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### **Lake Winnebago Outlook - Updated February 7, 2012**

Today the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers closed 1 gate at Menasha Dam in order to slow the decline of Lake Winnebago. The new gate setting is 2 gates open at Menasha Dam and 0 gates open at Neenah Dam.

The level of Lake Winnebago is at 2.00 ft today, a decrease of 0.01 ft since yesterday. The level of Lake Poygan is currently at 2.49 ft. Inflows to the lake through Oshkosh are around 1,800 cfs today. After today's gate change, we expect outflows through Appleton to drop to around 3,000 cfs.

Another dry week is expected across the Winnebago basin, with no precipitation forecasted over the next 5 days. Satellite imagery shows no snowpack in the region. Additionally, there are several open spots in the ice across Lake Winnebago and the upstream lakes. There is no ice on the Lower Fox River and the ice cover in Green Bay also has several large open areas. With the cold and dry conditions expected over the next several days, we are slowing the lake level's rate of decline. If current weather conditions persist, and no significant snowpack is formed, the drawdown target may be altered to prepare for spring refill.

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