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Carlyle Lake Pool Rising

Carlyle Lake – As of 4:00 p.m., Monday, June 27, the pool elevation of Carlyle Lake is 453.96 feet NGVD, with a release of approximately 6,050 cubic feet per second (cfs). Yesterday's inflow was 9,510 cfs. The lake is predicted to crest on Thursday, June 30 at 455.0 feet NGVD; however, with additional precipitation in the forecast, the crest prediction may increase. The target summer pool elevation is 445.0 feet NGVD.

Due to the elevated pool, recreation opportunities at the lake are impacted. The Dam West, Coles Creek, and Boulder Campgrounds are closed; however, campsites are still available at the McNair and Dam East Spillway Campgrounds. In addition, several private campgrounds around the lake remain open. Hazlet State Park is open and has numerous campsites available. The Dam West, Apache and Boulder High Water Boat Ramps are open along with Horseshoe Island, Keyesport, General Dean and the City of Carlyle Boat Ramps.

Other areas closed due to the elevated pool include several township roads around the lake, the Lakeview and Maple Grove Fishing Piers, Coles Creek Recreation Area and the Keyesport, Coles Creek, Dam West and McNair Beaches. As the lake continues to rise, numerous other roads will become inundated. Motorists should use caution when driving in low lying areas around the lake.

Due to the water level, many breakwaters and other facilities have been overtopped by water and caution should be used when boating near these and other submerged structures. Boaters should become familiar with the location of these structures before launching and must stay clear of all inundated recreation areas and beaches. Boaters should also watch for floating logs and other debris.

At pool levels above 450.0 feet NGVD, flowage easement lands surrounding the lake are used for flood storage. These lands are private property and are not open to public recreation. The surface area of Carlyle Lake at the normal summer pool elevation of 445.0 feet NGVD is 24,583 acres. The current surface area of Carlyle Lake is approximately 39,407 acres.

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The pool elevation at Lake Shelbyville, situated north of Carlyle Lake is 607.56 feet NGVD, with a release of approximately 630 cfs. Lake Shelbyville's pool is expected to crest around 610.0 by Friday, July 1, without additional rainfall. The campgrounds at Lake Shelbyville remain open.

Carlyle Lake and Lake Shelbyville are working as designed to lessen flooding on downstream sections of the Kaskaskia and Mississippi Rivers. The average inflow for Carlyle Lake throughout the past five days has been 9,960 cfs.

The Corps is closely working with their partners, the Carlyle Lake Association, Mid-Kaskaskia River Association and Okaw River Basin Coalition. For further information, contact the Carlyle Lake Project Office at 801 Lake Road, Carlyle, Illinois 62231, call (618) 594-2484 or email at carlylelake@usace.army.mil.

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