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## Barker Mill Dam Recreational Flow Study Scheduled

AUBURN – The City of Auburn is encouraging the public to come watch the Barker Mill Dam Recreational Flow Study that is scheduled to occur this Sunday, May 21, 2017 on the Little Androscoggin River in Auburn. The flow study will consist of 6-12 pre-registered professional kayakers who will experience white water rapids at 11:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm at specifically measured river flows.

Spectators are encouraged to watch from any of these three locations:

- Behind Barker Mill Apartment Complex (where the longest and most impressive stretch of whitewater can be best viewed)
- Main Street Bridge entering New Auburn
- Sullivan Park behind Rolly's Diner

Parking is available at Rolly's Diner and the New Auburn Social Club on Second Street.

The study is part of the relicensing process for Kruger Energy Inc. which uses the Lower Barker Hydroelectric Dam and the publicly-owned river to generate power for sale. The results of this study will determine if whitewater boating could be one of the recreational opportunities available to the community on the Little Androscoggin River.

"Our community has invested in the riverfront area as the foundation for attracting private investment and improving quality of life in these neighborhoods, said Auburn's Mayor Jonathan P. LaBonté. In addition to the thousands of people that enjoy the Little Androscoggin and Androscoggin Rivers for flatwater paddling, fishing, or just walking the shore because of those investments we have made, this flow study will help us better learn the potential for releases of water for attracting white water paddlers to Auburn. Under federal law, the overall relicensing process will determine what the dam owner, in exchange for the right to generate power on the Little Androscoggin, should join us in investing to further improve public access and recreation."

We want YOUR photos! If you attend the event and capture a great shot, we'd love to see it. If you're willing to share, message the City of Auburn on our Facebook page or use #AuburnParks when sharing on social media.



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