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Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2001 8:11 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Comment on Greers Ferry SMP draft EIS

My comments are attached in this word document-- Please acknowledge that you have received this email and can open the document-- thanks, lj(See attached file: Public Comments for Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan Draft EIS.doc)

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Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning Environmental & Reg. Div.
USACE
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Please leave Greers Ferry Lake,
Heber Springs, AR, as it is!!!
Thank You.

P.S. I can't believe a U.S. Govt.
Agency is trying to fly this same
old plan. Are we going to have to
go thro with this every year until
the Commercial people get their
way? All of you should be
ashamed of yourselves, including
my friend Tommy. John H. Johnson

Memo from the desk of ...

1/9/02

LILY JAEGER

To: P. Auslow
Corps of Engineers

My late husband & I moved here 28 yrs ago because we were assured this Area & lake would ~~be~~ always be protected & so for it seems to have been a promise kept.

If you listen to Carl Garner you can make sure the correct case is taken.

We left W.J. lake area where traffic officers were needed to keep boat traffic moving. Do not let this happen to Greers Ferry lake.

Sincerely

Lily M. Jaeger

158 Pineknut Rd.
77. Bag A - 75088

P.O. Box 1337 - (Mail Only)

1/9/02

2526 Hwy 330 East
Clinton, A.R., 72031

Dear Mrs. Anslow,

We are very much in favor
of the current plan for Greer's Ferry
Lake presented by the Corps of Engineers.

Thank you,
Keith & Elaine Houston

Telephone: 501-745-7162

I would like to write and tell you
I think the Corps of Engineers are doing
a fine job on Greers Ferry Lake.
I own a home on the lake and
I am tired of people complaining
about every thing they do. The lake
is for every one and from time
to time there have to be improve-
ments. I agree with the Corps, let
them make the decisions on what is
best for the lake and the future
of the lake.

Shelby Hutchison
Quatman AR.

6 RACEBLE CT.
LITTLE ROCK AR
72223

JAN. 7, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND REGULATORY DIV.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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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.

I AM ALSO OPPOSED TO ALL ALTERNATIVES
CONTAINED IN THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER, 2001.

I HAVE VISITED AND ENJOYED GREERS
FERRY LAKE FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS. MANY OTHERS
CAN DO SO IN THE FUTURE IF THE LAKE IS NOT
OVERBUILT. I THINK THE PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD
BE DETRIMENTAL TO FUTURE ENJOYMENT OF THE
LAKE

Sincerely
Michael Jamieson

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,

Lannie Hershey

THE HERRENS
147 WILSHIRE DRIVE
FAIRFIELD BAY, ARKANSAS 72088

January 14
2002

Dear Mr. Andrew -

My husband and I are against putting any more docks on the shore of Grues Ferry Lake. One of the reasons we built in Fairfield Bay was because of the beauty of the lake. We want to keep that pristine quality of the lake for all to enjoy.

Sincerely

Maeste Herren

(Mrs. Stanley Herren)

1-11-02

To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to the new shoreline management plan proposed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

My main concern is the effect it would have on the natural beauty of the lake. It also seems likely that it would contribute to the increased congestion on the lake.

Sincerely,
Cathy Pederson

From: Sam Hazel [mailto:mountaintop@arkansas.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 8:49 AM
To: Trish Anslow
Subject: Greer's Ferry SMP

MS Anslow,

I live in Heber Springs, AR. My wife and I moved here 5 years ago after my retirement from the US Air Force. We restored an older residence (circa 1898) into a Bed and Breakfast and have been fortunate to prosper in this beautiful area.

I was an Air Force General Officer and my spouse a University Professor (Business); this said only as background to the future statements of this EMail.

I came here for the first time in 1974, and have continued to come back every year since. Our last duty station, Tinker AFB, OK, allowed us to move our motor home to the area and visit more often. Prior to that assignment, we were at Scott AFB, IL (HQ AMC) and circumstances dictated that my wife could not find suitable work in the area. She found a job in Kansas City, and I was just east of St Louis. We located the motor home at Lake Of The Ozarks, MO; half way between the two work locations. This was a beautiful lake, before they allowed all the docks. A person cannot go near the shoreline (1 mile) without seeing docks that are "bumper to bumper" and dwellings that do nothing to portray a "natural environment". Weekends see the multitude of "cigar boats" that throw huge swells which restrict normal boater access to the water. These watercraft are berthed in the boat docks because of the difficulty in "over the road" transport.

This is what the future holds for Greers Ferry if the Corps allows the SMP to be implemented. I have no vested interest in either "dog in this fight"; but I do know why I moved here. I also know that I can relocate. I have brought several CEOs of major defense industries to visit me here, and all have bought property in the area. They came for the same reason as I; a beautiful lake and river. Don't destroy it to benefit the Real Estate industry in the Lake area. Having been a senior officer in the US military, and having seen both sides of this issue "up close", I know how I would direct the decision. It would be "If it's not broke, why are we spending assets to fix it." Leave this gem stone of the Corps Of Engineers as it is.

Sam Hazel, BGen (ret) USAF

MS. PATRICIA ANSLOW
PLANNING ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LITTLE ROCK AR.

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.

AFTER VISITING MOST OF THE LAKES OR METRO
AREAS AROUND LAKES IN AR., WE RETIRED TO
GREERS FERRY LAKE (T) SEVEN YEARS AGO BECAUSE
OF ITS BEAUTY & SHORELINE MANAGEMENT.

ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BUILT ON
THE WATER. WERE AWARE OF THE MOWING
RESTRICTIONS BEFORE CONSTRUCTION.

MONEYED DEVELOPERS & WEEKENDERS ARE THE
DRIVING FORCE FOR CHANGE.

PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO KEEP THIS
LAKE THE GEM OF ARKANSAS.

SINCERELY, MR. & MRS PETER K. GRONSET
Peter K. Gronset
Priscilla Gronset 7 DEEWOOD W,
HEBER SPRINGS AR,
501-362-2195

Patricia J. Grose
21 Cedar Glen Rd.
Heber Springs, Ar. 72543
January 7, 2002

Dear Mrs. Frisk Anslow,

I am writing to let you know that both my husband and I are against letting more boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake.

We are SOUL supporters. Our children and grand children enjoy Greers Ferry Lake. Also they have been to the Buffalo National River canoeing which they thoroughly enjoyed. We are all so happy that they saved the Buffalo River from development. Now we hope the SOUL supporters save Greers Ferry Lake from more boat docks.

Sincerely,
Patricia J. Grose

1-17-02

Dear Sirs:

We want the beautiful Greens Ferry lake left as it is now. We enjoy it and share its beauty w/ any visitors we may entertain. Each person who visits, just admires our area the river, the lake and their surroundings.

Respectfully
Go Grady
M. Grady

Sherwood 6 January 2002

To the
Corps of Engineer
Little Rock Division

Ref.: Your plan to allow 90 private docks
on Greers Ferry Lake

I am against building new docks on
Greers Ferry Lake. My family goes to Greers
Ferry Lake to get away from the noise and
pollution of Little Rock. We want to enjoy the
unspoiled shoreline shaded by trees. When
we climb Sugar Loaf Mountain we do not
want to look at aluminum sided buildings
everywhere.

The lake was built with tax money for
water supply and enjoyment, not for profit-
making boat docks.

Gertraud Goolsby
Gertraud Goolsby
8 Christopher Court
Sherwood AR 72120

Jan 14, 2002

Dear Fricia,

Please be advised that the
Fletchers (Thomas + Barbara aka Dal)
are totally against docks being
built along the shoreline -

Please let us keep it as natural
as possible -

Sincerely,

Mrs Thomas Fletcher

MY COMMENT & THOUGHTS ON GREENS FERRY LAKE.

LEAVE IT ALONE - WE DONT NEED
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON EVERY LAKE IN
THE STATE. SAVE IT AS IT IS NOW FOR
FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY. PROTECT
OUR PRECIOUS WATER SUPPLIES AND THE
BEAUTY OF OUR LAKES & STREAMS. MY
VOTE IS NO TO MORE BOAT DOCKS ON
THE LAKE.

MICHAEL FLEHARTY
15781 SPRING CLUB DR
HENSLY AR
72065

January 3, 2002

To the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Greers Ferry Lake Plan

Dear Sirs: Tommy Park operation project manager
Irish Anslow study manager,

I am responding to your article in the Democrat/Bayette
Dec. 6th 2001. We appreciate the recent changes that
have been made and hope the new shoreline
management plan approved in March 2000 will
receive the support it needs to stay in effect.

We have owned shoreline property for 20 years plus
and applied for a dock several times, only to be
turned down, however, we would notice a new dock
in our cove from time to time and wonder how
that came about. This past year we were given a
dock permit with our neighbors Dr. ^{Jan} ~~Dea~~ and Becky Mark
along with two other families. We recently were granted
a path permit to the dock which has been completed.

These improvements have changed ours and our
extended families vacation plans. The lake is much
more attractive and enjoyable by us, kids and
grandkids. We appreciate the improvements, just wish
the water level could stay a little higher.

Thank You for your hard work.

Dr. ^{Jan} ~~Dea~~ Fred H. Jacobs "Lots 39 & 40"
#6 Carmel Drive Dorothy Drive
L.R., AR. 72212 South Fork Bay

From: Everett Partain [mailto:birdwatcher71913@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 11:53 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Comment on Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Guardians of Greers Ferry Lake,

Please, please do not add 93 private boat docks to the shores of Greers Ferry Lake. As an innovator, I am working on a propulsion system that will not pollute the water, however, this is in the future and will not prevent the pollution of this lake at this time. Much damage can be done to our precious lake that cannot be reversed even with the advent of such a system as I advocate. I am a strong believer in Captain Kirk as our savior.

Now that I have your undivided attention, believe me that an ounce of prevention is stronger than a pound of cure, and is less expensive. Hey? Do you remember the Valdez and the ensuing horror to the marine life? There is not enough money in the world to ever restore that polluted region to its original state.

The promoters of the plan for more private docks are wealthy property owners, developers, and speculators who have no respect for what this lake is, and can only see the big \$\$\$\$,\$\$\$,\$\$\$,\$\$\$,\$\$\$s that will fatten their bank accounts.

Call me judgmental; call me eccentric; call me what you will, but the lake will never will be the same if the plan is adopted.

Concerned Enterpriser,

Everett Partain

"You hear all about the benefits of growth, but you never hear about the costs."

Talking on the Water, 1994

David Brower, executive director of the Sierra Club from 1952 to 1969

131 Jitterbug Trail, Hot Springs, AR 71913-9180

January 16, 2002



Sharon (left), daughter of letter writer, Carolyn Partain (right)

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

Dear Trish,

In response to the outcry of those who're truly interested in the welfare of our loved Greers Ferry Lake, I want to add my viewpoint. Our family, residing about 160 miles away in eastern Oklahoma, was introduced to this beautiful lake on a vacation in the Fairfield Bay area in the early '70s. We toured the area, visiting the pristine park areas maintained by the Corps. We could hardly believe our eyes as we beheld the beauty as we traveled on to explore the caverns at Blanchard Springs. Little did we know at that time, but I hoped that one day we would be permitted to live in the midst of such a wonderful natural and man-preserved area.

So it was, in a few short years, '78, my husband's job enabled us to pick a part of Arkansas from which he could travel in his work. Naturally, our thoughts flew back to the region we had visited so often. So we chose Heber Springs where our family that included 4 children was happy to locate.

Greers Ferry Lake and the Little Red River became their primary source of recreation, "partying," swimming, boating, skiing, sunning, fishing, camping, and picnicking near and on the sparkling water with local and visiting friends. We lived close enough to

walk to Sandy Beach. As the years moved on, our first grandchild came along. We took him there to observe the bald eagles that flew from their roost across the lake to snatch their meals from the winter-blue waters. We saw the nests of the killdeer safely ensconced in the open areas along the lake edge. The red-winged blackbird fussed at us from the willows. And once in late April, we were surprised to see the uncommon, but regular transit, the yellow-headed blackbird. The lake area is a haven for bird watching, a favorite hobby of our family.

Due to economic reasons, my husband and I sadly had to leave the lake area in 1992. We now live in Hot Springs near several lakes that include Lake Hamilton. Lakefront relatives, who have a swimming and boating dock, have -- ferried me about the lake where the gargantuan mansions, footed by expansive docks, do not impress me, while the shores of nearby Ouachita Lake and the naturalness of our cherished Greers Ferry Lake are absolutely awe-inspiring.

Three of our children still live and work near or on the Greers Ferry Lake and the fourth, only 30 minutes away. We have plans to return to the lake area when my husband retires next year. I know time marches on and with it so-called progress, but PLEASE don't turn the lakeshores into a big parking lot for watercraft. My plea is to keep it the same as much as possible...like the Buffalo River that we visit and float annually.

A son who works at maintaining some of the private docks states that the wind storms that are common in our state can create more havoc, pollution, fuel spillage, and safety issues with the addition of more private docks. He thinks boats clustered in public marinas are less an eyesore than little boat garages scattered all around the lake. More boat docks is also an issue of esthetics. It's with happiness that I note that most homes are hidden in the natural foliage while boat docks are like signposts advertising their presence. If a family must have that type of atmosphere, let it be on a lake where private boat docks are wholeheartedly welcomed.

One cannot deny that more boat docks will increase traffic on the lake. And with that addition comes more contamination of the lake water from petroleum-based products that diminishes all forms of wildlife. Human health that depends on the lake for drinking water and other uses is not immune to the toxic chemicals that are emitted from motor-powered watercraft. I heard on NPR this morning that there is a large dead area in the gulf where run-off from farms has created a dead zone. And nothing is being done about it because there is no leadership in government to take it on. How sad! Let's not wait till there's a dead zone in any part of our region, but let's start NOW to prevent any such thing from ever happening to our beloved Greers Ferry. While we race about trying to find a fix for the unknown of present-day terrorism, we

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have the power to stop the mindless contamination of our never-to-be-replaced environment. (Enclosed is a story from www.oregonlive.com detailing the harmful problem of emissions from marine engines.) I don't know what kind of environmental impact study the Corps has made on what the effect of excessive petroleum hydrocarbons would make on the water of Greers Ferry Lake. If it is encouraging more boat docks, then it must have been a poor study, in deed!

MTBE (methyl tert-butyl ether) is an oxygenate added to gasoline to make it burn more cleanly, thus reducing air pollution. It has been found in water supplies in all of our states. In 31 states, MTBE has become a major contributor to water pollution and is being phased out by the EPA.

Source: (<http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/2495.html>)

"The oil industry knew about MTBE threats to drinking water before the controversial gasoline additive was introduced in California, according to an article in the March 16 edition of the Sacramento Bee. 'America's fuel industry knew about the risk to drinking water from MTBE years before domestic refineries more than doubled the chemical's volume in gasoline, but manufacturers marketed the product as an environmental improvement anyway,' the newspaper reported. "

Source: (<http://www.edie.net/news/Archive/933.html>)

How do we know what other dire problems may come about from other additives and the petroleum products themselves? One of my husband's hobbies is shade-tree mechanics. Ask him? Even a novice could tell you the ill effects of 2-cycle watercraft engines on water.

Evidently greed, money, and political pressure are the predominate forces in policy making...not foresight. I hope we never have to use hindsight such as the event of 9/11 to make decisions regarding our precious asset, Greers Ferry Lake? Can the Corps put a value on the lake, without pollution or with pollution? Do the progressives (?) march on, blind to the image of what damage 93 boat docks could do to the environment of Greers Ferry Lake...a body of water that we've been proud of in terms of the unspoiled quality of its waters and surroundings?

Please use insight and listen to Carl Garner, the sage of the lake and former resident Chief Engineer of Greers Ferry Lake, who initiated the Greers Ferry Lake & Little Red River Shoreline Cleanup that eventually spread across America to include cleanups of nearly all public bodies of land and water. (Our family has participated in many of them including the last, 2001, when my husband and I with a daughter, granddaughter, and friends cleaned an area of the lake's shoreline.) This elder's perception about what the future holds if these additional boat docks are permitted to be installed, indicates that they will open up the entire 210 miles of protected shoreline for unlimited docks.

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My daughter who sails on the lake relates that she sees plenty of pollution that includes a film of petroleum on the water near the marina where her and a friend's sail boat is docked. The Corps should address the spilling of fuel while gassing up boats. With gas tanks of boats being filled at private docks, there would be more spillage dispersed around the lake. Would these private docks be inspected regularly? Please refer to the following website for comprehensive info on gasoline pollution compiled by some students of UCA : <http://www.3sharks.com/atlas/64.html>

The proposal to narrow the "buffer zone" between Corps controlled lakeshore and private property is unconscionable. This buffer zone, a strip of unmanaged grasses or natural vegetation that grows around the shoreline, helps prevent soil erosion from the shoreline and also removes and retains some of the nutrients that would otherwise enter the lake. I've heard rumors that some property owners have been known to cut trees that obstructed their view of the lake, and when confronted by the Corps are only too willing to pay the fine that is quite exorbitant but still within the pocketbook of the wealthy property owners. I repeat: manicured lawns and landscaping near the shoreline that includes frequent fertilizer, herbicide, and pesticide use contributes to runoff, and with the buffer zone narrowed allows more of unwanted contaminants to enter the lake.

I pray daily for environmentalists who are castigated for their stand against those who would and do degrade and devalue our precious planet, the living earth. I sincerely hope we will follow in the footsteps of pioneers such as Jimmy Driftwood, Dr. Neil Compton, and John Muir who had the courage to struggle against bureaucracy to conserve their natural surroundings.

Please rule no private docks as a perpetual regulation so that the coming generations will be able to see what I've seen...the panorama of a sparkling diamond in the rough, unmarred by manmade fabrications. Let's not allow the deterioration of Greers Ferry Lake, but keep it where it belongs...among the top 20 lakes in the nation, saved for progeny that includes our grandchildren, Nicole, 11, left; Kayla, 7, middle; and Alan, 13, right; and their descendants.



Enclosure: "Watercraft pollution
may lead to more lakes"

Sincerely, I am,
Carolyn Partain
501-760-2617



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THE FULL STORY

Watercraft pollution may lead to new rules

Officials are concerned about engines that are shown to emit a quarter of their fuel unburned

Sunday, September 5, 1999

From The Associated Press

SALEM — When anglers, water-skiers and sun-worshippers take to the water this Labor Day weekend to enjoy summer's bittersweet end, their boat engines will be pumping tons of pollution into the air and water.

According to a growing body of research, two-stroke marine engines — the kind that power most outboard boats and water scooters such as Jet Skis — emit a quarter of their fuel unburned.

The pollution ratio is so bad that riding a water scooter for seven hours creates more smog-forming emissions than driving a 1998 car 100,000 miles, according to the California Air Resources Board.

Oregon may soon get on board in imposing additional rules aimed at curbing two-cycle marine engine pollution. Following the lead of the federal government and California, the state Environmental Quality Commission will hear a report on the issue at its next meeting and consider several policy options, such as an education program or additional registration fees.

It's a discussion that's long overdue, said Dan Pence, a Portland resident who gave up water-skiing and gas-powered boating when he discovered how it was damaging the environment.

"Here in Oregon, most people don't make the connection between pollution and boating," said Pence, who now owns a sailboat, a canoe and an electric-powered cruiser. "Boating is this clean, fun exercise, right? . . . It seems really healthy, but there's lots of poisoning going on at the same time."

Whether Oregon adopts new rules or not, the debate is sure to leave a huge wake in a state famed for sparkling rivers, lush lakes and rugged ocean beaches. Potential restrictions are hottest with the water scooter set.

"I'm on the receiving end all the time with a lot of untruths and rumors," said Tom Podrybau, owner of Northwest Watercraft in Salem. "There's a lot more cars than Jet Skis."

Just by sheer numbers, there's nothing more polluting than the motor vehicle. Indeed, most air pollution comes from cars, and only 3.8 percent of Portland/Vancouver's air pollution came from two-cycle engines, according to a 1992 Department of Environmental Quality study.

But two-cycle engines represent a relatively unrestricted source that regulators would like to reduce. Small two-cycle engines, such as those in water scooters -- also found on lawn mowers and on the back of motor boats -- are a significant pollution problem, DEQ Director Langdon Marsh said.

They show up on inventories of pollution sources far out of proportion to their numbers.

Unlike cars, whose emissions are highly regulated, marine engines have gotten little oversight until recently. Now new federal clean-air regulations are being phased in that would force marine engine manufacturers to make their products 75 percent cleaner by 2025.

Most of the pollution affects the air, but some of it lingers in the water for days, possibly harming fish and drinking water sources.

Water scooters are the worst offenders because riders tend to ride harder and longer, increasing the pollution rate, said Sean Smith, conservation director of the Bluewater Network in San Francisco.

Pence and two friends formed Skippers for Clean Oregon Waters with the aim of cutting down pollution from pleasure boats and water scooters.

The group appealed to the Environmental Quality Commission in February, sparking the current study but getting no immediate results.

Then they tried, unsuccessfully, to get legislative hearings on a bill that would have increased registration fees for two-stroke engines, using the proceeds to finance a buy-back program.

By Pence's rough estimate, two-cycle marine engines in Oregon discharge 4.7 million gallons of uncombusted fuel each year.

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Greers Ferry Lake deserves better treatment than it will get if the Army Corps of Engineers grants the permits for construction of the many new private docks and the relaxed limitations on lakefront mowing. There is currently one annual clean-up day at Greers Ferry. If the proposed permits are allowed, we will need weekly clean-ups—just to keep the garbage out of the propellers of the watercraft.

Think Lake Hamilton. Don't let this happen to Greers Ferry.

Quote from the United States Army Corps of Engineers website regarding environmental stewardship:

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"In making decisions on whether to grant, deny or set conditions on permits, District commanders are required to consider "all factors in the public interest," including economic development and environmental protection."

Please do not let economic development override environmental protection. Preserve Greers Ferry Lake.

Suzanne Parker
25 Greenview Circle
Sherwood, AR 72120

From: Craig Parsons [mailto:craig.parsons@mail.state.ar.us]
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To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Greer's Ferry Lake

Dear Sirs,

I've had two boats in the water at Heber Springs over the past 10 years. My current boat stays in the water year round at Heber Springs Marina. The folks at Heber Springs Marina run a top notch dock facility and I've enjoyed the time spent on the lake. One of the draws of Greer's Ferry is the lack of boat traffic. Also, the view, a beautiful view of rolling green hills and natural vegetation. I've never been on the lake where to much boat traffic was a problem. And understand, my family and I use our boat from mid April all the way through the end of September, nearly every weekend. My old boat was at Bull Shoals Lake, and Greer's Ferry was the closest thing to that beautiful lake I could find when I moved down to the Little Rock area. I currently live in Cabot and work here in Little Rock. In my opinion, the lake should be left as is. Greer's Ferry is a wonderful, relaxing place to enjoy the water and our boat. I humbly request that the beauty and tranquility of Greer's Ferry Lake remain as unchanged as possible. My fear is that the addition of more docking facilities, the ability to alter, unchecked, even more of the untouched shore-line will eventually destroy one of the last remaining natural areas in the State.

Craig A. Parsons
OAS/CSS, Central Support Unit
Phone: 682-6551, Mail Slot #W345

January 6, 2002

United States Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock District Office
Attention: Trish Anslow

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Public Comment

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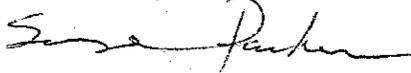
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Suzanne Parker
25 Greenview Circle

SHERWOODS, AR 72120

From: GEORGE PADDOCK [mailto:gpadd@aristotle.net]
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To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Public Comment re:Greers Ferry Lake

I would like to comment on the proposed changes of the regulations for Greers Ferry Lake. I own property on the lake in the Diamond Bluff area.

Docks: Although I would like to have a dock on my lakeshore, I am opposed to adding permits for new docks. First because I believe that all will not have an equal opportunity to have a permit, creating a "have/have-not" situation among property owners. Second, because I would hate to see the shoreline appearance marred by dock after dock all in a row, as I believe would happen if all property owners were allowed to obtain permits. I much prefer to visit Lake Ouachita than Lake Hamilton because of the greater beauty of the former. I believe the water quality will suffer as well.

If community docks could be established at reasonable locations, I would probably rethink my opinion depending on the availability of the dock facility and its esthetic impact. Of course a larger facility would concentrate motor noise, so a "not in my front yard" attitude might apply.

Mowing and Clearing: Again, as a property owner I would like to have better sight lines to the lake view. But, the question of irresponsible or just plain ugly clearing is hard to answer. The parallel situation existing on Lake Hamilton applies- that lake would be much more beautiful and cleaner if Greers Ferry regulations were in effect. Although I am a property owner, I believe the lake is a public resource and that the needs of the public should be considered along with those of property holders. It is a difficult balance to achieve. I think it is harder to go back if a mistake is made by allowing too liberal clearing. Judging the matter on a case-by-case basis would be difficult.

In the end I would advocate no change in the mowing and clearing regulations, or at least regulations that try to ensure that the shoreline retains its "natural" look, and definitely ensure that water quality is not degraded by erosion or seepage.

Thank you for allowing me to comment. If you have a mailing list please add me to it. If email does not qualify as public comment please send me a reply so I can comment by letter.

George Paddock
4104 Arlington Dr
No. Little Rock, AR 72116
email: gpadd@aristotle.net
(501) 758-4102

From: PAULETTE WESTERFIELD
To: gh.smp.eis@usac.army.mil
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 9:26 PM
Subject: Shoreline Management Plan

My name is James E Page, my wife and I own 48 acres with a 1/4 mile lake frontage at 196 Frontier Road in Devils Fork. I applied for and was granted docks after scoring 100% on the rezoning criteria on the corps first shoreland managment plan. I stongly support the corp in the perferred 80% Rezoning Criteria Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Managment Plan 2000. I have attended almost every public meeting that the corps has held since I first applied for docks. This is a large deal to us since we live in Omaha,NE. We have plans to build a lodge on our land. This creates construction job's. Jobs for staff to run and maintan the lodge. The docks are a major part of our business/building plan. The opponents of the alternative 2 should not prevail. Thank you:

James E Page 3617 S. 108 ST. Omaha, NE. 68144 1-26-02

From: CpaddAR@aol.com [mailto:CpaddAR@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 9:44 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Plan

Dear Sir:

We feel that your plan for Greers Ferry Lake is excellent and hope that you will stick with it and not change. We feel it is a very limited plan and will not hurt the lake or the surrounding area at all.

It's too bad that the Ark. Democrat has fallen for the line of complaining they are using. Today's little article on the editorial page was really bad.

Their choice of words and sentences was ridiculous. They were all but begging people to oppose your plan.

Thank you for your work.....

Clayton & Barbara Paddock
4090 Austin Lakes Circle
Sherwood, AR 72120

TAD PHILLIPS

3901 Cedar Hill Road #10
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

January 14 2002

Ms. Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corp of Engineers
Po. Box 867
Little Rock AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Ms. Anslow,

I'm shocked with the radical changes that are proposed for our pristine Greers Ferry Lake. These changes are not in the best interest of we users, many of us not property owners, and a crass surrender to over-development and commercial uses. The joy of Greers Ferry Lake is natural shore line without hundreds of piers and docks.

Won't the Corp do what is right and protect the lake as that have done in the past?

Sincerely, Tad Phillips

From: Margaret H Pugh [mailto:mhpugh@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 11:37 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

We are definitely against any addition of boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake and the increase in shore line mowing area. We moved to the Lake area from Wisconsin for the precise reason that all the lakes in Wis. were ruined by boat docks at every lake lot. We were so impressed with Greers Ferry Lake and its beautiful lake shore that it was the determining factor in our move to Fairfield Bay in 1989. We have been boating and fishing on it ever since.

Please keep it the way it has been with NO NEW DOCKS.

We say NAY to the new proposal.

Warren and Margaret Pugh
121 Pineknott Rd.
Fairfield Bay, Ar. 72088

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From: Charles Purtle [mailto:cpurtle@ipa.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2001 1:53 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Draft eis statement

I support the Corp's Alternative 2 plan.

I believe this severs the best interest of the Greers Ferry Lake area, the full and part time residence as well as visitors to the area.

Charles Purtle
45 Ramp Lane
Drasco, AR 72530

From: jerry quist [mailto:jerryquist@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 10:37 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Please do not allow more docks on our lake. The lake is used for drinking water and in the future many more will count on the lake as a source of quality drinking water. Please don't do something for a few when so many citizens are relying on drinking water now and for future generations. If environmentalist can save fish why can't people save their water resouces?

This message was sent from Jerry and Freddie Lou Quist
jerryquist@hotmail.com

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January 14, 2002

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

I am in support of the Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake.

I have had a house on the lake in the Bondair development for over 30 years. I have had a dock for over 20 years and am not concerned with the addition of more docks to the many miles of under developed shoreline. I also support the provision in the plan to allow property owners the ability to keep the space between their homes and the shore clear of brush and weeds.

Thomas P. Powell, Jr.



194 Bondair Road East

From: Jennifer Potter [mailto:jpotter@kfdi.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2002 1:48 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

Everyone strongly opposes the idea of more boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake. I hope you seriously consider the atmosphere that will be taken away if you agree to add more boat docks.

Jennifer Potter

January 17, 2002

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I am concerned about the shoreline management plan for Greers Ferry Lake. My family owns lakefront property on Greers Ferry Lake. We have enjoy the beauty and quietness of the lake for several years. While I am not opposed to having boat docks, I am concerned about allowing areas that have been protected opened to new docks. When I see what has happened in the Narrows with Lacey's Marina, it becomes frightening to think that much of our lake could begin to look like like that.

I understand that several people have built boat docks and have been kept from using them because of a pending court action. I do feel that if the Corps has given permission for docks to be built and people have in good faith spent money to build or improve docks, they should be allowed to use them. However, I would like to continue to see open areas on the lake to have limited permits for boat docks.

Thanks for allowing me to voice my concerns. I hope to have a quiet, beautiful lake for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Marcie Pratt

Marcie Pratt

cc: Patricia Anslow

From: Ray H. Nelson [mailto:rhnelson@ozarkisp.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 7:08 PM
To: jwpreston@juno.com
Cc: Eis, Gf SMP; Lot28@Hypertech.Net; JIM.DIXON@SMITH-NEPHEW.COM;
TALLPINES@Hypertech.Net; JMARK@ARTELCO.COM; JIMREED@Hypertech.Net;
L-SANCHO@EMAIL.MSN.COM; mtubbs@ARTELCO.COM; marvan@ARTELCO.COM
Subject: Re: BOAT DOCKS - GF LAKE

Like you Jim, I am opposed to to adding docks in well travelled, narrow areas of the lake. At the same time, I think there should be available to those property owners on Greers Ferry Lake who do not have a boat slip, a means to get one. That can only happen if the Corps allows a sufficient number to be built. As for who is behind what you call this "Scam of the Public", I would say that it is probably property owners who are lacking slips. I don't believe that it is fair for the one's of fortunate enough to have a slip to now say "Okay you guys, I've got mine. We don't need anymore." I believe if you were in need of a slip, you would be out trying to get this thing passed.

Ray Nelson
FFB

jwpreston@juno.com wrote:

>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: Dave Nelson [mailto:DNelson@aimslogistics.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 2:39 PM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Support for Alternative #2 - Greers Ferry Lake Dock Issue

I would first like to thank the Corp of Engineers for soliciting input on this most sensitive issue.

I am in support or alternative #2 concerning the public vs. private docks on the lake.

Thank you again for soliciting input on this issue.

Regards,
Dave Nelson
Memphis, TN

January 17, 2002

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

Harold R. Neal
124 East Bluff Drive
Quitman, AR 72131

Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan

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 Corps of Engineers in November 2001.

Specifically, I am opposed to increasing the number of private multi-slip boat docks permitted on the lake and rezoning previously restricted areas. It is difficult to understand how the Corps could even consider private docks with 20 slips each.

Sincerely,



Harold R. Neal
Colonel USAF (Retired)

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From: Newton, Mike [mailto:mike.newton@weyerhaeuser.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 10:54 AM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan Draft EIS

Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division
Little Rock District Corps Of Engineers

Patricia,

This correspondence is in response to the Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan Draft EIS. I have vacationed in the Southern Missouri and North Central Arkansas area since the early 1970's. I also live near two other man made bodies of water in North Carolina. I have watched the politics of individuals and groups that hid behind the guise of Environmental Stewardship in order to push their self centered agendas through.

I am very disappointed to see that it appears to be happening with this Shoreline Management Project as well. There have been private docks on the lake since it's inception. They have been added very gradually with great care as to how many, where they have been allowed, the construction material and how they are to be used. The permits are not forever and a certain level of repair must be maintained to retain the permit.

Anyone that vacations or lives near other bodies of water would attest that the Army Corps lakes are more aesthetically pleasing, well managed and reviewed more frequently than any other in our country. They also are not a Private Industry such as a power company than can be lobbied or perform lobbying for financial gain. Because of that, the self centered individuals or groups that I spoke of earlier will hide behind the need for more studies that usually are, at best, an educated guess at an excessive price.

I would highly encourage Alternative 2 be accepted. It would be a continuation of the successful formula that has made Greers Ferry a great place to come to or live on. Taking small steps, measuring the impact and responding to facts and data. It makes more sense than spending a fortune on guesswork and then expanding the ugly, pollutant prone, private moneymaking commercial docks.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Mike Newton
117 Whetstine Rd.
Kings Mountain NC 28086
704.739.7438

January 25, 2002

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

I feel that the Lake needs a comprehensive and orderly plan for growth. Certainly the Corps of Engineers have the necessary expertise and manpower to administer such a plan. After the Environmental Impact Statement was completed, it became clear that the few changes proposed will have no material effect on the quality of Greers Ferry Lake.

Certainly with the increasing number of people using the Lake and living around it, there has to be some way of accommodating their needs without further enlargement of the already very large marinas. And with a proposed increase of only 1% of the shoreline being newly zoned for docks, this seems an entirely reasonable compromise.

The thought that more shoreline being zoned for docks is somehow going to result in more boat traffic on the Lake, as the Save the Lake group suggests, shows how out of touch with reality that group is. People will have their boats at the Lake. The only question is whether they will have the convenience of a dock at or near their home, or whether they will use a marina, or have to put their boat in the Lake every time they want to use it.

It also appears that many of the people opposing the SMP have not bothered to read and understand the Corps' plan. They have taken selected parts of the Plan and are using their crystal balls to see into the future, and have come to conclusions that are far out of proportion, to the point of saying that the Greers Ferry Lake will be ruined if the Plan is approved. Instead of using facts in opposing the Plan, the Save the Lake group is using pure emotionalism in an attempt to impose their views on everyone else.

The Corps of Engineers has taken good care of the Lake for 39 years, and I know that any plan proposed by the Corps would continue that. Thank you for this opportunity to share my views with you.

Elizabeth Newton
265 Lake Park Drive
Shirley, Arkansas 72153

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The Corps of Engineers has had conducted a most thorough and comprehensive Environmental Impact Study, which has shown that if the recommended Alternative 2 is implemented, there will be negligible impact on the Lake environment. For that reason, I strongly support adoption of that approach to a new Shoreline Management plan, and urge the Corps to adopt it.

Implementing this Alternative properly speaks to the interests of those who oppose development around the Lake, by sharply limiting future development, and those who seek limited development. It gives something to all interested parties. This is the position the Corps should take in the interest of all of the public, not just a vocal, and I might add, well-funded, minority.

In that regard, I am appalled at the propaganda campaign being waged by the Save the Lake group. As one writer put it in a letter to the editor of the Democrat Gazette last week, a finer piece of yellow journalism has rarely appeared in print than was the recent editorial published by that newspaper. The distortions contained in that editorial were shameful. The Save the Lake group should be ashamed for concocting them, and the newspaper should be even more ashamed for printing them without checking the facts.

It is clear that the Save the Lake group knows that, because of the quality of the EIS, they have no chance of continuing to prevail with their legal challenges, and they are now engaging in a last ditch effort to mobilize public opinion through a campaign of distortions.

I trust the Corps will disregard comments from members of the public who were misled by that editorial and other public statements issued by Save the Lake.

Frank H. Newton
265 Lake Park Drive
Shirley, Arkansas 72153

January 22, 2002

From: Lynn Ninowski [mailto:nino2@ozarkisp.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 10:50 AM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline

Thank you for listening! We have lived here the past twelve years. One of the main reasons we retired here was for the natural environment of our beautiful lake. We live on top of a mountain with a wonderful view of the beautiful, pristine, uncluttered lake.

Personally, we don't want to see ANY additional docks! Our area is growing by leaps and bounds WIHOUT any additional docks....and we are definitely opposed to further pollution of Greers Ferry Lake.

Again, thank you for allowing my comments.

Chuck and Lynn Ninowski
P. O. Box 203
Higden, AR 72067

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,

Mr. Charles Ninowski

Printed name:

Address:

Charles Ninowski

P.O. Box 203

Higden, AR 72067

Jan 7th, 02

Ms. Anslow,

I am against the Corps plans
to build more docks on Greers
Ferry. Lets' keep it pretty.

Sincerely,
Sid Munis

From: peytonbetty@webtv.net [mailto:peytonbetty@webtv.net]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 10:41 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: In favor of CofE study

We heartily approve the Corps plan for Greers Ferry Lake. We have enjoyed residing at the lake since its inception. Homes built surrounding the lake are largely responsible for the excellent economy & growth of the area. Had these owners known they would be subject to such limited vegetation modification restrictions perhaps the economy would not be what it is today.

A handfull of dissenters should not exercise authority over the result of an exhaustive , expensive study arranged by the CofE. Allowing homeowners to mow 100ft. from their property line (NOT from the water line erroneously reported by the press) decreases fire hazards. Windstorms recently felled a 100ft. tree that could have ended in nearby roof tops if the 50ft. rule continues.

No lake-owner wants to mar the beauty or poison Greer's Ferry's waters. Other Govt. lakes in the State allow 100 ft. Why should a small group try to reverse an accepted kCorps study that the majority of lake-owners want?



RED APPLE PROPERTIES

January 18, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Recently, we have read several articles appearing in publications that would lead the reader in believing that all Realtors in the Cleburne County area are promoting the Corps of Engineers' proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the November 2001, draft Environmental Impact Statement. We want to correct this erroneous impression.

Our firm has been in continuous operation here on Eden Isle since very shortly after the lake opened. The one big selling point that we have emphasized has been the lack of congestion and water purity that Greers Ferry Lake affords in relationship to most other area lakes. This is important to all of us who either live on the Lake or who have been proud to promote its integrity in the past period of time. As Realtors we feel a responsibility to the many customers that we have recruited in the past to purchase property in this area. We want you to know that we have not changed our convictions now; however expedient it might now be for us to do so.

Specifically we are totally opposed to any rezoning of formerly protected areas of the lake to allow a few developers and, yes, a few other Realtors, to take advantage of making a fast buck, which is the real reason for this attempt to change what up to now has worked so very well!

Most sincerely,


Roger Pettit, Principal Broker


Bill Orr, Executive Broker

From: Bill Pettit [mailto:troutman@neark.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 11:51 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

Ms. Patricia Anslow, I am writing to oppose the proposed shoreline management plan for Greers Ferry Lake. I feel the current plan is sufficient and that the water quality of the lake must be protected and allowing more mowing and additional boat docks will do damage to said water quality. The natural beauty of the lake must also be maintained, and adding docks and less shoreline protection will not do that. Please leave the current plan in force.
Sincerely, Bill Pettit, P.O. Box 477, Corning, AR 72422

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

January 16, 2002

RE: Public comments for the Greers Ferry Lake
Shoreline Management Plan/
Environmental Impact Study

Dear Ms. Anslow;

As someone who lives near Greers Ferry Lake and has enjoyed what the lake offers I feel compelled to comment on the current issue regarding the placement of boat docks on the lake. As it currently stands several people have incurred the cost of constructing and installing docks that, pursuant to the ruling of a federal judge, they are prohibited from using. These people violated no law or regulation in the installation of these structures; they relied on and complied with the shoreline plan prepared and administered by the Corps of Engineers. Yet, as a result of the intervention of a group with driven by self-interest these people cannot use their property, and the Corps has now prepared a new environmental study. This is because the Court found the 1999 study inadequate in addressing the impact of these docks, five of which had already been installed in accordance with the law at that time.

I find it hard to follow the Judge's concern about the impact of these docks in light of his actions in granting injunctive relief to the plaintiffs. He did not order these legally constructed docks removed; yet it is concern about the impact of these docks that led to the granting of an injunction. Nor did he address the already existing docks and the impact they create. The prospective dock owners should possess the same right to use their shoreline in the same manner as those persons who have had their docks in place for years. It is relatively easy to see the real motive behind the actions of the plaintiffs. Commercial dock owners fear a drop in business, and more docks on lakefront property mean those docks already in place become less unique and the land may become less valuable. This financial self-interest should not be discounted in considering the motivation of the small group who sought court intervention.

One does not have to be a property owner or dock owner to operate a boat or other water craft in the lake. Yet the judge placed no similar restrictions on those who simply use the lake and

From: jpeck@aristotle.net [mailto:jpeck@aristotle.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 8:59 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

A lot of people did not like the way Carl Garner enforced the rules at Greers Ferry, but he had a home on the lake and obeyed the rules, just as he expected everyone else to do the same. During his time as the Chief Engineer at Greers Ferry, he won I numberable awards from a number of different organizations. Some of the people who worked under him did not approve of his strict application of rules, and were very eager for him to retire. This man can be credited with keeping the lake for future generations to enjoy.

I have no idea why he did retire, but it was a great loss to the corps and the lake. He still is trying to keep the lake beautiful. How can the military possibly overlook all the good he did by keeping multitudes of docks off the lake and keeping the shoreline natural? Only because they are blinded by greed, for themselves and the people who stand to profit from this. The intelligent, knowing people realize that Greers Ferry Lake, as it is now, is what makes people want to come there. Please do not let them build any more docks.

J. Peck

From: LPeden6033@cs.com [mailto:LPeden6033@cs.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 8:50 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Cc: snyder.congress@mail.house.gov
Subject:

To Whom It May Concern:

I currently own a 150 acre tract of land that borders the shoreline at Greers Ferry Lake. Approximately 1/2 mile of this property is considered shoreline. My intention when I purchased this property was to leave the area as it is, i.e., to preserve the area as natural as possible. The area is habitat for many species of wildlife including the American Bald Eagle. The attraction that most people have to Greers Ferry Lake is the natural beauty of the countryside that surrounds the lake-- not the body of water itself. It is the same countryside that attracts the wildlife. If the shoreline around the lake is further diminished --as has been done at many other lakes around this state and the country--the lake will become a body of water that is a haven for the wealthiest few that can afford to buy the influence to obtain a management plan that is purely in their own self interest. How many boat docks do we really need to have on Greers Ferry Lake if the lake looks like a silty brown cess pool surrounded by condominiums and void of wildlife that has inhabited the area for thousands of years? When will the Corps of Engineers stand up to the few wealthiest and powerful people to do what is the right thing for the Lake? This is not something that can be reversed once the decision has been made. This "Shoreline Management Plan" is ultimately a decision as to whether we destroy Greers Ferry Lake to appease the few of the wealthiest in our society or we maintain the lake as it is for ALL citizens to enjoy. My vote is to maintain the existing plan as it stands. For my 2 year old son and ALL 2 year olds in this country I'm asking that the change to the existing shoreline management plan be wholly rejected and never considered again. It is a BAD PLAN for Greers Ferry Lake, the wildlife that inhabits the area, the ecology of the area, and the landowners.

Sincerely,

Lee E. Peden
5 Blackberry Road
Searcy, Arkansas 72143

Trish Anslow
Corps of Eng.

