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Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:00 PM

To: 'Joshua Ball'; 'Elle Gulotty'; 'Kohlhepp, Gary (DEQ)'; 'Doug Clements'; 'Scott Hicks'; 'Gene Mensch'

Cc: 'Virgil E. Schlorke'; 'Matthew Annala'; 'GenerationAdmin'

Subject: RE: Dead River Dry Year Consultation - 8/9/21 Update

Good evening to all Stake Holders involved in the Hoist Basin Water Elevation Process.

On behalf of all the Share Holders of DRCI, and the general Hoist Basin Visitors, we would like to provide an on-scene update, not regarding the “math” or the issues above or below the HSB, but what 1341 means to the recreational users of the Basin. At the current elevation, the east end launch ramp is becoming, (if not has become) almost impossible to safely use. At the end of the dock there is less than 24” of water above the sand bottom and that continues out towards deep water for a very long distance. As recently as this afternoon while meeting with the Marquette County Marine Patrol Officers, I was informed that they can no longer launch either of their most usable larger vessels due to the ramp depth. Yes, they can still access the Basin with personal watercraft and a small inflatable. Their quote “if a search or other important action was needed, they are very hampered to access the Basin”.

DRCI would like very much to re-affirm our wish for an elevation of 1341 for the months of May, June, July and August. The addition of May to the list, is almost a given as if you do not have the elevation in May, it is darn near impossible to maintain the elevation in June, July and August.

With the new process in place by FERC that the technique of “silence is acceptance” is not an acceptable process, and all the Stake Holders needing to respond to Josh, before any change can be made in the plan(s), we would also like to encourage as much as possible, your participation in the solution(s) available to maintaining the elevation of 1341 if at all possible, during our wished-for Summer Months.

Even if you care not to participate when asked, it is DRCI’s opinion that your response to Josh is still needed even if you are waiving your opportunity to join in the decision making. Does this sound odd? Yes, but it does seem to be the guideline.

Preverbally, with regards to water arriving from Silver Lake, and exiting the Hoist Basin, you do have the control to the “bathtub drain” so to speak. We realize that this is a most unusual year. Dry Winter, Warm and Dry Spring, Hot and Dry Summer, and who knows what is in bound to us this fall. Without your help please, this seems to be a very unworkable process that has been put in place for users of the Hoist Storage Basin to recreate on during the summer months.

Thank you for your time, and interest in helping balance for us, generation, recreation, and evaporation.

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From: Joshua Ball

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 9:23 AM

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Good morning all,

A few things have changed since last Monday's update:

- The Silver Lake Storage Basin headwater elevation is no longer below the minimum elevation (the minimum elevation changed to 1479.0 due to a new month).
- The Dead River Storage Basin (Hoist) headwater elevation dropped below the minimum elevation

Due to recent trends and long-term forecasts, UPPCO would like to remain in the dry year consultation period for the Silver Lake Storage Basin, as the headwater elevation is likely to drop below the August minimum in the near future. The Silver Lake Storage Basin also play an integral role into the Dead River Storage Basin, which officially entered the dry year consultation period on Wednesday 8/4/21.

Over the last week, elevations continued to decline at both the Silver Lake and Dead River Storage Reservoirs. Some precipitation was received throughout the week, but had a very limited effect on sustaining headwater elevations. Below are the current water levels and outflows across the Dead River:

Silver Lake:	1479.26'	10 cfs
Hoist:	1339.30'	105 cfs
McClure:	1195.94'	106 cfs

The forecast for the next 10 days

(<https://www.wunderground.com/forecast/us/mi/negaunee/KMINEGAU3>) shows slight precipitation though Wednesday, with temperatures at or above average for the 10-day duration. The later part of the forecast (Thursday through Wednesday) shows mostly sunny with average winds.

Please provide your comments on available options for water conservation across the Dead River System as discussed in the August 4th email (attached).

As always if there are any questions, please feel free to reach out. The next update email will be sent on Monday August 16th.

Regards,

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