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## **Petenwell and Castle Rock Flowages Begin Annual Drawdowns in Advance of Spring Runoff**

**Necedah, WI** – Wisconsin River Power Company (WRPC) will begin drawing down the Petenwell and Castle Rock flowages on the Wisconsin River in February to prepare for the spring runoff of melting snow in Northern Wisconsin. Drawdowns will be gradual and their extent will be minimized as much as possible. However, drawdown levels up to four feet at Petenwell and five feet at Castle Rock flowages could occur if predictions from the National Weather Service hold true.

The Castle Rock drawdown will begin February 1, 2011 and the Petenwell drawdown will start February 10, 2011. Both drawdowns are anticipated to be completed by around March 15, 2011 when the snow melt typically begins.

WRPC officials urge recreational enthusiasts to beware of the dangers of shifting and unstable ice due to any type of flowage drawdowns.

Current river flow and reservoir elevations can be found on the WRPC Web site: [www.wisconsinriverpower.com](http://www.wisconsinriverpower.com) for up-to-date information.