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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 11, 2002

Colonel Benjamin H. Butler
District Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Colonel Butler:

Enclosed are copies of several letters I've received in response to the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed shoreline management plan for Greers Ferry Lake. I would appreciate your reviewing these comments and adding them to the record.

As always, I appreciate the time and attention you give to my requests and inquiries. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Blanche L. Lincoln

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From the Desk of ...
Joseph R. Dasbach
Fund Manager

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Dear Ms. Anslow,

We were appalled to learn that
the Corps of Engineers are again
proposing to allow numerous
boat-dock additions on
Greens Ferry Lake.

We retired here because of the
beauty of the lake.

It was not run over with
jet boats, wave runners, etc.
I hope the Corps reconsiders
their proposal.

Maybe our Congressman should
become involved in this matter.

Sincerely,
Joseph R. Dasbach

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Dear Senator,
As a retired resident of Fairfield Bay, on Greer Ferry Lake, I was very disturbed to learn that the Corps of Engineers have again proposed changes to the regulations regarding the lake.

The addition of numerous boat docks and slips, and changes in the shore line restrictions, can only destroy the lakes beauty and pristine condition.

We don't need an influx of jet boats, litter, and pollution. Greer Ferry Lake is one of the reasons people come to Arkansas. Please look into this matter.

Joseph R. Dasbach
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FAIRFIELD BAY, AR 72088

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Senator Blanche Lincoln
912 West 4th Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan - Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Blanche,

As you are probably aware, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes to change the Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake to allow the installation of many additional private multislip boat docks on the lake. The Corps is advocating that parts of the lake shoreline that were previously protected now be opened up to private multislip docks. Most of us that have homes on Greers Ferry are very opposed to this proposal. We ask that you express your opposition to any plan that would reduce the amount of protected shoreline, increase the number of private boat docks, and increase the area on the Government shoreline easement that may be mowed by adjoining private landowners. This is what has made Greers Ferry so special - and why it is the number one tourist destination in Arkansas. It is not crowded and overbuilt with docks, leaving its natural beauty intact.

Thank you for your serious consideration to this matter.

Best wishes for the New Year...

Sincerely,



Mary Lou Cravens
362 Eaglewatch Circle
Heber Springs, AR 72543

or
Mary Lou Cravens
1 Treetops Lane, #402
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RICHARD H. UPTON

December 20, 2001

The Honorable Blanche Lincoln
U. S. Senate
708 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Blanche:

Hope all is well at your home, and office. History is being made at rapid pace. Lets hope the home front can withstand things yet to come.

I am assuming that perhaps the Corps of Engineers proposed shoreline policy for Greers Ferry Lake may pass over your desk. When this was proposed last year, I was still in a lawsuit with Eden Isle Marina, which involved a lease area expansion under the control of the Corps, and felt like it would not be proper to give the appearance that I was against everything the Corps was proposing. Since that time I am glad to say the lawsuit came out in my favor and Eden Isle will not be a boat anchor for the lake's largest marina. Another 300 slip marina will be built at Cove Creek, which makes sense.

The current proposal for private docks makes one gasp for breath. I spent my younger years on Lake Hamilton and know the effects on the shoreline when boat docks rob the lake of its natural beauty. Greers Ferry's claim to fame is its natural look. Once it is gone, even though it may never reach maximum levels of docks, it will just be another lake. Well-placed marinas and parks allow homeowners and guests all the access that is needed. Normally you have to pack your "stuff" in a car or truck rather than carry it. Once you do this, whether you drive one minute to your private dock, or ten or fifteen minutes to the nearest marina or park, becomes rather minor.

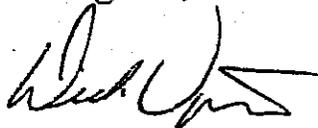
I have witnessed private docks washed upon the shoreline. They were owned by nice, well-intentioned people, that just happened to spend the winter other places or were gone for a month. Docks need to be maintained twenty-four hours a day during winter and spring storms by professional marina personnel.

This is a high wind, varying water level lake. I have seen dock owners throw in the towel and surrender their permits.

It would be a shame to take one of the last areas in Arkansas that so proudly represents the uniqueness of our state and its people, and surrender it for purposes that do not clearly stand for the good of all.

Thanks for all you do. Take good care of those boys. Patti and I received your Christmas card and couldn't believe the size of those guys.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Upton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard H. Upton



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January 29, 2002

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Ms. Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock District, Planning Branch
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

RE: (Draft) Environmental Impact Statement-Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan

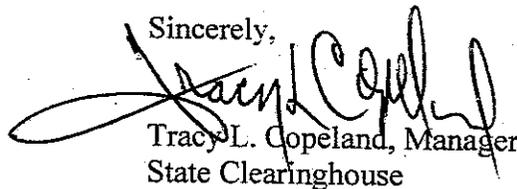
Dear Ms. Anslow:

The State Clearinghouse has received the above document pursuant to the Arkansas Project Notification and Review System.

To carry out the review and comment process, this document was forwarded to members of the Arkansas Technical Review Committee. Resulting comments received from the Technical Review Committee which represents the position of the State of Arkansas are attached.

The State Clearinghouse wishes to thank you for your cooperation with the Arkansas Project Notification and Review System.

Sincerely,



Tracy L. Copeland, Manager
State Clearinghouse

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Enclosure
CC: Randy Young, AS&WCC



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TO: All Technical Review Committee Members
FROM: Tracy L. Copeland (Manager - State Clearinghouse)
DATE: November 14, 2001
SUBJECT: (DRAFT) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT-GREERS FERRY LAKE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Please review the above stated document under provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Arkansas Project Notification and Review System.

Your comments should be returned by Dec. 10, 2001 to - Mr. Randy Young, Chairman, Technical Review Committee, 101 E. Capitol, Suite 350, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.

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Alternative 2 is preferred along with continued water quality monitoring.

Signature William B. [Signature] Agency Ark Geological Comm Date 11-29-01
Arkansas Geological Commission



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Signature A. Chauinard Agency Parks & Tourism Date 11-20-2001
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Signature Melissa Myers Agency AR Waterways Comm Date 11-16-01
 Arkansas Waterways Commission

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Signature James L. White Agency Ark. For Comm. Date 19 Nov 01
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Fay W. Boozman, MD, MPH, Director

Mike Huckabee, Governor

December 12, 2001

Attn: Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Little Rock District
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

RE: Draft Environmental Statement - Shoreline Management Plan
Greers Ferry Lake - Cleburne and Van Buren Counties

Dear Sirs:

We have reviewed the Draft Environmental - Greers Ferry Lake Statement Shoreline Management Plan and we have the following comments:

1. Greers Ferry Lake is the drinking water supply for more than 70,000 people in Cleburne, Faulkner, Van Buren and Independence Counties and with plans to significantly increase the number of people and counties served in the next 20 years. Currently, three public water intakes are located on the lake; Clinton Water District is located on the Western part of the lake, Community Water System is located on Northcentral part of the lake, and City of Heber Springs Waterworks is located on the Eastern part of the lake near the dam.
2. We have concerns about the potential long-term adverse impacts on the water quality due to the addition of more boat docks on the lake.
 - Increased soil erosion and turbidity from vegetation clearing at the shoreline and the nearby watershed from the construction and presence of the new boat docks and access roads.
 - Increased chemical and biological contamination from increased boat dock operations and access roads.

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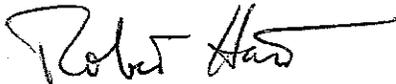
3. We have concerns about the potential long-term adverse impacts on the water quality due to increased allowable underbrushing near the shoreline.
 - Increased soil erosion and turbidity from vegetation clearing near the shoreline.
 - Increased chemical (fertilizer, etc.) and biological (human waste, etc.) contamination from vegetation clearing near the shoreline.

In order to maintain and protect the high water quality for the persons served by Greers Ferry Lake, we support Alternative 4: 90% Rezoning Criteria. We also recommend following change:

- Vegetation Modification - Be revised to only allow underbrushing permits in excess of 50 feet from a habitable structure when required by National Fire Protection Standards.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 501-661-2623.

Sincerely,



Robert Hart, P.E.
Chief Engineer
Division of Engineering

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cc: Randy Young, Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission
City of Clinton Waterworks
Community Water System
City of Heber Springs Waterworks



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1446 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS, TX 75202-2733

JAN 17 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 Office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the "Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan, dated November, 2001."

EPA rates the DEIS as "LO - 2" i.e., EPA has "Lack of Objections and Requests Additional Information in the Final EIS." Overall, we believe the DEIS is quite good and our comments primarily identify areas where correction of apparent inconsistencies or contradictions, and additional clarifications in the impact assessment, may be warranted. Our classification will be published in the *Federal Register* according to EPA's responsibility under Section 309 of the CAA, to inform the public of our views on proposed federal actions:

General and specific comments are enclosed which more clearly identify the informational needs to be included in the Final EIS and our recommendations to help strengthen the impact analysis and NEPA decision-making process. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Swick, of my staff, at (214) 665-7456. Please send our office five copies of the Final EIS at the same time it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities, EPA, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert D. Lawrence".

Robert D. Lawrence, Chief
Office of Planning and
Coordination (6EN-XP)

Enclosure

Greens Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan DEIS

General Comments:

1. In reference to effective project management and sound environmental stewardship as noted on page 1-12 and table 1-1, pollution prevention can also be an effective way to mitigate adverse impacts under NEPA. CEQ instructs federal agencies address pollution prevention in the proposed action and reasonable alternatives [40 CFR 1502.14(f), 1502.16(h) and 1508.20]. The proposed project provides an opportunity to integrate pollution prevention measures into both construction activities and the decision-making process. Pollution prevention can include: recycling, including using recycled materials in project construction and operation; increasing efficiency and conservation of energy and water resources; and reducing or eliminating contributions to point or non-point (e.g. runoff) source pollution. Pollution prevention can be implemented with techniques such as waste stream segregation, 'good housekeeping' or best management practices, and employee training. The Record of Decision (ROD), documenting the final decision, can be a valuable tool to inform the public and others how pollution prevention was not only included in the NEPA process, but also how it will be implemented.

Executive Order (EO) 12856 - Federal Compliance with Right-to-Know Laws and Pollution Prevention Requirements (August 1993), includes commitments that the federal government "should become a leader in the field of pollution prevention through the management of its facilities, its acquisition practices, and in supporting the development of innovative pollution prevention programs and technologies."

EO 12873 - Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention (October 1993), directs the federal government to more efficiently use natural resources by maximizing recycling and preventing waste whenever possible, and "serve as a model in this regard for private and other public institutions."

EO 12902 - Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation at Federal Facilities (March 1994), includes requirements for buildings and structures that are constructed, renovated or purchased for use by the federal government.

2. The DEIS is somewhat ambiguous regarding future growth around the lake being induced by the COE's proposed action. For example, table ES-1 states that induced development from Alternatives 1, 2, 4 and 5 will impact the local infrastructure, utilities, services, etc. However, certain alternative evaluations in Section 4 conclude that the potential for permitting actions to induce additional growth is not known (i.e., on page 4-18 line 27; on page 4-28 line 9; on page 4-47 line 5; and on page 4-86 line 18). Also, page 4-115 states that increased phosphorus loading could be as low as 3 to 5 percent if Corps actions only partially induce growth, while page 4-55 states induced growth associated with the permitting of additional docks would have long-term minor adverse effects on infrastructure resources.

3. The DEIS concludes the degree and extent of short-term impacts on water quality would be a direct function of construction practices and the use of best management practices at construction sites. To help reduce or mitigate potential adverse impacts at construction sites of five acres or larger, the Final EIS should include the applicability of EPA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) storm water general permit. Single housing lots can be affected if they are part of a larger "common plan of development or sale" that cumulatively would disturb 5 or more acres (one or more acres after 3/10/03). An example would be a custom home subdivision that sells lots to individuals (or builders). If the roads total 3 acres disturbance and the portion of 24 lots that would be disturbed is 1/4 acre each (6 acres total) you have a "common plan" that disturbs 9 acres and triggers permitting for any construction activity in that subdivision, even though any one lot only disturbs 1/4 acre. For additional information see: www.epa.gov/earth1r6/sws.

Specific Comments:

1. On page ES-3, second paragraph, "limited development area" is not spelled-out prior to the first reference to LDA.

2. On pages ES-6 (line 1) and 4-17 (line 19), the reference to future reviews under the maximum modification alternative appear to be out of place or inappropriate in describing the scope of the no action alternative. For example, no action is stated to be equal to no changes to the 1994 SMP, while Alternative 5 (maximum modification) involves the largest increase or change from protected to limited development areas. Also, on page 4-24 (line 15), no action is stated to maintain the proportion of LDA on the lake at 7 percent.

3. Appendix D, page 1-3 - footnote #2 (referenced in the first sentence) is located at the bottom of page and also presented as the second paragraph in the text, which appears to be redundant.

4. Appendix D, page 1-3, states the Notice of Intent, dated August 23, 2000, is in Appendix A; however, Appendix A only contained a copy of the Greers Ferry Lake Rezoning Request Evaluation Criteria form.

5. Appendix G contains a letter, dated 10/17/01, from Tetra Tech to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting concurrence in its no adverse effect determination on listed-Federal endangered and threatened species. The Final EIS would be strengthened by clarifying if Tetra Tech was designated as the Corps' non-Federal representative for the purposes of consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

6. On page 4-9, lines 24 and 25 state that 80 percent of rezoning requests were associated with existing development. However, on page 4-11 (line 23) the language used

reflects that 80 percent existing development is "assumed." Since the rezoning permits were received, it appears inappropriate to include this same 80 percent in the list of general assumptions at the bottom of page 4-11.

7. On page 4-10 (line 20), we suggest adding "that met the 80 percent rezoning criteria" to the end of the sentence ending "... request dock permits;"

8. On page 4-85 (line 23), an additional 517 septic tanks are projected to be installed under the 90 percent rezoning criteria alternative; however, table 4-18 presents a total of 519 additional septic systems (336 + 183). Also, it is unclear why the 90 percent rezoning criteria and maximum modification alternatives included assessments of potential ground water impacts from septic tanks and there was no similar evaluation for the 80 percent rezoning criteria (preferred) alternative in paragraph 4.3.2.1, on page 4-46, particularly recognizing table 4-11 presents an additional 548 septic tanks.

9. Appendix D (on page 4-2) states scoping issues related to water resources to be addressed in the EIS were water quality, shoreline erosion, docks, lake levels, shoreline and other lakes. Of these issues, only lake levels appeared not to be addressed in detail in the DEIS. The Final EIS could be strengthened by evaluating this scoping issue or providing additional clarification on whether potential effects on lake levels are within the scope of the EIS.

10. Appendix D (page 4-1) includes the subject heading "land use and land cover" as a scoping issue to be addressed in the EIS. Because of the distinction between land use (what is practiced, permitted or planned) and land cover (what is physically on the ground), the rationale for no effects on "Land Use, Land Cover, and Land Use Controls" appears to be because the alternatives are not in conflict with existing land use plans, policies, or controls. If this is the case, it seems more appropriate for this resource category to be entitled, "Land Use Plans, Policies and Controls" since the impacts to land use and land cover are apparently not applicable and covered under other resource categories (e.g., watershed, aesthetics, ecology, and cultural resources).

11. On page 4-26 (also see pages 4-55 and 4-94), we suggest omitting the phrase "and long-term indirect negligible and minor adverse effect" from the first sentence of the first paragraph on Infrastructure, since it appears these effects are addressed in the second or following paragraph(s). Also, of the scoping issues listed in Appendix D to be addressed under Infrastructure, only telecommunication systems appeared to have little, if any, detail included in the DEIS.

12. On page 3-53, table 3-17 is presented as the baseline against which potential disproportionate risks to minority or low-income groups can be analyzed. With 18 percent of the region of influence (ROI) classified as living in poverty, the Final EIS could

be strengthened by including additional clarification regarding potential impacts, if any, on this low-income group.

13. On page 4-30 (lines 3 and 4), permitted mowing constitutes no impact on aesthetics; however, this appears inconsistent with line 6 which states "... the degree of impact would depend of the exact nature of the modification" Lines 20 to 24 contain a similar assessment.

14. On page 4-125, the phrase "degree of impact would depend" in the last sentence of the third paragraph (beginning on line 14) appears to conflict with the conclusion that modification would be significant (which connotes degree). We suggest omitting the last sentence or rewording it to convey that while the exact nature of the modifications, including landscaping maintenance, is site specific, the net effect of this change constitutes a significant impact on scenic attractiveness.

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JAN 17 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
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Dear Ms. Anslow:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing NEPA, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 Office in Dallas, Texas, has completed its review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the "Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan, dated November, 2001."

EPA rates the DEIS as "LO - 2" i.e., EPA has "Lack of Objections and Requests Additional Information in the Final EIS." Overall, we believe the DEIS is quite good and our comments primarily identify areas where correction of apparent inconsistencies or contradictions, and additional clarifications in the impact assessment, may be warranted. Our classification will be published in the *Federal Register* according to EPA's responsibility under Section 309 of the CAA, to inform the public of our views on proposed federal actions.

General and specific comments are enclosed which more clearly identify the informational needs to be included in the Final EIS and our recommendations to help strengthen the impact analysis and NEPA decision-making process. If you have any questions, please contact Joe Swick, of my staff, at (214) 665-7456. Please send our office five copies of the Final EIS at the same time it is sent to the Office of Federal Activities, EPA, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert D. Lawrence".

Robert D. Lawrence, Chief
Office of Planning and
Coordination (6EN-XP)

Enclosure

Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan DEIS

General Comments:

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Executive Order (EO) 12856 - Federal Compliance with Right-to-Know Laws and Pollution Prevention Requirements (August 1993), includes commitments that the federal government "should become a leader in the field of pollution prevention through the management of its facilities, its acquisition practices, and in supporting the development of innovative pollution prevention programs and technologies."

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Adequacy of the Impact Statement

"Category 1" (Adequate)

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The draft EIS does not contain sufficient information for EPA to fully assess environmental impacts that should be avoided in order to fully protect the environment, or the EPA reviewer has identified new reasonably available alternatives that are within the spectrum of alternatives analyzed in the draft EIS, which could reduce the environmental impacts of the action. The identified additional information, data, analyses, or discussion should be included in the final EIS.

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CITY OF FAIRFIELD BAY

January 7, 2002

Ms. Trish Anslow
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Dear Ms. Anslow:

The very emphatic editorial in yesterday's Arkansas Democrat*Gazette reminded me of the need to again get on record with you regarding the upcoming decision by the Corps on the future of Greers Ferry Lake.

We have in our office the November, 2001, publication, "Environmental Impact Statement, Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan" by Tetra Tech, Inc., and to say the least, I am highly impressed with the tremendous amount of detail, the organization and manipulation of the data, and the method of presentation. Thank goodness for the Executive Summary section, for without it, the amount of time and effort to read and analyze the rest of the tome would be daunting, to say the least.

Tables ES-1 and ES-2 sum up the conclusions nicely, but in my opinion, Alternative 3 should be the preferred Alternative, Number 1 should become # 2, and Number 2 should become third choice, and no consideration whatsoever should be given Alternates 4 and 5.

Please see that my comments are added to those others which I am sure you will be receiving from those who appreciate the magnificent asset we have in Greers Ferry Lake, and who do not want it to be down-graded to another over crowded, noisy, polluted place.

Very truly yours,



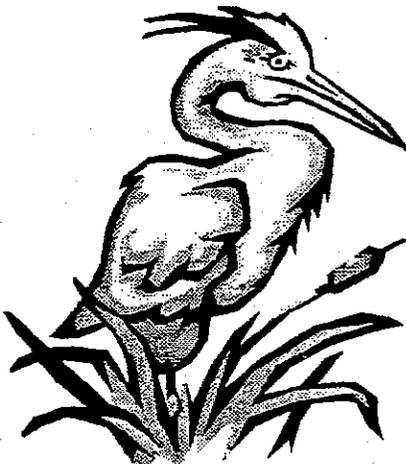
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February 6, 2002

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Dear Ms. Anslow:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan, November 2001, in Cleburne and Van Buren Counties, Arkansas. Our comments are provided in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-667e) and the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

The Service finds Alternative 4: 90% Rezoning Criteria, with a rezoning increase of 0.5% and the establishment of a 100 foot buffer strip from the conservation pool, to be preferable because of the increased protection it affords to foraging gray bats (*Myotis grisescens*) and lacustrine species. Alternative 2: Preferred Alternative, with a rezoning increase 1% and the establishment of a 50 foot buffer strip from the conservation pool, is also acceptable, but less desirable than Alternative 4. Providing that the respective 0.5% and 1% rezoning increases do not allow for development within 1500 feet of any bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) nests, the Service finds either alternative acceptable, however, we prefer alternative 4.

We appreciate your interest in the preservation of endangered species, and the opportunity to provide comments on this project. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Stafford at 501-513-4483.

Sincerely,

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Mr. J. Michael Bettiker, Tetra Tech, Inc.

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From: Combs Shannon [mailto:Shannon@arkleg.state.ar.us]
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Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

January 24, 2002

Ms. Tricia Anslow

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Please accept this e-mail as an expression of my support for the preferred option #2 as identified in the draft EIS for the shoreline management plan proposed for the Greers Ferry Lake. The plan presents a good balance, preserving the natural beauty of the lake while accommodating the needs of those who enjoy it. Given the minor changes this plan includes over the existing plan, it would not appear to affect the lake environment negatively, as supported by the professionals developing the environmental impact study.

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Sincerely,

Preston Scroggin
State Representative
District 43

From: Steve Schall [mailto:steve@steveschall.com]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 11:21 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Attention: Tricia Anslow

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Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (public comment)

Conversation

He is in opposition to the shoreline plan as he knows it. He believes the lake is not for the privileged few, but should be available and enjoyed by everyone. He understands the need to create a balance, be we need to decide how far to go before we ruin it. He has fought to conserve the lakes of Arkansas, particularly Ouachita during his tenure as Senator and Governor of the State. He understands there should be due process and a chance for the public to speak, but he feels everyone would be well served by stopping the growth. He is not speaking as a politician, but as a concerned citizen.

-----Original Message-----

From: Shelly Davis [mailto:sdavis@cwswater.org]

Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 4:08 PM

To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'

Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan - Community Water System Response

This email is to serve as Community Water Systems response to the Corps of Engineers Shoreline Management Plan. The Community Water System Board of Directors has adopted the position of the Arkansas Department of Health. They monitor both the raw water and the treated water for our customers. We concur with their conclusion and support Alternative 4, 90% Rezoning Criteria. We also recommend the following change:

Vegetation Modification - Be revised to only allow underbrushing permits in excess of 50 feet from a habitable structure when required by National Fire Protection Standards.

Sincerely,

Shelly Davis
Office Manager
Community Water System

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS ROUTING SLIP

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ACTION: (Circle appropriate letter) A. Decision B. Necessary Action C. Note & Retain D. Note & Return E. Prepare Ltr/End/Reply F. Prepare Report G. As Requested H. File I. Investigate J. Justify K. Per Conversation L. See Me M. Other

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WM. V. BILL ALEXANDER

January 24, 2002

Honorable MIKE PARK
Under Secretary of the Army for Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Room 2E636
Washington, D.C. 20310-0108.

Colonel BENJAMIN BUTLER
District Engineer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Sir:

This writing is to lodge my objection to the proposed changes in the Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake.

For more than two decades I represented this area in Congress. Greers Ferry Lake is one of the garden spots of the planet and I urge you to maintain the standards and practices that achieved this great work. In 1980 I hosted a delegation from the Peoples Republic of China to visit the U.S. for the first time. One of the places that they wanted to visit, in addition to Washington, New York and San Francisco, was Greers Ferry Lake.

During the 1980's there was increased usage of the lake and equivalent development that created mounting pressure to add more boat docks and mowing of vegetation along the shoreline. Much of this was intended for personal rather than public use. However, in order to have an objective analysis of the likely impact of the increasing development I sponsored an Environmental Protection Study ("EPS") in 1981. The EPS identified several dangers that threaten its natural balance and idyllic appearance of the lake. The EPS recommended 1.) Maintenance of maximum land use area in a natural state; and, 2.) Permanent vegetative cover (This to enhance the filtering system).

Convinced that adequate access for public use existed and that reduction of the natural filtering system would reduce the quality and beauty of the lake I resisted the proposed

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change to the Shoreline Management Plan along with, I might add, separate attempts to compromise the water quality of the White River. Those more concerned with their special interests rather than adverse effects of the proposals were not pleased.

However, recent changes in the Shoreline Management Plan have ignored this warning permitting a reduction of natural area by adding more boat docks and mowing of vegetation closer to the waterline thereby reducing the natural filtration of the water. Thus, the once high standards that produced one of the most beautiful lakes on Earth have been compromised since 1992.

Now, even more development and increased reduction of the permanent vegetative cover are proposed. Will acquiescence to pending requests despoil Greers Ferry Lake and render its fate the same as so many others? Lake New Atlanta, approximately the same size as Greers Ferry, has over the years gradually increased the number to docks to 8400. Where will expansion of boat docks and mowing of vegetation end? If not now, when? Who will accept the responsibility to save Greers Ferry Lake?

Not long ago I was asked in an interview by a journalist to identify my idea of the most beautiful vista on Earth. My response: Sunset on Greers Ferry Lake. It is my hope that my children and grand-children will have the privilege to enjoy this Corps of Engineers marvel we have appreciated so much. Will it be the Corps of Engineers that now permits the lake to be spoiled? Please think of the future generations when you decide on the pending proposals. You are representing them. I urge your rejection of the proposals.

Sincerely,



BILL ALEXANDER
Member of Congress
(1969-93)

Post Office Drawer D
Osceola, AR 72370

cc: Save Greers Lake, Inc.
P.O. Box 150
Heber Springs, AR 72543

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Please write legibly.

I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I feel this is a professional, thorough and fair examination of Greers Ferry Lake. As a property owner, I am interested in keeping the Lake beautiful and natural and feel that the Corps' SMP Alternative 2 will accomplish this. I am extremely upset by the inflammatory statements made by the Save Our Lakes group.

Jill Buckmaster
Name

1-16-02
Date

Serrantown, TN
City of Residence

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The corp has given us five choices
I choose alternative 2. I feel it is fair
for all concerned.

Kelley Liles

Name

1-12-02

Date

Shirley

City of Residence

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My Home AND LAKEFRONT IN FAIRFIELD BAY
IS LOCATED IN LINN CREEK COVE! DOCKS

APPROVED IN REMOTE LAKE AREAS SHOULD

GET SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN THIS PLAN.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LAKE NEEDS WITH APPROVAL.

THANKS

JOHN SIGNAIGO

322 LAKESIDE

FAIRFIELD BAY AR.

Name

Date

City of Residence

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I don't understand what the big problem is about allowing a few more docks on the Lake. Seems to me that there are other things the people who call them selves (Save the Lake) could be doing. I believe the Corp should be allowed to do their job without all this harassment. The study has been made no damage to the lake.

Name

Sam Belford

Date

07-22-02

City of Residence

Greers Ferry, Va.

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I'm part owner of # 15 middle fork mounds on
G.F. LAKE

James Donald Clements

Name

JD Clements

Date

1/22/02

City of Residence

705 REEDY Rd Conway AR 72034

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I'm part owner of #4 Middle Rock mounds
on G.F. Lake

MARK Donald Clements

Mark Clements

1/22/02

Name

Date

432 B S. DAVIS Conway AR 72034

City of Residence

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I think the people who have obtained permits should be allowed to build their docks and use them and the people who have already built docks should be allowed to use them. They paid money for the permit but was only returned a portion of the amount. How many of the people who are against this already have their docks? They don't want the lake "destroyed" by docks, but only after they got their docks!!! The people against this alternative say the lake is for everyone, but it seems as if they mean only the people who agree with them!!! Not the other lakeshore

Name

Date

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THE TRAFFIC AT THE PUBLIC RAMPS SINCE LOADING/UNLOADING ISN'T
REQUIRED AT EVERY TRIP. SAFETY + CONVIENCE!

Mitzy Marshall
Name

1-20-02
Date

Sherwood
City of Residence

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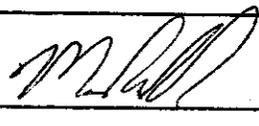
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WE HAVE A SMALL PLACE UP ON THE LAKE. WITHOUT THE PROPOSED PLAN

WE DO NOT FEEL THAT OUR EXPERIENCE AT GREER'S WILL BE AS JOYFUL OR

COMPLETE AS IT COULD HAVE BEEN. PLEASE APPROVE ALT. #2!

Wayne Marshall 

0-22-02

Name

Date

SHERWOOD, AR

City of Residence

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After the initial approval for our boat dock, we invested

money to build it. The approved location was accessible to the road and boat launch. Due to recent action, we were not allowed to complete our dock in the approved, desirable

location. We support the relief included in Alternative 2.

Dr. William H. Payne

Mary B. Payne

111 Sutton Lane

Madison, MS 39110

William H. Payne

Name

1-15-02

Date

Mary B. Payne

City of Residence

Madison, Ms. and Drasco, Ark.

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Sherwood
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Wayne Marshall Ferguson M. Hall

11-22-02

Name

Date

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

These ^{people} who have been approved for
Coast docks should be able
to occupy these ^{docks} that have been
constructed and to complete work
on these that have been approved.
These docks will in no way
detract from the beauty and purity
of Greer's Ferry Lake. I have
fished, guided, Coated and enjoyed
this lake for more than 30 years and
I support alternative 2 - Coast docks. 1-21-02

Name

Jeff Knapp

Date

1-21-02

City of Residence

Searay AR

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I'm part owner of # 15 Middle Fork Mounds on G.F. Lake

Janetta L. Clements

Name

1/22/02

Date

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Mark Mathis 8125 Edgemont Rd Greers Ferry, AR 72067
Sharico Beavers 444 Tortoise Bay Rd. Higden AR 72067
Irue James P.O. Box 1285 Drews Ferry, AR 72067
Chloe Kemp 250 Potters Point Higden, AR 72067

Patricia, you or someone else can tell those
Save Greers Ferry Lake (Carl Lamer) to pay me
my 12,000 dollars that it cost me to build a
dock that I was approved for by the Corps
and they can kiss mine

P.S. it was on the water before
all this came up (April 24th, 2000)

Carl D. Lamer
430 Baring Tree Rd.
Greers Ferry, AR
72067
1/23/02

Name

Date

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

The Corps did their research
and I approve. I can't see
it any other way but a good
move with no adverse effects
Thanks for your efforts

Name

Jerral BRECHEEN

Date

1/20/02

City of Residence

Colt Ar.

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

My grandparents, Bob and Wilma Smith own property and plan to retire on Greers Ferry Lake. They were approved for a boat dock and spent \$ having plans drawn and entering into a contract for construction. Their disappointment was so sad to witness when the Lake Crew stopped your approved plan. Now they are again hopeful, so please don't let their hopes be dashed again. Their boat dock means so much to them and to me.

Alexander Smith

1-31-02

Name

Date

Jonesboro, AR 72401

City of Residence

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I am not opposed to private dock permits being issued for approximately 100 Lake-shore owners. I don't think there is difference to the environment between private and public boat docks.

Margaret Burns
Name

1-22-02
Date

Memphis, TN
City of Residence

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I Am one of the landowners that WAS originally granted a boat dock permit under the SMP 2000. It appears After the Corp. has spent considerable govt funds in the Reevaluation, ~~the~~ the general consensus is that it is very much the same as the original plan - Let the Corp. do their work as they know & have proven over the last 40 yrs. in managing GF LAKE & give them the ultimate control needed - Silence the Private Interest Groups - Let's move FORWARD —

Sid Richmond

Name

Little Rock, Arkansas

City of Residence

374-3181

Date

12/26/01

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we applied, were approved. invested \$10,000 -

I have a large family - Boat Dock is very important to us & we still want a dock.

Hopefully EIS will allow Corp to issue our permit.

JERRY THOMAS

Name

12/20/01

Date

LITTLE ROCK, AR

City of Residence

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We have been property owners of land at Eden Isle since the 70's and lived there, also in the upper

Little Red River- Devil's Fork since the 1950's -25 Thomas Woods Lane Prim, Arkansas.

This was before the Greers Ferry Lake was damped-up into a lake- at that time we always had a boat

dock and thru the years it needed repairs and needed to be rebuilt. We still own the land and

Grandfather Thomas' house, we applied for a permit to rebuilt the dock. Now we are on hold to do so-

We had the permit and have already put up \$10,000 to the builder in Heber Springs for the material. All is on hold-

Over the years, the beauty of Greers Ferry Lake is the planned and studied development of the lake

Under the guiding hands of the Corp of Engineers. They do a great job of studying the impact of the

Lake and it's environment and needs of the population as we move into the twentieth century.

I trust the new engineers decisions; as we did of those in the 60's; we cannot stay as was in the 60'

or 70's! We have generations coming on!

We have 6 children married and 20 grandchildren. For the safety and enjoyment for them now and their

future, I ask with-out delay that we move with this Alternative 2 Shoreline Management Plan.

Thank you.

Dr Jerry Thomas

Name

Date

Little Rock and Eden Isle, Ar.

City of Residence

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JUST AS I SUPPORTED SMP 2000 MY COMMENTS
ARE IN A PREVIOUS LETTER TO YOU

Gene Rudd

12-20-01

Name

Date

5 RAMP LANE DRASCO AR

City of Residence

72530

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Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan
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Continuation Page

I do thank the Corps for going forward with the EIS. Please go forward with this alternative #2 as quickly as possible

Name

Chloe Williams

Date 12-19-01

City of Residence

Marshall, Or. 97653

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

We appreciate the Corps of Engineers continuing effort in Re-zoning Criteria. If we thought we would endanger the environmental shoreline - there is not anyway we would be for Private Boat Docks but I can not see how privately owned Boat Docks could cause as much damage as the expansion of several commercial marinas around the lake, which have the gasoline & oil storage tanks. The property owners are tax paying, law abiding citizens concerned about our conservation & habitat surroundings. It is too bad the public has been incorrectly informed in this matter.

I support alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan

John Reaves

Name

12-18-2001

Date

400 Valhalla Dr. Edgemont, Ark.

City of Residence

72044

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Please write legibly.

I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

*BUT SAY NO TO BUILDING ANY MORE MARINAS
ON THE LAKE.*

Patry Atkins

12-15-2007

SHIRLEY, AR

City of Residence

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Please write legibly.

I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

*It is the only rational plan that will work
for all that use the lake today and in the
future. We should not support the building of
any more mansard on this lake.*

Carrie Althoff

12-15-01

Name

Date

Shelby, Ar.

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

It is hard for me to believe that there is a group of people so selfish that they want to keep others from using and enjoying Greers Ferry Lake and not allowing others the use of a boat dock.

They remind me of people who would help vote a county dry and then move out.

Over

Name

Joe C. Coe

Date

1-11-2001

City of Residence

Newport, ar 72111

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My wife and myself have the use
of a boat dock. We are both in our
seventies (77+75) and if we did not have
the use of a dock it would not be
possible for us to use the lake as
we have to do.

We both love to fish and go after
but we can't handle launching and loading
out boat without help. With the use of
dock we can go anytime we want, what
a joy & help

Name

Joe C Coe

Date

City of Residence

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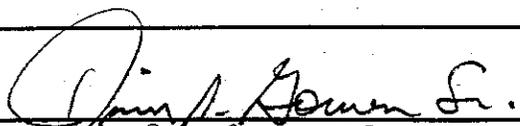
Please write legibly.

I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

This plan has been reviewed, studied and given a passing grade. There have been a lot of money spent on studies and assesements to the environment. It is now time to move forward and do the right thing for the majority of the people who have waited patiently for this Shoreline Management Plan to be approved and put into force.

I strongly urge you to put into play Alternat 2 and let the majority of the people rule, which is the way in a democracy.

I appreciate the stand of the Corp of Engineers in continuing your efforts to provide a plan that is fair and equitable to everyone.


Name: P.O. Box 550
Newport, ARKANSAS 72112

12/17/01
Date

City of Residence: own property
394 Wildcat Road
DRASCO, ARKANSAS

I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

1. Boating and having a dock are an integral part of the lake experience.
2. The location of my dock would not interfere with navigation or anyone else's enjoyment of the lake.
3. The restrictions on docks are such that they must be built to certain specifications and maintained, therefore, they are not eyesores.
4. The Corp is the governing authority of the lake and as such should be able to make the rules and regulations regarding the lake. Their decision to expand zoning of the docks seemed well reasoned and deliberate. Why should one special interest group be able to overturn the Corp's decision/plan to the detriment of others?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard E. Carls". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "C".

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

After reviewing "Alternative Two", I am convinced that this a fair and acceptable way to resolve the dispute over the "shoreline management plan." I urge all parties to accept this plan and I believe the Corps of Engineers should implement this plan as soon as possible!

William C. Huddleston
Property Owner (Shoreline)

Greers Ferry Lake, Arkansas

William C. Huddleston

01-08-02

Name

Batesville AND Greers Ferry, Arkansas

Date

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

*I don't believe any harm will
come to the lake if the new
Shoreline Management Plan for Greers
Ferry Lake is approved.*

Peggy Harvey
Name

12-18-01
Date

Greers Ferry
City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I vacation on Greers Ferry Lake
and see no problem with
private docks. Private docks
would help to minimize
marina congestion and
traffic safety problems.

J. A. Kuske J. A. Kuske

1/14/02

Name

Date

Wilmington, N.C.

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

Keeping the shore line natural is over emphasized. To get it the natural way, we would have to blow up the unnatural dam and try to get enough viewers interested. At the rate the pine loggers are killing the pines, and drought the hard woods, the shore is going to be littered with fallen trees. It will be a natural mess and a fire hazard.

Margorie LeCris

12-15-01

Name

Date

Clinton, Ar.

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

After reading the proposed SMP, Alternative # 2 appears to be the most logical and workable plan for all parties. The Corp. has spent considerable time & money in a re-evaluation that has simply resulted in primarily the same result as the initial survey -

Michael J. Jett

12-18-01

Name

Date

Little Rock, AR

City of Residence

224-0030

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

Placing more docks in appropriate areas would not be detrimental to our lake. I know the AcofE is very careful about where docks go. The opposition makes it sound like docks will be placed everywhere without considering environmental impact. They have a right to their opinions, but it would be nice if they stuck to the facts, + stopped the sensationalism we are currently seeing in the newspapers. Anyone with one eye a half sense knows the "Save the Lake" group is an offshoot of big marina owners who realize that they won't be able to gauge the public any longer when ~~John~~ John Q. Public gets his own dock.

Name

Becky Marks

1-12-02

Date

City of Residence

Little Rock / + Property owner
@GF Lake

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

We have a lake house at 94

Castle Point in the Tannockbaun development

We were previously issued a dock

permit which was reinded



John F. Olsen
Name

12/18/01
Date

Germantown, TN
City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

My family and I have had a home on the lake since 1976 and enjoy the surrounding very much. We believe the Corps has done a great job in managing and controlling the lake. We very much support the Corps and their efforts in approving additional boat slips on the lake. I believe this management research tells them the lake could be equally as beautiful as it now is and increase homeowners enjoyment at the same time with added boat slips.

Name

Thomas C Kennedy

01-14-02

Date

City of Residence

Little Rock, Ar.

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I WAS APPROVED FOR A BOAT DOCK UNDER THE NEW SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND PAYED MONEY, THEN ISSUED A PERMIT FOR A DOCK. AT GREAT EXPENSES TO ME I PUT MY DOCK IN. THEN LATER WAS TOLD I COULD NOT USE IT ANYMORE, AND THERE WAS NO COMPENSATION FOR THE MONEY I SPENT, WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS I WAS ISSUED A PERMIT, TOLD I COULD PUT A DOCK IN, PUT A DOCK IN AND NOW I CAN'T USE IT AND THERE IS NO COMPENSATION (DOES NOT SEEM FAIR).

BILL JULIAN

1/2/01

907 EAGLE BAY DR

Date

HEIBER SPRINGS AR.

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

ALSO

PERMIT VEGETATION TO 100 FEET FROM HABITABLE

STRUCTURES.

JAMES K. HARRELL & CAVIE P. HARRELL LIVE IN

TENNESSEE AT THE PRESENT, BUT WE WILL BEGIN

TO BUILD IN WAKALA OF 2002 ON LOTS EXACT

OUR PRESENT ADDRESS IS

30 W. FOREST HILL IRENE CONDOVA, TN.

3808

WE RENT A CONDO IN FAIRFIELD BAY AT

PRESENT OUR PHONE IN CONDOVA IS 901-756-5658

804-6211

AND IS 501-~~6211~~

THANKS

Name J. K. Harrell

Date
12-23-2001

JAMES K. HARRELL

City of Residence

GRAND ISLE 10754 & 55 Ph. 804-6211

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I HAVE SEEN MANY LAKES WITH BOAT DOCKS AND CLEARING

YET, THEY REMAIN BEAUTIFUL LAKES. I ENJOY RIDING DOWN THE

LAKE AND SEEING PEOPLE WATER SKIING, BOATING AND SWIMMING

THIS IS A NATURAL PROCESS IN LAKE GROWTH. IT IS NOT

THE FEW PEOPLE OF "SAVE GREERS FERRY LAKE" THAT HAS MADE

GREERS FERRY LAKE WHAT IT IS TODAY BUT THE MANY PEOPLE

WHO LIVE AROUND THE LAKE, ON THE LAKE AND VISIT THE LAKE

THAT IS WHY I AM FOR AMMENDMENT 2.

WE, LIKE OTHERS, HAVE INVESTED TIME AND MONEY TOWARD

GETTING A BOAT DOCK. WE HAD THE CHANCE TO BUY TWO

BOAT SLIPS AT DAVE CREEK MARINA BUT LET IT GO

BECAUSE OF THE CHANCE FOR A COMMUNITY DOCK

Name

Date

Caroline J. Laughon

1-09-02

City of Residence

Fair Field Bay

Donald C. Laughon

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below our house.

our plans are on hold at Ozark Boat Dock and I

know the Corps has put a lot of time and money into this

project and would not incur amendment 2 if

it endangered the lake in any way.

Name

Date

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

Alternative 2 appears to be a compromise that will (or should) satisfy all parties involved. It is a fair & just way of doing business

Frances D. Lewis

Name

Batesville, AR

City of Residence

Date

1-8/02

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I believe the corp will handle the additional boats dock

to a balance between beauty and personal enjoyment.

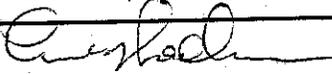
This seems to be a minor adjustment to increased population

growth around Greers Ferry Lake. The real battle is ahead

when they attempt (or do) sell water to Little Rock and

points beyond. One lake can not or be expected to supply

water to a quarter of the state.


Earl G Eddleman

3050 Brownsville Road
Greers Ferry, AR 72067

01-14-02

Name

Date

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

The Shoreline Management Plan was an extensive project which took in all the areas of our lake. We can rest assured that if our Corps of Engineers came up with this recommendation it will not harm our shoreline. Therefore, we support the Alternative 2 plan.

Robert J. Dipor

12/24/01

Name

Date

Memphis In. 38138

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I firmly believe the beauty of Greer's Ferry Lake will not be marred or in any way affected by Alternative 2 of the Shore Management Plan (SMP). We have been vacationing at Greer's Ferry Lake for 15 years now and have always believed this to be one of the few pristine water sport lakes in the Arkansas/Missouri region. Obviously, the Park has done an excellent job of managing the lake and its shoreline thus far, so why should we doubt the wisdom of the SMP 2000? In fact, I believe those who are against the SMP 2000 should be willing to remove their own docks if they feel so strongly.

Name

Mary Dinkoff

Date

Jan 7, 2001

City of Residence

Little Rock

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about the placement of any more. The addition of 93 docks, particularly those tucked away in coves, will not even make an impact on a lake that has so many miles of shoreline.

Therefore, I trust the Corp's original decision in this matter and emphatically support Alternative 2 of the SMP. My husband, John Dornhoffer, joins me in our support of Alternative 2.

Nancy Dornhoffer

Name

Jan 7, 2001

Date

Little Rock

City of Residence

From: Dornhoffer, Mary K [mailto:DornhofferMaryK@uams.edu]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 10:26 AM
To: 'Little Rock Corps of Engineers'
Subject:

I would like to add these comments I am e-mailing you with others I have mailed in. This is in response to the inflammatory editorials written regarding the SMP. The Save the Lake group has apparently resorted to using scare tactics in getting public support of their campaign. They are distorting the facts and creating a false scenario in the public's mind. I once again express my support of Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan. Please do not be intimidated from doing an excellent job by the Save the Lake tactics.

Mary K. Dornhoffer

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The draft EIS presented by the Corps of Engineers on December 4, 2001

in Heber Springs and the proposed Alternative 2 for the Greers Ferry Shore-

line management plan are excellent examples of your District's commitment

to balanced management. This is a practical and sensible approach for the

future of the lake area and insures its continued existence for the pleasure

and recreation of all who wish to come and enjoy its beauty.

My family and I strongly endorse Alternative 2 and thank you and

your office for the time, effort and care taken in preparing the EIS and

alternatives.

Name

City of Residence

Date

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Please write legibly.

I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

MANY of us have already committed ourselves financially and could never regain such a loss. The permits were issued to start construction on many of the docks, (including ours) and we feel that if the permits are revoked that our financial loss should be absorbed by the Corporation that initially issued the permits.

Wade Bradford

Name

12-17-01

Date

Conway

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I Applied & Received A permit for A Boat Dock. I met All Requirements. I paid \$30 for A permit & hired A boat Dock Builder to build A 4 slip Dock for Myself & Neighbors (3). We paid \$17,000.00 for A boat dock.

I know others have gone through the same process & have not more money invested than we do.

I Feel that All Applicants that have been approved per Rules of the Corps should be granted & Allowed to place their Docks in the Areas Applied for.