Jan. 10-02

Can regard to our lake. They
should not allow any private boat
docks on this lake. Our license
plates on our cars & truck and
drivers license say the Natural State
Let's keep it that way. The Boy
Scouts and I have been helping on
the clean up for the past 10 years.
And around some of the private
docks the boys just wonder why
people are so careless.

Thank you
C. A. Paul

From: "Andrew" <apatt@cyberback.com>
Reply-To: "Andrew" <apatt@cyberback.com>
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2002 20:38:30 -0600
To: <barbwire@ipa.net>
Subject: NO to the Greers Ferry Shoreline plan...

To Whom it May Concern,

We are against the new shoreline management plan for Greers Ferry lake. We do not think it would be in the best interest of the lake or the people who recieve their water supply from the lake.

Henry, Jean and Andrew Patterson.

From: "Andrew" <apatt@cyberback.com>
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Henry, Jean and Andrew Patterson.

From: Traci Tutor & Sharon Partain [mailto:ttandsp@cox-internet.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 5:02 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: no more boat docks

To whom it may concern;

I protest to no more boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake. These docks are not regulated like the marinas are. Even the marinas are not regulated like they should be but to put more private docks on the lake not only clutter the lake more but invites more boats, more pollution, and irresponsible boat owners, who are only here for the weekend and leave. I live here full time and do own a sail boat which is docked at Eden Isle marina. I have noticed there are a lot of empty slips. Greers Ferry lake is plenty big and there are plenty of marinas that have slips for rent. I am not for any more commercial or private boat docks.

Sincerely,
Sharon Partain
719 W. Front St.
Heber Springs, Ar 72543

Jan. 14, 2002

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Greers Ferry Lake
Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Patricia Anslow and Greers Ferry Lake Corps of Engineers,

I am concerned about the management plans to allow the increase of public and private docks around the lake. My family and I live in Van Buren County and have enjoyed the lake for fishing, boating and swimming for over twenty-five years. We have entertained many out of state friends on the lake and all have remarked at the quality of water and beautiful shoreline. There are other lakes that have equal beauty but the water is so cold they are not suitable for swimming. The climate, quality and beauty of Greers Ferry Lake in Arkansas makes it a unique recreational treasure. The increase of docks would definitely alter the quality that make it such a treasure.

The Corps should be proud of the care and protection of one of the few lakes in the country that features a great fishing lake large enough to accommodate canoes to sailboats, skiers and eagle observers, and still provide drinking water to several communities.

I know the many property owners on the lake would like their own personal dock. We have looked at real estate for friends and with our own retirement in mind and look for those places that have docks or easy access to the water. As nice as a personal dock would be and the ideal places slope gently to the water's edge I do not want to add to the destruction of our beautiful lake. I have witnessed what too many docks can do for a body of water and it is not a pretty or safe site.

Important too, is keeping a protective perimeter of land around the shoreline. In the years that we have been enjoying the lake we have noticed some changes due to the increase in population and use of the lake but overall I think the Corps has done a good job of managing the lake and I hope continues to maintain a high standard of care and quality for the total protection of the lake area.

People can go to many, many lakes in other places to find a dock right outside their door and right next to their neighbors docks. If investors and landowners really want that they can find it. In time to come this may be one of the only lakes in the country that has all the features I mentioned before available to the public, and that will be the responsibility of the Corps of Engineers. Please keep our lake as clean and beautiful as it is now. A few people will be upset but more people will be thanking you for years and years.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mooring

Nancy Mooring
17632 Hwy. 16W.
Clinton, Ar. 72031

From: Beatrice Mogule [mailto:beatricem2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 4:46 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: support

I support alternative two for shoreline management plan.

Beatrice Moguel

Do You Yahoo!?

Yahoo! Auctions Great stuff seeking new owners! Bid now!

December 27, 20001

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

Re: Rezoning of protected areas of shoreline, Greers Ferry Lake

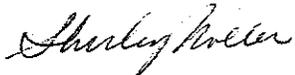
Dear Ms Anslow,

I have been following all the information regarding the Alternative 2. I wish to express my disagreement with the policy that would allow boat docks in prominent, scenic areas of the lake.

The letters in the paper stating that this Alternative 2 proposal would allow boat docks on Miller Point particularly has disturbed me. Miller Point is a beautiful scenic area where people often fish, ski and just admire the trees at the waters edge of the mountain. This point is portrayed in paintings at almost every art show in our area. A length of boat docks at the shore would destroy this panorama.

Greers Ferry Lake is known for its pristine- like shoreline. Visitors who choose this lake do so because of the natural look of the lake. It would be sad indeed for us to have to tell our grandchildren how beautiful the lake "used to look" in the old days before the proliferation of docks.

Sincerely,



Shirley Moller
350 Skyline Dr
Greers Ferry AR 72067

From: DellMonti@aol.com [mailto:DellMonti@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2002 5:10 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Public comments, G.F. SMP.

Dear Sirs:

I visit Greers Ferry Lake often and have studied your proposals for the Shoreline Management Plan. I support the preferred Alternative #2 since it has no significant adverse effect on the lake and is a fair balance that will meet the needs of the users of the lake.

Dell Montgomery
1837 Danville Road
Memphis, TN. 38117

Nov. 30, 2001

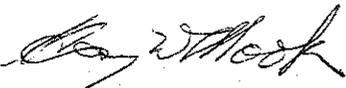
Ms Patrica Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan - Environmental
Impact Statement

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 am opposed to all alternatives contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement of November, 2001 including the one which reiterates the 2000 Shoreline Management Plan. I have experienced personally the damage that can be done by allowing private boat docks even in areas allocated as "limited development". Rezoning of areas formally allocated as "protected areas" would be a gross imposition on property owners adjacent to the dock, in addition to the large number of people who come to Greers Ferry Lake to enjoy it's natural beauty. As evidence of things that would happen if these areas were rezoned, I have attached two letters and a photo:

1. Letter to the Corps of Engineers concerning a boat dock that was built directly in front of the property we own. We are very upset because the dock and tiedown cables take up the entire area in front of our cottage.
2. Letter from the Corps outlining the position that although the dock is not in front of the owners property, the area is public property and they are not required to address concerns of adjacent landowners.
3. Picture of the offending dock.

Thank you for allowing me to share these concerns with you.



Harvey Mook
5881 Macinness Ave.
Memphis TN, 38119

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



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
GREERS FERRY PROJECT OFFICE
700 HEBER SPRINGS ROAD NORTH
HEBER SPRINGS, ARKANSAS 72543-9822

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: bsmoore@coruscant.net [mailto:bsmoore@coruscant.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 4:47 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

Hello,

I support alternative two for the shoreline managment plan.

Thanks,

Barrett Moore

This E-Mail was sent with Webmail.
<http://www.echostation.com>

From: Bob & Virginia Moore [mailto:vam@aristotle.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 4:09 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

All the fanfare against the Corp of Engineers approving an additional 93 boat docks is the most absurd thing that I have ever witnessed.

The 25 years that I have been on the 40,000+ acre lake I have witnessed the commercial marinas quadruple with 100s upon 100s of additional boat slips, but those making all the noise about 93 additional private boat docks kept their mouths shut while the lake's Marinas just keep expanding in size year after year.

They talk about pollution that would be caused by the 93 boat docks that will be scattered around the lake in the different coves, and up the rivers that make the lake, but not a word is heard about the pollution caused by the Marinas spread out into the lake, representing thousands of boats floating in the water. Now that Eden Isle Marina cannot expand any further at their existing location they petitioned the Corp to let them build an annex at Cove Creek. I don't remember hearing any objection to Eden Isle building another Marina at Cove Creek. Thus, I am baffled about all the fanfare over 93 more individual boat docks being approved on Greer's Ferry Lake. with many of them being located in areas that are not seen by most of the boaters on the lake, as with the 204 existing private boat docks already there. You don't see very many boat docks unless you go looking for them. However, you can't miss the Commercial Marinas sprawled over acres of water.

It just seems that since the lake has 343 miles of shoreline, at the maximum flood control pool, that increasing the private boat docks on the Lake from 204 to 297 will not have any significant ecological impact on the water quality. However, the large concentration of all types of boats moored at the Marinas would have some impact and those numbers have increased significantly over the years. Of course, these are Commercial Enterprises, but even at that, for the dissenters to criticize the approval of 93 more private docks because it would adversely affect the water quality, while not saying a word about ecological affect the large Marinas have on the water quality seems somewhat hypocritical to me. Is it that they just want to give the Corp of Engineers a hard time, because their argument is pure nonsense.

No! I don't have a boat dock nor has one been approved for me, and I will never have one, but I still think that too much fuss has been made over the approval of 93 private boat docks to be added to the existing 204 private docks. It is a senseless issue.

Bob Moore
501-470-4792

From: michael moore [mailto:michael@jwmooreinc.com]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 11:06 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Shoreline Management Plan

Ms Patricia Anslow

My Family has been a part of Greers Ferry Lake for nearly 25 years. Recently, we were approved for our community to get a boat dock. After starting the plans and signing a deal with the dock company, we were told that we had to stop and that we could not have a dock. We have spent more than a thousands dollars each on the boat dock so far, that we will not get back if this plan is not accepted. I support Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan. Now that the Corp has spent many hours and dollars to complete the EIS, we should be able to complete the dock that we have already been approved for and deserve. Any person that has been approved and spent money on a dock should be allowed to continue, even if no more are approved. It is frustrating to go around the lake and see all the other people who have docks and paths just because they are in the rural area of the lake. We are people who have followed the rules and even lost money so far by doing it. Thank you for your time.

Michael Moore
10270 Carnegie Club Drive
Collierville, TN 38017

From: Charles_Nabholz@nabprop.com [mailto:Charles_Nabholz@nabprop.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 3:26 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Attn: Tricia Anslow,

Dear Ms Anslow,

I write to express support for the preferred option #2 as identified in the draft EIS for the shoreline management plan as proposed for Greers Ferry Lake. The plan seems to represent a good balance , by preserving the natural beauty of the lake while accommodation the needs of those who seek the opportunity to enjoy it.

Charles Nabholz
4630 Sawgrass Cove
Conway Ark.72034

From: Paul Murphy [mailto:redriver@arkansas.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 8:23 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: SMP

Miss Anslow:

NO - We are very much opposed to the proposed shoreline plan.

Paul and Sally Murphy

From: Ike McEntire [mailto:murrysdinner@aristotle.net]
Sent: None
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: greers ferry

I would like to take the opportunity to let you know that I DO NOT want more boat docks on Greers Ferry. I feel that the docks will ruin the beauty of the lake. It will end up just like Lake Hamilton - Too many boats and rough water. This will take away from the reason for going to the lake - to enjoy nature and for peace. More boat docks on Greers Ferry is a bad idea. I would like to thank you for your consideration in this matter. NO MORE BOAT DOCKS ON GREERS FERRY!!!

Thank you again,

Ginger Murry

From: Jim Murski [mailto:jmurski@prodigy.net]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 1:51 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Shoreline Management Plan

I am for the plan the Corps proposes. I have noticed that most of the folks who oppose the plan have no real estate in the immediate area of the lake, including the all powerful Carl Garner who has retired on the Little Red.

The property owners clear the lake frontage year around rather than one day a year and get no recognition for their efforts.

January 7, 2002

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

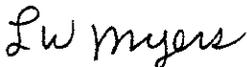
In Regard: Additional Boat Docks on Greers Ferry Lake

Gentlemen:

I am against your plan to add some 90 or so new private docks on Greers Ferry Lake and to clear additional forests along the shore line.

I would like to see Greers Ferry Lake to be maintained as natural and uncluttered as the original plan was to conserve our clean water resource.

Sincerely,



L.W. Myers
3139 Edgemont Road
Quitman, AR 72131-8675

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Reva N. Myers
3139 Edgemont Road
Quitman, AR 72131-8675



ARKANSAS
FIELD OFFICE
Saving the Last Great Places

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

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposal Shoreline Management Plans: Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anslow,

The Nature Conservancy's mission is protection of habitat for communities of rare, sensitive and endangered plants and animals. For that reason, our organization has a broad interest in ecological landscapes and those landscapes often include watersheds of river and lakes. Maintaining water quality is of keen interest for reasons of maintaining species health and viability.

Similarly, changes in land use at natural areas is of concern. Land clearing, removal of vegetation and creation of additional roads, parking lots and ramps, increases erosion and run-off from the land into lakes.

In Arkansas, where wildlife values are rich and diverse such as they are at Greers Ferry Lake, habitat is provided for a wide range of species including songbirds and small mammals. While these species are not now endangered, providing and maintaining suitable habitats for these creatures will insure their survival and lessen their risk of becoming endangered.

Additional permitted development of Greers Ferry Lake will negatively impact the natural values supported by the current water quality, vegetative cover and relatively undisturbed shoreline. That, and factors, such as erosion and other ramifications of construction, could have a negative effect on natural communities as a whole.

Sincerely,


Nancy DeLamar
State Director and Vice President

From: Bill and Joyce Miller [mailto:jnbmiller@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 5:38 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Attn: Tricia Anslow

I have been following, with interest, the environmental impact study as identified in the draft EIS for the shoreline management plan proposed for Greers Ferry Lake. The preferred option #2 seems to be positive for those who enjoy the boating, swimming etc, and does not appear to negatively affect the lake environment.

I support the preferred option #2 and encourage its adoption. I always consider those generations to follow ours and believe this will protect the lake for them.

Thank you,

Joyce Miller
Conway, Arkansas

From: Jmsht98@aol.com [mailto:Jmsht98@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 5:33 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Docks

Dear Sirs,

I would like you to consider putting docks up on a case by case bases. I would like for them to be in coves out of sight of the main channel with you having the final aproval for the building. Otherwise I think it should be left as commmercial free as possible. I'm not interested in having any more commerical businesses on the lake then there are already are. I have been to Lake Cathrine and I think part of there problem is that they are allowed to put up lake walls.

On the clearing to the water issue, I would like for people to submit a plan to clear to the lake. I think you should have access to a beach if you have waterfront property. Right now we have to go to a cove near us even though we are on the water because we can't do anything to improve the land to get us access to the water. It would need to be terraced with railroad ties for us to use it. I wish we could. Our property is in Morgan Manor. Otherwise we are happy with the way things are now. Thank you very much for allowing this imput.

Sincerely,
Maureen and Jim Miller
#69 Morgan Manor

From: James Mitchell [mailto:j_mitch@swbell.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 11:28 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: In favor of boat dock area increase

Dear CORPS:

My wife and I are land owners adjacent to the Corp's Fee take line in the Devils Fork area on the north side across from Frontier Canyon.

We feel like the original intent for Greers Ferry lake was to control flooding and create a recreational use area for the public.

We have read much of the pros and cons concerning an increase in allowed boat dock zoning. Having given this issue considerable thought we are both in favor of the increase even though it does not directly affect us at our location.

Thank You for your management efforts.

JAMES & RUTH MITCHELL

From: George Mobbs [mailto:gmobbs@alltel.net]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2002 6:35 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Shoreline Management Plan

Sirs:

As a property owner abutting the project boundary. I have had direct contact with your program of shoreline management during the past sixteen years.

I am in favor of any program which would relax the current set of regulations, and implement a more balanced use of the shoreline areas. Many voices cry out to leave the lake natural, however, there is nothing natural about it. It is a man-made lake. These are flooded Ozark Mountain valleys. Vast areas were not cleared of the forests, and the tree trunks remain to this day as a hazard to boaters and swimmers alike. Much of the shoreline is a tangled mass of briars and scrub growth, which is not at all natural, and is not conducive to wildlife habitat.

The water level drops dramatically in the summer. I have watched the bream valiantly defend their shallow water nests only to have them become bone dry lake beds the next week. I have watched the lake levels fluctuate so dramatically that boat dock owners and marinas are scrambling to ensure that their investments stayed moored. In the fall, the level drops so much that large areas of lake bottom are exposed, creating a landscape much like I would image the surface of the moon would look like. Surely a more constant lake level could be maintained, and still accommodate the goals of flood control, electrical power generation, and drinking water supply.

I feel that if the property owners adjacent to the public property, who were interested in doing so, were allowed to clear some of the unnatural undergrowth, thin out some of the smaller trees which are competing for the limited water and nutrients available, that it would make the entire area better for both man and beast alike. If it were indeed natural, and had not been logged and cleared over the years, the larger trees would eventually win out over the briars and undergrowth anyway, we would just be helping the process along a little.

In the past, from my vantage point anyway, the regulations have not seemed to be uniformly enforced. I was a guest at a home on a cove off the Narrows some years ago, and the corner of the house was right on the red line, and the owners mowed their lawn for hundreds of feet right up the shoreline where their boat dock was located, as did all of their neighbors. A woman in our area put a few large rocks out just off shore so she could get out of her small fishing boat without stepping into the water, and was fined \$300 for "unauthorized steps". I see lots of places where people mow right up to the lake, have four-wheelers down there, etc. and the Corps seems not to care.

In summary, I would be in favor of:

- a.. Allowing more boat docks.
- b.. Greater and easier access for adjacent property owners.
- c.. A more constant lake level to help promote wildlife and shoreline stabilization.

d.. A more uniform enforcement of whatever regulations are in effect at the time.

Thank you for soliciting public comment concerning these policies and regulations.

Sincerely,

George D. Mobbs, Jr.
707 1/2 Main Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114
501.978.7878

From: Patt Milam [mailto:riverdream@centurytel.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2002 10:02 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Docks on Greers Ferry

Please do not permit more docks on the beautiful Greers Ferry Lake.
We have enough.. too many congested lakes already, we do NOT need another.
Consider the water, the fish, the birds.. consider the future.
Leave the lake be.
Thank you for your consideration,
Patt Milam
2819 CR 452
Berryville, AR 72616

From: Bob McMurtrey [mailto:bob_mcmurtrey@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 7:56 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

LITTLE ROCK U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS
LITTLE ROCK, AR
ATT: TRISH ANSLOW

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am writing to let you know that I am AGAINST the new Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan. I own property at Greers Ferry Lake and am there frequently during the summer. However, since I live in Wynne, AR, I am unable to attend meetings regarding the Plan.

Please include my NO vote regarding this Plan when your are tallying the comments you receive during the Public Comment Period.

Thank you,

BOB MCMURTREY
36 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE
WYNNE, AR 72396

Chat with friends online, try MSN Messenger: <http://messenger.msn.com>

From: The McNeals [mailto:mcneals@hbeark.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 8:32 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Re: Soul Supporters

This is to address the Greers Ferry Lake issue regarding more boat docks and slips etc. Please consider carefully the outcome this will have on the ecology of the lake. We should be thoughtful stewards of this beautiful state.

Sincerely,

Ramona McNeal
601 Orchard Drive
Berryville, AR..72616
870-423-6969

From: Liesel [mailto:liesel@mymailstation.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2002 1:07 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: re: Greers Ferry

You asked for comments: since I don't have learned ones, I can just offer comments about my feelings about GF Lake: I'd prefer to keep the lake as clean and uncluttered as possible, think tourists are accommodated well. I don't mind sharing water from GF with communities in need. As far as lakefront lot owners are concerned I think that they knew of the restrictions when they bought and now have to continue to abide by them. We all know that changes around us won't stop occurring and some are necessary and beneficial, but I don't count those planned for Greers Ferry among them. Liesel McSpadden, Heber Springs

From: Terzino Bomprezzi [mailto:cruise2@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2002 10:43 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: GERRY FERRY SHORELINE

Dana Needham,

Madam, I'm the daughter of William Davis, Jr..the retired Land Surveyor. He had sent me the message about the additional boat docks to the beautiful Gerry Ferry lake few days ago.

I'm very much opposed to that idea. I had grew up going there many, many times and still going. Had always enjoy the beauty. And knowing the hard work that men including my father developing the lake (Corps of Engineering).

Arkansas is well known as "Natural State" by every states in U.S. of America. Why should it be ruined by adding more docks? There are enough of those. If people are whining or demanding for more dock...go tell them go somewhere else. There are alarming increasing lots of damages such as litter, disease, pollution, decreasing wildlife, native vegetation in many area. It will take years and years to clean up. Don't let that lake be in the category.

Add my name on the petition against this matter.

Thank you for the attention.

Teresa Melder

**Bill Luplow
19 Nob View Circle
Little Rock, AR 72205-2430
(501) 225-9421**

January 9, 2002

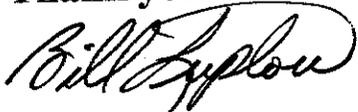
**Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867**

Dear Patricia Anslow:

Please know I am totally opposed to the new Shoreline Management Plan by the U.S. Corps of Engineers at Greers Ferry Lake and you should be as well! We both know it will increase pollution dramatically as well as eliminate the tremendous beauty of the lake as we now enjoy.....don't we?

Please do all possible to stop this atrocity immediately!!!

Thank you and most kind regards,


Bill Luplow

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

To Whom This May Concern:

The scare tactics used by the "soul" group in Heber Springs and apparently taken literally by the editorial writers of the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette were uncalled for. The last platform for the "Save the Lake" group was environment and not meeting NEPA guidelines. This time, they know that the Corps of Engineers has done an EIS study that not only met but also exceeded NEPA guidelines and still showed no significant impact on the environment for several of the options, but especially Options 2 and 4. Now they must resort to the lies and extreme misrepresentation of the Shoreline Management Plan to get people to respond in a negative way toward the plan. It would be much simpler for the group to tell the whole truth and let the people decide.

I have friends who have, unfortunately, read only what the newspaper has printed and are, of course, opposed to covering the shoreline with "ugly docks" For some of them, I have been able to change their minds by giving them the facts as outlined by the Corps and referring them to your website. Those who are unwilling to yield to facts, however, are still convinced it is a bad thing.

I hope you will not give serious attention to those responders who quote the newspaper or other misleading statements. If I were coming out of a grocery store in Heber Springs or Greers Ferry and someone showed me the pictures that they showed those who signed their petition of an ugly commercial boat dock on Lake Lanier and a pristine shoreline during sunset on Greers Ferry and asked me if I wanted Greers Ferry to look like that, I would of course sign the petition, saying no. Most people will not dig for the facts before signing anything and will essentially sign anything put in front of them so that they can get to their car with groceries. I am certainly not that way and probably you are not either but, as you know, many people will sign anything. Likewise, many people will tear off a "clip n' mail" coupon from the newspaper and mail it in. These responders, likewise, are acting on inaccurate information and these clippings, in my opinion, should be discounted. If someone placed an ad saying that the U.S. Forestry Service was going to allow clear-cutting of Ouachita National Forest, I would probably sign the coupon and send it in. The truth of the matter was probably that the Forestry Service might allow selective thinning in one area of the forest but an exaggerated tale makes for a larger number of responses. Many people would not check out the facts before signing it when the intention was never to clear-cut the forest.

In summary, I know you guys know what you are doing and, based on the EIS study and legitimate comments, you will come to a decision. I would only hope that you would also trust the Corps of Engineers and not the "Save the Lake" group to manage Greers Ferry Lake.

Sincerely,



From: Tim Marshall, Sr. [mailto:twm@ipa.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 5:19 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: shoreline management plan

I would like to go on record as to my support of the purposed shoreline plan. I feel that it is a very good plan. There is plenty of shoreline that isn't zoned for boatdocks. The extra clearing of the shoreline will not hurt anything as long as the corp continues to monitor it. The economic impact will be good for the companies that build boatdocks and the value of the land that is rezoned.

Tim Marshall Sr
P.O. Box 403
Higden, Ar 72067
501-723-8144

From: jay marks [mailto:jmarks66@home.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2002 1:45 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: alternative 2 for the smp

Dear Army Corps of Engineers;

I support alternative 2 for the Shoreline mangement plan.

I know you guys study these issues long and hard before you grant boat dock permits.

Please do not allow a very loud but very small minority to sway your thinking on this matter.

It's obvious to all concerned that the big marina owners are behind this opposition. They stand to lose alot of business and just might have to get more reasonable with their fees if more individuals could wiggle out from under their grasp. We also know that others in the opposition forces already have their own boat docks and greedily want things to stay the same to increase their own property values. It really comes down to a matter of selfishness and greed. That small, but loud group wants the lake to be for their own enjoyment and the rest of us just need to go away and let them have their peace. Plese consider serving more of the public by not caving in to these loud selfish bullies. We know you guys have the good sense to keep things in control with a few appropriately placed docks. Hang Tough!!

From: Thomas Maguire [mailto:papabear23@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 12:45 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: SAVE GREERS FERRY LAKE

AS A PROPERTY OWNER TWO LAKE FRONT PLACES I STRONGLY OPPOSE ADDING ANY MORE DOCKS TO THE LAKE. THE WEEKEND TRAFFIC GETS SOMEWHAT TESTY AT TIMES. I HAVE HAD IT WITH THE JET SKIS . THE NOISE AND THE CONSTANT WAKES MORE THEN TESTS MY PATIENCE
LETS KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS . THE PRESENT CONDITIONS ARE MANAGEABLE . WHY TEST FATE . MORE DOCKS ONLY MEANS MORE TRASH, MORE POLLUTION AND THE GOOD THINGS YOU HAVE DEVELOPED ON THE LAKE. THE MARINA'S ARE NOT THAT BOOKED UP THAT THESE PEOPLE CAN'T FIND A SLIP. I 'VE HAD TWO SLIPS SINCE '86 AND SEE MANY OPENINGS DURING THE SEASON. LEAVE THE LAKE AS IT IS GREAT.

From: hunter and cathy [mailto:kathym@ozarkmountains.com]

Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 10:53 AM

To: Eis, Gf SMP

Subject: docks

sir, more docks will in all probability just open the floodgates to more development, pollution and sprawl. Maybe not in my lifetime or your but our kids. isnt there a way to keep things natural. I respectfully ask that no new docks of any kind be permitted on greers. lets start saving the lake now for our childrens sake. thank you

hr magness

From: Mike MacKinder [mailto:mackcrs@raineyrealty.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 7:30 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Alternative 2

I support Alternative 2 for Greers Ferry Lake.

Mike MacKinder, CRB, CRS
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January 17, 2002

Mrs. Gail D. McKenzie
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Miss Patricia Anslow
Corps of Engineers
Little Rock Engineer District
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

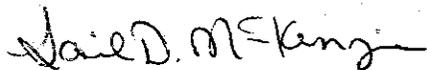
Dear Miss Anslow;

I live in Heber Springs and enjoy the beauty of Greers Ferry Lake everyday. When you are out in a boat on the lake you feel as though you are out in the wilderness with no other people nearby, however, we realize there are lots of houses behind all those trees. But that is what is so beautiful about the lake. There are lots of houses, but very few can be seen from the lake. This would not be true if the shoreline was cleared and if private boat docks were allowed.

I feel that the lake should remain as it is under the rules we have now. It has worked beautifully all these years - why change it? My parents live on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs and I am afraid Greers Ferry Lake would eventually become like that - boat docks at every house, sea walls, cleared property. And eventually the water would no longer be clear and clean. I live on Eden Isle and do not have my own boat dock. I would rather have a beautiful lake than the convenience of a boat dock in front of my house. If I can live without it, so can anyone else.

I don't understand why the Corps of Engineers feel they need to change the rules. If it isn't broke - why fix it? I am definitely AGAINST the alternatives that the Corps is proposing.

Sincerely,



Gail D. McKenzie

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From: Ron.McKenzie@alltel.com [mailto:Ron.McKenzie@alltel.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 10:54 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Cc: Jeff.McKenzie@alltel.com
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Plan

January 18, 2001

It seems to me that we all need to be responsible with the use of our environment. This would extend to our use of public and private land, water and air space. At the same time, we should understand that our mere existence on this earth impacts all of our precious God-given resources - not just our water resources.

I wonder if the opposition to the Corps' new plan for Greers Ferry Lake also advocates confining limits on the number of homes that border and overlook the lake. I also wonder what government group the opposition is going to attach next. Will it be the Arkansas Park Service for their work and planning as it relates to the public interest? Are they planning to attach the Game and Fish Commission for their work on behalf of balanced wildlife management? Are they planning to attach the county and city governments in the area for their respective contributions to the public's welfare? Are they about to suggest that the public not visit their lake because too much air and ground pollution is associated with the public's recreational habits?

The shoreline plan does not represent "Development out of control." It represents a balanced piece of work that was put forth for the benefit of the public. Greers Ferry Lake is not "Under Attack." The opposition's colors are showing. Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc. is the party that is "out of control" by attaching the valid and balanced interests of their neighbors bordering Greers Ferry Lake.

In spite of the noise generated by the opposition to the new plan, the Corps should do what is right and balanced and in the best interest of all concerned. As we all know, most noise pollution today is generated by a few radicals that have no quiet and appropriate justification for their cause. I trust that our leaders and officials have enough good judgment to discount the noise pollution as they continue to make good decisions that serve the balanced interest of all concerned.

Ron McKenzie
Eden Isle - Greers Ferry Lake
and
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North Little Rock AR

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JON & KAY MCKINNIE

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January 9, 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 Plan

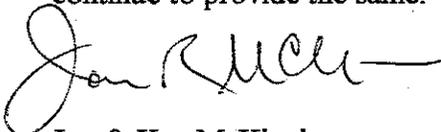
Dear Ms. Anslow:

Four years ago, my wife and I discovered this most pristine area and purchased our property, high above Greers Ferry Lake. We had looked far and wide across America for a new home and retirement area. The quality of air and water is unsurpassed. With its uninterrupted shoreline, Greers Ferry Lake has such natural beauty. The Army Corps. Of Engineers is to be commended for preserving the lake's splendor and natural environment.

But, now there is movement to disrupt this natural beauty for the benefit of few. As custodian of nature's wonder, the Corps must not effect change for the sake of change but make every effort to protect that natural beauty for the benefit of the masses.

Therefore, I am vehemently opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. I am also opposed to all alternatives contained in the draft Impact Statement of November, 2001.

May God speak quietly to your souls and help you make the correct decisions. Thanks again for the wonderful work the Army Corps of Engineers have done in the past and we hope that you will continue to provide the same.



Jon & Kay McKinnie

From: Lowell E. McCoy [mailto:lowellm@hypertech.net]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2002 1:21 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Sirs,

My wife Mary Lou and I have read at least some of the material published about the US Army Corps of Engineers' proposal to increase by 93 the number of possible private boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake. It seems to us that this is not a good thing to do. We came here to Fairfield Bay on March 7, 2001, so we have not been here quite a year yet, but we believe this is a negative move and we oppose it.

Sincerely,

Lowell & Mary Lou McCoy
262 Pine Hill Road
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088
(501) 884-7455

From: Gary Mays [mailto:garymays@ipa.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 5:39 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Implement the plan...

It is unfortunate that the former Greers Ferry Lake Resident Engineer, Carl Garner and his group of concerned citizens have distorted the facts of the 2000 SMP by not telling the whole story.

I recommend you implement the 2000 SMP recommended by our current Greers Ferry Lake Resident Engineer Tommy Parks and his group of experts. Let the facts speak and implement the plan.

Thanks, Gary Mays

From: The Mays [mailto:tgmay@iAmerica.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 1:44 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greer's Ferry Lake

Please do not allow any more boat docks on the Lake.

Thomas G. May

From: Robert Mayfield [mailto:robt_1@swbell.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2002 7:34 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: EIS

The Corp of Engineers have done an exceptional job in their drafts of the Shoreline Management Plan and Environmental Documents. We agree with their findings, and we feel the drafts are very fair and impartial. It is a very well-balanced plan which has excellent resource protection, and we hope the plan will be accepted in its entirety.

Thank you,
Bob and Gloria Mayfield

From: Mayo Harold L. [mailto:hlmayo@IPA.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 12:36 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Re. Greers Ferry Proposed SMP

Ms. Patricia Anslow

Several years ago I invested a considerable sum in the Peter Creek area of Greers Ferry Lake. This particular area was and is designated as a pristine area and no boat docks are allowed, nor will they be allowed in this immediate area. However, this does not mean that they can not be added across the lake in an area that shares the beautiful view that attracted me to this site originally. There were 2 very unsightly boat docks there when I bought this place and they are still sitting there and still detracting from this beautiful view.

I am opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake that would allow an increase in the number of private multi slip boat docks in formerly protected areas of this beautiful lake area. There seems to be more of the large multi slips on the lake each time we venture out. allowing additional mowing along the shores would only detract from the beauty of this lake. It appears that several persons already ignore the mowing ban, pay a small fine, but make no effort to restore the vegetation that they illegally removed.

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

Sincerely

HAROLD L. MAYO
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--- hlmayo@IPA.net
--- EarthLink: The #1 provider of the Real Internet.

From: Al Mathison [mailto:whirlybird975@cox-internet.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 10:12 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Att: Ms Patricia Anslow

Mr & Mrs Alfred E. Mathison
2326 W. Smokey Ridge
Heber Springs, AR. 72543

Dear Ms. Anslow:

We are defiantly 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. This plan would 1. increase the multislip boat docks permitted on the Lake; 2. rezone areas of the Lake to allow for permitting of private multislip boat docks in formerly Protected Areas; and 3. increase vegetation modification (mowing, tree trimming & removal could be allowed on Government land adjacent to the Lake.

All of the above would add to the reduction of our beautiful view while using the Lake for cruising or fishing. We can envision a lake in the future looking like Lake Conway.

I worked as a Planner for 20 years for the Helix Water District in La Mesa, CA. in the San Diego area no lakes that served potable water to the public were allowed to have houses in or on the watershed with the exception of a few small reservoirs that were built in the 1800s.

The California State Department of Health had very stringent rules about fishing and body contact sports on terminal reservoirs and deadline distances from any outlet towers were strictly enforced.

We are very concerned that standards now enforced will become lessened and cause serious problems in the future. This is for a few owners who want boat docks and clearing to enjoy a better view of the Lake, as opposed to the hundreds of thousands who enjoy the Lake for its beauty.

Sincerely,

Naomi and Al Mathison

From: Ed Matthews [mailto:edsrock@centurytel.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2002 12:02 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Cc: Marion "Friends" O'Leary
Subject: opposition to Greers Ferry dock expansion

Attention: Trish Anslow
RE Rezoning of any shoreline on Greers Ferry Lake

My wife and I desire to register our opposition to the Corp of Engineers establishing rezoning of the shoreline of Greers Ferry Lake that would allow an additional 93 boat docks to be created , a rezoning/a permitting that would allow landowners to clear up to 100 feet of the brush-tree line.

Please do not fall prey to the short-sighted thinking, "it is only an increase of 1 % and therefore will not make for any significant change;" nor for the rationale about a "balance between recreation and aesthetics." Such is about far more that "aesthetics." It is about conserving nature! And there are the persons who talk about "rights of homeowners superceding..." A public lake area such as Greers Ferry is more about the rights of the general tax-payer public wanting it to remain uncluttered. I join those that insist upon lessening the chance for pollutants to get into the lake. Even 1% more makes such an impact due to use of gasoline/oils, sewerage discharge, and mowing activity around boat docks, all having a long-term negative impact on water quality.

Let us, the children of the Creator God who have been assigned by God the task of caretaker, work together to maintain and conserve the gifts of nature, doing the least possible that would do more to diminish that pristine, mostly untouched terrain on that shoreline; -nothing that would erode either the banks nor the lake water.

Ed Matthews, member of Bd. of Directors
Friends of North Fork & White Rivers

From: Maxwell, Ron [mailto:RFMaxwell@sosmail.state.ar.us]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 2:39 PM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Save Greers Ferry Lake

Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock, AR

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I have been following the controversy surrounding the Corps' new shoreline management plan for Greers Ferry Lake. After considering both sides of the arguments, I have to say that I am very much opposed to this proposal.

I grew up in Van Buren County and watched Greers Ferry Lake slowly fill up in the 1960's. My family and I have literally lived on the lake and enjoyed many wonderful vacations and weekend events throughout the years of its existence. We've also enjoyed clean, safe drinking water from this lake as do so many thousands of people in the region.

For many years, I lived and worked at Fairfield Bay and even served as president of the Greers Ferry Lake and Little Red River Tourism Association in 1983. As a result, I'm well acquainted with the economic impact an environmentally secure lake has on the region. In all this time, the greatest attraction of the lake, besides the awesome natural beauty surrounding it, is the fact that it still gives one the feeling of being uncrowded and uncluttered. I want it to stay that way, not only for my family and me, but for future generations in the centuries to come. The lake is a wonderful treasure that must be preserved for the enjoyment of all. Please don't allow irreparable harm to the pristine shoreline we have now by adding more boatdocks and development, plus the further clearing of natural vegetation. We have too much of that as it is now!

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this vitally important decision. Shoreline management is a very fragile task, I'm sure, and I know you can never please everyone. But you have an opportunity now to preserve the environment of Greers Ferry Lake for all to enjoy and I hope you will see fit to do so.

Good luck to you and the fine people at the Corps of Engineers.

Sincerely,

Ron Maxwell
Director of Governmental Affairs
Office of the Arkansas Secretary of State

From: ALM [mailto:alm@cei.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 9:43 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Cc: ffbnews@hypertech.net
Subject: Fw: GREERS FERRY LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Resend due to incorrect email address.

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

From: ALM
To: gf.smpeis@usace.army.mil
Cc: ffbnews@hypertech.net
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 9:38 AM
Subject: GREERS FERRY LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dear Decision-Makers -

As a long time property owner and resident of Fairfield Bay, I oppose the "new" plan to open up the shoreline of the lake to additional private/semi-private boat dock locations. It may only be 90 now, but the precedent will have been set for the future. And, it's not a truly beneficial one. I have seen what happens to other of the lakes in Arkansas such as Lake Hamilton, when the move is made in the direction you propose.

I am also opposed to giving land owners / developers any more leeway on their management (tree trimming, mowing, etc.) of the shoreline area greater than that which is already allowed.

Greers Ferry Lake is a unique treasure in this state - let's us not destroy it as a result of the pressures from a vocal minority!!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely - Anne L. Martin
107 Sweetbriar Ct.
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088-3636
(501)884-6992

From: Stacy Mason [mailto:srgmason@alltel.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 5:59 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Boat Docks

Dear Arkansas Corps of Engineers:

My family and I have enjoyed visiting Greers Ferry Lake and plan to visit there in the future as well. I am writing to voice my support for allowing additional boat docks on the lake. The family we visit when we go there was approved for a boat dock but, after the lawsuit, did not get to put it in the water. They live in a cove, and I really can't see how an individual boat dock would negatively effect the lake. I understand that the findings of your studies support my opinion. I am appreciative of the efforts you have put forth in studying this matter.

Sincerely,

Stacy Mason

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December 28, 2001

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

Re: Greers Ferry Boat Dock Plan

Dear Ms. Auslow:

This letter is written concerning your current plan for allowing additional boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake.

Very seldom does the opportunity present itself where a government entity has the ability to make up for a situation where others have suffered because of a mistake that was made. The allocation of new boat dock permits is such an opportunity.

Under your last proposed plan, my neighbor, Shelby Moore and I relied upon the Corps plan as being adequate and legal and made application for a boat dock. In order to comply with your regulations we entered into a contract to construct a dock and submitted a dock plan and application. Our contract was contingent upon getting a permit from you which we received.

When the plan was contested, we spent attorney fees to protect our position and support the Corps plan. When the Corps withdrew its plan and canceled the permits, our Court efforts were over. As a direct result of our reliance upon the Corps and at our attempt to obtain a boat dock we suffer a loss under the dock contract and for the attorney fees. Legally, the Corps could not reimburse us our losses and we had no course of action to recoup our losses.

Now the opportunity is in the Corps hands to in some way correct the above unfortunate situation. Under the "do right rule" the Corps can allow those who received boat dock permits under the prior plan to reapply for a permit and to receive a permit if all of your regulations are met.

We can never recover our loss, however, we can say, if this suggestion is followed, that the Corps did its very best to right a wrong. If our boat dock plan and location was approved by the Corps in the past, it surely must be acceptable at this time. Please do not let this opportunity to right a wrong pass us by.

Sincerely,



Clem Miller
108 Woodcove Drive
Fairfield Bay, Arkansas 72088

January 09, 2002

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

Let's say I knew a beautiful woman and that I was proud to say I knew her and I enjoyed her company. This would be much like my relationship with Greers Ferry Lake with its natural shoreline.. Beautiful to the extent that you brag a little and like to show it off.

Now, let's say this beautiful woman had a diamond pierced into the side of her nose and had a bead implanted in the tip of her tongue. No longer would she be as beautiful. Later she may even implant other items in her forehead and *I would be less inclined to show her off.*

The lake belongs to all of us, and for the sake of the majority, please don't change the current status.



Clem Miller

From: Kristopher Shewmake, M.D.
[mailto:kshewmake@arkansasplasticsurgery.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 5:06 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: smp 2000

I am writing to comment on the SMP 2000 plan. The Corp is doing it's job well and I see no reason to question their motives or integrity now. The "Save the Lake" group is generating hundreds of comments based on totally FALSE information, exaggeration and rumor. Any negative comments received as a result of these lies should be taken with a grain of salt - they mean nothing. They are afraid to tell the whole truth because it would not serve their cause as well. Unfortunately, the Dem/Gaz has bought Carl Garner's lies and has for some strange reason chosen not to publish the whole truth. No truth - no balanced perspective. I' sure these editorials full of misinformation and lies have generated numerous responses from people who have read them and not had the wherewithal to verify the information with the Corp of Engineers. These responses should also be taken lightly by the Corp. as they are based on false information. The taxpayers spent almost 500,000 dollars of the EIS study which essentially validated the previous EA. Why isn't this enough? Because it was never about the environment. It was about Carl and his rich band of groupies at Eden Isle who feel like they should have control of the lake. Are they willing to take over the responsibility of the whole lake - I sincerely doubt it. The Corp has done a great job with Greer's Ferry Lake, despite what Carl Garner and his group says. If the Corp. recommends Option 2 based the EIS study and balancing the needs and wants of those served by them, then I support them.

Sincerely,

Jill Hatfield

January 20, 2002

David and Jennie Haughaboo
13014 Natural Steps Drive
Roland, AR. 72135

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

Dear Trish:

We are property owners on Greers Ferry Lake. We have a home on a very beautiful lot that gradually goes down to the water. We have owned our lot since 1972 and plan to retire there in the future. Having a boat dock would be nice and convenient, but the most important thing to us is keeping the lake the natural beauty it is. We love the fact that there are few boat docks and boat slips. We want to keep the lake clean and clutter free. We want to cast our **votes AGAINST BOAT DOCK AND BOAT SLIPS on Greers Ferry Lake.**

We love our lake, I pray that this beautiful clean treasure that we all can enjoy will remain as it is today.

Thank you,


David and Jennie Haughaboo

From: Joe Hewgley [mailto:JoeH@ag.state.ar.us]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 1:33 PM
To: 'ceswl-pa@swl02.usace.army.mil'
Subject: comments on Greers Ferry Reservoir boat dock policy

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to submit these comments on the matter of permitting additional boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake.

I am opposed to the Corps of Engineers permitting any additional docks. I grew up in Northwest Arkansas in the area of Beaver Reservoir, and I know first hand what over-development can do to the environmental conditions on and about a beautiful lake. With additional boat docks come more trails, mowing, noise, gas and oil spills, not to mention the spoliation of the viewshed.

I also believe that the Corps should do a better job on all its impoundments of enforcing mowing or tree or brush clearing restrictions along shoreline areas. These areas should be expanded, not contracted. It goes without saying that these uncut areas are important for erosion control, wildlife habitat, as well as helping to preserve the natural appearance of the lakes. I fully realize that many homeowners on lake lots would like to maintain golf course fairway conditions all the way to the water's edge. But they should not be allowed to do so on public land.

