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## Devils Lake Outlet Operations Begin for 2026 Season

**BISMARCK, N.D.** – The Department of Water Resources (DWR) began Devils Lake outlet operations for the 2026 discharge season on May 11 at approximately 8:30 AM.

The West End Outlet is currently discharging at a rate of 100 cfs (cubic feet per second). Discharges are currently limited to this rate due to operational issues identified during start-up on the two 75 cfs pumps at the Round Lake Pump Station. DWR staff is working to resolve the identified issues.

The East End Outlet is expected to begin operations on May 14. Discharge rates are subject to adjustments based on downstream water quality and quantity conditions. DWR staff will continue to closely monitor downstream conditions to ensure the efficient and responsible management of water resources in the region. DWR remains committed to effectively managing the Devils Lake Outlets, discharging as much water as possible within operational constraints.

For more information, visit [www.dwr.nd.gov](http://www.dwr.nd.gov).

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