The next 5 yrs. should be in question since there are no applications yet. The SGFL inc should have protested prior to the approval not after. (over) →

Name

Date

City of Residence

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A lot of people are losing a lot of money for
doing what they thought was Right.

Contrary to SGFL INC., I don't think these
93 existing zoning requests will ~~make an~~
impact or change Greers Ferry Lake & its
Beauty.

My family has owned Lake Front property
here for 33 yrs. & we think the Corps
has done a great job managing & conserving
the Beauty of this Area.

Thank you

Name Michael Biggs

Date 1-10-02

City of Residence DRASCO, AR

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

Now that the EIS has been completed

and corps rules have been followed we feel

that it is time to move on and approve

the docks in the re-zoning per SMP.

We have spent several summers with

our family at Greers Ferry Lake. Because

of a leg injury I would have had very

limited access to the water if it had not

been for the dock and we look forward

to its reinstallation.

Name RAY & MORVERN BIGGS

Date 2 Jan 2002

City of Residence

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

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WE RECEIVED A 95 ON THE SMP 2000, AND
HAD A DOCK PERMIT. I HAVE MONEY INVESTED
IN THE DOCK. I WOULD LOSE THIS MONEY IF
THE SMP IS NOT APPROVED. NOW THAT
THE CORPS OF ENGINEER HAS A SATISFACTORY
EIS, I SEE NO REASON THIS SHOULD
NOT BE APPROVED.

Neil Beisenstein

NEIL BEISENSTEIN

12-16-01

Name

Date

TUMBLING SHOALS

City of Residence

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Charge it is to take care of the Lake.
If the Corp wanted to give everyone
on Greer Ferry Lake a million dollars,
someone ^{would} ~~who~~ be opposed to it.
Go by your findings. If there is no
reason ~~for~~ to prohibit boat docks
and people want boat docks then we
should be able to have boat docks. The
study shows and proves there is no
reason to prohibit docks. It works
to control & protect the lake now and
in the future as well. Just think what
great things could have been done for the
lake with all this wasted money.

Barbara Ashley

Name

Date

1-14-02

Maumelle, Arkansas

City of Residence

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I am a land owner of property on Greers Ferry lake. I have owned property on the lake since 1993. Prior to that, my family has enjoyed the lake for thirty years. I currently do not have a boat dock, but under the ~~SMP 200~~ Environmental Impact Study would be one of the fortunate few to get a boat dock.

Lam & Ed Johnson

Name

1/24/02

Date

Conway

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I was pleased to see that the study reinforced the Corp of Engineers first study that there was little impact to the environment for the additional Dam.

Walter H. Shrum

Name

1-21-02

Date

Nashville TN

City of Residence

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The opposing people already have their docks & could care less about the wishes of us people who are a native of this state & this area of the lake. I have learned that most of these people who are heading the opposing group are not native of Arkansas, much less the lake area. People who profit from the lake should not have a vote in this matter, such as owners, part owners, kind folks of owners etc, these are some of the people fighting against this proposal. I can understand their position, It would take boats out of their commercial boat docks, \$\$\$ Thanks a senior citizen from this area

Name

Ken R. Moody

Date

1/18/02

City of Residence

Hidden AR

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

After listening to all of the vicious, misleading information that the Save

The Lake Group has put out, I hope the Corp of Engineers will do what is right

and take a stand for the lake. The corp made a big mistake when it withdrew it's SMP 2000. This let innocent permit holders take over a \$300,000 loss they cannot

recover. I am ready for the resident engineer and the corp of engineers to

tell the people that use Greers Ferry Lake and the State of Arkansas that Carl Garner no longer runs this lake!

I too love this laké as I have grown up using the lake and continue to do so.

I was there when President Kennedy dedicated the lake in 1963. I would never want anything to harm the beauty of the area. This plan does protect the lake.

Shelley Moore

Name

1/25/2002

Date

Batesville, AR 72501

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

Safety alone should dictate increasing mowing to 100 feet from homes.

The reputation and history of the Corps of Engineers should be trusted to implement the best plan for increasing boat docks and policing the shoreline of Greers Ferry Lake.

Betsy Daughton
Name 403 Grand Isle
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088
City of Residence

1/24/02
Date

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

Mike Sell

502 E 24th St.S.

Newton, Iowa 50208

I come to Greers Ferry 3 to 4 times
A year and enjoy it very much. Relatives of mine
live on the lake they applied for a permit to build
a dock and place it in the water. They were granted
the permit but as of yet they have not been allowed
to use the dock they had a permit for. I don't
understand this at all. I hope this matter can be cleared up
and we be allowed to use the dock.

THANK you for your time.

Name

Mike Sell

Date

1/21/02

City of Residence

Newton Iowa

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

Michael A. Sell

820 Ist Ave. West

Newton, Iowa 50208

I am writing from out of state because my Uncle Larry Slyford has a boat dock on Greers Ferry Lake. I frequent his home and think it is wrong that he cannot use it. He received all the approval necessary prior to build and due to the negligence of someone else he is not allowed to use a very expensive dock. Would you like to buy a car, then not be able to drive it?

Michael A. Sell

Name

1/22/02

Date

Newton, Iowa

City of Residence

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Since the Corps of Engineers have made an Environmental Impact Statement which shows that Alternative # 2 has no significant adverse effect on the lake, I support the preferred Alternative # 2.

Chris Courts

Name

1-17-02

Date

Hezden, Ar. 72067

City of Residence

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*I support the preferred Alternative # 2
for the Shoreline Management Plan of
Greers Ferry Lake.*

Name

Peggy Sanders

1-16-02

Date

City of Residence

Higden, Ar. 72067

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I support the Corps' Alternative 2 plan. I almost stepped on a Copperhead snake last year near my front porch. My husband, Fred, got Lyme disease two times in one summer from tick bites in our yard. I feel that being able to increase our mowing limits can help both these situations.

Dina Prentice

Name

1-9-02

Date

Heber Springs

City of Residence

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Since the proposed SMP achieves a balance between permitted private uses and protection of resources for the general public, I am in favor of the proposed Alternative #2.

Lennie Shrum

Name

1-16-02

Date

100 Massey Ln, Batesville, Ar. 72501

City of Residence

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This letter is to indicate our strong support for Alternative 2 -- the Preferred Alternative. We especially support the Vegetative Modification Plan allowing mowing up to 100 feet from a habitable structure since environmental studies have shown no adverse effects upon the lake, this is the fairest plan for the homeowner, allowing improved vistas from the homes and more safety with less overgrown areas to harbor insects and snakes. Please give serious consideration to the approval of Alternative 2!

Dale & Lee Ronnel

Name

1/17/02

Date

Little Rock and Heber Springs (Eden Isle)

City of Residence

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I have owned property and boated on Greers Ferry Lake for almost 40 years. I enjoy taking my boat out and fishing on the Lake. Now due to a knee injury, I am unable to enter my boat from the shoreline - I have to use a dock. I'm sure I'm not the only one who is in this situation.

Denying property owners the chance to receive a dock permit is wrong. I support the Corps proposed plan to allow a limited increase in dock permits, where the Corps criteria is met.

I support Alternative #2.

William H. Lake

Name

1/17/02

Date

Memphis TN

City of Residence

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I think it's about time the community
put their trust in the Corps of Engineers
and let them do their job. The Corps
has done a terrific job of maintaining
the lake and will continue to do so.
People will continue to use boats &
recreational vehicles with or without additional
boat docks. Why not let them have a few
more boat docks to store them in. I am
in favor of the Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline
Plan.

Thank you,

Ann Millerwater

Name
Little Rock, Ark.
City of Residence

Date
1-15-02

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Terry Curtis

Jerry Curtis

#10 Robbe Lane Searcy Ar 72143

I support Alternative 2.

Patricia Curtis

10 Robbe Lane Searcy, Ar. 72143

Patricia Curtis

I also support Alternative 2.

Name

Date

City of Residence

**Table 2-2
Alternatives**

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Please write legibly.

I support alternative 2. Randy Richmal

Randy Richmal
Name

1-25-02
Date

Seneca AR
City of Residence

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Please write legibly.

I support Alternative # 2

Name
Debra Kibbel

Date

City of Residence
Sparcy, AR

Jan. 26, 2002

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Ms. Patricia Anslow:

This is to advise all concerned that I am in full agreement with the Corps of Engineers' shore line management for Greers Ferry Lake as outlined in Draft EIS.

Harold L. Shakespeare

Name

Jan 23, 2002

Date

Walford Iowa 52351

City of Residence

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I am supportive of Alternative 2 so allow
I increase mooring from 50 to 100 feet
from foundation + I established a 50 ft buffer
strip.

50 feet is very limiting to a home owner.

Thank you

Jimmie D. Bean

1-27-02

Ina Brown

1-20-02

Name

Date

Heber Springs (Mountain Aire)

City of Residence

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*I support preferred Alternative 2 for
the Shoreline Management Plan.*

William C. Bonds
Name

1/19/02
Date

Clinton, AR
City of Residence

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I STRONGLY SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 2.

WE ESPECIALLY SUPPORT THE VEGETATIVE MODIFICATION PLAN

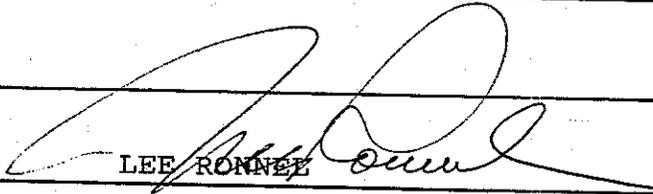
ALLOWING MOWING UP TO 100 FEET FROM A HABITABLE

STRUCTURE. WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN ALLOWING HOMEOWNERS

TO INSTALL BOAT DOCKS, IN LIEU OF ALLOWING CURRENT

MARINA OPERATORS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THEIR FACILITIES.

PLEASE APPROVE ALTERNATIVE 2


LEE RONNEE

JANUARY 22, 2002

Name

Date

1016 NUNIS DRIVE HEBER SPRINGS,

City of Residence

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This letter is to indicate our strong support for Alternative 2 -- the Preferred Alternative. We especially support the Vegetative Modification Plan allowing moving up to 100 feet from a habitable structure since environmental studies have shown no adverse effects upon the lake, this is the fairest plan for the homeowner, allowing improved water from the house and more safety with less overgrown areas to harbor insects and snakes. Please give serious consideration to the approval of Alternative 2!

Dale & Lee Ronnel

1/17/02

Name

Date

Little Rock and Heber Springs (Eden Island)

City of Residence

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We support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

Our family feels Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management

Plan has been well thought out and the proposed changes are

conservative in nature and will not have any significant

negative effects on the aesthetic or environmental aspects

of our beautiful Greers Ferry Lake. Thank you for your

efforts and concerns regarding Greers Ferry Lake.

Wesley Harris Renee Harris

Wesley and Renee Harris

January 16, 2002

Name

Date

Heber Springs, AR 72543

City of Residence

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YES, I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE 2 FOR THE SHORELINE
MANAGEMENT PLAN. BUT HOW ABOUT DROPPING THE
100 FOOT MOWING AND CUTTING, AND RETAIN THE
50 FOOT MOWING AND CUTTING. MAYBE THIS
WOULD GET MORE PEOPLE TO AGREE WITH THE
PLAN. MOST PEOPLE I HAVE TALKED TO SEEM
TO OBJECT TO THE 100 FOOT CUTTING AND MOWING.
MAYBE YOU WILL NEED TO SETTLE FOR ALTERNATIVE
4.

HOWEVER, I DO FEEL ALTERNATIVE 2 IS
IS THE BEST FOR EVERYONE.

Neil Benimahr
Name

JAN 22 '02
Date

TUMBLING SHOALS
City of Residence

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Please write legibly. *DB*

We are in support of Alternative 2:

(YES)

RICHARD BEAN

Name

1-19-02

Date

EDGEMONT AR (247)

City of Residence

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We support preferred Alternative #2:

Derek R. Caswell

Derek R. Caswell

Name

1-19-02

Date

26 USPCA CIVE EDGEMONT, ARK. 72044

City of Residence

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I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE # 2 - 80% ZONING CRITERIA

Name

Pat McKay

Date

1-27-02

City of Residence

Clinton

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*I support the Shoreline Management Plan
of Greers Ferry Lake*

Billy J. Larch
Name

1-20-02
Date

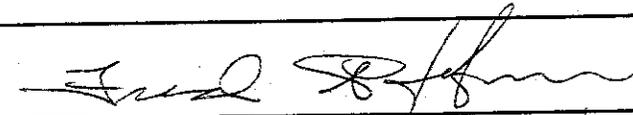
140 May Lane Greers Ferry AR
City of Residence

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I SUPPORT PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 2 FOR THE
SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN.



Name FRED PEAFMAN

Date 1/23/02

City of Residence HIDDEN, AR

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Please write legibly.

I support alternative #2

Demetra Kihul

1-26-02

Name

Date

Demetra Kihul Searcy, Ar.

City of Residence

Searcy, Ar.

**Table 2-2
Alternatives**

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*I support preferred alternate 2 for the
Shoreline Management plans*

Tom Aters

Name

1-23-2002

Date

Hidden AR

City of Residence

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I support ~~the~~ preferred alternate 2
for the Shoreline Management plan

Anne Belle Akers

Name

1-23-02

Date

Higden, AR

City of Residence

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan. It certainly represents the most acceptable solution to a balanced use by the public, safety, and environmental protection.

It's time for special interest groups to butt out and let the Corps of Engineers do what they have expertly done at Greers Ferry Lake for years.

Mrs. Wayne Slaughter

Name

Fairfield Bay, AR

City of Residence

1/24/02

Date

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I support preferred Alternative 2
for the shoreline management plan

Brian Akers

Name

Highway, Arkansas

City of Residence

1-23-02

Date

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I AM A REGUCAR VISITOR TO GREER FERRY LAKE
HAVING FAMILY ON THE LAKE, IVE MET MANY
PEOPLE ON THE LAKE. ALL IVE MET WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE THEIR OWN DOCK, I CAN SEE
NO WAY THIS WILL HARM THE LAKE. IN
FACT IT SHOULD EASE CROWDING NEAR THE
MARINAS MAKING THE LAKE SAFER FOR EVERYONE.
I HOPE TO ENJOY THE LAKE FOR MANY YEARS

RANDY BEISENSTEIN

Name

1-22-02

Date

OCONOMOWOC WISCONSIN

City of Residence

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I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE # 2 BOYCOTTING CRITERIA

Name

Date 1-25-02

City of Residence

Paragould, Ark. 72450

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I live on Greers Ferry Lake and am aware of the environmental problems that have arose. Some of Greers Ferry Lake org. have started their Bullshit lawsuit. They have caused Tax payers to have to pay for extra Bullshit that wasnt necessary. I work ^{Nat. Pipeline} on ~~proj.~~ ^{proj.} all over the United states & deal with environmental inspectors on a day to day basis. The main concern we run into is the creeks, streams and River. To protect these sensitive areas so our ^{Drinking} water will remain okay. I believe in conservation & the protection of our environment. These people (save Greers Ferry Lake) are Extremist & Hypocrite. You check out each & anyone of their board member & supporters you will they have docks on their land is cleared all the way to the Lake.

Name

Date

City of Residence

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Retired Corps

Carl Cardone place on the lake is a good example of this. The Corps of Engineers had an environmental Impact study done & it concluded, Boat Docks do not harm ^{the eff.} lake in any way. ^(save Greers Ferry Lake) These people need to ~~go~~ look a little further than ~~for~~ just past their ^{noses} and see the big picture the just what will benefit them. They need to go after the landowner that clearcut their property and do not replant or do anything to protect the stream. The big timber co. that don't go by any regulations that really matter. So I am for the proposed plan for boat docks + the buffer zone.

Landon Duncan

Name

1-18-02

Date

Shiloh AR

City of Residence

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I SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE # 2 - 80% REVISION CRITERIA

Harriet Gibbs

Name

Date

1 25 02

118 Meadow Cliff Cr FFB AR 72088

City of Residence

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I support alternative 2 ~~with~~
for the Shoreline Management Plan

Ray Moser

Name

1-25-02

Date

Clinton

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I support the Corp of Engineers in the preferred alternative plan #2. I thank the corp for completing the environmental study.

David + Jane Williams
Name

12/25/01
Date

Marshall, Arkansas
City of Residence

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Since the Corps of Engineers have made an
Environmental Impact Statement which shows that
Alternative #2 has no significant adverse effect
on the lake, I support the preferred Alternative
#2.

Mr.

Mr. Tommy E. Thompson

Name

1-14-02

Date

229 May Lane Greers Ferry Ar.

City of Residence

72067

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I am for alternative Number 2.

Maura Thomas

Name

Batesville, AR

City of Residence

Jan. 7, 2002

Date

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I support the proposed Alternative #2
for the Shoreline Mgmt Plan
of Greers Ferry Lake

Name

Ron Sanders

Date

01-03-01

City of Residence

NLR AR

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I support the Corps Preferred Alternative
#2 Plan which approves rezoning requests
that met 80% criteria.

Dolores Schmidt

Name

12/5/01
Date

5 Mystic Isle, Edgemont

City of Residence

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I am writing this in support of Alternative No. 2.

I am sure with the investigation and testing by the Corps, that it is the best option for Greers Ferry Lake. I have been going to spend time at this lake since I was 3 yrs old. My parents have been members of Red Apple Inn for 20 yrs. I also plan to own property one day near the lake. This is why I support Alternative No. 2.

Dr John A. Shuffrid
Name

1/14/02
Date

Little Rock, AR
City of Residence

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PLEASE implement PREFERRED ALTERNATE #2.

PLEASE do NOT allow this issue to become a voting process. After two years of thorough study, which has included many public comment opportunities, it has been clearly shown that the majority who truly use the lake desire this change in the Shoreline Management Plan.

It is obvious that opponents to this change desire to generate support through editorials that are NOT factual.

William B. Siger
Name
Little Rock,
City of Residence

Jan 8, 2002
Date

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We support preferred Alternative #2 for the shoreline management plan. Our parents own land on Greers Ferry Lake and a dock on their shoreline would allow them to recreate more safely and to enjoy their retirement more completely.

Gil Smith

Name

Denetria Watkins

Date

Ruston La

City of Residence

Jonesboro, AR

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I support the preferred Alternative #3
for the Shoreline Management Plan for
Greers Ferry Lake.

Ginger Smith

January 3, 2002

Name

Date

No. Little Rock

City of Residence

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I am in favor of the preferred Alternative #2 since I do not think boat docks will pollute or affect the beauty or water quality of the lake. This is especially true since most of the docks will be located in coves.

Catherine Starr
Name

January 3, 2002
Date

North Little Rock, AR
City of Residence

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I support the preferred alternative #2 for the shoreline management plan of Greers Ferry Lake.

Name

Glenn M. Stealey

Date 01-15-02

City of Residence

Hidden AR 72067

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I support the PREFERRED Alternative
#2 for the SHORELINE MANAGEMENT
PLAN of GREERS FERRY LAKE.

Name

George W Stealy

Date

15 JAN 02

City of Residence

HIDDEN, AR 72067

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*Yes I am for alternative
2*

Name

Mary Stoney

Date

1/7/02

City of Residence

Batesville, AR 72501

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I support what the corps of engineers is trying to do for the lake and for the people living in & near the lake.

This is a beautiful area and the plans have already been established to take care of our lake as well giving us the freedom to enjoy it to the maximum.

Keep up the good work, and not let a few "power happy people" try to control our beautiful lake.

Jean Strickland
Name

1-13-02
Date

Greers Ferry, Arkansas 72067
City of Residence

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I support SMP of Greers Ferry Lake
alt. #2

C. RAY SULFRIDGE

Name

C. Ray Sulfridge

Date 1-9-02

City of Residence

95 May Circle

GREERS FERRY, AR 72067
PH. 825-7593

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I am for Alternative #2

Winnie Boles

Name

Batesville

City of Residence

1/7/02

Date

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I am for Alternative #2

Arthur E. Bufford

Name

1/7/2002

Date

Batesville

City of Residence

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*I am for alternative 2
I would not support this if I
felt it would cause problems on the
lake. I do not feel the water would
be ~~in~~ ~~the~~ endangered now would
~~the~~ boat docks take from the beauty
of the lake*

Dennis D Hiles

1-14-02

Name

Date

Fairfield Bay

City of Residence

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I AM PLEASED THAT THE CORPS IS
FAVORING ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE PREFERRED
PLAN FOR SHORELINE MANAGEMENT AT GF LAKE.
WHILE I DO NOT FAVOR A PLAN THAT WOULD
ALLOW UNLIMITED SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT, I DO
FEEL THAT SOME LOOSENING OF THE CURRENT
REGULATIONS IS WARRANTED. I HAVE OWNED PROPERTY
(SHORELINE) ON THE LAKE FOR 30 YEARS AND HAVE
ALWAYS RESPECTED THOSE ALONG THE SHORELINE
WHO TOOK ENOUGH INTEREST IN THEIR PROPERTY
TO MAKE IT ^{LOOK} NEAT AND ATTRACTIVE. BASICALLY, I
FEEL THAT, ^{WITHIN REASON,} ~~THE CORPS~~ THE ALTERNATIVE 2 SMP DEVELOPMENT
WILL DO MORE TO ENHANCE THE LAKE THAN ANY OTHER SCHEM

Name

A. H. Ludwig

Date

1/3/02

City of Residence

550 POTTERS POINT, HIGDEN

3900 ROYAL OAK,
NO. LITTLE ROCK

January 21, 2002

Ms Tricia Anslow
CESWL-PR-PP
Little Rock Engineer District
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms Anslow

I am writing this in response to a recent doomsday advertisement that appeared in the Arkansas Gazette concerning the choice of plans to be used for managing Greers Ferry Lake. I am writing not to support the newspaper ad but to state my position as being against it and to restate my view that I am in favor of the modified plan as proposed by the Corps.

I have been a lakefront property owner for thirty years and dearly love the lake, having spent countless days there, year-round, enjoying the scenery and water. At this point the Lake is in no way being jeopardized by a flood of development, as has been threateningly portrayed by the ad. It is a huge lake and can accommodate substantially more shoreline development (docks, shoreline maintenance) than it now has. It is crowded only on the major summer holidays and that is only near the camping areas.

Being in favor of the proposed Corps plan does not mean that I favor wholesale development of the lake as is threatened by the opposing side, but we are far from making Greers Ferry a totally commercialized recreational area. The opposing group's ads are full of exaggeration and half-truths. I get the feeling that they are a group of mainly moneyed people who have the idea that they've got what they want and to hell with everybody else. Please implement the modified plan for shoreline development that has been proposed by the Corps.

Sincerely,



A. H. Ludwig
3900 Royal Oak Dr.
North Little Rock, AR 72116

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I support preferred alternative 2
for the shoreline management plan
I do not live on the water
but have no objection for those
that do having Boat Docks. and
I know the Corps of Engineers will
protect the beauty of this Lake.

Bruce A. Siler

1-7-02

Name

Date

Shirley A.R.

City of Residence

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As a property owner and full-time resident on Greers Ferry lake, I would like to offer my support of Alternative # 2 as presented by the Corps in their current Shoreline Management Plan. I believe this to be the best of the alternatives, as it seems to be the most acceptable to all residents and lake-users. It offers those of us that are full-time residents a chance to improve the area around our dwellings, yet not destroy the vegetation at the shoreline. It allows for a limited number of new docks to be built. However, the Corps under very stringent guidelines would issue these dock permits.

Greers Ferry Lake is a growing area, with new

Judith E. Pittman
Name

1-4-2002
Date

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City of Residence

homes being built, the population increasing, and more visitors coming each summer to enjoy the lake. The Corps has attempted in this study to meet the needs of the communities on the lake and meet the needs of those that only use the lake in the summer. Alternative #2 meets the needs of both of these groups, yet maintains the aesthetic beauty and the environmental quality of the lake.

Thank you,
Judith E. Pittman

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AS A PROPERTY OWNER AND FULLTIME RESIDENT
ON GREERS FERRY LAKE, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY SUPPORT
OF ALTERNATIVE #2 AS PRESENTED BY THE CORPS IN THEIR
CURRENT SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN. I BELIEVE
THIS TO BE THE BEST OF THE ALTERNATIVES, AS IT
SEEMS TO BE MOST ACCEPTABLE TO ALL RESIDENTS
AND LAKEUSERS. IT OFFERS THOSE OF US THAT
ARE FULL-TIME RESIDENTS A CHANCE TO IMPROVE
THE AREA AROUND OUR DWELLINGS, YET NOT DESTROY THE
VEGETATION AT THE SHORELINE. IT ALLOWS FOR A LIMITED
OF NEW DOCKS TO BE BUILT. HOWEVER, THE CORPS UNDER
VERY STRINGENT GUIDELINES WOULD ISSUE THESE DOCK
PERMITS.

Name

Date

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TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITIES ON
THE LAKE AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THOSE THAT
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ALTERNATIVE #2 MEETS THE NEEDS OF BOTH OF
THESE GROUPS, YET MAINTAINS THE AESTHETIC
BEAUTY AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OF THE LAKE

THANK YOU

Bob Pittman

Name		Date
Bob Pittman	EDGEMONT AR,	1-4-02
City of Residence	72044	

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I support the Corps alternative Plan #2
for Greers Ferry Lake

Ray McLean

Name

1-9-2002

Date

Little Rock, AR

City of Residence

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For Proposal #2

A Disinterested individual Flew with me ON A SIGHTSEEING FLIGHT DOWN Greers Ferry Lake. AFTER we passed Goussan boat MOUNTAIN one way toward Clinton, he Turned to me and Asked, "Where Are All The boat docks AT?" He WAS informed by Numerous people The boat docks were Almost side by side. A good Video OF Shoreline would Tell the Tale. THANKY

Billie Miles

1-7-02

Name

Date

Greers Ferry

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For Proposal # 2

Its a shame to tell people they
can have a duck + then deny them
after some are finished, lot of money
wasted

Beatrice Miles

Name

1-7-02

Date

Greers Ferry

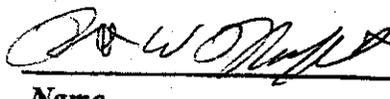
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I spent 2 days on Greers Ferry Lake last summer.
I really enjoyed boating around the Lake. I did not find the presence of docks to spoil the shoreline. Allowing limited development of additional docks per Alternative #2 will not significantly change the beauty of the lake in my opinion. Allowing more private docks will make access easier and safer for those owners and their guests. Please approve Alternative #2.

 (Robert W. Moffitt)

1/14/02
Date

Name

CORDOVA TN 38018

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I support the preferred alternative #2 for the Shoreline Management Plan of Greers Ferry Lake.

The Corps of Engineers have made adequate studies and have real information. All the negative ads are full of lies & innuendos to scare people.

If nothing else can be done please try to at least honor the few permits that was issued after much study & fact finding.

Georgia H. Patrick

Name of

Felix S. Patrick

Date 1/14/2002

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Hidgen AR 72067

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I fully support the Corps of Engineers in their management of the lake. I also support 100% Alternative Plan #2.

I enjoy Greers Ferry Lake each summer. I do not believe a few more docks on this size lake will have any negative impact. I would much rather see docks built to the Corps specifications as to see boats sitting on the water's edge.

Please go forward with Alternative Plan #2.

Lois Olsen

Name

1-9-02

Date

Shenwood, Arkansas

City of Residence

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*Alternative #2 will provide a balance that will
meet the needs of the majority of the population
that uses the lake.*

Name

Frank Piggie

City of Residence

Date

Jan-2-2002

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I am in favor of the proposed alternative #2 which will provide a balance for the users of Greers Ferry lake. It seems that this helps that this alternative will maintain the quality of the Lake. Most applicants already have a boat but no docks to use so it won't mean more boats on the lake. No one should run jets or ski that close to shore in my opinion when they have a large area for otherwise to have fun. That's what the lake is for!

Henry Krem
Name

Jan 9, 2002
Date

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*I support the preferred alternative #2
for the shoreline management plan
of Greers Ferry Lake*

OTTO G. LEE

Name

1-12-02

Date

55 May Circle Greers Ferry

City of Residence

501-825-7350

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In the matter of the Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan.

We have a home on the lake that overlooks the forks of the Little Red River, Peedee and Archer creeks. We feel that we and other home owners on the lake be allowed more vegetation modification (cutting of undergrowth, Saplings 2" to 3" inches in size etc) on out from what is now a no cut zone. No large stuff just clean it up from fire danger and better access.

Fishing is impossible at or close to our home and I see no harm in cleaning a small opening in the vegetation that will allow access to the water

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to launch a boat or just stand on the shore line and
fish.

I also would like to see the water level in the
lake raised for a deeper shoreline. If this is, or
ever is on the table for consideration, our vote
is yes. And we Thank You.

Respectful

Beverly Lynch
Beverly Lynch

Name Lynde L. + Beverly A. Lynch

Date 01-14-02

260. Primrose Lane Shirley Ar. 72153

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Please write legibly.

*I support the preferred Alternative #2 for the
Shoreline Management Plan of Greers Ferry Lake.*

Jim McKinn

Name

1-11-02

Date

Greers Ferry Ar

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YES I AM FOR ALTERNATIVE

2

Name

ROBERT B. PURDY

Date

1-7-2002

City of Residence

BATESVILLE, AR. 72503

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Please write legibly.

I support preferred alternative 2
I think lake growth is important
to the communities around the lake.
The Lake's beauty can be preserved,
the water can be preserved, and
growth can continue if the people
work together.

Name

Doris Porterfield

Date

1-11-02

City of Residence

74B

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*Blessing given for Alternative #2
for the S.M.P. at Greers Ferry
Lake.*

B. J. Poole

1-9-02

Name

Date

Greers Ferry

City of Residence

PH.# 825-7113

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-Concerning the proposed changes on
Greers Ferry Lake by the Corps of Engineers

I am definitely against these changes.

This lake attracts tourism from all over
Arkansas & surrounding states, primarily
because of its beauty & clear water. When it
becomes cluttered with docks & boats, then it will
no longer be as attractive and tourism
will likely drop.

I attended the meeting Dec. 6th and heard
not one argument for Plan 2, that was a selfish
reason for a few.

One man built a dock & could it ~~use~~ use it (too bad)

One wanted safety for his guests (we have swimming areas
all over the lake)
Several Realtors spoke in favor of it.

Hopefully the Corps will be consider. The common
people will benefit, not the few.

Name Virginia Freeman

Date 12-10-01

Heber Springs, Ar

City of Residence

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I frequently vacation at Greers Ferry Lake.
I enjoyed the ^{convenience} ~~convenience~~ and safety of being able to use a private dock. I understand the Corp will allow 93 new docks be approved if Alternative 2 is adopted. I think this is a good plan. I know it will enhance my enjoyment of the Lake by allowing my friends to have a dock. I can't see how adding less than 1% more docks will significantly impact the Lake in the future.

Kristin Bassing

Cordova

City of Residence

Jan. 12, 02

Date

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Please write legibly.

We support preferred Alternative #2 for the
shoreline management plan.

Our family enjoys visiting Greers Ferry
Lake. We support the corp in approving
the 93 rezoning requests. A 1% increase
in the number of docks as allowed under Alternative
2 will not detract from the long term beauty
of Greers Ferry Lake.

Rosalie Johnson
Name
Bermantown, TN
City of Residence

1/13/02
Date

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Please write legibly.

I support the Corps of Engineers in completing the EIS. Please implement the preferred alternative #2

Name

Opal Jolley

City of Residence

Date

12-28-01

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Please write legibly.

I am for alternative Number 2

Rhonda Eckart

Name

Jan. 7, 02

Date

Batesville, AR 72501

City of Residence

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I support the Corp of Engineers' alternative plan # 2. Having been an officer with the Engineer Corp on active duty before I branch transferred to the Infantry Branch for a 30 year career, I believe this plan will best serve the needs of the Corp, the residents and the visitors to the lake. The Environmental study should prove this is a win-win for all concerned.

Col Robert S. Hurst (Ret)

12/24/01

Name

Date

Conway AR 72032

City of Residence

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Please write legibly.

The Corps does have the
Responsibility to manage the lake.
Please Do NOT Be Intimidated
By a local group, i.e. "Save
The Lake Group" & please
Implement Preferred Alt. # 2.
I own property in Fairfield
Bay & this should not be a
uping contest.

Thank you

Steve Hillis Steve Hillis 1/8/02
Name Date
Little Rock, AR
City of Residence

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*I support the Corp of Engineers alternative
Plan 2. Thank you for completing the
EIS.*

Chris Hutton

Name

12/24/01

Date

Conway Ar 72032

City of Residence

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The Army Corps of Engineers should approve Alternative 2.

The Corps has conformed with all requirements per NEPA.

The EIS exceeded NEPA requirements and confirmed that

there were NO Safety, Visual, Geographical or

SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS.

The Corps charter requires that it implement the public's

request to grant more dock zoning & increased mowing areas.

The studies are complete. The Save Greers Ferry Lake Inc. concerns have been addressed and found to be incorrect

and without merit. This Groups twisting of the facts needs to be dismissed. Allowing an additional 1% of dock zoning will

not impact the lake, and in no way will allow the lake to look like

Lanier or other heavily developed lakes in the SE.

Let those who qualify, receive their dock permits.

Name

Norman L. Hebert

PO Box 3153

Cordova TN, 38088

Date

1/12/02

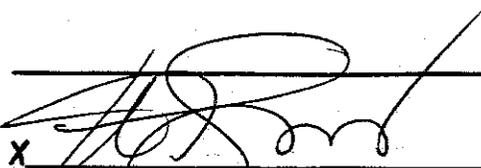
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Please write legibly.

I am submitting this form to show my endorsement for Alternative 2 in the Greer Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan.

 X _____

Name WALLACE FOWLER, JR.

Date

HEBER SPRINGS - EDEN ISLE

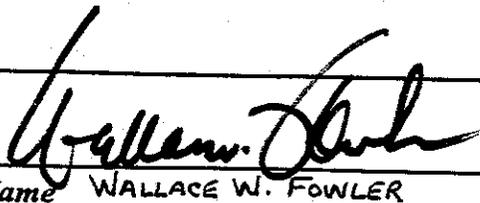
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Please write legibly.

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS FORM AS MY SUPPORT FOR
ALTERNATIVE 2 REGARDING THE SHORELINE
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GREERS FERRY LAKE.
ALTERNATIVE 2 HAS MY TOTAL ENDORSEMENT.

x 
Name WALLACE W. FOWLER

Date 12/13/01

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Please write legibly.

Alternative 2 has my total
endorsement for the Greers Ferry
Lake Shoreline Management Plan.

Mark Fowler

Name MARK FOWLER

12/14/01

Date

HEBER SPRINGS - EDEN ISLE

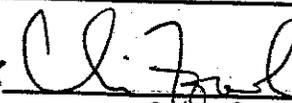
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I AM SUBMITTING THIS FORM AS MY TOTAL
SUPPORT FOR ALTERNATIVE 2 IN THE GREERS
FERRY LAKE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

x 
Name CHRIS FOWLER

12-13-01
Date

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Please write legibly.

I support the Corps. preferred alternate

#2.

Brice Gill

Name

12-25-01

Date

Ar. Greenbrier

City of Residence

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I have owned a lakefront lot and boat dock since 1970, and believe the Corps is doing a good job.

I have reviewed the SMP of Greers Ferry Lake and I support your preferred Alternative #2.

Name

Gerry S. Fitch

Date

9 JAN 2002

City of Residence

299 MAY LANE, GREERS FERRY, AR 72067

501-825-6962

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Alternative # 2

*Will Provide a Balance That will meet
the needs of the majority of Population
that uses the Lake.*

Name

John E. [Signature]

Date

11/04/2001

City of Residence

Maumelle, Ark

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*I support preferred Alternative 2 for
Shoreline Management plan.*

Gregory L. Dixon
Name

1-14-02
Date

Senmartsown, TN 38138
City of Residence

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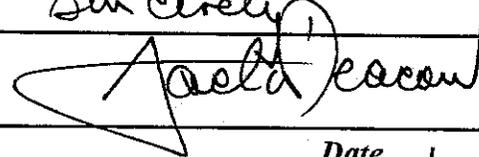
December 12, 2001

Little Rock District Corps of Engineers,

I own a condo in what is called Shady Cove on Eden Isle on the lake. We can barely see the lake from our residence and it doesn't seem fair to prohibit us from mowing the grass a decent distance from the back of our place. Our grandchildren play there and we don't want them to get bitten by a snake.

We prefer Alternative No. 2 and hope it will be adopted.

Our thanks..

Sincerely,


Name

Mr + Mrs. Jack Deacon - 494 Shady Cove Loop

Date

12 / 12 / 01

City of Residence

Jonesboro, Arkansas

Heber Springs -

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I SUPPORT THE SMP 2000, ALTERNATIVE No. 2, FOR GREERS
FERRY LAKE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.
I BELIEVE THAT THE CORPS HAS ADDRESSED THE NEEDS OF ALL THE
PUBLIC IN THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE REZONING PROPOSED FOR
ADDITIONAL BOAT DOCKS WILL NOT AFFECT THE WATER QUALITY OR THE
SCENIC BEAUTY OF THE LAKE. THE ADDITIONAL DOCKS WILL ENHANCE
THE APPEARANCE AS RESPONSIBLE DOCK OWNERS WILL KEEP THE TRASH
THROWN OUT BY IRRESPONSIBLE VISITORS PICKED UP. THE GREERS
FERRY OFFICE AND THE ENTIRE LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT HAS PUT
FORTH TREMENDOUS EFFORT IN PREPARING AN SMP THAT IS FAIR,
AND RESPONSIBLE.

I AM RETIRED FROM A MAJOR AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURER WHERE I
SERVED 34 YEARS IN THE PLANT/FACILITY ENGINEERING OPERATIONS.

Name

Date

GENE CUTRELL, Gene Cutrell

1/6/02

City of Residence

420 VALHALLA DRIVE, EDMONT AR 72044

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I HAVE A B.S. IN ENGINEERING CHEMISTRY AND A M.S. IN OPERATIONS
MANAGEMENT. I WAS PART OF THE TASK FORCE THAT BROUGHT
MY COMPANY INTO COMPLIANCE WITH EPA GUIDELINES WHEN THE
EPA WAS FIRST CREATED. I HAVE SERVED ON TEAMS THAT BUILT
NEW MANUFACTURING PLANTS THAT REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENTS AND I HAVE DEALT WITH CIVIC AND PUBLIC
ORGANIZATIONS ON SENSITIVE ISSUES. I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF
THE NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY AND I HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE
LOCAL CHAPTER FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE
THAT MY EXPERIENCE QUALIFIES ME TO SAY THAT THE ADDITIONAL
BOAT DOCKS IN SMP 2000 WILL NOT AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THE WATER.

I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS THAT THE CORPS IS MAKING IN
ADDRESSING THE COMPLEX ISSUES SURROUNDING THEM IN THE
21ST CENTURY AND I WHOLE HEARTILY SUPPORT THE
RECOMMENDED SMP 2000, ALTERNATE No. 2.

Name

GENE CUTRELL, Gene Cutrell

Date

1/6/02

City of Residence

420 VALHALLA DRIVE, EDGEWATER, AR 72044

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I recently visited Greers Ferry Lake and enjoyed 2 days boating around the Lake. An addition of ^{new} 93 docks will not make any noticeable changes to the shoreline. I support the Corps alternative 2 and do not see how it will detract from the natural beauty of Greers Ferry Lake.



Richard L. Clarke III

14 JAN 2002

Name

Date

Memphis, TN

City of Residence

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We support the preferred Alternative 2
Shoreline Management Plan for Greers
Ferry Lake. It will maintain the
environmental quality and aesthetic
beauty of the lake as outlined in the
EIS Draft. In addition, it gives
added fire protection that is badly
needed - with weeds 8 to 9 feet high
and pine trees 50 feet from our homes,
we feel there is no protection from
fire with the present 50 foot vegetation
modification limit.

Jack + Edith Chaffin
Name 486 Shady Cove
Heber Springs, AR 72543
City of Residence

Dec. 10, 2001
Date

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Please write legibly.

I support preferred alternative 2;

We were told when we moved here
1994 that the Corp was in charge
of the lake.

I am sure if they have approved
this alternative it will not harm
the lake.

Charville Burns

Name

1-10-02

Date

Fairfield Bay

City of Residence

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Please write legibly.

I own a home on Hurricane Bay
on Greers Ferry Lake. I am
for Alternative #2.

Robert Brown

ROBERT BROWN

Name

12/24/01

Date

BATESVILLE, AR

City of Residence

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I am in Favor of Alternative #2 (THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE)

This Alternative appears to be a very conservative reasonable compromise that will afford some minimal growth and increased utilization of our lake by land owners and really result in little or no harm as determined by PROFESSIONALS.

We should respect and accept the recommendations of the Corp of Engineers and other professionals who are trying to provide minimal growth in only one area in a community which has no growth in all areas.

In a free society the often vocal minority should not determine what changes should occur. I do not

Name

Date

(over)

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believe That in The cove where my home is located That
a boat dock will pollute The beauty of The lake nearly
as much as The sound around my house is polluted
by Ski Dps and Loud music From Party Barges
parked in The cove, or The shoreline polluted by
beer cans Thrown into The lake or The Air around
my house polluted markedly by marijuana smoke
blown To shore From The party barges. I wish The
minority group would spend as much Time + money on These
issues as They do on a few boat docks

Samuel W Boellner M.D.
Name SAMUEL W BOELLNER M.D.

12-22-01
Date

920. Overlook LN. HEBER SPRINGS, AR
City of Residence 72543

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Please write legibly.

I support preferred Alternative 2 for the
Shoreline Management Plan.

I had hoped after the new study the
opposition would be satisfied. How much more
money will be spent to keep these people happy.
We live on the lake and usually don't use
our boat on weekends, because many times we
cannot even get a parking place to get to our
boat and things are just too busy. It makes
more sense to open small areas to small docks
than continuously enlarging the marinas & having
terrible congestion in these areas. I fail to see how
over!

Name _____

Date _____

City of Residence _____

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new docks would interfere with the use of the lake when they are put small cove areas that would not be usable boating areas.

We truly love this lake and would like to never see things change - but times change. With more and more usage, I am not so selfish to think this is only my lake. Time to update and do what's right for everyone, not just the people with a lot of money to keep this in the courts indefinitely.

Jean Beisenstein

Name

12/16/01

Date

Tumbling Shoals

City of Residence

**Public comments for
Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan
Draft EIS**

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All written comments are due by January 18, 2002.

Please write legibly.

I AM in FAVOR of the proposed
Alternative #2 which will provide a balance
for the users of Greers Ferry Lake. It seems that this
Alternative will maintain the environmental quality
and aesthetic beauty of the LAKE

Name

Sam Ashburne Jacksonville, AR

City of Residence

Date

01-03-02

**Public comments for
Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan
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All written comments are due by January 18, 2002.

Please write legibly.

I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

We have been property owners of land at Eden Isle since the 70's and lived there, also in the upper Little Red River- Devil's Fork since the 1950's -25 Thomas Woods Lane -Prim, Arkansas.

This was before the Greers Ferry Lake was damped-up into a lake- at that time we always had a boat dock and thru the years it needed repairs and needed to be rebuilt We still own the land and

Grandfather Thomas' house, we applied for a permit to rebuilt the dock. Now we are on hold to do so-

We-had the permit and have already put up \$10,000. to the builder in Heber Springs for the material. All is on hold-!

Over the years, the beauty of Greers Ferry Lake is the planned and studied development of the lake

Under the guiding hands of the Corp of Engineers. They do a great job of studying the impact of the Lake and it's environment and needs of the population as we move into the twentieth century.

I trust the new engineers decisions; as we did of those in the 60's; we cannot stay as was in the 60' or 70's! We have generations coming on!

We have 6 children married and 20 grandchildren. For the safety and enjoyment for them now and their future, I ask with-out delay that we move with this Alternative 2 Shoreline Management Plan.

Thank you,

Evelyn Thomas

Jan. 7, 2002

Name

Date

Little Rock AR & Prim, Ar.

City of Residence

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Shaun Alicia Caillier-McCorvey
Of Counsel

December 26, 2001

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
U. S. Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline
Management Plan -- Environmental
Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Over six years ago I bought a lot on Greers Ferry Lake and subsequently built a home on this property. We selected this lot based on the excellent manner that the U. S. Corps of Engineers had maintained the Lake and restricted the number of private boat docks and other structures.

I am therefore opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the recent draft issued by the U. S. Corps of Engineers.

Yours very truly,



Lawrence B. Sandoz, Jr.

LBSjr:bg

Ms. Tricia Anslow
CESWL-PR-PP
Little Rock Engineer District
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I have spent much time on and around the lake, and write to express my opinion about the plan under consideration. It seems to me that the second alternative preferred by your office is sound and fair, and should be adopted.

A small increase in the shoreline zoned for docks and in the number of docks cannot have an environmental impact on Greers Ferry, as large as it is. Nor can a slight increase in the clearing area available around houses. The environmental study supports the second alternative.

I encourage you to adopt the preferred second alternative.

Sincerely,
Leonard Stacks
Leonard Stacks
40 Mayflower Lane
Mayflower, Arkansas 72106

Ms. Tricia Anslow
CESWL-PR-PP
Little Rock Engineer District
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I write to express my support for the preferred alternative #2 being considered by the Corps for Greers Ferry Lake. It contains a balanced approach to the lake's management. While it allows those who own land around the lake to manage their property adequately and have a few more docks, the plan continues to protect the lake for future generations, so that it will continue to be as beautiful as it is now.

Greers Ferry is a wonderful place for all Arkansans and its guests. The plan does a good job in my opinion in making the lake available to the public and preserving it for years to come. Please adopt plan #2.

Sincerely,

Mary Stacks

Mary Stacks

40 Mayflower Lane

Mayflower, Arkansas 72106

To: Army Corps of Engineers ^{1/6/02}
Attn: Trish Anslow

In reference to the Corps' plan to allow more private boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake, let me express my opinion.

