

Forest Lakes Metropolitan District and Pinon Pines Metropolitan Districts 2 and 3, Aug. 11

Mandatory water restrictions; southern trail could be extended

By Natalie Barszcz

At the Forest Lakes Metropolitan District (FLMD) special board meeting held on Aug. 11 via teleconference, the board discussed implementing mandatory water restrictions and well water supplementation, and heard about the plan to open an additional section of a popular trail that is currently closed.

Water restrictions implemented

FLMD Manager Ann Nichols gave the following updates:

- Stage 1 voluntary water restrictions were implemented on July

24 for the residents to limit their landscape watering to three days per week.

- The Dillon Well head at the FLMD water treatment plant is supplementing the Bristlecone Lake water.
- The water level of Bristlecone Lake had been dropping 1 foot per week before the Stage 1 water restrictions were implemented.
- The water level of Bristlecone Lake is being monitored to determine the level of water conservation needed for both the district and the residents.

Nichols recommended the board approve the immediate implementation of three-day mandatory water restrictions for residents as follows:

- Stage 2 Level A—mandatory three days per week watering schedule per address.
- Stage 2 Level B—mandatory two days per week watering schedule per address.
- Residential water users should not water for more than three hours on their designated day and should not water between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

If drought conditions continue and the lake level drops to 35 feet or less, the Stage 2 Level B water restrictions should be implemented for the residents, Nichols said. "We need to limit the drop." For more details on the wa-

ter restrictions, visit www.forestlakesmetrodistrict.com.

Note: At the time of the meeting, the lake level was at 35.9 feet.

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Douglas Stimple, chief executive officer of Classic Homes, said he and Secretary James Boulton, vice president/project manager of Classic Homes, had looked at the typical water use per residence and determined that residents were staying under the average acre use. "In an abundance of caution to help with the lake levels, the watering of the park and common areas should be restricted to two days a week until the weather breaks, and for a period of time we will have less than robust-looking landscaped areas," said Stimple.

The board unanimously approved the motions to adopt the FLMD's recommended Stage 2 Level A water restrictions for residents and Stage 2 Level B for the ground maintenance company, and a directive for the district manager to implement Stage 2 Level B for residential watering should the lake level drop to 35 feet or less.

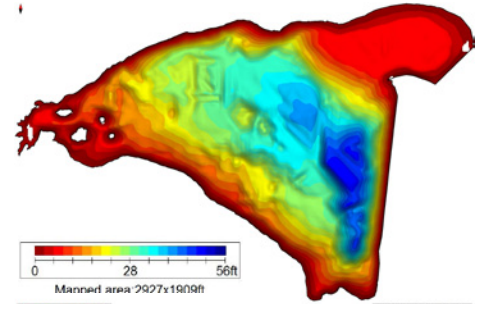
Supplemental well water

Stimple said the following:

- The Dillon well was originally the primary source of water for FLMD until Bristlecone Lake became the sole residential water source on June 2, 2019.
- The Arapahoe well, although drilled, requires approval from the family that owns Forest Lakes LLC for the purchase of a pump and incremental well equipment.
- Water testing is required by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, which will take about two to three months. A decision to proceed with bringing the well on line will be made if the water testing results are positive.
- If all the water samples meet the state requirements, the district could have an additional supplemental well on line by March 2021, before the next irrigation season.

Tom Blunk of CP Real Estate Capital, representing Forest Lakes LLC and Forest Lakes Residential Development, said the following:

- Since the start of the development, Forest Lakes LLC has continued to focus on water use and refining the resourcing of water.
- Although the residents see multiple beaches forming around the lake, the capacity in some areas is 50 to 60 feet deep when the water level is at the spillway.
- Bristlecone Lake offers plenty of capacity and we are trying to make smart decisions early on, since the long-term weather forecast shows the area is likely to remain dry for



Above: A colored graphic showing the various depths of Bristlecone Lake is now posted at www.forestlakesmetrodistrict.com/blog/. Map courtesy FLMD.

some time.

- A graphic of the lake showing the variations in depth would be provided to the district manager for the website. See map above.

South Trail could be extended

Blunk confirmed that Forest Lakes LLC owned the South Trail and that many residents had asked if more of the trail could be opened for them. Blunk said the following:

- A further 1-1.5 miles of trail west of where the existing trail currently ends on the south end of the lake could be made available, however the trail will not be extended into the "west valley" construction zone until it is safe to open for hikers. See www.ocn.me/v20n8.htm#ppmd1.
- A license agreement/waiver to "hold harmless" would be required between Forest Lakes LLC and FLMD before the trail can be extended.
- The trail extension would be open for maintenance vehicles only and signage would need to state "vehicle traffic prohibited" on the South Trail.
- The grazing lease will continue in 2021 and a fence would be placed on the south side of the trail to prevent any interaction with livestock.

Boulton confirmed the trail could be further extended over Beaver Creek once Filing 5 is completed in 2021.

Nichols said she would instruct District Counsel Russell A. Dykstra to develop the license agreement in time for board approval in September. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The combined FLMD and PPMD 2 and 3 board usually meet quarterly. Please check www.forestlakesmetrodistrict.com for upcoming meetings and joining instructions. For general information, contact District Manager Ann Nichols at (719) 327-5810 or at anichol-sduffy@aol.com.

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