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Carters Dam increases outflows

Mobile, Ala. –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District announced today they have begun increasing releases from the Carters Re-Regulation Dam into the Coosawattee River from 1500 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 3000 cfs.

This release is expected to continue through Oct.,10-11. The release is being conducted to adjust the Carters Lake level to the seasonal pool elevation of 1072 mean sea level (msl). This is an adjustment for winter flood storage.

When the lake levels are high, boating safety is a high concern. Debris may be submerged or floating in the lake causing unusual boating hazards. Boaters are urged to use extreme caution while operating their boat on the lake.

Immediate impacts are directly below the Re-Regulation Dam and the fishing areas adjacent to the dam, specifically that the water will be rising quickly and may cover the public fishing piers. This should be considered dangerous water conditions and fishing is at your own risk.

In the Coosawattee River below the Re-Regulation Dam, we expect significant debris will be washed from the banks and be floating downstream. Boaters in the Coosawattee River are cautioned for the high water and high flows. The release of 3000 cfs is close to the historical release of 3300 cfs that occurred in 1990.

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“Through a coordinated effort among numerous Mobile Corps District offices and Alabama Power Company, the flood waters are still being managed throughout the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa River Basin,” said Lisa Coghlan, Deputy Public Affairs Officer.

“It is important to note, that no dam provides full protection from flooding: even the best flood structure cannot completely eliminate the risk of flooding. Flood risk management is a shared responsibility and partnership among, federal, state, local agencies and landowners,” said Coghlan.

Additional information and graphs can be found on the Mobile District Water Management Page at: <http://water.sam.usace.army.mil/> and for more detailed weather information visit the Southeast River Forecast Center website at: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/serfc/>.