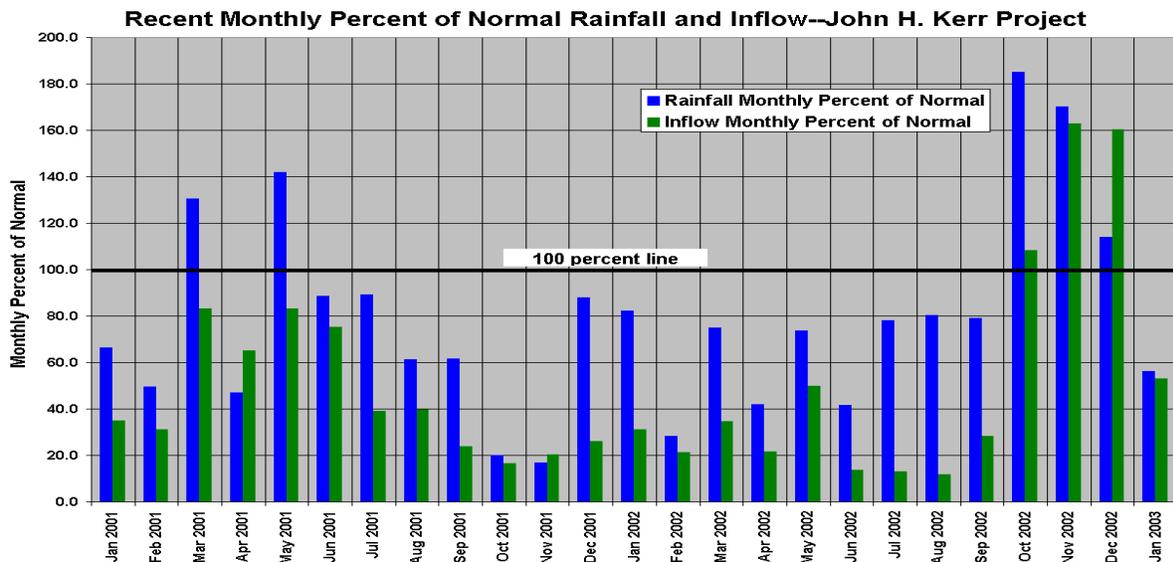
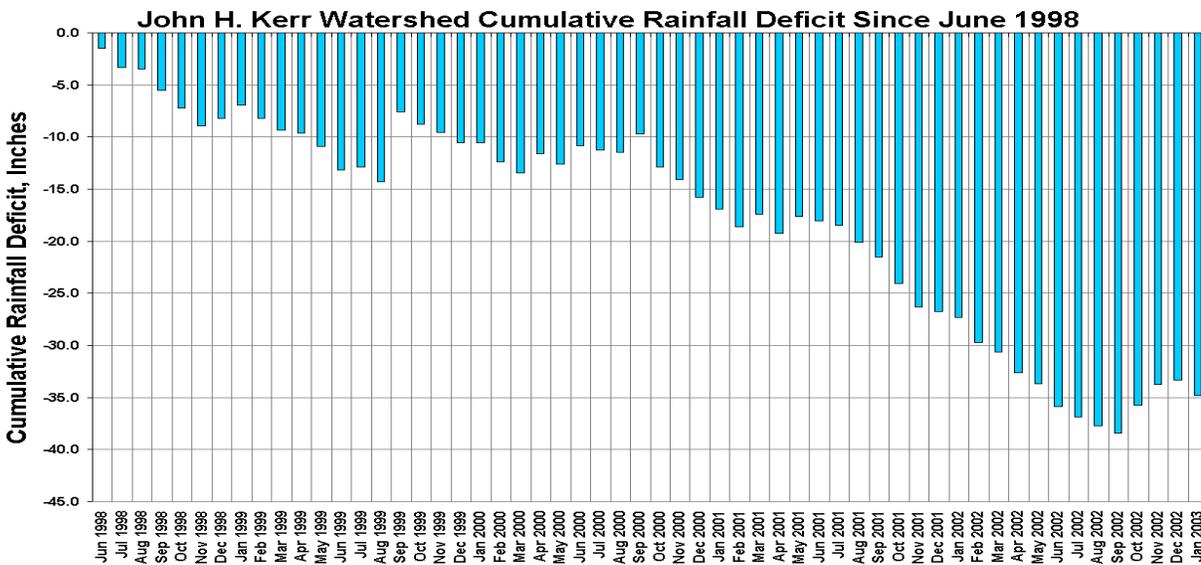
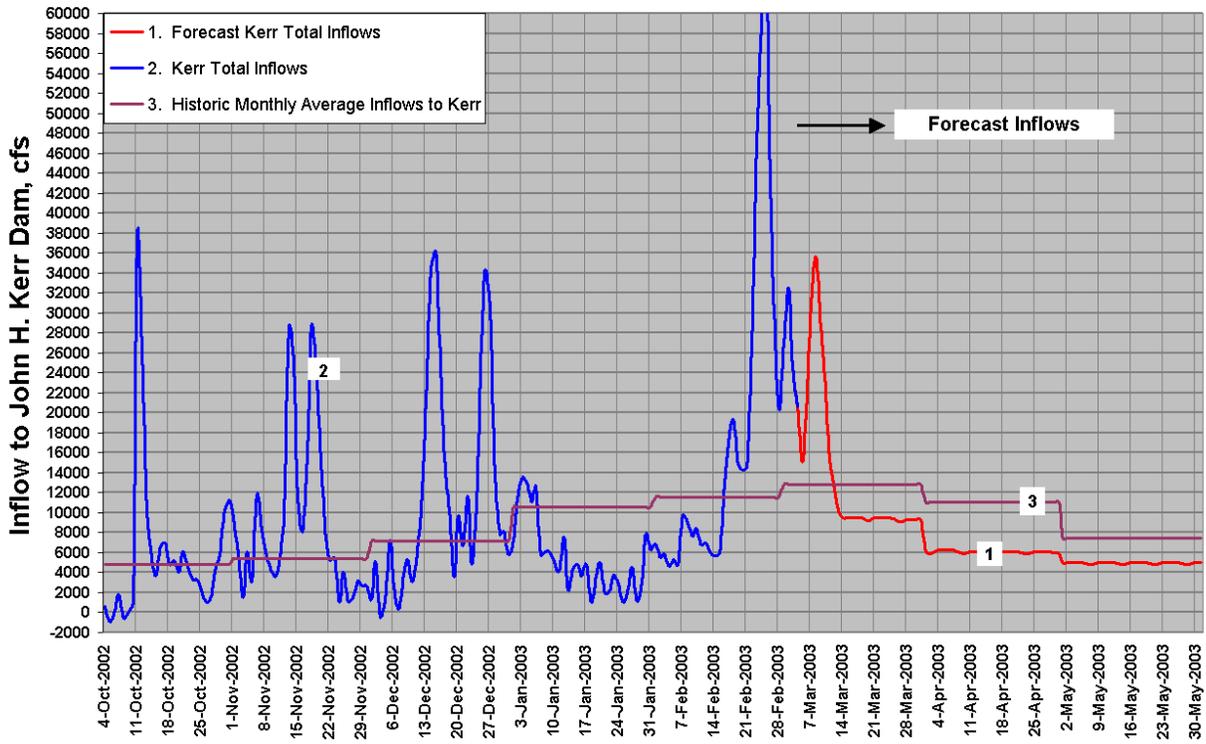


