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Mr. Virgil E. Schlorke, Director  
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RE: Silver Lake Storage Basin:

Mr. Schlorke:

While the Dead River Campers, Inc. Board of Directors are in support of the higher target level start of the month elevations, we have a few concerns we would like you to address.

How are the UPPCO proposed increases in the start of month target elevations (SOMT) for Silver Lake Storage Basin (SLSB) being achieved without increasing SOMT in October thru April? Under the current license SOMT for July is 1481.5ft and SOMT for April is 1477.5ft. requiring a rise in water of 4ft. In the proposed document, SOMT May is 1485.02ft but the SOMT April (current license) is 1477.5ft, requiring a rise in water of 8.5ft. Having the proposed SOMT increased for May thru September is good news but without changing the SOMT during portions of the rest of the year is this target achievable? Presently UPPCO is releasing 75cfs from SLSB the SOMT for February is 1477.5ft. The new proposed SOMT most likely will not be achieved in the spring of 2018 based on past data from testing Silver Lake Dam. If this is the case, how does UPPCO plan to move forward?

The License SOMT is 1477.5ft for the months of February, March and April, but the actual water level could be lower if the inflow to SLSB is less than 15cfs. The minimum flow increase at SLSB in April to 25cfs and May to 20cfs may lower SLSB even further.

Even a small change in SOMT for February, March and April from elevation 1477.5ft to elevation 1479ft would be a step in the right direction.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns on this matter.

Sincerely,

Jim Grundstrom, President  
Dead River Campers, Inc.