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"USACE East Branch Dam Announces Boat Launch Closure"

JOHNSONBURG – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued an advisory concerning the lake level at the Clarion River East Branch Dam. The latest prediction from the Pittsburgh District Water Management Division is that the Corps Boat Launch will be closed on or before Friday, August 26, 2011. The recent weather and drought conditions have resulted in a severe drawdown of the lake and it is steadily falling 6" per day. The lake is currently at 1631.9' which is 7' below the level expected, on average, for this time of the year. Last year the boat launch closed at the elevation of 1619.5'. If this prediction remains true and accurate, boats will need to be removed before the ramp becomes unusable.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has implemented a dam safety initiative at East Branch Dam for precautionary measures. The initiative includes lowering the water level of the lake and other risk reduction measures taken to ensure the dam will be operated at a safe level while the Corps investigates the concerns and pursues the long-term repairs. Questions concerning lake levels can be directed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, East Branch Dam, at 814-965-2065. For more information please contact the Bendigo State Park Complex Office at 814-965-2646 or email us at: bendigosp@pa.gov.

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