Once again the Corps has an opportunity to demonstrate that it is an agency that has evolved from its past mismanagement of our natural resources. As with the U.S. Forest Service, the Corps can make policy decisions today that signal a break from the mistakes of the past, and create confidence in the public that it is an agency that guards our threatened natural environments.

Joe Hewgley
Attorney
Little Rock

From: Bruno Hess [mailto:export@garreco.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 2:31 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Increase in Boat Docks - Greers Ferry Lake, AR

This is to advise you that I strongly oppose the proposal for a 30% increase in boat docks
And I also want to preserve this source of clean drinking water.

Bruno Hess
308 W. Front Street
Heber Springs, AR 72543-2502
e-mail bhess@ipa.net

From: John Loyd [mailto:jpljohn@cei.net]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2002 2:04 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Comments..

For: Trish Anslow:

Trish. my family and I live in Jacksonville, Arkansas and often travel to Heber Springs, Greers Ferry, Chocktaw. We are very appreciative of the beauty of the lake and think beyond a doubt that approval of additional boat docks and any relaxing of the controls on the existing docks would be a terrible mistake that could never be reversed.

One point that lingers in my mind. Prior to 1999, Arkansas folks and the many visitors that come to our state could enjoy a boat ride under the Greers Ferry bridge and would only see boats that were tied to the shoreline and owned by residents along the lake. The Narrors commerical dock was available and many of the boaters used this dock. The dock was located so as to not impede the flow of boating traffic. Then came authorization for change and the commercial dock expanded the number of slips and extended the commercial activity into the main channel of water. Along with this authorized expansion, property was purchased along the water way and now houses a boat storage complex.

Second point that lingers. I invite you to travel from the Mill Creek park access North and West to Fair Field bay, The lake is wide and boaters can enjoy an ride along bank covered with trees and not marred by personally, or commercially owner docks. Since there are two major housing developments under way in the Edgemont community, it is easy to project that these developers will want to create commercial docks and market their property to buyers that would pay the maximum for lake access with their own dock.

Finally, I think that the EIS being used is two dollars woth of bull packaged in a one dollar bag. Not too long ago, it was proposed that lakes like Greers Ferry and other like them that are still controlled by non commercial interest be sold to major commerical interest. Only after an uprising by the locals in Arkansas and like states did the poltticians remove their support for the sale and allowed lakes like Greers Ferry to be controlled by the Corps. I sincerely hope that the Corps have not been infiltrated by commercial interest.

Please do not down grade the existing regulations to allow the shoreline to be marred with four wheeler tracks and removal of the natural beauty that some Arkansas folks still enjoy.

Respectfully,

JOHN LOYD
Native Arkansan

this would be any different?
Will we never learn?

Sincerely,
Geraldine M^cCurry

1/10/03

To Whom it May Concern,

Without repeating all the reasons so many others have listed, please add my name to the list of citizens who want to "Save Bruce Ferry Lake."

I will probably not live to see our lake ruined but, I assure you, it will happen if the Corps goes ahead with its plan. I have already watched it happen too many times. Why would anyone think

72203+0267



Dear Mrs. Anslow:

Please do not develop Greers
Ferry Lake with boat docks.

It is one of our best and beautiful
lakes in Arkansas. Keep one
as natural as possible!!

Please count this note as 2 votes
against development... My
husband and myself!

Sincerely,
Doraine Douglas
(Mrs. Frank H. Douglas)

Please Do Not allow
new boat docks at Greens
Ferry Lake!

Marcia Darr

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From: PDunaway@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 11:29 AM
To: gr.smp.eis@usace.army.mil
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Greers Ferry Lake is a treasure. Please do not implement the new plan which includes allowing more docks and allowing property owners to be able to clear up to 100 feet of brush.

Pam Dunaway
Little Rock, Arkansas

From: Gdunaway@aol.com [mailto:Gdunaway@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 3:47 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Against Docks on Greers Ferry Lake

Re: Opposed to docks on Greers Ferry lake

Dear Corps,

I am opposed to any additional private docks being added to Greers Ferry Lake for several reasons including, aesthetics, water quality, wildlife enhancement and the fact this natural asset is much better utilized by the citizens of this country as a recreational and natural area.

These lakes are not an amenity of private property owners. How can anyone justify that they are supposed to have rights on publicly owned property? Was this lake built with private funds? Is it being maintained with private funds? Why should land, rivers and lakes owned by the public receive less protection from the Army than private property? Arguable, these natural treasures should receive more protection because they are owned by all the citizens of this country.... past, present and future.

I understand the Corps receives lots of pressure from politicians, developers and riparian owners. You need to let them know you appreciate they have rights as well, but you are bound by a little document called the Constitution of the United States that says no property can be taken away from folks, including the public.

Developers and riparian owners are fortunate that they can live on such a beautiful lake and use it like the rest of us. I support adequate access for boats, but this should be confined to public access areas where we can ALL get to the lake, thank you very much.

Thanks for considering my views.

Gene Dunaway
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gdunaway@aol.com

From: BdSSI@aol.com [mailto:BdSSI@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 5:30 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Permitting of Additional Docks on Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Corps,

Please take notice to the lessening of natural resources in Arkansas and begin to change your policies accordingly. No institution can be effective if it does not reflect contemporary changes in our world. It appears to me your permitting policies are no longer acceptable given our available resources.

I'm speaking about the possibility of your permitting 90 or so new docks on Greers Ferry Lake. Just because other docks have been previously permitted when there was plenty of space...plenty of high quality water...plenty of natural habitats, to me, it does not mean the Corps must continue this practice in order to be fair to other people who want docks...especially when we're seeing our resources dwindle at a rate to fast to be believed.

These lakes are for every public citizen's enjoyment...not just a few landowners. It is our public right to have these places reserved and protected. This lake was not built with private funds. We, the citizens paid for it. As the institution that is supposed to protect the public's rights, how can you justify taking those rights away for a few private landowners? that time is over. We need to change policies that reflect our diminishing resources.

I understand the Corps receives lots of pressure from politicians, developers and riparian owners. You need to let them know you appreciate they have rights as well, but are bound by a little document called the Constitution of the United States that says no property can be taken away from folks, including the public.

Developers and landowners are very fortunate to be able to live on such a beautiful lake. We are fortunate to have a farm on the White River ourselves. However, one way of contributing to the well-being of the beauty of our state and our country...as landowners...is to act as if everyone has the same rights to public waterways we do...even on the shores of the land we ourselves own.

Please take the stand you are being paid to take. It is a stand for protection of public right rather than for private gain by any one person or entity.

Thank you for your attention.

Beverly M. Dunaway
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From: {USER_FIRSTNAME} {USER_LASTNAME} [mailto:army@ipa.net]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 1:34 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: 2000 SMP Greers Ferry

I wish to state my opposition to the 2000 SMP for Greers Ferry. Those who bought property on the lake were aware of the restrictions on clearing land and the limitation of boat docks. There is plenty of public access to launch watercraft and adequate commercial boat docks.

A major attraction of Greers Ferry is the uncluttered shore line and that most houses do not appear to be sitting at the waters edge.

Lets keep our lake as it is. I live in Searcy and have fished and enjoyed the lake since I moved here in 1981.

Thank you,

Bob Duffy
mailto:army@ipa.net

From: TrustOfcr@aol.com [mailto:TrustOfcr@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2002 4:08 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Proposal to expand docking and site clearance at Greers Ferry Lake

Attention: Patricia Anslow, Little Rock Corp of Engineers

Dear Patricia,

We are vehemently opposed to any changes in the management policy for Greers Ferry Lake. We bought property on Greers Ferry Lake because we have seen bad examples of overbuilding of docks and unsightly docks that disintegrate, leaving boards, tires and styrofoam floating in the lake. It is the unspoiled beauty and ecological balance that attracted us in the first place, and an awareness of the rules of our community and the government that were in place to protect our lake from becoming another disaster for the sake of money. If we wanted to live where there is trash all around, we could easily have found countless places to choose from. Greers Ferry Lake is one of the jewels that tell the world something good about Arkansas. Spoil it and you will be living down to a reputation Arkansas would like to overcome. Thank you. Roger and Judy Duitsman, 108 TeePee Trail, Fairfield Bay, AR.

From: Melissa Druff [mailto:druffm@cfw.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 3:32 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Support for Alternative 4

As a long time user of Greer's Ferry Lake (since 1969), I do not want to see the lake become inundated with boat docks. I do, however, think that as long as there is minimal impact on the long-range views and noise pollution, that more boat docks should be allowed. By setting the more rigid standards (that proposed boat docks should meet a 90% requirement), the Corps should for any length of time into the future be able to control sight and noise pollution on the lake.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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From: Katrina Druff [mailto:kat.druff@home.com]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 1:44 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Shoreline Mgmt Plan

I am writing in support of Amendment 2 of the proposed Shoreline Mgmt Plan draft Environmental Impact Statement.

My family owns property on the lake and we use it year round. Having been on the lake a lot on boats and jet skis, I have seen the docks already there. Newer ones seem to get more attractive all the time. I do not believe the number of new docks proposed would adversely affect the looks of the lake at all.

Katrina Druff
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From: Frits Druff [mailto:f.druff@home.com]
Sent: Saturday, December 15, 2001 10:11 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Comments regarding the draft EIS

I am submitting the following comments regarding the draft of the proposed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Please include these comments in your considerations before issuing your final EIS and Shoreline Review.

Regarding the issuance of new boat dock zoning, I support the approval of more boat docks on the lake, except in those cases where the color is harsh and the dock does not blend with the environment. I would like to see the Corps of Engineers take a strong role in dictating the colors and materials used for any docks. That means colors should match the shoreline--no white paint, no shiny metal roofs. Making the docks blend into the environment might be an attractive compromise for those who otherwise oppose docks.

Regarding vegetation modification, I support increasing the distance of minor modification of vegetation, such as removal of small brush and vines. While the current Shoreline Management Plan only allows for such modifications for purposes of fire protection, I believe they are appropriate for general landscaping purposes also. It is apparent that as adjacent landowners clear areas adjacent to the white line, the small strip of land from the white line to the shore gets exposed to considerably more light than it naturally would as part of a forest. Consequently, the underbrush tends to grow much more than in its natural setting. I believe adjacent landowners should be allowed to trim the undergrowth.

I support the alternative currently proposed in the draft EIS as the "preferred" alternative #2, with its approved dock zoning changes for applications with a score above 80% and its increase in "mowing" of Corps of Engineers land from 50 feet to within 100 feet of existing homes. I have been dismayed by the strength of the opinions held by the various factions of the community. It seems there is very little interest in trying to come to a compromise solution. Presumably alternative #4 is offered by the Corps as a compromise alternative that would reduce the number of approved dock zones to those that earned a score of 90% or higher. I could support such a solution as long as it resulted in more harmony in the community and less litigation. However, it is unlikely that the "Save Greers Ferry Lake" group would be any the less vocal in its opposition to that alternative than it is to alternative #2. Given that the opposition will exist regardless of which of those two alternatives is chosen, and in light of the fact that the scientific evidence supports the original decision of the Corps of Engineers, I do not see any advantage to choosing alternative #4. That alternative will most likely only increase the disappointment of some property owners who had attained approved zone changes last year only to have it revoked this year. Regarding the "mowing" limit of 50 feet or 100 feet, I do not have a strong opinion.

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From: Jane Druff [mailto:j.druff@home.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 4:04 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

I am writing this letter in support of the original 2000 Shoreline Management Plan. I am also appreciative of all the efforts on the part of the Corps of Engineers to try to resolve the issues that have been brought up by opposing parties.

Those opposing the 2000 SMP took the stand that the environment would be adversely impacted and that the environmental impact study that was conducted during the initial study was not sufficient. Now that many hundreds of thousands of the taxpayers' dollars have been spent to conclude an in depth study of the environment, and that study shows no great impact, the opposing group is still trying to undermine the shoreline review process. That group is against so much that they even oppose the alternative of "No Growth" in the petition-like solicitation letter they sent around for signatures. They seem to have no use for compromise or considering anyone else's view.

My family owns land on the lake, and we have been visiting the area since the late '60's. The fourth generation is now enjoying time there. During the 2000 SMP we tried once again (after several previous attempts) to obtain a dock permit - this time successfully or so we thought. Working with the Corps personnel we were very impressed with their attitude of trying to work with everyone to resolve differences, reach compromises and develop innovative solutions to problems. This is evidenced in the list of alternatives developed. I could support Alternatives 2 or 4. I would not support Alternatives 1, 3 or 5, the extremes. Obviously, my main interest is dock approval. I am sure some of the opposing group are against increased docks because they manage public docks and do not want to lose business. Unfortunately, using one of their facilities is not possible for us because of the long distance to access one.

There is a lot of room for compromise. More time could be spent on developing standards for docks so that existing and new ones blended into the landscape. This could satisfy those who want docks and those interested in looks. (It might not please commercial dock operators.) One point that I would like to make is that Greer's Ferry Lake is not a "natural" lake. It is man made and in my opinion is made much less attractive by the dramatic fluctuations in the water level than by the addition of 100 new docks.

I support some compromise. I applaud the Corps and believe they have tried to consider many varied viewpoints and that they came up with a very good plan in the 2000 SMP. At this point, after the Environmental Impact Study, I most strongly support Alternative 2 and hope that it is used to rapidly resolve this time consuming and costly effort.

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**Charles & Hazel Doty
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December 14, 2001

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

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline
Management Comments

Gentlemen:

This is in response to the last work shop held December 4, 2001, regarding the above subject.

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

While we listened to the statements made by the Save Greers Ferry Lake group, most of which described their distaste for any additional docks, we never heard anyone mention the fact that several of the commercial marinas have, or have plans, to expand their number of rented boat slips. For instance, the marina adjacent to The Narrows just went through a huge expansion a year or so ago, and a marina operator on another part of the lake informed me personally this week that they are adding (40) additional slips by spring 2002. I would think that if private docks detract from the lake's appearance and contribute to pollution that commercial docks do so on a much larger scale.

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.

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From: Dors, Connie [mailto:CDors@ContactPSC.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2002 10:43 AM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Greer's Ferry lake

I do not think the restrictions should be lifted. This is a quite and nice area to vacation as a family because it is restricted. I live near Lake Houston, and due to the "element" at the Lake we don't to go. Too many people drinking, partying, getting rowdy and driving the boats like idiots. I would hate to see Greer's Ferry lose good, clean, responsible families who like to vacation there and spend money, because we do not want our kids around that kind of element.

Plus it is a quite community in general. This would definitely change if the restrictions were lifted. I think an in depth study is called for. For instance, look at other areas which were restricted and they were lifted for commercialization. See what happened to the lake in general. I am not an environmentalist, but another reason we love Greer's Ferry is the beautiful shoreline as you boat. If you add that many boat slips it will require taking away a lot of the beautiful shore line and it will add to the amount of gasoline in the water.

Connie Dors

From: Andreas Dors [mailto:ardors@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2002 10:30 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Preservation of Greer's Ferry Lake

Hi,

I would just like to give my opinion on more boat docks on Greer's Ferry Lake. I am opposed to the approval of more docks. Lets keep this Lake more in its natural state. Adding docks will just make it ugly. It would also have an environmental impact on the area. Think of the increased pollution and effect on the birds, fish, and wildlife in the area. I come to Geer's Ferry Lake on vacations to get away from all noise and commotion of everyday life in the more populated areas. Please keep this area in the peaceful natural state it is in right now.

Thank You,

Andreas Dors
Pasadena, Texas
ardors@hotmail.com

Chat with friends online, try MSN Messenger: <http://messenger.msn.com>

From: Samuel Dorr [mailto:samdot75@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 10:27 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Plan for Greers Ferry Lake

Count me as being totally against your latest plan. I live in Heber Springs about 4 miles from the lake and trailer my boat there for fishing and water sports. We moved here some 23 years ago partly because of the proximity of the lake and its natural beauty. Over the years I have seen this beauty deteriorate, due a lot to old crumbling boat docks and the proliferation of additions to the marinas. I have watched as some new boat slips were being constructed even though their permits were not finalized. These docks stretch out into the waterways sometimes opposite each other. As these docks are utilized the owners will be the first to post "NO WAKE" signs.

I know we can somehow find the information, but why do you not publish a list of the people and corporations that are attempting to get you to open up the Lake to commercialism. Also, just why does the Corp. have to do any more than enforce the current rules. Just who in the Corp is getting their back scratched.

Thank you for reading this. Sam Dorr

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From: GaryCCC@aol.com [mailto:GaryCCC@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2002 9:24 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Dock Issue

I'd like to express my interest in keeping Greers Ferry as is with no change to the dock permits. I specifically came to Greers Freey to be on a natural lake with mimial crowds. My friends go to Hamilton and to me that is not a nice lake. I bought property that had a dock included. Anyone who wants a dock can do the same. To get land and then fight for a dock permit is not right as the traffic is already becoming very busy on the weekends and this would add to it. Again I would like to keep the lake as is. If some one wants a dock sell your property and buy a place that has a dock already issued. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Gary Collins MD

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From: LeslieCCC@aol.com [mailto:LeslieCCC@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 7:30 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: No More Docks !

I appreciate this opportunity to e-mail my opinion regarding additional docks to Greers Ferry.

My vote is NO ! Greers Ferry is a beautiful lake. It is paradise. We have a home at Twin Cove Circle. We do not want the lake to turn into Lake Hamilton. It would be a terrible mistake to add more docks.

you,

Thank

Leslie Collins

From: Larry Conatser [mailto:restanoc@ipa.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 4:08 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan-NO NO NO PLEASE

The 1/6/02 editorial the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette did not provide new information for me personally. I hope many Corp people read it carefully and decide they agree.

I have enjoyed our lake for many years and other than a few real estate or landholders who would gain from the additional boat docks, now and in the future, I cannot envision a person believing the lake would be a better or pretty place. I live in Greers Ferry and the additional boat storage places added each year, perhaps 150 spaces in Greers Ferry Alone last year tell me people have plenty of places to store boats. The Corp has provided a large number of convenient launch sites.

The Corp has my commendation for the care of our lake to date. MANY TIMES THE BEST ACTION IS SIMPLY NO ACTION. I urge a turn down of the plan.

Larry Conatse 99 Lakeview Dr., Greers Ferry, AR 72067 ph 501-825-7693

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Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Div.
U.S Army Corps of Engineers
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RE GREERS FERRY LAKE PROPOSED SHORELINE MANAGEMENT
PLANN - ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Dear Mrs. Anslow:

After careful study on both our parts, we are opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the Corp in last month.

As we understand the plan; it would increase the number of private boat docks permitted on our beautiful lake, rezone areas of the lake to allow for permitting private docks in areas previously protected. In addition is would see to increase the area in which vegetation would be allowed.

We are long time residents of the city of Greers Ferry and believed we were protected by rules or legislation going back to the 1970's. We have been unable to attend recent meetings and hope this letter will express our opposition to all of the alternatives contained in the draft that we read last month. It seems little of significance has changed since the 2000 Shoreline Management plan.

Sincerely,


Larry Conatser


Jean Conatser

99 Lakeview Dr
Greers Ferry, AR 72067

From: Sam Cooke [mailto:scooke@cei.net]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 3:36 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Shoeline Management Plan

I support Alternative 2 for the Shoreline Management Plan.
I am disgusted with the exaggerated statements of the opposition group, and believe the Corp has developed a plan which is both beneficial to residents and which will protect the lake and the environment. I urge you to adopt Alternative 2.
S. C Cooke, 3 AltaVista Drive, Batesville, AR
72501

From: Crarjak@aol.com [mailto:Crarjak@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 10:17 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: (no subject)

we don't need any more boat dock on greersferry lake

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From: Elizabeth Crabb [mailto:ecrabb@midsouth.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 11:06 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan

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 in support of Alternative 2 of the Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan draft EIS. I have visited the lake on many occasions and believe this alternative will be a fine plan for the lakeshore for the next five years. Being 90 years old I believe that more docks on the lake will provide more safe ways for people who are handicapped and elderly to access the lake.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Crabb
6816 Tangleberry Lane
Memphis, TN 38119

From: Bruce [mailto:bncclay@cox-internet.com]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 11:40 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: We are for the proposed rezoning of Greers Ferry shoreline!

To Whom It May Concern:

After saving, and doing without for most of our adult lives, my wife and I recently purchased our "lakefront dream home". We did desire to be able view the lake from our back porch, but that is not possible under current rules on clearing undergrowth. However, we still dream of being able to walk out across our backyard and leisurely stroll through the woods to our boat dock where we could also enjoy all that Greers Ferry lake has to offer in our retirement, which of course would be possible if we were to get approval under your proposed changes.

However, we are afraid that none of these dreams of ours will never come to pass if the voice of the few who by chance, wealth, power, or influence already have that view or dock, were to get their way by opposing rezoning that would allow those of us who do not live in exclusive developments to share in their bounty.

Furthermore, we are appreciative of the outstanding job that the Corp of Engineers and Park Service are doing in their attempts to bring equity to all.

Sincerely,

Bruce N. Cotton

Helene M. Gensheimer

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From: Cravens Clan [mailto:cravens@alltel.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 5:35 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry

We own a home on Eden Isle and are very opposed to the proposed plan of the Corps of Engineers to allow 90 new private docks. In our opinion, this would ruin the beauty of the lake and the very uniqueness that makes it special as a destination for many tourists and locals as well. Help us preserve the natural beauty of this lake. Thank you for your consideration. Mary Lou and Bill Cravens

Heber Springs, Ar.
Jan 11, 2002

Patricia Anslow
^{Army}
U. S. Corp of Eng.
P.O. Box 867

Little Rock, Ar.

I live in Heber Springs about
2 blocks from the Green Ferry Lake.
I am against the proposed
plan. Please leave the lake
as is.

Alice M. Crawford
2305 E. Smoky
Ridge
Heber Springs, Ar.
72543

From: Lydia Schmitz [mailto:pennyroyalcottage@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 12:26 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Project

Corps of Engineers:

I would like to register my opinion that there NOT be development on Greers Ferry Lake. Boat docks and stripped vegetation will be detrimental to the environment, drinking water, and tourism industry. As a taxpayer, I prefer you keep busy somewhere else. Thank you. Cynthia L. Crawford

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This writer cares little, now, what
you do with your lake.

Let me explain.

For more than fifteen years, we have
enjoyed this beautiful Green's Ferry
Lake. Each spring and fall, the
two seasons that we are home in
Shirley, we spent much time on the
waters.

One popping a man at the entrance to
Fairfield Bay Marina told us that
we would pay in addition to our
Golden Age passport a fee to them,
Fairfield Bay.

We told him that he could stuff it.
We have not put our boat in
the lake, we live less than two
miles from the entrance.

We are denied a true pleasure
in our good years. Now that we
are retired from a life in our RV
it hurts even more.

Do what you will with the most
beautiful of area lakes. We will
not enjoy, and could care less.

Sincerely,
Linda Crandall

476 James Ave
Shirley AR

January 13, 2002

Ms Tricia Anslow, Project Manager
U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers
700 West Capitol Avenue
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Re: Approval of Alternative #2 of the Revised SMP2000 for Greer's Ferry Lake

Dear Ms Anslow

I am writing to comment and respond that I am IN FAVOR OF the Corp of Engineers, Alternative #2, revision of the SMP2000, proposed.

I frequent the Lake and wish to give my support to the Corp of Engineers and for the approval of the revised SMP.

I feel that it is currently the best plan to support and manage Greer's Ferry Lake and for the long-range operation of the Lake.

Please add my comments to the pool of supporters IN FAVOR OF, Alternative #2 of the revisions proposed.

Yours Truly



Charles Cross
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**LTG GEORGE A. CROCKER
643 WATER ROAD
CLINTON, ARKANSAS, 72031**

3 Dec 2001

**Department of the Army
Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers
ATTN. MS Trisha Anslow
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0857**

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to state my support for the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Shoreline Management Plan (Preferred Option) for Greers Ferry Lake, Arkansas.

BACKGROUND

I am a retired Army General Officer living full-time on lakeside property, (with a boat dock) in the Choctaw area. Our family has been using the lake and the family property since 1966 and we are familiar with the general nature of lakeside life, the usage, trends and development of the area, particularly the Southwest lake area.

Further, in previous active duty assignments I was responsible along with the USACE, for the management and security of lakes on the Federal installations under my command. As a native of Arkansas, I was born and raised in the Russellville/Dardanelle area where I frequently used the lakes and waterways of the state.

My father, the late W. D. Crocker, was a USACE civilian engineer for 35-plus years, and worked on the Norfolk-Bull Shoals, Nimrod, and Dardanelle Dam projects. He was the initial Project Engineer on the Dardanelle site. I grew up listening to discussion and policies regarding the waterways management and utilization within the State of Arkansas. I feel that I draw on a unique historical perspective regarding Corps practices.

REASONS FOR SUPPORT

My reason for support of the USACE Preferred Option is thus based on historical perspective, personal and professional experience, and above all, common sense regarding lake usage.

First. The FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE of Greers Ferry is to be used by and provide service to the American public. This is a prime if not paramount factor, and overrides other lesser considerations. Argue as you will, the lake exists for the pleasure of America's citizens: Not interest groups, not individuals, not only the lake's residents, not commercial activities. Studies confirm that that the vast majority of users are the "transients"; the weekender or vacationer, and not the lakes residents or dock owners. This majority population is not penalized by the plan. This majority is accommodated by the plan.

Second. By our Government's system, the USACE is charged as our agency for the management of water and waterways within our borders and territories. The Corps is a world-class, second-to-none organization in their execution of this role and mission. Their analyses and findings are based on years of experience on America's lakes and rivers and are offered without weight of interest groups, or those with narrower agendas. The USACE are the professionals. In matters of disagreement I back our Corps.

Third. I am confident that the will of the millions of Americans who use the lake would hold that usage be optimized-not limited, and that the Preferred option is consistent with this optimization. I believe the so-called reasonable and prudent man of our system of Juris Prudence would hold that it is reasonable and fair. Remember that fair is not always equal.

The notion oft argued against the changes in the plan is couched in terms of the lake's legacy to future generations. What will our children's children find when they use Greers Ferry 75 years in the future? Good question!

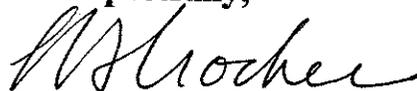
The answer is "ESSENTIALLY THE SAME LAKE". The modicum of changes under the Preferred Option would be virtually undetectable to the average lake user. We must not lose sight of the fact that the lake, like life, itself, is a journey, not a destination. That principle dictates that we use the lake to the maximum amount practical throughout America's journey into the ages: today, tomorrow and forever.

Much of the objection to the Corps plan seems to focus on new boat docks and grass cutting rules. By the Corps studies, on-lake docks account for a very small percentage of lake use. It is fair to say that docks are not the cause of lake crowding. Transient users cause spikes in crowding. The aesthetic impact of the plan was evaluated and found negligible. In many areas you are hard-pressed to even see a dock, much less be visually offended. With only 8% of the shoreline available for docks, this will continue to be the case. Remember that the 8% refers to shoreline, not dock footage. Thus, in a mile of shoreline with 5 docks the actual water frontage used is more like $20 \times 5 = 100$ feet of actual structure. A similar case could be raised for the cutting and mowing changes. If one did not know of the changes, you would probably never notice the difference. Conversely, if you lived next to a change, you would certainly be in that minority that would be able to notice the change. (Just as the construction of your property brought change to the location.)

BOTTOM LINE

The bottom line is that the Preferred Option is based on the USACE's unemotional research and analysis. The plan is wholly reasonable: It protects the environment and maximizes reasoned access. In my judgment the plan is what I and the public want to see in the management of their lakes and waterways. I, for one, say implement the Preferred Option.

Respectfully,



LTG George A Crocker,
US Army, Retired.

CF: Greers Ferry Project Office

From: Toranarrator@aol.com [mailto:Toranarrator@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 8:54 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: In favor of selection #2

Ms. Anslow, I currently live on Greers Ferry Lake, and I am very much in favor of selection #2. I believe this to be the best alternative for all concerned. Our home is on Hurrican Bay just off of the narrows. We get a lot of visiting boat traffic on our cove because it is peaceful and yet large enough that they can ski there. The problem is that we do not have the opportunity to swim with all of the boat traffic. As I have stated having a dock would provide a modicum of SAFETY for my family.

I sincerely hope the Corps. of Engineers is not being hoodwinked by the false information being put out by Save The Lake. They are not wanting to Save the Lake, they are wanting to tell the Corp how to run the lake.

I was one of those who lost a large amount of money when they sued the Corps last year. I had received a permit and was within one week of having it installed, when the permits were revoked.

I still believe there is room for all on Greers Ferry Lake. I do not want the lake to become like some others that have been mentioned in the Save Greers ferry Lake propaganda. However, with proper management, something that did not happen under Carl Gardner, the lake can continue to prosper, and serve the recreational need of the many rather than the few.

Please listen to those of us who live on Greers Ferry. Do not give into the political whims of those who would have the lake go into a lockdown mode. There is room for all of us, and the tourists.

Please implement selection #2, at your earliest convenience. Ken Crites, 650 El Camino Real, Greers Ferry 72067 501-825-7971

From: Tim Cummins [mailto:t16743@alltel.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 10:29 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Atten: Tricia Anslow

I am writing you this evening in support of preferred option #2 as laid out in the draft EIS for the shoreline management plan proposed for Greers Ferry Lake.

As an avid camper and boater on Greers Ferry Lake, I believe option #2 will have little or no impact on the environment on the Lake or its shoreline.

I urge the Corps of Engineers to adopt option #2.

Sincerely,

Tim Cummins
3730 McConnell Drive
Conway, AR 72034

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From: Terry Cruce [mailto:terry_cruce@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 12:41 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Please register me and my family of four in the category of being totally apposed to the addition of any new boat docks or commercial ventures on Greers Ferry Lake.

Terry N. Cruce

13306 Abinger Dr.

Little Rock, AR 72212

1-501-224-9165

1-870-850-4221 pager

terry_cruce@hotmail.com

Jan 6, 2002

Trish and I:

My wife and I first visited the
Gruers Ferry lake area in the late 1980's.
We were impressed with the beauty and
serenity of the lake and its surroundings.
We continued to vacation in the area for
several years before retiring here from
Indiana in Jan. of 1995.

The lake has several Commercial boat
docks which offer ample services to boaters.
The docks are located in rather secluded
areas and are well maintained. They do
disturb the beauty of the lake but not
near so much as would numerous private
docks and the destruction of the shore line.

We strongly oppose the Corps plan to
allow private boat docks and any changes
to the rules affecting the shore line. Our
area should not become another lake of
the Ozarks or a lake Hamilton.

Respectfully Yours
Gerald Cunningham

January 7, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow,

I am writing to express my support for the Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan 2000, Alternative Number 2.

My family and I have enjoyed the Greers Ferry Lake since the mid 1960's. My mother lived in the area from 1979 until her death in 2001 and I have lived here permanently since 1995. Therefore, I am and have been for a long time appreciative of the lake and what it has to offer.

I agree that the Corps and the public have a responsibility to maintain and preserve its water quality and natural beauty. I do not believe that anyone, not even the real estate agents who have been villified in the newspapers, would want to do anything that would cause permanent damage to our beautiful Greers Ferry Lake. That being said, I do not see any such damage as a result of the SMP2000, Alternative Number 2 being implemented. I am confident that the environmental study conducted, not once but twice, shows this to be true.

I think the enlarging of existing marinas on the lake should be of much greater concern. I would think environmentally speaking, they would be far more problematic. In particular, the Narrows Marina is already so large now that it reaches almost half way across the most dangerous navigable section of the lake. That is why it is called The Narrows.

Thank you for sticking with the SMP2000 and not letting people, who do not understand or have been given misinformation, stop what in my opinion is a sound and fair plan for all.

Sincerely,

Barbara Cutrell

Barbara Cutrell
420 Valhalla Drive
Edgemont, AR 72044

From: WCypert@aol.com [mailto:WCypert@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2002 9:05 AM
To: Ceswl-PA
Subject: Rezoning of Greers Ferry Lake

I am opposed to the rezoning of Greers Ferry Lake. Your plan will be a detriment to the original long term natural pristine state of the lake, could be an endangerment to public health and drinking water, and will undermine safety of boaters and pleasure water users.

Thank you, William A. Cypert

From: Dan Cypcar [mailto:danc@cgschmidt.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 4:31 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

Dear Ms. Anslow

It has come to my understanding the Army Corps of Engineers is currently investigating the feasibility of allowing additional docks on the shores of Greer's Ferry Lake.

As a visitor to this incredibly beautiful and pristine region, may I please respectfully submit my opinion.

Greer's Ferry Lake is, by far, the most beautiful lake I have ever encountered. I has no match, in beauty and cleanliness.

In southeastern Wisconsin where I live, the lakes are generally referred to as "over fished, and overpopulated". The average boater from here is accustomed to waiting in long lines for lake access, and generally avoid many lakes due to excessive traffic. People who boat in Wisconsin do not wave to each other. As a casual observer, the "recreationalists" who pull their boats off the water generally look stressed!

In my opinion, giving access to an additional 93 docks, with up to 20 dock slots, on Greer's Ferry Lake would begin the resemblance to our atmosphere. This would be a shame, and would begin to take away the very unique and beautiful charm that is associated with Greer's Ferry.

Please maintain your original restrictions on the lake. They have helped establish one of the most beautiful areas in the country. Opening it up in this fashion will begin the fall of a once highly admired vacation spot.

Respectfully submitted, and hoping you'll at least consider what this vacationer feels compelled to express.

Sincerely,

Daniel M. & Susan S. Cypcar
1458 S. 85th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53215

(414) 476-6154

Thank You for your time.

From: John Dacus [mailto:jcdacus@prodigy.net]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 9:30 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Proposed changes to lake access

Tricia Anslow,

My name is John Dacus. My wife and I recently bought a lot on the Narrows and are in the process of building our retirement home at 349 Lakeshore Drive. We expect to move in by March of this year. We had great expectations of having a beautiful view of the lake with easy access to the water. I now have great concerns with the special interest groups who think in order to protect the environment, that they must block the intended use of property for all of those who have purchased property on Greer's Ferry Lake. I also feel strongly about protecting the environment as well as our beautiful lake and who could care more than those of us who have put their life savings into building their dream home.

I am as much (probably more) concerned about protecting the beauty of the lake and its shores than any one in the special interest groups. However, I also feel very strongly about allowing home owners easy access to the lake, some clearing to allow views of the lake, and allowing additional boat docks where feasible.

Greer's Ferry Lake has many wonderful camp grounds with easy access for the general public to use. Why should the home owners be denied this same right. I am in favor of the proposal to allow more boat docks and clearing paths to the lake from home owners property to the water. I would be very much in favor in having very ridged restrictions on the quality and maintenance of the paths and docks.

Sincerely
John Dacus

John C. Dacus, SPHR
(870) 933-6175 Office
(870) 897-2644 Cellular
EMail: jcdacus@prodigy.net

From: Pat Dacus [mailto:pdacus@prodigy.net]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 5:50 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan
Importance: High

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

Ms. Anslow:

Please DO NOT defeat the proposal to add 93 new boat docks and the right of property owners to mow/clear 100 feet of property to the shoreline. I am a property owner on Greers Ferry lake and feel this is a VERY IMPORTANT vote. Property owners deserve the right to have boat docks and paths to the lake. We pay for the prime property on the lake and should have a weighted interest in voting for the proposal. I think I should be able to have a clear path to walk my children and grandchildren to the lake. PLEASE, pass the Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan.

Pat Dacus
349 Lakeshore Dr.
Higden, AR

Trish Anslow

Please help the people in Cleburne County save the Lake, and our river With water so clean.

We have enough Boat docks and We do not need any more. It has always been so beautiful on the river - I'm really an old Lady grew up here the river is beautiful such A good place to fish, yes, I have always fished here in the clean water. please don't mess it up with more docks.

Thank you -

Esie DeKard

P O Box 36

Heber Springs AT. 72545

P.S. My Dad's Corn field was Joining Lindsey's Boat Dock - for A mile down R. That was sixty years ago.

Thank you so much

From: Dorine Deacon [mailto:dorine@insolwwb.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 11:02 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry

My family has a condominium at Eden Isle on Greers Ferry Lake. We love the lake and spent many happy hours on the lake. We feel that the lake belongs to the people of Arkansas and visitors that would like to share our beautiful area. We think the

Corps has thought about the needs of the people very carefully and have a good plan for the management of the lake for the benefit of the most people. Please let them do their job.

Our ax to grind is the fact that we are not allowed to mow our back yard. We are not situated on the lake proper but on a small cove that does not have boat access so no one sees our yard from the lake. We do not wish to cut down the fringe that surrounds the cove area, but just to let us have a back yard. We approve the plan of the Corps of Engineers and hope it will go through.
Dorine B. Deacon, 2817 Greenbriar Dr., Jonesboro, AR 72401

**Paul Cafferty, Owner
Enchanted Bluff Farms
500 Honeysuckle Lane
Quitman, Arkansas 72131**

January 14, 2002

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

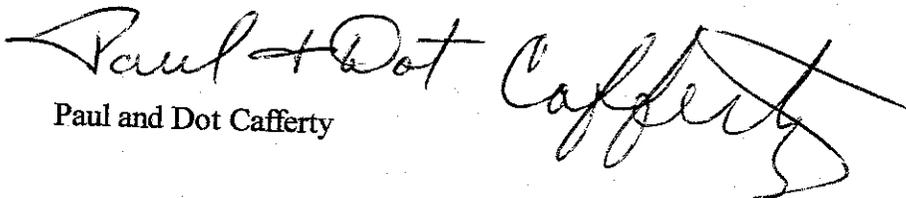
Dear Ms. Anslow,

My wife and I are sending this letter to support keeping the current shoreline plan for Greers Ferry Lake and rejecting the new proposed plan by the Corps.

We own 160 acres with over ½ mile of frontage on the white line of Greers Ferry Lake on Pryor Mountain west of Eden Isle and just south of Miller Point. There are real estate people who think that the value of our land would be greatly enhanced if we have the right to have boat docks. They are probably correct. If the only docks that we had to look at were our own we would probably be agreeable with the new proposal. However, that would not be the case.

If your home is situated several hundred feet above the lake as ours is, when you look down on boat docks you will see roofs and general man made clutter. One of the most attractive and striking features of Greers Ferry Lake is the unspoiled panorama of a natural view from atop the bluffs overlooking the lake. This unique asset of natural beauty will become even more rare in the future. It is our opinion that in the long run the greatest value will accrue to our property and to the entire area of Greers Ferry Lake if it is allowed to remain a pristine jewel of natural beauty.

Sincerely yours,


Paul and Dot Cafferty

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From: Reba Cargile [mailto:bcaarc@alltel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 10:09 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

To Whom it May Concern,

Even though I own property near the lake, I do not use the public ramps or facilities on the lake from Memorial Day to Labor day because of the discourteous boaters and jet ski riders. Now the corp is trying to take away the reasons that I use the lake.

Being on the lake during the fall, winter and spring are some of my most enjoyable times fishing for walleye, large mouth, small mouth, kentuckies and hybrid, watching the eagles and the wild life on the shore. You are going to take that away from me and my grandson?

Shame on you!

I have lived in Arkansas all my 59 years and have visited Lake Hamilton one time. Turn Greers Ferry into a Hamilton and you will destroy one of my most favorite places and I will sell my property and go spend my time and money somewhere else.

Sincerely,

Reba Cargile

From: Eddie Carlisle [mailto:ecarlisle@batson.com]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 7:41 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: FW: In Favor of the Corps Proposal

I am a property owner in Richardson Pointe, Higden, AR. I am in favor of the Corps proposal for the shore management of Greer's Ferry Lake. Over \$400,000 of the tax payers money was spent on this study to obtain the educated opinion of acknowledged experts. I do not feel that we should ignore the findings of this study because certain special interest groups don't agree with it.

I hope the opinions of the residents who will actually be affected by this proposal will be given the appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Carlisle, Jr

From: Jennifer Brittain Carlisle [mailto:jbcarlisle@ualr.edu]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 8:09 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: In Favor of the Corps Proposal

I am a property owner in Richardson Pointe, Higden, AR. I am in favor of the Corps proposal for the shore management of Greer's Ferry Lake. I hope the opinions of the residents who will actually be affected by this proposal will be given the appropriate consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer B. Carlisle

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369 Belmont Acres Circle
Tumbling Shoals, AR 72581
January 14, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am a lakefront property owner on Greens Ferry Lake. Although the proposed shoreline management plan would benefit me personally by allowing me the convenience of a personal boat dock and a better view of the lake because of the increased mowing distance, I am strongly opposed to it.

I was attracted to this area and purchased this home 11 years ago because of the natural beauty of the lake. There is nothing more relaxing than an afternoon on our pontoon boat cruising the lake and seeing nothing on the shoreline but its natural beauty. I do not want to look at a bunch of houses and private boat docks.

I am also concerned about increased pollution of the lake which is our drinking water supply. You have only to drive up and down some of

the country roads in this county to see how tacky and trashy some people can be. I have no doubt that these same people, many of whom own lake front property, would trash it up closer to the lake if allowed to clear the land closer to the lake or if allowed to have personal boat docks.

Sincerely yours,
Sarah A. Carter

From: Michael Carter [mailto:mcarter@utmem.edu]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 2:16 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am a property owner adjoining the Greers Ferry Lake. I have owned property here for over 10 years and made the decision to retire to this area after a career living in areas such as Boston, Denver, and Memphis. I had been visiting this area since the early 1970 and was taken with the beauty of the location.

I would benefit from this proposed change in that I would likely be allowed to mow closer to the lake and might even be able to gain approval for a dock. I must say, however, that my personal gain is greatly tempered by what I believe would be harm to the beauty of the area.

The property owners in this county have well demonstrated their ability to maintain the beauty of the area. Just take a drive along several of our roads including the highway 25 area just north of the dam. You will note that this area looks like a landfill with trash, cars, and other objects littering the entire area. This refuse is at private homes. These are the very people who would be allowed to build docks and mow closer to the lake. I think we have clear evidence that esthetics are not a part of the design of these properties and would not likely be in the future.

Please count me as in strong opposition to the proposal.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Carter
369 Belmont Acres Circle
Tumbling Shoals, Arkansas 72581

Greers Ferry Lake is a beautiful lake. Adding few more docks as proposed in ALTERNATIVE 2 will not change the lake's beauty or detract from our use and enjoyment of the lake. The Army Corps paid for an environmental report which showed no negative impact for the preferred alternative #2. The Corps should go ahead and approve and implement Alternative # 2.

Anne & Tom Cassidy & Thomas P. Cassidy jr

Anne and Tom Cassidy
Collierville, TN
1/15/02

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 oppose the Corps of Engineers' Proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the November 2001 draft Environmental Impact Statement. Specifically, I oppose any rezoning of formerly protected areas of the Lake to allow for the installation of private boat docks on the Lake; and any increase in the area in which vegetation modification (mowing) could be conducted on Government land adjacent to the shoreline.

Sincerely,

Don Castleberry
7511 Beck Rd
Little Rock, AR 72223

Please Don't spoil this Lake, as has been done
to so many AR. Lakes.

THANKS
Don

January 12, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

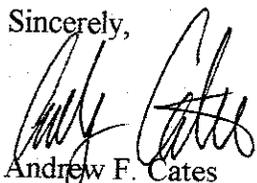
As know better than I do, the U.S. Corps of Engineers has been responsible for building an extraordinary amount of projects that have had great impact on the areas in which they have been built. The Corp continues to bear the great burden and responsibility of making certain these great projects continue to function properly. Perhaps most importantly, the Corp is responsible for making sure they are not harmed.

