

Kari Kyler - Pinecrest Lake Water Level

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I have been enjoying Pinecrest Lake since I was two years old. I am over 60 now and a cabin owner. From a recreational user point of view there is no benefit to keeping Pinecrest Lake at anything less than its highest possible level for as long as possible. From my observations, September is an active month on the lake. This is when many fishermen and hunters come to the area, along with the usual campers and day users. We also enjoy, or would enjoy, using our dock for boating activities during the month of September when the water level is higher.

The advantage of having the lake full during the month of September is added recreational use. This brings additional money into the area and additional pleasure for the many visitors. A partially emptied lake is not visually attractive and is not as friendly for recreational use. Both access to shorelines and hazards created by exposed rock are affected by reduced lake levels.

Recreational use does drop in October, and I assume the water level needs to be lowered for runoff safety reasons before the big storms begin. It would appear to serve everyone's needs best to begin reducing the lake level in October instead of September.

Please consider those who enjoy Pinecrest Lake for the beautiful recreational resource it has been for so many decades.

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