

# WMLCRID NEWSLETTER

**JULY 15  
2021**

**WHITE  
MOUNTAIN LAKES  
COUNTY RECREATION  
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**



## COMMUNITY MEETING 8/19/21

The next WMLCRID public meeting is coming up in Mid-August. This town hall meeting will be open to all White Mountain Lakes neighborhood residents. We look forward to seeing y'all there.

THU | 6pm | August 19 | Sandbaggers (@ Golf Course)

## HOLIDAY ATTENDANCE AT THE LAKE

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

SAT	5/29	148 Visitors
SUN	5/30	150 Visitors
MON	5/31	113 Visitors

### JULY FOURTH WEEKEND

FRI	7/2	105 Visitors
SAT	7/3	176 Visitors
SUN	7/4	211 Visitors
MON	7/5	169 Visitors

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Sunset on WML with smoky skies

Welcome to the White Mountain Lakes County Recreation Improvement District. WMLCRID was established in 1993 to maintain a stable and adequate water level for lake use all through the year. The District's annual budget for maintenance and improvements is assessed through a Special District Property Tax to the properties within the District Boundaries. There are approximately 3,400 land parcels of varying size from residential lots to undeveloped acreage that share the District expenses. The owners of those parcels are considered District Members. Lake access, then, is granted exclusively to District Members and their authorized guests.

## UPDATE ON LAKE WATER LEVEL

As many are aware, the water level in our lake is down drastically this year.

**THE AGREEMENT:** The lake water and the lake shore are owned by the Silver Creek Irrigation District (SCID), which built the dam and the lake for the purpose of their irrigation customers down stream. The WMLCRID has an agreement with the SCID to keep the water above a certain level between Memorial Day and Labor day. That level is represented by the "0-Mark" painted on our boat ramp. The WMLCRID currently pays \$5,000 per month for the SCID to keep the water above that level.

**DRY CONDITIONS:** We all desire for the lake level to stay way up above the "0-Mark". However, due to very dry conditions, the water level never made it higher than 7ft above this year, and without a lot of rain, it looks very likely that we will be going below the "0-Mark". For comparison, last year we reached 13ft above, and worked our way down throughout the summer. Again, due to the lack of rain this year, there is not enough water coming into the lake to keep the water level rising.

**WORKING WITH SCID:** The County, the SCID, and the WMLCRID have been in regular communication regarding the lake level. The SCID board is very concerned that they are likely going to have to drop below the "0-Mark", and they are working diligently to try and keep it above. They have all of their wells in action, to try and offset the needed water flow. Unfortunately, there are a couple of their ditches that are only fed by the water flow in the creek below the dam, so they need to have at a minimum level of water flowing out of the lake.

**ACTION BY THE COUNTY BOS:** While the existing agreement between WMLCRID and SCID



did allow for the rare possibility of the water level going below the "0-Mark", and it did specify that the WMLCRID will pay a lower amount if this happens... the agreement did not specify how much less, or how it would be determined. On TUE June 22, the County BOS approved an amendment to the agreement, clarifying how the proration will work. Basically, WMLCRID will pay 25% less for every foot below the "0-Mark" for that month. Of course, we all would rather pay the full price each month, AND have the water level up.

We want to thank the SCID Board and County Management for working together to clarify this agreement.

## BASS TOURNAMENT — SUNDAY JULY 11

July 11 — The White Mountain Bass Club holds a tournament on a different lake each month, with their championship held in Sept. The Tournament is catch and release.

The event organizers manage the handfuls of fish habitats located around the lake. They replace as needed, & every year or so they add a few more to the lake.



The Winner

Also,

they provide us with great info on the types and quantities of fish in the lake. This year saw 16 teams on the lake.

The largest Bass was 5.3 lbs.