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To Whom It May Concern,

Recently, the Neah-Kah-Nie School District has received calls from Crescent Lake/Lake Lytle property owners concerned with the high water levels. Property owners say the increase in water level is a danger to their property. Also, property owners say the cause of the high water level is the direct result of a beaver dam on school district property on the north end of Crescent Lake.

Neah-Kah-Nie School District contracted with a licensed trapper last year to remove eight beaver. The trapper will return in November to trap additional beaver. The school district has removed the beaver dam numerous times this year. However, the school district will not continue the cumbersome task of removing the beaver dam every other day. Neah-Kah-Nie School District will install a Clemson Lake Leveler to assist reduce the water level: <https://www.beaverinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/ClemsonPondLevelerAndFish-Passage.pdf>

Since beaver dams are a naturally-occurring condition, it is important for the Rockaway Beach community, City of Rockaway Beach, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and property owners around Crescent Lake and Lake Lytle to understand that Neah-Kah-Nie School District is not responsible for the trapping of beaver in or around Crescent Lake/Lake Lytle. The Neah-Kah-Nie School District is not responsible for the constant removal of the beaver dam on the north end of Crescent Lake or other beaver dams in or around both lakes. The Neah-Kah-Nie School District is not responsible for the impact of property damage caused by beavers around the lakes. Rather, the trapping of beaver in and around the lakes and the resolution to this issue is the responsibility of all involved.

You are invited to attend a meeting Friday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the school district's main office, 504 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., in Rockaway.

If you have questions about this issue or would like to assist with the resolution of this natural act, please call Steve Baertlein, Facilities Director, at 503-355-3505 or [steveb@nknsd.org](mailto:steveb@nknsd.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Erlebach".

Paul Erlebach, Superintendent  
Neah-Kah-Nie School District