I don't live on the lake or near it, but do fish it some. Personally, I think there are too many private boat docks there now and say No to adding anymore. Please do not do this.

Dewey Spencer

DEWEY SP
316 WOOD
JUDSONIA

Ian & Rosemarie Snyder
P.O. Box 1345
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088

January 11, 2002

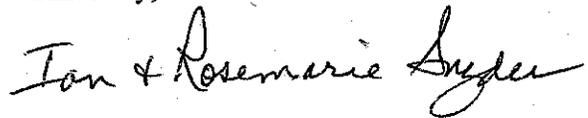
Patricia Anslow
Little Rock District Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

We want to voice our protest to the new Corps of Engineers Shoreline Management Plan regarding Greers Ferry Lake. We have watched the increasing use of this lake and shoreline for almost 30 years. The number of boats using this lake in the summer has become a hazard. Additional docks would increase the congestion to an unacceptable level.

We would also like to see ski-do's and similar types of individual watercraft banned from the lake.

Sincerely,



Ian & Rosemarie Snyder



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Ms. Tricia Anslow
Little Rock District
Corp of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Ar 72203

Dear Ms. Anslow,

As a land owner overlooking the Greets Ferry Lake near Heber Springs, Ark., I would like to state my strong opposition to the corps' plans to allow further development along the shore line of the lake, especially the allowing for the development of any more boat docks.

Its wilderness setting is the thing that makes the lake so unique and attractive. I can't think of a worse way of ruining this than by the increase of boat docks. To allow the few that would benefit from the ownership of boat docks to spoil the natural beauty of the lake is a poor trade.

There are numerous reasons why boat docks are an overall detriment to the lake including safety, noise pollution, water pollution, interfering with the solitude of fishermen, the increase dangers to swimmers and sailors, etc.

It is very discouraging that the Corp has once more pretty much single-handedly made the decision to further the degradation of the natural beauty of our country. I for one hope in this case the Corp can and will be stopped.

Sincerely,

David E. Snowden, Sr.

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01-08-02

Dear Mrs. Andrews,

I was glad to see the article
and have an address.

My husband and I are very
concerned about additional boat
docks ruining the beauty of the
lake. It is so magnificent
and we don't want to see the
"Hot Springs" look.

Please consider our plea.

Mrs. Lewis J. Smith

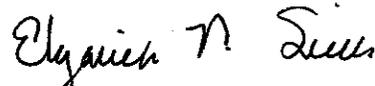
January 15, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
US Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock, Ar

Dear Ms Anslow:

I am writing in opposition to multislip boat docks in currently protected areas at Greers Ferry Lake. This is a beautiful, pristine lake that should be protected from unsightly boat docks which promote a profusion of loud and dangerous watercraft, in particular jet skis. Witness what has happened at Pickwick Lake where multislip docks have been permitted, bringing a great increase in noise, watercraft accidents, and damage to the shoreline.

Sincerely yours,



Elizabeth N. Smith
6562 Bramble Cove
Memphis, Tn. 38119

Jan 7, 2002

Re: New Docks & Boat Slips

I own property at Cove
Creek, and I'm against the
proposed plan to increase
the number of Docks allowed
on the lake

Imagine the likes of 90
more Eye sores as the Jacy's
at narrow Eden Isle of the lake.

The establishe marina's &
dock's look like floating
junk yards. Makes for a pretty
awful sight

Please don't open this up.

Eugene Skowronski

EUGENE SKOWRONSKI

177 GENA LN

AUSTIN AR 72007

Also; 799 COVE CREEK Rd.

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Ms. Anslow:

We have a small house on the north side of Greers Ferry Lake where the terrain is fairly steep down to the water. My neighbor and I applied for a community dock, which was approved and given a score of 90. I do not have to explain to you what else we have been through in the past two years in trying to deal with this issue.

If the boat dock issue does not go through, I have probably lost the deposit I placed on my boat dock, which is around \$6,500. Of course, the dock builder had no control over the lawsuits by "Save the Lake", etc., and, as far as he was concerned, I had a contract with him to build a boat dock and I asked him not to build it when the plan was pulled. He has stated he cannot refund my money as it was I who told him to hold off on building it.

Given the terrain in front of our home, it is very difficult for my children and my wife to get to the water safely. There are steep rocks and sheer cliffs down to the water, which are very dangerous for little children. My almost 70-year-old mother was visiting last summer and really could not even get down to the water close enough to fish, much less get in my boat.

I currently keep my boat at Lacey's Marina, which is 20 to 25 minutes away from our house. I have looked at the Shoreline Management Plan map of proposed sites. Most of the new sites are in areas that are already occupied with boat docks. If there are already 10 docks in a cove, I cannot see how adding two more docks to that cove would make any difference visually to some passerby who might look into the cove from a boat, etc.

What is unattractive to me is the growing number and size of the commercial boat dock industry on Greers Ferry Lake. The sheer number of commercial boat docks and the congested traffic around those docks makes for a fairly unattractive view, in my opinion. I would venture to say that most of those who are opposed to the SMP 2000 indeed have boats and probably keep them in one of the large marinas or in their own private boat slips. This mentality of "I have mine so I don't want anybody else to have one" is, to me, a double standard. I would vote for Option 2 or Option 4 of your new plan.

Sincerely,



Jan 11-2002

Corps of Engineers
Little Rock, ar

Dear Sirs:

I and a resident of Fairfield Bay that is opposed to the increase in boat docks and slip on Grears Ferry Lake. The people golf with and talk ~~at~~ to here are 90% opposed to it also. The beauty of the lake will suffer. The lake of the ark is a good example. Please think about this before you make this move

Wilfred Hartz
102 Whistling Pines
Fairfield Bay, ar 72088

3231 Salem Road
Benton, AR 72015
January 7, 2002

Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Attn: Trish Anslow

May I respectfully request that your organization "deep six"
any plans for allowing more private docks on Greers Ferry
Lake.

Yours truly,

L. J. Talsma

Linwood J. Talsma

Billy R. Taylor
786 Ridge Road
Heber Springs, AR 72543
501-250-2258

January 8, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning Environmental and Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 86
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

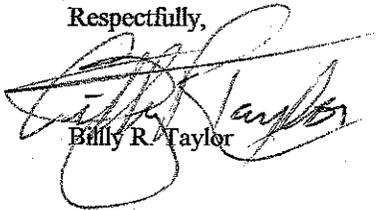
Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan - Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to increasing the number of private boat docks and vegetation modification on the Government lands and flowage easement at Greers Ferry Lake. The population of the combined counties of Cleburne and Van Buren is approximately 50,000. It is estimated 350,000 people visit the lake during Memorial Day Weekend. The issuance of new permits for private boat docks will be an irreversible and irretrievable precedent.

I am recommending to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers they refer private boat dock permit applicants to the many marinas and public recreation areas.

Respectfully,



Billy R. Taylor

366 Eagle Watch Circle
Heber Springs, AR 72543
January 9, 2002

Patricia Anslow,
Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow,

My husband and I moved to the Heber Springs area back in 1970 because of the beauty and cleanliness of the lake. My husband was used to the clear northern lakes and found Greer's Ferry Lake similar. We happily made our home here and have done all we can to enhance the quality of life here and in our beautiful state. I am a watercolor artist and have done many paintings of the lake. I can't think of any that feature boat docks.

I know that the Corps of Engineers has the same high goals for quality of life of everyone connected with Greer's Ferry Lake. So, please don't ruin this beautiful lake for us and all those that come later. Once the rules are changed and the damage done, it would be impossible to restore the shoreline and the lake's reputation for clean, quiet beauty.

Sincerely yours,



Natalie J. Tolman

Patricia Anslow
US Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Bx. 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Subj: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan, Environmental Impact Statement

Ms. Anslow;

I am **opposed** to the subject Statement issued by the Corps of Engineers in November 2001 that would increase the number of private multislip boat docks permitted on the lake, rezone areas for more docks, and increase the area of Government property that could have the vegetation mowed for private purposes.

I am also **opposed to all alternatives** contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement of November 2001.

Thanks for your attention,

Charles Stuart
Charles Stuart
817 Colonial Dr.
Heber Springs, AR 72543

January 21, 2002

Ms. Tricia Anslow
CESWL-PR-PP
Little Rock Engineer District
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am nearly a life-long resident of Cleburne County, Arkansas, and have lived around the lake since it was built. I make a living in construction around the lake.

I support the second alternative being considered by the Corps, and hope that you will adopt it for the new shoreline management plan. The small increases in dock rezoning and shoreline modification can have only minimal impact, despite what the Save the Lake group says, and lots of people would benefit from it. The EIS supports that position.

Please put the preferred second alternative into place.

Sincerely,

Doc Wear

55 Park Lane
Higden, Arkansas 72067

Harold & Linda Trusty
440 Davidson Circle
Edgmont, AR 72044

December 14, 2001

Greers Ferry EIS
C/O Trish Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline
Management Comments

Gentlemen:

We have read the Executive Summary of the EIS and believe that a thorough and fair evaluation has been made by Tetra Tech. In our opinion, Alternate #2, the preferred plan, best suits the needs and desires of the majority of the property owners as well as frequent users of Greers Ferry Lake

We know there are people who are frequent users of Greers Ferry Lake that are concerned about the preservation of the lake's natural shoreline. Likewise, we have these same concerns. It is not our desire to have vegetation and trees removed from the lake side of the "white" line. Not only would this destroy the natural beauty of the shoreline, it would promote erosion of the soil which could be damaging to the lake. Further, we would want the Corps to continue restricting activities that would alter this natural appearance.

However, we do not believe the addition of properly built (approved by the Corps) and properly maintained boat docks would be a detractor from the appearance of our shoreline. Since the addition of a dock requires minimal removal of any vegetation, erosion problems would not increase.

Ideally, we believe there can and should be a balance between the natural shoreline (no boat docks) and boat docks on Greer's Ferry lake. It's a known fact that all areas of the lake are not suited for a dock, but there are many areas that are ideal. In our opinion, a boat dock allows property owners the easiest and most efficient accessibility to use and enjoy the water, which in most cases, is the reason for having lake front property.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter and we sincerely hope you will select Alternate #2 as the new amended Shoreline Management Plan.

Harold Trusty
Linda Trusty

Ms. Tricia Anslow
CESWL-PR-PP
Little Rock Engineer District
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

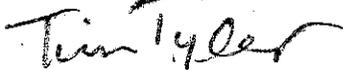
Dear Ms. Anslow:

I own Tim Tyler Surveying and Mapping, and have done survey work all around Greers Ferry Lake for years. I bring my family to the lake from time to time to fish, swim, and boat. We love the area.

The Corps has proposed the adoption of alternative #2 for its new shoreline management plan. I have reviewed the documentation produced from the study, and believe it to be fair both to the public and to the private landowners seeking docks and clearing rights. Based upon what I've seen, the plan provides ample safeguards to insure that Greers Ferry retains its natural beauty for years to come.

I think you should enact the preferred second alternative.

Sincerely,



Tim Tyler
Tyler Surveying and Mapping
51 West Cadron Ridge Road
Greenbrier, Arkansas 72058

Ted W. Wade
2470 Hwy 330 E
Clinton, Ar. 72031
Phone 501-745-4974

Dear Mrs. Atslow;
we are very much in favor of the
Current Plan for Greer's Ferry Lake Presented
by the Corps of Engineers

Thank you
Mr. + Mrs. Ted Wade

Dec 15 2001

Dear Ms Anslow,

I am absolutely opposed to any changes for docks, cutting or clearing to the lake and enlarging or adding marinas.

For the safety of the boating public, no docks should be added in areas of high traffic.

I do not understand how a finding of no significant adverse impact can be found concerning the proposed changes.

The Corps is being jerked around by the local realtors and land developers. They don't care about the environment. It's the money, stupid.

JoAnn Walker

Jo Ann Walker
623 Edgewater Cove
Heber Springs, AR 72543-6413
501 362 5533

Jo Ann Walker
623 Edgewater Cove
Heber Springs, AR 72543-6413

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Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning Environmental + Reg. Div.
USACE
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock
Arkansas 72203

72203+0867

1-24-02

Ma Patricia

A few years ago when we
went out look around the states of
Missouri and Arkansas for a nice
place to retire. Green Ferry Lake
was what we were looking for

I have had enough with the
big city and all the pollution.

No doubt this lake area
will continue to grow. We would
prefer good fishing and No
Pollution -

R E Hitzelberger

R.E. Hitzel Berger

1387 Silver Rock Rd

Shiloh AR 72153

Dear Corp.,

24 Jan. 2002

I'm very concerned about everyone having clean drinking water. If filling up a lake is going to deprive 40,000 of clean drinking water, then it should not be done. The docks should stay private; they do not need to be brought out to the open. I'm very interested in a clean environment for all, not a polluted one. Let's stop the pollution; stand up with me for clean water today, which means healthier lives for tomorrow!

Janet Luckett

x lsl

May the Lord's will be done.

Amen!
(I look forward to a letter being sent to me of the outcome. I thank you in advance.)

Curtis D. Bryant
P O Box 135
Searcy, Ar 71245

January 26, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
Army Corps of Engineers
P O Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan-
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I favor the continuation of the 1994 Shoreline Management Plan with no future zoning or mowing changes. I am opposed to additional boat slips and mowing of shoreline.

My friends and I have been coming to the lake for years to enjoy the solitude of nature. We enjoy the many recreational offerings such as boating, fishing, swimming and natural scenery of this beautiful lake.

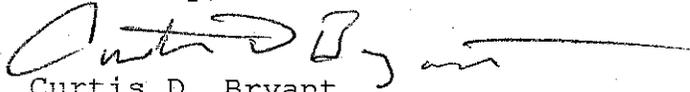
I cannot enjoy the privilege of living on the lake, however I do visit as often as possible for the relaxation and recreation. I do pay taxes. I am 63 years old. I have been a regular to the lake for the last 30 years. I rent a boat slip at one of the marinas.

I enjoy the natural wildlife that I see regularly on the lake such as deer, beaver, eagles, squirrels, occasional migrating flocks of pelicans, geese, ducks, and other water birds.

Please do not allow this natural pleasing mix be ruined by ruining the shoreline with overbuilding of docks and houses.

Thanks for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Curtis D. Bryant", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Curtis D. Bryant
P. O. Box 135
Searcy, Ar 72145

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

January 24, 2002

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan-Environmental
Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry
Lake contained in the draft Environmental impact Statement issued by the
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in November 2001.

I favor the continuation of the 1994 Shoreline Management Plan with no
future zoning or mowing changes.

Sincerely,

Marilou Brodie

Marilou Brodie
5314B Kavanaugh Blvd.
Little Rock, AR 72207-4611

Reference - Greens Ferry Lake Shoreline
management Plan - Environmental
Impact Statement (EIS)

Please don't change Greens
Ferry Lake to Garners Ferry
Lake

John Ed Brown

*Fricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203*

Dear Ms. Anslow:

My husband and I have had a lake house on Greers Ferry Lake for approximately five years, which we share with the rest of our family. We were previously zoned for a boat dock; only last summer did we build a boat dock and place it near our home.

With three families enjoying the water, I can tell you that it is less damaging to the shoreline to have a single path down to the walkway of the boat dock. Before we had a dock, we might have three or four boats and jet skis pulled up to the shoreline with friends and family trampling down many areas to get to and from the boats. I do not think the dock has harmed the environment at all.

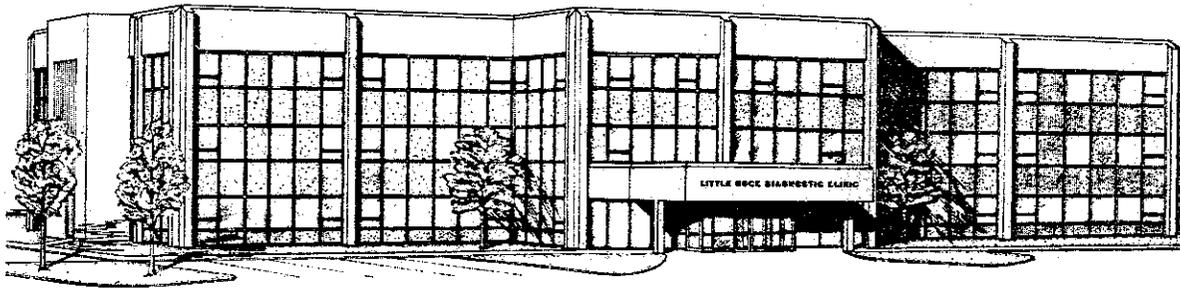
I am for Option 2, or maybe even Option 4 as a compromise, of the Shoreline Management Plan.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely,

Heike Talbert

Heike Talbert



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December 17, 2001

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

RE: Greers Ferry Proposed New Shoreline Management Plan,
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I have received information from a group called Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc. My wife and I own property near the lake. When we first bought, it was possible to keep our yards neat, and it was safe for children to play. Mr. Garner, however well meaning, thwarted our efforts to keep our areas neat. We have finally recovered, to some extent, but we look forward to being able to do more. I cannot see how cutting grass in one's own yard will bother the lake.

With regard to boat docks, I could not agree with this group more. We at Eden Isle have seen the marina at Eden Isle expand to the point of near ridiculousness. I can't imagine another boat on the lake. The multiplication of docks should lead to multiplication of boats which, in turn, should lead to soiling of the water further. Surely the Corps of Engineers does not wish to cause the water to be further soiled.

I appreciate your receiving this letter. We will deal with whatever your decision is. Grass cutting does not seem bad. More boats does seem bad.

Again with best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Arthur E. Squire, M.D.
AES/kf

Specialists in Adult Health Care

Corps of Engineers

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I have used several of the campgrounds at Greers Ferry Lake and probably go there three to four times per year. I have never thought that there were many boat docks on the lake; the ones that I have seen have been mainly in the coves where we fish and actually some of the biggest fish I have caught have been around those docks. I have been told that there are only around 90 boat docks that have been approved for the lake and that, if this plan goes through, that might be all there is in the future. I do not see where adding 93 docks on a huge lake like this would make any difference at all.

I do not really know much about the mowing issue, but I believe the Corps will do the right thing.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Bonner". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal flourish at the end.

The Corps of Engineers

My husband and I come to Greers Ferry Lake fairly often with our child to enjoy its natural beauty and spend time together as a family. The last time we took our boat to some friends' house to visit, we had to tie our boat up to the shore during the time we ate lunch. When we came back, the waves had pushed the boat against the rocks, which did a lot of damage to our boat. These friends had applied for a dock but were unable to get it because of the lawsuit.

I think the Corps knows what they are doing with regard to the areas zoned for boat docks and I would support their decision, whatever it is.

Sincerely,
Patricia Pledge

SHADY COVE HORIZONTAL PROPERTY REGIME



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January 17, 2002

Ms. Tricia Anslow
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Little Rock Engineer District
Box 867
Little Rock, AR. 72203-0867

RE: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

The Shady Cove Horizontal Property Regime consist of (25) twenty-five home owners located on Eden Isle. After reviewing the current four options we wish to restore our original mowing rights. As president of this group I cast (25) twenty-five votes for option #2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert R. Ellis".

Robert R. Ellis

Larry Poff

2512 Lakeview Drive
Heber Springs, AR 72543

Phone 501-362-0982

December 12, 2001

There seems to have been a lot of controversy over the new lake management plan and the allowing of an additional 93 private boat docks, up to 20 stalls each, on Greers Ferry Lake. The Corps on Engineers has a job to do, they are accepting public comment on the lake management plan and I think they are doing a good job. But what I haven't heard anybody address is the safety issue we are now facing on our lake. The members in our ski club basically ski from 6:30 am to 8:30 am in the Summer due to the over crowded lake. On Sunday afternoon we jump in somebody's barge and go over to Kidney Cove to grill out. That's when you see it all. Hundreds of boaters trying to ski, jet ski, knee board, inner tube, and wake board and nobody even knows who has the right-of-way. Every year our lake gets more crowded which is okay because everyone has an equal right to use the lake.

But as our lake has more and more traffic, should we be taking away from the usable boating area? Every time a boat dock is installed, boaters cannot use that area and are forced into a smaller, more concentrated area. Two docks have been built in the south end of Kidney cove within the past couple of years that have rendered this end of the cove unusable for water sports. This has made a major impact on the boating area in this cove and now the remaining area is much more saturated than in the past. The north end of the cove is also zoned for docks and there will soon be a dock on this end of the cove. The end result will push most of the boaters out of the cove and into the main body of the lake which is also the main thoroughfare for the lake. Water sports there is like riding your bicycle in the interstate highway. It should be noted that both ends of the cove were zoned for docks under the old, shoreline plan and not by the proposed lake management plan. Eden Isle cove has also basically been rendered unusable for water sports due to the expansion of Eden Isle Marina. Heber Springs Marina has also expanded into the Little Dike area over the years which has made that cove smaller in usable area.

Bottom line? We're continuing to shrink the boating area of the lake as lake traffic continues to expand. We are forcing boaters into the main body of the lake and into smaller areas that are unrestricted by boat docks, thus creating a more crowded and less safe boating environment. New plan, old plan, proposed plan, it really doesn't matter, every time we put in a new dock, it interferes with the use of the lake by the boating public. The lake is not like a real estate development where you add more lots or start another subdivision when the original development is full. And it is not like a highway that you can widen when the original highway has exceeded capacity. There is only so much surface area on the lake and I think the question is should we let the conveniences of a few boat owners outweigh our right, as the general boating public, to use our public waterway?

I would like to see no more boat docks allowed on Greers Ferry Lake. Besides the issues already addressed, there is another issue of the docks taking away from the beauty of the lake. People come to this lake to get away from the city, the concrete, asphalt, buildings, etc. They enjoy the natural shoreline consisting of trees and bluffs. Sure there are homes visible from some areas of the lake, but most blend into the landscape. What is built off government property is not my concern, its what is being built on my and your public property. Adding additional, metal boat docks that protrude into the lake greatly takes away from the current beauty found along the wooded shoreline.

The addition of docks will benefit a select, very few people. According to the EIS, all the effects from adding docks will be minimal, negative. They were all negative, even if minimal, and no positive. According to common sense, additional docks will detract from the beauty of the lake and take away boating area. Adding additional docks could open the door for even more docks in the future, as the Corps has to update their plan every five years. It is apparent to me that the negatives far outweigh the positives for additional docks on this lake.

Thank You


Larry Poff

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
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To Whom This May Concern:

When I read the editorial in the Democrat-Gazette about the "*uglification*" of Greers Ferry Lake, I was appalled that anyone would want to do this, especially the Corps of Engineers. Fortunately, one of my employers showed me a statement from the Corps of Engineers responding to that article and I will have to say that I was even more appalled, not at the Corps but at the Democrat-Gazette for taking Carl Garner's group's word for the truth. I cannot believe that a newspaper would publish this as fact without checking into it first, at least from the Corps of Engineers.

Fortunately for the Democrat-Gazette, we are still a one-newspaper town and they can get away with this, unopposed. If only the Arkansas Gazette were still around, we might be able to get a more balanced approach to addressing these concerns.

After reviewing the information, I would solidly support Alternative 2, the preferred alternative, as recommended by the Corps of Engineers, who did the studies.

Sincerely,



Dear Corps of Engineers:

I have spent many years camping, hiking and boating around Greers Ferry Lake. I think the Corps has done a great job so far in taking care of the lake to maintain its beauty and I have no reason to believe that will change now. If anything, I think the current management of Greers Ferry Lake is probably more strict than in the days when Carl Garner ran things.

I vote for letting the Corps manage the business of the lake and letting the "Save Greers Ferry Lake" group manage their own affairs.

Sincerely,

Apoll White

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January 18, 2001

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
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P O Box 867
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Dear Ms. Anslow,

I am one of the multitudes of people who love Greer's Ferry Lake in its current condition. We have a real treasure that is extremely rare and unlikely to be duplicated. I am not against "progress" but I fear too many docks and removal of shoreline vegetation are detrimental to the lake.

I grew up in north Georgia and was privileged to spend quite a few days and nights at Lake Sidney Lanier. The lake has been completely ravaged by developers and, quite frankly, greedy people with no real appreciation of nature. We need to be very careful about precedent setting. As we all know, once an exception is made the next exception is easier to come.

Please do not allow these proposed changes to occur. Our grandchildren will not be able to experience and feel this glorious place.

Thanks for your time and consideration.



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January 18, 2002

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

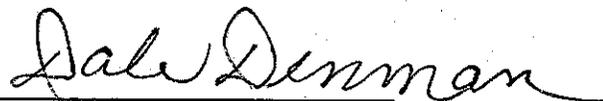
My residence overlooks Greers Ferry Lake, and my wife and I have a beautiful view of the lake which gives us much pleasure. Obviously we are opposed to its being altered by additional boat docks and nine 20-slip docks.

An argument which is stated in letters published in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and the Cleburne County Times is based on public access. However, there is adequate access granted by the now existing regulations. Having lived here twenty-two years, I have observed that the access available at the Corps of Engineers camp grounds and the commercial marinas is obviously adequate and does not make the lake unsightly.

The existing regulations also allow the lake to be a source of pure water needed by the surrounding towns and communities. This is important.

Over the past twenty-two years the existing regulations have served the public well, thus I am puzzled that the Corps of Engineers is seeking to change them. May I urge that existing regulations be maintained? Would it not be wonderful if Greers Ferry Lake became a national park?

Sincerely,



Dale Denman

8 Burford Drive
Conway, AR. 72034
January 17, 2002

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR. 72203-0867

Dear Members of the Corps:

We would like to express our opposition to the Corps' proposal to add 93 boat docks (including nine 20-slip docks) on Greers Ferry Lake. We would like to express that opposition as strongly as words on paper can do.

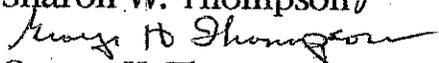
We own lots 8, 9 and 10 in Riverside Addition in Higden. This location is across the water from Poker Island and at your lake shore number eight. Our family bought our lakehouse on lot 10 during the 1970s. We bought lots 8 and 9 in 1999. Shortly after this last purchase we had the trees and brush on these lots selectively cut in order to enjoy the beautiful view across the lake. Since then, we have planted small trees to enhance the beauty of our location.

We and our neighbors across from Poker Island have been asked to give up their boat docks. This we don't mind for the sake of safety along this narrow waterway. However, when we take our boat for enjoyable rides to the extensions of the lake -- Choctaw on the west, the Dam on the east -- we enjoy the scenery of a beautiful lake surrounded by a lakeshore of mostly natural appearance. The idea of that scenery being interrupted by the intrusion of 93 boat docks is repulsive to us. It would contradict the idea of Greers Ferry Lake being a wonderful place to go to enjoy getting away from the congestion of urban life. Recreation in a natural setting would be lost. We already lament the expansion of Lacy's marina at the Narrows. This intrusion influences safety as well as the natural setting.

We therefore urge you to drop your proposal to add these 93 boat docks and remain true to the aims we understood the construction of this lake had in mind from its beginning in the 1960s.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Sharon W. Thompson

George H. Thompson

Samuel S. Rembert, III

477 Brighton Place Drive
Memphis, Tennessee 38117

Jan. 15, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
US Army Corps of Engineers
PO Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms Anslow:

Please do not proceed with this plan to allow rampant building of new docks and the resulting destruction of the natural beauty of Greers Ferry Lake. It has been a special place to us for over 30 years, primarily because it has been managed so well, keeping shoreline spoilage to a minimum. This plan can only accelerate erosion and pollution and destroy a natural gem.

Sincerely,
Sam Rembert

105 Quiet Bend Court
P.O. 1258
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088
January 17, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow,

I am writing you in regard to the proposed changes of a 30% increase in boat docks and relaxing the shoreline restrictions for Gerry's Ferry Lake. I am opposed to the increase of boat docks and the relaxing of the shoreline restrictions for two reasons: (1) this change would effect the quality of the drinking water that so many of the surrounding communities depend upon and (2) the natural beauty of the lake which is not only unique but almost nonexistent in most other lakes would be adversely affected.

Gerry's Ferry Lake is one of the VERY FEW lakes in the USA that remains so unspoiled by commercial encroachments and/or pollution. Once you crack open the door to increasing private boat docks on the main body of the lake and relaxing the restrictions for the shoreline, it is just a matter of time before the door is wide open and we will have another Lake Hamilton or The Lake of the Ozarks.

Please keep the restrictions and guidelines that has kept our lake so naturally beautiful and unspoiled since the lake was dedicated by President Kennedy. It would be a shame and disgrace for this wonderful lake to become like so many others simply to appease a few land developers and new comers to the area that are only thinking about their own narrow views. Let's keep Gerry's Ferry Lake beautiful and unspoiled for our children and grandchildren to enjoy just as we have over the years.

Sincerely,



Barbara McClary

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
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Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to the Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry Lake.

My husband and I have only been living in Drasco, AR for 1 ½ years, therefore we are still learning the policies and needs for Greers Ferry Lake. We bought property on the lake and are building our retirement home.

My main concern is the proposal of additional docks on the lake. There are many private docks and ample marina's now. You cannot possibly expect to allow every land owner to build a dock on the lake. When we bought our property we knew there were areas of the lake where docks were not permitted, we accepted these conditions and still do. Others who have homes on the lake had the same knowledge. We are happy to enjoy the shoreline without seeing it cluttered with docks.

I read that this is not an issue of money for the Corps of Engineers, therefore I am puzzled as to why the push for more docks continues to come up. As to the issue of vegetation modification, I was told by a Corps of Engineers employee that "with approval" I might be allowed to plant native vegetation below the white line. I have no desire to see the shorelines stripped just to see more of the lake. Much of the beauty is in the vegetation itself. I was of the impression that erosion is one of the main reasons the Corps has a policy of "no cutting". This is a good thing!

Please use your influence to keep down the number of dock permits and continue the no clearing of vegetation along the shoreline.

Thank you,



Dorothy Lishock
1910 Lakeland Acres Rd.
Drasco, AR 72530

P.S. we feel so helpless
against the real estate
agents and back owners
who are thinking only
of their own interests -
i.e. money in the bank.
Talk

Dear Mrs. Anslow

Please add my name
to the many, many
residents and people who
care about the Greer
Jerry Lake and do NOT
want to see more
docks on the lake. I
cannot bear to think
that Greer Jerry Lake
will be like those
Corps of Engineers lakes
in Missouri!

Thank you
Miriam Howard

To whom it may concern,

I Am writing Regarding Green ferry lake
I Am AGAINST Any further development
of The lake. Any more Boat docks + Boat
Slips Will Take Away From The Lakes Attractiveness.
It Seams to me The Corps is responding
To pressures from Big developers.

My husband + I enjoy Green's ferry
Because its left Natural. I like how the
houses are hidden Behind the trees + there
is not many Boat docks littering the lake-
Shore.

I'm Sure There are Big developers "licking
Their Lips" To develop Green's ferry - Cottages,
houses, Businesses etc... I'm afraid that the
proposal that the Corps is presenting is the
first step to future development of Green's
ferry To turn it into another Lake Hamilton.

Can't Any of our States federal + local
Agencies + City leaders say no To "Big
money Developers?" Our State is losing
Enough open spaces as it is. Leave Green's
ferry Alone, let it be Natural. That's its
Appeal. Sincerely,
Amy Maloy

January 22, 2002

Ms. Tricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division
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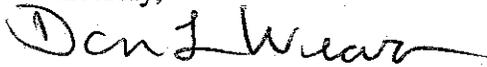
Reference: Support for Shore Line Management

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am writing you to show support for the Corps Alternative #2 for the Shore Line Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake. I have been using the lake since the early 70's, we have boats on and are current landowners that will be impacted by this plan.

We are strongly in favor of this plan and would urge its adoption.

Sincerely,



Don L. Weaver

**Corps of Engineers
Attn: Tricia Anslow**

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I have been peripherally involved in the goings-on on Greers Ferry Lake on the subject of boat docks and mowing. I have a friend who has a place up there and I have used it frequently.

If the environmental study that the Corps did shows that there would be no significant negative impact on the lake, then I see no harm in increasing the number of sites for boat docks by 1%. From what I have read and heard, it seems that most of the areas that are zoned are in areas that have already been previously zoned, so I cannot see the harm in adding a few more boat docks to an area where there are already boat docks in place. I would not be for putting a boat dock in front of a real scenic area, like Sugarloaf Mountain, or in front of a waterfall, etc., but I think in the coves that already have them, it would not be a negative thing to me. I would vote for Option 2 of your plan, or even Option 4 might be okay.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.


FRANKLIN CLIFFORD PEGG

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

The Corps of Engineers seems to manage all the waterways of this state pretty well. I am impressed with the way you came up with the plan for Greers Ferry Lake, I think it was very thoughtful and thorough and I would support your preferred alternative, #2.

Sincerely, *Sheilthy Baker*

**Corps of Engineers
Attn: Tricia Anslow**

Dear Ms. Anslow:

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Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Naive Smith

Corps of Engineers

To Whom This May Concern:

I am familiar with the SMP 2000 plan as it was originally written. I was appalled at the misinformation that was given by the "Save the Lake" group in the most recent editorial by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. I think the Democrat-Gazette should be ashamed of itself for presenting such a misleading one-sided view on this issue.

The Corps of Engineers has done an outstanding job in managing this lake since it was built and I see no reason to doubt their leadership on this matter. I think they have jumped through all the hoops required of them and even gone above and beyond the NEPA guidelines for an EIS study.

This seems to be a control issue by Carl Garner and his group of Eden Isle dwellers. Most of these people probably have at least one if not several boats kept in Eden Isle Marina. If they think the two or three stall private boat docks are unattractive, they should look in their own backyard and try to convince us that that is more attractive. If they are so opposed to boat docks, then let's ask them to give up their boats and see what their response is.

Again, I think the Corps has done an outstanding job in balancing everyone's needs here. I would vote for Option 2 as the best alternative in order to balance the needs at Greers Ferry Lake.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Stem, MD



P.O. Box 49
DINOLA, MS 39149

JANUARY 23, 2002

DEAR CORPS OF ENGINEERS,

YOUR OPTION #2 PLAN FOR ALLOWING MORE DOCKS AT GREENS FERRY LAKE SOUNDS GOOD. I THINK WE NEED MORE DOCKS AS LONG AS THEY ARE PLACED WELL AND MAINTAINED.

THE "MCCARTHY TACTICS" OF THE SAVE-THE-LAKE GROUP INFURIATE ME. I WISH THERE WAS A WAY FOR YOU TO RE-ITERATE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PROPOSAL.

I TRUST YOU WILL MAINTAIN THE SAME HIGH QUALITY STANDARDS FOR THESE PROJECTS AS YOU HAVE THROUGHOUT YOUR HISTORY AT GREENS FERRY.

IN SHORT, I SUPPORT THE OPTION #2 PROPOSAL.

GINLETTY,

SHARON DABNEY

**Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203**

To Whom This May Concern:

After reading the article in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on January 20, I am convinced that the Corps of Engineers has done the right thing about the boat dock issue and the overall shoreline management plan. Even though the article gave some bad information and was biased toward the "Save the Lake" group, I feel that the Corps' recommendations should be followed.

They implied in the article that allowing mowing out to 100 feet would jeopardize the efficiency of the septic systems. They failed to mention, of course, that most septic systems are away from where the mowing would occur and that the mowing, itself, would be done not for every lakefront home but on a very limited case by case basis, after the Corps has looked at each site.

I would support Option 2 of the Shoreline Management Plan.

Sincerely,

Tricia Anslow

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
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Little Rock, AR 72203

To: Corp of Engineers

I trust the Corp of Engineers to manage the lakes and other waterways of the United States. I want you to continue to manage Greer's Ferry Lake as you have done so well over the last 40 years. If the Corp feels that "alternative 2" is the best of the options, then I would support your decision.

Sincerely,



Doug Magraway

1-20-02

Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR

We, the undersigned, wish to
protest against the proposed
boat dock expansion and
clearing on Greers Ferry Lake.

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James W. Stahoyiak
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January 25, 2002

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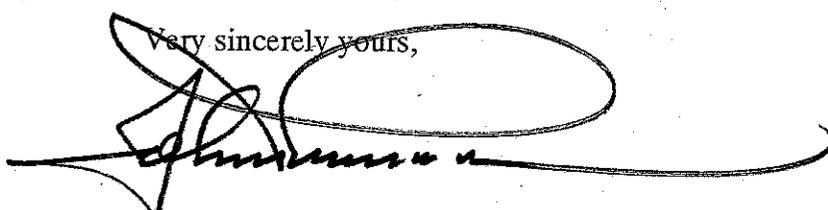
RE: Greer's Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I write in support of Alternative 2 (the preferred alternative) which was previously proposed by the Corps of Engineers and which would allow for the approval of 93 rezoning requests but would not permit future rezoning requests. In addition, this alternative would permit vegetation modification within 100 feet of a habitable structure for the purpose of fire protection.

My wife and I have recently purchased lakeshore property at Miller's Point on Greer's Ferry Lake and intend to construct a home there. We believe that the lake and the uses thereof would be greatly enhanced by the adoption of the proposal we support.

Very sincerely yours,


John J. Thomason

JJT:lwo

1-22-2002

To: U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
Regarding: Greens Ferry Lake

We are writing in response to the proposed lifting or loosening of some of the restrictions on Greens Ferry Lake. We live in the area called Emerald Cove which is on the north shore of the lake between Clinton and Fairfield Bay close to South Fork Recreation Area which is closed except for the boat ramp. We would love to be able to have a permit for a dock/swimming platform and be able to at least trim up a few trees so that we could see the water. We have sold our boat because we were not satisfied with having to pull it up on tires and tie it off when we wanted to use it several days in a row. The area around the lake could be visually improved with a change in some of the rules. We are not for the manicured look of some of the lakes at Hot Springs or Lake Conway but a lot of the water front area around our part of the lake front awful with dead trees standing or fallen and brush catching whatever happens to wash up. If landowners were allowed to do a little more it would make the look better kept. It is close to an eyesore in some places now.

Sincerely
Hugh & Linda Metknight

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Ms. Anslow:

We have a small house on the north side of Greers Ferry Lake where the terrain is fairly steep down to the water. My neighbor and I applied for a community dock, which was approved and given a score of 90. I do not have to explain to you what else we have been through in the past two years in trying to deal with this issue.

If the boat dock issue does not go through, I have probably lost the deposit I placed on my boat dock, which is around \$6,500. Of course, the dock builder had no control over the lawsuits by "Save the Lake", etc., and, as far as he was concerned, I had a contract with him to build a boat dock and I asked him not to build it when the plan was pulled. He has stated he cannot refund my money as it was I who told him to hold off on building it.

Given the terrain in front of our home, it is very difficult for my children and my wife to get to the water safely. There are steep rocks and sheer cliffs down to the water, which are very dangerous for little children. My almost 70-year-old mother was visiting last summer and really could not even get down to the water close enough to fish, much less get in my boat.

I currently keep my boat at Lacey's Marina, which is 20 to 25 minutes away from our house. I have looked at the Shoreline Management Plan map of proposed sites. Most of the new sites are in areas that are already occupied with boat docks. If there are already 10 docks in a cove, I cannot see how adding two more docks to that cove would make any difference visually to some passerby who might look into the cove from a boat, etc.

What is unattractive to me is the growing number and size of the commercial boat dock industry on Greers Ferry Lake. The sheer number of commercial boat docks and the congested traffic around those docks makes for a fairly unattractive view, in my opinion. I would venture to say that most of those who are opposed to the SMP 2000 indeed have boats and probably keep them in one of the large marinas or in their own private boat slips. This mentality of "I have mine so I don't want anybody else to have one" is, to me, a double standard. I would vote for Option 2 or Option 4 of your new plan.

Sincerely,



To The Corps of Engineers

To Whom This Concerns:

I trust the Corps of Engineers to manage Greers Ferry Lake! Does the "Save Greers Ferry Lake" group want to take over management of the lake? I don't think they realize or maybe they don't appreciate the planning that has to be done to meet all the needs of those involved on Greers Ferry Lake and surrounding areas.

I have not kept up with the entire process but I know I have been given notice of public meetings that were held about this issue. After reading the biased editorial in the Democrat-Gazette, I was infuriated. Who do they think they are?

The misinformation that was given in that article has led a lot of people to believe that our lake will look like Lake Lanier if this plan is passed. I looked up Lake Lanier on the Internet and it is a magnificent lake. Apparently it has almost half of its shoreline that has been set aside for docks. Even with that much shoreline taken, it is still a beautiful lake. I don't think we are talking about nearly the number of boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake, somewhere in the neighborhood of 10%, I think.

I say, let's leave the decisions about Greers Ferry Lake up to the people who have been managing the lake for 40 years; they have done a good job, in my opinion.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Thomason

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

To Whom This May Concern:

Unfortunately, most of us can't afford to live on Eden Isle and many of us can't afford to pay Joe Lacy \$1,200 a year for the privilege of renting one of his boat slips at the Narrows. There are long waiting lists at several of the other boat docks around the area, which, in my mind, supports the need for more private or community docks. By allowing a few of these docks to be scattered around the lake, I think this will decrease the demand for commercial docks. For those who live or have second homes on the lake, this would mean be able to move their boats from the commercial docks, which would open up more for the general public to come in and enjoy the lake on a more regular basis.

I do not have a place ^{at the} lake and have been trying to rent a slip at Sugarloaf Marina for several years; the waiting list is over 20 people long and not changing very quickly. I currently have to haul my boat from dry storage and go through the hassle of launching the boat and taking it out every time I want to use it. If you allow homeowners to have docks, hopefully it will open up more dock space for people who want to enjoy the lake on a regular basis without having to haul our boats.

Sincerely,

Carmen Capps

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

To: Corp of Engineers

I trust the Corp of Engineers to manage the lakes and other waterways of the United States. I want you to continue to manage Greer's Ferry Lake as you have done so well over the last 40 years. If the Corp feels that "alternative 2" is the best of the options, then I would support your decision.

Sincerely,

Gene Mitchell

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

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Sincerely,

Demarcus Williams

January 18, 2002

Richard Shelton
P.O. Box 204
Mammoth Spring, AR 72554

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow,

I wanted to express my support for the Corp position on allowing limited additional development on Greer's Ferry Lake. I felt the editorial in the Sunday, January 6th Democrat-Gazette was totally unfair to the Corp and their management policies. Articles like this only purpose is to inflame public opinion and squelch a rational discussion of the competing views of how the lake should be managed.

I do not feel cutting underbrush to allow better lake access will destroy the appearance of the lake. Given the wide fluctuations in lake levels, cutting some underbrush and opening up the forest a little will allow grassy areas to develop along the shoreline and will probably help to prevent some erosion as well as providing some transition areas for wildlife.

Given the Corp's stringent management policies pertaining to dock location and management I do not think the additional docks will make much difference either if they are not allowed to become too large. As a fisheries biologist, I believe the docks will actually provide more cover for fish and other species and probably enhance fishing. I would be more concerned that the Corp make sure that adequate parking was available back away from the lake off of Corp property to provide safe uncongested dock access. One other point, if you are going to allow the docks, please allow dock owners to provide (aesthetically pleasing) steps or paths down to the docks as this will help keep people from unnecessarily trampling natural areas and provide safer access.

Thank You,


Richard Shelton

When we moved from California we thought our water skiing and boating would be severely limited. Little did we realize that Greers Ferry Lake would be the answer to our dreams, surpassing any of the lakes we loved to visit in California. No California lake has the beauty, the calm water skiing, crystal clear water, private dock and fishing all accessible just feet from the house. We were so impressed that we purchased lakefront and other properties around Greers Ferry.

The Corps has to be commended for the good job protecting the Lake. We realize that the Corps has expended considerable time and expense with the EIS to meet the NEPA guidelines. The EIS findings are that no significant impact will occur with the proposed alternative 2. Peer review from the Tulsa office and Dr. Cantor also confirm these findings. The Save the Lake group has their answer now, NEPA guidelines have been exceeded, so there is no reason to delay implementing preferred alternative 2. The opposition has also failed to read the fine print. Alternative 2 is only allowing a 1% increase in shoreline dock zoning. Two miles and not the 210 miles they are claiming with their creative math. Further, Alternative 2 prohibits future zoning requests.

A few new docks will not change the Lake. After all it is a man made lake built for boating and recreation amongst other purposes. Therefore private docks are consistent with the Lake's purpose. Private docks make it easier, more enjoyable, quicker and safer to be a boater on the lake. Well maintained docks are not an eyesore, or a danger, nor will they add to the pollution or increase the number of boats on the Lake. People will have boats even without a private dock. The only question is where will they store them; on the shoreline, or at a marina? Allowing home owners to have docks in approved locations will do a lot to spread the boat traffic around the lake, reducing the unsafe areas like the Narrows and Dam site.

Not allowing private docks gives marinas a license to sprawl. My definition of the "uglification" referred to in a recent editorial is glaring reflection from the Lacey's Marina acres of tin roof; the sinking, broken apart mess that is Heber Spring Marina; the tire islands buffering Hill Creek, and others. The marinas are generally in poor condition, congested and dirty. Also private docks are required to have encapsulated floatation. Pieces of Styrofoam from the marinas litter the entire shoreline. Everything referred to in that editorial paints a picture of the public marinas and the growth they will have if more private dock permits are not issued.

We have no problems finding good areas to bare foot and water ski, even in coves that already have docks. Hurricane Bay is a case in point; there must already be 25 + docks there. Adding more docks will still leave room to play.

The true appeal of Greers Ferry Lake lies in enjoying being in and on the water. Apparently the SMP rules and regulations that Carl Garner was happy to work under are no longer good enough!

In summary, I think that the controlled growth outlined in Alternative 2 is the best short and long term plan. Please implement it as soon as possible.

