

Forest Lake Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 12284, Florence SC 29504

April 6, 2016

From: The Forest Lake Homeowners Association Board of Directors
To: All Forest Lake Lakeside Residents
Re: Forest Lake Water Levels

Dear Forest Lake Lakeside Resident:

The Forest Lake Homeowners Association (FLHA) has the authority to manage Forest Lake water levels for the benefit of its residents. Under that authority, it is FLHA policy to, every two years, in late winter: (a) lower the lake water level to help lakeside residents inspect and repair their docks, seawalls, and watercraft; and then (b) return the lake to its normal water level to continue as a residential resource for watercraft, fishing, irrigation, and otherwise. Since October 2015, severe statewide flooding and unusually high rainfalls have: (a) prevented us from normally managing our lake water level; and (b) required us to repair and renovate our dam, spillway, and other lake maintenance facilities. Now that the flooding and rainfalls have subsided, we have made great progress in lowering our lake water level and inspecting, repairing, and renovating our facilities.

Our progress follows information and directions we have obtained from both: (a) the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC); and (b) our dam facility engineering firm, Rizzo and Associates. For example, your FLHA Board of Directors members, including Frank McIntyre, Brian Vesco, Robin Hayes, Bruce Fields, and Sam McCown, have: (1) conferred in person with relevant DHEC officials; (2) conducted a full on-site inspection, with Rizzo and Associates, of our dam, spillway, and drain risers; (3) attended the March 2016 DHEC lake dam facility seminar in Columbia, SC; (4) conducted regular dam facility inspections; (5) completed several labor-intensive removals of dam spillway-clogging debris, including sticks, branches, stumps, trees, animal carcasses, and trash; and (6) made the reports that allow and motivate this correspondence to you. To complete our progress, from the low lake water level as of today, April 6, we will need to: (a) further lower the lake water level 1-2 feet, for, we expect, an additional 1-2 weeks; and then (b) return the water to its normal level to protect and improve any affected lake resources, for example, by fish restocking. Accordingly, please use this low-water-level time window to make all necessary inspections and repairs to your docks, seawalls, watercraft, and the like, and consider lengthening your boat's docking rope.

Your FLHA Board of Directors thanks you for your cooperation and support, and we remain at your service.

Rick Favaloro
President, Forest Lake Homeowners Association