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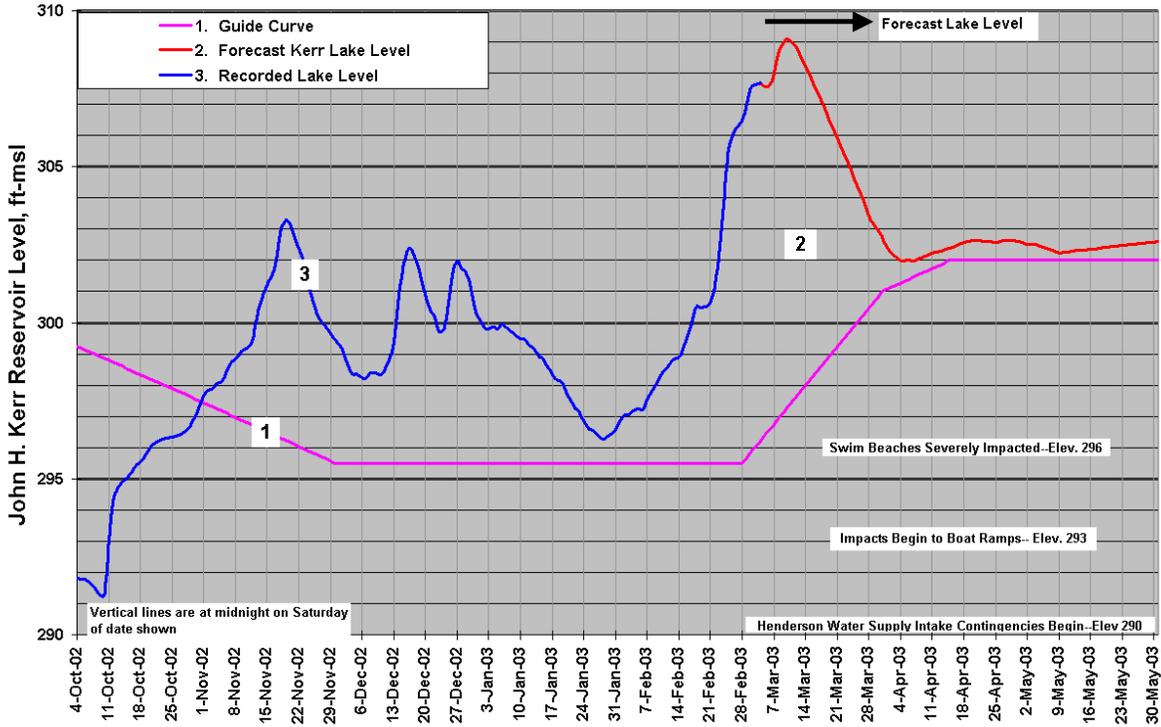
1. **Status of Inflows into Kerr Dam, the level of Kerr Reservoir, Operational Plans and Other Comments.** As of this report, Kerr Reservoir is near 307.6 feet, msl, or about 11.9 feet above the guide curve or seasonal target operational level. Flood releases of near 20,000 cfs are being made from both Kerr and Roanoke Rapids Dams. The guide curve for Kerr Reservoir rises sharply this month from 295.5 to the 301 level and then to 302 in mid-April. Forecast rain as well as actual rainfall, inflows to Kerr Dam and the level of Kerr Reservoir are being closely monitored. Various climatological information and Kerr graphical information is below and on the following page. Of course, the projected Kerr Reservoir level may be changed without notice as inflows and releases change in response to basin needs.



