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As everyone is aware, this year has been relatively snow-less here in the North Country. Current snow measurements are at or below 10-year lows and forecasts suggest that spring is on our doorstep. This means that both First Lake and Lake Francis are not currently planned to be drawn down as far this winter to ensure they can be re-filled with the lesser spring thaw. You may have noticed that the flows downstream of both dams are below seasonal norms as a result.

This also means that the predicted warmup and rain over the next few days and next week, on top of what little snow we do have, will cause the lake levels to rise depending upon how conditions materialize as compared to forecasts. That rise could create an unfrozen gap between the ice and the shoreline, which could limit snowmobile access or cause issues with removal of bob houses. As always, recreational users are responsible for their own safety and are reminded to take reasonable precautions in light of the weather forecasts.

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