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Corps warns public of low lake levels throughout region

Due to the well below normal snow cover this past winter and below normal precipitation this past spring, the water level at many of the Corps of Engineers Pittsburgh District lakes are below average.

Most recreational facilities are expected to remain open through the July 4th timeframe. Continuation of the current weather patterns paired with regular operations of the district lakes will cause lake levels to continue to steadily fall. As a result, many of the lake's recreation areas and boat launch facilities will be closing earlier in the season than in past years.

Boaters and swimmers are urged to exercise extreme caution while using the lakes, as many underwater hazards such as sand bars and tree stumps may be closer to the surface.

For daily lake information, please call or visit: www.lrp.usace.army.mil/current/forecast.html

Berlin Lake - 330-547-5445

Conemaugh Lake - 724-639-3785

Crooked Creek Lake - 724-763-2764

East Branch Lake - N/A

Kinzua Dam - 814-726-0164

Loyalhanna Lake - 724-639-3785

Mahoning Lake - 814-257-8017

M.J. Kirwan Dam - 330-358-2247

Mosquito Lake - 330-638-0162

Shenango Lake - 724-962-4384

Stonewall Jackson Lake - 304-269-7463

Tionesta Lake - N/A

Tygart Lake - 304-265-5953

Woodcock Lake - N/A

Youghiogheny Lake - 814-395-3166

For other lake information, visit: www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/rec.htm

Although specific for each lake, the primary purpose of the Corps lakes include flood risk management, low flow augmentation, water supply, water quality, navigation, recreation and conservation of fish and wildlife. Approximately 90 percent of the total lake storage for low water regulation is dedicated to downstream water quality. During periods of low flow, the lakes release water to maintain or improve minimum water quality for downstream communities.

The Pittsburgh District's 26,000 square miles include portions of western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, eastern Ohio, western Maryland and southwestern New York. Our jurisdiction includes more than 328 miles of navigable waterways, 23 navigation locks and dams, 16 multi-purpose flood control reservoirs, 42 local flood protection projects and other projects to protect and enhance the Nation's water resources, infrastructure and environment.

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