

Round Lake Water Level Continues To Go Down 10/10/2006-Photos of Downstream Osstructions

The Water level on Round Lake continues to go down because of the drought. The [1941 PSC Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Order](#) concerning Round Lake Water Level states that Sawyer County shall maintain the water level on Round & Little Round Lakes.....

All stop logs have been removed from the [Diversion Channel/Little Round Lake Dam](#) on Carlson Road. There are no stop logs in the dam now at Carlson Road despite the continued drought.



No stop logs on 09/26/2006 despite low water level on Round Lake system.

There are several downstream obstructions in the Round Lake watershed that have developed over the years and may have contributed to the “high water” some years ago. These downstream obstructions have probably mitigated or kept the Round Lake water level higher during this recent drought. The snowmobile trail embankment on Osprey Creek downstream of NN was just removed to facilitate drainage of Round Lake and was not in compliance with DNR Regulations.



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A Roy's Enterprises excavator removes dirt fill from a wetland and Osprey Creek where Snowmobile Trail Three crosses it. The creek restoration project was done last week to allow a pond created by the obstruction to drain.

Removal of dirt fill on snowmobile trail on Osprey Creek downstream of NN Highway Sep. 2006 from Sawyer Co. Record 10/05/2006.

Obstructing private driveway embankment on a wetland east of Little Round Lake off Thunderbird Road which also drains the watershed is presumed not to be in compliance with DNR regulations and may be changed to facilitate the drainage of Round Lake during high water times.



This is the driveway embankment blocking east channel from Little Round Lake off Thunderbird Road.



Standing water upstream of Thunderbird Road private driveway which is blocking the outflow.



Downstream of Thunderbird Road driveway with virtually no water getting through the present obstruction.



Thunderbird Road driveway embankment with concrete blocking east Little Round Lake drainage.

The NN Highway Culverts are also reportedly not DNR compliant and need to be lowered or Sawyer County needs to apply for a dam permit.



The culverts on NN are almost dry on 10/10/2006. Note higher level water staining.



Culverts downstream side of NN with standing water from backup caused by 7+ beaver dams downstream.



Downstream of NN culverts with backed up water from downstream beaver dams on Osprey Creek.



Upstream of NN culverts with standing water because culverts were replaced in 1999 approximately a foot+/- higher than originally placed. It appears that the County/DNR are contemplating lowering the culverts

Plans are presumably being considered to remove the [obstructing beaver dams](#) on Osprey Creek.

So at this time there are no stop logs in the Carlson Road Dam and the County/DNR have already removed one obstruction on Osprey Creek and are considering doing several more things to facilitate the drainage of Round Lake during high water.

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