Kerr Dam--Recent and Forecast Inflow Data as of 4 March 2003



John H. Kerr--Recent and Forecast Reservoir Levels as of 4 March 2003



2. Impacts to Public Recreation Facilities at Kerr Reservoir. Public recreation facilities at John H. Kerr Dam and Reservoir include approximately 62 boat-ramp lanes and 41 swimming beaches (13 Corps, 10 State, 18 other). Draw down of the reservoir reduces the usable surface area, and can render boat ramps and swimming areas unusable. The following table shows the bottom of ramp elevation, number of lanes, open or closed status and the manager of that particular public boat ramps at John H. Kerr as of 4 November 2002. Typically, the reservoir elevation should be at least 3 feet higher than the bottom of ramp elevation for the ramp to be usable. As can be seen from the information below, boat-ramp access to the reservoir becomes increasingly limited below pool elevation 293 feet, m.s.l. An additional concern is recreational access within narrow and shallow coves in Kerr Reservoir where boating would be prohibited and some boats would be grounded.

LOW-WATER		
STATUS	LOCATION	MGMT*
CLOSED	Bluestone	A
CLOSED	Buffalo Landing	A
OPEN	Bullocksville	B
OPEN	Clover	E
OPEN	County Line	B
OPEN	Eagle Point	A
OPEN	Eastland Creek	A
OPEN	Flemingtown	B
OPEN	Grassy Creek	A
OPEN	Henderson Point (Shelter Area 3) (Wildlife Access OPEN)	B
OPEN	Hibernia	B
OPEN	Hyco Landing	E
OPEN	Island Creek	A
OPEN	Ivy Hill	A
OPEN	Kimball Point	B
OPEN	Longwood	A
OPEN	North Bend Park A)	A
OPEN	North Bend Park C	A
OPEN	North Bend Park Main	A
OPEN	Nutbush North	B
OPEN	Nutbush South	B
OPEN	Occoneechee (Old Ramp # 2)	C
OPEN	Occoneechee New Ramp	C
OPEN	Occoneechee Old Ramp # 1	c
OPEN	Palmer Point	A
OPEN	Rudds Creek Campground	A
OPEN	Rudds Creek Day Use	A
OPEN	Satterwhite Point Campground	B
OPEN	Satterwhite Point Marina	B
OPEN	Stanton River State Park	D
OPEN	Staunton View	A
OPEN	Steele Creek Marina	B

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252-438-7791	B - NC Parks	
434-374-2210	C - VA State Parks	
434-572-4623	D - VA State Parks	
434-525-7522	E - VA Dept Game & Inland Fisheries	