



Upriver Dam Repair Impacts – June 24 to mid-October

What?

City of Spokane will begin the two-day process to lower the reservoir water surface at Upriver Dam on Monday, June 24, 2024. The reservoir water surface/Spokane River will be lowered by two feet to accommodate the construction of dam safety improvements and provide enhanced worker safety.

What could people notice?

Lowered water levels will affect recreation users accessing the shoreline between Upriver Dam and Argonne Road. More beach areas and boulders will be exposed at Boulder Beach. The actual amount of drawdown experienced at locations may be less than two feet, depending on the distance upstream from Upriver Dam. Locations downstream of Upriver Dam will not be affected.

Why?

This repair allows a gate to return to service. That gate has been locked out since 2019 when it sustained damages from a fall when its hoist cables broke during a test. It will also rehabilitate deteriorated concrete, and reduce chances of leakage.

How long?

It will take approximately two days to draw down the reservoir/Spokane River to the necessary level. Once it is drawn down, it will remain that way for approximately 20 weeks – until mid-October. It will then take two days to raise the reservoir/Spokane River level once repairs are complete.

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