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Ice conditions within City's Lakes

CHEYENNE, WY – City of Cheyenne Board of Public Utilities (Board) crews will begin to fill Sloans Lake in Lions Park on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. To fill Sloans Lake, the Board uses Cheyenne's raw water system to move water from Lake Absarracca, then to Kiwanis Lake and ultimately to Sloans Lake. Moving water from one lake to another may destabilize the ice. Crews estimate that it will take approximately few weeks to fill the lake, weathering depending.

For safety reasons, the Board advises anyone using the lakes to exercise extreme caution. Don't judge the strength of ice by its appearance, age, thickness, outside temperatures, or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. The strength of ice is based on all the above factors plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the water body, water chemistry, water flows, the distribution of the load on the ice and local climate conditions. Ice seldom freezes uniformly; therefore, ice may be a foot thick in one location and only a few inches thick a few feet away.

Keep safe during on-ice activities Cheyenne.

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