Bill Hebert
PO BOX 3153
Cordova, TN 38016
1/18/02



January 15, 2002

I am writing in support of the ability of property owners around Greers Ferry Lake to have a private dock. We enjoy visiting the lake and have a lot of fun swimming and boating. Having access to a private dock enhances our enjoyment of the lake. An increase in dock zoning, of approximately 2 miles, will not hurt or change the lake. There is so much shoreline that this will not have a measurable impact. We support Alternative 2.

Donna Nelson
Collierville, Tn

Donna Nelson

Please approve the increase in dock zoning to include the permits that were issued two years ago. As boaters and frequent visitors to the Lake, we are in favor of limited and controlled development around the Lake. Addition of a few docks, as proposed in Alternative 2, will not impact the Lake. Being able to use a private dock when visiting the Lake is important to us.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Molly Carr".

Scott and Molly Carr
Cordova, TN
1/16/02

Ms. Patricia Anstow
Planning Environmental and Regulatory Division
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Ar. 72203-0867

Re: Hrus Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline
Management Plan - Environmental Impact
Statement.

Dear Ms. Anstow:

I'm in favor of the Shoreline Management
Plan for Hrus Ferry Lake contained in the
draft Environmental Impact Statement issued
by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in November
2001.

I am in favor of Alternative plan # two
contained in the draft Environmental Impact
Statement of November 2001.

Sincerely, George E. Spow.
President, Post Box 4166
Fairfield Bay, Arkansas
145 Wilshire Drive

January 15, 2002

Our visits to Greers Ferry Lake have involved a lot of water activities, water skiing, boating and swimming. The lake was built, in part, for recreational purposes. The recent objections of the group opposing the plan to open up a limited number of new dock permits, sounds like they wish to eliminate the recreational boating and fun on the lake. Greers Ferry is a pretty lake, and allowing a 1% increase in the dock zoning area is not going to change its beauty. Approve the new docks and let lake continue to be used for all its intended recreational uses. We support alternative 2.



Debbie Farmer and Family
Cordova, TN

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Mrs Jerome Heil
11 River Valley Rd
Little Rock 72227

Dear Trick,

Sunday's editorial in the D. J. was
great - so true.

We have a place on the lake -
share a dock with a neighbor.

The reason we bought on Greer
Ferry was the Corps control of the
beauty of the place - no homes right
on the lake with fertility of lawns etc.

This fall our fishing boat only
year old was stolen during
night. Two neighbors have had
gas siphoned from their tanks. First
issues were had in 20 years.

Time for the Corp to take a
good look at what 93 more docks
would bring. Vote No to more docks.

Sincerely
Mary Jerome Heil

January 07, 2002

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

RE: Corps Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Reference the above, a few comments I would like to express.

In my opinion I don't see anything wrong with boat docks, there could be in place regulations that would be inforceable, such as upkeep, etc. I know there is lots of negative being circulated, and as of the last report I had the negative was from individuals that already had a dock.

Also, I always enjoy boating around the shoreline and looking at all the beautiful homes, the ones I can see, there are numerous homes with lakefrontage that can't even see the beautiful lake from their homes, can't even cut the underbrush. A friend has just built a new home that you can't even see the water except in winter, granted the lake is just beautiful in the winter, but wouldn't it be great to watch people on the lake in the summer also.

Again, I am for boatdocks and cleaning.

Sincerely,

Glenda Headstrom

January 4, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning Environmental and Regulatory Division
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan - Environmental
Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I have reviewed the changes proposed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to the Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake and feel they will in no way harm the beauty of the lake but allow more access such that more people can benefit from the lake. The additional cutting will improve the fire safety to some of the homes around the lake. The additional boat docks will allow boat owners to keep boats in a location more convenient to their homes and reduce travel to and from existing larger marinas both by auto and boat.

I fully support the proposed Shoreline Management Plan and the Alternatives contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement of November 2001.

As a property owner on the lake and regular user of Greers Ferry Lake, I also request that I be added to the mailing list for notices pertaining to this plan and any future changes to the management of the lake.

Sincerely,



Gene Green
111 N. Century
Memphis, TN 38111

517 Birchbrook Drive
Heber Spings, AR 72543

January 21, 2002

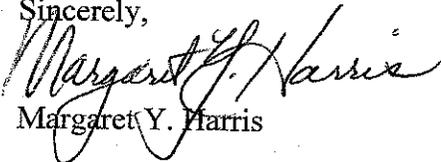
Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
US Army Corps of Engineers
PO Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

As a long-time federal and state taxpayer, I oppose the proposal that the US Corps of Engineers is proposing for the Greers Ferry Lake shoreline. Everytime I read, "what could a few more boat docks matter" it makes me cringe. Who is going to decide exactly how many boat docks down the line are a few?!! I have lived and experienced enough of state and federal laws being changed that I know what a few will comprise in the future. The Corps should understand that the people who want the changes are a selfish lot and only thinking of the "now" and not for future generations to enjoy.

Please consider the long time effects of changing the quality of life on Greers Ferry Lake.

Sincerely,



Margaret Y. Harris

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The shore where mowing is allowed from 50 to 100 feet. The lake doesn't need more lawn fertilizer run off - prevent erosion & run-off - leave the trees. Everyone's boat doesn't have to be in the water. On ground boat-houses (read garages) are fine for lots.

As an ~~old~~ graduate of the UofA School of Architecture, I have a broader perspective & realize that ~~more~~ ^{aren't} bigger buildings & development aren't always "Progress." In this case Less is More! Thanks,
No more docks! Chip Hammond

7 January 2002

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I was born ¹⁹⁵⁴ & raised in Arkansas, vacationing on Lake Hamilton every summer for 30+ years. Some summers I also vacationed on Greer Ferry Lake with family friends. I've seen Lake Hamilton ruined by overcrowding - too many boats, too many people, houses & boat docks.

Don't allow Greer Ferry Lake to be ruined likewise. Lawns don't need to live ^{line} the lake, nor do boat docks. Don't increase the area along

174 Skyline Drive
Greers Ferry, Arkansas 72067
January 14, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow,
Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

We feel that the proposed plans for Greers Ferry Lake, which have been long delayed by a few disgruntled individuals, should go forward as planned. Careful consideration was given to all aspects when it was originally formulated before being delayed by a ridiculous law suit. The majority is firmly in agreement.

We have no interest in ever having a boat dock, but the locations for permits was carefully studied in regard to environmental safety and the limited locations involved. In regard to the additional mowing provision, as property owners whose land adjoins the government property on the lakeshore, we feel that being able to mow the additional footage would be extremely helpful, both in containing any fire that might occur, and to help eliminate the danger of ticks. Our niece was diagnosed with Lyme's disease after she visited our home! So we do know first-hand about this danger.

We hope that the long-overdue proposed changes will soon be implemented.

Sincerely,

Joyce Holland

Joyce Holland

Joe B. Holland

Joe B. Holland

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January 17, 2002

Ms. Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corp of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Please accept this letter stating my opposition to the proposed Corp of Engineer plan to add ninety-three (93) boat docks to the lake, including nine (9) 20-slip docks in the coming months and years.

Please don't ruin a wonderful asset for this state.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Henry Hodges/jcb
Henry Hodges

HH/sm

12-7-02

Army Corp of Engineers —

NAY!!!

INSTEAD OF BENEFITING THE
WEALTHY FEW WHO HAVE
LAKEHOUSES — KEEP THE LAKE
DOCK FREE & BEAUTIFUL FOR
THE MASSES!

~~RDob~~
Doddas P. Holmes
220 Forest Dr —
Newport, AR —
4/21/02

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am writing about the boat dock issue on Greers Ferry Lake. I am not concerned about adding a few boat docks to a limited number of highly selected areas on the 275+ mile shoreline of Greers Ferry Lake; what concerns me is the proliferation of commercial boat docks on the lake, especially at the Narrows, where it is already extremely dangerous. If about 75% of the boat dock permits requested are for two to four stall boat docks, that means that there will be significantly less need for further expansion of the commercially owned docks.

Many docks in these areas are unattractive and broken down with pieces of Styrofoam floating all around them from the old floatation system. At least the 93 zoned areas for private docks will be a more modern, pleasing, and less polluting type.

It seems that most of the new boat docks are in areas where there are previously zoned docks in place and mostly hidden away in coves and other areas that are less visible from someone cruising on the main body of the lake. To look into a cove and see nine boat docks instead of seven, to me, is not significant. I would vote for Option 2 of the Shoreline Management Plan or, as a second choice, Option 4.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Gayle L. Fittrell

January 9, 2002

Little Rock Corps of Engineers
PO Box 867
Little Rock AR 72203-0867

Dear Sirs:

I am against the Corps of Engineers plan to allow some 90 or so new private docks on Greers Ferry Lake. I am also against the proposal to allow the area along the shore where mowing would be allowed from 50 feet to 100 feet. We have enough over-developed lakes in Arkansas already. I would hate to see Greers Ferry Lake become another Lake Hamilton.

I have enjoyed the clear waters of Greers Ferry Lake for over 30 years, so much so that my husband and I recently purchased a home that over looks the lake. I would like the view that we have to remain the way it is and not become a view of boat docks and a shoreline stripped of vegetation.

Sincerely,



Beth Kremers
3831 Ridge Road
North Little Rock AR 72116

From: ikrumrey <ikrumrey@cswnet.com>
To: gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil. <gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil.>
Date: Monday, December 10, 2001 4:56 PM
Subject: Shore Management Plan

If you are tallying the votes on the proposed SMP as presented in the meeting held by the Corp last week, please list me as being in complete opposition to it and give me credit for an emphatic NO

There are several reasons for this. but the primary one is the proposal to add 93 additional docks. In my opinion, it is absolutely ridiculous for your "experts" to indicate that this would have little or no effect on the cleanliness of the water. I have lived on this lake for 26 years and have always appreciated the efforts of the Corp in the past trying to maintain its overall appearance and cleanliness. Even with their efforts, we can see some deterioration over this period of time. Adding 93 docks with capacity of over 1500 slips, leaking oil, gas, and other refuse would certainly muddy up these waters.

I also cannot possibly imagine how the papers can quote the head of the Corp of Engineers as saying "This is what the people want" especially after one by one they stood up at the meeting expressing their displeasure with the plan. I certainly hope the Corp does not bow to the one or two Realtors or businessmen that express their opinion only to realize quick, temporary profits at the expense of the common citizens.

I tried to E mail the above note several times but the computer said no such address so I am mailing it ok ? Please count it.

*Irving Krumrey
31 Beloit Drive
Heber Springs, Ark
72543*

Mary Jane Kessinger
1212 Silverwood Trail
N. Little Rock, AR 72116-5138
501-791-2110
January 9, 2002

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow,

Although my husband and I do not own property on Greers Ferry Lake, we have always taken much pride in its beauty and cleanliness. Now we learn this is about to come to an end and it will if the building of docks is permitted. The purity of the water and the beauty of the landscape will be lost forever.

We are surprised the Army Corps of Engineers would consider allowing this to happen. Before it is too late we implore you to put an end to this consideration and leave the area as it is today.

Sincerely yours,



Deon L. Kessinger and
Mary Jane Kessinger

**G. LARRY KELLEY
P.O. Box 7269
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72217**

January 6, 2002

Ms. Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corp of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

**AGAINST THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF BOAT DOCKS
AGAINST THE CHANGE IN SHORELINE MOWING**

Our address is 1164 Fox Chase Road, Eden Isle. This is the last house on the lake approaching Point 4 from the Eden Isle Marina.

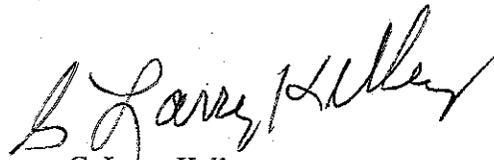
We built the home in 1964. We now have great-grandchildren, teenagers, who are using the facility. We have seen enough expansion. Let's leave something for our great-grandchildren.

We do not want another Hood's Canal, Puget Sound, where you cannot see the water for the boat docks.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline F. Kelley



G. Larry Kelley

GLK/nsp

**269 Germantown Bend Cove
Cordova, TN 38018**

Army Corp of Engineers
Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

RE Greers Ferry Lake

January 18, 2002

Dear Ms Anslow:

I have owned property at Greers Ferry Lake for a long time.

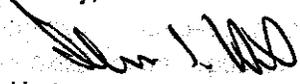
I support the Corps planned increase in the mowing area and new dock permits; alternative # 2. The Corps has gone to great lengths to ensure that this plan will not have negative impacts on the lake. The EIS and its review by the Tulsa Corps office and Dr. Larry Canter confirm that all NEPA guidelines have been met and exceeded.

This plan will help equalize the random way in which boat dock permits have been issued in the past. There are many areas around the lake where Docks exist, yet neighbors in adjacent areas were denied permits. Denying new dock permits will not reduce the number of boats on the lake. It will just encourage the growth of the commercial marinas, which are already eyesores and will just increase the congestion and accidents around the marina areas. Allowing more private docks will spread the boating traffic around the lake and increase safety.

As a property owner, with a young child, increasing the mowing area to 100' is an important safety issue, not only for fire control but also to reduce the chance of a snake encounter around our home.

The Save the Lake group asked for an EIS, it was done as requested. The Corps regulations, development under previous tenure, require that it implement the public's request, which was to allow more docks and increased mowing areas. It is now time to approve Alternative #2 because there will be no significant impact to Greers Ferry Lake.

Respectfully;


Glen Hurt

Patrician Anslow
Little Rock District
Corps of Engineers
PO Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Jan 14, 2002

I am writing to express concern about the proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake. From what I see of it, it is motivated by those who stand to make a profit from the destruction of the shoreline environment of this beautiful body of water.

I am currently a retired Professor whose research and teaching has dealt with use of land in ways to preserve what we have left of an environment friendly to the human. I have observed and worked in the vicinity of the Lake of the Ozarks, and first hand have seen (watched over the years) the destruction of a beautiful body of water by over development of a shoreline. I am aware of the Lake Hamilton fiasco of development along the shore, and would not want to even wade in that water. I own property on upper Table Rock Lake, and currently am very concerned about the fish kills in the lake, the algal content of the water that 30 years ago was not troubled by anything like that, and by the congestion along the shorelines east of Highway 13 crossing on that lake.

Whatever the developers want now, they should remember that the land and its properties belong more to our children than to us. What will it profit a person to gain a few bucks, and leave a poisoned place for our kids and grandkids to live? The Corps has done a good job of trying to resist the pressures of development. Why change that now?

David T Lewis
2520 Penny Lane
Rogers AR 72758



John R. Gillenwater & Associates, Inc.

10801 Executive Center Drive, Suite 209
Little Rock, Arkansas 72211

Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division
Little Rock District Corps of Engineers
Attn: Patricia Anslow
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Ar 72203-0867

Gentlemen:

I am writing in total support of the preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan at Greers Ferry Lake. I understand there is determined effort to prevent its implementation so I do want to add my comments specifically aimed at the boatdock portion of the proposal. You may recognize that I was one of those who was previously issued a permit during the year 2000 prior to the plan being overturned by the Court.

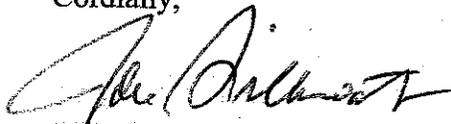
First, a little background. I am a native Arkansan and raised my children twenty years ago vacationing at Greers Ferry Lake during the summer time where they learned to ski. No one has greater respect for the beauty of the lake and a strong desire to preserve its cleanliness than I do. Almost three years ago my wife and I realized a dream by being able to purchase a home on Hurricane Bay.

Those opposing the plan cry about the additional docks marring the scenery of the lake and yet areas like Hurricane Bay are already lined with docks. The extremely small number of proposed new permits would be less noticeable than some of the community docks now being constructed under the existing plan.

The opposition uses the argument that the docks would also lead to additional pollution because of the additional number of boats that would ensue. That is an empty argument. I currently maintain two slips at a commercial marina with boats already in the water. To the contrary, not getting a dock could lead me to the decision to purchase a pontoon boat as so many other property owners have done. My being allowed to have a dock in no way can increase the possibility of my spilling gasoline.

In summary, I applaud your efforts to be sensitive to the needs of the property owners of the lake and recognize the proposed plan as your response to those needs. Please do carry through with proposed changes in the shoreline management.

Cordially,



John R. Gillenwater

501-221-6050 • 800-364-8260 • jrgassoc@swbell.net

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Trash: Please leave Greers
Ferry AS it is We have messed
up enough of our lands. Dont
you Think we have Commercialized
Lake Hamilton To much. Please
dont do that to our other
Lake + water.

Mr. & Mrs. Joyce Gibby
27 West 22
Member IR 2110-8903

ST. I have
Sam G. Gibby

AS
if you want to Talk
you know where I am
AT

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

We are writing this letter to let you know that we are opposed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans for the Greers Ferry Lake. The answer for this lake is not more docks and closer to the water mowing of the vegetation.

We have watched our weekend neighbors for the past three years violate the Corps mowing rules and have seen up close and personal the erosion. Since they set their mowers too low, they burn the grass and when there is not grass and the rains come, you have mud moving downhill toward the water's edge. They feel that is not a problem since they are only here 8 or 10 weekends a year. We have to live with the mess they make and as one said to me, I don't care about the rules, I just come here to have fun.

We also have seen what unrestricted amounts of boat docks can do to a lake. We have seen it first hand, since relatives live on Beaver Lake which has a water clarity that is horrible and beaches that are a disgrace. If boat docks are so good for a lake, why are boat docks not allowed on lakes being built by the Corps since 1974. We retired here because the lake is so natural and pristine. We want it to stay that way. We realize that tourism is money, but at what future cost. The lake is so crowded on the weekends that one takes his life in his hands to just take a ride with friends or visitors. When do we say, enough is enough.

Please add our opposition to the Corps proposed Shoreline Management Plan-Environmental Impact Statement for Greers Ferry Lake.

Sincerely



Art and Gloria Glider
2533 Beach Dr.
Heber Springs, AR

January 8, 2002

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
PO Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

Subject: Opposal to Greers Ferry Dock Proposal

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am an infrequent visitor to Greers Ferry Lake. I go to the lake because of its uniqueness and pristine beauty. It is a beautiful, relatively unspoiled lake very much like Lake Guachita. I do not go to see the houses and boat docks or carefully manicured lawns.

I am **firmly opposed** to the Corps proposal to allow 90 or more new private boat docks to be built on the lake, and the proposal to reduce the zone around the lake from 100 feet to 50 feet. I fear that the Corps is subscumbing to pressure from the monied few that can afford houses on Greers Ferry, and special interest groups (e.g. Realtors) that stand to benefit from increased docks and residents around the lake. It appears to be no coincidence that this proposal is happening after the Corps Resident Engineer Carl Garner retired.

The Corps should carefully consider Mr. Garners' advice not to allow the new docks because it will make it easier to allow more encroachments on the lake in the future. If the Corps can't trust the judgment of someone that has been involved with the lake for 30 years, who can they trust?

If I owned a house on Greers Ferry no doubt I would be lobbying for a boat dock of my own because of its convenience and enhancement to my property values. However for the masses of people that visit the lake without living on it, it seems a shame that the self-serving needs of the privileged few will be able to despoil the lake. And the needs of these privileged few are the shallow needs of convenience, not needs of necessity.

The very premise of the Corps proposal to allow more private docks appears illogical to me. There are adequate public docks, boat storage and public launch facilities strategically and deligently placed at Greers Ferry by the Corps to meet the stated objective of opening up the lake to more people. It is almost as if the Corps is discounting all the careful and hard work it has done in the past. There are two lakes in Arkansas that can serve as very different models of the consequence of "opening" up lakes: Lake Hamilton, which allows multiple private boat docks; or Lake Guachita, which allows no building around the lake. I know which lake is more representative of the "natural state".

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I hope your decision is to keep Greers Ferry as it is!

Sincerely,



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January 6

Attn: Trish Anslow

Dear Trish Anslow,

Re: private boat docks on
Greers Ferry lake, I am opposed
to allowing a multitude of
new boat docks on the lake.

Let us save this beautiful
lake and protect the water.
It is very alarming to think
of Greer's Ferry being transformed
into a lake that resembles
Lake Hamilton.

Sincerely,
(Mrs.) Jean T. Evans

January 9, 2002

Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow,

Subj: Greers Ferry Lake

This letter has been prompted by a recent ad in the Heber Springs, Sun Times Newspaper on Jan9, 2002.

I am opposed to the New Shoreline Management Plan for the following reasons:

Commercial Docks are maintained year round by their owners, as they are a source of income for their owners. Private docks are usually not well maintained.

As the lake level rises and falls continually I have observed (over the years) numerous docks are usually left high and dry each year (or just washed away) and not retrieved until the water catches up with them again.

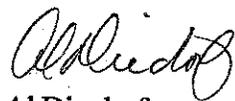
A substantial number of current lake front property owners (and visitors) tend to leave an abundance of trash, boats, life jackets, skis, coolers, fishing poles, soda bottles etc each season. Wasn't that part of the reason for the Lake Clean-Up in the first place?

The Corps currently doesn't have the man power (or budget) to enforce the current rules as they apply to leaving boats moored, lake tags, Arkansas registration tags, proper life jackets, grass mowing, etc. So how could they possibly begin to cope with the "dock monster" that has been proposed.

Well,..... I guess you get my drift.

Please leave things as they are. Most everybody is extremely happy with Greers Ferry Lake as it is.

Sincerely,



Al Dierdorf
759 Christopher Dr.
Quitman, AR 72131

January 15, 2001

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. box 867
Little Rock AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan – Environmental Impact Statement

Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in November 2001. I am opposed to all Alternatives contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement of November 2001.

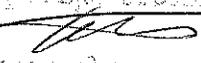
I have sailed on Greers Ferry Lake for 25 years. We selected Greers Ferry Lake because of its natural beauty and its relatively unspoiled and natural shoreline when compared to other Mid-south lakes. In my opinion, the proposed management plan threatens to spoil the very attributes that make Greers Ferry Lake the treasure that it is.

The plan apparently favors a few landowners and developers to the detriment of the general public. I can assure you that there is no public outcry for additional private docks or clearing of vegetation. It is astounding that the Corps would propose a plan that so clearly favors a small segment of the public at the expense of the public at large. The suspicions that are raised by such a proposal damage the credibility of the Corps and raise questions about the motivation behind the proposal.

I have heard no one voice any support for the proposal. On the contrary, every sailor, boater and fisherman that I have encountered has expressed opposition to the proposed management plan. Most are incredulous that the plan was ever put forth in its current form.

Please count me in opposition to the proposed Shoreline Management Plan.

Sincerely,


Vince DeSalvo
293 Pearl Street
Marianna, AR 72360

Irish

I am against building private
boat docks on Greer Ferry Lake,
because it would spoil the
natural beauty of the shoreline.

Thanks,

Mr + Mrs Jim Deschamps

all of us. There is nothing in
Tennessee that can touch the
beauty or purity of Green Ferry
Lake,

please, someone with some
common sense, sense of history,
or far-sighted sense please
come forward and halt the
private dock expansion.

The short-sighted decision
spells Disaster down the road

Sincerely, Ellen + Richard Dixon

Dear Irish,

We need with great distress the

**Robert P.
Flanagan**

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Phone: (501) 362-6446

Sunday, January 13, 2002

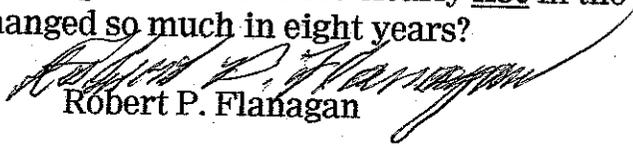
Ms. Tricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
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Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the Corps in November 2001 that would among other things increase the number of boat docks on the lake and increase the area in which mowing is allowed. I favor the continuation of the 1994 Shoreline Management Plan.

I served in the Corps of Engineers from 1960 to 1994. During this period I spent about 17 years in the Vicksburg District and 16 years in the North Pacific Division. During this time I served as Chief of Engineering, Chief of Planning and Chief of Project Management. I Retired as the North Pacific Division's Director of Planning and Engineering (an S.E.S. position) in 1994. During this time I had the opportunity to visit Corps lakes across the country. It was obvious to me that our most precious treasures were our lakes with minimum development. That is what attracted us to Greers Ferry when we selected our retirement home site.

I know your District Commander's charge is to make a decision that is in the best public interest. What is a mystery to me is why the Corps continues to push a plan that is to me clearly not in the best public interest. Have the rules changed so much in eight years?


Robert P. Flanagan

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TRISH ANSLOW

LITTLE ROCK CORPS OF ENGINEERS

P.O. Box 867

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203-0867

RE: GREERS FERRY LAKE

AS A BOAT OWNER WHO KEEPS HIS BOAT AT THE HEBER SPRINGS MARINA, AND WHO ALSO HAS A SECOND HOME IN HEBER SPRINGS, I AM VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO ALLOWING PRIVATE DOCKS IN AND AROUND THE LAKE, AS WELL AS THE REMOVAL OF VEGETATION AROUND THE SHORELINE -

THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY THIS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED, BUT THE MAIN REASON IS TO KEEP GREERS FERRY LAKE AS PRISTINE & BEAUTIFUL AS IT WAS INTENDED TO BE WHEN IT WAS DEDICATED BACK IN 1963 BY JOHN F. KENNEDY -

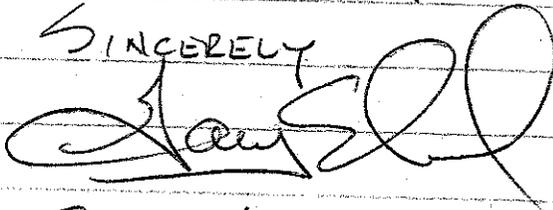
I HAVE BEEN COMING TO THIS LAKE SINCE 1963 FROM MEMPHIS, TN ON A REGULAR BASIS AND PLAN TO RETIRE IN HEBER SPRINGS, I DO NOT WANT TO SEE THE CLUTTER & UGLINESS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TYPE OF "DEVELOPMENT" -

THE CORPS PRESENCE ON THE LAKE IS MINIMAL & BEST, EXCEPT ON CROWDED

HOLIDAY WEEKENDS - HOW CAN THEY EXPECT TO
REGULATE PRIVATE BOAT DOCKS AND THE
CUTTING OF UNDERBRUSH SPREAD OUT OVER
THE HUNDREDS OF MILES OF SHORELINE OF
THE LAKE?

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS ISSUE CAREFULLY AND
THE LONG TERM EFFECTS IT WILL HAVE ON
THE COMMUNITY, WATER RESOURCES & NATURAL
BEAUTY OF THIS WONDERFUL PLACE, GREENS
FERRY LAKE. DO NOT ALLOW PRIVATE BOAT DOCKS
TO TAKE OVER!

SINCERELY



GARY SCHWEND
1898 TAHITI LANE
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HEBER SPRINGS, AK
501-362-7618

Frances Shelton

Little Rock, Ar.
Jan 16 - 2001

Dear Jiccia Anselow

Please count me as voting
for the Cope plan to add 9' or so
boat docks on Green Spring Lake
also for some further clearing
around the shoreland.

I have a boat dock and
understand why others in your approved
locations would need a dock for better
access to the lake. I am especially interested
in being able to clear a little further
away from my house because of dead
logs, logs and leaves that prevent a fire
hazard.

The editorial in the Ark. Dem on Jan's
was too critical and an exaggeration of what

Frances Shelton

the Corp would or might do in
the future. Yes the Lake is beautiful
and with the Corps management
will continue to be so even with
the changes that have been proposed.

Yours Truly
Frances Shelton
12216 Shawnee Court Dr.
Little Rock, Ar. 72212

04 January 2002

Corp of Engineers
Greers Ferry Lake
Heber Springs, Arkansas

RE: Support of Proposals 2 & 5 of the Shoreline Management Plan 2000

Dear Sirs,

Our family has been enjoying the beauty of Greers Ferry Lake for over 30 years. We have camped, owned a houseboat, owned lake front in an area approved for boat docks and currently reside in the "Pristine" area between the Dam and Dam Site Marina.

As we enjoyed the lake this past summer, I took particular notice of the extreme expansion of many of the commercial marinas. Most looked good because of their new clean, fresh modern additions, but because they are now so spread out and intrusive they are unsightly and cause hazards for campers and boaters. Some of the waterway areas have become narrow and cramped. We now avoid places like the narrows and around the dam site because of the traffic and debris floating around which can harm people as well as boats and motors.

I have seen some of the NEW private docks that appear to be well constructed, maintained, uniform in appearance and actually DO NOT DO as much damage to the shore line as the older disintegrating boat docks/houses or the many boats that are pulled up on shore. There are tires, large rubber mats, ropes, anchors & buoys that could all be eliminated with the replacement of a nice neat private boat dock that would be a lot more eye appealing and safer for the boaters and swimmers.

I love this lake. We knew some 30 years ago when we first came here tent camping that some day we wanted to retire here. I would do nothing to intentionally harm a place that I have so much invested in, and I mean the love of. I would much rather see uniformity throughout the lake. I think the commercial marinas should be held to a higher standard. It appears that the Private Docks are neater, the buoyancy systems are cleaner and contained where as the commercial docks have Styrofoam hooked together with cable and wire. They are breaking up in chunks, and I mean chunks, from the size of a grape (by the thousands) to the size of a 1 foot thick 3x3 foot block (we have had two large sections wash up on our shore line). They break loose and float freely causing skiers and boats to dodge this debris. Other marinas have hundreds of tires floating in the water (what is this doing for the fish and the environment ?) I understand the demand for commercial boat storage facilities. But if you listen to the owners of these establishments you will hear them clearly express their concern for loss revenue if private docks are permitted. My own situation is like that of so many other property owners. I presently store my boat on my property in the winter. In the summer I tie it up on your shoreline, floating on tires to keep from tearing up the bottom of my boat and to hopefully diminish the deterioration of the shoreline. I use ropes, anchors, and buoys off the rear to detour

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RE: Support of Proposals 2 & 5 of the Shoreline Management Plan 2000

other boaters and skiers from coming to close (which cause the boat to rock and thus damaging your property and mine). Would it not make better sense to have these boats in a well anchored, clean, contained private boat dock/house ?

Unfortunately, we were away for an extended period of time when the opportunity was afforded us to apply for a private dock. I would, of course, love to have that opportunity again. Therefore, I support alternative 5 to reopen the dock application process with review every 5 years, or maybe based on growth and demand. Or, support for the 93 docks that were approved. (also, have all those old docks removed or replaced with the new design and PLEASE look at the marinas and what they are doing to this lake.

Sincerely,



Barbara D. Simmons
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Tumbling Shoals, AR 72581

William C. Simmons
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Tumbling Shoals, Arkansas
72581

Corps of Engineers
Greers Ferry Lake

4 January 2002

Subj: Proposed Shore Line Management Plan Input

The Corps of Engineers has requested public input on the proposed Shore Line Management plan (SMP). This letter constitutes my preferences for changes to the SMP as it pertains to the five alternatives proposed by the Corps:

1. Concerning limited development zoning: I support alternative 5 as my primary vote. Failing this alternative getting a majority of the peoples votes I want my vote to default to alternative 2. Alternative 2 allows some boat docks but not as many as alternative 5 does.
2. Concerning Vegetative Modification: I support no changes to the current restrictions that only allows mowing of vegetation fifty feet from the foundation of a habitable structure. The Corps should actively promote planting of appropriate vegetation along the shore line to cut down on erosion.
3. Concerning restrictions on boats with sleeping quarters: Abolish separate rules in the SMP and follow state rules.
4. Concerning grand fathered docks: Adopt district policy that allows limited improvements to grand fathered docks. However, I strongly support an amendment that would require all docks on the lake to be brought up to the requirements of a new dock and that owners of all docks on the lake are maintained properly or that person would lose their permit.

I would also like to see some language in the SMP that allows, with an appropriate permit, adjacent land owners to place natural native stone along the water line to help stop erosion. This is in the best interests of the Corps and adjacent land owners. Without an effective erosion abatement program in effect the land will, in due course, erode to the white line (property line). At that time Corps regulations become mute.

I firmly believe that the Corps of Engineers are good stewards of Greers Ferry Lake and are to be commended for all the improvements made to the lake since its inception.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William C. Simmons". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

William C. Simmons

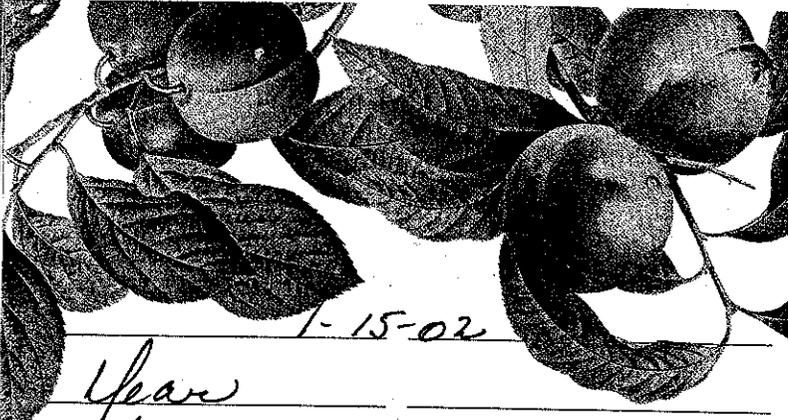


us as often as they can
and they all want to monee
here someday because of
the beautiful & inviting
Greer Ferry -

If the lake is covered
with boat docks and the
veg. taken away from
its shore line, it will
never be restored to the
beautiful, refreshing
Lake that it is now.

I told my husband about
ten yrs. ago that ~~that~~
surely God had something
to do with this wonderful
pristine Lake -

Thank you -
Ella Taylor



1-15-02

Yours
Little Rock Corps of
Engineers,

My husband & I
have been coming to Greer
Ferry Lake since 1987 - We
love the beauty of the lake,
because of the uncrowded,
tranquil setting -

We loved it so much,
that four yrs. ago we bought
a small log home on the
Little Red River because we
could not afford one on the
River Lake - We are retired
now, so we spend most of
our time in Hiber Springs -
Our children & Grandchildren
from Memphis come to see

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January 4, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and
Regulatory Division
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
POB 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake - Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

My wife, Elizabeth K. Terry, and I are the owners of #480 Shady Cove Horizontal Property Regime located on Eden Isle, Cleburne County, Arkansas. Please refer to our prior letter of January 25, 2001.

Again, our interest is solely upon the matter of mowing restrictions and is not upon the issue of construction of new boat dock facilities on the lake.

This is to advise that Mrs. Terry and I fully support Alternative No. 2, being the Preferred Alternative, which provides for authorization for mowing from habitable structures being increased from 50 to 100 feet, but subject to a minimum 50-foot buffer from the vegetated edge of the shoreline back from the lake.

January 4, 2002
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Please consider this letter our "comment sheet" as to the Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake, currently under consideration. This sets forth our position for the Environmental Impact Statement for the Plan. We are residents of Little Rock, but we and our family spend much time on Greers Ferry Lake and have been doing so for a number of years now.

Respectfully submitted,


Elizabeth K. Terry


William L. Terry

WLT/ms

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From: Fisher Walter [mailto:walt@ipa.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 8:59 PM
To: "Tricia Anslow"
Cc: "Greers Ferry SMP"
Subject: No to Greers Ferry Lake SMP

Date: January 27, 2002
To: Ms. Patricia Anslow
US Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District Planning
Division
From: Judith A. Fisher
9 Bluff View Drive
Quitman, AR 72131

I am opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry Lake (alternative 2) by the Corps of Engineers.

Your plan is ECONOMICALLY questionable and environmentally destructive. Private interests are placated, and a healthy lake and the public are the losers. Instead of opening the floodgates for more docks (with as many as 20 slips in each), polluting the water with a 300 percent increase in cut vegetation, and ruining the aesthetics of a Natural treasure; save taxpayers money in the long run and dispose of your Shoreline Management Plan (alternative 2).

Clean water is a crucial resource for drinking, recreation, fishing, support of biodiversity, and sheer aesthetic enjoyment. The tradition of flushing wastes away is a human characteristic and more and more chemicals from washing of boats, painting of boats, maintenance products, motor oil and gas will emanate from the addition of more docks. Water shortage and poor water quality are linked because contamination reduces the supply of water and increases the cost of treating water to make it safe. Prevention is among the most cost-effective means of increasing water supplies: esa.sdsc.edu. Lacey's gas spills have happened more than once and observed and stated as such to the Marina. And their docks are "only" 8 inches over the stated limit by the Corps. The Narrows connects one part of the Lake to the other and is in a very high traffic area, especially on holidays. Despite complaints to the Corps grandfathered docks such as Lacey's continue unfettered. Greers Ferry Lake is completely enveloped by dry counties (Van Buren and Cleburne), yet wet bars are a part of the advertisement for their luxury houseboats. Public safety concerns have been seen and noted Figure 3-9.

"Nonpoint pollution can be reduced by vegetation." Public Affairs Office, Ecological Society of America. The best treatment for the effects water pollution has on our health is prevention. EPA office of Water "Preventing drinking water contamination at the source makes sense: good public health sense; good economic sense, and good environmental sense." Historically the uninformed and self-interested behaviors of dischargers have degraded water resources in the US and throughout the world (EPA and CWA report). Excess sediment can fill lakes, smother aquatic life, cloud water, and block sunlight. Sediment can also carry other pollutants into it. Erosion and runoff are primary sources of this pollutant."p 27 Benefits Assessment of Water Pollution Control Programs since 1972. Inadequately treated sewage (Narrows), storm water drains, mowing are sources of pollutants which can cause diseases. Areas found to have the most serious soil limitations were the Narrows, Lakeshore, A. Branch, Peter Rock, and Frontier Canyon.4.3.2.2. Water Quality Short-term and long-term minor indirect adverse impacts would be expected under your Preferred Alternative."

Any degradation of water may reduce the enjoyment humans receive from viewing water resources. "Declining ecosystem health may in turn generate changes in the quantity or quality of recreational activities or a change in human health or health risks." p49 Corps study The Narrows channel already has bank erosion and poor septic tanks. High Phosphorous levels come from fertilizers, sewage, manure and detergents from runoff. "Excess nutrients overstimulate the growth of aquatic weeds and algae, leading to "blooms," oxygen depletion, and elevated levels of sediment accumulation." P 27EPA Jan. 2000 Excess fertilization and manure production cause a P surplus, which accumulates in soil. Some of this surplus is transported in soil runoff to aquatic ecosystems. Recovery is often slow." Esa.sdsc.edu

Realtors and your own cover page/spine back disc picture show no docks. Realtors are already advertising lots with boat docks prematurely. The plan is beneficial to private interest, not public. Some realtors are asking for two docks, each with 20 slips. Poor water quality and aesthetics will undermine the almighty dollar for the realtor and eventually visitors will choose another lake. A selfish person delights in short term gratification and purposely ignores long term benefits. Economic, environmental, and social values are complementary and interdependent and all three should work together over time (typically more than one generation.)

The writer of this document questions your reviewers' expertise: i.e. 2-3 years experience of many preparers and a company that has NO bases in Arkansas. 54 boat rides and 23 car rides, phone calls, and outdated laws do not seem to add credence to your study. Some laws and Water Pollution Acts were published years before the Lake was dedicated. We can learn a lot from the demise of other Lakes and from Carl Garner (resident engineer for decades) in interview August 2001. The Federal Register (1991) states no more docks on new Corps lakes and no docks on Lake Ouchita. The Assistant Manager of Lake Lanier has already prophesized the deterioration of Greers Ferry Lake if pollution prevention and erosion prevention are not practiced (BOTH are ecologically and ECONOMICALLY rewarding).

Some discrepancies in your study: p. 70 Alternative 3 plan does not word similarly to p. 76 Alternative 3 plan ("at least until the next review") added on p. 76 4.3.2.1 Hydrogeology/Groundwater Your statement is incorrect. The groundwater does have effect on the lake because most of it runs down slopes to the Lake.

What about the view and effect from the Bluffs? It is completely different from the pictures in your study because those docks are readily seen and not hidden by trees that are no longer there. Rarely do photos of our Lake used by realtors or anyone else show docks (look at yours).

Pope John Paul Jan.1, 1990 "In our day, there is a growing awareness that world peace is threatened not only by the arms race, regional conflicts and continued injustices among peoples and nations, but also by a lack of DUE RESPECT FOR NATURE, by the plundering of natural resources and by a progressive decline in the quality of life. Moreover, a new ECOLOGICAL AWARENESS is beginning to emerge which, rather than being downplayed, ought to be encouraged to develop into concrete programs." In the Book of Genesis "And God saw everything he had made, and behold IT WAS VERY GOOD." " WE CANNOT INTERFERE IN ONE AREA OF THE ECOSYSTEM WITHOUT PAYING DUE ATTENTION BOTH TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH INTERFERENCE IN OTHER AREAS AND TO THE WELL BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS."

Trees are coming down so the views open up, underbrush makes way for green lawns and then the flow of chemicals, sediment and pollution flows into the Lake. We can see it from the Bluffs. The SMP of 1994 with tighter restrictions for the good of the Lake is the reason that many retirees, including myself chose to live here. Development is occurring without your alternative 2. There is plenty of work for the Corps; oftentimes there are no permit tags on docks

and people are ripping out trees. Paths to docks have widened and lead straight to the Lake instead of meandering. P. 239 Corps study In examining the latest preferred SMP and in analyzing the goings-on of the Corps since Tommy Park has been in office, the message is that property owners no longer have to meet a slew of requirements (no arrangement is made for 24 hour surveillance of absent owners of docks). The floodgate for applications from property owners and realtors has opened. The Corps of Engineers Reform Act of 2001 Congress finds the following: p.3 1 (b)To ensure that the Nation's water resources investments are economically justified and enhance the environment. (6)To ensure that environmental analyses be considered as co-equal to economic analyses.....impacts on the health of aquatic ecosystems.

From your own admission "given the current public preference for an uncluttered shoreline, your study "would reduce the scenic integrity of the Lake's shoreline." While the plan benefits less than 90 (who would pollute so many people's view and water), those same people should share in the cost of such an apprehensible plan. What is insignificant to a few is very important to others as evidenced by the thousands of letters, postcards, e-mail, and letters to the editors showing widespread opposition to the Corps preferred plan. In fact, the editors of the Little Rock Arkansas Democrat Gazette and Heber Springs Sun Times have written very terse editorials opposing the proposed Shoreline Management Plan (alternative 2).

Realtors mitigating environmental damage are despicable. Far better, to make every effort to avoid the damage altogether. Here we go again: Is the Corps promoting an ecologically intrusive (erosion and riparian habitat degradation) project backed by political interests?

How do you weigh the advantages of a pristine view and a pollution free lake? Your assistance in the preservation of the natural beauty of the lake shoreline and becoming good stewards of the water quality will be appreciated both now and in the future.

January 8, 2002

Ms. Anslow
Corps of Engineers
Box 867
The Rock, AR 72203

Ms. Anslow,

I have a lake house on the shore
Greers Ferry at Eden Isle. I have
in there (as a vacation home) for
me. I live in Little Rock.

I do so hope that Greers Ferry
I not be allowed ^{any} new private
ones on the lake - a 40 To increase
the number of docks already on
lake. This would certainly detract from the
top of this very unique lake.
I have never had a dock ~~on~~
the lake at my house +
though I am an avid swimmer
with a boat, I don't miss having
-ck. They are not necessary to
ing the use of the lake + would
y detract from what we have

now, which would ^{then} become ^{just} another crowded Lake Hamilton.

Once this occurs there would be no turning back ^{in policy}. I say keep Green Ferry the unique lake it is. As time goes on it will be even more unique if left under the current rules.

Sincerely,
J. Claire Trotter
22 River Point
Little Rock, AR 72202

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan -
Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in November 2001 that would (a) increase the number of private multislip boat docks permitted on the Lake; (b) rezone areas of the Lake to allow for permitting of private multislip boat docks in formerly Protected Areas; and (c) increase the area in which vegetation modification (mowing) could be conducted on the Government land adjacent to the Lake.

I am opposed to all Alternatives contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement of November 2001.

Sincerely,

Jo Claire Trotter

Printed name:

Address:

*Jo Claire Trotter
1140 Fox Chase (Eden Isle)
Heber Springs, AR 72543*

Dear Editor:

Over a quarter of a century ago I fell in love with this lake. It was a case of "love at first sight." Thirty three years later it still gives me a thrill to look down at the awesome beauty from atop the Mt at the junction of Hwy 5 and 16. We were so smitten by the beauty of the terrain and the clear water that we bought lakeside property in a small cove in 1972..

From 1972 through 1976 we spent every weekend possible on a group-owned houseboat or motel up here. After a week or weekend of breathing the crisp/clean mountain air it just got to be too painful to go back to urban living. So, in December of 1976, we moved to our lakeside haven where we have lived daily for the past 25 years.

I would like to share some observations of this past quarter century. The Corps has made periodic changes in the shoreline management. After each change there is always some group that is happy with the change and some group unhappy.

A few years ago a small group of us got upset over the plan to divert lake water to cities and towns miles away. We formed "Friends of the Lake, Inc." Like "Chicken Little," we thought the sky was falling as horror stories were told that Greers Ferry Lake would become a "mud puddle" and look like Lake X or Lake Y in some other states. Well, the Corps prevailed and there are a multitude of people that are drinking some of the finest water in the world. I know this for a fact as I have drunk a gallon or two untreated. I was asked how the "raw water" affected me and I replied the 1st cup is great and the 2nd makes you want to spawn! All of the dire things predicted with the water diversion never happened. The lake looks like it always looked and I was a little embarrassed that I got caught up in the "sky is falling" mentality. Several of the original group of "Friends of the Lake" just dropped out. It was taken over by a new group of well-meaning people. The new cause is the Shore Management Plan (SMP). Some of the rumors or scare tactics remind me of the water diversion fiasco.