Greers Ferry Lake, certainly one of the finest and most beautiful lakes in the United States, is in danger of being permanently injured. The lake is not only one of the few public recreational areas accessible to our large regional population, it attracts economic investment to an area that would otherwise lack such interest. As a Tennessee resident that owns a home near the lake (for the sole purpose of accessing the lake), I can confirm that any harm done to the lake will not only negatively impact its recreational use and natural setting, it will actually drive away, NOT attract, new investments in the area.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE CONTINUE the policy (CONTINUE being the key word) of not allowing additional docks on the lake and not allowing mowing and tree cutting on the shores of the lake. Please dispose of the latest proposed amendment to the Shoreline Management Plan that not only allows docks on the lake, but also allows tree cutting near the shoreline - thereby permanently damaging the lake. The slippery slope of excess development will not be stopped if you allow this amendment to pass. Why would the Corp change positions on this matter? Why would you damage, at a minimum, weaken what you have so effectively protected for so many years? What is the benefit of taking this action compared to the cost of upsetting not only the natural balance of the area, but also such a large number of passionate users (and caretakers) of the area.

You have a responsibility to do the right thing here. Please do it. You are empowered to make a decision that will impact future generations. Please use your power appropriately. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Andrew F. Cates
1488 Carr Ave.
Memphis, TN 38104

From: Virginia L. Cates [mailto:vacates@alltel.net]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2002 8:02 PM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: No more boat docks

I am e-mailing you on behalf of my mother, Lucy Cates, and my brother, David Cates. They do not have e-mail capability. They live at Shirley, Arkansas. David is a fisherman. He fishes a lot on Greers Ferry Lake and he also enjoys watching the eagles while he fishes. We are all concerned that when more boat docks are put into the lake, the eagles will leave and the lake will loose its natural beauty. We want to keep the lake water clean for drinking water. I grew up at Shirley and I am planning on moving back after I retire. I want the lake to retain its natural beauty and not be cluttered with boat docks.

Lucy Cates
David Cates
Virginia Cates



SOUTHEASTERN ASSET
MANAGEMENT, INC.

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

It's hard to believe that the Corps, which has done such a wonderful job with Greers Ferry Lake for so long until now, has proposed the recent Shoreline Management Plan in the November EIS. We are among many Memphians and other non-Arkansans who have invested in Arkansas and tried to be good stewards there, all because of Greers Ferry Lake. It's a nationally treasured jewel very much because of long-standing restrictions on docks and cutting & mowing, which if allowed will inevitably junk up the water. Watching Lake Lanier outside of Atlanta or Pickwick Lake east of Memphis go the unregulated route has been tragic, and it's both depressing and irresponsible to take any steps whatsoever in that direction. Once you move in that direction, you can't ever get it back.

You have an irreplaceable, treasured asset. Please don't be the one who looks back in history as the one who screwed it up.

My family and everyone I know violently oppose the alternatives in the EIS. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

G. Staley Cates
339 St. Andrews
Memphis, TN 38111

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MEMPHIS, TN 38119

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INVESTMENT ADVISOR TO:



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January 11, 2002

Sandra H. Cavaneau
8 Meadow Lane
Searcy, Arkansas 72143

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

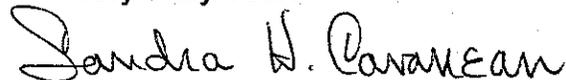
Dear Ms. Anslow:

This letter is to voice my strong opposition to the plan to allow additional boat docks and foliage cutback on Greers Ferry lake. I know that my family and friends feel the same way. We have enjoyed Greers Ferry lake for many years. Its main attraction is the unspoiled shore line. We have also been on Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs several times and the contrast is saddening. At Greers Ferry, the shoreline is available for relaxation in a boat or fishing, even on a busy summer day. At Lake Hamilton, it is like being on the freeway. In most areas, one cannot fish or anchor and swim because of the boat docks and traffic they cause.

If you open Greers Ferry to this type of development, it will surely go the way of Lake Hamilton and Georgia's Lake Lanier. When you have granted some additional permits, you have set a precedent and will be in a poor position to deny other requests.

It would be a travesty to allow this to happen. Please protect the lake for the enjoyment of future generations. It could not be restored once you allow it to be developed with docks and relax the cutting regulations.

Very Truly Yours



Sandra H. Cavaneau

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From: Krazorita@aol.com [mailto:Krazorita@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 13, 2002 10:00 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greer's Ferry

To Whom it May Concern:

Please save Greer's Ferry from being overrun by boat docks. There are already plenty there. Please keep it the relatively scenic lake that it already is. Do not allow it to become a Beaver Lake or Hamilton with shorelines filled with metal and styrofoam. We are called the "natural state". Let's keep something that way.

Thanks,
Rita S. Caver

From: Jean Christopher [mailto:realestate@christopher-realty.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 4:18 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Cc: wallydino@aol.com
Subject: boat docks

We are firm supporters for more boat docks.

Sincerely,
Mr and Mrs Warren Christioher

January 28, 2002

Corps of Engineers
Little Rock, Arkansas

To Whom It May Concern:

Our property in Tannebaum sits directly on the lake. We have noticed within the past two (2) years that a multiple boat dock was built and placed in the cove of Drip Creek. It is hardly occupied and certainly takes away from the beauty of looking to the hills and water North of us. Why are more boat docks needed when this one is basically empty? We bought our property over 20 years ago because of the natural beauty of the lake and the land adjacent to the water and we are very proud to say we have a place on Greers Ferry Lake. By adding additional boat docks (many of which would probably be multiple units) and allowing additional clearing towards the water, the beauty of Greers Ferry Lake would be compromised.

After almost 40 years of wise management of this man made beauty, we could adversely affect the quality of the water from erosion and increased boat traffic, the views, and the look of the tree lined banks.

We sincerely request that the zoning for the new boat dock areas and the increased mowing areas toward the water be rejected to preserve the integrity and beauty of Greers Ferry Lake.

Spence and Kathy Churchill
1690 Tannebaum Road
Drasco, AR 72530

Dear Corps Officials,

The reason those tourists from Memphis, and Dallas so often have Greer's Ferry as their vacation destinations is because there is not anything so unspoiled near their homes. Lake Ouachita and the Buffalo River and White River and Greer's Ferry Lake are the kinds of wonderful places that have become harder to find in this country.

I am taking the time to write because my husband and I left Florida to come back home to Arkansas, because of these lovely natural places.

Also I know that the Corps pays attention to public input, I am very grateful for the decision you made on Jimerson Creek in Little Rock, because it gave the citizens here the opportunity to fight on and save LR's most loved recreational area. Even the real estate people have ended up profiting from your decision to conduct an E.I.S.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy Clark

Jan 10, 2002

Dear Trish Anslow,

This is an e-mail I sent today. I wasn't sure you'd see it, so am sending by snail mail to you.

A.C.

From: fred&judyclark [mailto:jude34@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 7:01 PM
To: Army Corps Engineers
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake SMP

To whom does Greers Ferry Lake belong? Is it public property to be managed in the public interest under the stewardship of the Corps or is it the property of the Corps, managed as a fiefdom, to do as they please with blatant disregard of Federal Law. It would appear that the latter is the case. One case in particular comes to mind where a new marina site was awarded with complete disregard to EPA directives. This was a "back door" assignment to appease a disgruntled marina owner without public hearings or requesting comments from the public. I wrote Senators Lincoln and Hutchinson to expose this situation. The Corps is in violation of Federal Clean water acts by permitting raw sewage to be dumped into the Lake. The Corps is now attempting to restrict and or eliminate small businesses that serve public needs with respect to boat repairs. This approach has been tried on other Corps managed lakes and waterways and found unworkable according to the Boat Manufacturers Association. F. M. Clark 33 Beloit Drive, Heber Springs, AR 72543

From: JV3871@aol.com [mailto:JV3871@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 3:36 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry Lake

Ms Patricia Anslow
US Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock, AR
11Jan02

Dear Ms Anslow:

We own a vacation home on the shoreline of Greers Ferry Lake and have been property owners there for over 20 years. We are adamantly opposed to the proposed changes regarding the rezoning of the lake to allow more private multislip boat docks in currently protected areas. Our property is in an area currently zoned to allow docks, but we do not have one and do not intend to have one. We feel there are already too many docks and they spoil the natural beauty of the lake. (And, although docks are allowed, a simple, wooden porch swing hidden in the trees where one can sit and enjoy the beauty is not allowed. However, we can tolerate that restriction if it means there would be no more docks to clutter the shoreline.)

Greers Ferry Lake is one of the few pristine lakes in this part of the country and should be kept as such. One only has to visit Lake Hamilton or Lake of the Ozarks to appreciate how ugly and dangerous a recreational lake can become.

We ask that the current restrictions be maintained for the purpose of preserving this resource for future generations.

Sincerely,

Jim Van Cleve
3871 McElrie Cove
Memphis, TN 38133

JV3871@AOL.com

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From: cmagn [mailto:cathy@superiorinter.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 2:38 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: greers

no more docks please. if u want docks go down to lake travis near austin tex.
wgat an incredible eyesore. why invite more pollution and crowds. this area will
turn into an enviornmental disaster. look at the white river and the norfork.
please leave something for our kids. thanks for listening

hunter mtn home ar

From: cmagn [mailto:cathy@superiorinter.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 2:15 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: greers ferry

please! no boat docks on greers. do our kids have a future in arkansas with our natural beauty here. why would you allow this !?
thanks
hr magness, mnt. home

From: cmagn [mailto:cathy@superiorinter.net]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 9:35 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Re: Comment Deadline Extension

i am opposed to further dock building on greers ferry. i think this lake is crowded enough with docks. my concern is safety and pollution. thank you

From: Stephen Cocilova [mailto:cooch7@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 3:06 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greer's Ferry Lake

January 15, 2002

Ms Tricia Anslow, Project Manager
U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers
700 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72203

Re: Approval of Alternative #2 of the Revised SMP2000 for Greer's Ferry Lake

Dear Ms Anslow

I am emailing to comment and respond that I am IN FAVOR OF the Corp of Engineers, Alternative #2, revision of the SMP2000, proposed.

I feel that it is currently the best plan to support and manage Greer's Ferry Lake and for the long-range operation of the Lake.

Please add my comments to the pool of supporters IN FAVOR OF, Alternative #2 of the revisions proposed.

Yours Truly

Stephen Cocilova

Cleveland, MS

From: Rebecca Wix [mailto:rebeccawix@arkansas.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 9:23 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Save Greers Ferry Lake

January 24, 2002

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am writing to voice my opposition to any plans to allow additional boat docks/slips on Greers Ferry Lake. I have been a visitor to this area for more than 30 years and have owned four houses in the past 10 years -- one of these was a lake-front home in Tumbling Shoals. I did not have a boat ramp at my home there and would not have wanted one, because the major beauty of that cove (Peter's Creek) is the fact that there were so few signs of human habitat.

I have visited Lake Lanier and found the water pretty, but commented at the time how unfortunate it was that it was not more natural like Greers Ferry Lake.

I do not own a boat, but if I ever want to boat, I have never had any problem renting one for the day. Everyone has access to the lake that way and can enjoy it in its natural state.

Again, count me as opposed to any additional boat slips/docks. Thank you.

Rebecca Cockrell
1250 Lone Star Road
Rose Bud, AR 72137

From: Rebecca Wix [mailto:rebeccawix@arkansas.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 9:18 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Save Greers Ferry Lake - Letter from Jerry Cockrell

I am sending the following letter for Jerry Cockrell.

January 24, 2002

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to any additional permitting of boat docks/slips on Greers Ferry Lake. I have been a resident of the Heber Springs community for more than 25 years, and have seen the area grow at a phenomenal rate. Through all the development that has taken place, the one thing that has remained constant is the beauty of our lake. It offers a variety of water recreation activities -- fishing, boating, skiing, nature walks, and the enjoyment of spectacular scenery -- accessible to all people. With the addition of more boat docks/slips much of the natural beauty of the lake would be impaired for the benefit of only a few people.

Please keep the lake beautiful for us all and do not allow any additional docks/slips. Thank you.

Jerry W. Cockrell
1250 Lone Star Road
Rose Bud, AR 72137

From: RallaCoker@aol.com [mailto:RallaCoker@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2002 9:50 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Draft Environmental Statement

We oppose their preferred alternative as well as all other alternatives in the draft environmental statement that would lead to rezoning formerly protected areas.

Jim and Ralla Coker

Greers Ferry Lake is a great place to visit. A couple of our friends have cabins there, and we enjoy visiting. We enjoyed the convenience of using a friend's private dock. We have no objection to more dock permits being issued around the lake, particularly as the Corp appears to have very stringent parameters for their approval. Access to a private dock enhances a visit to the Lake. If new docks are not approved then people will just beach their boats, which must cause more shoreline damage than docks do. We don't think that private docks will cause any negative impact to the Lake. Allowing homeowners to have private docks will help the tourist economy, as many, like my friends, encourage visitors.

*The Colanero Family
Cordova, TN*

From: Don & Gloria Coleman [mailto:donandgloriacoleman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 1:48 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

To: Patricia Anslow,

Where ever I travel to visit or work it always amazes me how people talk about the beauty of Greers Ferry Lake with its pristine waters and the natural beauty of its shore lines. I'm always proud of those comments and realize how true they are when I see other lakes cluttered with boat docks that after years of use have been neglected and run down, marring an otherwise clean and natural landscape.

When we moved to Fairfield Bay we bought a boat and rented a slip and began traveling over this georgeous lake with its rocky cliffs and forests, shore lines at the foot of mountains unincumbered with boat docks. It was and is natural, a part of "The Natural State".

While allowing more boat docks on the lake may benefit a few property owners it would, over the long haul, make it less inviting for the most, especially tourist who enjoy coming to Arkansas to fish and recreate on beautiful Greers Ferry Lake, one of our states finest assets.

So, I echo the sentiments of many when I make this plea to the Corps of Engineers, please keep Greers Ferry Lake "natural" and do not allow boat docks on the main shore lines. I hope you will do what is in the best interest of the majority of Arkansas residents who enjoy the beauty of our lake the way it is and want to continue to draw tourists from surrounding states.

Thank you for your consideration.

Don A. Coleman
116 Blase Line Road
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088

From: Jhrrc@aol.com [mailto:Jhrrc@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 2:08 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: proposed development at greer's ferry lake

I am sending this message in order to express my opposition to the proposed plan to open up more areas of Greer's Ferry Lake for the construction of commercial marinas. My family and I have enjoyed the scenic beauty of the lake on many occasions and we all feel that it should remain relatively undeveloped in most areas. For those Arkansans who are not financially able to purchase and operate watercraft, the lake is a haven from the overcrowded, overdeveloped lakes which are found in the Southern part of the state. There is no doubt that water quality and the overall health of the lake's ecosystem would suffer should these plans go in to effect. As a long time resident of this region, I can state with some certainty that many of our current environmental and economic woes are due to the fact that irreplaceable natural resources have been time and time again sacrificed for short term financial gain. I hope the Corps of Engineers will consider the long term effects of the implementation of these plans and see themselves as stewards of a precious resource which will only increase in value during this century if left "as is"

Thank You

Robert A Cole

Redfield , AR

From: Heather Colley [mailto:hcolley@midsouth.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 11:54 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Plan - Alternative 2 Support

I am writing in support of Alternative 2 of the Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan draft EIS. I visit the lake during the summer and believe this alternative will be good for the lakeshore for the next five years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Heather Colley
8929 Lindstrom Drive
Cordova, TN 38016

From: Hannah Colley [mailto:hkc@midsouth.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 10:38 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lakeshore

I am writing in support of Alternative 2 of the Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan draft EIS. I visit the lake during the summer and believe this alternative will be good for the lakeshore.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hannah Colley

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From: Jay Colley [mailto:jcolley@midsouth.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 10:42 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Boat Dock Zoning

To whom it may concern:

As a boat owner and long time Greers Ferry Lake patron I want to voice my support for Alternative 2 concerning the current Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan.

Thank you!
Jay Colley
901-757-0622

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From: jim colley [mailto:jcolley2@midssouth.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 3:23 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: gflm

I support the Alternative 2 plan for Greers Ferry Lakeas as the best plan for the lake and public use.

Jim Colley
389 Richard's Way Dr.
Cordova, Tn.

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From: Jim Collier [mailto:jacoll@ipa.net]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 12:23 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Proposed Greer"s Ferry Policy

As a resident and property holder, I STRONGLY OBJECT to the Corp's proposal to increase the dock permits by 40%. Why do we need these? We have public access ramps and marinas. Why should the Corp destroy the very thing that makes these lakes attractive?

James A. Collier

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:

Recently I have been working around the lake, and have come to appreciate its natural beauty. From reading the newspapers I understand that the alternative #2, proposed by the Corps, has received much criticism as being too liberal, perhaps allowing the developers to take over the lake.

It really doesn't make much difference to me, since I won't benefit from the second alternative personally, and don't have plans to live on the lake. However, I don't see how slight increases in the area zoned for docks or the number of docks can really hurt the lake. Nor does it make sense to me that the slightly increased area a homeowner can maintain around his property can hurt the lake since there is a required buffer. Frankly, it seems like much ado about nothing. I can't imagine that anyone will notice the changes brought about by the second alternative if it is adopted.

I hear the study the Corps had done supports the plan. I think you should enact the preferred second alternative.

Sincerely,


Robert Burgess

30 Mayflower Lane
Mayflower, Arkansas 72106

501 Napa Valley Drive, Apt. 713
Little Rock, Arkansas 72211
January 6, 2002

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

Re: Greers Ferry Boat Docks

Dear Ms. Anslow;

As a fairly new resident to Arkansas, I have had a chance to visit some of the State's wonderful natural resources. Greers Ferry has been one of the sites. However, I was disappointed to learn of the Corps' plan to change to the lake by adding additional boat docks. This project will alter the nature of the lake by increasing boat traffic and pollution. I hope you'll cancel the plan.

Respectfully,



Carole R. Burke

January 21, 2002

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

Dear Ms Anslaw;

I would like to comment concerning the proposed changes in shoreline management on Greers Ferry Lake. As a property owner on the lake for 40 years and an avid boater with familiarity with all parts of the lake, I feel that I am qualified to an opinion on the proposed changes.

This lake has well over 100 miles of shoreline and the addition of 93 or 193 boat docks would have no significant impact on the lake. Many would be in small coves and out of sight. At present the docks are carefully located and the boater or vacationer feels no sense of their presence. The proposed additions would

have a very minimal effect.

The proposed mowing change would enhance the beauty of the lake. For many property owners around the lake, the mowing change is irrelevant. Our houses are 100 feet or more from the take line of the Corps, so increasing the mowing from 50' to 100' makes no difference. For those whose houses are near the take line, the increase in mowing would add to fire protection and would not increase erosion but reduce it. Bermuda or Zoysia grass certainly looks better than sedge and prevents erosion.

The proposed change in rules to permit change in shoreline habitat from scrub brush and saw briars to plants approved by the forestry service would enhance the beauty of the lake and provide meaningful habitat for wild life.

Yours truly,

D. P. Benton

1 Carmel Valley Lane
Little Rock, AR 72212

From: srburrows@cromwell.com [mailto:srburrows@cromwell.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 7:58 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

I am in favor of alternative #2 for the shoreline managment plan for Greers
Ferry Lake.
Shane Burrows
Guy, AR

Jan 8, 2002

Dear Sis

Please leave Maers Ferry
Lake alone. We have cleared
dirt in water, and a beautiful
lake. We don't need more
and more docks. Lets save
something for our future children

Thank you
Ruby B. Booz
87 Harbor Hill Rd.
Heber Springs, AR
72543

From: Leroy at home [mailto:leroyhome@indconet.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 9:12 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry shoreline plan (FOR)

I am in favor (FOR) the proposed changes at Greers Ferry Lake.

Leroy Blankenship
Batesville, AR 72501
leroyhome@indconet.com

From: Bob Bogard [mailto:bobgenice@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 8:52 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: New Shoreline Management Plan

The purpose of this correspondence is to express my support for the new SMP.
Sincerely, Bobby E. Bogard

From: Hilda Boger [mailto:hjboger@swbell.net]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 10:36 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Rezoning

To whom it may concern:

I am in favor of rezoning Alternative 2 for allowing docks on Greers Ferry Lake. It would seem only fair to allow these changes for previously approved owners.

Thank you,

Hilda Boger
Little Rock, AR

From: Jim Boger [mailto:jeboger@swbell.net]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 5:07 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

To whom it may concern:

I am in favor of the dock rezoning for Greer's Ferry Lake for the people that have been approved previously for docks.

Jim Boger

From: "Scott & Merryl Boggan" <sboggan@cswnet.com>
Date: Wed, 23 Jan 2002 18:24:33 -0600
To: <gf.smp.eis@usace.army>
Cc: "Barbara Sullivan" <barbwire@ipa.net>
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management.

To whom it may concern:

I am a concerned citizen relating to the Corp of Engineers plan to allow additional shoreline developement. I understand that an environmental impact was conducted for the expansion of boat docks along the shore line, but was refueling of these various watercrafts that will be associated this expansion addressed in your impact study? Most individuals will prefer to furnish their own fuel for recreation than to be at the mercy of the marina operators. Also the esthetic beauty of the shore line will be disturbed. I realize that this is a man made reservoir, but since the most devestating environmental impact has already happened, the destruction of the Little Red River Valley due to the construction of the dam, I ask you not to totally destroy what natural aesthetics that are left. Just because some good ole boy can afford to have a house near the lake, should I have to look at his dock just because he's too lazy to launch his ski boat or party barge like the rest of the state, or too thrifty to afford a slip in the nearest marina. Thanks for the opportunity to imput a small voice.

Searcy, AR.

Concerned Citizen in
Scott Boggan

JOHN R. BOMAR, D.C.
Chiropractic Physician
204 North 26th Street
Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923
246-3052

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

1-17-02

Dear Ms Anslow,

I write in opposition to the Corps decision to add hundreds of boat docks to Green Ferry Lake.

I have sailed the lake numerous times and remember its pristine shoreline and relative quietness. I now live on Hamilton, an extreme contrast granted, but I would not wish one tenth our ^{boat} volume on any lake. Lake Ouachita and Lake DeGray nearby both, in my opinion, represent the best of Corps decisions - keep the shoreline pristine, keep it natural, allow everyone to enjoy the grand vistas of land, water and sky.

Sincerely,
John Bomar

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From: Terzino Bomprezzi [mailto:cruise2@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 9:39 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Gerry Ferry Lake

Madam,

Got a shocking message about people wanting to add more docks to that lake.

Its has enough, too many docks there. More docks, more pollution, more damages to the native wildlife and food.

People can do rent boat there or leave their boat on their land!

Put my name on the petition for against for that stupid idea.

Thank you for the attention.

Terzino Bomprezzi

January 10, 2002

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

Dear Corps of Engineers:

Like some others who love Greers Ferry Lake, I could write a small book about why the planned development of the lake is a bad idea for the area, the state, and even the country. But, I would only be repeating, albeit less eloquently, the points that concerned citizens have already made.

What I will say is this: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, don't allow more development to mar the natural beauty of this lake. We have precious few places left, and Greers Ferry Lake is a jewel, a shining example of conservation that Arkansas can be proud of.

PLEASE practice good stewardship of our natural resources and STOP the planned development of Greers Ferry Lake.



Shirley Bowen
Committed and Concerned Arkansas citizen

WILLIAM H. BOWEN
P.O. BOX 1471
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72203
Phone 501-371-7010

January 8, 2002

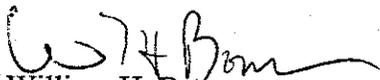
Patricia Anslow
Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

My interest in Greer's Ferry Lake goes back at least to October 1963, when I was invited to attend the Lake Dedication Ceremony to which President John F. Kennedy spoke. Then I watched with care the evolution of the Red Apple properties and began using the inn and the marina as early as 1965.

We purchased a condominium in the summer of 1981 located just inside the gate. We have had a boat slip at the marina at least 20 years. My family and I are supporting legal opposition to the plan of the Corps to commercialize and damage the lake. You should know that you will have my strong unbending opposition to your plans.

Very truly yours,


William H. Bowen

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cc: Save Greer's Ferry Lake, Inc.
P.O. Box 150
Heber Springs, AR 72543

From: David Bowling [mailto:dlbowling@mindspring.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 4:26 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Shoreline Management Plan

1/28/02

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan

As a homeowner adjoining the Lake, I feel that it is imperative that we preserve the beauty of the Lake and its surroundings while allowing bordering property owners to maximize their use of the Lake. I can understand and agree with expanding the mowing zone to 100 feet and keeping the lake buffer zone at 50 feet to protect water quality. However, the almost doubling of the number of boat docks under several of the plans is troubling. Therefore, I would recommend either the no action or no growth plan to limit the number of boat docks with a change in the mowing zone to 100 feet and the buffer zone to 50 feet. This would protect the beauty of the shoreline while reducing the decayed matter being left to run into the lake as yard maintenance in the increased mowing zone reduces organic matter left to decay.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Bowling

From: Don Boyd [mailto:dboyd@arkedu.k12.ar.us]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 2:30 PM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil.'
Subject:

To Whom It May Concern,

Please rethink your policy and proposal to add 93 boat docks to Greers Ferry Lake.

I am especially concerned about the addition of those docks which contain 20 slips. The lake is already commercialized and dangerous enough. Further, up to this point, pollution has not been a major problem. I fear that it will be if your proposal comes to fruition. Consider how congested Oklahoma's Grand Lake has become. Please do not allow that to happen to us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Donald A. Boyd, Ph.D.
Cabot, AR

From: Mark Boyd [mailto:marterboyd@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 9:55 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Environmental Impact

I would like to express my strongest objection to the Corps of Engineers in allowing any type of development on the shorelines of Greers Ferry Lake. My family has vacationed at Greers Ferry for over 15 years. We have traveled from Memphis Tennessee to Greers Ferry because of the beauty of the lake and the beautiful surroundings of the rocks and trees. We purposely do not like the Pickwick development that is only 45 minutes from our home because they allowed many years ago the development on their shorelines which looks horrible. When we ride down the Tennessee River, all we see are houses built on every conceivable piece of shoreline plus the ugly tracks that carry the boats up the shores into the boat owners' garages. We feel that this is comparable to looking at railroad tracks all day! The water at Pickwick is dirty and ugly because of the barges and heavy recreation traffic usage. We purposely drive to Greers Ferry lake because the water is pristine clear!

Of course, we spend our money when we vacation at Greers Ferry lake in the town of Heber Springs and at the Red Apple Inn resort. We buy gas at the marinas, eat food at the restaurants, rent boats and buy groceries which is a profit for these businesses.

We do not mind the 3 hour drive because the beauty of the lake makes it all worthwhile. Please do not destroy the natural beauty of Greers Ferry Lake.

Sincerely,

Mark and Terri Boyd
7431 Cornuta Lane
Germantown, TN 38138

From: Dan Branch [mailto:danbranch@ipa.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 8:52 PM
To: Cemvk-pa
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake, Arkansas

Does Vicksberg Office have control of Greers FerryLake ? If not could You tell me who does . If you do ,I ,would like to go on record opposing the construction of additional boat houses on the lake . The lake looks good like it is.

Let us leave it natural ,to be enjoyed for many years to come. Thank You
Dan Branch ,409 N.Cedar St. Beebe Ark. afrequent visitor.

From: Reba Cargile [mailto:bcaarc@alltel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 10:26 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

To Whom it May Concern,

More boat docks on Greers Ferry! I cannot believe you would even consider such an idea!

This would only add more rude boaters and jet skier.

Heaven forbid!

Leave me a place that I can go in the fall, winter and spring and enjoy the fishing, count the eagles and watch the wild life on the shoreline.

Add the boat docks and cut the trees and the shoreline will be rated X.

I do not use the lake in the summer because you cannot get away from the X rated behavior.

With all the happenings in the world today. Save Greers Ferry and go drill for oil in Alaska and offshore for me and my families' security and freedom.

Totally against boat docks and tree cutting,
Raymond Branton

From: Eddie and Jennifer Carlisle [mailto:ecarlisle@aristotle.net]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 7:40 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Cc: Dacus, John; Billie Jo Sadler; Home; Eddie - Work; John and Pat Dacus; John and Cristi Dacus; George and Betty Brittain; Bob and Karen Brittain; Anna Brittain

Subject: A VOTE FOR THE CORPS' PROPOSAL

Tricia,

I am a property owner on Greer's Ferry Lake and have been watching this debate closely for the last few years! When we bought on Greer's Ferry, it was the beginning of a "Dream Come True". My wife and I obtained the latest information about what could and could not be done on the Corps property, including information on Boat Docks! We were excited about the prospect of even being able to clear at least a "meandering path" from our house to the lake, and would live with that, if that is all that we can do! We are dismayed at this time to hear and read that Special Interest Groups, like the "Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc" are now espousing what they think is best for the rest of us! Our situation is that we have the property, are building our retirement home, do not have a boat dock, do not have clear access to the lake, and can not even see the lake except in the dead of winter, when all of the leaves are off the trees! There are many of us in the same situation, who only want to be able to clean up the unsightly underbrush and improve the access and view of the lake from our property! A little bit of tree trimming would help the view and would not harm the environment, either! That's why we purchased the land on the lake, so that we could enjoy the view and the wonderful lake!

It appears that we have confused two separate issues in this proposal which will, if defeated, limit all of us from even viewing our beautiful lake! I personally would love to have a boat dock, don't get me wrong, but I don't want to be kept from improving our access and view, because a Special Interest Group wants to decide what is good for me and the rest of the property owners on Greers Ferry! The Taxpayers have paid \$455,000 for an Environmental Impact Study which says that the Corps proposal will NOT impact the lake or the quality of the water! Why are we now being forced to respond to this Special Interest Group's demands?

I vote FOR the Corps' proposal, because it will allow me to improve my situation, since I would like to be able to improve the view and be able to walk down to the water without worrying about snakes, etc! I will personally contact as many other residents as possible to have them voice their opinions on this issue, so that the real residents can be heard!

Sincerely,
Bobby L. Brittain
375 Lakeshore Drive
Higden, Arkansas 72067

From: George and Betty Brittain [mailto:gbbrit@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 5:43 PM
To: Corps of Engineers
Subject: A Vote FOR the Corps Greers Ferry Proposal

We are not interested in a boat dock, however, we are very interested in the mowing provision which allows you to clean up the underbrush and create a decent view of the lake. Therefore, we would like to vote FOR the Corps Proposal.

George & Betty Brittain
39 Mari-Bett Lane
Higden, AR 72067

From: Eddie and Jennifer Carlisle [mailto:ecarlisle@aristotle.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 12:29 PM
To: Corps of Engineers - Ark
Subject: A Vote FOR the Corps of Engineers Proposal on Greers Ferry Lake

I would like to voice my opinion in favor of the Corps proposal for the shore management of Greer's Ferry Lake. We spent over \$400,000 of the tax payers money on this study to obtain the educated opinion of acknowledged experts. I do not feel that we should ignore the findings of this study because certain special interest groups don't agree with it.

Karen A. Brittain

Jan. 14, 2002

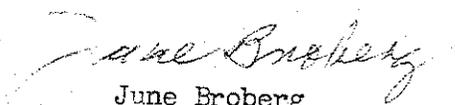
Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Ar. 72203-0867

Dear Miss Anslow:

I am definately NOT in favor of the plans the Corps is promoting for Greers Ferry Lake. These plans will certainly mean that the lake will be poluted and then ~~what~~ happens to our drinking water? The amount of gas and oil escaping the boats would be overwhelming.

I believe the people most affected by this desire to change should have the right to deny any plans such as these.

Sincerely,


June Broberg
187 E. Blue Ridge Ter.
Fairfield Bay, Ar.
72088

From: Christie Brocchus [mailto:cbrocchus@aetn.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2002 9:48 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Please don't develop the lake

I am writing to express my concerns over your plans to develop Greers Ferry. PLEASE PLEASE don't allow this to happen!

I used to come to Greers Ferry every weekend when I was in high school and I really didn't appreciate how beautiful it was until I got older and started to travel around the state. So many other places in Arkansas are rapidly losing their natural beauty because of commercial and residential development. I think we are at a point in our state's history where we are going to have to consider just how "natural" the Natural State really is any more.

Over the last ten years, I've seen so many wild places disappear and our rivers and lakes become so very crowded as outdoor recreation has become more popular. The good thing about going to Greers Ferry, the Buffalo River, Lake Ouachita and other places is that you can still get a sense of being "out there" somewhere because you don't have to see man made structures littering the banks. I-540 through Northwest Arkansas has that same feeling because its been designated a scenic byway, with no billboards and gas stations drawing your attention away from the rolling Ozark hills.

Please don't allow further development of our lakes in Arkansas. We really need to hold on to what we have here.

Christie Brocchus
Conway, AR

01/12/02

MS. TRISH ANSLOW
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 867
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72203

I AM A REGULAR VISITOR TO
ARKANSAS PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF
ITS NATURAL BEAUTY AND WONDERFUL
LAKES.

I AM CONCERNED THAT THE
CHANGING OF THE RULES ON
BUILDING BOAT DOCKS ON GREERS
FERRY LAKE AND THE DESTRUCTION
OF VEGETATION WHICH WOULD OCCUR
IF ALLOWED MOWING WERE TO BE
INCREASED FROM 50 TO 100 FEET
WOULD BE VERY NEGATIVE DEVELOP-
MENTS AND NOT BODE WELL FOR
THE FUTURE OF THIS BEAUTIFUL LAKE.

From: India Olean Brown [mailto:indiaob@artelco.com]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2002 11:10 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: to Ms. Pat Anslow , inre: BOAT DOCKS, ETC. ON GREERS FERRY LAKE

Dear Corp of Engineers at Little Rock,

I am a resident of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas and am totally opposed to your planned opening of 30% more boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake and 'mowing' of 50 additional feet from the banks (I presume that also means clearing of trees so lawns can, be mown and landscaped with plants that will need fertilizer, etc!).

As a US Government entity whose work and salaries are covered by all tax payers, I am appalled that you would consider doing this to benefit the few. If this were not enough of an issue in itself, the can of worms your are planning to open will add pollution - much of it, including more motor oil, throwaway cans, paper products, etc into the lake and on the shore- to the only source of drinking water for most of these parts. The extra boats, water skiers, surfers, etc. will lead to increased safety hazards and will create a need for taxpayers to expend even more funds to enforce safety laws.

Please reconsider implementing the disgraceful policy you have approved, since the enviornmental impact study is excessively flawed; I hope it isn't also a fraudently produced one as well.

India O Brown

KEN & ELOISE BROWN

January 10, 2002

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

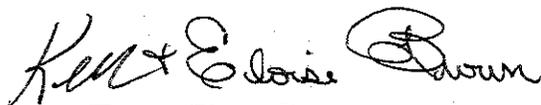
Dear Ms. Anslow:

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken & Eloise Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Ken & Eloise Brown

Cc Greers Ferry Project Office

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From: oletom [mailto:oletom@hypertech.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 13, 2002 11:10 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Boat Docks on Greers Ferry Lake

Gentlemen:

I am a resident of Fairfield Bay, Ark which is on Greers Ferry Lake and I am inalterably opposed to your planned expansion of the numbers of Boat Docks allowed on Greers Ferry Lake.

Thomas M. Brown
427 Woodlawn Drive
Fairfield Bay, Ar 72088

From: HBrowndyke@aol.com [mailto:HBrowndyke@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 7:13 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: submission for mailing list

Dear Sirs or Madams,

Please include me in your mailing list.

Respectfully submitted,

Hunter Browndyke

From: Angel [mailto:angell@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 1:00 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Opposition to more docks

Dear Sirs,

I wanted to let you know my opposition to the proposal for new private docks at Greer's Ferry Lake. I spent several wonderful camp outs at the facility which should be kept as a recreational and natural area for the public, not a luxury development for those lucky enough to own land near the lake. The land is publicly owned and should be protected for the public, not private interests.

thank you for considering my opinion,

Angel Bruner
c/o Harold M. Tatum
Melbourne, Arkansas

From: Bill Buchanan [mailto:buchanan1@aristotle.net]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 9:22 AM
To: Tricia Anslow
Subject: Fw: Greers Ferry Environmental Impact Statement

Tricia,

Please consider my opinion.

Thanks,

Bill Buchanan
----- Original Message -----
From: Bill Buchanan
To: Tricia Anslow
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2001 11:07 AM
Subject: Greers Ferry Environmental Impact Statement

Tricia,

I was not able to access your web site. The card prompted me to give you my thoughts on the Corps study. First of all I have the feeling that Greers Ferry private planning has been impacted to a very large extent by one person. Mr. Carl Garner, resident engineer I feel has overly protected this lake more than equivalent reservoirs in Arkansas and around the country. I believe that private landowners want the lake to stay clean. They also own property on the lake to view and use the lake and are not being treated fairly.

My proposed plan would be to allow property owners to cut a path down to the lake that would wind so as to not show a cut path from the lake to the owners property. This would keep erosion to a minimum by stopping runoff to the lake and preserve the beauty of the shoreline.

I would also like to propose allowing boat docks in locations off the main lake and protected areas. Make these areas limited in access at low speeds so as to stop damage to docks and erosion to shoreline. The Corp could monitor these locations easier and identify problems that might impact the lake. Thanks you for your consideration in this study.

Sincerely,

Bill Buchanan
916 Dyson Dr.
Sherwood, Ar 72120
Ph501-835-7771

From: J. Wayne Buck,O.D. [mailto:jwbuck@cei.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2002 12:05 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers ferry

Dear Sirs,

Please try to make a rational decision on these boat docks. The lake is a
prestine lake and a credit to our state. Let's not change that. Thanks for
your attention.

J. Wayne Buck
Crossett, Ar.

187 Call
529-2322
at

Jill and Roger Buckmaster
8474 Steinerbridge Ln.
Germantown, TN 38139-3232 #901-309-0989
E-mail: crogerb@aol.com

January 9, 2002

I would like to support Alternative #2. When the Shoreline Management Plan is updated, this alternative is the most balanced.

The Environmental Impact Study is quite thorough. I trust that most open-minded people judge it that way. It addresses the need to consider the recreational uses of the lake with future development. There will be a further increase in recreational use. This will certainly keep the local economy growing. The key is to balance this growth with the appearance of the lakefront.

I would like to suggest that Alternative #2 and Alternative #4 be amended to allow voluntary combination of rezoning requests. There might be circumstances where applicants would be willing to combine them and further reduce the number of dock locations.

My other suggestion would be to modify the "Greers Ferry Lake Rezoning Request Evaluation Criteria" by adding an 8th elimination factor. This factor would not allow docks on the "main body" of the lake.

Thanks for the opportunity to forward my views.



C. Roger Buckmaster

8474 Steinerbridge Lane
Germantown, TN 38139-3232
e-mail: crogerb@aol.com

From: Andrea Hollander Budy [mailto:ahbudy@mvtel.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 26, 2002 5:06 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Members of the Corps,

I am writing to urge you to allow no more private docks to be added to Greers Ferry Lake. This is a public waterway, and as such it seems altogether inappropriate to allow landowners to take possession of public property. It seems enough that the property of many people was "taken" when the public lake was created. Don't now bend to the pressures of politicians and others in order to allow new landowners to create "conveniences" that will benefit only them and will present problems for the rest of us: in terms of aesthetics, as well as the quality of the water for the habitat that dwells within it. Instead make certain there are adequate public docks for everyone.

Sincerely yours,

Andrea Hollander Budy
1433 Kahoka Road
Mountain View, AR 72560

10 January, 2002

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

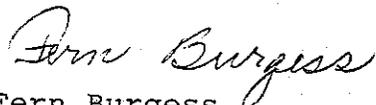
Dear Ms. Anslow,

Please consider this a vote AGAINST the propped new shoreline management plan.

I only use the lake for swimming but the lake is important to me as I do DRINK THE WATER! My family comes down to fish, swim and boat on Greers Ferry Lake and they enjoy the beauty of the lake and it's shoreline.

Please reconsider this new proposal.

Sincerely yours,



Fern Burgess
506 Sequoia Drive
Heber Springs, AR 72543

From: Mdalston@aol.com [mailto:Mdalston@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 6:41 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: statement of support for Alt 2 for shoreline management

To Whom It May Concern,

My family has owned waterfront land on Greer's Ferry Lake since 1967. We have years of wonderful experiences and memories that were directly linked to this lake. We still own property there and will always strive to protect and preserve the experience for generations to come. After careful consideration of the environmental impact studies and each of the five alternative possibilities, we stand firmly in support of Alternative 2.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Myra Druff Alston

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From: Amos, Tim [mailto:tim.amos@customfoodgroup.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 6:13 AM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil.'
Subject: SAVING THE LAKE

Attention Trish Anslow

I have taken a general vote around my neighborhood which consist of about 15 families and they all feel the way I do and that is there are way too many boat docks cluttering up the lake!
I've always felt that if you wanted your boat left in the water, take it to the marina. There are enough of them to handle this problem. If the banks keep getting cover with docks you won't be able to see the banks anyway! Let's face it, the big boat docks are for profit and are big eye sores anyway!!! As for the the smaller docks, if they aren't kept up they should have to remove them. I would be ashamed to put my boat in some that I have seen.

As for the mowing, I think it looks better around the lake with the weeds and small trees cleared than all grown up! When the water comes up and goes back down it washes the tree roots out and you always have them falling anyway. If the banks were clean you could ride and look at the houses on the lake which have tripled in the past decade.

Whatever the outcome I hope the lake is taken care of because it is one of the nicest and cleanest places in the whole country. I really enjoy it. I have participated in 9 of the last 10 clean ups!

P.S. I think the main (hurt) of the lake is all the personal watercraft that have over taken the water in the past few years! I have been on the lake for the last 10 years and the only brushes I've had has involved watercraft idiots.

Thank you for listening.

Tim Amos
260 Shelby Dr.
Marianna, Ar. 72360

49 Rose Circle
Drasco Ar.

From: Yvonne Amos [mailto:yamos@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 11:34 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I read your article in the newspaper and I just wanted to respond. I have a cabin on that lake and have for about 10 years now. Over the years the cove that we are located in has never been congested but since the dock on the east side of Tannanbaum has been put in, it has caused some problems. The lake is very congested now without more docks being put in. I think that it would be a mistake to let more docks be built. The people that have them now, need to update the ones they have. If someone needs a slip, rent one at the marina, that is what they are there for. Let the Marinas add more docks and keep it in one area of the lake. I take my boat in and out of the water every weekend, not that I cannot afford a slip, we have a landing close by and would rather keep our boat at the cabin. Our neighbors do the same. More docks would only cause accidents and ruin the beauty of the lake. I like the way it is now without the changes. If everyone keeps wanting to mow and put in docks, it will only cause damage to the lake, lake shore and pollute the water. PLEASE KEEP THE LAKE THE WAY IT IS.

Sincerly, Yvonne

From: jack & margie anders [mailto:janders@mcraeisp.k12.ar.us]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 12:02 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: expansion of docks at Greers Ferry Lake

I can not possibly express to you my outrage at your plans to develop the lake area. Surely the supporters of this plan have no foresight at all. I suspect only greed lies behind this push to expand what is already perfect. I have been to many other waterways in our country and have seen what progress has done for them. In Florida you can not even see the waterfronts! Marina areas are so small and overcrowded you can barely get the boats in and out. Even on the gulf coast the water is murky. No one wants this for our beautiful lake. I wish you could see the awe of people we take out on the lake in our boat. No one can believe such unspoiled beauty. We are truly the natural state....lets keep it that way.

