Water conservation focus of Lake Keowee friends society

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SENECA — The regional director of an organization dedicated to the conservation of rivers and promoting their public values is the featured speaker at the Friends of Lake Keowee Society (FOLKS) Forum tonight at Duke Energy's World of Energy.

Gerrit Jobsis, Southeast regional director for American Rivers, will speak on the topic of "Water — Rational Apportioning and Efficiency."

Jobsis leads American Rivers' efforts to protect and restore the health of rivers in the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida and Alabama.

His presentation at 7 p.m. is preceded by a reception at 6 at which light refreshments will be available. The program at the Duke Energy auditorium, 7812 Rochester Highway, is free and open to the public.

Jobsis is expected to address how rising demand and recent droughts have caused South Carolina's water supply to be stretched to the limit. He also will touch on state legislation debated but not passed in the General Assembly.

Jobsis also will outline nine cost-effective steps that local leaders should emphasize to help save water and ensure their rivers remain valuable community assets.

FOLKS Executive Director Ben Turetzky said the recent spree of showers and thunderstorms does not mean that the persistent drought problem is over.

Call Turetzky at (864) 903-4692 for more information.