Good Afternoon Everyone,

Following the recent media article in the Minden Times related to concerns expressed about the current water conditions and impending weather forecasts, please find below an update, dated yesterday, from the Trent-Severn Waterway that you can share with your members.

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Trent-Severn Waterway Update - February 20, 2014

Parks Canada continues to responsibly manage water levels on the Trent-Severn Waterway by actively monitoring water levels, snow conditions and weather forecasts, and undertaking dam operations, when appropriate.

Currently water levels across the reservoir lakes are at or near average. All dams within the reservoir lakes are currently at historic winter dam settings, based upon normal operating procedures.

The water content within the snow pack is approximately 25% above average, but this is not considered to be unusual for this time of year.

River flows on the Gull and Burnt River are low because of the cold temperatures and the decrease in lake levels upstream.

The Gull Lake dam currently has 2 stoplogs remaining in the main spillway, the historic winter setting. The dam at the outlet of Moore Lake has 7 stoplogs in the main spillway, however it is important to note, that all water is currently flowing through the generating station because of low flow.

While today's earlier weather forecast called for rain, it was not anticipated to cause excessive run-off. Tonight's most recent weather forecast is now calling for colder temperatures resulting in mixed precipitation, which is even less concerning than earlier today.

Parks Canada continues to share operational information with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to inform their flood forecasts.

No dam operations are planned at this time.

Thank-you,

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