If you are truly willing to listen and read what we the people are saying I would appreciate a response to this email.
Consider me a supporter of Save OUR Lake! Marjorie
Anders....janders@mcraeisp.k12.ar.us

From: Redrvr140@aol.com [mailto:Redrvr140@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 2:06 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Docks on Greers Ferry

Please do not allow any more docks on Greers Ferry lake. I have been coming to Greers Ferry since 1977, I keep my boat at Eden Isle Marina and have a house on the Little Red. The reason I came to Greers Ferry in the first place is because of the natural shoreline and the beauty of the area. Lake Hamilton (Hot Springs) is a good example of what can happen when growth gets out of control. Also your 50ft. mowing restriction is just about right. Thank you for being a good steward of this beautiful lake.

Randy Ashmore 29 Cascades Dr. Little Rock, Ar. 72212

From: Richard & Gwendolyn Atkins [mailto:rekistan@ipa.net]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 12:53 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Freey Lake

Dear Sir,

As you are fully aware, Greers Ferry Lake is a federal project, built with federal funds, managed with federal funds, those funds paid by all citizens of this country.

Greers Ferry Lake is open to the public for various purposes, one of which is boating. Boats need moorings. Greers Ferry Lake area is growing, that growth will continue. Docks for boats are an integral part of a boating lake.

Reserving this lake for a few, selected, local commercial interest is unfair and discriminatory. It should not belong to the first come, first served group. Private homeowner docks should be included.

As to the environmental concerns of some people, your own EIS says "no significant impact". To the pollution issue, pollution does not come from docks.

The Corps should proceed with the SMP at this time. The Corps should issue permits for docks of approved design and should enforce "high" standards for maintenance. If the docks are not maintained properly they should be removed by the owner. It wouldn't hurt to require modernization of docks under previous permits either.

Selective cutting of trees and clearing of underbrush should be allowed for safety of the homeowner. I don't believe they would let the area erode and pollute the lake.

You have a great opportunity to show the country how to "do it right". Let the area grow, set modern standards, set high standards for maintenance, Approve the SMP now. Let everyone enjoy the Lake. Don't turn back now.

Sincerely,
Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Atkins
430 Davidson Circle
Edgemont, AR 72044

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From: Wendy Ausburn [mailto:wausburn@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 7:17 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

I would like to voice my opinion AGAINST the Corps' proposal to add more boat docks around the lake and to allow more mowing around the lake. My husband and I have been boating and camping at Greers Ferry Lake for over 20 years. Our trips to the lake are some of the best memories we have of the time we spent with our children when they were little. We now take them as adults with children of their own. Sharing the lake with another generation, knowing they are enjoying the same beauty of Greers Ferry as their parents enjoyed, is one of our joys. We very much appreciate the natural beauty of the lake and its shoreline. Please don't make one of our state's greatest treasures into an ugly, dock-filled lake.

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Ausburn

142 Hibiscus Drive

Maumelle, AR 72113

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From: Patrick Bailey [mailto:lthunenart@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 3:29 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject:

I am in favor for Alternate #1. I have been a resident of the Greers Ferry Lake area for quite some time. I have also traveled all over the world and one of those places I went to was Monte Carlo. I remember sitting there thinking to myself "Man this is almost the most beautiful place on the earth. I can only think of one place that is more beautiful than this and thats home. Thank You James Patrick Bailey.

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From: george baker [mailto:sjbakel@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 11:28 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Boat Docks at Greers Ferry Lake

Hello, My name is George Baker and I have a lakeside home on the lake in the vicinity of Choctaw Marina. I do not currently have a dock and will support the decision either way concerning the increase of dock permits. If, however; it is determined to increase the number of permits I would certainly like to be among those awarded same.

Thanks

George Baker
Wildflower Lane
Choctaw Ar 72128
501-745-4630
or 501 835-2580

RON AND KATHARINE BALES
P.O. BOX 1130
FAIRFIELD BAY, AR 72088

January 12, 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:

We wish to state our opposition to the proposed Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry Lake, which are in the Environmental Impact Statement issued by the U.S. Corps Army Corps of Engineers in November, 2001.

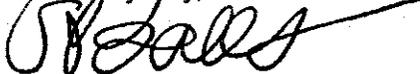
We moved to Fairfield Bay in 1983 because of the beauty of Greers Ferry Lake with its clear water and largely untouched shoreline. For many years, we enjoyed sailing our boat in the lake. As a result, we feel qualified to state that the addition of multislip private boat docks along the presently protected areas would detract from the beauty of the lake, and have an adverse effect on the water quality of the lake. The enlargement of the Narrows Marina into the Narrows area is an example of the adverse change boat docks can make to the appearance of the shoreline.

Increasing the area that landowners may mow along the lake will also change the appearance of the lakeshore in a negative way. More erosion will result which in turn will cause an increase in silting of the lake. This will downgrade the quality of water that is drawn from the lake to provide our community and a great area around us with good drinking water.

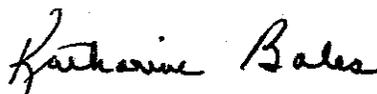
Probably there are commercial interests that feel the proposed changes will increase the number of vacationers coming to the lake, and therefore the profitability of the vacation trade in the lake area. This may be true for a short while, but when the lake loses its pristine appearance, people will look for more attractive and clean places for recreation.

We ask that the plans to change the Greers Ferry Shoreline Management be cancelled.

Yours very truly,



Ron Bales



Katharine Bales

Cc: Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc.

From: jinny.balsano@amsouth.com [mailto:jinny.balsano@amsouth.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 1:21 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Alt 2
Importance: High

I read the article in yesterday's Commercial Appeal covering area lakes and the changes proposed for them. I usually stay out of this type of argument but I want to voice my opposition to Alt 2. I am a Memphian that has driven the 3 hours from Memphis to Greers Ferry since 1994. We have slipped our boat at Shiloh Marina all those years. Last Sunday we watched about 6 or 8 deer being playful in the park. Maybe that's not important to some people, but it was a thrill to a city dweller. We make that long drive because we love the lake.

The people that purchased homes around Greers Ferry knew that docks were not permitted. They knew the restrictions, but purchased anyway and now want to change the Lake for everyone else. If they did not like the rules the Corps set for this lake, then they should have bought elsewhere. The man that complained how far away the closest marina was knew it when he bought his home; the lake should change because he did not use forethought?

The only experience I can equate this to is my home in Memphis. My husband and I bought our house 20 years ago. At that time, the street was 2 lane with cotton fields on one side. I had a long drive to the grocery store but I could step out of my house at night and look up and see stars and listen to the crickets. New people started buying in the area and then set about changing it. It was too "inconvenient" to go very far to the store so they zoned much of the area commercial. Now when I step out my door instead of stars and crickets, I see the glow from all the neon signs all I hear is the beep - beep - beep of the delivery trucks backing into loading docks.

The article stated that Greers Ferry produces more revenue than any other Corps run lake in the nation. That should tell you something about what the majority of the population wants. They do not want to come to a "spoiled lake". I do not want to see Greers Ferry Lake fall to the same wheels of progress that some of the other lakes have. Why don't the people that want to bring change to Greers Ferry Lake find a lake that suits their needs rather than make the rest of us bend to their wants.

Please do not pass Alt 2.

Jinny Balsano
e-mail address jinnybalsano@aol.com

From: Glenda Barley [mailto:barleyridge@arkansas.net]
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2001 11:57 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: support of the 2000 Greers Ferry shoreline management plan

My name is Paul Barley,
2630 Silver Ridge Rd.
Drasco, Ar. 72530

I was not able to attend the Dec. 4th, 2001 meeting in Heber Springs about the Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan. I want it to be known that I support the 2000 Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan one hundred per cent.

Jan. 11, 2002

Patricia Anslow
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

Dear Ms Anslow,

We are happy and fortunate to have Greers Ferry Lake here in Cleburne County. It is a wonderful asset to our area.

We are also aware of the importance of keeping the lake clean and unpolluted. The shoreline should be attractive and as free of erosion and pollution as possible.

We, however, see nothing in the proposed Shoreline Management Plan that would alter the water quality or the appearance of the shoreline. We think it is wrong to use scare tactics to make it appear otherwise, as the group, "Save Greers Ferry Lake Inc." is doing.

Sincerely

Husht Wanda Barnett

Wanda & Sherlon Faust

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From: Pascal and Margaret Barone [mailto:lot28@hypertech.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 7:02 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Save Greers Ferry Lake

To whom it may concern:

We are against the Corps proposal to increase the number of docks on Greers Ferry Lake.

The lake is beautiful and clean, we like to keep it that way. If your plan goes thru who is going to monitor the building of all these docks. Right now you have more then enough on your hands.

Please consider this matter before this lake becomes a cesspool.

Thank You
Mr. & Mrs. Pascal Barone

P.S. We live in Grand Isle, Fairfield Bay. We live by the water in the five fingers area, been here four years and love it please NO MORE DOCKS.

From: Barrett [mailto:katy@aristotle.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 11:44 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: shoreline plan

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to let you know that I am in favor of the shoreline management plan, and I want the new docks implemented. I also think that the Corps is doing a good job.

Thank You,
Lea Anne Barrett

From: Judy Davis [mailto:JDavis@mws gw.com]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 12:30 PM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

ATTN: Tricia Anslow

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am writing to express my support for the preferred option #2 as identified in the draft EIS for the shoreline management plan proposed for Greers Ferry Lake. As a former assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, I have some familiarity with the Corps' history with Greers Ferry Lake. I also am lucky enough to visit the Lake several times a year. In my opinion, option #2 is a balanced plan which accommodates the needs of those who enjoy the Lake while preserving the Lake's natural beauty. There also does not appear to be a negative impact on the Lake environment. This conclusion is supported by the environmental impact study. I urge the Corps of Engineers to adopt the preferred option #2 to the shoreline management plan.

Sherry Bartley
(501) 688-8860
sbartley@mws gw.com

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From: Baskin1 [mailto:baskin1@aristotle.net]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 11:59 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

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

Mary Louise Baskin
2709 Millbrooh Rd.
Little Rock, Ar. 72227

From: Baskin1 [mailto:baskin1@aristotle.net]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 12:08 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Public comments,G.F.SMP.

I have reviewed and discussed your alternatives for the SMP of Greers Ferry Lake and believe that your preferred Alternative#2 will provide a balance that will meet the needs of the majority of the population that use the Lake.

Robert M. Baskin
2709 Mill Brook Rd.
Little Rock, Ar. 72227

From: Kristopher Shewmake, M.D.
[mailto:kshewmake@arkansasplasticsurgery.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 5:56 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greer's Ferry Lake

My family for many years has traveled to Greer's Ferry Lake to enjoy the outdoors. We usually stay at The Red Apple Inn or camp at one of the local campgrounds. The lake is a treasure and has been beautifully maintained under the direction of the Corp of Engineers for many years. The Corp. has done the studies using independent consultants and has found no environmental impact in zoning 9500 feet of shoreline of the 276 miles (1,457,280 feet) of the lake. I agree with the plan and support Option 2 of the EIS Study. I see no reason to doubt the ability or the judgement of the Corp now or in the future.

Thank you, David Bauer, M.D.

From: Fred K Beeson [mailto:Fbeeson1@midsouth.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 8:41 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

We are opposed to:

- 1) The addition of any more private docks at Greer's Ferry Lake
- 2) And to increasing the mowing area from 50 to 100 feet.

Fred K & Harriette M Beeson
1700 Tannenbaum Road
Drasco, AR 72530

Fbeeson1@midsouth.rr.com

From: Rob Beisenstein [mailto:robb@eppsteinuhen.com]
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2002 2:16 PM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan

Patricia Anslow,

I am writing to inform you that I am in favor the proposed plan of allowing 93 additional boat docks on the lake. I vacation often at Greers Ferry lake and don't believe this would cause any harm to the lake.

Thank you,

Rob Beisenstein
2103 N. 61st Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

From: Steve Bell [mailto:sbell@hhca.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 10:47 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: FW: Public Comments for Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan, Draft EIS

Dear Ms. Anslow: Forwarded herewith are our comments regarding the proposed SMP. Please acknowledge receipt.

Sincerely,

Steven and Donna Bell

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

From: Donna Bell [mailto:sbell1@midsouth.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 5:20 PM
To: sbell@hhca.com
Subject: Public Comments for Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan, Draft EIS

The following comments are submitted by Steven and Donna Bell, homeowners of a residence in the Twin Coves Estates. Specifically, we own the house at 974 Twin Coves Circle, Greer's Ferry, AR, 72067. We submit the following for consideration:

- 1) We support the implementation of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) as proposed in the current "draft".
- 2) We agree that alternative 2, "the preferred alternative", should be the one employed.
- 3) We believe that the plan can be implemented as proposed, thereby providing for appropriate use of the docks considered in the rezoning requests previously submitted, and done in such a manner that protects the lake environment.
- 4) Our house is used as a "vacation residence", and we chose the Greer's Ferry area because of its pristine and natural beauty, utility and proximity. We intend to protect our investment which we believe includes the lake and shoreline. Many like-minded families chose Greer's Ferry for their second home for similar reason, and they have a tremendously positive impact on the local economy.

Steven and Donna Bell

Primary Residence: 8802 Red Maple Cove
Germantown, TN 38139

From: Dwain Bennett [mailto:bennettdwain@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 11:43 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: boat docks

I'm writing this letter to voice our opinion on adding more boat slips to Greer's Ferry Lake. Without rambling on with the same arguments I'm sure you've already heard, just add a definite NO on our opinion of more of almost anything. More fish, yes. More water in late summer, yes. More boat slips, no. Thank you for letting us voice our opinion.

Sincerely,
Dwain and Adele Bennett
Rose Bud, Arkansas

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January 28, 2002

Little Rock Engineer District
Attn: Ms. Patricia Anslow
CESWL-PR-P
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Lake Environmental Impact Study

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I write concerning comments to the Greers Ferry SMP draft EIS.

I might add I have owned property on the Lake for fifteen years, and I'm not looking to get a boat dock. It's pretty amazing the change in the pace of development which occurred about midway through my ownership term.

I think the Corps has done an excellent job of Lake management and hope to see that continue. My preference would be for a continuation of the 1994 SMP. I do not think the proposed changes on docks and vegetation cutting will be positive for the Lake. I understand the Corps imposes even more stringent controls on new lakes than are in place at Greers Ferry, so it is unclear to me why these should be relaxed. For instance, it is my understanding that private docks are not even allowed at the new lakes. The EIS notes that more folks showed up supporting more docks and vegetation removal than were against. I wasn't there, but my bet is those in favor were either (a) folks who own property and were wanting to build docks and cut, or (b) folks who were trying to sell property, viewed these changes as an enhancement to saleability and price, and were thus acting out of their selfish interests. Those against would have been acting out of a broader public interest. It's common sense that any time somebody stands to personally gain or lose financially from a decision, you have to look more closely at the merits of his or her position.

As to those people who either built or started docks while this lawsuit was pending, to let them keep these would do nothing but encourage such activity in the future if there is another appeal of a Corps management decision.

I appreciate the opportunity to be heard on this.

Sincerely,

Evans Benton

EB/ed

cc: Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc.

From: Lea Berry [mailto:lmb8910@artelco.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2002 8:48 PM
To: Trish Anslow
Cc: Congressman Vic Snyder
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Plan

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

I am opposed to the Corps plan for adding boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake. I would like to explain my reason.

I am sure the Corps has made a great effort in EIS and those involved are convinced that the plan is good, is friendly to the environment and will be acceptable to the public. I do not agree with the last part of this -acceptable to the public.

I had a house on the lake with a boat dock several years ago. I am glad that I had that experience. It is quite a job and responsibility to keep the dock properly maintained. Lot of people (in my opinion the majority) will not keep theirs properly maintained. I am saddened that I did not remove the dock prior to selling my house and lot. If you would take a look at the shoreline of Frontier Canyon, you might agree that it looks a lot like Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs.

100 more boat docks will do very little harm to the lake. I can remember the first plan to permit docks on the lake about 20 to 25 years ago. It was a plan in which there would not be any more docks than the plan outlined. Now the Corps is proposing to change that plan and add another hundred docks. It is the last plan? I doubt that. A few years down the road another EIS will be done, another plan adding another hundred docks.

I have a wonderful view of the lake from my home in Fairfield Bay. I wish those involved in the planning effort could see the beautiful, pristine view that I am enjoying. Add a hundred docks to the view in which there are no docks and another hundred, etc. Would I be truthful if I could tell my grandchildren, my great grandchildren that they will be able to enjoy this magnificent view. I don't think so.

The reason that I have doubts about the Corps sticking with a limited number of docks is looking at the Narrows where a large commercial dock suddenly had taken up a great deal of the space in this beautiful part of the lake. I think this is a disgrace to the Corps and its implementation of plans for Greers Ferry Lake. It also is very dangerous. I feel certain that I will be reading about some child, some young person, some retired person like myself that has been killed or badly injured in this area of the lake because of the docks that the Corps has allowed to be constructed.

I believe that the view I have today cannot be matched anywhere in the world. There are a lot of beautiful areas around the world, and especially in the United States. I have had the privilege of seeing many of them. I will not trade one I have today for any that I have seen. I would hope that my great grandchildren can say the same.

For the reasons outline above, I oppose the plan. Not from a technical point of view but from a very personal one.

I am sending a copy of this to Congressman Vic Snyder in the hopes he will see that our State Senators (Senator Tim Hutchinson and Senator Blanch Lincoln) and in so doing I ask them to oppose the plan.

Thank You,

Russ Berry
215 Pine Hill Road
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088
Tel: 501-884-6288

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From: Clarence Bibbs [mailto:cbibbs@aristotle.net]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 5:31 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

We would like to say that we APPROVE the changes being made and attempted at Greers Ferry Lake. As a property owner, I certainly want the lake to stay clean and well-managed. Allowing boat docks to be added will not cause a negative impact on the lake as long as it is managed properly.

While under the prior management, addition of boat docks appeared to be arbitrary. We applied for a permit in 1973 and were turned down. We were told that there were "optimum number of boat docks" in our cove. Yet, pictures show the number of docks increasing during the intervening years. A neighbor across the cove from us got Garners' approval for a dock so we've never understood why some were granted permission while others were denied. (Suspected, perhaps!)

By allowing steps to be built (with prior approval of the corp) it will be easier for many people to continue using the facilities as they get older since danger of going down a steep incline is lessened.

We have no fear that our lake will become like the one mentioned in the editorial in the Democrat Gazette on Sunday, Jan. 6. Nor do we fear that we will ever be able to "walk across the lake on all those boat docks." Greers Ferry Lake is a far cry from a lake near Atlanta. As large as Greers Ferry Lake is there could be many, many times the number of boat docks without causing problems.

The prior District Engineer seemed to act in a Czarist fashion in the applications of policies of the Corp. and apparently continues to meddle and try to run things. He should have the decency to step aside and leave the current District Engineer to run things.

Clarence E. Bibbs, Lot 43, Block 1; South Fork Bay Sub-division
Mrs. Joann Bibbs, Lot 43, Block 1; South Fork Bay Sub-division

Dattenville AR 7203
Jan. 19, 02

Dear Frank,

Please let Green's Ferry Lake
alone!

Thank you kindly
Worthy Dilgischer

From: Bill Bissell [mailto:bbissell@ipa.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2002 12:57 PM
To: Army Corps
Subject: Alternative#2

I FAVOR alternative#2 for the shoreline management of the lake. I believe this will maintain the environment and beauty of the lake. Even though my shoreline does not qualify me for a dock because of potential erosion I believe people whose shoreline does qualify should be free to build them to the corps specs.
Bill Bissell, south shore of Salt Creek Bay

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From: DandPBlackburn@aol.com [mailto:DandPBlackburn@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 1:01 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

As a resident of Little Rock, Arkansas and one who advocates sensible development, I am strongly opposed to the addition of 93 boat docks on the lake. I do not want to see Greers Ferry turn into another Lake Hamilton with so many boats and the subsequent crowding, noise and danger. I am also opposed to allowing additional mowing around the lake as it will surely cause runoff and increase pollution.

Thank you for considering my comments.

From: the adkissons [mailto:jbkh@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 7:24 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Support for Shoreline Management Plan

Dear Tricia Anslow and the Little Rock District of the Corps of Engineers:

Thank you for this opportunity to say that I am in FAVOR of Option 2 proposed revisions for the Greers Ferry Lake shoreline management plan.

I consider myself an environmentalist at heart but see no harm in following recommendations to allow limited development of shoreline by adding 93 docks and allowing an increased mowing easement near residences, particularly when the Environmental Impact Study indicates only a negligible impact at most.

I also trust conclusions of professionals who produced the EIS in regard to water quality, and I do not believe that Option 2 will create a significant concern in that area.

I have property on the lake and therefore have a great stake in the lake retaining its beauty, and I do not feel that the new plan compromises that in any substantial way. I AM concerned with the extra 30 minutes drive each direction to and from a marina I must make every time I want to use my boat.

Thank you for devoted work to maintain the beauty of Greers Ferry Lake. I encourage the Corps of Engineers adoption of the #2 alternative to the shoreline management plan now under consideration.

Please approve Option #2! Thank you.

Sincerely, Julie G. Adkisson

Karen Adkisson, Ph.D.
534 High Meadow Drive
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

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 for many years. It is a beautiful place, unique in its natural beauty.

I understand that the Corps is considering the adoption of a new shoreline management plan, and that the one being considered is the second alternative. In view of the fact that the changes proposed would only slightly increase the area rezoned for docks and vegetation modification, as well as cap any additional dock requests, I write to express my support for the second alternative. It appears to be a moderate, reasoned approach to managing the lake shore.

Despite what I have read in the press about the catastrophic effect these changes would bring about, the EIS and common sense do not support those allegations, which I consider to be nothing more than scare tactics. I support the preferred alternative #2, and urge its adoption.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Adkisson
Karen Adkisson

From: Save the SMP [mailto:fct@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 10:28 AM
To: Corps of Engineers
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Ladies/Gentlemen:

I write to ask that you adopt the preferred alternative #2 set forth in the environmental study for Greers Ferry. I have reviewed the study and the other documentation about what the Corps is doing now, and believe that alternative to be the best of the options.

The Corps has stated that the second alternative would "allow some additional boat dock rezoning", and "allow an increase in vegetation modification limits but establish a buffer along the shoreline to protect the water quality, provide wildlife corridors, and improve the aesthetics". From what I have read, I believe the second option would result in those goals being achieved.

The private landowners wishing to take advantage of these changes would certainly benefit. I have heard no compelling evidence that the lake or the public would be affected negatively. Accordingly, I hope you will adopt the alternative #2.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Sincerely,

Knowles Adkisson
4450 Prince Street
Conway, Arkansas

From: Bill Adkisson [mailto:badkisson@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 4:03 PM
To: Corps of Engineers
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Ms. Tricia Anslow:

I write to offer my support for the second proposal being considered by your office for Greers Ferry, known as the "preferred alternative #2". My family has property on the lake, and we have enjoyed the beauty of the lake for years. I would not want to see the Corps do anything to take away from its natural beauty.

The second alternative surely can not affect that, however. By only increasing the area zoned for docks by one percent, and making the minor changes in the vegetation modification (but with the required buffer), the lake can not be negatively impacted. The EIS supports that conclusion. I think the problem with the opposition to the second alternative is that Carl Garner still thinks he runs the lake by HIS rules, and he has been able to enlist the support of his followers by scare tactics and misrepresentations. The EIS offers objective and factual information, and the Corps should rely upon that, and surely not cave in to the tactics of the Garner group.

Please adopt alternative #2.

Mary Alice Adkisson
23 Timothy Lane
Conway, Arkansas 72034

From: Save the SMP [mailto:fct@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 10:18 AM
To: Corps of Engineers
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Ms. Tricia Anslow:

My family has been going to Greers Ferry Lake since I was a small kid, spending many wonderful days there enjoying the lake, boating, skiing, jet skiing, fishing, etc. Now that I am older, I enjoy going there with my own set of friends as well.

I understand that the Corps of Engineers is considering options for a new shoreline plan. I write to express my support for alternative #2, allowing the docks that were approved in the 2000 SMP, and allowing the slight increase in vegetation modification. It is my opinion that this plan would enhance the enjoyment of the lake for those owners benefitting, and I can't imagine that any harm would result, particularly since no future rezoning requests would be accepted, and a minimum buffer around the shoreline would be required.

Alternative #2 maintains a balance between enjoyment of the lake resources and environmental quality and aesthetic beauty. I urge you to adopt that alternative.

Sincerely,

Samuel Hunter Adkisson
4450 Prince Street
Conway, Arkansas 72034

From: Bill Adkisson [mailto:badkisson@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 10:41 AM
To: Corps of Engineers
Subject: Greers Ferry SMP

Ladies and gentlemen:

I am writing to express my support for the "preferred alternative #2". My family has been going to the lake for years, and we love it. I've looked at the information issued for consideration of a new shoreline plan, and believe the second alternative is the best for the lake since it is balanced. It allows greater utilization of the lake resources, while protecting its natural beauty and quality of life.

While I won't benefit personally from the dock or vegetation modification changes, I can't see any detriment to the public's enjoyment of the lake.

Please approve the second alternative.

Ms. Sandy Adkisson
1824 Bruce Street
Conway, Arkansas 72034

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December 10, 2001

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division
Little Rock District Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Draft EIS for Greers Ferry
Shoreline Management Plan

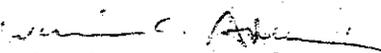
Dear Ms. Anslow:

I write to express my support for the preferred option #2 as identified in the draft EIS for the shoreline management plan proposed for Greers Ferry Lake. After reading the EIS, attending the public meeting held in Heber Springs on December 4th, and visiting with the rangers afterwards regarding the potential ramifications, I am very supportive of it. The plan seems to me to represent a good balance, by preserving the natural integrity and beauty of the lake while accommodating the needs of those who enjoy its many resources. It does not appear to affect the lake environment negatively, as supported by the professionals developing the environmental impact study.

I am the owner of Miller's Point, Inc., which owns over 175 acres of land at the east end of Pryor Mountain known as Miller's Point, and has over two miles of shoreline along the lake. I also own a house at Miller's Point. We obviously have a significant financial investment in the area, but also have a love for its natural beauty and genuine interest in seeing it preserved for future generations. My children love to be on the lake, whether boating, swimming, sailing, fishing, riding a jet ski, skipping rocks on the water, or just hanging out with their friends watching a fantastic sunset.

I believe the plan now under consideration accomplishes its goals, protects my private, proprietary interest, but, more importantly, protects and enhances the greater public interest. I urge the Corps of Engineers to adopt the #2 alternative to the shoreline management plan now under consideration.

Sincerely yours,


William C. Adkisson

From: Bill Adkisson [mailto:badkisson@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 4:40 PM
To: Corps of Engineers
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Tricia Anslow
Corps of Engineers
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I own a lakehouse at Miller's Point on the lake, and have been approved for a boatdock. Obviously, I want the Corps to adopt the preferred alternative #2 for personal reasons. However, I'd like to add that the second alternative achieves the goal of the SMP: to seek a balance between the allowance of permitted private uses and resource protection.

At Miller's Point the closest marina is Shiloh, about 25 minutes by car, making it very difficult and extremely inconvenient to access the lake by boat. Having a dock would make a world of difference, and should be considered as a "permitted private use".

The opponents have made much of the potential for environmental damage to the lake caused by the second alternative, including the contamination of the water from the lake used for drinking purposes. I would draw your attention to the EIS, which found no significant impact. While anyone using the marinas has seen minor evidence of small oil or gas spills, even that was minor, and never seems of a magnitude to cause concern. To suggest that a dock, even a community dock of twenty slips, would contaminate the water, stretches credulity. We rely upon the lake water at our house, and don't have the slightest concern about contamination of the drinking water from the docks. That's more hysteria being generated by the opponents to the plan.

In summary, the second alternative achieves its goal of balancing the permitted private uses with the public preservation. I hope you will approve it as proposed.

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From: lydia zabel [mailto:lzab64@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2002 12:54 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Preservation

Peter and Karen Alberg
491 Olive Road
Shirley, AR 72153

January 15, 2002

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

We would like to state our opposition to the changes in policy that the Corps of Engineers is considering, such as the possible addition of 90 private boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake.

We own a parcel of land with beautiful views of the lake. In addition, members of our family own several parcels of land bordering on the white line. While the addition of docks will likely increase the value of the properties our family owns, we value the natural appearance of the shoreline more than financial gain, and therefore we cannot support your proposed changes.

We feel that the areas that had been authorized in the past for boat docks should be sufficient. The general public, as a whole, would definitely have more long-term benefits by keeping the beauty of the lake undisturbed.

Thank you for considering our opinion.

Sincerely,

Peter and Karen Alberg

From: Betsy Allen [mailto:allen@mjcreative.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2002 10:22 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: greers ferry lake

greers ferry lake

1/17/02 11:20 AM

i am opposed to the corps' proposal to add 93 boat docks to the lake. it's crowded enough as it is now.

betsy allen
2524 woodland bluff drive
heber springs, ar

From: John Allen [mailto:cjall1@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2002 1:00 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan -- Attn: Trish Anslow

--- John Allen
--- cjall1@earthlink.net
--- EarthLink: It's your Internet.

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am writing to support the Corps and the new SMP (Alternate 2 I believe). We were unable to attend the meeting in Heber Springs, but have heard that the Corps did another good job. We were approved for a dock under the old plan, and thought it was well done too. We are NOT for unlimited expansion of docks on the lake, as the Save the Lake group wants to make everyone believe will happen. However, we are in favor of selective expansion, especially in areas where docks are already located (we are in a cove that already has six docks).

Good luck in your efforts to implement the new SMP.

Sincerely,

John E. Allen

From: "Terry Allen" <Terry501@msn.com>
Date: 19 Jan 2002 11:42:04 -0800
To: <info@savegreersferrylake.org>
Subject: I want to vote to save Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Sirs,

I want my name on the ballot to vote against the proposal, and keep the =
lake as it is. I have property in that area.

Sincerely
Terry R Allen

Dear Ms Anslow
why I would like
a boat dock

From Christian



From: lydia zabel [mailto:lyzab64@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, January 14, 2002 1:34 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Preservation

Werner and Lydia Zabel
170 White Oak Dr.
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088
501/884-4822

January 14, 2002

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

We would like to state our opposition to the changes in policy that the Corps of Engineers is considering, such as the possible addition of 90 private boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake.

We do own two parcels of land on the lake, with a white line bordering approximately a mile of lake frontage. We realize that the policy changes would possibly, even most likely, increase the value of our property. However, we value the natural appearance of the shoreline more than financial gain, and therefore we cannot support your proposed changes.

We feel that the areas that had been authorized in the past for boat docks should be sufficient. The general public, as a whole, would definitely have more long-term benefits by keeping the beauty of the lake undisturbed.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to express our opinion.

Sincerely,

Werner and Lydia Zabel

PS. We are sending this letter both by e-mail and USPS mail.

Werner and Lydia Zabel
170 White Oak Dr.
Fairfield Bay, AR 72088

501/884-4822

January 14, 2002

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

We would like to state **our opposition** to the changes in policy that the Corps of Engineers is considering, such as the possible **addition of 90 private boat docks** on Greers Ferry Lake.

We do own two parcels of land on the lake, with a white line bordering approximately a mile of lake frontage. We realize that the policy changes would possibly, even most likely, increase the value of our property. However, **we value the natural appearance** of the shoreline **more than financial gain**, and therefore we cannot support your proposed changes.

We feel that the areas that had been authorized in the past for boat docks should be sufficient. The general public, as a whole, would definitely have more long-term benefits by keeping the beauty of the lake undisturbed.

Thank you for considering our opinion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Werner and Lydia Zabel".

Werner and Lydia Zabel

PS. We are sending this letter both by e-mail and USPS mail.

From: Timothy Zabel [mailto:thezabels@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2002 3:46 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Docks on Greer's Ferry Lake

We are writing this letter to cast our votes against the authorization of more docks on Greer's Ferry Lake.

For the last six years, Greer's Ferry has been the vacation destination of choice for our family. We have made it a tradition to spend one or two weeks in the area every year.

Of course, the lake is the major draw for us. We feel that Greer's Ferry Lake is unique in that it has remained natural. The pristine nature of the lake is due, in large part, to the fact that docks do not clutter the shoreline.

We appreciate how the Corps of Engineers has managed the lake area and ask that you continue to keep Greer's Ferry Lake beautiful. Please do not allow the lake's unique, natural appearance to become lost to more docks.

Thank you,

Tim and Melissa Zabel
W293 N9580 Badger Trail
Colgate, WI 53017
(262) 966-0138

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From: Danny Zabel [mailto:danny.zabel@image-d.de]
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2002 1:25 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Docks on Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Tricia Anslow,

My wife and I first saw Greers Ferry Lake in 1995, and we were immediately impressed by the natural state in which so much of the lake has been kept.

We've been back every year since.

This week, however, I was informed of a discussion concerning easing restrictions on boat docks. I am concerned. Since my family began visiting the Ozarks, we have found a plentiful amount of lakes that serve as playgrounds for water lovers. We've been at some of them but don't stay long; we are consistently drawn back to the Quiet Lake.

Forty years of conservation at Greers Ferry Lake have produced remarkable results. Continuing this policy will preserve a truly unique jewel which future generations will treasure.

Sincerely,
Daniel and Dagmar Zabel
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86899 Landsberg
Germany

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

From: Charles D. Varela [mailto:cdvarela@ozarkortho.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 8:56 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Corps,

I was very saddened to hear of your plans for Greers Ferry Lake. I am a property owner on the lake and feel that more docks would be a shame and a big mistake. The beauty of any lake is the coastline that surrounds it. Greers Ferry Lake has a beautiful one. To clutter it up for all time is unforgiveable. What motive could be worth that? Money from dock fees? Increased convenience for other property owners? Far more people will enjoy the natural beauty of the lake, then those who can afford a private dock.

My solution would be to ban all private docks and have more commercial docks that people can rent. This would be a much more efficient use of the lake and much less disruptive to the shoreline. Please give this matter serious consideration and remember you are protecting resources for the future so that our kids and grandkids can use them as we did.

Thank you very much for your consideration.
Charles Varela
PO Box 1580
Mountain View, AR 72560
870-269-8300

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From: HCV122@aol.com [mailto:HCV122@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 9:18 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: (no subject)

Sirs,

In regard to changeing the policy of the regulations of shoreline and boatdocks on Greers Ferry lake, I am for not changing them . I have visited other lakes and seen the results of less regulation and it isn't a very good thing, so donot change them, I am a home owner on the lake, thank you . Coleman Vaughan. 1118 Kings Mt. Dr, Little Rock Ar 72211

TRISH ANSLOW/COE

9/07/02

REF: AR. DEMOCRAT GAZETTE EDITORIAL,

JAN 6, 2002 ON GREERS FERRY

AS A RETIRED SENIOR AND U.S.A.F. NCO, WHO ENJOYS THE GREERS FERRY AREA, I AGREE WITH THE ARTICLE. FROM MY RETIREMENT FROM THE MILITARY AND ARRIVAL IN ARKANSAS IN 1981, MYSELF AND FAMILY HAVE VISITED EACH YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LAKE AND AREA SAVED FOR MY GRAND-CHILDREN "AS IS".

MOST OF MY CHURCH FRIENDS IN THIS AREA FEEL THE SAME AND WOULD BE WILLING TO ATTEND A PUBLIC MEETING TO STATE AS MUCH MONEY CAN NOT RESTORE NOR BUY NATURE BACK!

THANK YOU,

Robert W. [Signature], MSGT/USAF (RET.)

P.O. BOX 354

MORRILTON, AR 72110

From: symaryll@aol.com [mailto:symaryll@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2002 11:00 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Public comments, G.F. SMP

I am a frequent visitor of Greers Ferry Lake and have reviewed and discussed your Shoreline Management plan. I feel that your preferred Alternative #2 will provide a balance that will meet the needs of the majority of the population that uses the lake.

I support the preferred Alternative #2.

Steven Valys
1837 Danville Road
Memphis, TN. 38117

From: the adkissons [mailto:jbkh@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 7:37 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Yes to Option 2 for Greers Ferry

gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil

To the Corps of Engineers, Attn: Tricia Anslow:

I am in favor of Option 2 of the Shoreline Management Plan being proposed for Greers Ferry Lake.

I trust the work represented in the Environmental Impact Study that states that effects on water quality, erosion, and the environment in general would be negligible. With that in mind, I can support permitting docks for those private landowners who have already applied and been approved under your guidelines. I also am not concerned that allowing an extra 50' of mowing near a residence would create erosion or otherwise be a serious detriment to the environment.

The Corps of Engineers has demonstrated careful administration of the lake in the past. I know that level of enforcement would continue in regard to proper dock maintenance for appearance and safety into the future.

Please allow the provisions of Option #2 to go forward.

Thank you.

Fritzie Vammen

From: the adkissons [mailto:jbkh@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 7:58 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Revisions

Dear Friends at the Corps of Engineers:

I write to voice support for the proposal under consideration to allow additional docks and limited mowing around Greers Ferry Lake.

I am aware that the goals of a corps lake project such as Greers Ferry are to seek a healthy balance between public use and access and maintaining the environmental integrity of the natural resources. In the preferred option 2 as outlined in the EIS, I see those goals being met in consideration of one another without deleterious affect.

This move would enable the lake's patrons more convenient access to the recreational features it has to offer, without inflicting great harm on the lake or its shoreline. Please consider adoption of the plan outlined in option #2.

Thank you,

Jon C. Vammen

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From: Kayak1961@aol.com [mailto:Kayak1961@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 1:44 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: new boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake

Please let it be known that we are not in favor of the Corps plan to allow some 90 new boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake. We have been property owners at Fairfield Bay for 30 years and enjoy the pristine beauty of the lake as it is now. Allowing 90 additional boat docks will just open the door for future development on the lake. One only has to look North, to Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri to see how to destroy the natural beauty of Greers Ferry Lake.

Please deny further dock development.

Sincerely,

Hank and Susan van Rossum

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From: Lori and Clem Valys [mailto:loriclem@ipa.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 7:40 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Public comments, G.F. SMP.

Public comments for
Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan
Draft EIS

When my husband and I moved to the lake, the beauty of the lake was and still is overwhelming. The last thing on our minds is to clutter the lake and make an eyesore for our generation or future generations. I support proposed alternative #2 because it seems that it achieves a balance that will maintain the environmental quality and still keep this lake beautiful for future generations.

I've been listening to comments at meetings and reading in the local paper. Some make it sound like Miller Point and Diamond Bluff are the only beautiful spots on the lake. Guess what, this lake is beautiful no matter where you go, and additional docks will not detract from the beautiful Greers Ferry Lake.

Lorraine Valys
355 Kings Place
Quitman, AR. 72131

From: David Valys [mailto:dvalys@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2002 1:52 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Public comments, G.F. SMP

I frequently visit Greers Ferry Lake for water sports activities which include scuba diving & boating. I have discussed and reviewed your proposals for the lake. Your preferred Alternative #2 for the Shoreline Management Plan seems like a fair proposal and should satisfy the majority of the lake users. For this reason I support the preferred Alternative #2 for the Shoreline Management Plan of Greers Ferry Lake.

David Valys
2500 Enfield Road #8
Austin, TX. 78703

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From: Lori and Clem Valys [mailto:loriclem@ipa.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 04, 2001 11:42 PM
To: Needham, Dana O SWL
Subject: G.F. Shoreline Management Plan.

Dear Dana;

I attended the Draft EIS Public Meeting in Heber Springs on Dec.04,2001. I heard the oral comments at the meeting, but can't remember all that was said and by who.

Is there any way I could get a copy of the transcript of the oral comments?

Please advise me of what I need to do in order to receive a copy.

Also, please tell Ms. Tricia Anslow that she held a real good meeting. I just wish we

had more people comment for the "Preferred Alternative # 2".

Lets hope we get many written comments in our favor.

Thanks, Clem Valys

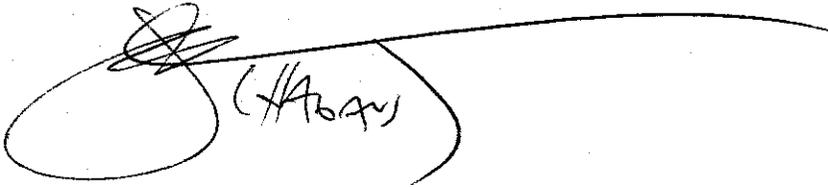
Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
700 W. Capitol
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

To Whom This May Concern:

I believe the Corps of Engineers is in the best position to make judgments about the future of Greers Ferry Lake. As long as the most recent study confirms there is not significant environmental damage to the lake from the current Option 2 plan, then I see no reason not to support it.

Many of the editorials from the Democrat-Gazette have been misleading. As long as the plan is environmentally sound, then I am for whatever the Corps of Engineers decides to do.

Sincerely,



(Tricia Anslow)

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> From: Dick Upton
> Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2002 9:50 AM
> To: 'GF.SMP.EIS@USACE.ARMY.MIL'
> Subject: SHORELINE MANAGEMENT
> Importance: High
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> THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN ENCOURAGING RESPONSES TO THE SHORELINE
> MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. DURING THE PAST 3 YEARS I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A
> LAWSUIT WITH EDEN ISLE MARINA ON GREERS FERRY, AND THE CORPS NATURALLY
> BECAME A PART OF THE SUIT INVOLVING EXPANSION OF THE MARINA. I WAS
> OPPOSED TO THE EXPANSION OF THE MARINA IN THE SENSE THAT I DID NOT THINK
> EDEN ISLE, NOR THE LAKE, COULD BE BEST SERVED BY EXTREMELY LARGE MARINAS.
> IN FACT, I SUGGESTED GIVING THE OPERATOR AN ALTERNATE SITE IN LIEU OF
> EXPANDING THE EXISTING SITE BEYOND ITS CURRENT LEASE AREA. I AM AGAINST
> PRIVATE DOCKS ON THE LAKE, AND I AM FOR EXPANDED MARINA AND PARK LOCATIONS
> TO HANDLE REASONABLE GROWTH. AS WELL INTENTIONED AS PRIVATE DOCKS MAY BE,
> THE MAINTENANCE AND CARE SOMETIMES HAS TO BE DAILY IN TIMES OF RISING AND
> FALLING LAKE LEVELS, AS WELL AS HIGH WINDS. NO AMOUNT OF RULES AND
> REGULATIONS CAN OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM. MAINTAINING DOCKS, COUPLED WITH
> LOSING THE AESTHETIC VALUES OF A CLEAN SHORELINE, A SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL
> PROGRAM ON GREERS FERRY, JUST SEEM TO MAKE THE PRIVATE DOCK PROGRAM MORE
> OF A PROBLEM THAN A SOLUTION. DOCKS NEED TO BE MANAGED, OWNED AND
> MAINTAINED BY PROFESSIONALS. THANK YOU.

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.

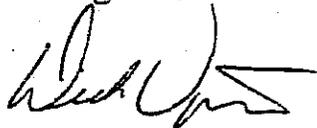
I have witnessed private docks washed upon the shoreline. They were owned by nice, well-intentioned people, that just happened to spend the winter other places or were gone for a month. Docks need to be maintained twenty-four hours a day during winter and spring storms by professional marina personnel.

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 H. Upton". The signature is stylized with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Richard H. Upton

From: Michaelgupson@aol.com [mailto:Michaelgupson@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 2:34 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Boat Docks

January 6, 2002

To: Ms. Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
gr. smp.eis@usace.army.mill.

Re: Boat Docks on Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Ms. Anslow:

We have a summer home on Greers Ferry Lake. We do believe that people who have already been given permission to build a boat dock or who has property in an area zoned for a boat dock should be given permission to build or rebuild their docks.

