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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 11:51 AM
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Subject: RE: DEAD RIVER STORAGE BASIN WATER LEVELS: MAY 2022

Mrs. Goodman,

Based on the current elevation of 1341.93 feet (11:00 on 6/27/22) and pending no additional rain, tends indicate an elevation of 1341 will be achieved in 5-6 days. The forecast does show chances of significant rain two days this week. The long range (3-4 week) forecast predicts above average temperatures and below average precipitation. To best achieve target elevations through the entire summer recreation season, flows will be adjusted to best match long term elevation targets.

Prior to your email sent on June 17 (below), the elevation of the Dead River Storage Basin was on a steady decline towards 1341 with an elevation of 1341.85 on the morning of June 14. As you are aware, on June 13th, 0.45" of rain was received and affected the storage reservoir elevation as a result of increased inflows. On June 16th, another rain storm producing 1.1" of rain impacted the Dead River watershed and continued to provided increased inflows to the system. UPPCO has and will continue to release flows from the Hoist facility to best achieve summer-long elevation targets.

For some additional information, at this time, the maximum capacity of the Hoist Powerhouse is 200 CFS due to mechanical upgrades.

Regards,

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June 17, 2022,
Dear Josh Ball,
Thank you for your previous responses, again.

We are among residents on the Dead River Storage Basin watching /waiting for the Start of Month Target for June, 2022, to hopefully reach 1341 feet. Some of us are wondering when you may predict our shoreline could return to "normal" at 1341 feet during summer 2022, so that necessary repairs may be started to shore up the effects of erosion from extremely high water this spring, 2022? (I understand about extreme snow and rain weather variables which affect the spring height of DRSBasin, but I am focusing on today's elevation of 1342.35 feet).

Thank you for your response and time,
Linda Goodman
100 Rundman Drive

Thank you for your response
On Tue, May 10, 2022 at 3:40 PM Joshua Ball <jball@uppc.com> wrote:

Mrs. Goodman,

As discussed in previous email messages,

UPPCO staff is sorry to learn that your property has sustained damage; however, The Water Power Easement Agreement (Agreement) that the Dead River Campers (DRC) have with UPPCO, and for which UPPCO pays an annual fee, provides guidance for both parties in this matter. According to the Agreement, UPPCO agreed to exercise its best efforts to maintain the water level on the Hoist Project at no greater than 1,346 feet above sea level, unless otherwise ordered by FERC. (Please note: UPPCO's FERC license does not order a maximum elevation, the license provides operational targets and establishes minimum elevations and flows that must be maintained.) In accordance with the Agreement, and in consideration of UPPCO's efforts, all owners and occupants of the Easement Premises (i.e., property within the Easement area such as yours) are deemed to have irrevocably waived any claims that they otherwise may have against UPPCO for any damages resulting from the water level naturally exceeding targeted levels. In short, both you and UPPCO are subject to the variable weather conditions of the Upper Peninsula and the extreme volume of water that such conditions can produce.

As you are aware, elevation levels were at seasonal normal and trending towards the target elevation until the two very large rainstorms that occurred in mid-April, bringing over 2" of precipitation. This resulted in many, if not all, of the river systems in the UP experiencing high water volume flows due to the heavy rains and rapid snow melt. As described previously, UPPCO actively monitors these developments and exercised its best efforts by working with stakeholders and agencies, proactively attempting to mitigate potentially high reservoir elevations during spring runoff.

UPPCO has exercised, and continues to exercise, its best efforts against the accumulated effects of spring inflows. UPPCO has not exceeded the agreed upon elevation of 1346 feet. Of course, under the circumstances, any suggestion UPPCO could extend, you have probably already anticipated. Please keep

in mind: While building, repairing, and/or remediating your properties that consideration be given to your properties' location on a hydro reservoir, subject to large natural water level elevation changes, and any improvements to ameliorate/address water level elevation changes be implemented with such a location in mind.

Regards,

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Dear Joshua Ball, Jim Grundstrom and Board of Directors of DRCI,

As previously communicated, we have been located on the Dead River Storage Basin for 37 years. We, plus our adult children and their families, each own properties with frontage on the Dead River (Hoist). With water hovering over 1345 feet, all of this first week of May 2022, we are each experiencing significant erosion plus undermining of our repaired retaining walls, and extensive floating debris. I am (again) very concerned about the wildlife and fish habitats, which may be negatively altered due to water levels exceeding 4 feet over the target elevation of 1341 feet. Also, in talking with my neighbors, they are also negatively impacted by the high water levels.

What can be done to remediate this high water situation now and in the future?

Respectively submitted,
Linda Goodman
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Negaunee, MI

On Wed, May 27, 2020 at 4:36 PM Linda Goodman <ltrevaltongoodman@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Josh Ball,
Generations Supervisor,
UPPCO

Dear Josh Ball,

As I communicated with you last year we have been on the DRSB for 35 years. With the Memorial Day Weekend upon us, we were looking forward to placing our dock and launching our motor boats. My adult children, Greg and Christa each own their own properties on the DRSB and shared the same hopes. However, the water elevation on Friday, May 22, 2020, at 1344.30 feet was 3.30 feet above the Start of Target the Month Target Elevation of 1341.00 feet. This morning, the elevation was 1343.97 feet, as I respect you know. That said, due to the excessive water level, none of my family were able place our boat lifts, docks or launch for the recreational season. Our respective neighbors also share the same difficulties with their beaches. The excessive water level continues to erode and undermine our retaining walls. Floating debris washed off shores is a significant hazard, too.

Please share my concerns and comments with additional employees to review.

Thank you,

Linda Goodman, 100 Rundman Drive, Negaunee, MI