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News Release

(HOLDREGE, Neb.) -- The Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District will lower Johnson Lake prior to facilitating maintenance on a digital governor upgrade project that is scheduled to begin on or about March 3, 2021.

The water level at Johnson Lake will drop approximately five feet ahead of the J2 outage scheduled in early March. A drawdown is expected to begin the last week of February. During this time, residents are warned to stay off the ice due to the fluctuating water level of the lake.

While the lake is down, cabin-owners who may wish to perform shoreline maintenance are reminded to contact both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Central to obtain necessary permits to initiate such projects. Central highly encourages land owners to initiate the permit process at their earliest convenience to avoid project delays. Please contact Dustin Ehlers (Land Administrator) at 308-991-9778 with any permitting questions.

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