Some observation: The word pristine is used quite often. Pristine is what the Little Red was before the dam was built. The lake is man-made and does not qualify for the word pristine. The comparison is often made to Lake Hamilton or the Lake of the Ozarks. Lake Hamilton was built as a commercial enterprise by AP&L in 1932 to furnish electricity to the city of Hot Springs. To quote a Website describing Lake Hamilton I quote "Lake Hamilton is a commercial lake - everything along the shoreline is a residence, restaurant, hotel, motel or business of some sort etc etc." The Lake of the Ozarks was built by an electric company out of St. Louis in the 1930's and is a commercial enterprise. At one time it was the largest man-made lake in the world.

Time for a little "I got news for you" from 3 decades of objective observations while living on the lake. There are several groups of people that come to the lake for pleasure and recreation. One group comes to enjoy the beautiful well maintained parks and camp-sites. Another group is the water-craft enthusiasts. They come to the lake to air out the speed boats and sea-doods. A small segment like to find a quiet (??) Cove to park their party barges, pontoons and houseboats to get away from the heavy traffic of speed boats pulling skiers and sea-doods. Alas, they are out

of luck because the skiers and sea-doo's love the thrill of playing dodge-em around the anchored boats in the cove . It is a thrill a-minute. And then there are the jet-boats, they go as far back in the cove as possible and race out of the cove at full-throttle. The deafening noise alone scatters all in their path, like a covey of quail. My wife once remarked to me as we observed the bedlam, "do you miss that behavior?" (That was us years ago) I said "no", I even waxed poetic about the behavior, "we live in the mountains where the city folks come to play, we grin and bear the weekends for we know they cannot stay"!!

The summers are their's and the winter's are ours. Just after Labor Day quiet descends again. We all pitch in and clean up a ton or two of the flotsam and jetsam left behind by our summer friends and life goes on. The water fowl return, the loons sing their looney-tunes and all is well. I set out on the deck in the late fall and breathe in the pure mountain air and say to myself, "this is about as close to heaven as I am going to get on this earth."

I predict that 100 years from now it will be much the same, another old man will sit out on his deck and enjoy the feeling.

The Corps has shown good stewardship, the only change I have noticed is that it is less dogmatic and more democratic.

Ralph Anderson
Sincerely, Ralph Anderson

Lake Hamilton

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Lake Hamilton is a commercial lake everything along the shore line is a residence, resturant, hotel, motel, or business of some sort. The Lake is 18 1/2 miles long and covers 7,200 ac. It was constructed by AP&L around 1932 to provide electricity for the city of Hot Springs. There are plenty of accommodations, cabins, B&Bs, RV parks etc. but it does not have a state park, hiking trails or a tent camping areas like the other lake areas have. You can cross portions of the lake on Hwy 7, 70 W, and 270 W and it's heavily used for all types of water sports with public boat ramps and marinas, available to the public.

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**Public comments for
Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan
Draft EIS**

You are invited to write your comments and suggestions concerning analysis that is included in the Draft EIS. Feel free to attach additional sheets of paper as necessary. Please include your name and city of residence. You may place this sheet in the "Comment Sheet Return" box at the conclusion of this meeting or mail it to Patricia Anslow, Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division, Little Rock District Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203-0867 or e-mail comments to gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil.

All written comments are due by January 28, 2002.

Please write legibly.

*Please see my attached letter,
dated Dec. 20, 2000.*

Thank you.

John Williford

Name

Jan. 23, 2002

Date

Draese, AR 72530

City of Residence

**John Williford
290 Wild Acres Rd.
Drasco, AR 72530**

December 20, 2000

**Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division
Little Rock Corps of Engineer
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867**

**Re: Shoreline Management Plan
Greers Ferry Lake**

This letter is being written in response to a possible change in existing limits as set out in the Shoreline Management Plan. The current vegetation modification limit is 50 feet from the foundation of habitable structures.

Frankly, I can, will, and have lived with this over the last seventeen years. I do not believe this to be a realistic point of view. I would propose that this be increased to 200 feet with a 50 foot buffer strip from the normal high level of the lake. In terms of a proposed Modified SMP, Vegetation Modification, I feel that I can enhance the beauty of a small area and in effect help to maintain normal conditions in my area of the lake.

I further believe that if such a proposal was made to individual property owners in which they pledged to improve and maintain such would help all adjacent property owners around the lake and would further the natural beauty of this lake.

I do not desire to destroy the beauty of this wonderful lake. I do think that I could help "Mother Nature" a bit. I think that I could preserve this beauty with a little mechanical help. I seek to help, not destroy. This is my home, too.

Thank you for your time and possible consideration. I live here and love it here. I would never want to see my "bit of Heaven" ruined.

Sincerely,

John Williford

I tell you that our ^{only} home is a part of ²
Riviera Cove Subdivision.
We do not have a lake view.
This incident occurred in
Riviera Cove private dock
area! This man ^{was} actually
our neighbor! Please
multiply this incident until
you can fully grasp the reason
we must search for a
deserted strip of shoreline
in order to even slow down
for fear of being accosted.

I am totally against any
more ^{private} docks on this lake. I
am totally against denuding
the shoreline. I am against
gates and locks blocking
access to swimming areas.

Public land and lakes
managed by Corp of Engineers
needs to make sure the stay
focused on the words Public
Land and Lakes. Corrie Lindeman

01-16-02

Corrie Lindeman
1315 Lakeshore Dr.
Heber Springs AR
72543

RE: SMP Greers Ferry Lake
Ms. Anslow;

Are you familiar with the
property owners debate along
a stretch of beach in California?
This is exactly the situation here.

Property owners have become
so paranoid about any boater
who stops near their "shore-
line", some will actually come
out and threaten boaters to "get
moving"; "get out of here".

How do I know that? A child
on our pontoon boat became
nauseated from the choppy water.
We pulled into the nearest cove
to stabilize the situation. Immediately
we were confronted by an irate
property owner demanding (what were
we doing on his property. That
was his private dock) We were
30 feet from "his dock".

Just for clarification, may

J. WARREN MURRY, M.D.
540 CREST DRIVE
FAYETTEVILLE, AR 72701

17 Jan 2002

Irish Anslaw
L.R. Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 8670
Little Rock, Ar. 72203

Dear Ms Anslaw:

I am writing to object to the proposal by the Corps of Engineers to add 93 boat docks to Greers Ferry lake including 9 twenty slip docks and also to allow more shore line mowing. I lived in Heber Springs for 4 years between 1989-93 and had a pontoon boat docked at Eden Lake Marina. I have also had a boat at Beaver lake. In comparison to other lakes in the state, Greers Ferry lake has one of the most beautiful, clean natural shore lines. To clutter it up with so many more boat docks and other man made structures would destroy this natural beauty. The shore line is clean because of Carl Garner's lake clean-up program.

which my wife and I have participated. Carl Garner is a friend of mine, and I cannot believe that he would approve of such a plan. If the Corps carries out this plan, the lake will resemble a polluted, congested, ugly Lake Hamilton.

Please, I beg of you, do not carry out this plan. Arkansas is known nationally for its natural beauty. Please do not destroy that beauty -

Sincerely,
J. Warren Murry, MD

January 23, 2002

Greers Ferry Lake

I'm just going to jot down a few items that are of interest to me.

We moved down from Iowa over 20 years ago and built our home on lot 36 located in Mooreview Subdivision at Choctaw, Northwest part of the lake.

In 1991 three of us lot owners built a dock and after having Corps personnel here to tell us what we could do about clearing the brush and briars we put the dock in the lake.

As you know this is a flood control lake therefore it will fluctuate from 8 to 10 feet thru out the year, we have no problem with this.

I mowed a straight path between lot 36 & 37 down to the water edge; you can't do this, you mow a path that meanders down to the lake edge. We received a permit to this in 1996.

We are zoned in this Subdivision for docks from lots 26 thru 39, which is 14 locations, as of today we have 5 boat docks in this area.

If the people with these dock permits, 93 as I understand it, maintain the docks and the small area around them, there should be no objections at all, because I know from experience, the Corps will keep an Eagle eye on all of us.

As you know in 1999 there were several meetings held about increasing the distance we could mow 50 ft. to 100 ft. from our habitable structures towards the lake.

We had written a letter in June 15, 1999 in regards to "Maintain Natural Vegetation" around Greers Ferry Lake.

This is a copy of the letter some of us had written:

Operations Manager
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Greers Ferry Project Office
700 Heber Springs Road N.
Heber Springs, Ark. 72543

Gentlemen:

In reference to your notice concerning "Maintain Natural Vegetarian" around Greers Ferry Lake, we as a property owners in Mooreview Subdivision, respectfully submit this letter seeking permission seeking permission to mow and maintain the public property adjacent to our property.

We do not believe that the mowing and maintaining of this property would in anyway endanger the habitat of the Wild life, in fact the rabbits in our area come into our yards now to eat the tender vegetation where we have mowed. We fully understand that we can not place any structures on public land.

In the same respect the Corps has stated that this property is for public use.

Are we not members of the public? We pay taxes just like everyone else to provide the money to house this beautiful lake area and we would not wish to ham it in anyway. The general public as well as ourselves would not have any desire to use this public land in the condition that it is in today. Surely there is a way that we can maintain this property and at the same time it will remain open to the general public. We are only asking

for the right to maintain this public property at our own expense.

Sincerely,

In March of 2000 Corps came and put flags where we could mow. In my case this was 50 feet towards the lake and 70 feet long.

I mowed this 3 times and was told not to mow anymore.

In September, 2000 we received a letter suspending all mowing permits.

Here we are right back to 1994!

I'm not going to say anything about all the trash along 330 going to the Park, we just pick it up and put it in the garbage every week and especially during the holidays.

I'm not going to say anything about the trashy looking shoreline with all the brush and briars that even the rabbits can't get thru.

I'm not going to say anything about these powerful boats pulling skiers, children in tubes, one, two, three passenger ski-doo's and just big boats.

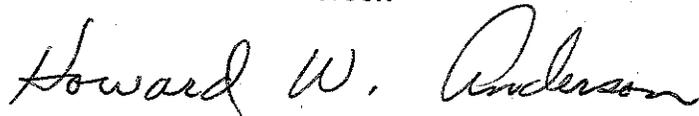
Now your talking about big wakes left by all of the above, it would be fine if they would stay the legal distance, 100 feet, from the dock, but they don't so therefore our boats in the dock and the dock take a beating from these wakes.

The Corps does not have enough personnel to police this area.

One more thing, I would like to see all the property owners around Greers Ferry Lake who pay taxes, give their opinion, and I feel the best way to do this is VOTE on this issue.

Thank you,

Howard W. Anderson



1-23-02

Ms. Patricia Anslow

Planning, Environmental, & Regulatory Division

Little Rock Corps of Engineers

P. O. Box 867

Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow,

I have already signed a petition in favor of Alternative 2 of the Shoreline Management Plan, but I feel so strongly about the matter that I have decided to write a letter also.

My husband and I have owned a water lot on Greers Ferry Lake for almost thirty years. We have always planned to retire there, and no one loves Greers Ferry Lake more than we do.

For most of those years, we kept our boat in dry storage and launched it at a ~~nearby~~ nearby campground. This was fine with us, as we had a convenient campground where ~~we~~ could launch the boat

In 1998, we bought a new home on the lake and also a lot where we plan to build a new home when we actually retire. You can see that we are sold on Greers Ferry lake!

There are many lots on the lake that aren't convenient to Campgrounds where people can launch their boats. For instance at Fairfield Bay, the marina is a long way from many of the lots in Fairfield Bay.

There are many people in our age group who are getting ready to retire. People coming to an area who want to live on the lake also want a convenient place to store and launch their boats. If these people can't get boat docks at Greer's Ferry, they will go to a lake where they can have a dock.

It seems to me that I see many businesses, restaurants, etc., at Greers Ferry struggling to make ends meet. When people come to an area, buy

houses, buy lots on which to build houses, etc., it is a real economic boost to the area. New jobs are provided when people build homes. These same people buy groceries, clothing, house furnishings, gasoline and eat in restaurants. They also pay taxes, which is good for the county, the school system, etc.

I feel the "Save the Lake" group has grossly exaggerated the Corps intentions in their words and pictures. No one wants what they portray in their ads. Most of all, not the Corps of Engineers.

I personally prefer to trust the judgement of the experts, as I feel the Corps has always and will always do what is best for the lake and the community as a whole.

Sincerely,

Peggy Langley Dixon

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January 17, 2002

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Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: **Greers Ferry Lake**
Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I own property in the Shady Cove area of Eden Isle on Greers Ferry Lake. I have written you before to advise that I support Alternative No. 2 of the various alternatives suggested to us by the Corps of Engineers.

I write now merely to say that the "Save Greers Ferry Lake" group have grossly distorted the facts in their newspaper advertisements and in their visit to the editorial office of *The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*. I personally do not care about the proposed docks to be authorized under Alternative No. 2, but will observe that 90 new docks on 210 miles of shoreline seems de minimus. And yet the *Democrat-Gazette* editorial says that the proposal could result in eight thousand (8,000) boat docks! That's quite a stretch.

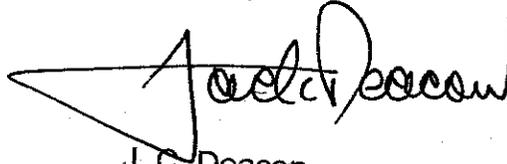
When we bought our property ten years ago, we were permitted to keep the weeds between our house and the lake controlled so that snakes would not endanger our children and grandchildren at play in the area. Then out of a clear blue sky we were told that we could mow only 50 feet from the dwelling structure. We have complied with that but an extension to 100 feet seems reasonable. It does not involve the cutting of trees – only the control of weeds. And yet the editorial in the *Democrat-Gazette* writes about "the forest" being endangered, a "pushed-back tree line", and "vegetation stripped from the shore line." None of this is factual, it will not happen, and hopefully you will see through the hype.

BARRETT & DEACON

T. Anslow Ltr.
Re: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan
January 17, 2002
Page 2

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. C. Deacon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

J. C. Deacon

JCD:ab

11 JANUARY 2002

TO PATRICIA ANSLOW

U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

PO BOX 867

LITTLE ROCK AR 72203

I AM Writing in regards to the UPGRADING of the 5 year Shore Plan at GREENS FERRY LAKE I PARTICIPATED in the PLAN + ATTENDED the meetings FOR the ADOPTION of this PLAN as well as the APPROVAL. BECAUSE of some people they CHALLENGED the Plan + it WENT BACK to COURT + EVIDENTLY it WAS DENIED. So NOW its time for SOMEONE to step forward with a Plan for the Next 5 years.

The laws are written, so where is the Plan at NOW for the Next 4 years for we have WASTED a year on the Present Plan BECAUSE of the Controversy REGARDING Boat DOCKS. PERSONALLY I do NOT want a Boat dock, some people do, so why should they be decide the Right to HAVE one BECAUSE some people dont want the LAKE to be UPGRADED.

a lot of these people don't even live on the LAKE OR IN the AREA of the LAKE.

I live on the LAKE at Mystic Isle fought 2 World Wars for this privilege pay very high Property TAX, EARNED 11 COMBAT medals which I have in my possession, 9 AWARDED to me by the FEDERAL GOVT, 1 by the Phillipine govt and one by the GOVT of Korea. So I feel that this should be considered when we try to upgrade the LAKE. Every Holiday, Week Ends + Etc our lake is used heavily, Boats, Campers, Tourist. But do we COMPLAIN. NO for we realize its BRINGING IN MONEY for the City, the govt, the Fish & game Commission and a lot more too numerous to mention so lets let history go, look forward to AN IMPROVED LAKE + a happier group of Citizens. LAST BUT NOT LEAST ALSO a 5 year upgrade as the LAW demands + the people who doesn't APPROVE go to some LAKE of their choice + LEAVE OUR LAKE ALONE.

Alvin T. Thrillid

1-18-02

Dear Arkansas Corp of Engineers,

I am writing this letter to express my desire for the Corp to allow boat docks on Creers Ferry Lake. I have taken note of your diligence in the studies you've done to assess the feasibility of allowing more boat docks. I trust that you have been thorough, and am appreciative to you for looking out for our state's waterways.

As a homeowner of lakefront property who had been approved for a dock permit, I especially wish to see your current option 2 plan go through. Our home is located in a cove, + I can't see how having a dock here would negatively affect the lake. We pull our boat up to rocks as it is now, + load the children in. This is very inconvenient for my family, as well as unsafe at times.

Recently, I have seen the opposition, the "Save the Lake" group has put out. I feel that they are deliberately trying

to mislead the public with their advertisements. I feel this is an attempt by a man that knows exactly what he needs to do in order to shut down any attempt at having more docks. He is using "scare tactics" when he takes pictures of a lake in Georgia + says "Is this what you want our lake in Creers Ferry to look like?" Well, of course, we'd all say no to that! Therefore, he gets the response he is eliciting from the general public. My point is that I know you are, perhaps more than any of us, looking out for the welfare of our waterways and are most capable of judging whether adding more boat docks will be destructive to our lake. The last thing I'd want to do is to destroy the beautiful lake & risk losing something that brings my family + so many others such joy.

Again, I'd like to thank you for the extra work you'd done in assessing the effects extra boat docks might have on our lake.

Sincerely,
Denise Shewmake

FOR E.I.S.

January 15, 2002

TO: Trish Anslow
P.O. Box #867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

I am the Developer of the Twin Cove Estates (T.C.E.) Subdivision - established 39 years ago. During this time I have supported and cooperated with the Corps of Engineers, helping their sponsored Lake Clean-ups, and other efforts to make the Lake the most attractive in this or any other in the State in the country - being appreciative of the opportunity to make it my home on the Lake for the rest of my retirement (USAF)

The Title and Deed to the T.C.E. property was obtained in 1960. Well before the Dam was completed. With the exceptions of the Lots that have been sold, I still hold Fee Simple Title to all other T.C.E. property. This communication is to re-state the circumstances that have created a severe problem in the affair of Twin Cove Estates and Resident Property Owners, which apparently can not be resolved by negotiation with two individual Lot owners and the Greers Ferry Manager

The two T.C.E. Lakeview property owners received Dock Permits during the 2000 S.M.P. Lots #11 and #12 DO NOT front on the Corps taking (White Line) being some 50-60 feet above that boundary. This is clearly shown on the T.C.E. Subdivision Plat. The space was deliberately reserved for the use of all Lot Owners, but especially for the use of those interior Lot Owners who otherwise might not have free access to the water and the Lake enjoyment. Title and Deed to this property is held by the Developer to insure their rights of access regardless of the actions and claims of other property owners, normal and reasonable standards of conduct is expected by all users by the Developer and other property owners - expressed by them in an informal but Democratic property owner association.

On several occasions I have inquired if the Residents of T.C.E. wanted to formalize an association, and they have voted that they do not want another "layer of Government control" and indicated that the Developer should continue to be their spokesman and general manager of T.C.E.

The above stated problem is that the two property owners of Lots #11 and #12 application for docks in front of their houses were approved by the Corps as Private 2 to 4 slips parallel oriented facilities. These docks would fill the entire zoned space, which will preclude any more slip by any other Resident. Additionally, the recipients of the two Permits have not been receptive to any who wanted to add on to "their docks." In fact they vigorously and rudely objected. Avoiding "this is my dock" syndrome can and should be avoided by approving only Multi-Slips perpendicular oriented facilities, Controlled and managed by a T.C.E. dock association.

No person involved in the above dock approval ever spoke or coordinated anything about it with me, the Developer of T.C.E. Subdivision. I first heard the news from the dock Manufacturers with whom they were negotiating to purchase. Do Not Understand This Secretive Process? ?

Upon learning about this rapid development, I immediately approached the Lake Corps Manager to gain information and ultimately lodge my protest against the wrecking of Twin Cove Estates long established Plan. The evidence is that the approval authority for the dock site did not know - - nor did the person who was required to inspect the site before final approval, notice the intervening strip of property below the property owners of Lots #11 and #12, all assuming it was Lake front - owned all the way to the Government taking line like every other Lake front in T.C.E. I had to take my Plat and other property related papers to the Greers Ferry Manager's office to show and prove to him the property boundaries in detail, to convince him that Twin Cove Estates property owners and I indeed owned the intervening land. Even then, I have not received any acknowledgement that a "mistake" was made, and that the Corps would further check on this problem. My solid impression was and continues to be their attitude is "it's a closed subject and original decision is final." As a 30 year Veteran of the Military, I sense a C.Y.A.

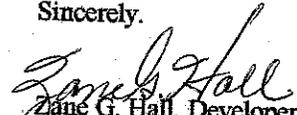
Attempt. Regardless of all the above I will defend my and all of the other Twin Cove Property Owners right I this matter. In the event the Corps will or can not by administrative action produce an acceptable alternative to the original "botched" permit, I would prefer "no docks at all in this area." Exclusive, selfish, exploitation, and a paranoid insistance of "privacy" can not be tolerated or accepted at the expense of my and a majority rule of Twin Cove Subdivision Property Owner's rights.

A Poll was initiated on 20 December, 2001 to all Property Owners to obtain their opinion and wishes on the matter use of the reserved access area and the type of dock wanted, if any. The votes are still being received, but it is obvious that a huge majority of Lot Owners are in favor of their free use of the area, and for Multi-Slip Community Docks. As of this date, 106 are in favor - 9 1/2 are not in favor - at least 3 of which already own personal docks, and a couple are against any more docks on the Lake. Twin Cove Estates consists of 137 Lots.

Since this entire dock approval process under the 2000 S.M.P. has been mishandled (to say the least) and otherwise faulty, I request that the Corps of Engineers who are overseeing the new E.I.S. give this particular situation a special consideration. Unless correction required extraordinary damage to private and especially individual Lot Owners rights will have been perpetrated by the two (2) Lots (#11 and #12) owners enabled by the Corps of Engineers actions.

Litigation should not be required to resolve the problem. Attorneys have already been engaged. You. The institution of the U. S. Government overseeing the study and evaluation could resolve it with the stroke of your pen by asserting stated and published rules, policies and purpose by the Corps.

Sincerely,


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From: Joyce Hartmann [mailto:hart@artelco...]
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2002 12:02 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Opposed to more docks and mowing

Dear Ms. Anslow:

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Keep the lake natural for the public. Don'
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Yours for natural beauty in Arkansas,

Joyce E. Hartmann
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Trish Anslow
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January 12, 2002

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to building more boat docks or mowing closer to the shoreline as stated in the new Shoreline Management Plan by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. I am in favor of maintaining the natural shoreline as presently done.

I am an artist who retired to Choctaw from Kansas because of the natural beauty of this area: the trees, hills, and the lake. Since living here I have been impressed by the Corps Recreational Area in Choctaw, one of the most well-planned and maintained campgrounds I have ever seen in the country. My husband and I use the lake's campsites, trails, swimming beaches, shoreline for fishing, and boat launch areas. We love the natural look! Many of my paintings are of this lake with its natural shoreline. Through my art I am an active promoter of the beauty of this area.

I would like to keep the lake as is: with a natural tree-lined shoreline instead of one cluttered with man-made buildings, homes, and docks. There are many cluttered lakes, but not very many natural ones like Greer's Ferry. When one drives over the bridge at Taneycomo, for instance, the lake looks like a neighborhood street, with boat garages and oil slicks everywhere. How inspirational, how clean, is that? I am afraid that increased mowing and boat dock building will change the character of the Lake. It will also give the assets of a public lake to private landowners who own property on the lakeshore.

Keep the lake natural for public refreshment and inspiration. Don't allow more boat docks to be built in public view, or allow more mowing so that a seeker of natural beauty must see houses instead of hills and trees.

Yours for natural beauty in Arkansas,



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Dear Mrs Anslow,

The reason I'm opposed to proposed changes that would allow for private docks & rezoned areas to allow mowing to lake edge is because I lived in Minneapolis, MN & saw what happened to Lake Minnetonka outside Minneapolis. Private docks have ruined the lake's appearance & lawn's runoff have polluted the lake, which is about the size of Greer's Ferry lake.

When we retired here 23 years ago, it was because of the beautiful unspoiled lake! Please! Please have someone go look at Lake Minnetonka and see what I mean! Every summer when I return for a boat ride on Minnetonka, I'm saddened by the ugly docks that line the shore and polluted water!

Sincerely
Isobel J. Hickory



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Ms. Patricia Anslow
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Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in November 2001 that would (a) increase the number of private multislip boat docks permitted on the Lake; (b) rezone areas of the Lake to allow for permitting of private multislip boat docks in formerly Protected Areas; and (c) increase the area in which vegetation modification (mowing) could be conducted on the Government land adjacent to the Lake.

Sincerely, *Isobel J. Hickory*

Please also print name.

Address:

*34 VENTURE LANE
ISOBEL J. HICKORY HEBER SPRINGS, AR 72543*

Please read the attached letter from Mr. Poff of Heber Springs His words are not familiar but his way of thinking certainly is. He knows what he likes or doesn't like and doesn't mind using words like "Safety" and perhaps "Conservation" to convince people that he doesn't just want his own way..

He says that boat docks consume surface area better used by fishermen and skiers, etc.. The area where docks are situated is quite naturally, along the shore where it is dangerous for boats to operate and especially dangerous for skiers.

If the skiers would look for open water to play in, they could easily find it. I have used this lake and its' campgrounds for a good twenty years. As crowded as some say it is, there are still square miles of open water .if you will just get away from the pack.

Have you noticed that no outcry was made when the marinas were allowed to expand ?? Lacey's marina at the Narrows was allowed to expand almost out to the center of the channel. Shiloh marina was allowed to expand quite a bit. Silence from the objectors...

I quickly admit that I do not understand an EIS and what it considers. Neither do I understand how a small group of objectors can overturn a decision to allow dock permits to people who live along the lake and pay property taxes and patronize local businesses. The docks would benefit us who live and play there while hurting no one.

If you carry their objections to the silly end...why not ban ALL docks, boats, skis, swimmers and keep folks away completely ? NO! They are like most of us. They want it their way and THEY don't care who it hurts.

I DO SUPPORT PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 2 FOR THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN and hope a little common sense will prevail.

James E. Evans
James E. Evans

12-26-01

Willie M. Evans

12-26-01

City of Residence (Temporarily) Hickory Plains, Ar..

LETTERS

Greers Ferry

There seems to have been a lot of controversy over the new lake management plan and the allowing of an additional 93 private boat docks, up to 20 stalls each, on Greers Ferry Lake.

The Corps of Engineers is accepting public comment on the lake management plan, and I think it is doing a good job. But what I haven't heard anybody address is the safety issue.

The members in our ski club basically ski from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the summer due to the overcrowded lake. On Sunday afternoon, we jump into somebody's barge and go over Kidney Cove to grill out. That's when you see it all hundreds of boaters trying to ski, jet ski, knee board, inner tube and wake board, and nobody even knows who has the right-of-way.

Every year our lake gets more crowded, which is OK because everyone has an equal right to use the lake. But as our lake has more and more traffic, should we be taking away from the usable boating area? Every time a boat dock is installed, boaters cannot use that area and are forced into a smaller, more concentrated area.

New plan, old plan, proposed plan, it really doesn't matter. Every time we put in a new dock, it interferes with the use of the lake by the boating public.

There is only so much surface area on the lake, and I think the question is whether we should let the conveniences of a few boat owners outweigh our right as the general boating public to use our public waterway.

LARRY POFF
Heber Springs

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Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan
Draft EIS**

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All written comments are due by January 18, 2002.

Please write legibly.

I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

Willie M. Evans

Name

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Re: Greers Ferry Lake – Draft Environmental Impact Statement -
Comments of Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc.

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc. (“SGFL”), an Arkansas non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the environmental and aesthetic qualities of Greers Ferry Lake and its shoreline located in Cleburne and Van Buren Counties, Arkansas, does hereby submit its comments upon the draft Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) issued by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (“Corps”) dated November, 2001.

We strongly oppose the Corps’ Preferred Alternative (Alternative No. 2). Furthermore, the draft EIS is fatally flawed, and is legally and technically inadequate to support any of the other Alternatives set forth in the draft EIS.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The draft EIS has the following flaws, among others:

1. Alternative No. 2 (The Corps’ Preferred Alternative) Misrepresents To The Public That No Future Rezoning Requests Will Be Accepted
2. The 50 Foot Vegetation Buffer That Is A Component Of Alternative 2 Was Found In the EA and the Draft EIS To Cause Significant Increase In Vegetation Removal and Erosion, With Significant Impacts To The Environment, And Is Unworkable.

3. There Is No Justification for Increasing the Vegetation Modification (Mowing) Radius to 100 Feet From a Habitable Structure
4. The Draft EIS Relies Heavily On Assumptions Rather Than Empirical Data, And The Data Is Insufficient to Support The Proposed Action.
5. The Draft EIS Fails to Analyze The Precedential Effect of The Corps' Proposed Action on Future Development At Greers Ferry Lake.
6. The Draft EIS Clearly Shows The Corps' Preferred Plan Will Have Significant Adverse Environmental Effects on The Lake.
7. The Draft EIS is Defective In Failing to Consider All Reasonable Alternatives to the Corps Preferred Alternative.
8. The Mitigation Measures for the Corps' Preferred Alternative Are Ineffective And Illusory.
9. The Draft EIS Ignores and Fails to Reconcile the Findings of the Environmental Assessment ("EA") Conducted by the Corps in 1999, Which Findings Were Diametrically Opposed to Those in the Draft EIS.
10. The Draft EIS Relies Upon the Assumption That There is Overwhelming Public Support for a Change in the Existing SMP That Has Been In Effect For Over 25 Years. This Assumption is Wrong As Demonstrated by the Comments Submitted by the Public to the Draft EIS.

This Executive Summary is included for the benefit and convenience of the reader only, and is not intended to limit, in any way, any comment contained in the body of this document.

COMMENTS OF SAVE GREERS FERRY LAKE, INC.

1. Alternative No. 2 (The Corps' Preferred Alternative) Misrepresents To The Public That No Future Rezoning Requests Will Be Accepted.

In an effort to persuade the public to accept the Corps' proposed plan as a "one-time" allowance of additional boat docks on the Lake, the draft EIS states in its description of Alternative 2 that: "No future rezoning requests would be accepted under this alternative." (Draft EIS, pp. ES-6; 4-45) These unqualified statements signify to the reader that, if Alternative 2 is adopted, there will never be additional private boat dock applications accepted after the 93 new docks contemplated under Alternative 2. Apparently, supporters of the Corps' proposed plan have been led to the same conclusion,

based upon quotations from articles and letters to editors of various newspapers. However, based on reported comments of Corps officials, that is apparently not the Corps' intent. If it were, it would be of dubious legality.

Notwithstanding the seemingly straightforward and plain language in the draft EIS that no additional private boat dock applications will be accepted if the Corps' Alternative 2 is adopted, in the January 20, 2002 edition of *The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, we find the following (p. 6B):

"Corps officials also maintain that there won't be any new boat docks for at least 10 years. The reason: the proposal includes a stipulation that no applications be accepted by the Corps.

"In five years, there won't be any applications on file. There wouldn't be anything to approve" when the next mandated review takes place, [Tommy] Park [Greers Ferry Lake project manager for the Corps] said.

What the Corps appears to be saying in this quotation [assuming it is accurately quoted] is that the moratorium on accepting applications for additional private boat docks is limited to only the next five years, rather than in perpetuity as stated in the draft EIS. Apparently the Corps has chosen the broader wording in the draft EIS in a misleading effort to gain public support for its preferred alternative.

In discussing Alternative 2, the Corps did not disclose to the public that, under its own regulations, it has an obligation to review the SMP for the Lake every five years, and it is free to at least accept applications for new boat docks that require rezoning of Protected Areas into Limited Development Areas. It may also, at any time, issue private boat dock permits for areas that are already zoned as Limited Development. The Corps undoubtedly will not limit its obligations and authority under its own regulations to accept new boat dock applications and to act on them. It is extremely misleading to the public for the Corps to imply that it will do so.

Based upon statements attributed to persons supporting the Corps' Preferred Alternative in the news media, there is a widespread mistaken impression that there will be no more private boat dock permits issued after this SMP review. The public has been misled by serious misrepresentations in the draft EIS concerning the merits of the Corps Preferred Alternative that has poisoned at least a portion of the public's response to the draft EIS.

2. **The 50 Foot Vegetation Buffer That Is A Component Of Alternative 2 Was Found In The EA and the Draft EIS To Cause Significant Increase In Vegetation Removal and Erosion, With Significant Impacts To The Environment, And Is Unworkable.**

Alternative 2 of the draft EIS proposes that "A minimum buffer from the vegetated edge of the shoreline inland for 50 feet would be established for Corps property, where mowing would be prohibited." However, the draft EIS does not attempt to quantify how much additional mowing would be allowed on public property as a result of the establishment of the "buffer," nor how adjoining private property owners would be prohibited from mowing new vegetation attempting to establish itself in such buffer zone.

The proposed 50-foot "buffer zone" did not originate with the Corps' Alternative 2 in the draft EIS. It was considered in the EA prepared by the Corps in December, 1999, and found to likely cause "significant impacts to the surrounding natural environment." More specifically, the EA stated:

A second alternative that would allow vegetation modification from the USACE fee title boundary to approximately 50 feet from the conservation pool elevation (461.25 feet NGVD) was considered. This alternative would guarantee a minimum 50-foot buffer strip around the entire lake, however vegetation modification (mowing) would be allowed throughout the remainder of the federal property, excluding parks and park buffers. Therefore, it was determined that this alternative would likely cause significant impacts to the surrounding natural environment, especially for vegetation, resident wildlife, and aesthetics, and this alternative will not be further evaluated in this EA.

There is nothing in the draft EIS that purports to study the effects of establishing such a 50-foot buffer, or more importantly, the effects of increased mowing into the public easement in excess of the amount currently allowed by the 50-foot radius of mowing from a habitable structure. Nothing in the draft EIS refutes the above quoted finding of the 1999 EA. Indeed, the draft EIS appears to recognize the potentially severe consequences of this proposed action in the following statement:

It is not clear at this time whether establishing a 50-foot vegetated shoreline buffer would limit the impact of loss of vegetation caused by extending mowing permits from 50 to 100 feet from a habitable structure. Homes located more than 150 feet from the conservation pool and not affected by the flowage easement could take full advantage of the 100 foot moving radius without being constrained by the 50-foot shoreline buffer regulation, thereby resulting in an overall net loss of vegetation. (Draft EIS, p. 4-70)

The draft EIS is deficient in that it does not have adequate scientific support for allowing increased mowing on the public easement.

Furthermore, proposed Alternative No. 2 is further misleading in that it states that the 50-foot minimum "buffer" will be measured from the "vegetated edge of the shoreline." Assuming that, at the time Alternative No. 2 were to go into effect as the new SMP, and there was, at that time, no vegetation on a discrete area within 50 feet of the

shoreline, could an adjoining property owner whose habitable structure were 150 feet or closer to that area of the shoreline continue to mow to the waterline, preventing the growth of new vegetation? This is an incentive to adjoining property owners to mow any vegetation fronting their property to the waterline.

3. There Is No Justification for Increasing the Vegetation Modification (Mowing) Radius to 100 Feet From a Habitable Structure

Alternative 2 of the draft EIS proposes to increase the radius in which an adjoining private property owner may obtain a permit to mow vegetation on the public easement from 50 feet from a habitable structure to 100 feet from such structures. There is no scientific or public policy justification provided in the draft EIS for such a change.

In fact, this issue was thoroughly reviewed in the 1999 EA conducted by the Corps, and found to be unjustifiable considering the conditions along the shoreline at Greers Ferry Lake:

A third alternative that would replace the existing vegetation modification permit system with the standards outlined in the National Fire Protection Association Standard 200 (NFPA 299) evaluation process was proposed. The NFPA 299 process involves the evaluation of a wildfire hazard through a wildfire hazard severity analysis, which includes a number of factors or variables. These variables include: weather history; fuels; number and types of structures; construction materials; slope and aspect; fire history; access and evacuation; and other local factors that can increase or decrease the likelihood of fire. ... A defensible space is an area between an improved property and a potential wildfire. ...

[U]sing the criteria for determining wildfire hazard severity in a preliminary analysis ..., it was determined that the average defensible space requirement for homes in the vicinity of Greers Ferry Lake would be less than the current 50 feet of allowable vegetation modification. In most cases the defensible space would be approximately 30 feet. The wildfire hazard in the vicinity of Greers Ferry Lake is relatively low due to several factors. Some of these factors include: the relatively humid and temperate weather conditions, the lack of fuel loading and ladder fuels; the lack of a significant fire history; and the juxtaposition of the permanent habitable structures with Greers Ferry Lake. 1999 EA, p. 3-2, 3-3. (Emphasis supplied)

There is nothing in the draft EIS to overcome this scientific basis for limiting the radius of mowing from private property onto the public easement to no more than 50 feet, and certainly nothing that would justify the increase of the mowing radius from 50 feet to 100 feet, as proposed in Alternative 2 of the draft EIS.

The principle justification given in the draft EIS for the increase to 100 feet is that it would improve the adjoining landowners' views of the lake. However, unlike the EA, the draft EIS is very vague about the adverse effects of the increased mowing radius on soils around the Lake, and on scenic integrity. For example, the draft EIS states only that:

Long-term minor adverse impacts on soils would be expected if the Corps extended the permitted fire protection vegetation modifications (mowing) distance to 100 feet from habitable structures and permitted increased development in LDA's. The acreage of modified areas would increase, resulting in some reduction of vegetative cover. However, it is assumed that a grassy cover would remain in modified areas and bare soil would not be exposed, thus limiting any major amount of soil erosion.

The draft EIS also attempts to justify an increase in mowing radius from 50 to 100 feet (an increase of 300 percent) by referring to it as "fire protection vegetation modification." However, as the EA determined, in the Greers Ferry Lake shoreline area, a radius of more than 30 feet is not justified by use of the National Fire Protection Association Standard. Nor is there any attempt in the draft EIS to quantify the amount of increased mowing that would occur under Alternative 2, or the additional silt or other pollutant loading to Greers Ferry Lake that would occur in order to determine the adverse environmental effects of such a change.

4. The Draft EIS Relies Heavily On Assumptions Rather Than Empirical Data, And The Data Is Insufficient to Support The Proposed Action.

Throughout the draft EIS, assumptions are substituted for empirical data and facts. For example, the draft EIS assumes a 20 percent failure rate for septic tanks in the Lake area, when past studies show that, in fact, the failure rate is significantly higher. It is universally acknowledged that the soils of the Lake area are poorly suited for septic tanks. In a 1981 "Environmental Protection Study" prepared for the Corps, the following statement appears:

The assumption that existing and future septic tanks and wastewater treatment plants function properly is not realistic. As mentioned earlier, the majority of soils found in the study area were rated as severely limited for the operation of septic tank absorption fields. The area has a history of malfunctioning septic tank systems.

Indeed, in 1981, the Arkansas Health Department suspended the issuance of permits for septic tanks at Fairfield Bay because it found that one-third of the septic tanks in the community were failing and in some cases, raw sewage was surfacing in yards. (*Arkansas Gazette*, May 12, 1981). In a letter of September 30, 1980, from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, to the Corps' District Engineer, it is stated:

The use of septic tanks in close proximity to the Greers Ferry lakeshore and tributaries is extensive. Two hundred and eleven subdivisions located adjacent to the lake treat individual home wastes by the use of septic tanks with disposal fields. Recently there was a small fish kill reported at the entrance of Devil's Fork tributary into Greers Ferry Lake (AGFC). The fish kill was attributed to a private residence using a septic tank treatment system in an area with poor soil conditions relative to septic tank absorption fields. The proliferation of septic tanks resulting from present and future residential developments points to an existing and potential pollution problems compounded by poor soil conditions in the lake area. Detailed studies must be made to identify and quantify these problems of water quality and environmental degradation associated with septic tank absorption fields.

Another example of the draft EIS' use of assumptions is in the use of the term "nutrient loadings" in discussing the potential effect of the Corps' proposed actions on the Lake. Analysis of actual samples and calibrations are necessary to use such loadings information with any degree of confidence. Otherwise, the data is based solely on assumptions. In the draft EIS, the baseline loading conditions were developed using a Hydrologic Simulation Program - Fortran and Nonpoint Source Loading Model. This model was apparently not calibrated, but used "literature values," which are, again, assumptions. There is no empirical data supporting the results of those models.

The draft EIS also states that boating activities are not creating adverse water quality conditions relative to fuel contamination. The sole basis for this statement is the results of eight samples taken on August 4 and 8, 2001, a Saturday and Wednesday, respectively. Eight samples are not adequate to quantify the broad conclusion that is reached in the draft EIS. In addition, it appears from the laboratory analysis reports that samples were not analyzed within the requisite time after the taking of the samples that is prescribed by EPA guidelines, so that the results of that analysis are invalid.

Regarding pathogens, the data presentation for water quality is conveniently lumped so that no interpretation can be made. In other words, the pathogens section states median values at all stations are less than 5 MPN/100 ml. That is uninformative. Nevertheless, the report goes on to state at least two high values (water quality violations).

Regarding dissolved oxygen, temperature and pH, the narrative states that there is a noncompliant measurement, but does not state which one. It then goes on to discuss oxygen-demanding material, and closes by saying that overall results show levels generally below 2.0 mg/l. However, it does not specify what levels.

The draft EIS also states at several places that 80 percent of the pollutant load enters the Lake from the three major tributaries. This is the norm for reservoirs. The more important consideration should be the eutrophic zone of the Lake, and how it compares historically. For example, is the eutrophic zone moving toward the dam?

In summary, the draft EIS is a digest of largely pre-existing data lumped together in highly technical language and form as to make analysis of the issues presented by the Corps' proposed Alternative 2 difficult. The data are insufficient to answer some of the more specific questions that are relevant to the proposed action, and, in some cases, is invalid. As a result, the draft EIS is insufficient.

5. The Draft EIS Fails to Analyze The Precedential Effect of The Corps' Proposed Action on Future Development At Greers Ferry Lake.

The potential of the Corps' proposed action to establish a precedent for additional future actions, all of which could have adverse environmental impacts upon the Lake, is not sufficiently analyzed in the draft EIS. Such potential is a major consideration under the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations.

The Corps' preferred Alternative 2 would rezone 93 areas of the Lake shoreline to Limited Development for private boat docks that have heretofore been zoned as Protected (no development). Those 93 areas are scattered around the perimeter of the Lake's shoreline, and most are in the middle of very scenic areas. While the Corps attempts to minimize the effect of this rezoning by claiming that there are only 100 feet of rezoned shoreline in connection with each new dock, that is only the immediate impact. The precedential effect of that change would be to subject all Protected areas to eventual rezoning as Limited Development.

As noted in the draft EIS, Greers Ferry Lake is the most popular lake in the State of Arkansas, and one of the most popular in the nation, made so by its high quality clear water and natural shoreline. As a result of its natural beauty, and location in an area that is growing in population at a rate double the state's average, there has been considerable development around the shoreline of the Lake. Growth around the Lake is certain to continue, and as it does, the pressures on the Lake will mount from land clearance, septic tank malfunctions, pesticide and herbicide use, boat usage, and the demand for private boat docks to accompany the new houses that will abut the Lake – if they are available.

Only the most naive person would believe that, once the Protected Areas of the Lake are breached by rezoning portions of those areas for Limited Development, persons who purchase properties adjacent to owners of boat docks in those rezoned areas will expect to also receive a rezoning for a boat dock for their property. If the Corps resists, political or legal pressure will be brought to bear, if necessary. The Corps will be unable to justify why it allowed one landowner to have a rezoning for a boat dock, but not an

adjacent landowner. As a result, as development occurs in private property fronted by Protected Areas, those Protected Areas will fall like dominos to Limited Development areas.

This process will not occur overnight. However, through the years, more and more rezoning of Protected Areas will occur, until the Lake is crowded with private boat docks, and the scenic views are destroyed. Once that occurs, it will be permanent. There will be no reversal of the shoreline to its natural state.

The draft EIS purports to look only at the immediate effects of the Corps' proposed SMP of 2002, but not beyond those effects. Assuming that the Corps' adopts its Preferred Alternative, the draft EIS does not address the effect of that SMP on future SMP revisions. Clearly, there will be even more development around the Lake, and even more pressure on the Corps in subsequent SMP reviews to allow more private boat docks. Once having opened up the Protected Areas, there will be no justification for refusing such requests. The draft EIS should examine closely the snowballing precedential consequences of this action, as required by the NEPA.

6. The Draft EIS Clearly Shows The Corps' Preferred Plan Will Have Significant Adverse Environmental Effects on The Lake.

For the criteria of Visual and Aesthetic Resources, the draft EIS states (p. 4-57) that the Corps' Preferred Alternative (Alternative 2) would have "Long-term minor direct adverse impacts on visual and aesthetic resources." However, an examination of the narrative description of such impacts indicates that the impacts are not minor, but highly significant. The draft EIS is highly misleading in characterizing such adverse impacts as "minor."

For example, on Scenic Attractiveness (§4.3.6.1, p. 4-58), the draft EIS states that "The potential addition of 93 boat docks (over the baseline of an additional 170 docks, which are projected under the current SMP and the No Action Alternative) on the Greers Ferry Lake shoreline, representing a potential increase of 89 percent over the 295 existing boat docks, would reduce the scenic attractiveness of the lake's shoreline."

Under Scenic Integrity (§4.3.6.2, p. 4-58), the draft EIS states that "the potential addition of 263 boat docks on the Greers Ferry Lake shoreline would reduce the scenic integrity of the lake's shoreline because more of the shoreline would become altered from its natural state.

In both of the above cited sections of the draft EIS, the Corps attempts to justify despoiling the scenic attractiveness and integrity of the Lake by explaining that, with more private boat docks on the Lake, the need for new dry land boat storage facilities in the Lake area would be reduced. This is the only reference to dry land boat storage as an alternative to more boat docks. The following sentence makes it clear that the Corps did not study dry land storage as a real alternative:

[A]llowing more boat docks on the lake itself would tend to reduce the need for expansion or construction of new dry land boat storage facilities in the areas surrounding the lake. Thus, adverse impacts on the scenic attractiveness of those areas that would have accommodated dry land boat storage would be partially avoided. Without knowing the specifics of these reasonably anticipated changes and the sites or locations that would be involved, a visual resource impact assessment of the dry land storage facilities cannot be made.

