dist2 , ide_dist , or xyz_dist
nsnow	Number of snow-depth measurement stations	0	optional
nsol	Number of solar-radiation measurement stations	0	solrad_module = ddsolrad or ccsolrad and when any HRU has hru_solsta specified > 0
ntemp	Number of air-temperature-measurement stations	0	temp_module = temp_1sta , temp_laps , temp_dist2 , ide_dist , or xyz_dist
nwind	Number of wind-speed measurement stations	0	optional
Computation dimensions (model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS)			

Dimension	Description	Default	Required/Simulated Condition(s)
ncascade	Number of HRU links for cascading flow	0	cascade_flag = 1
ncascdgw	Number of GWR links for cascading flow	0	cascadegw_flag = 1
ndepl	Number of snow-depletion curves	1	required
ndeplval	Number of values in all snow-depletion curves (set to ndepl *11)	11	required
Fixed dimensions (model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS)			
ndays	Maximum number of days in a year	366	optional
nlapse	Number of lapse rates in X, Y, and Z directions	3	precip_module = xyz_dist
nmonths	Number of months in a year	12	optional
one	Dimension of scalar parameters and variables	1	optional

¹Dimensions **ngw**, **nhru**, and **nssr** must be equal.

Table A1-23. Input parameters specified for GSFLOW modules in the PRMS Parameter File(s).
[HRU, hydrologic response unit; Dimensions are defined in table A1-4 of this document]

Parameter name	Description	Dimension	Type	Units	Range	Default	Required/Simulated condition(s)
gvr_cell_id	Index of the grid cell associated with each gravity reservoir	nhru cell	integer	none	0 to ngwcell	0	model_mode = GSFLOW or when mapOutON_OFF = 1 and model_mode = PRMS and nhru not equal to ngwcell
gvr_cell_pct	Proportion of the grid-cell area associated with each gravity reservoir	nhru cell	real	decimal fraction	0.0 to 1.0	0.0	model_mode = GSFLOW or when mapOutON_OFF = 1 and model_mode = PRMS and nhru not equal to ngwcell
gvr_hru_id	Index of the HRU associated with each gravity reservoir	nhru cell	integer	none	1 to nhru	1	model_mode = GSFLOW or when mapOutON_OFF = 1 and model_mode = PRMS and nhru not equal to ngwcell
gvr_hru_pct	Proportion of the HRU area associated with each gravity reservoir	nhru cell	real	decimal fraction	0.0 to 1.0	0.0	model_mode = GSFLOW or when mapOutON_OFF = 1 and model_mode = PRMS and nhru not equal to ngwcell
id_obsrunoff	Index of measured streamflow station corresponding to the basin outlet	one	integer	none	1 to nobs	0	required
lake_hru_id	Identification number of the lake associated with an HRU; more than one HRU can be associated with each lake	nhru	integer	none	0 to nhru	0	model_mode = GSFLOW or PRMS when any HRU has hru_type specified equal to 2
mnsziter ¹	Minimum number of iterations for which soil-zone states are computed	one	integer	none	3 to 5,000	MODFLOW convergence criterion ²	model_mode = GSFLOW
mxsziter ¹	Maximum number of iterations for which soil-zone states are computed	one	integer	none	mnsziter to 5,000	MODFLOW convergence criterion ²	model_mode = GSFLOW
szconverge	Significant difference for checking soilzone states	one	real	inches	1.0e-15 to 1.0e-01	1.0e-8	model_mode = GSFLOW

¹Parameter is not required in MODFLOW-only simulations.

²MXITER, ITMX, or MAXITEROUT