Although, we are against any new permits to build docks on the lake to preserve the natural beauty of the landscape.

Sincerely:

Michael Upson, RN & Jim G. Aukstuolis, MD

From: Keith [mailto:kmerckx@swbell.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 5:36 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry

Stop the uglification. Save Greers Ferry. No new development.

Thank you,

Keith Merckx
Fort Worth, Texas

Texas and Beyond Radio:
<http://www.live365.com/stations/288950>

From: Doug Krueger [mailto:dkrueger@nbeark.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2002 10:36 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: opposed to any additional private docks being added to Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Corps,

I am opposed to any additional private docks being added to Greers Ferry Lake. Reasons include those so eloquently expressed below. The increasing scarcity of good-quality water will soon make it more sought after than gold or oil. Let's help preserve the good-quality water of Greers Ferry Lake, not only for our future needs, but also for our descendants.
Thanks, Doug Krueger, 975 CR 512, Berryville, AR 72616

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From: Patt Milam <riverdream@centurytel.net>

Many of you know our friends Bev and Gene Dunaway, and some of you do not. I join him and the other Soul Supporters in an attempt to save another of our precious bodies of water, Greer's Ferry Lake.
If you can find the time and have the inclination, please join us.
Patt

Hi all,
As you know, Bev and I, along with some of you, have been working on having a voice regarding the rate of development on the White and North Fork Rivers. Here is another issue near and dear to us. The Corps has approved an increase in docks on Greers Ferry. Local residents slowed it down with a lawsuit, but the Corps has come back proposing the same thing.

The short of it is...you can make a difference by expressing your views.
THIS MUST BE DONE BY JANUARY 28TH TO BE CONSIDERED.

Write to gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil

Thanks. Gene

The long of it follows, including my letter to the Corps, an article and editorial from the Democrat Gazette. Thanks to them for reprint permission.

Re: Opposed to docks on Greers Ferry lake

Dear Corps,

I am opposed to any additional private docks being added to Greers Ferry Lake for several reasons including, aesthetics, water quality, wildlife enhancement and the fact this natural asset is much better utilized by the citizens of this country as a recreational and natural area.

These lakes are not an amenity of private property owners. How can anyone justify that they are supposed to have rights on publicly owned property? Was this lake built with private funds? Is it being maintained with private funds? Why should land, rivers and lakes owned by the public receive less protection from the Army than private property? Arguable, these natural treasures should receive more protection because they are owned by all the

citizens of this country.... past, present and future.

I understand the Corps receives lots of pressure from politicians, developers and riparian owners. You need to let them know you appreciate they have rights as well, but you are bound by a little document called the Constitution of the United States that says no property can be taken away from folks, including the public.

Developers and riparian owners are fortunate that they can live on such a beautiful lake and use it like the rest of us. I support adequate access for boats, but this should be confined to public access areas where we can ALL get to the lake, thank you very much.

Thanks for considering my views.

Gene Dunaway

Dem/Gaz Articles follow:

Stop the Ugly Save Greers Ferry

Date: 1/6/2002 Editorial Page: J4

IMAGINE Greers Ferry Lake, formerly Reservoir, urban-renewed. Think of this shimmering, maybe unique, asset of the Natural State made over into a kind of parking lot for boats. Imagine the clear lakewater, which turns blue or green or gray depending on the angle of the sun, reflecting little but the glare of tin and faded paint. In place of high cliffs and tree canopies, think aluminum-sided bait shops where you can also get gasoline and beer. Think empty cans rusting in a cove. Think dirty water splashing up against a rotting pier.

At least, that's what we were doing after a spirited group visited the office. They were out to save Greers Ferry Lake from the Army Corps of Engineers, which is still Keeping Busy. The Corps plans to allow some 90 or so new private docks on the lake, each of which could sprout up to 20 boat slips. That's a 40 percent increase in the number of docks already on the lake. And it could prove only the beginning. Yikes. Greers Ferry is not only a prime source of drinking water for Central Arkansas, it's one of the most popular destinations in this state. Folks come from all around--and not for the wonderful view of the docks.

The Corps seems to think the lake needs more boat docks to open it up to the public, but Greers Ferry is already a public lake. What the Corps seems out to do is turn the lake into another watery amusement park. The Engineers could wind up developing the place the way Disneyland or Coney Island was developed. Or at least turning Greers Ferry into another crowded Lake Hamilton.

LIKE ALL good lobbyists, the loquacious crew assembled in the conference room here at Scott and Capitol came with photos, stats, studies, footnotes, talking points, reserve talking points, more reserve talking points, and, oh yes, the all-important rallying cry: Save Our Lake.

Yes, they wanted us to be "SOUL supporters." Which made us fidget. We tend to get nervous around crusaders wielding acronyms like blunt instruments.

But these folks have a point. Don't we already have enough over-developed lakes in Arkansas with all the charm of busy, greasy truck stops? Don't folks visit this state for its beauty rather than its ugly?

Halfway through the meeting, we were beginning to sense déjà voodoo, the whiff of a fight we'd already been through. Then it all came back to us. Ah, yes, the Buffalo National River, that national treasure and red-hot Arkansas controversy years back, which somehow survived as one of the state's still natural beauties. Uncluttered, unpolluted, unmonied and undeveloped. But there was a time when powerful local forces wanted to let private development have its way with that treasure, too. Which would have meant the end of the Buffalo as we still know it. Now it's Greers Ferry Lake that the developers--and the Corps--have their eager eyes on. Uh oh.

If folks are going to come to Arkansas for its pristine beauty, it seems we ought to save a few pristine beauties for them to visit. Tourists can spend their money on water parks and general Disneyfication in Orlando, Fla. They come to Arkansas for something different. Something beautiful, tranquil, restorative, uncongested and inviting. In short, something like Greers Ferry Lake as it is now. And as it may not be much longer if the Corps has its way.

We were already beginning to come around to our visitors' way of thinking when the SOUL Supporters pulled out the big guns: photographs of the crime scene. We gasped. There before us were miles of shoreline along Georgia's Lake Lanier. Well, we were guessing there were some shorelines there, somewhere beneath the more than 8,000 boat docks crowding the lake. Eight Thousand. The message was hard to miss: This could happen here.

The photos were a vision of a naturalist's Hell: Bulky and vinyl-topped, like floating garages, the docks appeared to stretch endlessly into and across the water. Boats were everywhere. From an aerial view, it looked like the Allied armada approaching Normandy. But instead of carrying guns and ordnance, the invading fleet had dropped wooden planks, rope, and rusting tin. It was a vision of Corps of Engineer projects yet to come once this latest little ol' plan is okayed, the woods cut back, and the lake opened for industrial-strength boating, skiing and polluting.

We'd like to think this vision of a dock-dammed lake is just a rhetorical exaggeration. But then we saw 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."

It's not just the lake that the Corps could endanger, but the forest. The Corps also wants to increase the area along the shore where mowing would be allowed from 50 to 100 feet. What, one wonders, will our grandchildren think when confronted with a dock-cluttered lake and a pushed-back tree line? Will they have any idea of the refuge and refreshment Greers Ferry once was?

STOP THIS uglification, pleaded Sally Sedelow, the prolific letter-writer from Heber Springs. Uglification. We couldn't think of a better term for it, for nothing comes closer to the essence of the Corps' proposal. We were ready, despite a longstanding allergy to slogans, to become SOUL Supporters. Not just because this state's beauty deserves supporting. Not just because

our drinking water needs protecting. But also because Greers Ferry Lake has become a kind of sanctuary. And one of the attractions that makes Arkansas unique. And because, once the lake is covered with boat docks and the vegetation is stripped from its shore line, it may never again be restored to the intricate, artfully crafted jewel it now is.

The Corps is still willing to listen. Or says it is. At least until January 18th (Note: The next article says this date has been extended to January 28th), which is the last day of the Public Comment Period. Send your opinion, yea or nay, on the Corps' plans to: Trish Anslow, Little Rock Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203-0867. Or email the Corps at gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil. Please, comment away. Before a fellow can walk across the lake on all those boat docks.

Corps buffeted by foes, backers of lake rezoning Development plan for shoreline at Greers Ferry rouses passions

Date: 1/20/2002 Page: B1

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 untouched 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 organization formed to oppose the Corps' plan. "I can't understand why the Corps wants to change the shoreline."

Other residents, like Al Vejda, 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 because their opinions will not be counted after Jan. 28 -- the date when the Corps closes the public comment period on the proposed rezoning.

As the deadline nears, opposition has grown. Through Jan. 6, Corps officials said they had received 103 comments from the public supporting their plan and 99 opposing it. After statewide publicity, the number of comments

opposing the plan swelled to 270 with 168 supporting it, said Corps' spokesman P.J. Spaul. The response is different from the one the Corps experienced in 2000. For more than a year, Save Greers Ferry Lake Inc. has been toe to toe with the Corps over its 2000 Shoreline Management Plan. The Corps is mandated by federal law to review the plan every five years. Beginning in January 1999, the Corps held three public meetings and two public comment periods in which the majority of residents expressed support for altering the zoning of the shoreline, Spaul said. About 14 months later, the Corps approved a plan that allowed more boat docks and mowing. "The plan was not a reflection of changes the Corps wanted because we would have left the shoreline of the lake like it was," Park said. "The plan was a result of what the public said they wanted."

DEBATE INTENSIFIES

After the Corps approved the plan, Save Greers Ferry Lake Inc., whose membership has swelled in the last year to over 200 paying members, disagreed and sued the Corps of Engineers. 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. The Save Greers Ferry Lake members responded by stepping up their campaign, using a Web site, advertising and circulating petitions. "This is about the aesthetic beauty of the lake," said Sally Sedelow, treasurer of Save Greers Ferry Lake. "Who's to say what's beautiful and not?"

But the issue goes deeper than that, Sedelow said. "There are homeowners who will profit from having a boat dock on their lakefront home," Sedelow said. "Why should a homeowners' rights supersede the visitors -- a taxpayer who owns the shoreline and wants to see it remain uncluttered." But some residents support the plan and already have requested permits. Vejda, for example, applied to build two docks on lakefront lots he owns in Greers Ferry. "I won't live anywhere where I don't have a boat dock," Vejda said, who owns a real estate company. "I'm not speculating on land. I want to build a bigger house, but I won't unless I get the boat dock approved."

WATER QUALITY

The lake is nestled in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains and meanders through Van Buren and Cleburne counties. To most people, Greers Ferry Lake is known for recreation. On any given holiday weekend in the summer, up to 300,000 people will travel to the campgrounds, motels and summer homes around the lake to vacation, boat, swim, and fish. The lake also is the source of water for 90,000 people in Cleburne, Van Buren and Faulkner counties. There are plans, according to the state Department of Health, to expand the water supply to Lonoke and White counties "in the not too distant future. "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. Rezoning for boat docks was approved based on each applicant's site receiving an 80 percent or better grade on a set of criteria established by the government. Hart said he favored a plan requiring the applicant's site having a 90 percent score or better. "The more activity that goes on around boat docks, like the use of gasoline and oils, sewage discharges and those kinds of things, would impact the quality of water," Hart said. "We don't have a

water quality problem up there now. We're looking at long-term water quality." Hart suggests approving 45 -- rather than 93 -- sites for boat docks.

Members of Save Greers Ferry Lake say health problems could also result from more mowing. "There are a lot of septic tanks on this lake," Sedelow said.

"If you take away the underbrush, you're going to hurt the quality of water. There will be erosion." CORPS: REVIEW NECESSARY

The Corps says it is not the "bad guy," and the plan is a reflection of "what the public wants." 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, Park said. The Corps believes the effect of that rule will spill over to the future. "Once a rule gets into place, it's hard to overturn," Park said of the Corps plan to refuse future rezoning applications. Park said the Corps had no choice but to review the applications for boat docks in the 2000 review. "We can no longer just say, 'no more boat docks,'" Park said. "The Corps has gotten into trouble at other lakes for doing that. We had to establish criteria for rezoning for boat docks and then apply it to the applications we received." 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. Spaul also notes that the zoning plan hasn't been approved, and the public comment doesn't end until Jan. 28. And those comments will be reviewed, Spaul assured, adding that he is certain the debate won't go away, no matter the outcome of the zoning plan. "There's no way we're going to make everybody happy," Spaul added. "I think at this point if we make anybody happy, we've gone too far."

From: Leigh Abernathy [mailto:lhaman@aristotle.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 4:47 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lakeshore Management

Subject: Greers Ferry Lakeshore Management Plan
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as a property owner on Greers Ferry Lake. My wife and I own lake front property in Scenic Hills, Tumbling Shoals. We do not expect to, nor do we desire to alter the lake front across from the Dam Site Camp area. I am writing to express my support for Alternative #2 which is a reasonable and appropriate utilization of our neighborhood resources.

Mrs. Jane Adamson
3 Evergreen Court, Little Rock, Arkansas 72227

To the powers that be . . .

I am, indeed, disappointed to read of the Corps probable decision to add numerous boat docks on the shoreline of Greers Ferry Lake. Not only will this mar the beauty of the shore with less of trees, but it will most certainly encourage pollution. Does the Corps not care that Greers Ferry will soon lose its loveliness but will also turn into another Lake Hamilton which is dangerously crowded

And ugly?

Please help our State keep
our very Strong tourist beauties
in lakes such as Greers
Ferry and of course, Lake
Ouachita and Lake DeGray.
Only the Corps can keep from
over development by maintaining
the perimeters of these
beautiful lakes.

Please. Please. Stop
this now.

Sincerely,

Jane Adamson

Curtis S. Adkisson, Ph.D
534 High Meadow Drive
Blacksburg, Virginia 24060

December 20, 2001

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division
Little Rock District Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

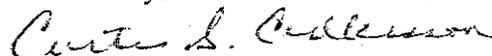
Dear Ms. Anslow:

I write to express my support for adoption of the preferred alternative #2 presented in the EIS for the shoreline management plan now under consideration at Greers Ferry Lake.

An Arkansas native, I am a tenured professor of biology, botany, and ornithology at Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Virginia, with a masters in botany and a doctorate in behavioral ornithology. While I have lived away from Arkansas for a number of years, I grew up in central Arkansas, and have been to Greers Ferry Lake many times since its creation in the early 60's. My family and I come back to visit family every year, and try to spend time at the lake, which we consider to be a national resource. The area provides a good habitat for bird-watching, and other native species.

When my family there in Arkansas told me of the new shoreline management plan under consideration, I reviewed it on the internet with interest and a healthy skepticism, giving serious consideration to each of the alternatives presented. I write to express my support for the proposed alternative #2 in the EIS. In my considered opinion, after careful review of the environmental impact study, the second alternative provides a good balance by furthering the public enjoyment of this resource while preserving its beauty.

Sincerely,



Curtis S. Adkisson

George W. Adkisson III
1824 Bruce Street
Conway, Arkansas 72032

December 14, 2001

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division
Little Rock District Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Re: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

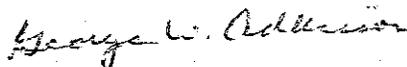
Dear Ms. Anslow:

I write to express my support for alternative #2 set forth in the EIS for the shoreline management plan at Greers Ferry Lake. After receiving notice from the corps of the EIS and the public meeting on it on December 4th, I spoke with the corps staff this morning about the major points of the plan, since I was unable to attend the meeting. I have also reviewed it on the web site.

My family and I have been coming to Greers Ferry Lake for many years to ski, fish, camp, and enjoy its natural beauty. It is a beautiful asset to the State of Arkansas.

After reviewing the plan, I believe that the second alternative strikes a good balance by furthering the public enjoyment of this resource while preserving its beauty. We regularly come to the lake for the day or the weekend for boating and fishing. I do not believe the few additional boat docks provided for in this proposal will negatively impact the lake environment. I urge the Corps of Engineers to adopt alternative #2 set forth in the EIS.

Sincerely,



George W. Adkisson III

January 18, 2002

To: Patricia Anslow
Planning Division
Corps of Engineers

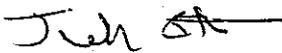
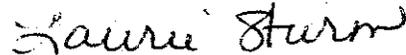
From: Jeff & Laurie Sturm
1741 N 1400 E Rd
Roberts, IL 60962

Subject: Proposed changes to Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Patricia,

We are writing to you in reference to the proposed changes to Greers Ferry Lake for the Corps to add additional boat docks and change shoreline management. My wife and I currently live in Illinois and have for all of our life, we recently purchased bluff property that overlooks the lake in late summer of 2000 with the idea and dream of living and retiring to that area in the next 10 years. We started a subscription to the Sun-Times newspaper shortly after we purchased that property and have been reading all the articles and commentary concerning this issue. My wife and I both love and treasure the natural beauty of God's handiwork that Greer's Ferry lake and surrounding area currently has and offers. This NATURAL beauty that is there is one of the major reasons we decided to want to relocate there someday. Do not make a hasty decision to change this gift of beauty, there are many other lakes in the state have been developed with shoreline changes and boat docks that we have been on and seen and they pale in comparison to what Greers Ferry lake currently has. Dare to be different and keep what is pure and pristine just as it is. Vote NO to these changes!!

Sincerely,

Jeff & Laurie Sturm

From: Kathy Sutterfield [mailto:kats@mvtel.net]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2002 1:33 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: SMP

We are opposed to the proposed changes to Greers Ferry Lake.

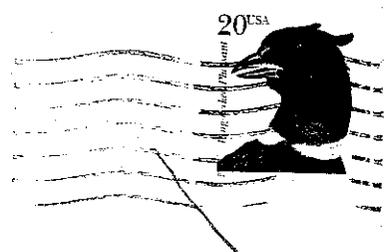
The lake is congested enough. More docks bring more boats and more water pollution. This lake is not only a beautiful lake but a source of drinking water for many. Arkansas needs to guard its beauty, not destroy it, as has been done on some of the southern lakes.

We grew up going to Greers Ferry and it has become much too crowded as it is.

Sincerely,

Terry and Kathy Sutterfield
P.O.Box 2150
Mountain View, AR 72560

Please Please save
Greers Ferry, been
going there for over
40 years it is a
sanctuary, maintain
its pristine beauty
the hills are alive with
the sound of music,
don't need another
Lake Hamilton or a
cess pool.



To:
Trish Anslow
L. R. Corp of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock Ar 72203
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From: Baker Gilbert [mailto:BakerG@arkleg.state.ar.us]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 9:23 PM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Greers Ferry lake

Corps address: gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil
subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan
attention: Tricia Anslow
Ladies/Gentlemen:

I write to express my support for the preferred option #2 in the draft EIS for the shoreline management plan under consideration for Greers Ferry Lake. That proposal represents a good balance allowing for the public use of the lake resources while preserving the natural beauty and water quality for the future. Based upon the study, there does not appear to be any significant impact on the lake which would be a deterrent to its adoption.

It appears to me that the plan now under consideration is a reasoned and well developed proposal. It properly balances the needs of the public, something of importance to me in my role as a state official. I urge you to adopt preferred option #2.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me if you have any questions. 501-472-0304

Gilbert Baker
State Senator
17 Cooper Lane
Conway, Arkansas

State Senator Gilbert Baker
bakerg@arkleg.state.ar.us
17 Cooper Ln. Conway, AR 72032
Phone 501.327-8653

Jan. 10, 2002

Please have a change of mind
and do not allow anymore boat
docks on Greers Ferry Lake.

Donna Dinn
(870) 591-6266

1-10-02

No more docks on Greers Ferry Lake.
I've seen it in Michigan and Florida, up
go the docks and then people want a no wake
law passed to protect their fancy boats and
even a moderate speed is impossible!

Richard E. Dunn
(870) 591-6266

PLEASE!!! LEAVE GREERS FERRY
LAKE ALONE DO NOT ALLOW
THE CHANGES - NO MORE BOAT DOCKS
NO MORE TRASH - PROTECT WHAT WE
HAVE !!

Jessie

LEE & ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS, AIA, NCARB

108 WEST MAIN STREET, SUITE 201

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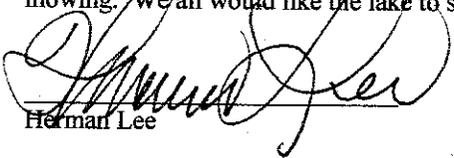
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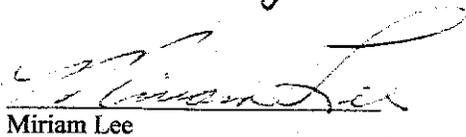
Ms. Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 722203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow,

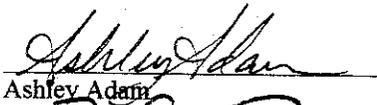
After reading a review recently in the Demo-Gazette, I wish to express the opinion of persons employed in my office regarding Greers Ferry Lake and possible changes to the surrounding area. We all use the lake to some degree. Some of us live in the area, others have boats located at current marinas.

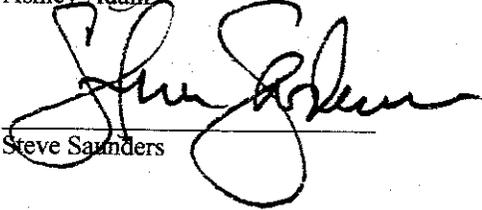
It is very pleasant to be in a boat on the lake and not be inundated by residences or businesses around the lake. We are also very much in favor of maintaining the current regulations regarding clearing and mowing. We all would like the lake to stay as clear and beautiful as it is at this time.

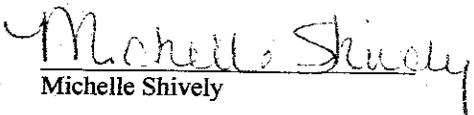

Herman Lee


Miriam Lee


Douglas Lee


Ashley Adam


Steve Saunders


Michelle Shively

P.S. Although six people have signed this letter please consider it as six responses!

From: Ellen Miller [mailto:emiller@stevenfoster.com]
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2002 9:05 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Opposed to docks on Greers Ferry Lake

>Re: Opposed to docks on Greers Ferry lake

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>Dear Corps,

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>I am opposed to any additional private docks being added to Greers Ferry Lake
>for several reasons including, aesthetics, water quality, wildlife
>enhancement and the fact this natural asset is much better utilized by the
>citizens of this country as a recreational and natural area.

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>These lakes are not an amenity of private property owners. How can anyone
>justify that they are supposed to have rights on publicly owned property? Was
>this lake built with private funds? Is it being maintained with private
>funds? Why should land, rivers and lakes owned by the public receive less
>protection from the Army than private property? Arguable, these natural
>treasures should receive more protection because they are owned by all the
>citizens of this country.... past, present and future.

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>I understand the Corps receives lots of pressure from politicians, developers
>and riparian owners. You need to let them know you appreciate they have
>rights as well, but you are bound by a little document called the
>Constitution of the United States that says no property can be taken away
>from folks, including the public.

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>Developers and riparian owners are fortunate that they can live on such a
>beautiful lake and use it like the rest of us. I support adequate access for
>boats, but this should be confined to public access areas where we can ALL
>get to the lake, thank you very much.

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>Thanks for considering my views.

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>Ellen Gibbs Miller

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November 26, 2001

Ms. Tricia Anslow
Project Manager
Planning Branch
Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am writing to request a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan. If an electronic version of the document is available please send that to me instead. The document will be placed in the U.S. Army NEPA Technical Support Center so that it can be accessed by Army installation NEPA compliance personnel nationwide.

Please forward the document to:

Brian B. Feeney
Horne Engineering Services, Inc.
2014 Tollgate Road
Bel Air, MD 21015
bfeenev@horne.com

Sincerely,


Brian B. Feeney
Public Affairs

From: Anne Carriere [mailto:jacarriere@centurytel.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 7:54 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Fw: This memo is from John Gulley, Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers - action requested by January 28
Importance: High

Enough!! As someone who moved to AR because it's still natural, I beg you not to ruin it dock by dock!! Anne Carriere P.). Box 84 Norfolk 72658

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

From: marian o'leary
To: Bailey, Jim ; Dahlstedt, Becki ; Dunaway, Bev ; Dunaway, Gene ; Fredericks, Henry ; Gulley, John & Betsy ; Matthews, Ed ; White, Harold & Hensley ; Reed, Wayne ; Perna, Jane & Vincent ; Taylor, Shawn ; Hodges, Joe ; Moren, Duane/Lakyn, Beth ; Murtaugh, Frank ; Rhodey, Lenore & Robert ; Abington, Ken ; Akers, Larry ; Alexander, James ; Allen, Dan ; Anderson, Jane ; Andrews, Alice ; Bays, Robert ; Bennett, Fred ; Benson, Dr. & Mrs. Lew ; Blair, Sam ; Boston, Judy ; Bray, Robert ; Brecheisen, Ray ; Broder, Linda Caperton ; Brown, James & Beth ; Burleigh, Daniel ; Burr, Bruce ; Caradine, Mac & Julia ; Carney, Steve ; Carriere, John & Anne ; Caver, Harold ; Coil, George ; Colvard, Brad ; Cook, Charlie & Mabel ; Cross, Gabe ; Daly, Ed ; Daugherty, Dan & Cynthia ; Dawson, Frank ; DeVries, Nan ; Dobbins, Jake ; Dotson, Greg ; Downes, Tom ; Durham, Jim ; Dwyer, Robert ; Ellis, Brian ; Engstrom, Bruce ; Fesler, Curtis ; Finne, Robert ; Fisher, Rob ; Fulton, Dale ; Galles, Jeff ; Galyardt, Amy & Dennis ; Godwin, Fred ; Gray, Fred ; Grimes, Russell ; Haas, David ; Hada, Duane & Marlene ; Hamilton, Brant ; Hamrick, Jamie ; Harmeling, George ; Harmony, Barbara ; Harris, Guy, Liz, Lauren, Alisa, Nathan ; Harrison, Janis ; Hawthorne, Jeff ; Hayward, Dave ; Hearne, Randy ; Heath, Richard ; Heston, Bill ; Hill, Donna & Jody Scott ; Horobetz, Mark ; Hudson, Dean & Peggy ; Huff, Luther ; Hyslip, Donnie ; James, Lisa ; Justice, Richard ; Justman, Arno ; Kapin, Michael ; Kelly, Chuck ; Kelso, Drew ; Klaus, Jerry ; Kolb, Bill ; Kudrna, Lee ; Kyle, Reuben ; Ledbetter, Sam ; Levi, Ed ; Linden, David ; Lockie, Gene ; Longinotti, David ; Luecke, Steve ; Magness, Hunter & Cathy ; Maler, Tracy & Roger ; Mayo, Mike ; McClellan, Bill & Kathy ; McIntosh, R. Hod ; Metzger, Larry ; Meyer, Gen. Edward C. ; Miller, David ; Mitchell, Charles & Mary ; Munnecke, Ted ; Nunneley, Bryan ; Oblander, Don & Lorena ; Pankey, Chip ; Parker, Joel ; Pence, Beverly & Bob ; Phillips, Tina ; Phillips-Chandler, Laura ; Pittman, Wally & Mary ; Poole, Robert ; Ragsdale, Joanne & Ron ; Rasmussen, Buddy ; Reed, Dennis ; Reynolds, J. D. ; Rim Shoals Trout Dock ; River Run Outfitters/ Stan Parker ; Rosell, Johnnie ; Schieffler, Danny ; Schleuss, Chris ; Schmuecker, Tom & Ann ; Schuetz, Terry ; Sears, Dan ; Seay, Paul & Rebecca ; Sellers, Calvin ; Semrau, Louis & Barbara ; Smith, Chet & Pat ; Speer, Sam ; Stanton, Russell & Laurie ; Stark, Monte G. ; Steffins, Steve ; Stockton, Fleming ; Sutterfield, Terry & Kathy ; Tampa Bay Fly Fishing Club ; Temper, Bob ; Tetrault, Dave ; Thompson, Jim ; Todd, William ; Tredway, Al ; Tunnell, Dr. & Mrs. Travis ; Udouj, Ron ; Varela, Charles & Debra ; Vogel, Georgia ; Wasson, Virles & Barbara ; Williamson, Mike & Julie ; Wiseman, Fred ; Wolf River Trading Co. ; Wright, Bill ; Wright, Keith
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2002 5:23 PM
Subject: This memo is from John Gulley, Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers - action requested by January 28

Dear Friends,

We hope all's going well with you in this new year.

We're writing to bring your attention to a matter that has been in the news quite a bit recently. It is regarding the Corps of Engineers and its plans to allow some 90 or so new private docks on Greers Ferry Lake, each of which could sprout up to 20 boat slips. This is a 40 percent increase in the number of docks already on the lake. Many residents feel this could prove to be only the beginning.

Even though this matter is beyond the scope of our organization, we wanted to make sure members are aware of it. It could be argued that the more public voices the Corps hears about any one of its proposed and objectionable development/permitting processes, the more attentive it will become to the public's concerns regarding other development/permitting processes they are engaged in or are considering.

Attached are two recent articles published by the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette for your review regarding this issue. We want to thank the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette for their permission to share these articles with you. After reading the articles, if you feel like you'd like to express an opinion about the Corps' proposed plan, please do so. ALL COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CORPS BY JANUARY 28TH.

You may send your comments to:

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

or,

You may email your comments to the Corps at gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil

Don't forget our upcoming meeting on Monday, February 4
Angler's Restaurant
Hwy 5 & Sylamore Bridge
Mtn. View, AR
6PM - 8PM

Many of us will be meeting there for dinner at 5:00pm. Feel free to join us!

You'll be receiving another letter from me in the next few days to update you on our actions and plans for the group, but in the interest of time, I didn't want to hold this up.

John Gulley
President, Friends of the North Fork & White Rivers

Stop the ugly Save Greers Ferry

Date: 1/6/2002
Editorial
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IMAGINE Greers Ferry Lake, formerly Reservoir, urban-renewed. Think of this shimmering, maybe unique, asset of the Natural State made over into a kind of parking lot for boats. Imagine the clear lakewater, which turns blue or green or

gray depending on the angle of the sun, reflecting little but the glare of tin and faded paint. In place of high cliffs and tree canopies, think aluminum-sided bait shops where you can also get gasoline and beer. Think empty cans rusting in a cove. Think dirty water splashing up against a rotting pier.

At least, that's what we were doing after a spirited group visited the office. They were out to save Greers Ferry Lake from the Army Corps of Engineers, which is still Keeping Busy. The Corps plans to allow some 90 or so new private docks on the lake, each of which could sprout up to 20 boat slips. That's a 40 percent increase in the number of docks already on the lake. And it could prove only the beginning. Yikes.

Greers Ferry is not only a prime source of drinking water for Central Arkansas, it's one of the most popular destinations in this state. Folks come from all around--and not for the wonderful view of the docks.

The Corps seems to think the lake needs more boat docks to open it up to the public, but Greers Ferry is already a public lake. What the Corps seems out to do is turn the lake into another watery amusement park. The Engineers could wind up developing the place the way Disneyland or Coney Island was developed. Or at least turning Greers Ferry into another crowded Lake Hamilton.

LIKE ALL good lobbyists, the loquacious crew assembled in the conference room here at Scott and Capitol came with photos, stats, studies, footnotes, talking points, reserve talking points, more reserve talking points, and, oh yes, the all-important rallying cry: Save Our Lake.

Yes, they wanted us to be "SOUL supporters." Which made us fidget. We tend to get nervous around crusaders wielding acronyms like blunt instruments.

But these folks have a point. Don't we already have enough over-developed lakes in Arkansas with all the charm of busy, greasy truck stops? Don't folks visit this state for its beauty rather than its ugly?

Halfway through the meeting, we were beginning to sense déjà voodoo, the whiff of a fight we'd already been through. Then it all came back to us. Ah, yes, the Buffalo National River, that national treasure and red-hot Arkansas controversy years back, which somehow survived as one of the state's still natural beauties. Uncluttered, unpolluted, unmonied and undeveloped. But there was a time when powerful local forces wanted to let private development have its way with that treasure, too. Which would have meant the end of the Buffalo as we still know it. Now it's Greers Ferry Lake that the developers--and the Corps--have their eager eyes on. Uh oh.

If folks are going to come to Arkansas for its pristine beauty, it seems we ought to save a few pristine beauties for them to visit.

Tourists can spend their money on water parks and general Disneyfication in Orlando, Fla. They come to Arkansas for something different. Something beautiful, tranquil, restorative, uncongested and inviting. In short, something like Greers Ferry Lake as it is now. And as it may not be much longer if the Corps has its way.

We were already beginning to come around to our visitors' way of thinking when the SOUL Supporters pulled out the big guns: photographs of the crime scene. We gasped. There before us were miles of shoreline along Georgia's Lake Lanier. Well, we were guessing there were some shorelines there, somewhere beneath the more than 8,000 boat docks crowding the lake. Eight Thousand. The message was hard to miss: This could happen here.

The photos were a vision of a naturalist's Hell: Bulky and vinyl-topped, like floating garages, the docks appeared to stretch endlessly into and across the water. Boats were everywhere. From an aerial view, it looked like the Allied armada approaching Normandy. But instead of carrying guns and ordnance, the invading fleet had dropped wooden planks, rope, and rusting tin.

It was a vision of Corps of Engineer projects yet to come once this latest little ol' plan is okayed, the woods cut back, and the lake opened for industrial-strength boating, skiing and polluting.

We'd like to think this vision of a dock-dammed lake is just a rhetorical exaggeration. But then we saw 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."

It's not just the lake that the Corps could endanger, but the forest. The Corps also wants to increase the area along the shore where mowing would be allowed from 50 to 100 feet. What, one wonders, will our grandchildren think when confronted with a dock-cluttered lake and a pushed-back tree line? Will they have any idea of the refuge and refreshment Greers Ferry once was?

STOP THIS uglification, pleaded Sally Sedelow, the prolific letter-writer from Heber Springs. Uglification. We couldn't think of a better term for it, for nothing comes closer to the essence of the Corps' proposal. We were ready, despite a longstanding allergy to slogans, to become SOUL Supporters.

Not just because this state's beauty deserves supporting. Not just because our drinking water needs protecting. But also because Greers Ferry Lake has become a kind of sanctuary. And one of the attractions that makes Arkansas unique. And because, once the lake is covered with boat docks and the vegetation is stripped from its shore line, it may never again be restored to the intricate, artfully crafted jewel it now is.

The Corps is still willing to listen. Or says it is. At least until January 18th (Note: The next article says this date has been extended to January 28th), which is the last day of the Public Comment Period. Send your opinion, yea or nay, on the Corps' plans to: Trish Anslow, Little Rock Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203-0867. Or email the Corps at gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil.

Please, comment away. Before a fellow can walk across the lake on all those boat docks.

Corps buffeted by foes, backers of lake rezoning Development plan for shoreline at Greers Ferry rouses passions

Date: 1/20/2002

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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 untouched 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 organization formed to oppose the Corps' plan. "I can't understand why the Corps wants to change the shoreline."

Other residents, like Al Vejda, 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 because their opinions will not be counted after Jan. 28 -- the date when the Corps closes the public comment period on the proposed rezoning.

As the deadline nears, opposition has grown. Through Jan. 6, Corps officials said they had received 103 comments from the public supporting their plan and 99 opposing it.

After statewide publicity, the number of comments opposing the plan swelled to 270 with 168 supporting it, said Corps' spokesman P.J. Spaul.

The response is different from the one the Corps experienced in 2000.

For more than a year, Save Greers Ferry Lake Inc. has been toe to toe with the Corps over its 2000 Shoreline Management Plan. The Corps is mandated by federal law to review the plan every five years.

Beginning in January 1999, the Corps held three public meetings and two public comment periods in which the majority of residents expressed support for altering the zoning of the shoreline, Spaul said. About 14 months later, the Corps approved a plan that allowed more boat docks and mowing.

"The plan was not a reflection of changes the Corps wanted because we would have left the shoreline of the lake like it was," Park said. "The plan was a result of what the public said they wanted."

DEBATE INTENSIFIES

After the Corps approved the plan, Save Greers Ferry Lake Inc., whose membership has swelled in the last year to over 200 paying members, disagreed and sued the Corps of Engineers.

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.

The Save Greers Ferry Lake members responded by stepping up their campaign, using a Web site, advertising and circulating petitions.

"This is about the aesthetic beauty of the lake," said Sally Sedelow, treasurer of Save Greers Ferry Lake. "Who's to say what's beautiful and not?"

But the issue goes deeper than that, Sedelow said.

"There are homeowners who will profit from having a boat dock on their lakefront home," Sedelow said.

"Why should a homeowners' rights supersede the visitors -- a taxpayer who owns the shoreline and wants to see it remain uncluttered."

But some residents support the plan and already have requested permits. Vejda, for example, applied to build two docks on lakefront lots he owns in Greers Ferry.

"I won't live anywhere where I don't have a boat dock," Vejda said, who owns a real estate company.

"I'm not speculating on land. I want to build a bigger house, but I won't unless I get the boat dock approved."

WATER QUALITY

The lake is nestled in the foothills of the Ozark Mountains and meanders through Van Buren and Cleburne counties.

To most people, Greers Ferry Lake is known for recreation. On any given holiday weekend in the summer, up to 300,000 people will travel to the campgrounds, motels and summer homes around the lake to vacation, boat, swim, and fish.

The lake also is the source of water for 90,000 people in Cleburne, Van Buren and Faulkner counties. There are plans, according to the state Department of Health, to expand the water supply to Lonoke and White counties "in the not too distant future."

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.

Rezoning for boat docks was approved based on each applicant's site receiving an 80 percent or better grade on a set of criteria established by the government. Hart said he favored a plan requiring the applicant's site having a 90 percent score or better.

"The more activity that goes on around boat docks, like the use of gasoline and oils, sewage discharges and those kinds of things, would impact the quality of water," Hart said. "We don't have a water quality problem up there now. We're looking at long-term water quality."

Hart suggests approving 45 -- rather than 93 -- sites for boat docks.

Members of Save Greers Ferry Lake say health problems could also result from more mowing.

"There are a lot of septic tanks on this lake," Sedelow said. "If you take away the underbrush, you're going to hurt the quality of water. There will be erosion."

CORPS: REVIEW NECESSARY

The Corps says it is not the "bad guy," and the plan is a reflection of "what the public wants."

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, Park said.

The Corps believes the effect of that rule will spill over to the future.

"Once a rule gets into place, it's hard to overturn," Park said of the Corps plan to refuse future rezoning applications.

Park said the Corps had no choice but to review the applications for boat docks in the 2000 review.

"We can no longer just say, 'no more boat docks,' " Park said. "The Corps has gotten into trouble at other lakes for doing that. We had to establish criteria for rezoning for boat docks and then apply it to the applications we received."

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.

Spaul also notes that the zoning plan hasn't been approved, and the public comment doesn't end until Jan. 28.

And those comments will be reviewed, Spaul assured, adding that he is certain the debate won't go away, no matter the outcome of the zoning plan.

"There's no way we're going to make everybody happy," Spaul added. "I think at this point if we make anybody happy, we've gone too far."

From: Michelle Strause [mailto:Michelle@frrwtrust.com]
Sent: Monday, January 21, 2002 10:25 AM
To: 'gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil'
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

ATTN: Trisha Anslow

Ladies/Gentlemen:

I write to express my support for the preferred option #2 as identified in the draft EIS for the shoreline management plan proposed for Greers Ferry Lake. The plan seems to represent a good balance, by preserving the natural beauty of the lake while accommodating the needs of those who enjoy it. It does not appear to affect the lake environment negatively, as supported by the professionals developing the environmental impact study.

Although I now live and practice law in Hot Springs, I grew up in Conway, spent much time on and around the lake, and love its natural beauty. It appears to me that the plan now under consideration accomplishes its goals in a fair and balanced manner, allowing enjoyment of the lake by those who use it while at the same time protecting it for future generations. I urge the Corps of Engineers to adopt the #2 alternative to the shoreline management plan now under consideration.

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From: James Shannon [mailto:shamrock@ozarkisp.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 6:43 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake

No more docks on Greers Ferry Lake !!!

Arkansas is the "Natural State", we want to keep it that way. Thousands of tourist come to this lake every year to see it natural beauty. More boat docks and clearing of the shore line would ruin it.

As someone who lives near the lake I'm telling you that people who live here or just come here to visit want it to remain as it is!!!

Stop the insanity.

epw

1312 Lakeshore Drive
Heber Springs, AR 72543
17 January 2002

yes, please implement new
shoreline management plan
for Green Ferry Lake.

Eva Waldrup

Att: Patricia Anslow

I would like to say I am for
boat docks on the Green Ferry
Lake in Heber Springs Ark -

I am a land owner on the
lake - My address is 533 Stony
Ridge Road - Eden Isle - Ph. 501 -
362-4003 -

Thank you -
Amelia Fricker

WebMail - PLEASE DON'T SPOIL GREERS FERRY LAKE!

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Date Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 2:14 PM

From: Rmulvany [Add to Address Book](#)

To: <gf.smp.eis@usace.army.mil>

Subject: PLEASE DON'T SPOIL GREERS FERRY LAKE!

Status: Urgent New

To The Corps of Engineers:

This is an URGENT plea in response to the article describing your intent to allow more boat docks and disruption of the beautiful Greers Ferry Lake. I was raised in Newport, Arkansas and consider Greers Ferry my home away from home. Beyond the aspect of the beauty of this lake, there is a financial perspective to consider.

People from all over the country come to Greers Ferry Lake. My family and I are among the hundreds, if not thousands, of people from Memphis who visit Heber Springs and Greers Ferry each year. We Memphians range from families with modest incomes who come to share nature with our children to successful professionals with significant disposable income. We come to get away from the overdevelopment, the lack of concern for beauty and the destroyed public land that our developers have promoted. We also come to get away from the noise and the commercialization. When we come, we spend lots of money. We stay in hotels, cabins, and resorts. We eat at restaurants, buy souvineers and purchase groceries, gas, towels, ski vests, boat storage units, sun screen and more. We also purchase homes, boats and trailers and we pay state taxes on those purchases. If the beauty of Greers Ferry lake becomes destroyed by overdevelopment and easing of Core restrictions, we might as well stay home and go to the muddy, pollouted Sardis Lake.

My family is considering purchasing a beautiful lot on Big Peter Creek. For the sake of those who love nature, desperately need an escape from the stress of modern life, and respect the beauty of the Natural State, PLEASE do everything in your power to protect this area. Pulling a boat in and out of the water is a tiny price to pay for leaving your restrictions in place and avoiding the destruction of one of the few remaining unspoiled areas in the midsouth.

Sincerely,

Ruth Harris Mulvany
5155 Shady Grove Road
Memphis, TN 38117

From: RMULVANY [mailto:RMULVANY@UTMEM.EDU]
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2002 2:28 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: PLEASE DON'T SPOIL GREERS FERRY LAKE!

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Sincerely,

Ruth Harris Mulvany
5155 Shady Grove Road
Memphis, TN 38117

I am strongly against the
reopening of the shoreline of
Greers Ferry.

(Mrs.) Geraldine Getty

Corps of Engineers -

1-17-02

Please leave Greers Ferry Lake alone,
and do not build more boat
docks - to add to pollution, traffic,
noise etc.

I drink that water - and help
pick up litter; so dont over
develop

Ethel Cowder

Ethel Cowder
3394 Heber Springs Rd. W.
Quitman, AR 72131

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From: LKMcalister@aol.com [mailto:LKMcalister@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, January 11, 2002 2:32 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: (no subject)

Re: the "uglification" of Greers Ferry Lake with boatdocks and clearing of
vegetation from shoreline. DON'T!!! We have owned a home at Edgemont for
25 years and have loved the "natural" look of the shoreline. Please don't
mess with what is one of America's most beautiful gems. Mack and
Linda McAlister

72076

909 Foxwood Drive
Jacksonville, AR

501-982-9262

From: David Luneau [mailto:mdluneau@ualr.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, January 09, 2002 9:43 AM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Shoreline Management Plan

To Patricia Anslow:

I am writing in support of the Shoreline Management Plan, alternative No. 2, for Greers Ferry Lake, as proposed by the Little Rock District of the Corps of Engineers.