This position is tantamount to the Corps claiming to save the Lake and its users from one evil (dry land boat storage, the consequences of which were not studied) by imposing yet another (arguably worse) evil in private boat docks, the adverse effects of which were only partially studied.

The significant adverse effects of the new private boat docks that would be allowed under the Corp's Preferred Alternative are clearly set forth in §4.3.6.3 (Landscape Visibility, p. 4-59), where it is stated:

The 263 potential new boat docks would be clearly visible from some 15,385 acres of the lake, compared to the 12,000 acres where the existing boat docks (Alternative 1) are clearly visible. (Table 4-14)

... Under this alternative (Alternative 2), with 263 potential new boat docks, there could be a 56 percent increase in the acreage of the lake where one or more boat docks would be clearly visible over the existing situation and a 32 percent increase over the No Action Alternative. (Emphasis supplied)

The largest changes in boat dock viewsheds from implementation of the Preferred Alternative, compared to the No Action Alternative, would be the 51 percent increase in lake acreage from which 11 to 20 boat docks would be clearly visible (from 1,243 acres to 1,878 acres), as well as the 83 percent increase in lake acreage from which as many as 21 to 30 boat docks would be clearly visible (from 103 acres to 188 acres). These changes would be especially noticeable in the upper part of the lake, where 1 to 10 boat docks would be clearly visible for almost the entire stretch of lake (Emphasis supplied)

Another area of the lake that would noticeably be affected is in the lower part of the lake to the east and southeast of Millers Point. The visual impacts in these areas would be more pronounced because the areas have been devoid of boat docks to date and the introduction of new docks would be particularly noticeably.

Other portions of the draft EIS, in discussing Alternative 2 (as well as the additional Alternatives), state that Alternative 2 would cause "minor" impacts upon other factors that were evaluated, such as Recreation and Recreational Facilities, Geology and Soils, Ecological Systems, Cultural Resources, and Hazardous and Toxic Substances. However, a reading of many of those sections indicates that the impacts will be substantial. There is no quantification of the impacts in the discussion of these factors or criteria, so the draft EIS' conclusion that the impacts of the Corps' proposed plan will be "minor" is scientifically unsubstantiated, highly subjective and argumentative.

7. The Draft EIS is Defective In Failing to Consider All Reasonable Alternatives to the Corps Preferred Alternative.

Under NEPA, it is the obligation of the Corps to consider all reasonable alternatives to the Preferred Alternative. Reasonable alternatives are those that are practical or feasible from the technical and economic standpoint and using common sense, rather than simply desirable from the standpoint of the Corps. The consideration and discussion of alternatives is central to NEPA's goal of promoting environmentally sound decisionmaking. It is not necessary, in order to be considered, that the agency have the power or authority to implement the alternative.

The draft EIS is deficient in failing to consider all reasonable and feasible alternatives to the Corps' Preferred Plan. Without limitation, there are at least two alternatives that should have been included in the draft EIS:

a. Dry land Storage of Boats

An alternative that was not studied is the dry land storage of boats in lieu of additional private boat docks on the Lake. In fact, the Scoping Report for this EIS process, issued by the Corps in April, 2001, expressly stated that off-lake dry storage of boats was one of the "major aspects" to be analyzed in the draft EIS. (Scoping Report, p. 2-1) Notwithstanding this, there was no serious consideration given or mention made in the draft EIS of off-lake dry storage.

The draft EIS recognizes adverse effects on the scenic qualities of the Lake could be avoided by increased use of off-lake dry storage. (e.g., §4.3.6.1, p. 4-58) Although the draft EIS does not discuss it, adverse effects to water quality and soils would be avoided by the dry land storage of boats. In discussing the expansion of recreational activities in and on the Lake in the future, the draft EIS acknowledges that "some demand [for access to the Lake] could be met by an increase in the availability of dry dock storage facilities in the area surrounding the lake. Access to the lake would be expected to be expanded with new launch ramps or launching lanes as necessary"

Off-Lake dry storage of boats is far less environmentally harmful, more economical for the boat owner, and promotes the general economy more than the construction of private boat docks. The only advantage of a boat dock over dry storage

is the convenience to the owner of the boat dock. Convenience of a few dock/boat owners is not a sufficient reason to encroach upon the enjoyment of the Lakeshore by millions of visitors to the Lake, and the thousands who reside in the area who enjoy its many natural qualities. Off-Lake dry storage is a subject that, even according to the Corp's Scoping Report, should have been comprehensively studied as part of the draft EIS.

b. Expansion of Existing Marinas or Development of New Marinas

The potential for the expansion of existing commercial marinas or development of new marinas on the Lake as demand for boat slips grows is another alternative that was not analyzed in the draft EIS. It could be argued that the concentration of boats in commercial marinas, where they can be attended to on a daily basis, is less environmentally harmful to water quality than a multiplicity of private boat docks. There is no doubt that the adverse effects on other aspects of the Lake and its shoreline are avoided or reduced by concentrating boats into a small number of commercial marinas located in coves rather than in scattering them about the Lake in a large number of private boat docks in highly visible locations.

For example, the draft EIS discusses the planning for a new commercial marina at Cove Creek Park, but does not analyze the effect that it and the recent expansions of other commercial marinas on the Lake would have regarding the demand for new private boat docks, nor does it analyze the synergistic effect of the marinas and the proposed new private boat docks on the Lake and its environment. This is an obvious subject that should have been included in the analysis of alternatives of the draft EIS.

8. The Mitigation Measures for the Corps' Preferred Alternative Are Ineffective And Illusory.

The draft EIS lists four principal measures that may be taken to mitigate the environmental impact of the Corps' Preferred Alternative. Those Mitigation Measures, and their flaws, are:

a. Use of the Corps' Rezoning Request Evaluation Criteria Document.

The Corps' *Greers Ferry Lake Rezoning Request Evaluation Criteria* is a questionnaire prepared by the Corps' Project Office in 1999 to facilitate the granting of requests to rezone Protected Areas to Limited Development Areas that the Corps had solicited. It contains a series of questions regarding a proposed boat dock site, many of which are highly subjective, and can be easily manipulated to achieve a score that allows the rezoning to be granted. The document contains a cryptic question of "Are there any significant environmental, ecological or cultural features present [at the proposed dock site]?" but there is no explanation of what those features include to guide the person [usually a Corps' employee] in making such evaluation.

The fact that, of approximately 110 applications for rezoning of Protected Areas to Limited Development Areas around the Lake that were filed in 1999, 103 of those applications were approved through the use of the *Rezoning Request Evaluation Criteria* indicates that the criteria, and the way in which those criteria are applied to specific locations, are not particularly stringent.

Aside from the weakness of the Corps' *Rezoning Request Evaluation Criteria*, there is the question of whether the Corps ought to be making decisions of the magnitude and significance that are involved in changing the face of a natural resource such as Greers Ferry Lake through the use of a vague, standardless questionnaire such as that document. The change of Protected Area to a Limited Development Area is, by the Corps' own admission, a "major Federal action," and should require far more study and evaluation than the criteria that are contained in the Corps' *Rezoning Request Evaluation Criteria*.

b. *Monitor Water Quality.*

The second Mitigation Measure proposed by the Corps' draft EIS for adoption of its preferred Alternative 2, is to "monitor water quality for pollutants to assess present conditions and evaluate future changes and effects of activity on water quality." While that is an admirable activity, and should be undertaken regardless of the outcome of this proposed action, it is a pitifully ineffective mitigation measure, and is similar to closing the barn door after the cow has gotten out. If water quality is affected by the Corps' allowing additional private boat docks on the Lake, and/or by allowing increased mowing of lakeshore vegetation, it will be too late to reverse that decline in water quality. In fact, the barn door will have been opened to allow additional boat docks and mowing to occur in the future, so that the decline in water quality (which will surely occur), will be impossible to stop.

Furthermore, this Measure focuses solely on water quality. The Mitigation Measures proposed by the Corps do not address the effect of its Proposed Alternative on the Scenic, Recreational, and other aspects of the Lake that will be affected by implementation of the Proposed Alternative. There are no Mitigation Measures for those aspects.

c. *Maintain a 50-Foot Vegetation Buffer.*

The wording of this Mitigation Measure indicates that even the Corps and its contractor do not have great confidence that this is particularly effective as a mitigation measure, providing that the 50-foot buffer "would provide some interception of nutrient loadings to the lake..." As has been extensively discussed in an earlier section of these comments, the proposed 50-foot vegetation buffer will not be effective to significantly reduce erosion of lakeshore soils or in providing wildlife habitat and other beneficial uses.

d. *Use of Best Management Practices ("BMPs") in Excavation and Construction Activities.*

The draft EIS proposes that persons who construct homes, install access paths and anchor boat docks voluntarily use Best Management Practices ("BMPs") in those construction and excavation activities in order to reduce sediment runoff. While on its face this proposal sounds good, it is difficult to accept that it is made seriously in view of the difficulty that has been encountered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state environmental agencies in requiring the use of similar BMPs at construction sites in excess of 5 acres under the federal Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program. Compliance with that program, particularly in Arkansas, has been very low and very grudging.

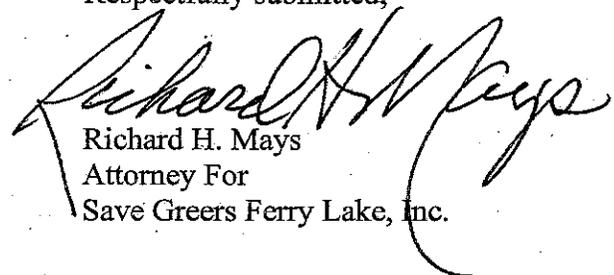
It is unimaginable that landowners who have been granted a permit to install a new boat dock on Greers Ferry Lake will install silt fences, sediment basins, diversion berms, flow mitigation devices, and other devices and materials that are generally considered as BMPs when installing their boat docks. It is noteworthy that the Corps has not proposed to make the use of such BMPs mandatory in its Preferred Alternative, and even if it did, would undoubtedly not have the resources to enforce their use. In addition, practically speaking, BMPs would probably not have any significant effect in settings so close to the Lake, and especially when installed by landowners who had no knowledge of or training in how to use BMPs to prevent discharge of sediment runoff.

In summary, the proposed Mitigation Measures are illusory only, and would not be effective in preventing or reducing the adverse effects of the Corps' Preferred Alternative, which are vastly understated in the draft EIS.

We also note that there is no Statement of Qualifications or Statement of Potential Conflicts of Interest relative to the contractor who prepared the draft EIS, as is required by NEPA and its implementing regulations. Such statements should be disclosed to the public.

The Corps' draft EIS is inadequate for the reasons set forth above and for the reasons submitted by other commentators. The draft EIS does not support the Corps' misguided Preferred Alternative, and should be abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard H. Mays
Attorney For
Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc.

January 07, 2002

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Jim Wallis
Permit #4530
55 The Betweens
Greers Ferry, Arkansas

From: Barbara Ashley [mailto:uslandscape@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 9:16 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Jim Wallis - Greers Ferry Lake

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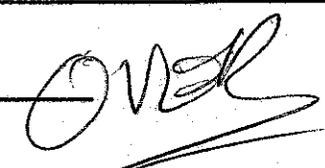
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Name

Date

City of Residence



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The complaints of a few should not weigh heavier than the desires of the Majority. This is a classic example of the "Frivolous law suit." If there was any true and justifiable reason not to proceed with alternative 2 I would join the opposition. I believe regardless of the outcome of this study or law suit, those of us who had permits to build docks, and built them and had them in place before the injunction should be grandfathered in. I was completely finish with my dock project before anyone ever said STOP.

James D. Wallis

12-16-01

Name

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Little Rock/Greer Ferry

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I support preferred Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.

I believe if a permit was issued that the docks should be allowed to be completed and used. The few permits issued should not be a problem for the environment.

Carolyn Lockes

Name

1-22-02

Date

Jasper, AR

City of Residence

January 23, 2002
29 Rebecca Lane
Conway, Arkansas

Ms. Tricia Anslow
CESWL-PR-PP
Little Rock Engineer District
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I write to express my support for the preferred alternative #2 being considered by the Corps for Greers Ferry Lake. It contains a balanced approach to the lake's management. While it allows those who own land around the lake to manage their property adequately and have a few more docks, the plan continues to protect the lake for future generations, so that it will continue to be as beautiful as it is now. The environmental impact study supports the position.

The plan does a good job in my opinion of structuring a fair compromise, consistent with the goal of the SMP. Please adopt plan #2.

Sincerely,


Elmer H. Graddy

Corps of Engineers

To Whom It May Concern:

My family and I have used several of the campgrounds at Greers Ferry Lake and probably go there three to four times per year. I have never thought that there were many boat docks on the lake; the ones that I have seen have been mainly in the coves where we fish and actually some of the biggest fish I have caught have been around those docks. I have been told that there are only around 90 boat docks that have been approved for the lake and that, if this plan goes through, that might be all there is in the future. I do not see where adding 93 docks on a huge lake like this would make any difference at all.

I do not really know much about the mowing issue, but I believe the Corps will do the right thing.

Respectfully,

Jim and Nancy Peterson
NR, AR.

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

To Whom This May Concern:

I have read over the information given to me about the Shoreline Management Plan on Greers Ferry Lake. You did a good job in explaining it in understandable terms.

After reading what the facts are, I then read the editorial from the Democrat-Gazette and I could not believe how much false information they put out.

I believe the Corps is making the right decision in their proposal and I would recommend Option 2 for Greers Ferry Lake.

Sincerely,

Lolita Jountain

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Ms. Anslow:

There are several things about the new shoreline management plan that I do not think are being stressed but are extremely important. The fact that, if Option 2 is approved, there will be no future rezoning requests allowed for boat docks is significant. The limitation on the size of boat that can be kept at a private dock is also important; under the current plan, large houseboats could be placed at private sites with people potentially living on them. I think the living on the boat part is against the Corps's rules but, as you know, not all the rules are followed. By maximizing the depth of the boat slip, this would limit this type of boat presence on the shoreline and potentially limit the amount of water pollution associated with it.

I think Option 2 is the one that best balances the needs of the lake with the needs of the people using the lake and those who have bought property around the lake. Increasing the potential shoreline usage from 7% to 8% is minimal. I understand that there is a large amount of previously zoned shoreline that is not even being utilized for boat docks at the present time. Probably, if everyone on the list of 93 added a boat dock, it would still bring the current percentage to much less than 8%. Many of those people earlier zoned for boat docks may have changed their mind, moved, etc.

I would vote in confidence for Option 2 of the Shoreline Management Plan and I hope you will support that as well.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Jack Capps
Murrells, AR.

January 23, 2002

To the Project Manager
Greers Ferry Lake:

The Save the Lake articles and letters have raised a lot of issues regarding Greers Ferry Lake. We would be upset if uncontrolled development ruined the Lake. However, the Army Corp has controlled the Lake's growth to date and done a good job.

If the Corp is recommending a plan allowing only 93 new dock permits, with no more permits to be allowed in the future, and a restrictive clearing policy, of which fewer than 20% of property owners will be eligible, then we have no objection to their plan.

As long as future dock rezoning requests are to be denied, and the clearing requests are individually evaluated and monitored and a fifty foot buffer maintained, we do not object to Option 2.

Sincerely,

Jay Stark

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JIM & SARAH DUCK

January 22, 2002

Ms Patricia Anslow
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

After having property on Greers Ferry Lake in our family for nearly 30 years, we are delighted to see that the Corps of Engineers is considering changing the rules for the lake. Please consider this letter as our support for the NEW Shoreline Management plan.

We only hope that more of our neighbors will rise up and provide their support to overcome the negative publicity that has been generated by such a few die hard people that do not want to see change.

We have seen the type of management from the previous Resident Engineer and believe that Mr. Thomas Park and his administration are taking the right steps to make this a better lake environment for all parties. They could do a much better job if the previous Resident Engineer would permit them to properly function.

Sincerely,

Jim Duck Sarah Duck

Jim & Sarah Duck

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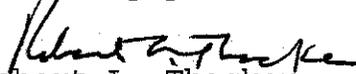
Re: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan
draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please consider this as my request that the most recent Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan draft Environmental Impact Statement be approved. I believe that it will provide an adequate solution to the issues and concerns expressed by all interested parties, and will insure that the lake is maintained in the fashion for which it was originally planned.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially yours,


Robert L. Thacker

Senator Blanche Lincoln
912 West 4th Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan - Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Blanche,

As you are probably aware, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers proposes to change the Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake to allow the installation of many additional private multislip boat docks on the lake. The Corps is advocating that parts of the lake shoreline that were previously protected now be opened up to private multislip docks. Most of us that have homes on Greers Ferry are very opposed to this proposal. We ask that you express your opposition to any plan that would reduce the amount of protected shoreline, increase the number of private boat docks, and increase the area on the Government shoreline easement that may be mowed by adjoining private landowners. This is what has made Greers Ferry so special - and why it is the number one tourist destination in Arkansas. It is not crowded and overbuilt with docks, leaving its natural beauty intact.

Thank you for your serious consideration to this matter.

Best wishes for the New Year...

Sincerely,



Mary Lou Cravens
362 Eaglewatch Circle
Heber Springs, AR 72543

or
Mary Lou Cravens
1 Treetops Lane, #402
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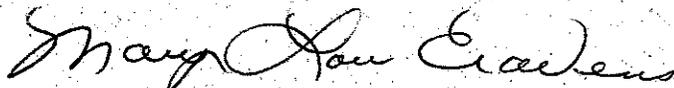
Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan - Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in November 2001 that would (a) increase the number of private multislip boat docks permitted on the Lake; (b) rezone areas of the Lake to allow for permitting of private multislip boat docks in formerly Protected Areas; and (c) increase the area in which vegetation modification (mowing) could be conducted on the Government land adjacent to the Lake.

I am opposed to all Alternatives contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement of November 2001.

Sincerely,



Mary Lou Cravens
362 Eaglewatch Circle
Heber Springs, AR 72543

From: Kay Geer [mailto:kaygeer@juno.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 3:52 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

We have lived close to greers Ferry lake for over 30 years. We have helped clean the lake and have enjoyed the lake very much. Our children grew up knowing the value of clean water and keeping the shorelines clean. Now you want to clutter it with small boat docks. Please don't do that. Our boat is stored at a marina where it is protected from wind and thieves. What would happen to a bunch of smaller boat docks when hit by a storm? Storms are hard enough on large boat docks that are protectd by breakwaters. Please save our shoreline to be natural and beautiful. Thank you for allowing us our opinion. Don and Kay Geer 686 Dodd Mountain Road Shirley, AR. 72153 501 745-2006

From: Kay Geer <kaygeer@juno.com>
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Please do not make drastic changes to our beautiful Lake. It is wonderful the way it is. We have enjoyed it for over 30 years and keep our boat at a marina where it is safe from storms. Let's keep it that way. Don and Kay Geer 686 Dodd Mountain Road, Shirley, Ar. 72153 Phone 501 745-2006

We have helped clean up the lake shoreline every year since we have lived here.

A message from Mildred Reynolds, 265 Pine Hill Road, Fairfield Bay, AR. 72088 phone 501 884-6387. We have owned property at Fairfield Bay since 1978. We live in a lovely house with a beautiful view of Greers Ferry Lake. We see beautiful shorelines and bridges and lovely clear blue water. Please don't mess up the shoreline with a bunch of little boat docks. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion. Thank you for doing the right thing and leave the lake and shorelines for us to enjoy the way they are.

For some reason. Your E mail address will not go through. Please email me an answer so I can respond

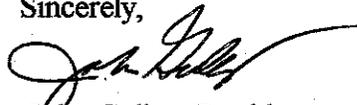
*Thanks
Kay Geer.*

January 28, 2002

Ms. Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
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I am in opposition to the proposal for more docks on Greer's Ferry Lake because I believe it will set a precedence of more and more docks—private and commercial—thus taking away from the beauty of one of Arkansas' valued resources and adding a potential for more pollution, bank erosion, and more boat traffic; thus endangering the quality of the resevoir and making it more dangerous for the people who boat regularly.

Sincerely,



John Gulley, President

The Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers

Hard copy to follow

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28 Jan 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
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Subject: Greers Ferry Lake 2000 SMP
Comments and Questions – Carl Garner

Dear Ms. Anslow,

A. THE 5 ALTERNATIVE PLANS

Alternative 1: No Action. Would continue shoreline management under the 1994 SMP, which states no new rezoning requests would be approved during the period that would commence following issuance of the plan. The 1994 SMP does not include the following, however, during future review of the SMP rezoning applications could be approved to the extent of the level described in Alternative 5 (Maximum Modification), page ES-7. Alternative 1 - page 2-9 development under this alternative could eventually reach the levels described in Alternative 3. To call this no action plan is misleading and simply not true. Why was this done? It appears that it was done to make this plan less desirable and more destructive than your preferred Alternative 2 appears to be.

Alternative 2: (Preferred alternative) Approval Of Rezoning Request Meeting The 80% Criteria. No future rezoning request would be accepted. The 93 rezoning requests that met the 80% criteria during the 1999 review of the 1994 SMP would be allowed. A minimum 50' buffer would be established where mowing would be prohibited from the vegetated edge of the shoreline for 50'. This would involve only Corps property. Authorization for mowing from habitable structures would be increased from 50' to 100' except where it would conflict with the vegetated structure. More on boats, sleeping quarters and/or MSD's and existing grandfathered docks.

There are many unanswered questions and objections to the plan.
First regarding the 80% criteria form.

- Is this a Corps wide approved and used form?
- Is it an SWD approved and used form?
- Is it used in any other SWD District?
- Was the form designed with the specific purpose of evaluating applications for private docks anywhere within the total protected area of all Corps lakes in the LRD or was it done on Greers Ferry Lake only? If not, where was it designed to be used and what were the results of the latest reviews at other projects in LRD?
- Are there public directives so stating that this form was to be used on Greers Ferry Lake? If so, are these available and why was this not mentioned in the review?

- If there had been 200 or 500 requests for new docks to be located in protected areas would the Corps have evaluated and permitted all that scored 80% on the evaluation form? I asked this question of two Corps supervisory employees and the answer was, "I guess so". Use of the criteria form as was done in the review in effect opens up the entire protected 210 mile area for future docks. On what basis can this be denied?
- Why was the form titled "Greers Ferry Rezoning Evaluation Criteria" – no mention about a dock having to be constructed or time limit for same?
- Does an applicant for rezoning have to have a boat and does he have to make a commitment to construct a dock before the 100' area is zoned?
- If a dock is not constructed in a 100' rezoned area under the SMP within a certain time would the 100' automatically revert to protected area?

Back to no future rezoning requests being accepted under Alternative 2 (Future – Webster – "for time to come"). What is the justification and defense against accepting applications and rezoning unlimited number of docks in the 210 miles of protected shoreline after permitting 93 new docks located all over the lake with 100' of shoreline rezoned for each? The plan sets a precedent not just for Greers Ferry Lake but all Corps lakes. The no future rezoning request plan is destined to be challenged and this part overturned at the next 5 year review. This being the case I believe the Corps has no intention of preventing hundreds of new docks all over the lake in the near future. Even if the Corps does care there is no defense to prevent it. The plan would fail because it discriminates and invites, even solicits political pressures too great to withstand. Also, if the Corps sincerely wants to limit the number of private docks on Greers Ferry Lake it should maintain the 1994 plan without the added conditions for hundreds of additional docks in the future.

The zoned miles for docks has not increased from the original plan of 1976. To accommodate the 20 +/- rezoned areas existing zoned areas were reallocated. For this reason limiting these number of docks, keeping the 1994 plan and maintaining the current zoning areas for the future could be justified and sustained whereas opening all of the 210 miles of protected area cannot. Alternative 2 is a plan developed not by the Corps but by the adjoining property owners and promoted by a few real estate dealers. It is a plan that enhances private property values and the real estate business and creates many adverse impacts (discussed later).

The 50' buffer proposed sounds good and could provide some benefits, however, it will be difficult to administer and maintain. The 50' buffer could be applied to each of the plans and is not dependent on the proposed increase in mowing. Why was this not done in Alternative 1? The EIS in describing the lower limits of the 50' has inconsistencies in locating the lower limits of the 50'. It will be difficult to locate and in several areas may result in no large trees within. Also the 50' buffer is claimed to provide protection from wave action and screen private development. It will result in little or no mowing for fire protection in a number of areas. It will also be very difficult to prevent illegal cutting of underbrush and small trees in this 50' based on past experiences. Increase in mowing (removal of underbrush and small trees) from 50' to 100', the Corps own policy or regulation states (from EIS) "Vegetation modification (mowing) on Corps land is justified for fire protection only and not for landscape enhancement. According to

the Corps Environmental Assessment the National Fire Protection Code finds that 30' to 35' mowed area provides efficient fire protection for habitable structures around Greers Ferry Lake and that more than that would be difficult to defend.

The current policy is and has always been 50'. No permits have ever been issued for more. Why did the Corps even consider increasing to 100'? What is the justification? Is it enhancement of private property? Increasing to 100' has many adverse impacts and no beneficial ones except to the private property owner.

- a. Removes the natural filtering system.
- b. It will increase erosion substantially during periods of high lake level.
- c. It removes the underbrush and small trees, which also increases erosion and prevents replenishing the trees.

Alternative 3 – No growth. (Page ES6 – 7.) This alternative would seek to maintain the Corps land around the lake as it currently exists, **at least until the next review.** Rezoning applications would not be accepted. No new shoreline use permits would be allowed. Why would the Corps formulate such a plan just for 5 years? It would in the long run accomplish nothing.

Alternative 3 – No Growth. (Page 2 – 9. Table 2-2.) The shoreline zoning would be frozen to the current configuration (7% LDA). No new land use permits (docks & paths) would be approved. No rezoning request from those submitted in 1999 would be approved. No rezoning request would be accepted or approved at future SMP review. No new permits and expiring permits renewed for vegetative modification. What basis or justification is there for this provision on vegetation modification? To prevent the minimum mowing for fire protection, which is provided for in the Corps current policy is non-enforceable. Also why not the 50' buffer? Alternative 3 as described on pages 6 & 7 and 2 – 9 is addressed here to show there are differences. The one on 2 – 9 speaks to no future rezoning as does Alternative 2 and 4. See my remarks under Alternative 2 regarding no future rezoning.

Alternative 4: Approval Of Rezoning Request Meeting The 90% Criteria. It would only postpone the inevitable permitting thousands of docks all over the lake. Why the 100' buffer? If it is beneficial and creates no new problems maybe it should be in the other alternatives. It would create more no fire protection mowing and create a problem with the other 48 applicants who would not get docks. It would also create a serious problem for the Corps to reduce the 93 to 45. At the time the Rangers made the criteria surveys some of the applicants for docks talked to the Rangers on site and were informed that the site scored at least 80% and they were eligible or could get a dock. At a subsequent public meeting at the Carl Garner Visitor Center I witnessed applicants who pointed out their location on a map, being told by a Ranger after checking a list that they were eligible for a dock. After the filing for the injunction in court to stop the SMP the Corps announced in person on TV that the court litigation meant nothing and the Corps would continue to issue permits for boat docks and mowing...32 docks permits were issued. Based on the court decision the Corps withdrew the SMP and voided all 32 permits. Prior to the Corps voiding the permits, five docks were placed on the lake and several others were in the fabrication stage. With the Corps commitment and most if not all of the 93

applicants is Alternative 4 a viable, doable plan or just a plan to satisfy the requirement for a number alternatives?

Alternative 5: (Maximum Modification) (EIS page 2 – 4.)

The shoreline would be rezoned to increase the LDA from 7% to 33% LDA. Rezoning would be based on suitable topography 20% - 49% slope. No rezoning request would be accepted or approved at future SMP reviews. Increase mowing from 50' to 200', no vegetative buffer established, rezone to LDA the shoreline where grandfathered docks exist. This alternative would include a measure stating that future rezoning requests will not be accepted until the LDA's are fully utilized. What kind of double talk is this? One breath the Corps will accept no request for rezoning in the future, next breath it will?

Assume all of the 33% of the zoned shoreline (all of the 210 miles of now protected area that is suitable for docks) is fully utilized, where would the additional zoned area be? Would it be made available by reducing or enlarging the limitation of the slope or would it be reducing the 80% to 70% or 65%? The 200' mowing allowance would provide additional enhancement of private property which as previously noted is illegal. Also is the slope where all the 93 docks are located within the 20% - 49% slope? There is currently 19 miles of LDA shoreline with 295 docks minus the grandfathered docks (30+/-) with space for another 170 for a total of approximately 435 within the 19 miles (7% of the shoreline). All are not within the 20 - 49 slope range but very few have had problems with operation and maintenance. On this basis and your provision for additional rezoning of this alternative it appears that the total could approach 4,000 docks. This plan must come from Sidney Lanier Lake with 38,000 acres and 8,400 docks - 25,000 boats docked on it...private development out of control!

Alternative 5 is not a viable, doable alternative. Why was it even considered? Again was it to fulfill the need for alternatives and try to justify the Corps preferred Alternative 2? How was it determined that Alternative 5 would result in significant adverse impacts?

B. MISCELLANEOUS OTHER COMMENTS

EIS page 2 -3 lines 13 -17. Number of private docks on Greers Ferry Lake.

The original zoning plan for Greers Ferry Lake formulated in strict accordance with Corps wide criteria by the Greers Ferry Resident Office, Little Rock District Office and SWD personnel. The plan was implemented in 1976. Subsequent review with required public input and public hearings and comments were held. The original shoreline miles that were zoned for docks has not increased to date. There were applications for docks in protected areas and about 20 of these were approved (1994 - 13 applicants, 3 approved) not by increasing the total zoned areas. Protected areas were originally zoned on sound basis according to criteria and were not game for wholesale change for the sole benefit of private interest. We always kept in the forefront the best interest of the public and the environment of the project for the long range (100+ years). Realizing full well that there are conditions occurring outside the control of the Corps that can adversely effect the lake and shoreline cumulatively. This is more than sufficient reason to

continue the existing Shoreline Plan, since it has worked so well for 36+ years, and to end rezoning.

Reference EIS page 2-2. Lines 9 –11.

Management of the shoreline will provide an opportunity for optimum recreation experiences for the maximum number of people and assure compatibility between the recreating public, the environment and project resources. Is this not now being done to the maximum under the 1994 SMP?

EIS lines 16 – 18. Boat owners will be encouraged to moor their boats at commercial moorings, utilize dry storage facilities off project lands. I don't recall this mentioned during any of the public meetings, Corps publications and news releases. In fact off project boat storage was to have been thoroughly investigated and evaluated in the study. It was not, why? I believe the EIS failed to thoroughly identify, investigate and evaluate all the problems that occur during very high lake levels and very low lake levels. There are many problems including water quality, severe erosion, loss of vegetation (large trees) anchoring of boats – off the anchoring system, docks and boats anchored sometimes much farther than normal out in the lake unlighted, docks tied to trees, and some docks loose floating in the lake. Many of these present safety hazards. In 1973 the lake level was 484 and all of these conditions existed for several weeks. The damage from wind and wave to private docks, shoreline erosion and vegetation loss was extensive. 100,000 trees were lost. The lake was very muddy over the entire area and large amounts of garbage and trash were noted all around the shoreline.

The EIS has evaluated and anticipated the lakeshore growth, local population increase, personal income and other results from each of the alternatives. The value attributed to Alternative 5 appears to be excessive, especially when this area including the shoreline has already experienced substantial growth and continues to do so. The two lake counties were among the top growth counties in the state for the past 10 years. Why do most probably 90% of the 5,000,000 day visitors come to Greers Ferry Lake? It is because they like the beautiful scenery and uncluttered clean lake. Adding 1300+ docks could very likely reduce those values. Many have indicated they would not come back to Greers Ferry Lake if this occurs.

The EIS contains too much repetition with incomplete or conflicting information on the same subject.

There is insufficient investigation and evaluation regarding the number of septic systems and associated problems as to pollution entering the lake. The 1981 Environmental study found a number of potential and some problem areas and indicated there would be more by 2000 with the anticipated growth around the lake. This study including the 1981 map indicated findings of the 1981 study. It is true that these systems are on private property and are the responsibility of the Arkansas Health Dept. but does that relieve the Corps of any responsibility or doesn't it care whether or not every possible action is taken to prevent the polluted runoff from flowing across government lands to the lake. All septic systems are subject to failure, many do occasionally. Mine did and I was fortunate to have the 2" natural filtering cover to absorb and prevent it from

entering the lake. I have not mowed the 50' for fire protection and natural filtering system is still in place. (I would be eligible to mow about 45')

Another concern is the extent of investigating and evaluating the watershed area. The area is mostly wooded, however, there are numerous cattle farms with sizeable feed lots and many chicken houses. About 25 years ago the government became concerned about the pollution from feed lots entering Greers Ferry Lake and made some funds available to construct holding ponds below these lots. This occurred for only one or two years. Most of these lots have no holding ponds. Did the EIS thoroughly look at this?

The EIS has a number of colored maps showing various areas with scenic integrity classification. All of the scenes classified as high scenic are typical of the 210 miles of protected areas and none have boat docks but will have if Alternative 2 is implemented. All but one of the low - very low scenic classification have boat docks. Surely it is an undisputed fact that boat docks destroy the scenic value of the shoreline. These significant and most desirable values are very important to lake users and visitors. Does the Corps now choose to destroy this treasure?

Reference potential Boat Dock Viewshed maps for the 5 alternatives. The maps indicate distance and area from which a private dock can be seen. I have been on the lake hundreds of times and viewed the shoreline from the water and also from the land. On a clear day a 2 slip or a 20 slip dock can be seen from anywhere there is not an obstruction up to 5 miles on the water and farther from the land. The person who arrived at the map distances may need glasses.

Another comment on the rezoning request evaluation criteria form. It is possible to make a score of 80 and qualify for rezoning at any slope of the shoreline from zero to vertical. Using this form a much larger percent of the 210 miles of shoreline could meet the requirement for rezoning. Again I must ask how do you justify 100' of shoreline anywhere in protected areas. Is it just because you have a form? Someone in the Corps is smart enough to know what will happen at the next review.

C. FINAL COMMENTS

The Corps must admit that it is charged with and has the sole responsibility of managing Greers Ferry and it must know that it cannot most efficiently manage based totally on who is against or who is for any plan. Consider yes, but not let popular vote override the right thing to do. Always ask first what is the right thing to do. This also applies to political pressures. After the public meeting in 1999 and 2000 comments from the public were accepted. According to the Resident office records 523 persons submitted comments. The Corps reported the majority favored the new SMP. Mr. Leonard Uecker and I at the Resident Office read every comment and classified for or against the SMP and also those who commented on other specific items that were neither for nor against the SMP. Enclosed is a copy of our tabulations of comments with 3 categories, those specifically for the SMP - 174, against - 231, for other than SMP - 149. The Corps in compiling its numbers for and against counted all, or at least enough of the 149, for the SMP in order to get a majority for it. It's tough to win in a game like this. The Corps used this

inaccurate majority to justify implementing the SMP. The 20 January issue of the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette included an article entitled "Corps Buffeted By Foes, Backers Of Lake Rezoning". In that article Corps employees stated more than once the 2000 plan was what the majority wanted. It was also mentioned that due to the majority wanting the new SMP the Corps did not retain the current 1994 SMP. (Copy of the article attached.) From these previous comments by the Corps it may be assumed that had the majority opposed the new SMP that it would never have been implemented. Was the Corps so desperate to have a majority for the SMP that it improperly counted the comments?

Now that the draft of the Corps preferred Alternative (the 2000 SMP) is in the comment period until 28 January 2002, how will the majority of comments for and against affect the final SMP? If the majority is against, will the plan now be voided? After the draft plan was announced and made available to many more people for review, more people are now expressing their preferences which gives the Corps a much more accurate poll on what the private citizens want. **If more comments are against the SMP the Corps must then rethink and possibly void the plan and retain the 1994 SMP, especially if this majority is substantially larger.**

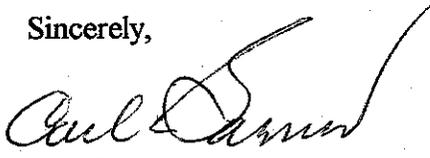
In 1974 the Corps established (in Federal Register) a policy that in the future new lakes and existing lakes with no boat docks there would be no docks permitted. There had to be good reasons for this new restriction. In view of this new policy why solicit and approve all the applications the Corps can get? The Corps should make efforts to prevent the creation of problems the new policy has prevented.

The Corps continues to help justify adding the 93 docks in protected areas by stressing that the plan adds less than 2 miles of zoned shoreline. This to most does not sound too bad but they are not aware that this addition is made up of 93 - 100' sections scattered all over the lake. One only has to view the map showing locations and long range effects to become concerned. I would hate to have a large map in my office showing the 93 100' locations and have to defend disapproving all future requests for rezoning anywhere within the 210 miles of now protected shoreline.

Attached are copies of two letters which are self explanatory. If this is now the new policy, it is another reason not to have 93 new docks now, thousands more in the future.

I have been asked a hundred times why is the Corps doing this. Based on comments in the Democrat article I guess we now know. I am totally against the new SMP because I know 25 years from now Greers Ferry will be another Sidney Lanier. Please stop now and keep the 1994 plan permanently. I would appreciate answers to all questions.

Sincerely,



Carl Garner

Enclosures

*Enclosure to letter by Carl Garner Subject G F Lake 2000 SMP
 Comment & Question addressed to Mr Patricia Ansley USCELR-285n200*

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 1 March 2000

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Dear Tommy Park;

Thanks to you and Win Hargis for your hospitality in allowing us to review the public comments received in regard to the SMP proposal. Win stated that the Corps had not classified the responses as being either: for the proposal, against, resident, non-resident, dock only, mow only, etc.

In our examination of the letters, we could see that it was not a simple matter of counting Yes or No votes on a single issue. We were able to establish 7 basic categories that would allow a quite comprehensive evaluation of the responses and offer them for your consideration.

NOT APPLICABLE would describe 29 of the letters. These were questions or suggestions that covered a variety of subjects, but did not make reference to approving or disapproving the SMP. Included were questions about wildlife habitat planting, commercial docks in the South Fork area, ramp construction, and repair or replacement of existing docks. Some persons thought the comment period was an invitation for more dock requests, but made no reference to the SMP. One letter disagreed with the soil type designation in the soil study but gave no SMP comment. A few had no signature or no name listed. About 6 were non-residents.

BENTLEY RESTAURANT DOCK covered 58 letters. Many of these were form letters that had probably been distributed at the restaurant. All but about 3 were requesting a dock for the restaurant. None of the letters mentioned the SMP.

REALTORS sent in 52 letters. This was nearly one third of the comments that favored the SMP. Thirty-four of these were solicited form letters with no stated reason except the obviously anticipated property sales. No benefits to the lake or the public were cited. The number of form letters would seem to reflect the ability of the realtors to take advantage of their organizational capabilities to generate numbers, and to reveal the personal and profit nature of their motivation. There would be no way to measure any peer pressure or employer intimidation involved in the signing of the form letters. Included in the 52 letters are 4 by Al Vadja. Other "multiple listed" realtors (couldn't resist the pun) were also counted 3 or 4 times by being included as personal, sales office, and realtor organization letters. Cleburne Co. Bd of Realtors was listed twice.

FOR SMP PROPOSAL totalled 122. There were 45 form letters, many of which could almost as appropriately be listed under the REALTOR heading. These, and an additional 45 separate letters stated no reason, no lake or public benefits in voting for the SMP. At least 32 of these letters were from non-residents (some e-mail letters did not give name or address, but were counted FOR anyway). Many of these letters showed no strong opinion, but expressed confidence in the Corps' proposal because of its PAST record in

Enclosure 2

protecting the lake. Many indicated reliance on the GROSSLY MISLEADING Corps statements that only 1.7 miles of shoreline would be affected by rezoning changes!! The Corps has done a severe disservice to the public by adamantly refusing to acknowledge that over 150 miles of formerly protected shoreline would now be open to rezoning. The Corps is also remiss in failing to correct intentional distortions that were used in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette to influence people to vote for the CMP. The Corps' implied agreement of Al Vadja's lies and the Corps' own statements in the SAME newspaper article were quoted by many of the FOR letters as their basis in accepting the Corps proposal.

DOCK REQUESTS were the subject of 37 letters. Many of these assumed that the comment period was for additional dock requests. Some specifically were against changing mowing restrictions. Three were form letters, 13 were from non-residents.

MOWING REQUESTS totalled 25. Similar to DOCK REQUESTS, these were for a single interest and did not show favor for the total SMP. Three of these were from non-residents. Some letters that wanted additional mowing or pathways stated opposition to more docks.

OPPOSED TO SMP PROPOSAL accounted for 231 votes. Most were quite specific in stating reasons for opposing the SMP changes. Many included the same reasons that appeared over and over in the Corps' own report; long-term adverse impacts to soils, archeological resources, water, wetlands, aquatic resources, terrestrial resources; aesthetics, vegetation, and the implied perception of being converted to private property. Frequently mentioned was the fact that a simple visit to Lake Hamilton, Lake of the Ozarks, or any similar less restricted lake would show clearly how quickly Greers Ferry Lake could be degraded into "compliance with other lakes".

CONCLUSION: Realtors and other profit seeking groups, even with benefit of their organizational advantage, could not cite reasons that would benefit the lake or the public, and could not muster enough support to outweigh the opposition to the SMP proposal. This, in spite of the delay in letting the public know the extent of the changes, the GROSSLY MISLEADING statements given, the suppression of information, and the denial of a time extension for public comments. The public comments fall far short of a mandate for the long-term adverse impacts that the plan would set in motion. The majority opposing the plan offer extensive reasons, many stated in the Corps' own reports, that would benefit both the lake and the public and protect the lake for the future! It would be hoped that the objections of the Arkansas Health Dept., Community Water Systems, and the Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality would be given as much consideration as Al Vadja's impassioned plea for another dock. As one in opposition stated, the Corps' must decide whether to base its decision on DOLLARS or on SENSE!.

Protect? Exploit? The future of Greers Ferry Lake rests on this decision!!

Sincerely,

Leonard Uecker

SMP PUBLIC COMMENTS

	?	FOR	OPPOSE
NOT APPLICABLE			
Questions, suggestions, existing dock/ramp matters, information requests, South Fork rezoning	29		
BENTLEY RESTAURANT DOCK			
Requests for Bentley Restaurant dock only, no SMP reference, mostly form letters, all but about 3 favoring the dock	58		
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34 were solicited form letters, 4 letters were by Al Vadja, some others repeated 3 or 4 times by listing as personal, sales office, and realtor organizations, Cleburne Co. Bd of Realtors listed twice.			52
FOR SMP PROPOSAL			
45 form letters with no reason stated, 45 individual letters with no stated reason, 32 non-resident letters, some e-mail letters did not indicate area of residence.			122
DOCK REQUESTS			
Some letters requested docks, but did not favor a mowing area increase. 13 non-residents wanted docks, 3 form letters wanted docks.		37	
MOWING REQUESTS			
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OPPOSED TO SMP PROPOSAL			
Almost all opposed to changes gave specific reasons, Included Arkansas Health Dept., Community Water Systems, Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality, Friends of Greers Ferry Lake, Greers Ferry & Little Red River Assn., Lacey Marina, Shiloh Marina, Eden Isle Marina, Sugarloaf Marina, Rep Becky Lynn, Heber Springs Mayor Ed Roper			231

There were 523 letters in the SMP COMMENTS file. Win Hargis stated that no classification had been made regarding For, Against, Resident, Non-Resident, etc.. There is some ambiguity in the tabulation due to duplicate letters, e-mail letters lacking address or signature, and multiple names on a single letter. The overall result in accuracy should balance out for both sides, and shows a decided majority AGAINST the proposed changes.

1 March 2000

Corps buffeted by foes, backers of lake rezoning

Development plan for shoreline at Greers Ferry rouses passions

BY SANDY DAVIS
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

HEBER SPRINGS — The shoreline of Greers Ferry Lake looks as if it could be a remote part of the Canadian wilderness — 276 miles of mostly tree-lined lakefront with few visible houses and a sprinkling of boat docks.

"When I first came here, I was surprised that you couldn't see any presence of humans along the shores," said Barbara Sullivan of

Greers Ferry in northern Cleburne County.

"It was a refreshment of the spirit."

For more than 30 years, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has managed the lake and its federally owned shoreline, keeping growth on the shores to a minimum.

But to the ire of Sullivan and many locals like her, that could change.

The Corps of Engineers has proposed rezoning the shoreline to allow 93 more boat docks and to let lakeside landowners clear up to 100 feet of brush. Only 22 miles of shoreline are zoned for docks, and only eight of those miles contain the 295 docks which have been built.

"What we are proposing is a 1 percent increase of boat

docks," said Tommy Park, the Corps' operations manager for Greers Ferry Lake. "Currently, [about] 7 percent of the shoreline on Greers Ferry Lake has boat docks. This change would make that 8 percent."

Opponents say the impact won't be so minor.

The Corps' plan "will open the door" for even more boat docks and other development, Sullivan contends, which would diminish the pristine, mostly un-

touched terrain. Additional mowing will cause soil erosion and strip away the foliage that hides the signs of civilization, she added.

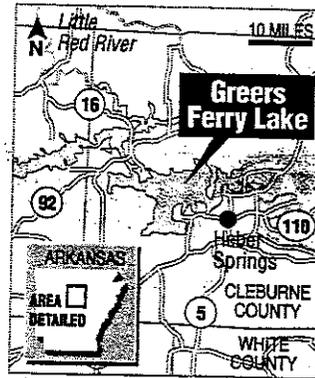
"If this plan is approved, the lake will be ruined," said Sullivan, president of Save Greers Ferry Lake Inc., a nonprofit or-

ganization formed to oppose the Corps' plan. "I can't understand why the Corps wants to change the shoreline."

