

Fox River Status
Winter Drawdown
November 1, 2011

Based upon the benefits of winter drawdown as shown by the winter drawdown study and the current river conditions, the winter drawdown will proceed as written in the operation guide. Therefore, the winter drawdown will begin on November 1, 2011 and proceed as planned concluding on December 1, 2011 with cooperative weather. Absolute adherence to these dates is not required. If the favorable conditions persist in the long range forecasts through November and December, the initial slow rate of drawdown could be maintained such that the Chain of Lakes could be lowered halfway (0.75 feet) by December 1, 2011.

The Office of Water Resources will continue to monitor the climatologic conditions through the month to analyze the current drawdown plan and could make changes if conditions warrant. A change in the current winter drawdown plan could occur only if there would be no increased risk of flooding and/or safety concerns to residents along the Fox River and Chain of Lakes.

Current Conditions

Inflows to the Chain of Lakes are 500 cfs and falling. The Chain of Lakes as measured at Fox Lake is at a river stage of 4.18 feet. Outflows from Stratton Dam are 510 cfs.

Forecast

The National Weather Service is predicting $\frac{1}{2}$ " of rain tomorrow, November 2.

Operations

In order to facilitate winter drawdown, the gates at Stratton Dam will be opened to increase outflows to 650 cfs.

Thanks,
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