

Howatt, Kathy

From: DiFranco, Jeanne L
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 9:06 AM
To: Howatt, Kathy
Subject: RE: Rumford Falls - August 5, 2021 MDEP Meeting Memo

Thanks Kathy. Based on that information, it appears that normal operations (excluding unavoidable weather events) support maintenance of 75% of the wetted area of the impounded river. I don't have any further concerns at this time.

Jeanne

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Subject: RE: Rumford Falls - August 5, 2021 MDEP Meeting Memo

Jeanne,

Sorry if I didn't share this meeting memo with you, see the attached along with the water level and flow figures that were the basis for discussion and the subsequent meeting. You will see from the figures that there were significant times recorded when the water level was at the spillway level rather than the flashboards level; ultimately it was determined that significant storm events resulted in flows that exceeded the capacity of the flashboards and the water level had to subside to safe levels (and no ice, in the case of the fall flashboard failure) before they could be reinstalled. It was determined that these excursions were directly the result of unavoidable weather-related events.

Kathy

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Hi Kathy,

Did you send me the August 5 meeting summary? I wasn't able to find it in my email messages so could you please send (or re-send) it?

My recollection is that the flow plan will satisfy the aquatic habitat requirements, but it would be helpful to review the meeting summary.

Thanks.

Jeanne

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Jeanne,
Are you comfortable that the Rumford Falls Project is being operated in run-of-river mode and that such operations support the maintenance of 75% of the wetted area of the impounded river, measured from bankfull width? Let me know if you wish to discuss, thanks.
Kathy

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Hi Kathy,

As a follow up to the email below and for our records, I just wanted to confirm that we have addressed the questions the Department had on the flow and elevation data we provided for Rumford Falls in lieu of conducting the impoundment aquatic habitat study and that no additional effort is needed.

Thanks,
Dawn

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Hi Kathy,

Per your request during our August 5 meeting, we are providing the attached meeting summary.

Please let us know if you agree with the summary or have any questions.

Thanks,
Dawn

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