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## **Below Normal Rainfall Conditions Impacting Federal Reservoir Levels in ACF River Basin**

**MOBILE, AL** – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District is responding to below normal rainfall conditions impacting federal reservoir levels in the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Basin.

Lower reservoir levels are forecasted to continue over the next five weeks based on observations of low basin inflow. Seasonal decreases in precipitation, along with increased evaporation, have led to lower than usual water run-off into the system.

Mobile District is closely monitoring the current conditions. Stream flows into our Federal reservoirs are 60% to 80% of normal with no immediate improvement anticipated. Due to these conditions, the Corps of Engineers is urging the public to exercise caution when visiting the district's recreation projects.

“The below normal rainfall conditions are likely to continue lower water levels in our reservoirs and we just want to remind the recreational public to be cautious as levels drop,” said Dustin Gautney, Chief of Public Affairs. “Underwater hazards such as shoals, tree stumps, and old road beds are closer to the surface and pose greater danger to boaters and swimmers. The best way to practice safety on the water is to always remember to wear your life jacket and watch for obstructions.”

For additional information on water levels or water safety, please contact the Mobile District Public Affairs Office at (251) 654-4564.

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