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**Observe Posted Restrictions to Enjoy Safe Summer Boating at Belews Lake**

BELEWS CREEK, N.C. – Local law enforcement agencies will once again begin patrolling the Belews Lake shoreline and islands for the summer boating season effective Memorial Day weekend and will enforce posted restrictions.

“The summer is a great time to enjoy Belews Lake, and Duke Energy encourages the safe use of its lakes for recreation,” said Wade Harmon, Duke Energy lake services representative. “It is also important to follow posted restrictions to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.”

Belews Creek Steam Station site property that extends to the shoreline will be posted with “No Trespassing” signs to help ensure the security of this vital asset. Sections of shoreline near the Belews Lake dam will also be posted with “No Trespassing” signs.

The public will be permitted daytime use of a large portion of the shoreline and lands that extend 10 feet above the full-pond elevation of the lake east of the Belews Creek Steam Station, as well as the islands on the lake. Public access to these areas will be posted and limited to daytime use from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Camping, temporary structures or fixtures of any kind around the shoreline or on the

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islands are not allowed. These restrictions include tables, open fires, fire pits, etc. The use of off-road vehicles on Duke Energy property is prohibited as well.

“We want to keep Belews Lake clean and safe for the boating public,” added Harmon.

“Local law enforcement is working closely with us to enforce posted restrictions that will help us achieve this goal.”

Duke Energy encourages everyone to follow these safety tips while enjoying the lake:

- Always wear a personal floatation device – one for every passenger
- Do not overload a boat. Seats do not indicate capacity
- Stay alert for other boaters and skiers
- Carry proper safety equipment and a cell phone with you while on the lake
- Be sure to let family members know where you are going and when you will return
- Consider taking a safe boating course available through the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Power Squadron and other organizations

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