

News Release



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Two Boat Ramps at Lake Lowell to Close Due to Low Water

Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge, at the advice of the Canyon County Sheriff's Marine Deputies, will be closing two of the three major boat ramps at Lake Lowell due to low water. The boat ramps at the Lower Dam Recreation Area and at the west end of the Upper Dam will be closed early next week when the water level reaches an elevation of 2519 feet. The undeveloped ramps at Parking Lots 1 and 7 on the south side of the lake closed earlier in the year due to low water. Visitors can still launch boats at the ramp at the east end of the Upper Dam, just off Iowa Avenue.

The water level in Lake Lowell has dropped to a point where it is no longer safe to launch boats at these sites. According to Lieutenant Ben Keyes of the Canyon County Marine Deputies, "launching boats at such low water levels can damage boats, motors, trailers, and vehicles." In addition, the water at these locations is not deep enough to float a boat off of most trailers.

The disabled-accessible fishing dock at the west end of the Upper Dam will remain available for interested anglers.

This is a normal seasonal closure. The lake is typically closed when the lake water level has fallen below an elevation of 2519 feet. Lake Lowell water level as of Thursday, July 25 was 2519.3. Water levels can be found at <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/ramps/lowell/lowell.html>.

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