I do not feel that the small number of additional private boat docks will in any way degrade the quality of the water or the beauty of the shoreline. Such a small percentage of the shoreline would be rezoned for private boat docks that the impact would be minimal.

I believe that the Corps has done a very good job of managing the lake resources in the past, and I have no reason to believe that they will not continue to do so in the future.

Thank you for hearing my opinion.

--
M. David Luneau, Jr., P.E.
Associate Professor of Electronics and Computers
University of Arkansas at Little Rock
2801 S. University
Little Rock, AR 72204
(V) 501-569-8260 (F) 501-569-8206

To the Army Corps of Engineers, Greers Ferry Lake:

A recent editorial talked about "uglification" of Greers Ferry Lake. That must be in the eyes of the beholder. I wonder if that person has made it by any of the commercial marinas recently. Ugly is the only way to describe the broken down mess that is Heber Springs, Hill Creek and Sugarloaf marinas. And how about the sprawling view of tin roof that is Lacey's Marina? The congestion, floating trash and broken off pieces of floatation Styrofoam are only going to increase if new private dock permits are not issued. Denying new dock permits will only make these marinas bigger and a more visually polluting as shoreline property owners are forced to dock their boats at marinas. It is apparent that private dock owners are required to build and maintain their docks to a higher standard than the commercial operators. My definition of the "uglification" of Greers Ferry Lake is Lacey's Marina stretching down the Narrows in front of my friend's house. I therefore support the implementation of Alternative #2.



Careen Thillen
8784 Becca Pt.
Cordova, TN 38018
January 16, 2002

From: L. Strafacci [mailto:deercove@artelco.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 06, 2002 12:02 PM
To: Eis, Gf SMP
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Boat Docks

Trish Anslow,
Little Rock Corps of Engineers

My husband and I have just read the editorial "Stop the ugly, Save Greers Ferry Lake" in today's Arkansas Democrat Gazette, with much interest. We have recently moved to Fairfield Bay and we love the lake so very much and would not like to see more boat docks on the lake. Greers Ferry Lake is one of the reasons we moved here, where the water is pure and the fishing is a challenge, but gratifying. Along with the Little Red River, our mountains, the lake where else could anyone find such a beautiful place in which to live.

We are joining many others in asking that the Corps NOT increase the number of private boat docks. There are enough already. We are from Hot Springs and watched in horror the clutter and pollution of both lakes Hamilton and Catherine. Lake Ouachita is not far behind. Please take care to preserve Greers Ferry Lake and protect it from the filth that comes with development. Many of our friends come here for the peace, beauty and serenity of the entire area.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, we remain sincerely yours,

Len & Ladell Strafacci

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

Dear Corps of Engineers:

I am writing in support of the preferred option #2 as identified in the draft EIS for the shoreline management plan proposed for 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.

It appears to me that the plan now under consideration accomplishes its goals in a fair and reasonable manner, allowing enjoyment of the lake by those who use it while at the same time protecting it for future generations. I urge the Corps of Engineers to adopt the #2 alternative to the shoreline management plan now under consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Gobby O'Dunne
356 Balsam Rd.
Bee Branch, Ark
72013

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

To the Corps of Engineers

Option 2 for the Greers Ferry Lake shoreline management plan is a good improvement and should be adopted. The Environmental Impact Statement says that the plan should have a negligible impact on the environment, and I believe it would allow better use of the lake for recreation to those who enjoy the benefits the lake has to offer.

The limited opportunity to build docks and allow mowing around residences seems to be a fair approach to keep the lake natural and yet provide greater access for boaters and fishermen.

Option 2 is a good move, and I support it. Thank you.

Signed,

William E. Hanel
214 Niagara Rd.
Clinton, Ar. 72031
Ph. 745-3069

Tricia Anslow CESWL-PR-PP
Little Rock Engineer District
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Sincerely yours,

Joe Harea
Rhonda D. Harea

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

To the Corps of Engineers

I am in favor of option #2 for the Greers Ferry Lake shoreline management plan. According to your EIS document, the plan should have a negligible impact on the environment and would allow better use of the lake for recreation to those who enjoy the recreational benefits the lake has to offer.

The limited opportunity to build docks and allow mowing around residences seems to be a fair approach to keep the lake natural and yet provide more access to those who enjoy the recreational purposes for the lake.

Please go ahead with your plans as outlined and approve your preferred alternative.

Signed,

John + Kim Jreece
3083 Round Springs Rd
Clinton, AR 72031

From: Save the SMP [mailto:fct@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2002 1:27 PM
To: Corps of Engineers
Subject: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan

Ms. Tricia Anslow:

I write to express my support for the adoption of Preferred Alternative #2 under consideration by the Corps for Greers Ferry Lake. As a banker in Conway, I have several bank customers who own property around the lake. Our bank finances many of those customers in their acquisition of lake properties. Because of that relationship, and my family's interest in the lake, boating, swimming, and skiing, I have a keen interest in the future of Greers Ferry.

I have reviewed the documentation presented at the public meeting in December, have seen the EIS, and discussed the proposal with several of my loan customers. The second alternative makes sense to me as being balanced, supported by the facts in the EIS, and in the best of the lake and those who enjoy it.

Please adopt the preferred alternative #2.

J. Mark Ferguson
President
First Community Bank
Conway, Arkansas

LARRY & DONNA CRENSHAW
#1 WESTOAK CIRCLE
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223

January 10, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
Planning, Environmental & Regulatory Division
Little Rock District Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Ms. Anslow:

The purpose of this letter is to express our support for Alternative Number 2 to the Corps' Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake. We have spent many enjoyable time at Greers Ferry over the past fifteen years and hope to have many in the future. But we have always felt that the restrictions which allow some property-owners to have boat docks yet forbid others to do the same are inequitable and unfair. The boat docks which already exist on the shore-line do nothing to mar the beauty of the lake. Even with the addition of many others, the vast majority of the shoreline would still remain natural. We do not feel that the beauty of the lake would be diminished.

Alternative No. 2 is an excellent balance, allowing greater convenience to property-owners while still preserving the beauty and the environment of the lake. We whole-heartedly support the alternative.

Sincerely,



Larry and Donna Crenshaw

From: Save the SMP [mailto:fct@conwaycorp.net]
Sent: Sunday, January 20, 2002 10:34 AM
To: Corps of Engineers
Subject: Greers Ferry Shoreline Management Plan

Ms. Tricia Anslow:

My dad and I own a boat which we keep at Eden Isle Marina, and we use it regularly during the warm part of the year. We go to Greers Ferry Lake alot. We enjoy the water and the natural beauty of the lake.

I write to express my support for the second alternative being considered by the Corps. It seems a good balance between enjoyment of the lake and preservation of its natural resources. From what I have seen, there should be little detriment, if any.

I hope that you will adopt the second option, the "preferred" one.

Justin Adkisson
1824 Bruce
Conway, Arkansas 72034

January 2, 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 allow more boaters to use the lake.

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

I am interested as a property owner in Eden Isle, a member of the United States Power Squadrons and a regular user of Greers Ferry Lake,

Sincerely,



Fred L. Nunnery
1365 Armand Dr. #301
Memphis, TN 38103

**Tay Gillespie
Strong River Farm
Pinola, Mississippi 39149**

January 22, 2002

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

Dear Corps of Engineers,

Thank you for devoted work to maintain the beauty of Greers Ferry Lake. I am writing you today to express my support for option number 2 of the Environmental Impact Study for the new shoreline management plan. It is time that we have greater access to the lake with a growing population of both residents and vacationers.

It is reassuring to see that the environmental impact will be negligible while the convenience to boaters will be greatly enhanced. Seldom do we get such a positive return for such a small price.

I ask the Corps of Engineers to adopt the #2 alternative to the shoreline management plan now under consideration.

Sincerely,



Tay Gillespie

**Guy T. Gillespie, Jr., M.D.
Strong River Farm
Pinola, Mississippi 39149**

January 23, 2002

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

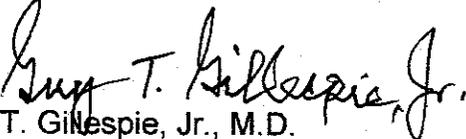
Dear Corps of Engineers

While we are ever mindful of "improvements" which slowly erode our environment we are in agreement with the new shoreline management plan - proposal #2 - providing for more docks at Greers Ferry Lake. This is one of the few times we can actually see progress without a negative impact.

Although we only visit Greers Ferry a half dozen times a year we are devoted to maintaining its beauty and appreciate all it has to offer. On past visits we have frequently longed for greater access to the water. It may sound trivial but for someone with limited vacation time the quicker we can get to the lake (and not spend half a day driving around to a marina) the better.

Thank you for coming up with a plan that satisfies the needs of the people without destroying that which we all appreciate - the natural beauty of places like Greers Ferry Lake.

Sincerely,


Guy T. Gillespie, Jr., M.D.

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

To the Corps of Engineers

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Please go ahead with your plans as outlined and approve your preferred alternative.

Signed,

Marianne Stack
2228 Barrens Ln Rd
Clinton, Ar 72031
501-745-5221

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

Dear Corps of Engineers,

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Sincerely,

*May Treat
P.O. Box 943
Clinton, AR 72031*

January 24, 2002

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

Dear Corps of Engineers

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I certainly believe in maintaining the lake's beauty and appreciate all it has to offer, but I also think we could use greater access to the water.

Thank you for coming up with a plan that satisfies the needs of the people without destroying that which we all appreciate - the natural beauty of places like Greers Ferry Lake.

Sincerely,

Leota McQuain

Leota McQuain
3328 Barron Loop Rd
Clinton Ar. 72031

ELLEN KUCIEJSKI
7615 Yuma Court
North Little Rock, AR 72116-4376
501-758-2758

January 12, 2001

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am writing regarding the Corps of Engineers' plan to allow some 90 or so new private docks on Greers Ferry Lake. I have visited many different lakes in Arkansas, and by far, Greers Ferry is the most awesome. It is so serenely beautiful that in April of 2001, my husband and I purchased four acres on Hunter Mountain. Actually, we purchased the most spectacular view of Bald Mountain and portions of Greers Ferry Lake possible, which I have enclosed. We intend to spend many, many weekends enjoying this view and the lake; and, in the next ten years, we will build our retirement home on this property where we will be able to enjoy the view and the lake every day of our retirement years.

We have been to Lake Hamilton and experienced the overcrowded, tacky, unsightly, and extremely unsafe conditions of that lake, and we have no desire to ever return there. All my husband and I are asking is that the Corps of Engineers do not allow Greers Ferry Lake to turn into that same kind of ugly nightmare. Please do not destroy one of God's wonders. Please don't put Arkansas last again by destroying the only thing it has to tout, it's natural beauty.

Sincerely,



Ellen Kuciejnski

Enclosure

PATRICIA ANSLow
USACOE - Little Rock, AR

1/14/02

We are opposed to the new
Shoreline Management plan by
the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
We love to come over to fish
and have recreation, and hate
to see the natural resources
endangered, we know so many
others that feel the way we do.

Thank you,

Mr + Mrs Scott
Smothers

1540 Tiftys

Memphis TN, 38111

PATRICIA ANSLOW
USCORPS OF ENGINEERS
LITTLE ROCK, AR

Jan. 11

Save Green Ferry Lake!

We certainly do support
the effort to save the lake.

It is a beautiful treasure
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Those who own property
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etc. Cluttering up the scenery.

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keep it that way.

The own property on Red River
in Nether & often go to the lake.

Sincerely
Mr. & Mrs. H. P. Love

PATRICIA ANSLOW
ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS 1/14/02

I AM OPPOSED TO THE NEW
SHORELINE MANAGEMENT
PLAN by The U.S. ARMY
CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

John E. Potts
1562 MT. MORIAH RD
MEMPHIS, TN. 38117

1-10-02

Just a note to say
Major and I both
want to keep the lake
like it is. We have
~~to~~ lived here all of
our lives and go over
the dikes every time
we go to town and we
love it.

Thank you

Major & Helen Stark
99 Stacy Springs Rd
Heber Springs, AR
72543

OMPOST

260 Richwood Dr
Rumbling Shoals, AR
72581

Dec 20, 2001

Dear Mr. Andrew

I am very much opposed to any proposition by the Corps of Engineers to increase the number of private multilevel docks on Greers Ferry Lake. I do not approve of mowing the grass and vegetation close to the lake as proposed.

The lake area is one of the few Corps of Engineers lakes that are natural and beautiful - let's keep it the way it is.

Sincerely,
Thomas Howard

Sir,

In regards to exploiting
Green-Fery Lake. If you want
a very clean lake to Chicago,
or a polluted cesspool go to
another body of water but
don't drag one of these few and
pristine lakes like Green-Fery
down the gutter of a few
greedy wants. Get a back bone
for American beauty. Don't
have your head copped up by
a dollar bill.

Thank You.
W. Pink Miller
6041 Hwy 263
Mt. View Ar.
72560-7444

Ms. Irish Anslow
LR Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867, LR 72203

Dear Ms. Anslow,

I do hope the Corps of
Engineers proposal to allow new
docks to be built on Greer's
Derry Lake does not become a
reality.

It would be tragic
for such a beautiful lake

→

to become unsightly with more
docks.

I'm sorry if some property
owners are inconvenienced by having
to drive to a marina, but a lot of
beauty is worth a little trouble.

Please keep Greer's Ferry
Lake just as it is - a peaceful,
beautiful respite.

Thank you!

Jan 10, 2002

Nope Sprague

99 Stanfield Road
Edgemont, AR 72044
January 11, 2002

Greens Ferry Lake, Inc.
P.O. Box 150
Heber Springs, AR 72543

Dear Sirs:

We bought our first land at Fairfield Bay in the fall of 1973 and have been coming to Greens Ferry Lake ever since. We boated for fun, fished, and our son and his friends water skied. We love it here because of its natural beauty. We do not want it changed! No more docks! No more mooring!

We now live in Edgemont, Arkansas, overlooking the lake. And we love it as is! Please do not change it! And save our water purity.

Sincerely
Carolyn L. Robb
Carolyn L. Robb

Mrs. William S. Bankston
836 Rock Ledge Rd.
Heber Springs, Arkansas 72543
January 11, 2002

Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock, AR 72203-0687

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Please do not let the Corps of Engineers
destroy the natural beauty of Greers Ferry Lake
by allowing increased clearing of the shoreline
or by adding private docks and small marinas.

Greers Ferry Lake is one of Arkansas' most
beautiful spots. Please let's keep it that way.

Sincerely,



Ellen Bankston

January 22, 2002



Gossypium Hirsutum

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake. This plan would do nothing to improve this beautiful lake which belongs to all citizens of this state.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Jones

P.O. Box 159

Bigelow, Ar 72016

SAVE GREERS FERRY LAKE!!!!

I am greatly opposed to any further developmental plans for Greers Ferry Lake. As it is now, I believe the Greers Ferry Lake is more preserved and has more natural habitat than any other lake in the state of Arkansas.

We do not need any more modernization to take place. Modernization will just take away from what everyone loves and enjoys about Greers Ferry. Enough is enough, leave modernization to the inner cities and leave the spectacular qualities of Greers Ferry alone.

Thank you,

Debra Wolfe

January 21, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow;

I am sitting in Tannenbaum today writing you this note to let you know how disturbed I am to hear the Core of Engineers is considering lifting the prohibition against the development of docks on Greer's Ferry Lake.

I have been driving up from Memphis for 12 years to stay at the lake, as it is so much more beautiful than several large lakes that are much closer to my home in Memphis. Three years ago my in-laws purchased a home in Tannenbaum and my wife and I have also invested in the home and some of the recreational vehicles as we plan on years of bringing our children and friends to this wonderful lake.

My concern is that one of the most striking differences from other lakes is when you are out on the lake you feel so far away. The 50-foot non-encroachment requirement along with the prohibition against new dock construction is one of the first comments I hear from people who come visit and those who live here.

Please let me know the status of this decision process, who makes the final decision, and what appeals process outside of the court system is open to us. My address is 1570 Saddle Chase Cove, Cordova, TN 38016.

Thank you for your prompt attention to my requests and please pass on my concerns to all those reviewing this decision.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Longfield, Jr.

January 28, 2002

U. S. Corps of Engineers
Greers Ferry Lake
Heber Springs, Arkansas

Ref: Shore Management Plan

Gentlemen:

It seems that there is disagreement among the " natives " as to your proposal to change the long standing regulations concerning boat docks and shoreline foliage and vegetation. Your past policy has served well in maintaining the serenity and beauty the lake. It is approximately forty years old and remains a tremendous drawing card for tourists from many miles- a definite plus in favor of your ongoing practice of limiting development of its shoreline. For that policy and the practice of an annual " clean-up ", you are to be congratulated!

I've not been to Pickwick Lake in over thirty years, but I understand it has been " developed " to a disgusting extent. For beauty, serenity, fresh water, and the atmosphere of nature itself, compare Greers Ferry and Lake Ouchita with Lakes Hamilton and Pickwick. That will give a good picture of Greers Ferry in 40 years-maybe even 20. Then it would be too late, and no return.

The idea of 93 more docks (not slips, but docks) is evidently being pushed by developers to make another buck. This lake and dam were built by you using tax dollars. Why should a few developers who probably live in Little Rock, Memphis, or other distant locales reap a profit from tax dollars? To those of us who live and own property on the lake, the quality of the lake is of utmost importance. To developers, this quality is of no concern.

Several years ago I attended a meeting of one of the service clubs in Little Rock. The speaker was a local developer. He started his presentation with what to him was a joke. He and his young daughter were driving on the outskirts of town when they passed a wooded area. The daughter remarked, "Daddy, we need to cut those trees and put up some buildings!" That, in essence, illustrates the mentality of developers. Please, let's not turn this lake over to them.

We commend you for your present policy, and earnestly request that you maintain it. WE vote NO!

Sincerely,
Bert Jones
Gigi and Bert Jones

Gigi Jones

175 Harrelson Road
Tumbling Shoals, Arkansas 72581

Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 657
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sirs:

We understand that you plan to release up to 200 acres of Greer's Ferry Lake shoreline for private boat docks and also allow property owners to clear land closer to the lake.

We, along with countless other nature lovers, believe that Greer's Ferry Lake is the most beautiful lake in Arkansas. We camp there many times each year and the clear water and the natural shoreline is breathtaking. We have visited most of the other lakes in Arkansas and they cannot compare with the beauty of Greer's Ferry. The reason is because of the restrictions governing boat docks and preservation of the natural terrain are not in effect at these other lakes.

The property owners that have built on Greer's Ferry Lake were aware of the restrictions against private boat docks when they built, the releasing of acreage for this purpose would only help a few, the same few that were aware when they built that this was not allowed. We can be assured that our lake would not improve by this action, it would only detract not only from beauty of the natural shoreline, but also affect the clarity of the water. Please don't let this happen. Arkansas' motto "The Natural State" should be respected.

We want to keep Greer's Ferry Lake the most beautiful in Arkansas! There's no doubt that the majority of people who love the outdoors and appreciate the beauty of nature want Greer's Ferry Lake to remain uncluttered and beautiful.

Please reconsider and let beautiful Greer's Ferry Lake remain beautiful!!

Yours very truly,

Handwritten signature of Harold C. Jensen and Mrs. Thelma Jensen. The signature is written in cursive and includes a plus sign between the two names.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold C. Jensen

South Side School
334 South Side Rd.
Bee Branch, Ar. 72013

Dear Sir:

I teach at South Side School and my students use Greers Ferry Lake for recreation. We are totally against the plan for the Corps of Engineers to build dozens of boat docks and to cut down the trees. This plan will spoil the natural scenic beauty of this lake. Please do not do this.

Sincerely,
Sara Haley

South Side School
334 South Side Rd
Bee Branch, AR 72013

Dear Madam:

My teacher told me about the Corps of Engineer plan to build about one-hundred boat docks on the shore lines of Geers Ferry Lake. No offense, but the lake has enough docks already. I also know about your plan to cut down the trees there. Don't forget Arkansas is the Natural State, but how can it be the Natural State if you keep cutting down the trees.

Sincerely,
Hampton L.
Stevenson

South Side School
334 South Side Rd.
Bee Branch, AR 72013

Dear Madam:

I feel that the plan to cut down the trees at Greers Ferry Lake will greatly affect the natural beauty. Many people come to the lake because of its beauty.

Also, there are enough boat docks already. People will stop coming if you build them.

Sincerely,
Alep's Hall

South Side School
334 South Side Rd
Bee Branch, AR 72013

Dear Madam:

My teacher told my class about the plan for the Corps of Engineers to build dozens of boat docks. I think it will mess up the natural beauty. There are enough boat docks already. Less tourists will come to Innes Ferry Lake.

Please do not cut down the trees and build all those boat docks.

Sincerely,
Haleigh

Sawt Lee School
334 Sawt Lee Road
Bee Branch, AR 72014

Dear Madam:

It do not
enjoy the fact of you trying to
cut that many trees and using them to
make dozens of docks. Its because my
great grandpa learned some of that land
also what about the animals squirrels,
birds, and rabbits, what about how many
They will say The heck with it no
trees no people, some of my favorite
trees are there in Gills Spring Lake.
Like cedar, oak, pine and the others.
How will you like if you had a
nice house and some fell come down
and chopped it down, please do not cut
down all that trees and build boat docks.

Sincerely,

Seth

South Side School
334 South Side School
Bee Branch, Ar 72013

Dear Madam:

My teacher told my class about
the ^{plan} for the Corps of Engineer to build
dozens of boat docks. I don't
want you to destroy the trees.
My dad and I go there all the
time at summer time. Tourists
from many states come to Arkansas.
The beauty of the trees will be
all but gone. Please don't cut
down the trees and build all
of the docks!

Sincerely,
Lill Bradley.

January 16, 2002

South Side School
334 South Side Rd.
Bee Branch Ar, 72013

Dear Madam:

My teacher told my class about the plan from the Corps of Engineers to build dozens of boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake. All feel this would greatly spoil the natural scenic beauty of the lake. People come to Arkansas for the natural beauty - if all the boat docks are built they will not come.

Please do not cut down the trees and build those boat docks. Almost every year we go out, camp out, get turned and swim at the lake.

Sincerely,
Heather

South Side School
334 South Side Rd
Bee Branch, AR. 72013

Dear Madam:

My teacher told our class to write to you about cutting down the trees to build boat docks. I was going to ask you to not cut down the trees, it will destroy the beautiful view and tourists will not be interested. So please do not cut down those trees to build the boat docks.

Sincerely,
Collye Karlan

South Side School
334 South Side Rd
Bee Branch, AR 72018

Dear Madam:

My teacher told my class about the plan for the Corps of Engineer to build dozens of boat docks on Greers Ferry Lake. Lots of people are going to lose their camping spots. You need to think before you do it, because you know that animals are going to die or lose their homes. I like Greers Ferry Lake and other people do too. So please do not cut down the trees and build all those boat docks.

Sincerely, Jessica
Jewel

Chris

E 6th Side
School 334
E 6th Side
Road Bee
Bryant AR
12/0/13

Dear Madam:

My family goes to that lake
over summer. I am fond of that
lake. I like to swim out on
that lake. And birds and
other animals live there.
No one would want to go
there anymore. do not build
to near that

Sincerely,
Chris

P.S. do not cut to remove
trees down for the boat
dock.

South Side School

Dear Madam:

My class heard about what you are going to do to the trees at Green Ferry Lake.

It would make tourists not want to come back. So please don't cut them down and please don't build the boat docks.

Sincerely,
Winston

Jeffery

South Side School
334 South Side Rd.
Bee Branch, A R, 72013

Dear Madam:

Please do not cut down the trees.
People like the lake. It looks
natural. That would cut down the
tourists that come to see the
lake. Please do not cut down
the trees. And build the boat
docks.

Sincerely,
Jeffery Todd

IOUTH IIDE SCHOOL
334 IOUTH IIDE RD.
BEE BRANCH, AR 72013

Dear I is:
my I teachers said what you are
going to do. I just want to tell
you, nobody will come to visit. Even tourists
It will be to busy, please do not
be mean people. I'll miss.

Sincerely,
Michael Ray Hill

Southside school
334 Southside rd
Be branch, ar 72103

Dear sir:

My teacher told my class about the plan for the corps of Engineer to build ~~dozens~~ of boat docks on Greets Ferry lake. If you cut down the trees the birds and squirrels would not have a home would you like it if you did not have a home? I know I wouldnt, Pleas dont cut down the tree if you do the land will be ugly. Thank you for under standing

P.S I go on vacation there.

Sincerely,
Sarah Mason

South Side School
334 South Side Rd.
Barrow, AK 995013

Dear Madam:

My teacher told my class about the plan for the corps of engineers to build dozens of boat docks on Louisa ferry lake. I feel this would greatly spoil the natural scenic beauty of the lake. People come to Arkanis for the natural beauty. If all the boat docks were built, they won't come. You don't have to build all the dock because there is enough boat dock already. Please do not cut down the beauty of the lake please.

Dinorah,
Scott Appleby

To whom it may concern,

My name is Melody West and I am a third grade teacher at Concord Elementary School. A child in my classroom saw an article in the newspaper concerning Greers Ferry Lake. He brought the article to share with the class and asked that we write a letter to voice our opinion on the changes that could be made to our lake. We have been working on writing persuasive letters so this was an opportunity to apply what we have learned. After reading their letters I am sure you will see that the children are concerned and hope to see Greers Ferry Lake stay the way it is at this time. Thankyou for allowing us to voice our opinions on this issue.

Sincerely,

Melody West
Third Grade Teacher

Dear Mr. Anslow,

My name is Elizabeth Dawn
Wahlquist. I attend school at
Concord Elementary. I wanted
to try to persuade the Corps
of Engineers to leave Green
Ferry lake the way it is,
if you allow boat docks
to be built these things
could happen to the lake.
It could cause pollution, more fish
would die, it would poison the
water, it could take good swimming
space

ruin animals homes, it would
make the lake smell really
weird, and it would damage
fishing because most fish
would be dead, it could
cause more boat accidents.
because more boats would
be out there so it would
be crowded, and it would
cause more littering. That
is why I think the lake
is great how it is.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth

my name is JAMES

Dear Mr. Anshau

- You dont need at da this
Because you will kill the
fish and you cant do
this is bad and make in
it will kill a lots of people
and a lot of fish and a
Bats and the Bottchit to go
and it will make a lot of
fish out.

Dear Ms Amstou

My name is Andrea Ellis

I go to school at concord

Elementary. I want to leave

Greers Ferry lake the

way it is because

if we put the boat

docks up and Engineers

here is what would

happen. It would takeing

away swimming areas.

you will prouble

get oil leaks and
cill more fish

the air will
smell funny and
it would get alot
of trash on the
land and water.

When you breathe
you could get sick
and die and if
you do this and
die you killed
your yourself because
you are doing
this. and you can
cause more boats

to crash because
there will be
to much boats
and - dead fish
smell - damage
fishing. and thats
my I think that
we should not do
the to Greers Ferry
lake.

by Andrea Ellis

Dear Ms. Anslow,

My name is Kayla Brock. I attend school at Concord Elementary. I wanted to try to persuade the Corps of Engineers to have Greers Ferry Lake the way it is. If you allow boat docks to be built all around the lake, I feel that it will do this stuff: pollution - oil leaks, decrease fish population, contaminate the water, take away good swimming spots, ruin the animals homes, dead fish will smell real funny, damage fishing, cause more boating accidents, increase litter,

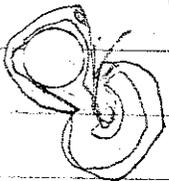
The oil will leak into the sand and
kill trees along the shore. If you
build the docks it will not look like
a lake any more. We want our lake
to stay the same as it is. Because
it is pretty like it is. We don't
want no more docks. Two or three is
enough. No more docks.

Sincerely Zaya

Dear, Anselow

My name is Braden
I am helping to save Green-
ferry lake. It will cause more
recreation less fishing and decrease
fish

Love, Braden Drumm



Name: Beathany Date: January 18, 2002
Dear Ms. Anslow,

My name is Beathany Joann Sandefer. I attend school at Concord Elementary. I wanted to try to persuade the Corps of Engineers to leave Green's Ferry Lake the way it is. If you allow boat docks to be built these things could happen to the lake. It could cause pollution, more fish would die, it would poison the water, it could take good swimming space ruin animals homes, it would make the lake smell really weird, and it would damage fishing because most fish would be dead, it could cause more boat accidents because more boats would be out there so it would cause more littering. That is why I think the lake is grate how it is.
Sory Ms. Anslow

Sincerely,
Beathany
Joann
Sandefer

Dear Ms. Amelow

My name is Brittany DeHart. I attend school at Concord Elementary. I wanted to try to persuade the Corps of Engineer to leave Green Ferry Lake the way it is. If you allow boat docks to be built all around the lake. I feel that it will do this stuff pollution - oil leaks, decrease fish population, contaminate the water, take away good swimming spots, ruin the animals homes, dead fish will smell real funny, damage fishing, could more boating accidents increase better, The oil will leak into the sand and kill trees by the bank. If you build the docks it will not

look like a lake in my more. We
want or lake to stay the same as
it is. Because it is pretty

Sincerely Brittany

Wade

Dear Mr. Ansell,

My name is Wade Brooks. I like the great
fairy lake, the way it is. I will soon
not build boat docks, sub by Wade
Brooks

Aaron

Dear Mr. Anslow

My name is
Aaron, I attended
school at Concord
Elementary in Mine.
I want to persuade
the corps of engineers
to leave Greenberry
Lake alone, cause
if you let people
build boat docks
there will be more
reck cause there will
be more boats on the
lake. there will
be pollution. the people
will leave cause
there isn't be very
much room on
to swimming space

Ekham

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Dear Mrs. Anelow, My name
is Ekham Radcliff school at
Concord Elementary. I wanted
to try to persuade the Corps
of Engineers to leave Green Fern
Lake the way it is. If you
allow the boat dockings this
will happen. The hole
lake will be ~~small~~ small
like a skunk.

Dear Mr. Andrew

My name is Andrew.
I attend school at Concord.
Elementary. I wanted
to try to persuade
the Corps of Engineers
to leave the Ferry Lake
the way it is.

A pollution could
happen! It will kill all
the fish! It will
take animals' homes
and be gone!

from Andrew K. Jackson

Dear Mr. Ambrose

my name is Samantha Leann Baker

i attend school at Concord

Elementary. I want to try to persuade

the Corps of Engineers to leave

Greens Ferry Lake the way it is

if you allow boat dock

to be built all around

around the lake i feel

that it will spoil because

im on a ride that this would

happen there will be a nice

room to swim at

Dear Ms. Anslow

My name is Mikey Brackett. I saw that Greers Ferry was under attack. I'm trying to persuade the Corps of Engineers to stop because I love our lake and don't want you to do this. This is what might happen. It might stink, pollute and damage fishing.

Sincerely Mikey Brackett

Memo from -
FITZHUGH SPRAGINS

1-10-02

MS. TRISH ANGLON
LITTLE ROCK CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P O BOX 867, LR 72203

P.S. I am also opposed to allowing property owners to cut
spurs and branch any closer to the shore than it present. The
danger of pollution of the stream with the lake is very real.

I am strongly opposed to allowing
additional boat docks on Green Ferry Lake.
I have seen what it probably eventually
would do to the natural beauty of this
lake - it would become another Lake
Hamilton, once also a beautiful lake,
but now almost shore-to-shore
formed by boat docks - some of them
in terrible condition - real eyesores!

However, I do feel sympathy for
those property owners who built docks
while under the impression it was legal to
do so. May I suggest a "compromise"
of sorts? Why not allow those boat docks
~~to~~ built - and completed - with 4 SLIPS
per farm to remain - but NO OTHERS and
NO MORE OVER 4 SLIPS?

Sincerely,
E. Fitzhugh Spragins

645 Lakefront Rd
Quitman, AR 72131
26 January 2002

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

Dear Col Butler:

I realize that you were not assigned to the Little Rock District when the Corps devised its current Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake. I don't know what orders you were given to try to carry out the aggressive objectives of your predecessor, but there are a number of factors that you should consider before you sign your name to radical changes that would certainly destroy the very features that make Greers Ferry Lake so attractive to visitors and residents alike.

Corps personnel originated the plan to rezone the 93 locations on the lake for "private docks" by soliciting requests from individuals to use government land for private use. Up until that time, docks had been slowly added in areas ALREADY ZONED for docks (mostly in coves and protected areas). That kind of controlled expansion has kept the lake clean and attractive for some 30+ years. There are still some 14 of the originally zoned 21 miles STILL available for dock expansion. There was supposed to be no further rezoning until that area was filled. Attempts to now ignore that plan show how misleading are your current "promises" that there will be no more docks after these 93 are approved.

Yes, the Corps is required to periodically review the SMP. It IS NOT REQUIRED to make radical changes to it. The claim that the changes are due to "public demand" was false from the beginning. After the solicited requests were received, the Corps had a public comment period. Several weeks after the deadline, I called Tommy Park's office to ask for the results. Win Hargis stated that the results would not be released until AFTER the new plan was implemented, and that I was not allowed to see the letters. The Corps legal department advised him to make the letters available. Three of us went to examine the comment letters. The Corps had done no classification or study of the comments. Three of us read every one of the 523 letters and sent Tommy Park a full report on the results. The comments DID NOT support the changes the Corps was trying to promote. There were 174 comments FOR the proposed SMP, and 231 AGAINST the SMP. The balance of the comments were on a variety of subjects not covered by the SMP. (Report enclosed) After being forced to make a report on the comments, the Corps published a highly distorted version in an attempt to make it appear that the SMP was favored by the public. (Why does this remind me of the manipulation of reports that was found in the Mississippi River study?) And who was the "public" the Corps referred to at that time? It was primarily the dock requesters (123 at that time) and developers who were anxious to profit from rezoning. The majority of visitors and residents knew very little about the radical changes in the SMP. Because of their faith in the Corps, from the 30+ years of responsible regulation, they assumed that the Corps would continue to act in the best interest of

the visitors, residents and THE LAKE!! The opposition to the SMP changes were ignored. News releases by the Corps repeatedly misrepresented opposition as "only a few people" or "a small group of about 20".

Fortunately, the truth of the proposed radical changes (reconized by a Federal court) was finally brought to the attention of many visitors and residents. I hope that the comments received in response to this latest DEIS will convince the Corps of the real "public demands"!! I hope to never again read a Corps' proclamation the "the public" wants to turn Greers Ferry Lake into a Lake Lanier!! It is unfortunate that you could not attend a Lake Cleanup and ask the many visitors who come from miles away why they choose Greers Ferry over much closer lakes. In recent weeks, I have read letter after letter after letter from people that state very specifically that they come to Greers Ferry Lake or are building a house here or plan to retire here BECAUSE THERE ARE TREES ON THE SHORELINE AND BECAUSE THE LAKE IS NOT LINED WITH DOCKS!! Since you have not been here long enough to become fully acquainted with the area, I hope that you will read every one of the letters submitted as public comment.

The whole plan of rezoning previously protected areas for 93 "private" docks on government property has been represented by the Corps as serving a few individuals who live adjacent to the public land and have a "right" to build a dock there. The Corps has made no study of the actual use or intent of the docks. It has ignored letters in the Scoping Report that describe sale of "right of way" to anyone wishing to claim "lake access" for permit purposes. It ignores the commercial ventures of individuals building multi-slip docks for sale to anyone. It ignores the multi-dock requests by single individuals, or the granting of SIXTY slip permits for one developer with only his name and only the Corporation property listed on the application. The Corps has attempted to hide the fact that the 93 docks are initially approved for 420 slips, and that each dock could be expanded to 20 slips in the future. I was required to file a Public Information Act request before the Corps would release this information to me. (Who else was required to file such a form?)

In a review of several of the dock applications, I noted the approved application for a private dock for Bentley's Restaurant. The application stated that the dock was for commercial use. There is a gas station and a public road between Bentley's Restaurant and the government land. There is NO WAY this dock should be approved under the SMP, just as there is NO WAY the original comments should have credited 58 customer requests as votes in favor of the SMP!!

"Spot Zoning" in 93 locations affects MUCH MORE than the 100 feet of shoreline occupied by each dock. The Corps statement of only 1.7 miles of shoreline being added for docks is a blatant misrepresentation compared to the effective opening up of more than 200 miles of protected shoreline to new docks. The Corps NOW says it can't check into the nature or use of present permit issuance; it is granting "private permits" for commercial use (grants Bentley permit on Senator's request); how can it make any presumption of being able to deny dock expansion in newly rezoned areas? The Corps would have no defense against further politician requests or discrimination lawsuits.

There are several sections of private docks or dock walkways that washed up on the south side of the lake west of Miller Point. They have been there for more than 3 years. About 2 years ago Diamond Bluff lots 126 & 127 were clearcut and bulldozed into the water. One house was built, but lot 126 still remains bare, with heavy runoff into the lake at each rainfall. If the Corps cannot take care of these problems, how can it expect to supervise 93 more docks plus all of those to follow this precedent setting change?? (About a week ago a section of walkway washed onto my shoreline. I pulled it out of the water but have had no one claim it yet)

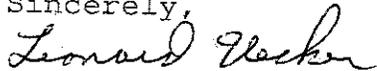
A "Lake Slip Renter Summer Survey" OMB 0710-0001 was sent out by the Corps' contractor, Tetra Tech, to measure visitor perception of lake activities. Why were the results of this survey not made public or included in the EIS? Is this another example of withholding information that does not support the Corps' attempt to force a harmful SMP on the public? The Public Hearings have also been a sham! The Corps merely made its own subjective statements, allowed limited public statements, and the Corps presenters then gave NO public response to the questions or suggestions made by the individuals that spoke. I believe that is called "stonewalling".

The action of the Corps toward putting a commercial marina in the Cove Creek area also shows lack of stewardship responsibility. Is the Corps not aware that it has granted a water intake permit in this same area? Does the Corps believe that a commercial marina in the Cove Creek campground area would not greatly affect the campers? Does the Corps consider this project so unimportant that it doesn't bother to hold a Public Hearing on the matter? Never mind the taxpayer costs of building roads and other infrastructure to support the heavy traffic that would be generated. The approval of Lacey Marina docks extending into the narrowest, busiest section of the lake is another example of poor management.

The squandering of \$455,000 of taxpayer dollars to force a harmful SMP does nothing to remove the tarnish of the Corps' image caused by other recent malpractices in Corps studies. Implementation of the current SMP would only further erode the Corps' credibility. The study did not disprove the adverse impacts cited in the EA and did not include many of the factors that were asked to be studied in the Scoping Report. Yes, you can achieve some personal fame (or infamy) by being the one to sign away the regulations that have kept Greers Ferry Lake so clean and attractive to visitors and residents for some 30+ years. You might even get a promotion if this SMP is the objective of your commander. But think long and hard before you do, for as more than one newspaper editorial says, NOW IS THE TIME TO DO THE BEST THING FOR THE LAKE!!! I am opposed to the proposed SMP and ask that the Corps retain the 1994 Plan with no mowing increases and no rezoning for docks in the future!!

READ THE LETTERS!!

Sincerely,



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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

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.

OPOSED 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,

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January 28, 2002

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RE: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline Management Plan draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS)

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

My comments on the draft EIS are as follows:

The EIS was prepared quickly, using existing data, some more than twenty years old.

Generally an Environmental Impact Statement takes many months to prepare, on average about 18 months to 2 years. The production of this EIS was handed to a contractor who was on current contract with the Corps, rather than put out to bid., and was completed in about 6 months. This would suggest the outcome was determined before the study commenced. Further this would suggest that the work was not a "zero base" product, that is, one that started with a clean slate, but rather used existing data to prove what needed to be proved, that is, the Preferred Alternative.

Alternatives 2, 4 and 5 represent a major Policy change: the precedent it sets was not studied.

The EIS failed to analyze the fact that the Preferred Alternative represents a major policy shift for Greers Ferry Lake by the Corps of Engineers. The precedent set by these three proposed alternatives has major implications for future activity on the lake and should have been the centerpiece for analysis in the EIS.

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The promise in the EIS of no rezoning in future SMP's is misleading and contradicts Corps statements.

Public statements by Corps personnel and the EIS do not agree on this issue. It is misleading if the EIS position really means no rezoning for the next review period only. This appears to be a disingenuous manipulation by the Corps for the purpose of gaining public support and should be clarified. If the Corps, in fact, can stipulate that there will be no future reviews or rezoning, now is the time to do it, before this radical policy change becomes its marching orders.

Key alternative was omitted

Dry storage was called for in the original Draft SMP and in the Environmental Assessment as a key option. Corps personnel announced that it was dropped because there was no public interest. How was that interest measured? Once dry storage was identified in the Scoping Report it should have been analyzed because 1) previous documents listed it as a viable alternative, and 2) this option would take pressure off demand for private docks. This option benefits transient boat owners, as well as local land owners, rather than the few who can afford to buy lake front property

The Septic Tank Study is out of date.

The Septic Tank map in the EIS is dated 1981. How recent is the population data in BASIN that was used to compute septic tank failures in the watershed? Is the description in the EIS about the 1981 study? Why was it not updated?

Changes for boats with sleeping quarters poorly defined

The change in the requirements for boats with sleeping quarters is not clear and should be defined. There appears to be no discussion of what the proposed change involves or what its impact would be.

The Cumulative Impacts section is not adequate

The discussion of the cumulative impacts of the proposed alternatives is incomplete. Section 4.7.6, Visual and Aesthetic Resources, only talks about the effects of the addition of the proposed Cove Creek Marina. The section (4-145) does not discuss increased mowing and private multi-slip docks, including changes to the viewsheds, as contributing to a cumulative impact. Cumulative impacts are the combination of those of the proposed project plus others pertinent to it. These changes to visual and aesthetic resources (for instance, an increase of 79% in land from which a dock will be seen, plus several hundred acres of underbrushed lawns, plus the 89% increase in docks), plus the addition of the Cove Creek Marina, make for a dramatic cumulative impact, and yet there is no mention of it.

Further, to characterize the effect on scenic attractiveness and scenic integrity of the shoreline by the proposed Cove Creek Marina as minor, (it is projected to have 400 slips) is puzzling to say the least. The EIS' definition (4-30) of scenic integrity is "the state of

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naturalness, or, conversely, the state of disturbance caused by human activities or alteration...(or) . degrees of deviation from the existing landscape character.” “.....given the current public preference for an uncluttered shoreline,” the cumulative impact is not minor.

In Geology and Soils, Section 4.7.8, “This EIS (p 4-143) considered actions from the past 10 years and known future action that could occur within the next 5 years.” Here there was no effort to assess the *long term* cumulative effect of the increased number of private boat docks that would result from the change in rezoning policy outlined in the Corps’ Preferred Alternative.

The cumulative effect of the changes under the Preferred Alternative plus the Cove Creek Marina is to change the appearance of Greers Ferry Lake in the short and the long term. Thus the overall description of the cumulative impact on Greers Ferry Lake of this policy change by the Corps is inadequate.

Is it major or minor?

Geology and Soils, Section 4.7.8 and others in the cumulative impacts section describe adverse impacts, but omit any characterization as major or minor. If it is major, has the writer been enjoined from saying so?

