

Lake

Continued from Page 1A

Normally, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers wouldn't let the reservoir get so high this early in the season.

They typically keep more space open for flood control in late April.

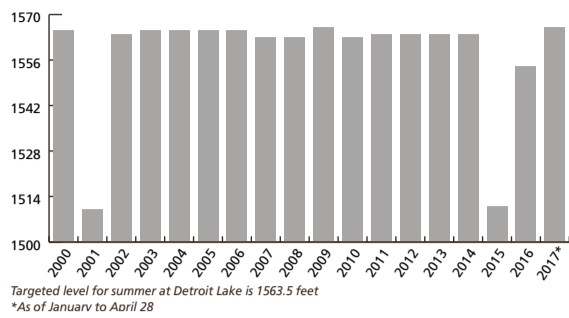
The Corps will now draw the reservoir down slightly with the goal of hitting 1,563.5, where it should stay throughout the summer, on May 5. That level is considered the full summertime water level and allows all the docks to be in place.

"We are optimistic that it will be a great recreation season," said Salina Hart, chief of reservoir regulation and water quality for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "We expect most of the boat ramps to be usable until the end of summer."

The water level at Detroit has become a hot button issue in recent years.

Business owners blamed the Corps for dumping too much water last spring, leading to a summer season that only reached a height of 1,554

Highest water levels at Detroit Lake over the years in feet



"We are optimistic that it will be a great recreation season. We expect most of the boat ramps to be usable until the end of summer."

SALINA HART
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

feet and left docks on dry ground earlier than normal.

The year before, 2015, a historic drought brought the reservoir to its lowest summertime level in history, 1,511 feet in early summer and as low as 1,425 feet by autumn.

Zach Urness has been

an outdoors writer, photographer and videographer in Oregon for eight years. He is the author of the book "Hiking Southern Oregon" and can be reached at zurness@StatesmanJournal.com or (503) 399-6801. Find him on Twitter at @ZachsORoutdoors.



ANNA REED/STATESMAN JOURNAL

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers expects most boat ramps to be usable until summer's end.



VICTOR PANICHKUL / STATESMAN JOURNAL

Detroit Lake reached its highest water level since 2009 last week and hit what's considered its "full" water level for the first time in two years.



ANNA REED / STATESMAN JOURNAL

Mt. Jefferson looms over Detroit Lake on Saturday.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS



If you're caring for someone with dementia, **there's help.**

Taking care of a family member or loved one with dementia such as Alzheimer's can be challenging. But you don't have to do it alone. Oregon Care Partners can help.

In our free, online or in-person classes, you'll learn:

- How to create a positive environment, including activities to stimulate memories and interaction
- What to expect as their condition progresses
- How to manage medications safely and effectively
- How to handle common challenging behaviors

Classes offered online and in-person at NO COST to you
Funded through the State of Oregon

Visit OregonCarePartners.com to get started today. A little help can make a big difference – for your loved one, and for you.

COMING SOON TO SILVERTON

Positive Approach to Alzheimer's and Dementia Care (PAC) Workshop

May 16, 1:00pm-5:00pm
Oregon Garden Resort Lotus Room

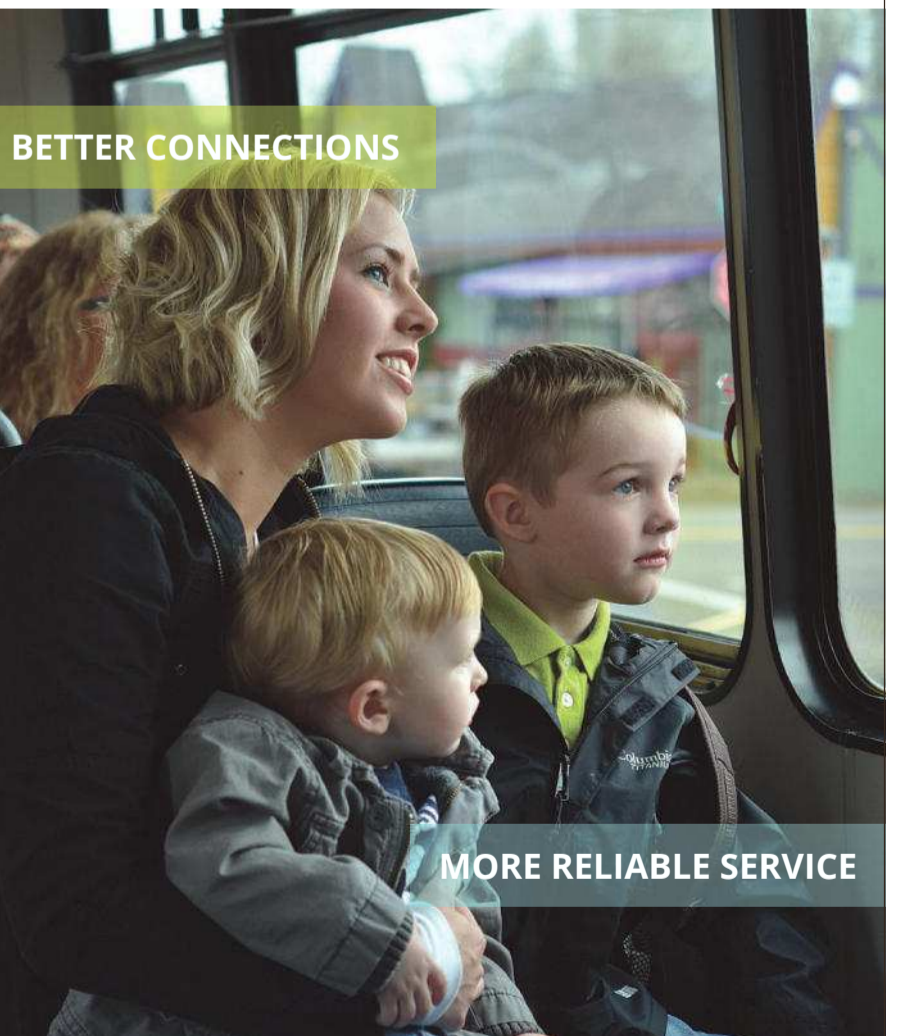
Learn more and register for this free class at OregonCarePartners.com. Family members, all levels of caregivers and walk-ins welcome. CEUs offered for professionals.



www.OregonCarePartners.com
1-800-930-6851 • info@oregoncarepartners.com



EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH CHERRIOTS REGIONAL



BETTER CONNECTIONS

MORE RELIABLE SERVICE

NOW WITH EXPRESS SERVICE TO:
SALEM,
SILVERTON,
WOODBURN
AND MT. ANGEL

Starting May 8, 2017



Learn More at cherriots.org