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Question:

Prior to the draw down, Secord Dam produced hydroelectricity. We have been told that if Secord does not create hydro there will be delays of many years and millions of dollars to repair and refill Secord Lake.

SLA Answer:

In the original acquisition plan, before the flood, the plan was for the FLTF to operate the hydroelectricity to help the counties offset operating expenses.

After the flood, these plans changed pending detailed evaluation of the existing dams. While the initial FLTF plans to rebuild Wixom and Sanford do not include hydro; until a detailed engineering study is conducted, it is too early for anyone to speculate for Secord.

To reiterate; FERC has made it clear the Smallwood and Secord Project reservoirs cannot be returned to normal operating levels until Boyce Hydro files supplemental dam safety reports and demonstrates that the dams are safe.

Without the detailed engineering reports required from Boyce Hydro by FERC; along with guidance regarding repairs from FERC and the State; coupled with a detailed analysis by FLTF engineers once the county has ownership; the speculation and rumors being shared are simply opinion void of facts.

We all look forward to getting the facts from the engineers once they can evaluate Secord and Smallwood dams.

We will keep the Secord Lake community informed as new information comes available.

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