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## **Corps Lakes in good condition in spite of recent weather**

Although many of the rivers in northern Missouri and Kansas are above flood stage, Corps lakes on Missouri River tributaries are only moderately high. Only three of our lakes, Stockton and Hillsdale in the headwaters of the Osage River basin and Rathbun in southern Iowa, are approaching 50 percent full. Our other lakes are just a quarter full or less, including Truman Lake upstream of Lake of the Ozarks.

The releases from Corps lakes that affect Missouri River stages have been reduced to their minimum requirements. Releases from the Kansas lakes will gradually be increased starting early this coming week as the Missouri River at Kansas City and Waverly falls below flood stage.

We are making a small release from Truman Lake at the downstream end of the Osage River basin, but that will be reduced to low flow this weekend as the Missouri River at Hermann approaches its crest on Tuesday. As the crest passes and the Missouri River flows fall, the releases from Truman and Lake of the Ozarks will gradually be increased. Releases from the Corps lakes in the Osage River basin will not impact the flood crests on the Missouri River.

Four of the Corps lakes in the Corps' Kansas City District are classified as being in "increased surveillance." These include Stockton and Hillsdale in the upper Osage River basin, upstream of Truman Lake. Two other headwater reservoirs, Milford Lake in central Kansas and Rathbun Lake in southern Iowa, are also classified as being in increased surveillance. This means the lakes have filled to a level only reached about once in five years on the average. As a precautionary measure, the project personnel are inspecting the dam and associated structures on a more frequent schedule than normal. No problems have been detected with the structures to date.

Some campgrounds, boat ramps, and other recreational services have reduced access or are closed due to the high lake elevations, and users should check ahead with the respective project offices before driving out to the lakes. For more information, call the Kansas City District Public Affairs office at (816) 389-3486. [www.nwk.usace.army.mil](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil)