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Boating Prospects Improve at Lake Oroville with Removal of Most Flood Debris

OROVILLE---Boating recreation opportunities at Lake Oroville continue to improve as storm debris is removed from most parts of the lake, second largest reservoir in California.

Most of the lake is now open for public use, including boating, though some debris-clearing work continues, according to officials of the Department of Water Resources, which operates Oroville Dam.

The North, Middle and South Forks have now been cleared of debris and are open, as is the main body of the lake.

The West Branch up to Concow Creek will be cleared of debris by the Memorial Day weekend, according to Rolland Williams Sr., Chief of DWR's Oroville Field Division

A high volume of debris, including logs and branches, was swept into Oroville Lake by January flood flows. Debris is captured, boomed and removed from the lake.

Lake Oroville has a maximum capacity exceeding 3.5 million acre-feet, a surface area covering more than 15,000 acres and a shoreline stretching for 167 miles.

Lake Oroville is second only to Lake Shasta in size among reservoirs in California. Lake Oroville is the largest reservoir of the State Water Project.

For further information on the availability of Lake Oroville recreational facilities, please contact the Department of Parks and Recreation which operates the Lake Oroville Recreation Area at (916) 538-2200.

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