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Subject: Update on the Dead River Storage Basin

Good Evening,

Just wanted to provide a brief update on the Dead River Storage Basin (DRSB) and UPPCO's current actions. Please feel free to share with the DRCI members as you see fit:

As many are aware, warm temperatures and large amounts of rain (2+”) throughout the Dead River watershed started a rapid melt of snow early last week. UPPCO tried to be proactive in preparing for the snow melt by drawing the storage basin level down to 1334', but due increasing the rate of snowmelt, an elevation of only 1336' was achieved.

Currently, water is spilling over the large and small spillways, Powerhouse flows are at the mechanical maximums and the LLO has been opened in an effort to reduce the peak elevation and the duration of the higher water levels. The rate of change in headwater has subsided over the last 12 hours, and it is believed based on snowpack remaining and river flow statistics from around the area that the inflows to the DRSB are lessening, which will continue to taper over the next few weeks.

UPPCO plans to remain at full powerhouse flows until water levels are near summer recreation levels (1341'). The LLO will be closed as soon as water levels approach the spillway crest of 1344.6'.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at the below number if you have any questions.

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