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**Lake Shelbyville, February 11, 2008** – Recent precipitation has pushed water levels at Lake Shelbyville to more than eleven feet above normal winter pool. The lake level as of midnight on February 10th was 605.26 feet above sea level. The discharge rate will be increased to 3300 cubic feet of water per second into the Kaskaskia River starting on Tuesday, February 12th. That rate will be maintained for approximately twenty days unless a significant precipitation event occurs. In that case outflows will be adjusted. The increase in outflow is necessary in order to ensure that there is sufficient water storage capacity in the lake in the event of a future significant increase of precipitation in the Lake Shelbyville watershed.

Due to the high water there are minor impacts at this time such as water on the Sullivan Marina road, the Bethany boat ramp being closed and the turn-around at the Lithia Springs Marina gas dock is inaccessible. Boaters on the lake should also be aware of the possible presence of floating debris dislodged by the higher water levels. If further high water measures are taken, the Corps of Engineers will notify the media as soon as possible.

For further information, contact the Lake Shelbyville Project Office at (217) 774-3951 or email us at [lakeshelbyville@mvs02.usace.army.mil](mailto:lakeshelbyville@mvs02.usace.army.mil).

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