

The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District

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News Release

The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District will lower Jeffrey Lake in mid-October to allow cabin-owners to perform shoreline maintenance work.

The water level at the lake south of Brady will begin to decline on Wed., Oct. 15 and will remain below normal levels through Sun., Oct. 26. The lake level is expected to fall by up to three feet, but actual declines will depend on Jeffrey Hydroplant operations during the drawdown.

In addition, water levels at Johnson Lake will drop significantly beginning on Wed., Oct. 8 in preparation for a fisherman access improvement project. The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will be working near the lake's inlet to add sidewalks, rock shoals and piers near the water's edge. The project is expected to last into late fall or early winter.

Following project completion, Johnson Lake levels will return to normal winter operating levels.

Water levels at Plum Creek Canyon Lake and Midway Lake will not be affected by the drawdowns at Jeffrey and Johnson lakes. However, Plum Creek Canyon and Midway will be drawn down to normal winter operating levels by late October or early November.

Cabin-owners at Central lakes are reminded to contact Central to obtain the necessary permits prior to performing shoreline maintenance projects.

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