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Mr. Josh Ball  
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Upper Peninsula Power Company  
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Re: Silver Lake/Hoist Basin Water Elevation

Mr. Ball:

We are genuinely concerned that there is not enough water in the Hoist Storage Basin to maintain the target elevation of 1341. The current level in the Silver Lake Storage Basin and the need to meet the target of 1479.5 for September 1 2018 has now caused UPPCO to reduce the flow from Silver Lake. It is obvious that there is not enough water to meet target elevations in both bodies of water. The unfortunate result of this is that the recreation season will be shortened for the 400 shareholders that live and camp on the Hoist Basin, as well as the many non-resident boaters who use the reservoir.

We believe that this further proves the need to store more water in Silver Lake in the winter and spring in order to ensure sufficient water for the recreation season.

We respectfully request that the Dry Year Consultation on the Hoist Basin to start at 1340.5 rather than 1339.5, in hopes of abating the declining water elevation.

Sincerely,

Jim Grundstrom  
DRCI President