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## North Cascades National Park Service Complex News Release

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### **Diablo Lake 3-ft Drawdown**

*Sedro Woolley, WA* – Diablo Lake will be drawn down a total of three vertical feet on September 17 and again on October 1-15, 2014. Boats with trailers will be unable to launch or retrieve during these times. Kayaks, canoes, and other hand-launch vessels will still have access to the lake.

The drawdown on September 17 is to provide a ‘dress rehearsal’ for transformer replacement at Ross Powerhouse, which is scheduled for the fall of 2015. The new transformers cannot be transported across the top of Diablo Dam due to their size and weight. A barge will be utilized to access the shoreline near Colonial Creek Campground to transport them on Diablo Lake to the Ross Powerhouse.

The October drawdown is to accommodate permanent facility reconstruction on the rockslide project ([http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ross\\_rockslide](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/ross_rockslide)) near the Ross Powerhouse. The rockslide occurred in March 2010 and damaged docks, launch ramps, and access to the lake. The work, scheduled to be completed in 2015, will include reconstruction of the access road to Ross Powerhouse and installation of a barge landing and boat ramp.

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