



**BARNETT RESERVOIR**  
PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT

## **Media Release**

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### **Barnett Reservoir maintains discharge**

Barnett Reservoir officials said Tuesday they will maintain a discharge of 43,500 cubic feet per second at the dam after the lake began to level out and show a slow fall overnight on Monday.

National Weather Service forecasts still project a peak inflow into the reservoir to occur on Wednesday, with an estimated 45,500 cubic feet per second entering the lake, a result of last week's significant rain event throughout the Pearl River basin.

A Tuesday morning conference call with the NWS, the Lower Mississippi River Forecast Center in Slidell, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District produced a consensus plan to hold the current discharge rate to monitor the response on the 33,000-acre lake north of Jackson.

The NWS said the river was at 33.2 feet at Jackson Tuesday morning, and it is still predicting a crest of 34 feet on Wednesday.

If the reservoir's fall continues, PRVWSD said it could reduce the rate of discharge Tuesday. Lowering the lake ahead of the peak inflow is part of a plan to create storage needed to reduce ultimate crests downriver.

Barnett Reservoir stood at 297.86 feet above sea level at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, with the inflow into the lake estimated at 43,000 cubic feet per second.

River levels can be tracked online at these websites:

For Barnett Reservoir:

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=jan&gage=jnsm6>

For Jackson:

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=jan&gage=jacm6>