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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](http://www.tva.com/boonedrawdown) and via email distribution.

### **TVA To Close Boat Traffic in Immediate Area of Boone Dam**

Next week, TVA will begin closing off areas just above and below Boone Dam to boaters as it begins to prepare for future repair work at the dam. A line of buoys and barrier floats will be 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**

In the next few weeks, the team of TVA dam safety and industry experts will be presenting TVA senior management with the best options for the permanent fix for the Boone Dam earthen embankment for their review and discussion. Once a final solution has been determined, TVA's president and CEO Bill Johnson will return to the Tri-Cities to share this information with the community. This is tentatively scheduled for the last week of July.

## **Boone Marinas Support**

We understand the economic impacts the extended drawdown has on the marinas. TVA is working with the marina owners on ways to help them while the water level is low. Currently, fees have been waived and TVA is continuing to discuss other options for support with the marina owners including interest-free loans during the period of the drawdown. Our goal is to assist those marinas who need help to stay in business. Meetings will be held with the individual marina owners starting this week in order to determine the best financial assistance that can be offered based on their current business situation.

## **Community Outreach**

Later this summer, TVA will open a community liaison office at the Boone Dam site. The office will be staffed full time and become the central point for communications with all of our Boone stakeholders. We will keep you posted on the opening and staffing.

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](mailto:boonelake@tva.gov).

## **Reminder – TVA's Application for Lake Access Out for Public Comment**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is conducting a public comment period on TVA's permit application for new boat ramps and swim beach. The public comment period is open through July 6.

The boat ramp extension projects are located at Devault Bridge, Pickens Bridge and TVA-owned property near Boone Dam known as Tract 22R. The 22R project also includes plans for a new swim beach recreational area. TVA is moving forward with these projects to provide access to the lake in the near term and in the event the lake will be held down longer than originally anticipated.

Specific details on the proposed projects and the process for the public to submit comments can be found at <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/ppo/#water>.

If the permits are approved, work will begin immediately on the projects.

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