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Wolf River Hydropower LP (WRHLP) wishes to provide this update on reducing the water levels in the Wolf River downstream of Keshena and upstream of Balsam Row Dam.

WRHLP received a formal directive from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) yesterday (Monday, September 29, 2025) to begin reducing the water level in the Wolf River upstream of the Balsam Row Dam and downstream of Keshena no later than tomorrow October 1, 2025.

As a reminder, the purpose of the water level reduction at Balsam Row Dam is to assure the dam can safely pass water downstream during the upcoming winter conditions.

The water level reduction will begin slowly during the forecasted warm weather the remainder of this week. At this time, the FERC directive requires an ultimate water level reduction of 14 feet for safer winter operation. However, FERC is willing to consider other repairs or work, that if completed timely to the approval of FERC may result in a water level reduction of less than 14 feet.

WRHLP continues to proceed in securing designs, approvals, materials, and contractors for the repairs required to minimize the water level reduction. While the repairs may get completed prior to winter, the drawdown needs to be completed in October to minimize impacts to sensitive species during the beginning of winter hibernation this fall.

WRHLP continues to recommend shoreline owners along the Wolf River downstream of Keshena and upstream of the Balsam Row Dam to start planning to complete their winter removal of boats and docks prior to tomorrow.

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