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Construction Update: Working Safely in the Snow

Despite temperatures dipping into the single digits last week during multiple winter weather events, our crews remained hard at work around the clock. To ensure employee safety, extended pre-job briefings were conducted to emphasize added caution with slipping hazards, visibility issues and avoiding any cold weather injuries.

Our crews are committed to completing their work at Boone as quickly as possible and continue to safely perform exploratory drilling and grouting on the dam's earthen embankment 24 hours per day, five days a week.

Meet Your Neighbors: Quality Control Manager Veronica Barredo

"I absolutely love dams!" exclaims Veronica Barredo, the Boone Project's highly enthusiastic quality control manager. Her job is to ensure the project's contractor and engineer stay in compliance with all procedures. "I'm the last check on the check list," says Veronica. Born in Mexico, she received her degree in civil engineering from the Citadel in 2008. Her experience includes work at TVA's Bear Creek Dam, the Blue Ridge Dam and the Panama Canal. A go-getter even in her spare time, Veronica competes in marathons and triathlons even while she's working toward her master's degree in civil engineering.



Minga Road Closure Set for Mid-March

Safety is a primary concern on any large construction project, and that extends to the safety of our neighbors and all who share the road. As construction traffic on Minga Road increases this spring, we've asked the Sullivan County Planning Commission to consider the closure of Minga Road to through traffic. The closure will not prevent any landowner from accessing their property, but will allow us to safely move material and equipment from the dam to the TVA-owned Boone Resource Management Unit. This property is sometimes called the "Earl Light Tract" and will be used as a construction laydown area to avoid having heavy construction traffic on other public roads.

Community News: Supporting our Eagle Neighbors

We all share Boone Lake with many who live, work and play here, including some local nesting bald eagles. Through a partnership with TVA, the Johnson City Power Board and East Tennessee State University, you can keep up with happenings at two of these “neighbors” through live streaming video. The cameras are operated by ETSU’s Department of Biological Sciences and provide a unique opportunity to peer into the lives and habits of American Bald Eagles. View the Eagle Cam at http://www.etsu.edu/cas/biology/eagle-cam/ec_one.php



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