

# TRI-DAM PROJECT

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Dear Tulloch Owners, Agencies, and Interested Persons:

Pursuant to Article 410 of Tri-Dam's FERC license, the purpose of this letter is to provide you with notification regarding the need to drawdown Tulloch Reservoir. Tri-Dam is providing this notice to you so that you may take appropriate action to secure your watercraft, docks, and other facilities in and around the Reservoir.


On August 23, 2015, at 0800, the Tri-Dam Project will commence to draw Tulloch Reservoir down to assist the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) in meeting water temperature objectives for O'mykiss below Goodwin Dam. The drawdown of Tulloch Reservoir will be coordinated with Reclamation's release of cold water from the low-level outlet at New Melones. The drawdown will average 500 cfs per day and will not exceed a total maximum drawdown of approximately 30,000 acre-feet.

The initial drawdown may start as early as August 23, 2015, and go until approximately 42,000 acre-feet of water is in storage, or elevation 486.30'. It will then hold steady at that elevation for 6 weeks. It will then be lowered to approximately 36,000 acre-feet of water in storage or elevation 480'. Tri-Dam will then use this opportunity to operate and test the spill gates at the Dam as required by FERC directives.

The water surface elevation in Tulloch Reservoir will go from 509.5' to 480'. Once elevation 480' is obtained, the drawdown will stop. Tulloch Reservoir will maintain an approximate elevation of 480' until March 1, 2016. Reservoir levels may rise during that time period due to local runoff, but water will not be released from New Melones to raise the water levels within Tulloch Reservoir. Reclamation and Tri-Dam will then begin to refill Tulloch on March 1, 2016.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we continue to do our best to satisfy regulatory obligations while fulfilling our commitments to Tulloch residents, visitors and all interested parties. In order to keep you fully informed, updates will continue to be posted on [www.tridamproject.com](http://www.tridamproject.com). The precise drawdown schedule will be posted as soon as it is received.

Sincerely,



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General Manager  
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