



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Fishermen and Boaters Should Use Caution on Lake Flambeau**

LADYSMITH, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative urges caution to those using Lake Flambeau for recreational activities, as lake debris may be floating near the surface of the water.

Dairyland has been refilling the Lake Flambeau Reservoir, as critical maintenance work at our Flambeau Hydroelectric Station nears completion. The lake is expected to return to normal levels by the end of this week. Dairyland began a major drawdown at the Flambeau Reservoir in July 2007 to replace the hydro plant's dam floodgate seals, in addition to other key gate maintenance tasks.

During the major drawdown and subsequent refill, debris such as driftwood and stumps, dislodged from the lakebed. Dairyland staff and Rusk County Wildlife Restoration Association volunteers have been working to clear the debris from the lake. As recreational activity returns to the lake, however, Dairyland urges boaters and fishermen to be aware of potential debris hidden under the surface.

The Flambeau Station, located on the Flambeau River five miles northeast of Ladysmith, has been generating clean, efficient electricity since 1951. This water-powered facility can generate 24 MW of electricity. For details on this summer's drawdown, please see Dairyland's website, [www.dairynet.com](http://www.dairynet.com).

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides wholesale electricity to 25 member distribution cooperatives and 19 municipal utilities. Dairyland's service area encompasses 62 counties in four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). Dairyland has provided low-cost, reliable electrical energy and related services to its customers in the upper Midwest since 1941.

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