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## **IMPACTS OF HIGH WATER ON RECREATION FOR WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2004**

PITTSBURGH – Many of the “KEEP OUT – DAM” buoys placed upstream and downstream of navigation dams on the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers have been moved off station or washed away during recent heavy rains and flooding events. Recreational boaters are cautioned to approach the locks and dams with **extreme** care, especially when proceeding downstream. These buoys may not be replaced during the remainder of the recreational boating season. Recreational boats are also advised to be alert to floating debris which is prevalent on the rivers during high water.

Additionally, recent heavy rains and resulting high lake levels have led to the closure or partial closure of a number of recreation facilities at US Army Corps of Engineers projects in the Pittsburgh District. The impacts are listed below for those facilities that were affected. Recreation areas will reopen as the pool levels recede and debris cleanup is accomplished. The status is subject to change based on any additional rain that is received and it is recommended that members of the public call the recorded 24-hour information line or the project office for updates.

Berlin Lake, Oh. – The Dutch Harbor Marina boat launch is still open but is restricted to small boats. The ODNR Bonner Road boat launch should remain unaffected by high water. Unrelated to high water, the Mill Creek Campground and Mill Creek Boat Launch closed for the season on September 8. The Mill Creek day use area remains available for picnicking. *(24-hour recorded message, 330-547-5445; Dutch Harbor, 330-584-4174)*

Conemaugh River Lake, Pa. – The Bow Ridge boat launch, intended for use by individuals with disabilities, is out of service. *(24-hour recorded message, 724-639-3785)*

Crooked Creek Lake, Pa. – The boat launch, beach and group camping area are all out of service. The swimming portion of the Armstrong County Habitat for Humanity Triathlon will not be held due to the beach being closed, but the running and bicycling segments will go on as planned. The family campground is available, but will close for the season on September 12. Main day use facilities are unaffected by the high water. The swim beach will not reopen this season. *(24-hour recorded message, 724-763-2764)*

Kinzua Dam and Allegheny Reservoir, Pa. and NY. – The US Forest Service reports that the boat docks at the Kiasutha and Elijah boat launching ramps will not be available this weekend. *(24-hour recorded message, 814-726-0164)*

Loyalhanna Lake, Pa. – The boat launch at the Bush Recreation Area is out of service. The campground and day use areas remain open. *(24-hour recorded message, 724-639-3785)*

Mahoning Creek Lake, Pa. – Both the Milton Loop and Sportsmen’s boat launching ramps are currently closed. The Milton Loop Campground and dam picnic areas are unaffected by the high water. *(24-hour recorded message, 814-257-8017)*

Shenango River Lake, Pa. and Oh. – The Shenango Recreation Area Campground and the boat launching ramps at Clark Recreation Area, Golden Run Wildlife Area, Mahaney Recreation Area, Parkers Landing, Route 18, and Hartford Road are closed. The Shenango Recreation Area boat launch and Route 846 access area are currently open, but that may change if the water level continues to rise. The Chestnut Run Swim Beach has already closed for the season. The Mahaney Day Use Area remains open. *(24-hour recorded message, 724-962-4384)*

Tionesta Lake, Pa. – The Tionesta lakeshore camping areas, Tionesta Lake Boat Launch and Nebraska Boat Launch are all out of service. The Kellettsville campground is open, but some of the campsites were flooded. The Outflow Recreation Area campground remains open. Unrelated to high water, the campground at the Tionesta Recreation Area closed for the season on September 7 for construction. *(Project Office, 814-755-3512; 24-hour recorded message not available)*

Woodcock Creek Lake, Pa. – The boat launch at Colonel Crawford Park is out of service and some of the campsites at the campground are impacted by high water. The beach area is closed for the season. *(Project Office, 814-763-4422; 24-hour recorded message not available)*

Recreation facilities at the remaining Pittsburgh District reservoirs – East Branch Clarion River Lake, Michael J. Kirwan Dam and Reservoir, Mosquito Creek Lake, Stonewall Jackson Lake, Tygart Lake, Union City Dam and Youghioghny River Lake – are not affected by high pool levels.

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