

27 March 2019

To: Sacheen Lake Water & Sewer District
From: D. J. Hill

Subject: West Branch Beaver Mitigation Activities; 2018

Dear Sacheen Lake W&S Commissioners;

This report is to provide a summary of work during 2018 by Sacheen Lake Association volunteers on beaver mitigation duties (routine cleaning of Beaver Deceiver tubes & debris removal) in the West Branch of the Little Spokane River. Regular cleaning of the tubes and removal of startup dams is an ongoing effort to maintain lake level and help prevent, or at least minimize, further shoreline erosion. The volunteer efforts by Association members again this past year are detailed in the attached table, along with approximate hours expended. This information will hopefully be of use in future grant applications, as in-kind service hours.

In the current year (2019), and until such time as the District is able to hire reliable contractors to conduct the maintenance, the Sacheen Lake Association will continue this effort. We appreciate the Sacheen Lake Water and Sewer District supporting regular scheduled trapping in the West Branch to control the beaver population. We also thank the District for providing the HPA to allow us to conduct this work.

I would like to again emphasize how beneficial the W&SD Access Agreement with downstream landowners has been. Convenient vehicle access, staging of equipment and debris, and disposal of the debris by Darrell Johnson very much expedite this task.

If you need any further information, please let me know. Thank you for your work in stewardship of Sacheen Lake.

Sincerely,

D. J. Hill

President, Sacheen Lake Association

