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This letter is to reaffirm the request by the Fish **and** Wildlife Interagency Committee to attempt a temporary **drawdown** of Pool 13, **as** flows permit, pursuant to the project description provided in the environmental assessment titled **Water Level Management, Modified Summer Operation, Mississippi River Pool 13**, dated March 199X. We suggest that commencement of the **drawdown** begin early in a work week to ensure that experienced staff are available to monitor the rate of drawdown. In addition, we respectively suggest that Hydraulics Branch, and Lock and Dam 13 coordinate with Mississippi River Project Ranger staff to ensure that recreational users at Thomson Causeway Recreation Area are advised of the impending action as necessary. Based on the experience gained in 1998, we do not anticipate that closure of boat ramps in lower Pool 13 to be necessary. If you have **any** questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above telephone number or **email** address. Thank you for your continued support of this important experimental activity, and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Clevenstine".

Bob Clevenstine, Chairman  
Fish and Wildlife Interagency Committee

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