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FOLKS to receive water resources update

FOR THE JOURNAL

SALEM — A Friends of Lake Keowee Society forum on Aug. 25 will feature an update by Duke Energy's George Galleher on the state of water resources in the Keowee-Toxaway River Basin.

One of the feature articles in the July-August FOLKS Sentinel was a detailed explanation of the lake level history over the Memorial Day weekend, a subject of a number of telephone calls to FOLKS.

As of July 14, the state's Drought Response Committee retained Oconee, Pickens and Anderson counties in the "incipient drought" status. Lake Jocassee has been operating in the 87-88 range, meaning that it has been running at 12 to 13 feet below full pond and Lake Keowee has "been running at about 95 or 5 feet below full pond.

"These updates are always very informative. We encourage residents to attend and get an idea of where we are, why we're there and where we are likely to go from here," FOLKS Executive Director Ben Turetzky said.

Light refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. and the forum will follow. You need not be a FOLKS member to attend, and there will be ample opportunity for questions.