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TECHNICAL SUPPORT BRANCH

NAVIGATION BULLETIN NO. 18-77
NOTICE TO NAVIGATION INTERESTS:

APALACHICOLA, CHATTAHOOCHEE AND FLINT RIVER SYSTEM (ACF)

Notice is given to mariners that a 7 foot navigation channel will be supported via water releases on the ACF during the months of January through May when the composite storage for the system is in Zones 1 and 2. Attached below is a graphic showing the ACF composite storage at the top of Zone 1 indicating sufficient water is available to support the beginning of the navigation season. Also, the long range forecast for the area calls for above normal rainfall for the next three months. The composite graphic can be also viewed at the following website:


A 7.4 foot Blountstown stage is needed to provide a 7 foot channel on the Apalachicola River and today's gage reading is 18.7 feet. River stages for the ACF system can be viewed at:

http://water.sam.usace.army.mil/forecast_acf_plots.htm

Commercial mariners should schedule lockage appointments at the Jim Woodruff lock by calling (850) 663-4692 or (229) 723-3482. George W. Andrews and Walter F. George Locks remain closed due to mechanical failures.

Navigation Bulletins will be issued on a weekly basis throughout the navigation season to provide the latest water level and navigation information.

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2018 ACF Basin Composite Conservation and Flood Storage

Actual data thru 12-3-2018

Add value of 1,856,000 acre-ft to include inactive storage.