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Lake Conroe Temporarily Closed Due to High Levels, Submerged Objects, and Floating Debris

Effective immediately, the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) and Montgomery County Constable Precinct 1 are temporarily closing Lake Conroe due to high lake levels, the presence of submerged objects, floating debris, and other hazards that could put people's safety at risk.

The lake level has risen to 203' above mean sea level (msl), which is two feet over the lake's normal pool level of 201' msl.

At this level, many docks, bulkheads, small islands, and other structures are fully submerged and create a very dangerous situation for boaters. In addition, high winds and rapidly-flowing water from local streams have resulted in a large amount of floating debris on the reservoir. With bulkheads becoming submerged, lake area residents should also be cautious of electrical outlets and equipment coming into contact with water.

Over the last 36 hours, the Lake Conroe watershed has experienced an average of over 4" of rainfall. SJRA is currently releasing water from the dam in accordance with its operating procedures for the reservoir. The rate of release is currently 8,181 cubic feet per second (cfs).

The estimated peak inflow into the lake during this event was nearly 30,000 cfs. This means that the operation of the dam reduced the peak flow that would otherwise have continued down the river.

Anyone interested in monitoring Lake Conroe levels, releases, rainfall totals, or stream flows can visit SJRA's Conrail System at: <https://sanjacinto.onerain.com/home.php>.

For additional information, visit SJRA's website at www.sjra.net or call the Montgomery County Constable Precinct 1 at 936-856-6329.