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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: www.tva.com/boonedrawdown and via email distribution.

Reminder: TVA Closing Areas Above and Below Boone Dam

This week, TVA began closing off areas just above and below Boone Dam to boaters as preparations begin for future repair work at the dam. A line of buoys and barrier floats are being placed approximately 1,200 feet downstream of the dam and an average of 300 feet upstream of the dam to mark temporary closure of the fore bay and tail water areas to recreational boaters.

The purpose of this temporary closure is for the safety and protection of the general public, and TVA’s employees and contractors, during construction work now being planned for the dam. Please see the photo below which depicts where the barriers will be placed for this closure.



Status of the Investigation

The team of TVA dam safety and industry experts has narrowed down the possible solutions for fixing the Boone Dam earthen embankment. The team is meeting with TVA senior management to discuss the options and determine the final solution. An announcement is tentatively scheduled for the last week of July.

Status of TVA's Permit Applications for Lake Access

The permit application public comment periods for public access ramps and the new swim beach for the Boone Lake ramp extension projects are divided between two agencies – the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). TDEC's public comment closed yesterday (July 6) for all three ramps.

The USACE public comment period for the Devault Bridge project closed June 30 while the public comment period for Pickens Bridge and the Boone Dam 22R projects posted July 1 and will remain open for 30 days.

Recent Rainfall Doesn't Impact Boone Operations

Parts of the Tennessee Valley experienced above average rainfall last week, but not the Boone area. Boone Lake received 1.4 inches over the last 7 days – near normal rainfall for this time of year. The rains did not impact operations at the dam.

Community Outreach

If you are interested in having a member of the TVA team speak to your group or organization about the seepage and erosion issue at Boone Dam, please contact us at boonelake@tva.gov.

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