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Flooding Impacts Recreation Along Missouri River

PIERRE, S.D. - Record releases of water from Oahe Dam have impacted boating and other outdoor recreation in several areas along the Missouri River.

The following portions of the Missouri River within South Dakota have been declared as No Wake Zones:

- From the Bad River to Oahe Dam, near Pierre
- Below Gavins Point Dam, from Paddlewheel Point upstream to a line stretching from the electronic sign placed near the boat ramp in at the Nebraska Tailwaters Recreation Area to a similar sign on the Training Dike Recreation Area. At the point of the electronic signs, the river is closed to boating.
- A 15-mile portion of the lower reach of the Missouri River near Dakota Dunes, beginning at the confluence of Big Sioux River (River Mile Marker 734) then upstream to the Rosenbaum Boat Landing (River Mile Marker 749)

The No Wake Zone orders will be in effect until rescinded by the Governor.

Boaters are being asked to use extreme caution when out on the water. Even if a posted no wake zone area is not present, boaters need to operate their vessels in a manner that is reasonable for the time, place and rapidly changing conditions. Even if debris is not visible, other dangers may be present.

Boaters, campers and others who plan to use the Missouri River for recreation are advised to call ahead to check the status of campgrounds, boat ramps and other facilities at their planned destination.

Earlier this week, Farm Island Recreation Area near Pierre closed its campground, beach and the boat ramp to the main channel. LaFramboise Island Nature Area in Pierre is also inaccessible.

Currently, these are the only state park areas to be affected. Information on individual parks can be found on each park's webpage on www.gfp.sd.gov.