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### ACCESS TO RIVERSIDE BUSINESSES, HOMES AND CABINS

The historic flood of 2011 has crested and is slowly falling out. The Mississippi River is still dangerously high. The Levee is still holding out an unprecedented amount of water. The Levee needs to remain locked down and protected over the next several weeks until the Mississippi River drops below flood stage (48' at Greenville Gauge).

Many riverside home and cabin owners and business owners have called asking when they will be able to gain access across the levee to launch boats to get to these flooded properties. Unfortunately seepwater has weakened many county roads leading up to the levee making them unusable. The riverside ramps on the levee have been saturated for weeks and will be damaged by allowing vehicles and boats to launch on them. We are also unsure what condition the levee is in until the water subsides to allow for inspections. **For these reasons we will continue to enforce the Levee Closed policy until we get to 48' on the Greenville gauge and we have had an opportunity to inspect the levee.**

However, next week when we get to 58' at the Greenville Gauge we will allow the Greenville City Front to be opened for the sole purpose of riverside homeowners or businesses to access Lake Ferguson and the Mississippi River. At the same time we will allow riverside homeowners or businesses to use the ramp at the Port of Rosedale. All boaters will have to provide proof that they own homes or businesses on the riverside either by Warranty Deed or tax receipts plus photo identification. In Greenville, boaters will be able to launch boats and then pull their truck and trailer back over the levee and park on the landside of the levee.

Keep in mind that the Mississippi River is still very high and it will be extremely dangerous to maneuver a boat across these treacherous waters. Given these extremely dangerous conditions, please only use experienced boaters and only use a boat if you determine that you need to access your riverside home. Please respect the rights and property of others by not creating unnecessary waves around these properties.

### CASINOS

All three Greenville Casinos will be allowed to re-open once we reach 58' at the Greenville Gauge. Casino employees and patrons will not be allowed to park on the Greenville City Front due to the need for riverside homeowners to access Lake Ferguson by boat. Patrons will utilize landside parking areas and can ride casino shuttle buses to access the casinos.

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