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Cascade Announces Spring Fill for Lake Tapps

Feb. 13, 2018, Lake Tapps WA – Cascade Water Alliance today announced it will begin the spring fill of the Lake Tapps Reservoir approximately Sunday, Feb. 18. Cascade, which operates the White River-Lake Tapps system for eventual municipal water supply, brought the reservoir down to address dike stability issues as well as other projects for homeowners, Pierce County and the City of Bonney Lake.

The reservoir level is expected to initially rise rapidly, about five feet in the first week, and then gradually reaching 541.5 by March 15, with full recreational levels (542.5 feet) by mid-April. Cascade will reach maximum lake levels of 543 feet before Memorial Day for about 24 hours.

As a reminder, residents who wish to do any work on their property, bulkheads, docks, etc., must obtain all the necessary permits from the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife (if appropriate) and get a license from Cascade. These documents must be obtained prior to beginning of construction. For more information on Cascade's licenses visit www.cascadewater.org or email contact@cascadewater.org

Lake Tapps is a recreational gem of the region, but it's also a working reservoir owned and operated to eventually provide municipal drinking water to members of the Cascade Water Alliance. Cascade purchased the 100-plus year old White River system and Lake Tapps Reservoir from Puget Sound Energy in 2009. Since then, Cascade has invested tens of millions of dollars to keep the reservoir infrastructure reliable and the waters healthy with milfoil control.

Keeping Lake Tapps clean and healthy is up to everyone who enjoys the lake today and into the future. Residents are advised that nutrients from failing septic tanks and nutrients from fertilizers and from runoff feed vegetation in the reservoir and can result in excessive algae, toxic algae blooms, reduced water clarity, and stress on fish and wildlife. Look for programs this year aimed at helping homeowners help Cascade keep Lake Tapps clean and healthy.

Learn more about Cascade Water Alliance at www.cascadewater.org.