Other residents, like Al Vejada, said more docks won't change the area significantly. "Another couple of docks won't change the appearance of the lake. There has to be a balance between aesthetics and recreation."

Opponents feel a sense of urgency to get the word out be-

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Enclosure to letter by Carl Gentry - Subject G & Lake 2000SM7
Comments & Questions - addressed to ms Patricia Anslow CBCELE
dated 28 Jan 2002

July 27, 2000

Mr. Thomas S. Park
Operations Manager
Greers Ferry Project Office
700 Heber Springs Road North
Heber Springs, AR 72543-9022

Re: boat dock #4415

Dear Mr. Park,

I am writing to complain about a boat dock that was constructed on public property directly in front of our cottage on the south west side of Higdon Bay. Our lot is #58 Potters Point Tract 1255. When I complained verbally to the Ranger who authorized installation of the dock (Jim Marple??) he said that the location was authorized because the depth of the water in front of the next door cabin was too shallow. The dock opens sideways, not toward the lake. The location of the dock together with the sideways access and the tie down cables encroach on a large area of lakefront in front of our cottage. The Ranger said that it was probably a mistake to authorize the dock at this location, but since it was already there, he would not change it. We would have objected before the dock was constructed, but we were not advised about the request. Now we are asking that the dock be moved to an area in front of the owners cabin or else removed entirely.

Attached are some photos taken last October.

Very truly yours,

Harvey W. Mook
5881 Macinness Ave.
Memphis, TN 38119

Enclosure 3



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
GREERS FERRY PROJECT OFFICE
706 HEBER SPRINGS ROAD NORTH
HEBER SPRINGS, ARKANSAS 72543-9022

August 16, 2000

Mr. Harvey W. Mook
5881 Macinness Ave.
Memphis, Tennessee 38119

Dear Mr. Mook:

Please reference your letter dated July 27, 2000 regarding a dock on public property in front of your cottage.

There are areas on Greers Ferry Lake that are allocated as "limited development". In those areas, private floating facilities are allowed provided the applicant meets the requirements to install a dock on public property.

When a dock request is received, we perform site inspections prior to approving a location for the dock. We try to place the dock as close to the owner's lot as possible. Since the area allocated as limited development is public property, we are not required to contact adjacent landowners for concurrence prior to approving a dock site.

The dock you have referred to belongs to your neighbor on Lot 57. The dock is very close to the lot line of Lot 57 if you extended the lot lines from the Government boundary line to the lake. There are trees directly in front of Lot 57 near the water that we did not want disturbed. Therefore, we authorized placement of the dock off to the side of the trees in an area where the water depth is greater.

As for the design of the dock, we prefer that docks be placed perpendicular to the shoreline because it allows for additional slips to be added to a dock without altering additional vegetation. This style of dock also serves as a breakwater for the boats moored in those facilities.

If the dock were moved to the other side of the trees, boats would have to travel through very shallow water to access the dock. Therefore, we will not require that the dock be relocated or removed.

Prior to a dock permit being issued, we require the applicants to sign a Memorandum of Understanding which states that they will allow others to add on to the dock providing they have legal access to the dock site within 200 feet. If you would be interested in adding on to the dock, we will contact the owner on your behalf.

If we can be of further assistance or if you have any questions, please contact Park Ranger Benny Rorie at (501) 362-2416. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Thomas S. Park
Operations Manager
Greers Ferry Lake

From: James Townsend [mailto:linjim@ipa.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 12:20 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan (SMP)

Ms. Tricia Anslow

Last January 2001, I submitted comments to the proposed 2001 SMP. Then ,as now, I oppose implementation of any of the alternatives set forth in the Plan, except for the " do nothing" alternative.

My original comments included pictures of the shoreline from Miller's point on westward. These pictures showed what appeared to be serious violations of the then current Plan such as boats moored on buoys; paths and roads cut down to the shoreline from private property; boats pulled up and stored on the shoreline; boats tied up to "swimming platforms", tree cutting and mowing at the shoreline etc. Several times, during periods of low water, I saw vehicles parked on the shore at waters edge.

I felt that since the current regulations were apparently not being enforced, I could only assume that the proposed SMP, with it's relaxed standards , would also not be enforced. The result would be an extremely ugly shoreline and significant environmental damage.

I was promised that a response to my comments would be incorporated into a " Scoping Report". However, I could find no direct response to my comments in the 2002 SMP. I will admit that I only read about 200 pages of the proposed SMP since most of the language in the various alternatives, except for the" do nothing" alternative, was mostly repetition.

However, there was one paragraph that caught my eye. That paragraph stated that although a particular allowance in the plan would have an insignificant overall impact, it might have a significant local impact. That's like saying that if a citizen of Greers Ferry would lose an arm in an accident, it would have an insignificant effect on the city of Greers Ferry, but would have a significant effect on the person losing the arm.

If any of the alternatives to the SMP are implemented other than the "do nothing" alternative,I hope it is not I who will among those losing an arm. Since my house overlooks the shoreline west of Miller's Point, I fear that in the future I may be called "one armed Jim".

Respectfully,

Jim Townsend
Greers Ferry

From: Tom [mailto:theisler@usa.net]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 9:13 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greer's Ferry additional docks

1/11/01

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am strongly opposed to the Army Corps of Engineers' intentions to increase private docks in Greer's Ferry Lake.

1. If you start, how will you stop it? You will be deluged with lawsuits from this or that block of property owners who want docks on their land and who will use as a precedent your initial opening up of docks. It is my understanding that each dock can have up to 20 slips. This is a ticket to disaster for the environment and asthetics of this lake.
2. To increase the value of their land, private owners will be induced to put docks on their waterfront property.
3. Increased docks will affect water quality for 70,000 people who are drinking Greer's Ferry water.
4. Why change now and ruin the pristine quality of this lake? We have maintained it in this marvelous shape for about 45 years.
5. New Army Corp of Engineer lakes don't provide for private docks.
6. We have already expanded the marinas to accomodate boat owners.

Please do not continue with this plan.

Tom Heisler, Ph.D.
27 Wynnewood
Wynne, Arkansas

From: PK Hunkins [mailto:phunkins@artelco.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 4:39 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake--EIS Shore Mgt. Plan--Comment

January 16, 2002

Sir:

The long-term public interest is what this land use decision, (i.e. plan), must serve. The long-term conservation of the natural character and appearance of Greers Ferry Lake shoreline with minimal intrusion from man-made structures and facilities is of utmost importance and in the public interest. This statement is especially true when structures are intended to provide only private service. My judgment is that this decision should set management direction that will provide for conservation and betterment of the natural character and appearance of these shorelines across the long term, i.e. fifty years and more. Every foot of existing shoreline that is uncluttered with improvements ought to be regarded as visual FOREGROUND, which it is. Access to the water is necessary, but there exists public marinas, parks, and boat launch ramps located in every part of the lake. Additional shoreline improvements that are deemed necessary for public use or administration of the lake resource ought to be concentrated solely within existing marinas and parks. One can state, quite flippantly, that there is no important impact to the shoreline from floating docks that are situated in relatively small coves that are not highly visible from the many points in the lake. However, given sufficient use, there will result adverse impact to the area from use of the dock over time, especially when associated facilities, such as access roads, electric power and light, etc are demanded for their convenience, to ease maintenance and other seemingly laudable purposes. The effect of this use of the land is cumulative and when use reaches certain thresholds, soil erosion, loss of vegetation, water quality, and other related adverse effects become evident. With continued use, site degradation accelerates and at some point becomes irreversible. There is a certain level of acceptable lake use that when reached will trigger adverse, irreversible effects to one or more components within the lake system. It seems likely that this limiting factor may be the capacity of the lake shoreline to house, dock and launch vessels. Undoubtedly, numerous floating docks can be put in place thereby providing much convenience and ease for their owners and users. But their ease and convenience cannot be gained without trading away the pleasing, uncluttered, natural character and appearance of these publicly owned and maintained shore lands. If private docks and similar facilities are demanded and cannot be situated in an existing marina then they ought not to be authorized and permitted. There are alternatives: boat launch ramps are located in all parts of the lake and with some effort can be used. The visual character and appearance of the Federal Lands that constitute the shoreline of Greers Ferry Lake should never be sacrificed and made ugly for the ease and convenience of a relatively few. This trade-off is not in the public interest, particularly here in the Natural State.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment. Philip K. Hunkins, 154 Dunn Hollow Drive, Fairfield Bay, Arkansas 72088.

From: Heath Garner [mailto:hgarner@insolwv.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 10:06 PM
To: Els, GF SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Boat Docks

Irish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Mrs. Anslow:

Please take the time to carefully review the Clean Water Act. The obvious impacts from additional boat docks will be a violation of this Act which charges the COE with maintaining it. Quite frankly, an EIS developed by the COE seems a little biased in my opinion. Any competent biologist, ecologist, or environmental engineer can predict that the precedent set by this plan (if approved and executed) would significantly impact water quality, both from a natural resource and human health perspective.

It appears that the COE answer to the public demand is not actually the tax paying public, but private land owners and real estate developers who are only looking to expand their pocket books at the public's expense. Therefore, please acknowledge yet another voice from the public that OPPOSES the proposed plan to permit 93 additional boat docks and remove woody vegetation another 50 feet from the shoreline. It is about time the COE did something right with the resource they are charged to manage and obtain a higher standing with the taxpaying public.

Sincerely,

Heath Garner
President-Northeast Arkansas Fly Fishers

From: Fisher Walter [mailto:walt@ipa.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2002 7:38 PM
To: Tricia Anslow
Cc: Greers Ferry SMP
Subject: No to Greers Ferry Lake SMP

Date: Wednesday January 23, 2002

To: Ms. Patricia Anslow

From: Walter E. Fisher
9 Bluff View Dr
Quitman, AR 72131
501-825-7684

Dear Patricia Anslow

In 1986 my wife and I purchased a plot of land on the side of Pryor Mountain overlooking Greers Ferry Lake and the surrounding area. The views were unspoiled, the water pure. We had considered buying on the Lake but were assured by several realtors (in Greers Ferry) and the Corps that the only docks that would be allowed were the ones already built (grand fathered) and one of the reasons to buy here was that the lake would remain uncluttered. Now several realtors have gone into the land development business and have applied pressure for docks. I have been told that when applying for permission for a permit the Corps cannot determine if the request is for personal use or land development. I protest the development of docks, either private or for profit, because:

- 1.. The addition of docks, many being quite large (up to 20 slips per dock), will create a cluttered and ugly shoreline. This in not why Arkansas is known as the Natural State.
- 2.. The addition of docks will cause water pollution from the filling of gas tanks and leaching of ground discharges from the paths cut to the docks. Many of the existing paths have become quite large and do not wind down the contour, but run straight down to the lake.
- 3.. Many of these docks will not be well maintained because some owners will be part time or leave for extensive winter vacations. They will in time degrade and be subject to storm damage.
- 4.. The Corps should become more diligent in controlling the amount of cutting of trees and clearing of vegetation along the shore, not permit more. The underbrush acts as a natural filter helping control runoff and leaching septic systems. Small trees being cut mean no trees in the future as older trees die from age or damage. I can attest to the destruction of a lake in Ohio where it is now unsafe to swim from late July to early spring because of growth and decay of algae and weeds in the highly nutrient water caused by the above conditions.
- 5.. If the Corps allows the 93 plus docks with multiple slips to be built in this four-year period, there will be an increase of many more applications in the next time period. (Mikie wants one too!!!) This will result in even more visual and environmental destruction of the lake. Once the floodgates are open, the rush will be on.

We hope you consider the above when deciding on how Greers Ferry Lake should continue to exist. Let's keep Arkansas beautiful. Thank You,

Walter E. Fisher
Earth Science Department Head, Great Lakes Region, Retired

-----Original Message-----
From: ShagLady30@aol.com [mailto:ShagLady30@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2001 12:25 PM
To: Eis, GFSMP
Subject: comments for GFLSMP Draft EIS

Ms. Anslow,

I attended the public meeting on December 4 concerning the results of the EIS. I am in support of Alternative 2, the preferred alternative of the Corps of Engineers. I feel that approving those 93 rezoning requests and permitting vegetation modification is the best balance of lake use and will be a fair resolution. It is really sad that so much money had to be spent to prove that this would cause no significant impact on the environment. I would hope in the future that those docks already on the lake would have to meet the same specifications that the new docks will be required to meet. I saddens me to ride by the marinas and older docks on a typical Sunday and see styrofoam floating, because it isn't enclosed in such a way to prevent it from breaking down. This certainly can't be good for the environment. It seems that those people and groups opposed to alternative 2 should be concerned about this problem rather than what they seem to oppose to. It seems that they think private docks are eyesores and are not concerned about what is really detrimental to the environment.

Carol S. Fick

December 5,

2001

Tumbling Shoals, AR

From: George and Maureen Depsky [mailto:gmdpsky@cyberback.com]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 9:44 AM
To: Els, GE SMP
Subject: docks

TO: Trish Anslow or whoever is in charge of letting anymore docks on Greers Ferry Lake:::::

This email is my request to you and the Corps of Engineers NOT to allow any more docks or certainly not any where near the number proposed to be built on the shores of Greers Ferry Lake. One of my major concerns is that lake is now a water supply for a large number of people in the surrounding communities. What a calamity could occur with the increased number of boats, gasoline and oil products as well as the probability of increased boating accidents. It is also a fact that when the shorelines get cleared the erosion will be greater and there are MANY septic tanks that eventually drain into the lake and that flow would get bigger since there wouldn't be the vegetation to slow it down.

These are just a few of the reasons I am so against the docks being built. I hope you will take these reasons into consideration when your commission decides what is best for the lake. It is a wonderful thing we have in Arkansas --these man made lakes--and it would be a tragedy for man to destroy them!!!

Thankyou, Maureen Depsky

From: Sharon Fair [mailto:sfair@romatique.com]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2002 7:57 AM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Tricia Anslow:

As a life long Arkansan and a resident of Eden Isle for the past eleven years, I am adamantly opposed to the Corp. of Engineers plan to increase the number of boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake. The evidence is clear that allowing the proliferation of boat docks drastically decreases the appeal of a lake, both aesthetically and environmentally. It is incumbent upon us to protect this beautiful lake for the enjoyment of future generations. Please do not allow this plan to be implemented.

Thank you,

Sharon Fair
Eden Isle, Arkansas
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January 28, 2002

Via Facsimile (501) 324-6699 and first-class mail

Ms. Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. BOX 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Proposed Change to the Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I write in opposition to any modification of the existing Shoreline Management Plan which has so wonderfully served Greers Ferry Lake (the "Lake") for the past forty years. I have reviewed the EIS and restrict my comments to a form cognizable thereunder.

Having only recently learned of the sweeping change desired by dock-happy developers for the Lake, and with this the last day of allowable commentary, I address only **aesthetics**. Said plainly: from an aesthetic point of view, I am vehemently opposed to allowing *any* additional docks and shoreline clear-cutting. Adhering to a grandmother's line that she was "sorry she didn't have time to write a shorter letter," I will try to keep my words to a minimum.

I have been coming to the Lake since the mid-seventies. Indeed, since 1982 and for every year thereafter, I have hosted an annual lake weekend for college friends. This past June we celebrated 20 years of coming to the Lake. It's a tradition we're all proud of and wish to continue.

We do not have our own dock, nor have we ever had one, or wanted one. We stay at a house on Eden Isle, entirely invisible from the Lake itself. And we use a boat kept at Eden Isle Marina, one of the many existing marinas on the Lake--a marina, I hasten to add, with available slips and ever in need of rental income as so many of them currently are.

Our group has ranged from 8 to 18 people over the years, and we have all been truly enriched by this annual event. The Lake, its natural beauty, its serenity, the *changeless peace* it offers, has been the ideal setting to celebrate the many milestones of our collective lives: marriage, childbirth, grad-school acceptances and so on. It has been a place also to share consolation for setbacks and unexpected difficulties.

Aesthetics are nebulous, difficult to identify, to quantify. They are as individual as each voice that seeks to define them. There is no set manner of agreeing on what is beautiful, on what is

acceptable, or on what will detract. On the other hand, aesthetics begin to be definable when looked at comparatively.

Consider the Narrows and that portion of the Lake nearest the dam (the "Dam/Narrows"). Compare these areas to the wide expanse off Miller's Point. The Dam/Narrows require constant vigilance of boaters and skiers. A fallen skier, especially a young child not so easily seen, raises a real concern in any responsible person in this part of the Lake. Chop and noise, near misses and wake rockings are all routine in the Dam/Narrows.

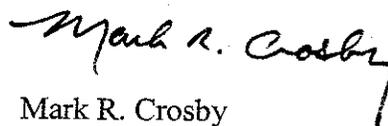
"Let's get out to the wide part to get away from all this!" is a familiar refrain. Thankfully there is such a part. Miller's Point. But now this too is poised on the brink of becoming indistinguishable from the Dam/Narrows. Said differently, the Lake's ability to afford refuge within *itself* is in real danger.

For all who would come to find its quiet shores; for all who would drift along for a peaceful picnic or to sail on a single tack uninterrupted for nearly five miles, the new docks and their consequent traffic pose a most grave threat. The Lake's current balance is vital. Algorithms wrongly take dead aim at these wider areas of defining peace and refuge. "Here is where we can allow more traffic! Here is where we can add more docks!" Truly, nothing is more wrongheaded or damaging to the Lake. Nothing will more cripple the Lake than to adhere blindly to this shrill accounting.

"A few more docks..." "7% to 8%..." "already allowed..." Against these "arguments" I submit the following: I owe many deep and rewarding friendships in no small way to people I've never met, nor known the importance of: these people are your predecessors who so successfully (miraculously!) secured for the Lake its changeless beauty and serenity. We come, my friends and I, year after year, *precisely* because the Lake has remained a welcoming, restorative place of wide expanses and undisturbed shorelines. Without these attributes, the Lake would lose (and surely *will* lose, if changed as proposed) both its majesty and its solace--slip by slip, "little old dock" by "just another dock," inevitably becoming a lake clogged with unrelenting water traffic, whose shores are crammed with too-big houses on clear-cut lawns. Is this the legacy you would leave? Is this the change you would allow?

Deny development. Preserve the Lake. Stand for its Beauty. If I may be heard further in opposition, I ask for any opportunity. Too many of us have been unfairly denied any real voice in your agency's affairs, simply because we don't live nearby. We are the countless many who come to Greer's Ferry Lake from all over the Country, beneficiaries of the foresight and tireless efforts of those who (thus far) have vouchsafed its **aesthetic** appeal. At a minimum, we should be heard. At a minimum, please delay implementing any change until we may speak, too. At a minimum, grant the Lake its 40th Birthday without further scarring. A year of more voices is a small amount of time in the balance of things. Give us our chance to be heard.

Sincerely,



Mark R. Crosby

Dear Mr Andrews
My family and I really want a boat
dock because..... My sister is a baby
and one day my mom had to go to
our neighbors dock to get my sister on
the boat. So please let us have a boat
dock on the lake

♥♥♥

Conor Shewmake
Conor Shewmake



Greens fairy Lake



Greers Ferry Lake From: Richard Stichter [jodane@arkansas.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 4:20 PM
To: gs.smp.eis@usace.army.mil
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

I just wanted to get my two cents worth in on the proposals for the docks and lake shore on Greers Ferry Lake. We live on the Little Red River below the damn and see all of the violations that go on down here with out any supervision. The river isn't as clean and clear as it use to be. Weed growth has taken over. 20 years ago we could see the bottom and count the fish. Now people throw all kinds of trash out and pollute the run off ravines by dumping appliances in the ravines leading to the river. Digging and grading close to the river is quite common. Come look at our river after a fairly heavy rain, until they run the generators it looks like you could walk on the water.

Knowing the way people are, it will happen on the lake also. I have seen lakes with way to many docks and it looks like any other highway or town you drive through. It would be nice if we could be one of the few that keep ours looking almost natural.

The part of the river we live on has no docks across from us and I only have to go to a narrower stretch with docks on both sides to see we were blessed when we chose this particular lot. And so it will eventually happen on the lake.

Please don't let this happen.

Mrs. Joann Stichter
925 Ferguson Road
Heber Springs, AR 72543

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January 8, 2002

Ms. Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corp of Engineers
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Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

RE: Proposed Corp of Engineers Changes
On Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am very much opposed to your plan to add additional boat docks to Greers Ferry and to allow cutting of shoreline trees and vegetation.

I have owned a home on Eden Isle for seventeen years. When I bought this property, I was advised that the shoreline was not to be disturbed in any way and that it would always remain undisturbed, because that was Colonel Garner and the Corp of Engineers notion of how the lake should be maintained.

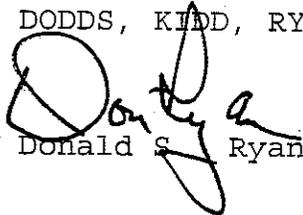
This has suited me fine, and I have always respected it.

Now, under your plan, multiple docks will be built in the bay behind my house.

I am sure you can understand why I am opposed to this. I hope you will take this letter into consideration when making your determination.

Sincerely,

DODDS, KIDD, RYAN & MOORE


Donald S. Ryan

DSR:mp

**Lana Russell
7 Beverly Place
Little Rock, Arkansas 72207**

January 8, 2002

Ms. Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

This letter is in response to the editorial the Sunday Democrat-Gazette. Having not read the actual proposal of changes to the shoreline management plan, I would like to request a copy. Please forward in the enclosed self addressed, stamped envelope.

In the event I do not receive and have time to review the proposal prior to January 18, I would like to address a couple of issues mentioned in the editorial.

1. Allowing approximately ninety additional boat docks.

As new property owners on Greers Ferry Lake, my husband and I are willing to sacrifice having our own dock in order to preserve the beauty and purity of the lake. We do own a boat and very much enjoy the uncluttered shoreline. The existing marinas and entry points surrounding the lake provide ample access to anyone who wishes to enter the lake by boat. Greers Ferry Lake's capacity for boat traffic does have a limit. Summer holiday weekends are examples of this. We believe it would be a huge mistake to further populate the lake with additional boat traffic when enjoyment of the lake's natural beauty and safety are already being compromised.

2. Increase area around shoreline where mowing is allowed from fifty to one hundred feet.

Once again, as new property owners on Greers Ferry Lake, we are willing to sacrifice the additional fifty feet for Fire Protection in order to maintain the shorelines natural beauty.

The forty-five feet currently designated as a Fire Protection barrier, where mowing and the removal of small trees less than 2 inches at the base is adequate to accomplish this goal – Fire Protection. It is obvious that many property owners around the lake have taken liberty to clear for the purpose of enhancing their view. If the current guidelines are not adhered to, and a boat ride on the lake will confirm this, what will making more shoreline available for clearing accomplish?

In one of my discussions with a Park Ranger in determining what can and cannot be allowed on the Corps shoreline, he explained to me the goal of the Corps of Engineers is to keep the lake from looking like it is private property because it is not. It is a Corps of Engineers Lake! By giving property owners additional slices of shoreline, how can it appear to be anything but – privately owned?

One of the factors that motivated my husband and I to purchase property and build a home on Greers Ferry Lake is the beautiful shoreline. We would love to cut trees to enhance our view of the lake. We would also love to have a boat dock so we could just hop in and take off. However, that would be selfish! What if everyone did that?

We want to be able to enjoy this beautiful lake just as we found it and hope that generations to come will have the same opportunity.

Sincerely,



Lana Russell

/lr

Enclosure

From: Andy Rossi [mailto:arossi@lradjust.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 10:37 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Please accept my input on the lake/dock study. Our families have enjoyed the lake for the past 30 years. We favor the granting of a reasonable amount of private boat docks/slips on the lake.

We believe that the COE and responsible people will see that abuse does not occur while allowing more people to enjoy the safety and convenience of a boat dock.

Thanks ,

Andrew R. Rossi
Little Rock

Dear Trish Anslow,

6 Jan 2002

In 1985, my family and I looked for several months to buy a waterfront home on a desirable lake in the state. We first looked at Lake Hamilton and soon realized the lake had too many boat docks, was extremely busy, dirty and too commercialized for us to enjoy. We also looked at Greer's Ferry Lake and several others trying to make up our mind. It did not take us any length of time to choose Greer's Ferry Lake. Our main reason we chose this lake was because of its natural beauty!!! Cruising along the coast line in a boat was a spectacular sight to behold. During our trip we noted a few boat docks but realized they were very few for the size of the lake. We were also made aware that the lake was free of floating debris, e.g. cans, styrofoam pieces, paper cups, etc. We bought a home on the narrow pier, Higden A, in 1985 and still live there all summer long.

After all these years we still marvel
at the beauty and peacefulness of
Greer's Ferry Lake. However, since
1985 we have noticed a definite
increase of boat travel going thru
the narrows at any given time.
Unfortunately many are traveling at
excessive speeds. These are
potential accidents waiting to happen.
In addition, Larry's Marina at
the narrows have overbuilt their
boat rental docks, during the last
two years. I strongly recommend
the Corps of Engineer's leave well
enough alone. The lake does not
need any more boat docks.
Remember Greer's Ferry Lake is one of
the most popular destinations in
the state. Many people visit the
lake and this is a definite plus
for the state's economy. Increasing
additional boat docks and allowing
more grass areas to be cut down
would be detrimental to Greer's Ferry
Lake and its residents. We strongly
agree with the editorial written in the
Ark Democrat Sunday Jan 6, 2002 (Stop The Ugly)
Sincerely Roland Roy & Marie Don

From: PMR111@aol.com [mailto:PMR111@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2001 8:49 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Shore Line Management Plan-----Opinion....

To Whom This May Concern:

Please be advised that I am IN FAVOR of the proposed plan. I am a property owner on the lake. I would be IN FAVOR of being able to construct a dock for our personal use. Thankyou for all of your time and attention. I hope this matter will be resolved in a timely manner.

Patti Ruleman

From: Swr12@aol.com [mailto:Swr12@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2001 1:03 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Cc: Swr12@aol.com
Subject: Draft EIS

Dear Sir,

I am in favor of approving the recent Corp of Engineer's Shoreline Management Plan after reviewing the Draft EIS of the Greers Ferry Lake.

I have been a homeowner on the Greers Ferry Lake for the past seven years. I think it is important that additional docks be allowed to be constructed and installed on the Greers Ferry Lake. I do not see any reason that additional docks on our lake will have a negative impact on the environmental. I believe the Corp of Engineers has done an exhaustive review and evaluation of the Shoreline Management Plan and I do not see any reason why homeowners should not be allowed to have access to a private or community dock if approved thru the Corp of Engineers evaluation process.

My two neighbors and myself were approved for a dock permit under the 2000 process. We currently have money invested and will have a financial loss if this plan is not approved. After this past review was completed, we recieved approval for a dock permit and we entered into a contract to have a community dock constructed at a location near our property, which was approved thru this process.

I would very much like to see the proposed Shoreline Management Plan implemented as soon as possible.

Thank You,

Steve Ruleman
350 Lookout Drive
Tumbling Shoals, AR 72581

From: marilyn ruple [mailto:mruple@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2002 12:50 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Ms. Tricia Anslow:

I want you to know that I support the Preferred Alternative #2 announced at the December meeting in Heber Springs. My husband and I live in Naylor, Arkansas, not far south of Greers Ferry, and we visit friends who live near Cove Creek on a regular basis. As a result, we have spent much time enjoying the lake, boating and fishing, with kids and grandkids.

Because of our friends' interest, we attended the meeting, and heard the presentation by the EIS people, as well as those speaking for and against the preferred plan. Obviously there is much emotion on both sides. However, the facts identified in the study appear to support the plan. Please adopt the second alternative. I think it makes sense.

Marilyn Ruple
Naylor, Arkansas

From: marilyn ruple [mailto:mruple@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2002 12:55 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Plan

Ms. Tricia Anslow:

I understand that the Corps of Engineers is accepting public comment on the adoption of a new shoreline plan. After attending the meeting in Heber Springs on December 4, 2001, and hearing the consultants, the corps people, and those speaking for and against, I think the corps position in supporting alternative #2 is reasonable, and should be finalized.

We visit the lake often during the warmer months, boating and fishing with friends and family. We enjoy the beauty of the lake. I think the alternative #2 will be good for those who enjoy the lake, but don't see any harm based upon the criteria set forth in the EIS by the consultants. Please adopt alternative #2.

Rayburn Ruple
Naylor

From: Donna Russell [mailto:dfarar@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2002 12:36 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Gentlepersons,

I beg of all that is good, wise and insightful in you to stop the Uglification of Greers Ferry Lake. Having resided in Arkansas for many years myself, having given birth to two of my children in a little cabin in the Ozarks and now planning a move back to Arkansas, I know the value, the holiness and the gift of the beautiful, unpolluted, uncrowded lake. Arkansas's Ozark Mountains and the pristine bodies of water that are contained within are some of God's greatest gifts...not just to Arkansas, but to all who travel to and through her.

I have been reading some of the articles from the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette that were forwarded to me by friends in Arkansas. I feel compelled to write, to complain, to voice my opinion and yes, even to BEG that this atrocity not be committed on Greers Ferry Lake, the Ozark Mountains, the Arkansas people and all future generations yet to come! God did not create boat docks - people did! God did create water, trees, mountains and the big sky. There was a reason for that. Consider it, please. Thank you for your attention to this most compelling and important issue.

Most Sincerely and Hopefully,
Donna Farar-Russell
1932, Carter's Creek Pike
Franklin, TN 37064
(Soon to be returning to Arkansas!)

WAGE PEACE AT GREERS FERRY LAKE

From: Steve Ronnel [mailto:metal.recycling@PRODIGY.NET]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 4:39 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: ATTN: Tricia Anslow

Dear Ms. Anslow:

As a property owner in Shady Cove Condos on Eden Isle near Greers Ferry Lake, I would like you to strongly consider my comments on your plan.

(1) We are strongly in favor of revising the shoreline restriction on grass mowing. Please let us mow our grass closer to the shoreline.

(2) We are strongly against the building of new boat docks.

(3) Most importantly, we urge you to address these two issues separately. We believe there is strong opposition to your plan for issuing new boat dock permits. However, we also believe there is strong support for a compromise plan to expand the allowable mowing space nearer to the shoreline. We believe the mowing provision of your plan is being held hostage by the less popular and vastly more controversial plan to permit the building of more boat docks. In other words, we hope your plan is not an "all or none" proposal. We urge you to issue a final plan that will include provisions, like the mowing provision, that have broad support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Ronnel
(501) 374-9017 (phone)
(501) 374-8023 (fax)

From: betty robertson [mailto:brobertson39@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 2:29 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Against More Boat Docks/Shoreline cutting

I received the card regarding the extension of deadline of comments on gf.smp.eis.
I am against any further construction of docks or additional clearing to the shoreline.
GFL has always been a pristine lake and further docks/clearing would take away from that.
There are commercial docks which service boaters well. Betty Robertson, 729 Sugar Maple, Heber Springs, AR 72543, 1-501-362-6833

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From: Blake Robertson [mailto:brobertson00@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 8:00 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

Dear Corp: The profit motive is a tough alternative to turn down for some land owners. But I am opposed to any expansion of boat docks on Greers Ferry. Blake Robertson brobertson00@hotmail.com

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From: Robert W. (Bob) Robertson [mailto:rwrob26@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 10:56 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Opposed to expansion of docks/clearing GFL

Please know of my oppositon to the expansion of further docks or extended clearing on Greers Ferry Lake. Bob Robertson

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gregg Galbraith [mailto:orlt@ipa.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 10:50 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry opposition

To the Army Corps of Engineers:

I am opposed to any actions of the Corps to change the natural beauty of the shorelines and body of Greers Ferry Lake, specifically, additional private docks being added to Greers Ferry Lake. It is our moral and legal obligation to not squander our future generations' rights, which include a safe land to live in, with clean water, air, and land.

I have included excerpts below in italics from the ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE HEBER SPRINGS, AR with my comment below them.

These are excerpts from an article and editorial from the Democrat Gazette. *...a comment from Carl Garner, who used to be the Corps' resident Chief Engineer at Greers Ferry--a man who earned the trust of all and still loves the lake. Here's what he says: "By permitting 93 private docks scattered around the lake, the Corps has opened up the entire 210 miles of protected shoreline for unlimited docks in the future."*

Is the Corps disregarding the knowledge and wisdom of one of their own? If Carl Garner saw the damage that this could do, why can't the Corps? And, why can't they just stop before a bad judgment call becomes an uncorrectable law?

In May 2000, a federal judge issued a temporary restraining order that required the Corps to conduct an environmental impact study to show how the plan would affect the lakeshore. Until then, the judge said, the shoreline management plan would stay unchanged. The study was completed in late 2001 for \$455,000, and the Corps announced several months ago that it was proposing virtually the same plan as it did in 2000.

If a federal judge saw the need to reevaluate this, what is wrong with the Corps? After WASTING \$455,000 of OUR money, the Corps is still determined to push forward a bad plan.

"Why should a homeowners' rights supersede the visitors -- a taxpayer who owns the shoreline and wants to see it remain uncluttered."

This fact seems to elude the Corps. Individual homeowners, pushy politicians and developers should not be able to sway the Corps from its duty of looking out for the best for the nation as a whole. That nation also consists of our unborn future generations! We must begin to think of their needs and safety.

"And officials with the Department of Health support more restrictions around the shoreline, concerned that too much development would hurt water quality. "We have concerns about the potential long-term adverse impacts on the water quality due to the addition of more boat docks on the lake," wrote Robert E. Hart, chief engineer for the Health Department, in a Dec. 10 letter to the Corps. He said the Department of Health supported a different plan presented in the Environmental Impact Statement.

As a government entity, it is appalling that the Corps doesn't even value or listen to the concerns of another government entity.

The Corps says it is not the "bad guy," and the plan is a reflection of "what the public wants."

I find it amazing that the Corps continues to go through with unpopular plans and then, after the fact, says "The Corps is not the bad guy." Do you realize how many times, just in the last year, the Corps has made this lame comment regarding issues nationwide?

Spaul said the agency has been under congressional pressure at other lakes concerning how the shoreline should be used. "We aren't under any congressional pressure at Greers Ferry Lake," Spaul said.

This seems very scary to me. Since the Corps is not under any congressional pressure here, does that mean it doesn't have to take into consideration what the constituents want? Does the Corps think it is above reproach? Able to make any decision, regardless of public outcry, federal court intervention, or, common sense?

Please consider this an absolute NO vote to the Corps plans to harm Greers Ferry Lake. From a registered voter and frequent visitor to the beauties of natural Arkansas.

Thank you,

Nicky Rohlfing
221 W. 4th St.
Carthage, MO 64836

From: Mike Ronnel [mailto:metal.recycling@prodigy.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 11:51 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

Mrs. Patricia Anslow
CESWL-PR-PP
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR. 72203-0867

Dear Mrs. Anslow,

I am writing express my preference in regard to the Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan (SMP).

My preference would be to elect Option #2 that would extend the mowing of grass up to 100 feet from the current level of 50 feet. However, I would not like to see the inclusion of additional docks on the lake, regardless of whether they are private or in a marina.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Ronnel
Eden Isle Resident

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From: Mickey Roberts [mailto:mickeyrusa@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2002 12:43 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Comments on Shoreline Management Plan

Mary K. Roberts
616 Emerald Cove Road
Shirley, Arkansas 72153

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

In re-reading the enclosed letter I sent in 1999, I realize I feel even more strongly about having more docks on Greers Ferry Lake now than I did at that time.

I was very disappointed in your decision at that time to allow more docks and am glad to have an opportunity to express my opinion again. I speak as a private landowner, not a developer or real estate person. The individual people I know who have moved here from all over the country came because of the BEAUTY of the area. There are more and more people on the lake every year and these people don't seem to be put off by not having a dock in every inlet.

I believe in modernization, yet don't feel that precludes preserving some natural beauty in our world. There are getting to be too few places to be able to get away from the world of terrorism and the crime of city living. As I am sure you realize the present climate in our country probably precludes building more such pristine places and I feel we should preserve what we have.

Please consider not allowing more docks on the lake and, most important, don't allow more "mowing" along the edges. We have a beautiful, clear lake and would like for it to remain this way.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Roberts

E-mail sent July 15, 1999

I would loved to have known about the recent workshop you held. However, we read about it in the Fairfield Bay paper the day after the event.

We have owned our lot on the lake since 1974 and have always been very proud of the beauty of the lake. I feel that the clearness of the lake is one of its most important qualities. I also realize that the clearness is mostly because of the policy of the Corps of Engineers to keep the vegetation around the lake. In areas where we have cleared our property near our house

we have a lot of muddy run off during a heavy rain. Because of the vegetation belt between our house and the lake, this muddy water is cleaned before entering the lake. During the summer, we sometimes wish we had a better view of the lake, but we would rather have a clear lake than a view of a muddy lake.

We lived for years in Texas and Louisiana and we have relatives in Mississippi. The "beatiful" lakes there are brown. Our grandchildren are starting to spend more time here with us and we want them to be able to bring their grandchildren and enjoy Greers Ferry Lake.

I realize there is pressure being brought to allow more docks and mowing but I hope you will withstand that pressure. If people want that kind of life, they can move to Lake Hamilton or some other lake that is crowded. The people I have met living around this lake moved here because of the way it IS.

Please, whatever you do, don't ruin the quality of our lake.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Roberts
Rt. 1, Box 246A
Shirley, AR 72153

cc: Marion Berry

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Mary K. Roberts
616 Emerald Cove Road
Shirley, Arkansas 72153

January 14, 2002

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

The following has also been sent by e-mail today, January 14, 2002.

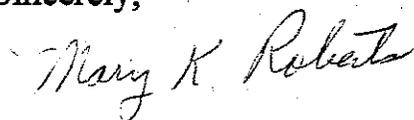
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Sincerely,



Mary K. Roberts

Date: Thu, 15 Jul 99 14:17PM CDT
From: Mickey Roberts
To: Corps of Engineers <ceswi-gf@swl02.usace.army.mil>
Subject: Comment on shoreline Management

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Sincerely,

Mary K. Roberts
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Shirley, AR 72153

cc: Marion Berry

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<http://webmail.netscape.com>.

From: Sid Richmond [mailto:sid@americanbuyers.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2002 12:25 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Approval of Alt. #2 by the Corp.

1/12/02

Tricia Anslow, Project Manager
U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers
700 West Capitol, Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Ms Anslow

I am writing this email to respond to the Corp. of Engineer's recent situation regarding Greer's Ferry Lake, and the approval of Alternative #2, and revising the SMP to accept these changes. Please add my comments to the pool of responses being submitted,

I am very much IN FAVOR OF THE APPROVAL of Alternative #2 as the revised plan for the SMP for Greer's Ferry Lake as proposed by the Corp. of Engineers and agree with all of the provisions set forth in this revision. It appears to be a very extensive plan that supports the long-range management of the Lake, that truly provides for the best interests of all in the running and managing of GREER'S FERRY LAKE.

This extensive EIS study only reveals very similar aspects as found in the original SMP 2000. This substantiates that the Corp. is making the proper decisions to the adequate operation of the lake.

Yours Truly

Mary Richmond
100 North University, Apt. #611
Little Rock, AR 72211

From: Cathy RHODES [mailto:catandskeet@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 6:59 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: proposed management plan for Greers Ferry Lake

January 16, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to voice our support for the Shoreline Management Plan 2000, alternative No. 2 for Greers Ferry Lake as proposed by the Little Rock District Corps of Engineers.

Even though we do not reside in the area, we have been visiting the lake since we were children and continue to visit the area at least 8-10 times a year with our own children. We also have relatives who live on the lake. We have always been pleased with the management of the lake by the Corps of Engineers. It is obvious that nature and beauty are as important to the Corps as it is to us. We also believe that the rezoning of additional shoreline (less than 1%) for private boat docks is acceptable. Due to the design requirements, which the Corps strictly monitors, the docks are much more attractive and natural than the large marinas with multiple boat docks. These marinas are like driving past a mall while enjoying the beauty of the countryside. We do not feel the small amount of additional boat docks will cause any adverse effects nor take away from the beauty of the lake.

Thank you for the time you take to listen to our concerns. We love Greers Ferry Lake and hope you agree that the Shoreline Management Plan 2000, alternative No. 2, is the best decision for all.

Sincerely,

William and Cathy Rhodes
7298 Gail Drive
Bartlett, TN 38133
901-377-7087

From: Jim bob [mailto:ricejar22@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 7:04 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: against the greers ferry lake development

I would like to like to put my support against building
more boat slips on the greers ferry lake. My name is

Jeff Rice
2009 Lloyd Ct.
Little Rock, AR. 72205

25 Linda Lane
Tumbling Shoals, AR. 72581
Jan. 7, 2002

Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR. 72203-0867

Dear Sir or Madam:

My husband, John & I, live $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Greers Ferry Lake, having moved here 4 yrs. ago from another state. We were immediately impressed with a beautiful, uncluttered lake with clear, clean water. We have owned 2 boats and have had frequent guests out on the lake who were awed by its natural beauty.

Greers Ferry Lake is well known for being one of the cleanest lakes in the country. Why would the Corps of Engineers want to change all this and degrade our lake? Please Don't!

Yours Truly,
Dorothy K. Richmond

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS:

I HAVE A VACATION HOME ON GREERS FERRY LAKE AT 290 ROCKWOOD DR, TUMBLING SHOALS I'VE HAD IT FOR 16 YEARS. MY WIFE AND I SPEND ABOUT $\frac{1}{3}$ OF THE TIME THERE AND, ALONG WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HAVE ENJOYED IT IMMENSELY. THE SIMPLE BEAUTY OF THE LAKE IS HARD TO BEAT. THRU THE YEARS I HAVE APPRECIATED THE CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS OF THE CORP TO KEEP THE LAKE CLEAN AND UNCLUTTERED.

THE PROPOSED LAKE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO THE REASONS I HAVE A HOME ON THE LAKE. IT WILL GREATLY DIMINISH THE SIMPLICITY AND BEAUTY OF THE LAKE TO THE DETRIMENT OF MANY AND THE BENEFIT OF ONLY A FEW.

PLEASE DO NOT DO IT.

THANK YOU,

Stan

290 ROCKWOOD DR.
TUMBLING SHOALS
AR 72581
(501) 362-1874

STANLEY B. REYNOLDS
12604 GOODWOOD BLVD.
BATON ROUGE LA 70815
(225) 272-9303

From: Jay Reynolds [mailto:jayreynolds@mvtel.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 11:44 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: boat docks at greers ferry lake

I am very much opposed to increasing the number of boat docks on Greers Ferry lake and the clearing of shoreline. Please, lets keep this beautiful lake like it is with no further development along this line. Thank you.

From: Kay Geer [mailto:kaygeer@juno.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 3:52 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Message from Mildred Reynolds 265 Pine Hill Road Fairfield Bay, AR.
72088

We live in Fairfield Bay in a beautiful home with a beautiful view of Greers Ferry Lake. We have enjoyed it since we moved here in 1978. We enjoy seeing the natural shoreline and the nice clean water. We enjoy drinking the nice clean water. Why don't you leave the lake like it is and not allow numerous small little boat docks to be built on the lake. It wouldn't be very pretty to see them on the shorelines of the lake and the sun reflecting off of metal roofs instead of off the water. Please leave one of the few beautiful natural looking lakes in the country, looking natural. Thank you for listening to our opinion.

From: Laura Reeves [mailto:lerasco@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 11:21 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: changing codes...

i have wonderful memories from my childhood spending time on greersferry lake...it has always been the most beautiful in arkansas...because of the natural beauty...please do not allow more boat docks or any trees or vegetation to be cut down...i am very against the proposal to make any changes on the lake...

please let me know if there is more i can do to voice my opposition to this change...

leave greersferry alone and to remain the peaceful beautiful place i have loved my whole life!!!

laura reeves
5720 n. country club
little rock, ar 72207
(501) 666-5090

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From: Darren Reeves [mailto:reeves-lcsw@juno.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 11:29 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: greersferry lake

i am writing to voice my concerns about the proposal to make any changes to the beautiful greersferry lake...

i enjoy spending time on this lake because there are few boat docks and rules about cutting down trees and building close to the water... when my family and i are on the lake i feel like i am in the most beautiful place in arkansas...

do not allow any changes to be make to greersferry so it will continue to be an example of naturalness in arkansas for years to come...

it is perfect the way it is!!

thank you for your consideration...

From: jimreed
To: gf.sfp.eis@usace.army.mil
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 8:43 PM
Subject: Comments

Hi...I would like to comment on the PLAN how being considered by the Corp, if I may.

I am totally fed up with the way dock permits have been allotted in the past and fear that any new permits will be granted in the same manner. I think we ALL know that special treatment is given to land developers and real estate company owners. The majority of recent expansion has been in the area of persons not wanting the slips or docks for themselves, but rather for future sales to home buyers or others wanting to purchase such slips. Many slips are empty and have been obtained using false documents. These slips are being held for houses on the market by REAL ESTATE companies and/or developers. Perhaps the registration numbers used should be verified and checked . I've heard the excuses before about the developer owning the land leading to the slips, but that doesn't give them the right to deny residents who live here a opportunity to own a slip without having to deal with these people at a high cost. Look around and you will see new homes on the market that have a sign stating that a slip is available. WOW! This alone makes me against ANY change. Do these people have that much "power" over the CORP? I guess I am on both sides of the fence because I do think that some of the changes would be good for the people and the lake, but I don't think the CORP will be fair to ALL....just the people stated above. If only these people didn't go around bragging about their new slips and how they manipulated to get them!!!! LEAVE IT ALONE OR IT WILL GET OUT OF HAND. I especially don't want any slips in the open CHUTE area because it is such a beautiful area as is. As I understand it, a permit will be issued to lot 42 in the Grand Isle Subdivision...This area is in open water and would look terrible. Thanks for the opportunity.

