



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Ice Fishermen and Snowmobilers Should Use Caution on the Dairyland Reservoir**

LADYSMITH, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative urges caution to those who are using the Dairyland Reservoir for recreational activities. The ice becomes unstable and dangerous as spring approaches.

As the spring run-off starts, Dairyland will be implementing a normal drawdown of between one to two feet, to help control levels during rapidly changing flows. The total drawdown could be as much as three feet, depending on the amount of additional precipitation and how quickly the snow melts.

Fishers and boaters should also be cautious near the spillway, since hazardous currents can develop as flows increase. At all times of the year, dangerous reverse currents in the tailwaters of dams can cause fatalities. Please obey all warning signs, staying away from restricted areas.

The Flambeau Hydroelectric 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 22 MW of electricity. Throughout the year, Dairyland welcomes area residents and visitors to enjoy the many recreational opportunities available on both the Reservoir and the public land surrounding it.

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides wholesale electricity to 24 member distribution cooperatives and 17 municipal utilities. A Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Dairyland's service area encompasses 62 counties in four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). Dairyland's generation resources include coal, natural gas, hydro, solar, wind and biogas. For more information, please visit [www.dairylandpower.com](http://www.dairylandpower.com).

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