

2 October 2022

To: Sacheen Lake Water & Sewer District
Attn: Joni Stillian, District Manager

From: D. J. Hill, Sacheen Lake Association

Subject: West Branch Beaver Mitigation Activities; 2022

Dear Sacheen Lake W&S Commissioners;

This report is to provide a summary of work during 2022 by Sacheen Lake Association volunteers on beaver mitigation (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.

In FY2022 there was once again far less effort required than usual, due primarily to low water levels. There were no outings to clear debris.

There were, however, observations of a new startup dam across the stream, located between dams 1 and 2. We will continue to monitor this and remove material as necessary to maintain flow, if required, per the HPA.

As a side note, the first maintenance outing for FY2023 took place on 1 Oct 2022. We observed the startup dam mentioned above as well as three (3) more downstream of Dam 3. We appreciate the Sacheen Lake Water and Sewer District supporting regular scheduled trapping in the West Branch to control the beaver population. Based on our observations, it appears to be necessary once again. 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

Sacheen Lake Association