Jim Reed
429 Grand Isle Dr.
Fairfield bay, Ar. 72088

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
PO Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms Anslow:
Please add both of our names to the growing list of those who
**oppose the Corps of Engineers Shoreline Management Plan
for Greers Ferry Lake.**

There is simply too much opposition by too many really
knowledgeable people who feel the plan would place this
beautiful lake in jeopardy.

Sincerely,

Claudia Reed
Henry H. Reed M.D.
Claudia L. Reed
Henry H. Reed
167 Edgemere Drive
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088

January 9, 2002

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

It is of my opinion that the "No Action" alternative should be taken by the Corps in regard to the currently proposed Shoreline Management Plan. I do not support any additional boat docks other than in previously zoned areas, and likewise oppose any changes to the vegetation modification line.

The attractiveness of Greers Ferry Lake to visitors is its pristine beauty and unaltered state. According to the *Guide to Shoreline Use at Greers Ferry Lake* pamphlet printed and distributed by the Corps of Engineers the primary objective is to ensure the general public full recreational enjoyment. Part of this enjoyment is the clean water and natural beauty. The changes recommended in the SMP draft benefit the few with special interests and offer no benefit to the majority of the general public who are our vacationers and visitors. If the general public is to enjoy full recreational enjoyment why not add more campsites or improve the existing sites in the parks?

Although the SMP draft changes might appear to be minimal at this time, in years to come these continual minimal changes will have encompassed the entire lake shoreline. Having lived in the Atlanta area at one time I witnessed these periodic minimal changes at Lake Lanier and today it resembles a private lake with its cluttered shoreline. We certainly don't want this at Greers Ferry Lake in years to come.

Other than allowing a 'more convenient facility for their boat' or 'a better view of the lake' for a select few I see no advantages economically, aesthetically, or environmentally which a change in the SMP would bring.

Sincerely,



Ken Rector
P.O. Box 249
Higden, AR 72067

Ken Rector

From: Save the SMP [mailto:fct@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 4:15 PM
To: Corps of Engineers
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Ms. Tricia Anslow:

I write in support of the second, preferred alternative under consideration by the Corps for Greers Ferry Lake.

My family and I have been going to the lake since my children were babies. We have camped out during our entire vacations in the camp grounds around the lake. My son and I have fished all over the lake, and we have hunted at various locations around the lake as well. I taught my kids how to ski on the lake. It is a wonderful resource for the public.

However, the hysterical comments, advertisements, editorials, and letters to the editor in various newspapers make NO sense to me. They are not supported by the facts documented in the EIS. As far as I'm concerned, the government could have saved my tax dollars by not having the EIS. Common sense tells me that increasing the area zoned for docks by one percent, 93 docks, and doubling the vegetation modification area, with the buffer, will not cause any harm to the lake, or to our eyes.

Don't be bullied by the aginers. Adopt the plan you have proposed.

Jerry Rea
12 Richland Hills
Conway, Arkansas 72034

From: Redkaye6340@aol.com
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2002 22:35:09 EST
To: info@savegreersferrylake.org
Subject: (no subject)

To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly disagree with any alternations made to Greers Ferry Lake. I have spent a few days each year visiting a relative that lives there for almost 25 years. I do not wish to see the rural, woodsy scene that now exist there destroyed. To add more private docks and clear away the vegetative growth around the lake would destroy the total essence of this rural beauty of the area.

Sincerely,
Kaye Ray

From: Sbelle6340@aol.com
Date: Sun, 20 Jan 2002 22:21:28 EST
To: info@savegreersferrylake.org
Subject: greers ferry

To whom it may concern:

My family for years has enjoyed vacationing at Greers Ferry. We always enjoy all of the recreational activities available there and the scenery is breath taking. I would hate to see any of it destroyed or changed.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Ray

From: JRasco@aol.com [mailto:JRasco@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 1:26 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry

I have spent many happy hours on Greers Ferry Lake. I am always amazed and thankful that most of the lakefront looks as if you are in a remote part of the world.

Please do not allow this to change. We do not need more boat docks, and we do not need for people to be able to clear up to 100 feet of brush.

Jim Rasco
Little Rock, Arkansas

January 20, 2002

Ms. Tricia Anslow
CESWL-PR-PP
Little Rock Engineer District
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

My family has been coming to Greers Ferry Lake ever since we returned to Arkansas from California. It is one of the reasons why we returned; Arkansas is so much nicer than the west coast. We like to boat and fish on the lake.

I write to express my opinion about the plan under consideration. It seems to me that the second alternative is fair to all those who use the lake. We would like to see more docks so long as they are not too many, and are kept maintained. We think the second alternative is a very good compromise protecting all the competing interests who use the lake. It's also supported by the study you had done. That's the American way, and should be approved.

Please approve the preferred alternative #2.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laura Ragland

Mrs. Laura Ragland
HC 79, Box 153
Marshall, Arkansas 72650

January 20, 2002

Ms. Tricia Anslow
CESWL-PR-PP
Little Rock Engineer District
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

My wife and kids and I have been coming to Greers Ferry Lake for many years. We enjoy the water, the fishing, and the surrounding hills. It's a beautiful spot.

I can't see how the second alternative, allowing a slight increase in the docks and the mowing around the lakeshore, will harm the lake or detract from its beauty. Apparently the people who did your study didn't either.

Please approve the preferred alternative #2.

Sincerely,

Charles Ragland
Charles Ragland
HC 79, Box 153
Marshall, Arkansas 72650

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

To Whom It May Concern:

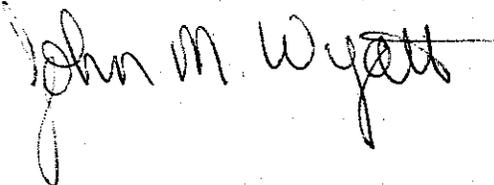
I am writing to comment on the boat dock issue. I have read the Corps' summary of the Shoreline Management Plan and its response to the recent editorials in the Democrat-Gazette.

To me, zoning 9500 feet of shoreline in a lake that has over 1.5 million feet of shoreline should not be an issue at all. I can understand that the "Save the Lake" group and for that matter anyone who cares about Greers Ferry Lake would be concerned over blanketing the shoreline with boat docks, but for Carl Garner and his group to tell the public that this is what is going to happen is an exaggeration and I think is being said to mislead the public.

By reviewing the Shoreline Management Plan every five years, the Corps has fulfilled its obligation to the people. If the studies show that adding a few boat docks has no significant impact, then I don't understand what the problem is. "Chicken Little" and his "Save the Lake" cronies have purposefully blown this out of proportion and, unfortunately, have convinced a lot of the public that the worst is going to happen. I trust the Corps of Engineers and don't think you would do anything that you felt was going to harm the lake.

I would vote for Option 2 of your plan.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John M. Wyatt in cursive script.

Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I do not feel that increasing the number of areas of boat docks by 93 over the size of the whole lake will make any difference one way or the other. I would vote for Option 2 of your plan.

Thank you.

L. Allen Wyatt

From: Essau Worthy [mailto:falloutboy37@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 7:37 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: No More Docks on Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Corps of of Engineers,

I am writing on behalf of my (computer illiterate) parents, John Blackwell and Mary Worthy, who wish to express their opinion that the proposal to expand the docks on Greers Ferry Lake. My family has visited this lake for years and would hate for it to become another over-crowded, and over-polluted lake. Most of my favorite memories growing up are from that lake. An increase in docks would increase the power boat usage and cause the lake to be even more crowded. One of the things I've always loved about Greers Ferry Lake is that you can still sail out right in the middle of it without worrying about getting in the way of boats or being hit.

Sincerely,

Essau Worthy

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From: SMW1932@aol.com [mailto:SMW1932@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 3:59 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greer's Ferry Lake Alternatives

To Patricia Anslow: My name is Suzanne M. Wood residing in Tulsa, OK. I have spent many very enjoyable hours on Greers Ferry Lake with my sister Renee Harris and her husband Wesley. The Corps of Engineers has kept a very beautiful lake with some of the clearest water I have ever seen. I am in favor of Alternative #2 of the Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake.

From: RossLR@aol.com [mailto:RossLR@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 1:39 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

We DO NOT want any changes made to Greers Ferry Lake.

Ross S. Woodbury
Hester W. Woodbury
David W. Woodbury
Tim L. Woodbury
Rev. Ross Woodbury
Jan Worden
Charles E. Worden

From: Scott Wood [mailto:scott@swood.com]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 10:19 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Plan

Dear Sirs:

I support Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan. It allows for low impact controlled growth for our lake. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Scott Wood
1200 Miller Creek Rd.
Batesville, Ar. 72501

January 07, 2002

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

RE: Corps Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Reference the above, a few comments I would like to express.

In my opinion I don't see anything wrong with boat docks, there could be in place regulations that would be inforceable, such as upkeep, etc. I know there is lots of negative being circulated, and as of the last report I had the negative was from individuals that already had a dock.

Also, I always enjoy boating around the shoreline and looking at all the beautiful homes, the ones I can see, there are numerous homes with lakefrontage that can't even see the beautiful lake from their homes, can't even cut the underbrush. A friend has just built a new home that you can't even see the water except in winter, granted the lake is just beautiful in the winter, but wouldn't it be great to watch people on the lake in the summer also.

Again, I am for boatdocks and cleaning.

Sincerely,

Rita Wilson

From: Ray Wilson [mailto:rayewilson@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2002 10:38 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Comments on the EIS

I have been a property owner at Greers Ferry Lake since 1987. I have been a frequent visitor to the lake since 1970. I bought my property and built a house on it because of the way the shoreline was managed as compared to area lakes in AR, TN, and MS. I am opposed to allowing a significant number of new docks and to changing any of the rules in regards to the way the shoreline is presently managed. Please don't destroy one of the most beautiful lakes around.

Ray E. Wilson
2234 Tannenbaum Rd.
Drasco, AR 72530

Joyce Wilson
619 College St.
London, Ont.

72 x 86

~~Handwritten signature~~
Joyce Wilson

I am against any
charges to the
shoreline at
Gruers Ferry
Fake
Joyce Wilson

December 13, 2001

1307 West Sugarloaf Street
Heber Springs, AR 72543

Dear Ms. Patricia Anslow,

I would like to express my opinion concerning the draft of the Environmental Impact Statement on the Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan. I am not in favor of this change.

I am a Grandmother and I want to preserve our beautiful lake for my grandchildren and great grandchildren so they may enjoy it for many years to come. I do not believe additional boat docks should be erected. It seems selfish that individuals wish to put personal boat docks on a beautiful natural resource. Further more, why would they want the ground cover cut close in order to improve only their view? Surely we can all travel to a marina or view the lake a few feet away in order to maintain this precious resource.

It seems sad that we as a small community are fighting when our nations needs understanding and love. We must remember, nature is not ours to own, but it is ours to preserve for future generations.

Sincerely,


Sharon Williams

From: Betty A Williams [mailto:john.betty@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 8:50 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

Dear Sir:

I sent the following to the Editorial/Voices page of the Arkansas Democrat Gazette and thought you might be interested in its contents. "I read with interest an editorial in the Democrat Gazette printed on Sunday, January 6th, concerning Greer's Ferry Lake. As I read the editorial, I wondered what caused the editorial staff to print such a scathing attack on the Corps of Engineers. It appeared to be a personal assault on both the Corps and anyone else who would dare to side with them. This theatrically worded and rambling editorial was not designed to influence anyone. Instead, it was clearly designed to manipulate public opinion.

I know that I do not have all the facts on this issue but I do know the Corps endeavored to ensure that members of the public had adequate opportunity to comment on the on the Shore Management Plan, including the boat dock question. They also had an environmental impact study conducted before making their decision.

I am not a Greer's Ferry Lake landowner and do not plan on buying in that location but I do enjoy visiting the Lake occasionally. I am sure that all Arkansans are proud of its pristine beauty and concerned with the preservation of its natural environment. However, as the number of users and landowners increase so will the need for changes. We depend on the Corps to use care and good judgment in their stewardship of this important resource while attempting to balance these needs.

I feel the Corps has acted responsibly and I support Alternative #2 of the Shoreline Management Plan and their decision to increase the number of boat docks."

John Williams
Jacksonville

Larry L. Wilks
1869 Klondike Rd.
Clinton, AR 72031
501-745-5332

January 7, 2002

Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am a property owner directly on Greers Ferry Lake not too far from the Choctaw Marina, and I am a Realtor in the area, dealing a lot with lakefront property.

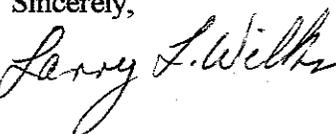
I have to admit that up to this point, I have not been outspoken on the waterfront issues. After the article in the Sunday paper, I decided to give my input.

First of all, by no means would I like to see Greers Ferry Lake become another Lake Hamilton. At the same time, I feel that there are a few areas that could be allowed to have boat docks as long as they are well maintained. Once the decision was made to allow those docks, I felt it was grossly unfair to those who had permission to proceed with those docks, have to cease work on them.

A little closer to my heart than the boat docks, is the white line issue. Fortunately, I have a very favorable white-line. Though I have cleared some for the view, I have chosen to leave both trees and am working on ground covers, shrubs, etc., that would stop erosion and provide cover for birds and other wild life. **My proposal would be to allow selected cutting to provide or improve a view, but to discourage or forbid mowing. There are some areas that could be greatly enhanced (both from the lake as well as from the shore) by allowing ugly weeds and briar thickets to be replaced with "approved" low-lying shrubs and/or ground cover.**

Unrelated to the above issue is another that greatly concerns me. I live on the bluff just up river from the Choctaw water plant. We get lots of boaters and skiers in this area. There are, as I'm sure you well know, lots of tree stumps in this area. I realize that the fishermen like these trees left in the water. The problem is that especially in late summer when the lake begins to drop, many of these stumps are just barely above, or barely above the water and not clearly visible. I don't know if there have already been tragic accidents caused by these trees, but it is just a matter of time until a boat is overturned, ripped apart, or a person on skis or a kid in a tube is injured or killed. Surely, the tops could be taken off some of the trees that are out from shore and located in the main stream of things.

I thank you for allowing my input.

Sincerely,


From: Robert Wiabel [mailto:rcwiab@artelco.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 6:18 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Lake

Hello Ms Patricia Anslow,
We have a beautiful lake here, and I am one, to keep it the same and not be a trash dump of docks. When I came here the first time, and the many times after that, I was lost in the space of nature. When I sought to live here, I did have another view on docks. But, after a while, I saw the wisdom of the early "fathers" who made the decisions. They knew that you cannot have your cake and eat it both. GFL has been and still is one of the nicest and cleanest lake in the country. Lets keep it that way, in all respects. If you are accepting votes, then my vote is DO NOT CHANGE.
Thank you and have a good day,
Bob Wiabel
FFB

I wish to vote nay on
your plan to ruin our lake

Helen White

105 Rampart Cir

Fairfield Bay AR 72088



PLEASE

Dear Patricia Anslow;

I am against shoreline rezoning for the
Greens Ferry Lake.

Common sense should be used in this
matter. If it's not broke, don't fix it.

I keep my boat in one of the Marinas
on this lake and know for a fact the
many empty slips are standing by for rent or
lease.

Did anyone ever find out, and count these
empty slips?

I also have a friend that lives on the
lake, but keeps his boat in a Marina.

He says some of his neighbors on the lake
shoreline are for permits to build docks on
the lake. Because - It might boost their
value on their property if the time came to
sell. That's what I call selfish.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Victor Lockow.

Jan. 28, 2002
Redfield, Iowa

Mrs. Patricia Anslow,

Just spoke to you on the phone and now confirming my comments in writing to be postmarked this date for consideration in opinions to be incorporated into the final EIS draft to be reported in spring.

As we live in Iowa and only get to the Lake area perhaps once or twice a year we only are aware of newspaper reports about the proposal to open the shores to destruction by permitting the clearance of vegetation to 100 feet and then the eventual miles of boat docks of every design and description. We speak from experience of watching over a period of thirty years a development of An Iowa Lake that was a scenic natural shoreline that now is a shoreline of riprap required after all landscaping and various docks & watercraft of all diversity were allowed. Dredging is a constant project & expense. There are so many developments of

buildings that Greers Ferry Lake is a pristine prize to find and enjoy from the state park ramps for launching or the docks already in place.

Please continue Corps regulations as have been a guardian for all the past years to maintain this gem in your beautiful state.

We as Iowa farmers of some of the earth's best soil just cringe as we watch acres of prime land covered everyday by concrete & building. Some day our people will be hungry too.

Greers Ferry Lake is food for the soul in its waters and scenery. God's gift for everyone.

Sincerely
L. W. ~~and~~ Roger
Martin

1612-2801^{1/2} St.
Redfield, Iowa
50233

From: Georgene White [mailto:gia@carlislear.com]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 7:54 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Save Greers Ferry

I would like to voice my opinion regarding Greers Ferry Lake. I totally agree with the editorial that was written. My husband and I have been coming to the Greers Ferry lake for years and would like for it to remain as it is. We like Greers Ferry Lake because it is unique and it has remained some where that you can go to, that you can relax and enjoy the beauty of nature without all of the commercialization. We do not like the Hot Springs lakes and would not go there for anything. My family has owned property in the area since the mid sixties.

We plan on retiring to the Grees Ferry area. If the area becomes like Hot Springs or other areas that have been commercialized, then we will look for other areas that would be more pleasing for retirement.

Please remember that we "Baby Boomers" have a lot of income to spend and we will soon be retiring!

We have many friend that come to the lake for the same reasons that we do.

Please do not ruin "Paradise"!

Georgene H White
P.O. Box 978
Carlisle, AR 72024

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From: Irma S. Prentice [mailto:prentice@arkansas.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 2:52 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Alternative Plan 2

This is to let you know that I support the Corp's Alternative Plan 2 for Greers Ferry Lake.

Thank you.

Fred Prentice
18 Woodland West
Heber Springs, AR 72543

501-362-9704

From: jwpreston@juno.com [mailto:jwpreston@juno.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 5:12 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Cc: Lot28@Hypertech.Net; JIM.DIXON@SMITH-NEPHEW.COM;
TALLPINES@Hypertech.Net; JMARK@ARTELCO.COM; rhnelson@ozarkisp.net;
JIMREED@Hypertech.Net; L-SANCHO@EMAIL.MSN.COM; mtubbs@ARTELCO.COM;
marvan@ARTELCO.COM
Subject: BOAT DOCKS - GF LAKE

I AM AGAINST ADDITION OF DOCKS ON ACTIVE SHORELINE PROPERTY. I DEFINE "ACTIVE SHORELINE" AS AREAS LIKE THE NARROWS & CHUTE (around Grand Isle).

I ALSO WONDER ABOUT THE DENSITY OF DOCKS IN SMALL COVES/BAYS LIKE ENCHANTED PENN.

I WAS JUST ON LAKE LANIER (GA) THIS SUMMER..... ITS A DISASTER JUST OFF THE MAIN CHANNELS. WE DO NOT WANT ANOTHER OF THOSE. LAKE OF THE OZARKS IS REALLY AN EXAMPLE OF NO MANAGEMENT. I DON'T KNOW IF ITS USACE. WHY IS THE CORPS SO BENT ON INCREASING THE DOCKS BY 40% ??? WHO IS BEHIND THIS SCAM OF THE PUBLIC ??
J.W. PRESTON, FFB

From: lori.privitt@att.net [mailto:lori.privitt@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 12:00 PM
To: Anslow, Patricia M
Subject: DEIS for Greers Ferry SMP

As a lakefront property owner on Greers Ferry Lake I enjoy the beauty of the area and certainly wish to preserve the environment for future generations to enjoy. My husband and I look forward to retiring to our Greers Ferry home someday.

I enjoy boating on the lake as much as possible, especially during times when there is little traffic. We choose to ski early in the mornings, usually out by 8:00 a.m. and back by 10:00 a.m. In the evenings we may just cruise the lake sight seeing, viewing the great sunsets and have occasionally spotted an eagle. Our schedule of using the lake is made possible by the fact our house has a boat dock (built in the early 1980's by the original owner), enabling us to easily access our boat at anytime and easily store the boat when not in use. We previously owned property in the area and kept our boat at a local marina which meant when using the boat we had to transport all belongings to the boat (we didn't dare leave even life vests in the boat because they wouldn't be there when we returned), drive approximately 30 minutes to the marina and then make trips back and forth from the vehicle to the boat carrying skis, vests, etc. Once going through this process, we would spend as much time as possible on the lake, even during "peak" activity periods. Now, thank goodness, we are able to enjoy the lake as we never had before and be off the water by the time most people come out, reducing the number of boats out at mid-day.

Our house is in an area where there are several docks and because of the convenience of having a dock most of those people choose to avoid the lake during "peak" activity, as well. Our docks are well maintained (there are many on the lake that ARE NOT) and we are aware it is a privilege to own a dock, as well as quite a responsibility.

Some of the new docks approved under the 2000 SMP are in our area. We have three new docks which are now empty, as the owners are not allowed to use them. We are aware that these persons went through due process to obtain approval for the docks, attending meetings with the CORPS OF ENGRS. and supplying any and all documentation deemed necessary. Some of the people were involved in the process two or three years (or more) prior to approval and have spent 10 to 20 thousand dollars for a new dock which they are now told can't be used. It did not appear the CORPS rushed the

approval process, nor were anything but thorough.

I have attended a couple of public meetings held since the 2000 SMP was rescinded. I don't honestly understand the position of the group opposing the plan. Some of what I have read regarding their position doesn't make much sense and some is EXTREMELY far fetched. ((i.e. - allowing the additional docks for these people who already own property (and boats) will significantly increase activity on the lake. Huh????)) The thing I find the hardest to understand is the fact that for a couple of years before the 2000 SMP was enacted there had been public meetings addressing the issues involved and the CORPS gave abundant opportunity for input from the public (positive or negative). If there is so much opposition to the plan now, why wasn't it voiced so strongly then, before several docks had been approved, purchased, and put into place? Some of the individuals involved in the opposition are far from naive about CORPS procedures, and probably responsible for establishing much of those procedures. Why did these persons not follow due process as well?

I do have issues with some examples of current shoreline use, but the 2000 SMP is not one of them. After attending the meetings and reading several hundred pages of the DEIS, I support the PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE #2.

Many property owners wish to have a better relationship with our CORPS office, hopefully resulting in a "partnership of sorts", striving to make the lake as user friendly as possible while maintaining the beauty of the area, including the vast areas of undisturbed land.

Thank you,

Lori Keaton Priyitt
Little Rock & Greers Ferry

From: neal.privitt@att.net [mailto:neal.privitt@att.net]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 4:30 PM
To: Anslow, Patricia M
Subject: SMP ALTERNATIVES

I HAVE A HOUSE ON GREERS FERRY LAKE WITH A DOCK WHICH WAS BUILT APPROXIMATELY 15 YEARS AGO. WE HAVE OWNED THE HOUSE JUST A FEW YEARS. THE DOCK WAS PRIMARILY THE REASON FOR CHOOSING THE HOUSE AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE. WE EDUCATED OURSELVES ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO DOCK OWNERSHIP AND MET WITH EMPLOYEES OF THE HEBER SPRINGS COPRS OFFICE BEFORE MAKING A HOME OR LOT PURCHASE TO MAKE SURE WE HAD ACCURATE INFORMATION.

FROM THE MANY EDITORIALS I HAVE READ IN THE LOCAL PAPER AND FROM CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH MANY PEOPLE IN THE AREA, IT IS VERY OBVIOUS TO ME THAT MANY CONCLUSIONS ARE BEING DRAWN WITHOUT MUCH INVESTIGATION INTO THE FACTS REGARDING THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLANS. I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE ALLOWING THEIR OPINIONS TO BE FORMED BASED ON HEARSAY. THERE IS NO WAY MANY OF THESE PERSONS COULD HAVE READ THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY AND PROPOSED ALTERNATES FOR THE S.M.P.

CONTRARY TO WHAT MANY PEOPLE THINK, NONE OF THE OPTIONS LISTED IN THE D.E.I.S. ARE ALLOWING ANYONE TO DO WHATEVER THEY WISH WITH THE SHORELINE OF THE LAKE. ALL ALTERNATIVES HAVE STRINGENT GUIDELINES FOR MAINTAINING THE VAST MAJORITY OF SHORELINE AS UNDEVELOPED. NONE OF THESE OPTIONS WILL ALLOW THOUSANDS OF DOCKS TO BE BUILT FROM ONE END OF THE LAKE TO THE OTHER (AS SOME OF THE OPPONENTS ARE STATING).

I KNOW THE S.M.P. FOR 2000 WAS ESTABLISHED AFTER DUE PROCESS WITH NUMEROUS PUBLIC MEETINGS AND MUCH TIME ALLOWED FOR THE PUBLIC TO RESPOND. WHERE WERE THE NAYSAYERS THEN? IT IS AMAZING HOW INTERESTED PEOPLE ARE IN THIS ISSUE NOW WHO WERE NOT INTERESTED IN THE LAKE 3 OR 4 YEARS AGO.

AFTER READING THE D.E.I.S. DOCUMENTS, I SUPPORT THE ALTERNATIVE #2, WHICH IS THE MOST IN LINE WITH THE S.M.P. OF 2000, BECAUSE I FEEL DUE PROCESS WAS FOLLOWED AND THE DETERMINATION SHOULD BE UPHELD.

H. NEAL PRIVITT
GREERS FERRY

From: SHARON PODBIELSKI [mailto:ARKSALES@cpomail.net]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 12:12 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: greers ferry

Save Greers Ferry and forget about trying to rack in money. Some things are worth more than money, especially to families with children looking to take their days off someplace untouched by the hustle and bustle of too many people and the trash that is too often left behind. Greers Ferry is the most beautiful place in Arkansas that myself and my family have every been. Please keep it that way.

Thank you for listening!

Sharon

Sprouse, Cherie

From: Moore, Rebecca
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2001 12:26 PM
To: Sprouse, Cherie
Subject: FW: WriteRep Responses

-----Original Message-----

From: writerep
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2001 11:01 AM
To: ar01wyr,
Subject: WriteRep Responses

DATE: December 12, 2001 10:24 AM
NAME: JL (Larry) Poff
ADDR1: 2512 Lakeview Drive
ADDR2:
ADDR3:
CITY: Heber Springs
STATE: Arkansas
ZIP: 72543
PHONE: 501-362-0982
EMAIL: poffman@cox-internet.com
Message:

There seems to have been a lot of controversy over the new lake management plan and the allowing of an additional 93 private boat docks, up to 20 stalls each, on Greers Ferry Lake. The Corps on Engineers has a job to do, they are accepting public comment on the lake management plan and I think they are doing a good job. But what I haven't heard anybody address is the safety issue we are now facing on our lake. The members in our ski club basically ski from 6:30 am to 8:30 am in the Summer due to the over crowded lake. On Sunday afternoon we jump in somebody's barge and go over to Kidney Cove to grill out. That's when you see it all. Hundreds of boaters trying to ski, jet ski, knee board, inner tube, and wake board and nobody even knows who has the right-of-way. Every year our lake gets more crowded which is okay because everyone has an equal right to use the lake.

But as our lake has more and more traffic, should we be taking away from the usable boating area? Every time a boat dock is installed, boaters cannot use that area and are forced into a smaller, more concentrated area. Two docks have been built in the south end of Kidney cove within the past couple of years that have rendered this end of the cove unusable for water sports. This has made a major impact on the boating area in this cove and now the remaining area is much more saturated than in the past. The north end of the cove is also zoned for docks and there will soon be a dock on this end of the cove. The end result will push most of the boaters out of the cove and into the main body of the lake which is also the main thoroughfare for the lake. Water sports there is like riding your bicycle in the interstate highway. It should be noted that both ends of the cove were zoned for docks under the old, shoreline plan and not by the proposed lake management plan. Eden Isle cove has also basically been rendered unusable for water sports due to the expansion of Eden Isle Marina. Heber Springs Marina has also expanded into the Little Dike area over the years which has made that cove smaller in usable area.

Bottom line? We're continuing to shrink the boating area of the lake as lake traffic continues to expand. We are forcing boaters into the main body of the lake and into smaller areas that are unrestricted by boat docks, thus creating a more crowded and less safe boating environment. New plan, old plan, proposed plan, it really doesn't matter, every time we put in a new dock, it interferes with the use of the lake by the boating public. The lake is not like a real estate development where you add more lots or start another subdivision when the original development is full. And it is not like a highway that you can widen when the original highway has exceeded capacity. There is only so much surface area on the lake and I think the question is should we let the conveniences of a few boat owners outweigh our right, as the general boating public, to use our public waterway?

I would like to see no more boat docks allowed on Greers Ferry Lake. Besides the issues already addressed, there is another issue of the docks taking away from the beauty of the lake. People come to this lake to get away from the city, the concrete, asphalt, buildings, etc. They enjoy the natural shoreline consisting of trees and bluffs. Sure there are homes visible from some areas of the lake, but most blend into the landscape. What is built off government property is not my concern, its what is being built on my and your public property. Adding additional, metal boat docks that protrude into the lake greatly takes away from the current beauty found along the wooded shoreline.

The addition of docks will benefit a select, very few people. According to the EIS, all the effects from adding docks will be minimal, negative. They were all negative, even if minimal, and no positive. According to common sense, additional docks will detract from the beauty of the lake and take away boating area. Adding additional docks could open the door for even more docks in the future, as the Corps has to update their plan every five years. It is apparent to me that the negatives far outweigh the positives for additional docks on this lake.

Thank You

Larry Poff

From: Kristopher Shewmake, M.D.
[mailto:kshewmake@arkansasplasticsurgery.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 5:06 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: boat docks

The Corp of Engineers has conducted an EIS study and found that there is no significant impact to several of the options presented in the study. I would support Option 2 as the best and my preferred option. Thanks, Norton Pope

*Jan Porterfield
541 Stony Ridge Rd.
Heber Springs, AR 72543*

January 7, 2002

Ms. Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I'm writing to object to the proposed changes in the shoreline management plan of Greers Ferry Lake. It seems ludicrous to me to make changes that adversely affect the interests of the majority in favor of the selfish interests of a few lakefront property owners. And I might add, my husband and I are lakefront property owners.

We would never think of compromising the overall beauty of the lake to improve our view or enhance the value of our property. It was the natural beauty of Greers Ferry Lake that attracted us to this area, and I feel that it is our duty to fight to preserve it.

It is absolutely wrong to allow private boat docks. The Corps should ask itself, "What if everybody did that?" It isn't fair to single out a few interested parties and allow them to build boat docks and deny other property owners the right to do the same. And if we were all to put up boat docks, the lakeshore would be an ugly bunch of wood and metal, and the water would be foul with gasoline and oil. It is not in the public interest to allow more boat docks. If the Corps elects to do so, I would have to wonder about its motivation.

It is also not in the public interest to ease mowing restrictions. How is the world could the majority of lake users benefit from that? Having as wide a buffer of vegetation as possible insures that the water quality will remain relatively high and that the natural beauty of the lake will be maintained.

Greers Ferry Lake is a public treasure, and only the public interest should be considered. I would never cut down trees behind my house or mow a path to the lake or build a boat dock, because I would not want others to do the same. I can easily imagine how damaged our lake would be if we all did that. What I cannot imagine is how our lake would be improved by the changes the Corps proposes. My husband and I vote NO. Thank you for considering our opinions.

Sincerely,

Jan and Steve Porterfield

From: cpotter [mailto:cpotter@KPTS.ORG]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 1:34 PM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Opposition to Additional Boat Docks on Greers Ferry Lake

I'm writing to strongly oppose the addition of additional boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake. The beauty of this lake and the purity of the shoreline guarantees continued visitors to the area. Additional boat docks would only spoil that beauty.

My family and I have lived all over the south (Florida, Texas, Tennessee and now Kansas) and have been regular visitors to the lake for over 25 years. The beauty and cleanliness of the lake is one of the reasons we continue to visit. My husband and I feel that's what makes Greers Ferry Lake stands out from other lakes in Arkansas and nearby states. If you want to see the results of what too many boat docks does to spoil a lake, visit Pickwick on the Tennessee River and pay special attention to the garbage in the water.

Please don't spoil Greers Ferry - it's a beautiful spot!

Carolyn Potter
907 North Carter
Wichita, KS 67203
(316) 267-2448

DIANE A. PLUNKETT

Dear Corps,

I'm voting no on the proposal to allow 90 new private docks on Green's Ferry Lake. We do not need another Lake Hamilton - one is enough! We have a house on Hamilton and the extent of the over-development is ridiculous. Let's keep Green's Ferry the way it is and not spoil this unique, beautiful area of our state.

Sincerely,

Diane
Plunkett

From: Arthur Lindberg [mailto:lindbergac@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 9:44 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: More Docks

We say no more docks! Why build more boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake just for the benefit of the Real Estate companies to make money and for the pleasure of the wealthy? Why ruin this beautiful lake and whats left of the untouched shoreline. Thank-you
George and Inez
Pinckard

Patricia Anslow
USCE
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0967

Do not change the status of Greers Lake. I am opposed to the proposal to add docks and to open up the shoreline area by private mowing. It is important to protect the natural resources and continue the present management of the Lake.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours, John R. Pine, P O Box 4639, Little Rock, Ar 72214-4639

January 9, 2001

From: sjpine@aristotle.net [mailto:sjpine@aristotle.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 8:18 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry

Stop the ugly. I am opposed to a proposal that allows more private docks and woods cut back and increased boating and skiing and polluting on Greers Ferry Lake. I oppose the Corps of Engineers proposals. Please protect Greers Ferry Lake from these encroachments. Thanks for listening. Shirley J. Pine

shirley jo pine
sjpine@aristotle.net

January 20, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake, Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am writing to express my opposition to the new proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake.

I am opposed because it would increase the number of docks on the lake and alter the pristine shoreline.

I favor the continuation of the 1994 Shoreline Management Plan with no future changes. If it ain't broke, don't fix it!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Piazza", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ross Piazza
56 Berkshire
Little Rock, AR 72204

From: RobReowens@aol.com [mailto:RobReowens@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 11:01 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: greer's ferry lake

Dear sir:

As a property owner at Miller's Point, I am strongly in favor of preferred alternative #2. Thank you for a job well done.

Robert Owens

From: Alton C. Owens [mailto:aowens@asburyusa.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 8:19 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Develope Greers Ferry Lake

NO More please

later....

aowens@asburyUSA.net

501 825-6620

Alton C. Owens

-----Original Message-----

From: Fairfield Bay News [mailto:ffbnews@hypertech.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 2:17 PM
To: Eis; Gf SMP
Subject: EIS/SMP for Greers Ferry Lake

I MUST GO ON RECORD AS OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED 93 DOCKS AND THE SHORELINE ALLOWANCE. I SERIOUSLY QUESTION THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WITH THE PROPOSED ALLOWANCE OF SUCH A WIDE MARGIN ON THE SHORELINE. I QUESTION THE RUN-OFF IF FURTHER CLEARANCE IS ALLOWED. ALSO, THE ADDITION OF DOCKS AND/OR MORE GAS PUMPS ETC. WILL FURTHER DEGRADE THE WATER QUALITY AND HEALTH OF THE LAKE. ALREADY THERE IS A MARKED DIMINISHMENT OF WALLEYE. WHY? HAS THE CORPS LOOKED INTO THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS AN INCREASE IN THE ALGAE POPULATION? A RESPONSE TO THESE CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

SONJA OLIVER
174 LONE PINE ROAD N.
GREERS FERRY, AR 72067

From: Ogle, Donna [mailto:donna.ogle@mail.atu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 2:33 PM
To: gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil.
Subject:

To Whom it may concern:

Greers Ferry Lake is one of the few unspoiled lakes in Arkansas. I moved here from California ten years ago, looking for the "Natural State", I found dirty and/or polluted camping sites, lakes, rivers and swimming areas. It was a great relief to find Greers Ferry two years ago, still unspoiled by oily water and boat docks. I love camping and hiking there, the woods are free of debris, people are friendly and the water is clear. Please don't let us loose this "natural" wonder.

Sincerely,

Donna Ogle
donna.ogle@mail.atu.edu

From: LEFCOMM@aol.com [mailto:LEFCOMM@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 9:44 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: GREERS FERRYLAKE SHORELINE PLAN-NEW

THE NEW PLAN WILL LEAD TO WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS AND DEGRADATION OF OF THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF OUR LAKE AREA. IF GRASS IS PLANTED CLOSER TO THE LAKE SHORE, FERTILIZER RUN OFF WILL INCREASE WHICH CAN CAUSE DEATH TO LAKES. TAKE LESSONS FROM OTHER CORPS LAKES WHICH ARE NOW POLLUTED AND UNDESIREABLE FOR RECREATION AND FOR A WATER SOURCE. THERE IS NO PLACE THAT THE CORP HAS DONE A BETTER JOB THAN NATURE. NO BOAT DOCKS SHOULD BE PLACED IN AREAS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY RESTRICTED TO PRIVATE BOAT DOCKS. THIS IS NOT FAIR TO EXISTING DOCK OWNERS AND WILL LEAD TO MORE POLLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS. WE WANT TO KEEP GREERS LAKE LIKE IT IS, SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL. HAROLD ODELL 116 LAKESHORE DRIVE FAIRFIELD BAY, AR.

From: antoinette O'Brien [mailto:theobies@ozarkisp.net]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 4:29 PM
To: Ceswl-PA
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

We are opposed to any additional docks on Greers Ferry lake and are also opposed to additional mowing on corp property. Thank you for your consideration.
Bernard and Antoinette O'Brien 250 O'Brien Dr. Greers Ferry, AR 72067-9795
Phone- (501) 825-7763

From: Kenneth Nadeau [mailto:knadeau@midsouth.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 10:53 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Comments on EIS

Dear Sirs,

First let me congratulate you on a job well done on this enormous undertaking. After reading a good portion of this study I was impressed with its thoroughness and information. Secondly, I wish to comment on your alternatives, specifically, Alternative #2. I am in complete support of this alternative for both personal reasons and as member of the larger Greers Ferry Lake community.

I am one of those individuals who was granted a dock approval with the earlier study. I had a valid permit from the Corps, a contract with and monies paid to a dock builder. I was part of the litigating group attempting to preserve the 2000 SMP. I was thoroughly disgusted with the Save the Lake group. Throughout the study process they were given ample time and venues to comment, argue, etc. yet they chose to wait until the plan was approved and being acted on before they engaged in any opposing activity. I am dismayed that they would go to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette with incomplete information and engender to kill this alternative with disinformation.

I also want to preserve the natural beauty and environmental health of Greers Ferry Lake. I don't want to see docks all across the lake as the Democrat-Gazette implies. The individuals(93) who were approved for rezoning already use the lake, their boat like ours, is in the water already. Docks will probably help protect some shore line, as many boats are pulled up on beaches or anchored to rocks or trees. Careful placement of stone steps can help protect the shoreline even further. Setting up a specified path is preferrable to a mad scabble down a bank, pulling on trees and bushes and dragging an ice chest or cooler behind.

Arkansas is a poor state and needs to attract recreational dollars as a source of income yet preserve it's natural heritage. Careful management of those resources is required - not an attitude of isolationism and exclusivity that the Save the Lake group proposes. I urge you to select Alternative #2 as your final choice for the Corps course of action.

Sincerely,

Cheryl J. Nadeau
1502 Golf Links Cove
West Memphis, AR. 72301
870-7322-3848
Lake Location: Lot 438/439 Tannenbaum Subdivision

J. L. & Jody Mullens
1836 Ausley Circle
Heber Springs, AR 72543

January 14, 2002

Tricia Anslow, CESWL-PR-PP
Little Rock Engineer District
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

We are writing to express our displeasure with the plan to change the management policy that has been in effect for the life-span of Greers Ferry Lake. We live on a bluff overlooking this beautiful treasure and cannot understand why you would want to change a policy that has made our lake the most admired body of water in this part of the country. We all have seen lakes where there have been little control of the shore-line and know what can happen. Please don't let this happen to our lake. Please do continue to guard the integrity of a lake that is enjoyed by both we residents and by visitors to our area and save it for our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Mullens

Jody Mullens

From: Gemring1800@aol.com [mailto:Gemring1800@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2001 11:24 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: APPROVAL OF DOCKS

Dear Sirs: I would like to voice my STRONG APPROVAL for the docksites which were approved in the year 2000. I am a part owner of property that was given the go ahead in the year 2000 and then rescinded. This is GOVERNMENT AT ITS WORST WHEN THE RIGHT HAND DOESNT KNOW WHAT THE LEFT HAND IS DOING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! When the goahead was approved money was immediately invested to proceed with the construction of a dock...money has now been lost due to the UNTIMELY DELAY. PLEASE ISSUE A FULL APPROVAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!!!!!!!! Robert A Mueller 2280 Glenbar Drive Germantown Tenn 38139.

11/8/02

Few generations of my
family have enjoyed
Green Ferry Lake. I would
like to see it over loaded
with boat docks and
no natural shore line.

Let's keep it a
beautiful lake -

Sarah Moore

Lispian, Ar.

From: G. Michael Millar [mailto:gmmillar@email.msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 10:42 AM
To: gf.smp.eis@usare.army.mil
Subject: Greers Ferry EIS

Attn: Tricia Anslow

Ms. Anslow:

I am the owner of a sailboat which is maintained at Greers Ferry Lake. But for a permanent boat dock, I would not be able to maintain my boat on the lake.

I have reviewed the EIS for the shoreline management plan proposed for the Lake and write to offer my support to Preferred Option No. 2. In my judgment, this plan represents a good balance between the preservation of the environment and beauty of the Lake and the needs of the patrons of the Lake.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Millar

12304 Cannon Rd
Rogers, AR 72756
January 8, 2001

Trish Anslow
L.R. Corps of Engineers
PO Box 867
L.R. AR. 72703-0867

Re: Green's Ferry Lake
Dock Plans

Please do not permit further dock
construction on Green's Ferry Lake - the
docks plus boats really cause much
upset and health/safety hazards
on the lake. Rural areas are not able
to then enforce/purge for health & safety.
The brought in boats and their users in
no way compensate for the problems,
& local displeasure and disfigurement
caused by them.

Sincerely yours,
John E. Fullager

From: Larry McDonald [mailto:lmcd@futura.net]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 7:30 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Good Morning,

I read the small article in today's Arkansas Democrat Gazette about the boat docks that are going to be built on the lake. I am writing to tell you that I am definitely AGAINST this proposal. My mother lives in Heber Springs and we frequently visit her and go swimming in the lake. I think the added docks would destroy the beauty and makeup of the lake. Please DO NOT let this proposal go through. It would be disasterous to the city of Heber Springs.

Sincerely,
Dawn McDonald

1-12-02

Gentlemen,

I am very opposed to more private boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake. There are many public docks available and more that could be built but haven't been.

I own property at Fairfield Bay and the public has ready access to recreational boats there.

Please do not destroy the beauty of Greers Ferry.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Guston
2650 Franklin
Batesville, AR
72501

778 Ridge Road
Heber Springs, AR 72543
January 2, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslaw
Planning Environmental and Regulatory Div.
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Ms. Anslaw:

I am opposed to all alternatives contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement of November 2001.

I am also opposed to adding pollution to our drinking water from an increase in boat motor exhaust. An oil taste can be detected in the water at times in the summer now.

The lake belongs to all of the people, not just a few persons who own land around the lake.

Sincerely,
Lura H. Linn
May B. Linn

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TO

Corp. of Engineers

DATE

Jan 14-2002

SUBJECT

New docks on
Green Ferry Lake

We ARE AGAINST New docks on
the main body of the Lake.

We fished La. Lakes + they are
cluttered with old docks — we
don't want our lake coming to
that.

Thanks

Ray + Carolyn Lefler

Lefler

1114 Oak
CONWAY, AR 72032
103 N. C
RUSSELLVILLE

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Mu Anslan

I am very much against the
SOP. Even with the existing rules in
place the envelope is pushed to limit.

You know the old saying
'Give them an inch they will take a
mile'

I believe the Realtors and Construction
Co. are pushing the (Money talks)

If this plan goes thru there
will soon become just another washed
overboarded lake.

Post we want our children to
enjoy what we have been enjoying
for years.

Lets think of the future not
just the present.

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Eva Lancaster
159 Canine Cove
Darien N.Y. 72530

Phone 362 6849



Mrs. M
141
Fairfield

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Ms. Trish Anslow

Please reconsider any plans
for the proposed changes on
Greens Ferry Lake and the pristine
shoreline. We believe that the
Carl Garner idea of natural beauty
is the best for this resource. Thank
you G. Kozeluh

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ATTN: TRISH ANSLOW

JAN. 14, 2002

NORMA & RON KLEIN
596 BRAY STATION RD.
COLLIERVILLE, TN. 38017
901-853-2189
501-825-7083

PATRICIA ANSLON
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY DIVISION
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LITTLE ROCK, AR.

Dear Ms. Anslon

MY WIFE AND I HAVE FOR YEARS VISITED THE GREYS FERRY LAKE AREA AND APPRECIATED ITS MOSTLY UNCLUTTERED AND NATURAL SHORELINE. BECAUSE OF THE LAKES BEAUTY WE ARE NOW BUILDING A LAKE VIEW HOME ON DIAMOND BLUFF ROAD.

WE URGE THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO REJECT THE CURRENT "SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN" OR ANY PLAN THAT WOULD ERODE THE LAKES NATURAL BEAUTY.

MAINTAINING WATER QUALITY AND SHORELINE NATURAL BEAUTY FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC SHOULD BE A PRIORITY OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

DOCKS & BOAT SLIPS ARE NOW MORE THAN ADEQUATE AT THE MANY MARINAS ON GREYS FERRY LAKE -

