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“*The Boone Dam Weekly Update*” is published each week to help keep TVA’s stakeholders informed on the activities associated with repairing the earthen embankment at Boone Dam. These updates and other information are available at TVA’s website: [Boone Repair](#) and via email distribution.



**Meet Your New Neighbors:
Boone Dam’s Onsite Project Leaders**

Meet Kevin Holbrook, the Boone Dam project’s construction manager. Kevin manages dam safety instrumentation and inspection and supports engineering with project controls to keep the Boone Dam project moving on schedule. He also supervises the safety and environmental programs on the project. His TVA experience includes construction management work at Cherokee, Douglas, Tellico, Blue Ridge and Fort Loudoun Dams, so he is used to working on scope, schedule and budget with multiple subcontractors. Kevin has also worked for Progress Energy, Tessco Industrial, Teton Industrial Construction Inc. and Bechtel Corporation. Kevin resides in Tri-Cities and is married with two children.

Construction Update

A concrete work platform (at right) was installed last week for future grouting plant

A concrete work platform was completed last week that will support the Boone Project’s grouting plant. The grout will be mixed on the pad before being used in the drilling and grouting test program. Drill rigs are scheduled to begin performing test grouting directly on the dam’s earthen embankment on Dec. 30. This work will further validate data gathered during a previous round of test grouting conducted at a different location at the dam.



Once started, the construction team will work in rain and cold temperatures. Project Manager Sam Vinson says only lightning, high winds or severe weather would halt the project from a safety standpoint.

Boat Ramp Update: Progress at Devault Bridge

Initial work on a new boat ramp at Devault Bridge began last week after the final permits for its construction were approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. TVA personnel began clearing trees and, weather permitting, will be working on the roadway entrance this week. The next phase will be construction of the road and boat ramp itself, which is a joint project with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

Final permits have also been received for the Pickens Bridge boat ramp modification project and the new boat ramp/swim beach near Boone Dam. Work on these projects will begin soon.



Newsletter Holiday Schedule

The Boone Dam Weekly update will take a break for the holidays. Our final issue of 2015 will publish on Tuesday, Dec. 22. We will not publish on Dec. 29 or Jan. 5, but will resume our weekly Boone publication on Jan. 12. If you have urgent questions or concerns, please send us an e-mail at boonelake@tva.gov. We hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

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