Everything will be fine

(p 4-147) “Unless the rate of development increases exponentially in the near future, there will be time to plan for the long-term protection of wildlife, vegetation, and sensitive species with appropriate conservation easements and nature preserves.” Who will be doing this and when? This is small comfort when one looks at what has happened in many other Corps lakes, such as Lake Sydney Lanier (used as a beneficial comparison on page 4-145).

There is typographical error: Table 4-19 is Alternative 4 , not 2. p 4-88

Recreation Study is missing

The Corps paid for a recreation study to buttress its arguments in the EIS. Where is that study? It should be make public; the public knows it was performed and expects to see the results. However, when it is make public, the following reservations should be announced:

- Some of the Survey questions measure opinion about *current* pollution; this is somewhat relevant, but no questions explore opinions about the proposed expansion in the number of docks or the Cove Creek Marina. If the problems listed on the questionnaire existed today, we would be speaking of the beauty and health of the lake in past tense.

- The population surveyed is grossly inadequate; the survey omitted actual and potential visitors, property owners, private dock owners and the area population in general.

Mitigation measures are inadequate

In the section, Effects of Land Use Alteration on Watershed Loading, "The degree and extent of short-term impacts would be a direct function of construction practices and the use of appropriate Best Management Practices on the construction sites. (The use of jargon and unknown acronyms in the document creates obstructions to understanding. For example, the average reader doesn't know that watershed loading means water pollution and BMP means best management practices, or what constitutes BMP for this application.) Depending on BMP's for mitigation is not acceptable. BMP's are voluntary; if it were voluntary to stop at a stop sign, we'd have chaos at intersections. BMP's impose nothing on a homeowner or contractor and would have just that effect.

These mitigation measures are an affront to common sense and are another attempt to mislead the public into thinking there will be little impact arising from the Corps' proposed action. It is clear that, without meaningful mitigation, degradation will simply take its course from site to site around the shoreline, and new soil and water quality insults will spread in inevitable ensuing Shoreline Management Plan expansions.

Adverse Effects on Wildlife from Mowing

I hope the Corps will participate and assist in protecting the bald eagle nest near the lake even though it is not on Corps property. Any portion of the SMP that has bearing on that or other sensitive species should make that protection a primary function.

Increasing mowing to 100 feet is indefensible on any grounds and this proposal also should be dropped. Since the only justification in Corps regulations for vegetation modification is for fire protection, and the National Fire Code stipulates only a 30-foot buffer from a home, the current 50 foot buffer is more than adequate. Because the climate here doesn't lend itself to wild fires, it is clear that homeowners wanting to underbrush simply want to improve their view of the water (and provide a great view of their house, car, boat, pets, garbage cans and other flotsam and jetsam for us to see from the water). Removing small trees will lead forested areas to "gradually turn into lawns" (p4-69) further changing the natural character of the shoreline.

The most important reason to drop this terrible idea comes from the EIS. "Forest vegetation in shoreline areas intercepts sediment, pesticides, nutrients and other materials in surface runoff and reduces nutrients and other pollutants in shallow subsurface water flow." Ninety thousand people get their drinking water from this lake and that number is expected to grow dramatically in coming years as a new line to the Cabot, Arkansas area is built and other rural areas demand their share of this clean drinking water source. It

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would be irresponsible to take steps today that will lead to the need for increased chemical treatment in the future to maintain the lake's water quality.

In closing, it might be helpful to draw some parallels. If the people who had an interest in the redwood forests in California had their way, there would be no redwoods today. There is a refreshment of the spirit that happens at Greers Ferry Lake because some of nature still remains. If private multi-slip docks are allowed to proliferate through this new Corps policy of rezoning formerly Protected areas of the shoreline, if underbrushing is allowed to mar natural vistas, we will have lost something very precious.

Sincerely,



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P.S. Ansel Adams' photographs of beautiful lakes never included a boat dock.

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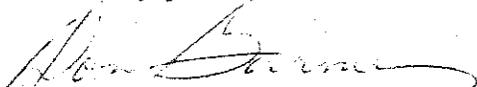
Dear Ms. Anslow:

Greers Ferry Lake is a unique public treasure worth preserving in its current state. Nowhere else in the Southern U.S. does the public at large have the opportunity to view and use such natural, undisturbed shoreline landscapes; unaffected by influential developers and a small number of individuals with the means to change that environment to suit their own private recreational goals. By permitting the interruption of the shoreline with private boat docks, even while allowing private modification of federal public lands adjacent to these docks, the Corps will be, in effect, denying ordinary citizens access to that shoreline, visually and literally, for the personal benefit of a few well-heeled citizens and developers. These public lands should remain public.

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

It is time to say "enough".

Sincerely yours,



Donald C. Garner

P. S. I am not related to, nor have I ever met Carl Garner who was pictured by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette in opposition to the Corps proposal.

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Re: Greers Ferry Lake


I am very sorry that the real-estate speculators will be adversely affected if they are not allowed docks, however think of the view they will have.

As to mowing:

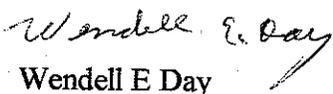
Any increase in the area allowed will adversely affect the lake in that it will inhibit the natural growth of trees from seedlings because land owners will be fertilizing, using herbicides and pesticides. This will not only allow pollutants from the treatments but also inhibit the filtration of effluents from septic tanks adjacent to the shoreline. Actually I feel that the area should be reduced to the 25 foot margin as allowed by fire codes.

As to docks:

Any new docks will only add to the pollution on the lake. There is currently a ruling on fueling boats on the lake, however there is little or no enforcement. There is no way that the sheriff or the Corps will be able to patrol more docks. They have little control on the present docks.

To repeat we do not need more docks or mowing.

Sincerely


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RE: GREERS FERRY LAKE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dear Sir:

Please register my objection to the proposed revision to the existing shoreline management plan on Greers Ferry Lake. I am opposed to the addition of any privately owned boat docks either community or single entity types.

I am concerned that the additional boat docks will create long term water quality problems and adversely effect the aesthetics of the lake by reducing the existing amount of vegetated shoreline that currently exists. This existing minimally disturbed shoreline provides ecosystem habitat and erosion control that is crucial to the water quality of the lake.

Apparently the Corps of Engineers does not have the funds and personnel to inspect and enforce the dock regulations on the existing docks. I am aware of several very dilapidated docks located on the lake at this time that should be removed. If you add an additional, 93 boat docks, they will likely join the growing list of unregulated docks that now exist.

I am also of the opinion that the Environmental Impact Statement is an incomplete document as pertaining to the review of the shoreline management of Greers Ferry Lake. The Environmental Study of the Shoreline Management Plan should also address any proposed and existing Commercial Docks on the lake. These docks also effect the shoreline designated and, or proposed for commercial leases. The Environmental Impact Statement is incomplete, and therefore must be determined inconclusive without also considering these areas.

I am also of the opinion that the Environmental Impact Statement is an incomplete document as pertaining to the review of sewage treatment disposal lines crossing the shoreline of the lake for deposit into the lake. These sites also impact the shoreline directly both by disturbing the shoreline and by polluting the lake. The water quality in these areas should be included in the Environmental Impact Study as this is also a shoreline management issue when sewage treatment lines are allowed to cross the Federal shoreline into the lake.

I am very familiar with what has happened to Lake Hamilton over the past 40 years, and, I am afraid that increasing the number of docks on Greers Ferry Lake is a step in the wrong direction. I know I will not be around in 40 years to see it, however, I do have grandchildren who I want to enjoy this wonderful lake for many years to come.

I state again that I object to the addition of any additional boat docks with the revised Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake, and I am of the opinion that the Environmental Impact Statement should be determined inconclusive due to the limits of study imposed upon it as pertaining to the Shoreline Management Plan.

Sincerely,


Billy L. English

Jan 30, 2000

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Dear Tommy:

Please consider this letter my response to the proposed Shoreline Management Plan 2000.

After much thought and consideration to this proposal, I have to say that I am deeply concerned with many of the long-term ramifications of its acceptance. At first thought 104 new private dock permits on Greers Ferry Lake doesn't sound like such a big deal, however, when one stops to consider that each of these permits has the right to expand into a 20 slip dock, I get really concerned. Also of concern is the location of the permits, many of which are located on the main body of the lake, opening up previously protected areas. Although a moratorium is proposed under this new plan allowing no new dock permit applications to be accepted until all of the existing zoned areas are full, I feel that this will be a difficult ruling to defend since the door will have been opened.

Where does it all end? Could there eventually be thousands of private docks on this lake? Would individuals lease these slips privately unbeknownst to the Corps? Will others, claiming discrimination, take legal action against the Corps demanding that they too be given a dock permit? One could argue that these things would never happen but the bottom line is that under this plan scores of 20 slip docks could spring up everywhere. I do not believe that this is in the best interest of the lake. Not only would this undermine and defeat the natural beauty of our lake, it would certainly have a negative economic impact on every commercial marina.

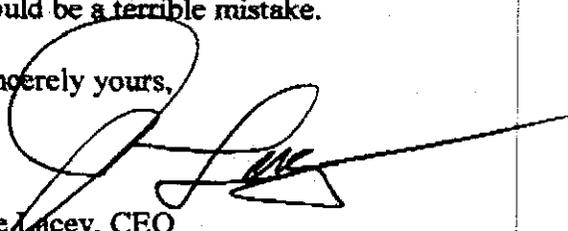
With regards to the issue of increased mowing; shoreline erosion, loss of fish habitat and potential pollution problems due to lack of a natural filtering system are all things to be considered. I am not familiar with the environmental study that the Corps did. I would only hope that no significant long-term impact would ensue if this were to be allowed. I

do feel that the appearance and usability of lakefront property could be greatly enhanced by this activity.

Tommy, as you know Lacey's Narrows Marina currently has a request on the table regarding the opening up of more shoreline for the purpose of building more docks for public use in the Narrows area. The two locations up for discussion being the 1000 feet of shoreline directly across from the launch ramps designated in my lease as "commercial lease expansion area" and the shoreline immediately adjacent to the narrows campground (an alternative building site). In regards to the location across from the launch ramps; it appears that dock permit #12 could potentially block the north access to part of a future dock expansion here. Also, let me point out that should the Corps decide to adopt the alternative plan of allowing dock expansion immediately adjacent to the narrows campground (my first choice), this expansion could be impeded by the protrusion of dock permit #12, #23, and #17, based on the 1/3 of the channel rule. Certainly these permits should not be considered if they would limit in any way Lacey's Narrows Marina's "commercial lease expansion".

In closing, let me say that I am very much in favor of any new development on Greers Ferry that would allow more people increased useful access to the lake. However, I feel strongly that this should first be accomplished through the expanded development of commercial marinas. This was the original Corps plan and it makes good sense for many reasons (i.e. security, aesthetics, etc.). When these areas are completely developed then we can look for alternatives. I am not saying that no private dock permits should be allowed. Perhaps special consideration should be given to individuals who have lakefront property in extremely remote locations, but I do not believe that we should throw the entire shoreline up for grabs, granting each permit the potential for up to 20 slips. This would be a terrible mistake.

Sincerely yours,



Joe Lacey, CEO
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cc. Col. Thomas A. Holden Jr.
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Senator Blanch Lincoln
Senator Tim Hutchinson

January 25, 2002

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Dear Ms. Anslow:

Thank you for taking the time to visit with me this week regarding Greers Ferry Lake. As I told you over the phone, I appreciate your willingness to give your time and communicate the issues. After our long conversation, I wanted to reiterate my argument for avoiding any modification to the existing Shoreline Management Plan ("the Plan"). I am urging the Corps to reject all rezoning applications related to new docks on Greers Ferry Lake.

After reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement and after having had the benefit of visting with you about the issues involved, I request you consider four key Impact Statement components and/or issues that support rejecting future docks on the lake.

1. Aesthetics -

After reviewing the location of the proposed docks, it seems clear that a net increase of 92 docks (nine of which I believe have multiple slips) will negatively impact the lake's currently natural setting and feel. The lake will be less pleasing to the eye in a material way. This is the most difficult issue for you to quantify, and it is arguably the most critical since it has the most noticeable immediate impact on the lake.

2. Safety -

Recently, a dock was added to Horseshoe Lake (very near Memphis) that was considered by many to be the cause of a horrible accident. A boat struck the new dock and both the driver and occupant were killed. To assume that new docks will not materially impact safety is irresponsible. The Corps should be on notice here as it may have liability for allowing such additional docks should there be an accident in the near future. This is not meant as a threat, rather it is meant to focus your attention on what should be a legitimate concern. Is allowing a relatively small group of property owners more direct access to the lake remotely worth making the lake less safe?

3. Density -

Although I realize it has been considered, density is not a separate issue that is clearly discussed in any of the material I have researched, and it needs to be. You mentioned that complex mathematical algorithms had been used to review density in relation to placement/allowance of new docks. Common sense needs to be used here as anyone that has used the lake can tell you that the increased number of docks will lead to increased traffic in many areas that are already crowded and will negatively affect the sight lines of many existing homes. Skiing will be materially impacted in all of these areas, especially cove areas. There is no great solution here other than rejecting additional docks (if you put them in the cove, your face possibly ruining the cove for skiing and fishing, if you put them in the wider areas of the lake you face increasing heavy traffic

and hurt sailing).

Also, many (I believe nine) of the submitted applications requesting dock allowance, have multiple slips. These should be considered more carefully. One dock with twenty slips is more like twenty docks, and should be considered as such.

4. Recreation -

Interestingly, the Statement assumes that Alternative 2 would lead to more infrastructure on the lake. This is flawed logic on two fronts. One, it will actually drive away many of the current owners and users of the lake (many of whom selected Greers Ferry due to its beauty, sailing, skiing, and general ease of use). By negatively impacting the lake so that a group of developers and homeowners might increase short-term property value and access the lake more directly, a larger number of existing and future users will likely be driven away. Values of existing property will actually be negatively impacted over the longer term. Two, infrastructure can take the shape of many things and infrastructure for the sake of building more man-made objects does not necessarily benefit an area economically. In fact, many new developers throughout the country are finding that land values are proven to increase when density is reduced and controlled.

Impact Study's findings -

Currently, the Corps recommended Alternative 2 that approves Rezoning Requests Meeting 80 Percent Criteria. Regarding Alternative 2, the Impact Statement reads, "Long-term direct minor beneficial effects on recreation and recreational facilities, geology and soils, and ecological systems would be expected. Long-term direct minor adverse effects on visual and aesthetics resources; geology and soils; ecological systems; and noise would be expected." Aesthetics, Safety, and Density are specific issues that give the Corps strong reason to avoid modifying the current Shoreline Management Plan. Long-term is a key word here as the Corps realizes that any decision to increase development on the shoreline of the lake is effectively impossible to reverse should it turn out to be a mistake AND the Impact Study acknowledges long-term damage occurs with Alternative 2. Although I agree that there will be long-term adverse effects, I don't agree that they will be "minor".

Please consider these issues and questions closely when selecting one of the Alternatives you have listed in the Impact Statement -

1. If those of us requesting that the Corps reject rezoning requests are wrong, our mistake will lead to the Corps having not allowed a relatively small number of land owners to increase land value and have more direct access to the lake.

If the Corps selects Alternative 2 (Rezoning requests accepted and dock number increased) and it turns out to be the wrong decision, you have permanently negatively impacted a natural resource and done irreversible damage. You may have even facilitated the development of safety hazards.

2. **Those parties seeking to build docks (those submitting rezoning requests) have never been told that they would have the ability to build a dock.** In other words, even though they may have known they could submit a request for a dock, they are not being unfairly treated if their application is rejected. What about those property owners on the lake, and those that use the lake, who have assumed the Corps would consistently reject such applications? Just as an applicant for rezoning may claim the right to having such a dock, doesn't an adjacent owner or nearby owner

(such as myself) also have a right to assume the Corps will maintain a consistent stance on rejecting such requests?

In this case, any party that says they somehow have a right to a dock on their property is similar to the person that purchases a home near an existing airport and later claims the planes are too loud. These owners knew when they purchased the property that it was frankly unlikely that they would have dock access adjacent to their property. At a minimum, they knew they did not have a guaranteed right to construct a dock, especially one with multiple slips.

3. There are numerous affordable slips available on Greers Ferry Lake. Normally, a major argument for new development is based on need and supply/demand characteristics. Currently, multiple marinas on Greers Ferry Lake have availability at very reasonable rates. They will actually be negatively impacted financially (at least in the short term) so any argument that increased dock allowance will help the economic infrastructure of the area is once again flawed, even in the short term.

4. Those parties that have submitted applications are clearly knowledgeable about the existing Shoreline Management Plan and the process of its modification. Although the Corps has attempted to notify interested parties, the reality is that **a very large number of impacted persons (both owners of area property and users of the lake) are unaware of what is currently being discussed and considered - especially those that do not live in the Heber area.** I have recently been informed of what is happening and have notified over ten persons that were unaware of the situation and were alarmed to hear that any modification may take place. Those of us that use this Federal lake are often from areas far removed from the daily life of the Heber and Greers Ferry area. A substantial number of people will find out the hard way that their worst fears have been realized after it is too late to even comment. **At a minimum, you should delay any decisions until 2003 so that an entire summer season can take place and interested parties are more likely to be made aware of what is happening in time to make meaningful comment.**

5. After reviewing the information, listening to you articulate the issues, discussing the issues with various other parties, and reviewing other similar situations, I am actually more convinced than ever that the slippery slope argument is valid here. Once you allow the existing plan to be modified, every three to five years you should plan on reviewing a greater number of rezoning requests. Those of us opposed to them will fight them again and eventually, we will lose and the lake will be permanently damaged.

Please consider these arguments. I hope you will find that they are logical and rational based on statements of fact. I hope also that you understand the stakes are beyond our lifetimes. Lastly, it is important to note that I am a real estate developer/redeveloper - one who would normally be "pro-development". I have been involved with over \$120 Million in commercial real estate transactions (both development and acquisition). I have seen various battles that have been won and lost regarding zoning requests. I don't have a home on the lake. I don't have a home with a view of the lake. I do have a growing family that I wish to share the lake with for the rest of my life as long as it is viable. The economic arguments for more docks that I have heard are tragically flawed and generally short term. Again, to reiterate, there are available docking areas and slips that are underutilized, and a damaged lake will not attract more people or investment, nor will it help boost area real estate pricing (leave that to good schools and non-seasonal job growth). Property

values that may seem to be "unlocked" with dock access in the short term will likely negatively impact the lake's beauty thereby driving down prices in the long-term.

Please avoid modifying the Shoreline Management Plan and reject all rezoning requests and/or other requests that increase the number of docks on Greers Ferry Lake. At a minimum, please delay such an enormously important decision for another year so that you can hear from a much larger group of interested parties that are not currently aware of the situation. Thanks for your time, consideration, and talents.

Sincerely,

Andrew F. Cates
1488 Carr Avenue
Memphis, TN 38104

Bernard Ekdahl
104 East Race Avenue
Searcy, Arkansas 72143-3210

January 25, 2002.

Dear Sir:

I would like to go into all of my reasons for the "CORP" to leave the lake as it is and was intended TO BE but I don't have time.

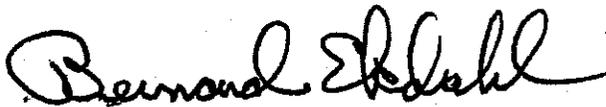
Two (2) thoughts:

1: Gerrys Ferry Lake Reservoir is a FEDERAL project not state, county or city - SO WHY JUST A LOCAL SURVEY?? What about the 4,000,000 visitors????

2: TYPICAL FEDERAL PROJECT - YOU JUST CAN'T LEAVE IT ALONE.

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Yours Truly,



501/268-6844
501/268-5571

P.S. Please call - I'd be more than happy to talk to you.

*1-28-02
Fax to Trish
today*

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Rec. 1/28/02

January 9, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow,

The following comments are in regard to the new proposed shoreline management plan for Greers Ferry Lake. I cannot imagine the Corps of Engineers ever considering permitting docks in the protected area of the lake. My children have a place at Tannenbaum and I have a son who has a sailboat docked at Pickwick. I can assure you there is a difference in the looks of the lakes. Pickwick is most unattractive due to the numerous boat docks and even my son made that comment after visiting Greers Ferry Lake.

My daughter and her husband are very concerned about this new proposal. I just wanted to write as an outsider who owns no property at the area and voice my concerns. It would be a shame to take a lake that is perfect and turn it into something that would not contain the same charm.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Harold Belew

Mrs. Harold Belew
1085 Milan Heights
Milan, TN 38358

January 9, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

In the past our family has enjoyed boating on Greers Ferry Lake and we plan to return in the future. We enjoy the lake particularly because of its pristine setting. Its shoreline for the most part has been preserved in its natural environment, and it is this characteristic that continues to draw us, as well as many other vacationers, to the lake year after year.

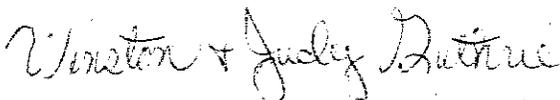
As of now, Greers Ferry is very much like Lake Ouachita in Hot Springs, its shorelines protected from the encroachment of residential or commercial blight.

Should the Corps of Engineers allow the unlimited building of marinas and boat docks along its shores, the lake will lose its true primitive and natural beauty, and Arkansas, as well as the country, will lose one more of its dwindling natural reserves. A prime example of the abuse of these beautiful lakes is Lake Hamilton in Hot Springs and Tennessee's Pickwick Lake where the population has crowded in and supplanted nature's setting with lake houses and developments. They tend to serve only the privileged few who have the wherewithal to own lakefront property or to build docks for their private use, therefore destroying their ascetic appeal for all.

Additional boat docks would be a shameful intrusion into the beauty and serenity of Greers Ferry, and as time goes by will diminish its appeal as a recreational area.

On behalf of all of us who enjoy the pleasures and benefits of the lake, please continue to restrict the building of additional boat docks along its shores.

Sincerely,



Winston & Judy Guthrie
2720 Charles Bryan Road
Bartlett, TN 38134-4737

January 9th, 2002

Charles W. Abbott
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Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Dear Ms. Anslow:

Just a few months ago, my husband and I were on our boat on Greers Ferry Lake, commenting about how the Corps of Engineers did a fantastic job with the restrictions when this lake was created. No boat docks allowed except in cove areas. The beauty of the lake certainly is the natural way the shoreline has been protected. You feel as if you are on your own lake with not another living soul around.

We purchased our home in the Tannenbaum area a year ago August. We were aware of all the restrictions. We also purchased a boat slip in a coved area. Our purchase of this home was because of the restrictions which we felt would protect our new investment and the lake itself and provide us with what we were looking for. We had a choice to drive one and half hours to Pickwick and live on the lake and look at all the private unattractive boat docks or drive three hours to Greer Ferry Lake and appreciate the serene beauty which would continue forever due to the restrictions.

We can not imagine the reasoning for even considering permitting boat docks on this beautiful and natural lake. Let us please continue to enjoy the beauty of Greers Ferry Lake as it is and has been since inception.

Yours truly,


Charles and Donna Abbott



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PATRICIA ANSLOW, US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

PLEASE DO NOT RUIN
GREER'S FERRY LAKE WITH
ADDITIONAL BOAT DOCKS.
THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO
SAVE THIS LAKE FOR OUR
CHILDREN FROM "DEVELOPMENT"

C. Bruce Lynch
HIGDON, AR

Clem Miller
108 Woodcove Drive
Fairfield Bay, Arkansas 72088

January 09, 2002

Patricia Anslow
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Let's say I knew a beautiful woman and that I was proud to say I knew her and I enjoyed her company. This would be much like my relationship with Greers Ferry Lake with its natural shoreline.. Beautiful to the extent that you brag a little and like to show it off.

Now, let's say this beautiful woman had a diamond pierced into the side of her nose and had a bead implanted in the tip of her tongue. No longer would she be as beautiful. Later she may even implant other items in her forehead and *I would be less inclined to show her off.*

The lake belongs to all of us, and for the sake of the majority, please don't change the current status.


Clem Miller

PATRICIA ANSLOW
To whom it may Concern

My wife and I own property
on Eden Isle and on Greers Ferry
Lake.

In our mind it would be a
tragedy to destroy the shore line
of the lake.

Please do not give in to those
who would decrease the value
of the lake to the thousands
of visitors who enjoy the
natural qualities of the area.

J. Brantone
4806 Fleetview Ave
Memphis TN 38117
→ 484 Shady Cove
Heber Springs AR.



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MANAGEMENT, INC.

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

It's hard to believe that the Corps, which has done such a wonderful job with Greers Ferry Lake for so long until now, has proposed the recent Shoreline Management Plan in the November EIS. We are among many Memphians and other non-Arkansans who have invested in Arkansas and tried to be good stewards there, all because of Greers Ferry Lake. It's a nationally treasured jewel very much because of long-standing restrictions on docks and cutting & mowing, which if allowed will inevitably junk up the water. Watching Lake Lanier outside of Atlanta or Pickwick Lake east of Memphis go the unregulated route has been tragic, and it's both depressing and irresponsible to take any steps whatsoever in that direction. Once you move in that direction, you can't ever get it back.

You have an irreplaceable, treasured asset. Please don't be the one who looks back in history as the one who screwed it up.

My family and everyone I know violently oppose the alternatives in the EIS. Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

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Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock, AR 72203

Please: Lets save our Lake + River
Our Lake and River Won't be clean
any more if we cover it with old
dirty Decks. and we have enough
of these now.

Do every thing you can to save it,
I have been here many years, of
course I love to fish.

Thank you Very much
Gris Deckard

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JON & KAY MCKINNIE

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January 9, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
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RE: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Plan

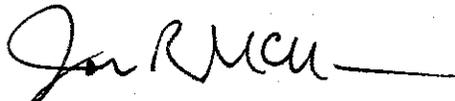
Dear Ms. Anslow:

Four years ago, my wife and I discovered this most pristine area and purchased our property, high above Greers Ferry Lake. We had looked far and wide across America for a new home and retirement area. The quality of air and water is unsurpassed. With its uninterrupted shoreline, Greers Ferry Lake has such natural beauty. The Army Corps. Of Engineers is to be commended for preserving the lake's splendor and natural environment.

But, now there is movement to disrupt this natural beauty for the benefit of few. As custodian of nature's wonder, the Corps must not effect change for the sake of change but make every effort to protect that natural beauty for the benefit of the masses.

Therefore, I am vehemently opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the Army Corps of Engineers. I am also opposed to all alternatives contained in the draft Impact Statement of November, 2001.

May God speak quietly to your souls and help you make the correct decisions. Thanks again for the wonderful work the Army Corps of Engineers have done in the past and we hope that you will continue to provide the same.



Jon & Kay McKinnie



Write an e-mail message

From: **Betty J. Cairo**
155 James Pl
Heber Springs, AR 72543-7039

To: Patricia Anslow

Subject: Shoreline Management Plan

I wish to be placed on record as being strongly opposed to the new Shoreline Management Plan being proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Over recent years there has been a minority group of persons on and around Greers Ferry Lake who have been attempting to get their way in selfishly stripping the lake shoreline of trees and brush down to the water's edge so that they may have a clear view of the lake. They totally disregard the fact that persons using the lake would be given a clear view of the back yard of most of their homes some of which are nothing more than trailers-now being referred to as "manufactured homes". They could care less about the affect of denuding the lakeshore to present a very commercial looking view and disrupting the natural appearance of the lake and its immediate surroundings as well as concern for the environmental impact connected with this.

Now many of these same people wish to get their way by obtaining the right to build a considerable number of private docks with multiple boat slips to clutter the shoreline. Boat docks are not a thing of beauty and usually fall in disrepair through the years. I'd be pleased to take you on a tour of Greers Ferry Lake to give you a first hand view of the ugliness of boat docks and the already illegally denuded shorelines in many places. I'll furnish the boat transportation for the tour.

Many of the people in favor of supporting the plan have money and "political clout" to help in their so called cause. Has the Corps taken the time and effort to determine how much money and from whom it has come from to support the coffers of a politician like Marion Berry who is backing the new plan? I question whether he really cares what happens to Greers Ferry Lake as long as he gets a financial gain. Also, a number of realtors are in favor of the new plan to give themselves a financial gain through the sales of lake shore properties. Greedy?

Add to this that many of the persons in favor of the new plan are not permanent residents on the lake. They maintain a second (or third ?) home along the lake shores. They are "telescopic citizens" who live in towns and states outside of the Greers Ferry Lake area. They probably could care less if Greers Ferry Lake becomes another Lake Hamilton with its ugly and heavily commercialized shorelines.

Please help us keep Greers Ferry Lake as "natural" looking as possible as a part of the "Natural State."

Sincerely,

Betty J. Cairo
Betty J. Cairo



DON R. SHIPP

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LITTLE ROCK, AR 72203-0867
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

January 17, 2002

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

Dear Patricia,

In October of 1996 my wife and I set out to find the place we would like to retire at. We bought a home on a bluff lot overlooking Greers Ferry Lake. The choice was very simple, the natural beauty, clean air and Water combined with the Ozark Mountains were as good as we could find, this side of Glory.

We had ample money to spend but nowhere were there a lake as beautiful as Greers Ferry Lake. The neighborhood we moved into had the finest people we have ever known and our stay here has been a joy.

With the visit of our children in the summer of 2000 we decided to rent an inboard runabout to show them the lake. It was a beautiful summer evening and we had a ball. The rental was not cheap and the fuel was extra. While the attendant at Lacey's Narrows Marina was filling the boat the fuel cutoff did not shut off the fuel quickly enough and a stream of gasoline shot out the side of the boat and into the water. The attendants remark was "no problem, the gasoline is treated to sink so that it mixes with the water and sinks. No one knows and there is no fire hazzard." My son who was with me said "the fish in the lake will know." We went out and bought a water filter for our drinking water.

The development of more boat docks and the mowing and cutting of the trees on the shoreline would reduce the water quality of Greers Ferry Lake. Perhaps the water could be treated to meet the drinking water standards for the seventy thousand people who depend on it, however there is no treatment to remove the visual polution of boat docks and the corruption of the natural beauty of the lake.

The Army Corp of Engineers has taken enough heat for their bad decisions of late. Do you really need to add one more. Record this letter as two votes in opposition to the Shoreline Management Plan. It's a bad idea!

Signature

Don R. Shipp
Don and Yvonne Shipp

Yvonne Shipp

PATRICIA ANSLOW
US Army Corps of Engrs
Little Rock, Ar

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Please save our Lake!

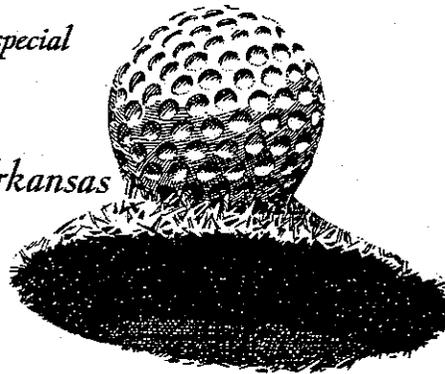
We are opposed to the
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Jan. 15, 2002

Patricia Anslow

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

P.O. Box 867

Little Rock, AR. 72203-0867

Dear Mrs. Anslow.

I am opposed to the Army Corps of Engineers' proposal to alter, change, or manage the shoreline of Greer's Ferry Lake. The plan would endanger many natural resources + wildlife resources that accompany this pristine area. We have so few of these areas left, I feel they need to be preserved for fellow generations to come.

Sincerely
Len Finch

January 23, 2002

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

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am very opposed to the proposed changes in the Shoreline Management Plan For Greers Ferry Lake. I am opposed to all Alternatives contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement of November 2001.

I am a personal friend of Tommy Park and know that he is doing his job, to the best of his ability, working within the rules and requirements for his job. And you no doubt are too, and both of you may have the best intentions. But a time comes in the life of ever person that they are given the opportunity to do the RIGHT thing in a situation. It's your turn, and this is your situation. I urge you to simply do the right the thing. I am aware of the issues and this letter is not the right place to debate them.

I will be fighting for the preservation of this real treasure. My family owns many properties in Heber Springs including lake front lots, lake view lots and others. Although we would probably benefit financially by allowing our homes to have docks or our views improved, it simply is not the right thing to do. You have a real chance to make a positive difference in peoples lives for years and decades to come. I hope and pray you will take it.

Sincerely,



T. Allen Bridges
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January 21, 2002

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

Re: Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Ms. Anslow,

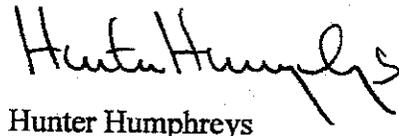
I am the owner of a shoreline lot on the Tannenbaum peninsula at Greers Ferry. I am in the process of constructing a lakeside home on this lot.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Corps of Engineers proposed new shoreline management plan for Greers Ferry Lake. I believe that new development under this plan would materially damage the natural and undisturbed characteristics of the Lake.

Although the Tannenbaum peninsula is more than a three hour drive from my home in Memphis, I chose to purchase a lot and construct a lakeside home on Greers Ferry Lake because of its beauty and undisturbed natural condition. This contrasts sharply with many lakes which are closer to Memphis, but which are subject to few restrictions on development. The absence of docks at individual residences and the limitations on mowing and clearing below the white line have maintained the natural character and beauty of Greers Ferry Lake. It would be a serious and permanent mistake to alter the shoreline management plan which has worked so well in the past.

My opinion is shared by all of the landowners with whom I have spoken to on this issue. I encourage you to hear and respond to our concerns by withdrawing the proposed shoreline management plan.

Very truly yours,



Hunter Humphreys

Draese, AR. 72530

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

Ms. Anslow,

I've lived in the Draese area all my life and have seen the lake develop. We enjoy camping and swimming on the lake with our children. The "New Shoreline" would destroy the natural beauty of the lake, which I believe is one of the reasons it is a top tourist attraction.

More docks would allow more trash, oil and waste to be deposited in our water.

We ask you not to do this!

Judy Spinks

Greers Ferry Lake

My name is Tanya Spinks. I grew up in Drasco Arkansas and have visited the lake millions of times over the years. Although the lake has changed some over time it has never been as drastic as what is being proposed in the New Shoreline Management Plan by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The plan WILL endanger many natural resources of the Lake as well as many wild life that live on and around the lake. Please don't allow this to happen.

Tanya Spinks Age 27
389 Five Mile Rd
Drasco, AR 72530

To: Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock AR

1-11-01

I was raised in AR +
frequently went to Greers
Ferry as a child. My
family + I have started going
to Greers Ferry + it
continues to be the same
pristine paradise that I
remember as a child. I
pray + hope that you will
not ruin this beautiful
piece of nature.

I now live in Germantown
TN + have seen how Pickwick
Lake has been ruined by
overdevelopment + destruction
of the natural resources.

My husband + I are
planning to move ^{to} Greers
Ferry Lake in about 4 yrs.
when the kids get out of high
school. This will not happen
if you change the lake.

Sincerely,

P.S. You don't realize what you have until it's gone!
Jan Sample

January 15, 2002

Terry Gott
Lori S. Reeves Gott
347 Piper Street NW
Lake Placid, FL 33852

RE: Changes to the shoreline management plan for Greer's Ferry Lake

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

Dear Patricia Anslow:

As former Arkansans and frequent vacationers to the Greer's Ferry Lake area it is very disconcerting to learn that the Corps is attempting to make changes in the shoreline management plan which will increase the number of boat docks, and increase the area which is available to mow.

We are very much **against** this change that will damage the pristine appearance of the lake forever, as well as risk the water quality, and will increase the encroachment of development toward the shoreline.

Ms. Anslow, please consider in your recommendation that local lakeside landowners have a personal financial gain in mind for this change and not the health and welfare of the lake's ecology. More boat docks and less protected shoreline will only enhance the property from a landowner or seller's point of view. The visitor to the lake will see more development and less unspoiled shoreline, which cannot be replaced. Therefore we urge you again to please vote on the side of conservancy. The current rules have been in place for many years and there are no advantages to the lake in reducing the restrictions.

Sincerely,


Terry Gott


Lori S. Reeves Gott

January 18, 2002

Ms. Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Ms. Anslow:

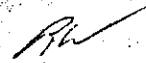
I am a 51 year-old physician who has enjoyed the recreational opportunities afforded by Greers Ferry Lake since age 14. My parents had a cabin at the Narrows for years, and I have many fond memories of summers spent there.

I own two pieces of property on the lake, a lot at Tannenbaum (where I hope to retire some day!) and a timeshare at Fairfield Bay. My family and I look forward to spending some of our vacation time on the lake each year. I have participated in lake "clean-ups" with my son's Boy Scout troop and camped on the lake with my daughter's Girl Scout troop in past years. We have shared the lake's beauty with many visitors from out of state over the years.

While the lack of dock space and "natural" shoreline regulations have been an inconvenience to property owners over the years, such concerns pale compared to the lake's greatest appeal, its beautiful and unspoiled shoreline! I much prefer it to the "urban sprawl" seen at many other lakes, such as those at Hot Springs, which we try to avoid whenever possible!

I wish to add my voice to those who **STRONGLY OPPOSE** efforts to further "develop" the beautiful, natural shoreline of Greers Ferry Lake!

Sincerely,


Robert B. White, M.D.
1000 W. Kingshighway, Suite 12
Paragould, Arkansas 72450

1-19-02

Patricia Anslow

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

P.O. Box 867

Little Rock AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow -

This is to advise you that we are opposed to the Corps of Engineers Shoreline Management Plan and feel that it sets a dangerous precedent for future management policies. We must act now if we are to preserve the beauty and purity of the lake and surrounding area - We are also very opposed to Private Water Companies pumping Green Ferry Lake water to distant countries, (like Jonake and White) for profit! We own five acres of lake front property on the lake and reside here year 'round.

JAMES K. BRADEN
212 HARPERS COVE ROAD
SHIRLEY, AR 72153

James K. Braden
1-19-02

MARK G. ELLIOTT
212 HARPERS COVE ROAD
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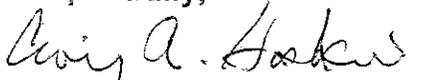
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Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow,

I have recently moved from N W Arkansas to the Greers Ferry Lake area. I bought a home in Tumbling Shoals on the lake in Peter Creek. It is a beautiful area and very desirable because of the past Corps management of the Greers Ferry Lake area. It is clean, natural and beautiful. The past policy of the Corps to maximize the natural view of the lake by protecting natural vegetation, severely restricting private boat docks and concentrating marine facilities in several controlled areas has been very successful in my opinion. The management of Greers Ferry Lake has demonstrated how the Corps can not give in to private personal pressures, but respond to protecting the natural lake for the larger group of the general public. It should be an example of how to do it right. Please continue as in the past to protect the lake from development for the few and reserve the natural beauty for the many to enjoy.

Respectfully,



Craig A. Hoskins
234 Lake Forest Estates Rd
Tumbling Shoals, AR 72581
Tel 501-250-0686



RED APPLE PROPERTIES

January 18, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

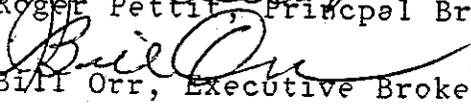
Recently, we have read several articles appearing in publications that would lead the reader in believing that all Realtors in the Cleburne County area are promoting the Corps of Engineers' proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the November 2001, draft Environmental Impact Statement. We want to correct this erroneous impression.

Our firm has been in continuous operation here on Eden Isle since very shortly after the lake opened. The one big selling point that we have emphasized has been the lack of congestion and water purity that Greers Ferry Lake affords in relationship to most other area lakes. This is important to all of us who either live on the Lake or who have been proud to promote its integrity in the past period of time. As Realtors we feel a responsibility to the many customers that we have recruited in the past to purchase property in this area. We want you to know that we have not changed our convictions now; however expedient it might now be for us to do so.

Specifically we are totally opposed to any rezoning of formerly protected areas of the lake to allow a few developers and, yes, a few other Realtors, to take advantage of making a fast buck, which is the real reason for this attempt to change what up to now has worked so very well!

Most sincerely


Roger Pettit, Principal Broker


Bill Orr, Executive Broker

20 December 2001

Mr. Randy Kemp, Editor
The SUN-TIMES
107 N. Fourth
Heber Springs, AR 72543

RE: Greers Ferry Lake Shore Manglement Plan

Dear Randy:

Okay, let's try to keep the emotion out of this. A lot has been said about the Corps of Engineers SMP. If you have a vested interest, personal or financial or both, in many more boat docks on our lake, then you are in favor of this plan. If you want to keep the lake as pristine as it is now, so that it doesn't eventually look like Lake Hamilton's cluttered shoreline, then you are not in favor of it; you are down-right against it! Do you want the vegetation cut to the water? Hang in, that's next. When do we realize that rampant or even selective commercialism is not in the interest of the general public. (That's us.)

I don't know that anyone involved in this is a villian, but it could get that way. Land developers now and in the future along with those who sell lots with boat dock access on their property, have a lot to gain; of that there is no doubt. But, at the expense of a degraded shoreline, a little more difficulty in cleaning up our drinking water by our water companies and, of course, more boats on the lake. This is a "NO-BRAINER." Enough damage is already being done at places like the marina at the Narrows Bridge encroaching rudely on that connecting body of water.

When does this all stop? How about now! LEAVE IT ALONE!

The Corps has some fine parks and launch sites around the lake to serve everyone. So, no one is denied access to putting a boat in the water.

Yes, Greers Ferry Lake needs a Shore Management Plan, but not this one!

Having said that, let's leave it with this: Those persons in positions of public trust, (elected, appointed, hired, etc.) should take themselves and their personal interests out of any decisions that they make for the public. Then, we will all be better served. It's nice to think that's not too much to hope for.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Jones
Higden
RSJ:cj

MS ANSLOW,
THIS LTR WAS SENT TO OUR
LOCAL PAPER FOR PUBLICATION.
IT SHOULD LET YOU KNOW HOW I
FEEL ABOUT THIS ABORTION OF A PLAN.



Heber Springs, AR 72543

Heber Springs, AR 72543

M's Patricia Anslow:
Little Rock District Corp. of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear M's Anslow:

I am very much opposed to the present plan of the Corp of Engineers SMP plan.

I now own a home located at 1052 Fox Chase road on Edin Isle and I feel the present plan will hurt my property very much.

Additional docks and slips will only hurt the value of my property.

I am in hopes something can be done to stop this situation from developing.

Sincerly,



Doyle Harrelson

**Eddie & Barbara Heathcott
809 W. Searcy St.
Heber Springs, AR 72543**

January 11, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

We would like to express our opposition to the new Shoreline Management Plan for Greer Ferry Lake. The beauty of the area alone should be enough to keep anyone from wanting to deface the shoreline.

This plan would only serve those who have property on the waters edge. They purchased this property knowing the regulations and now would like, for their convenience, to have a dock at their back door.

The Corp only has to look at other lakes where similar plans have been implemented to see the damage to the natural beauty of the surroundings.

Please leave Greers Ferry Lake in the natural beauty that is enjoyed by thousands of people who live here and those who come for wonderful vacations year after year.

Sincerely,

Eddie Heathcott
Barbara Heathcott
Eddie Heathcott
Barbara Heathcott

[REDACTED]

222 Pine Knot Rd
Fairfield Bay, AR, 72088
(501) 887-7132

To Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engrs.



November 16, 2001

Save Greers Ferry Lake Inc.
PO Box 150
Heber Springs, AR 72543

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I were residence and property owners at the Lake of the Ozark for over 20 years. When we moved there it was a beautiful, quiet place, with small locally owned business, all doing very well, and a shoreline that was so beautiful you were in awe to look at it. People would come from Kansas, Iowa, Illinois and St. Louis just for a weekend so they could relax and enjoy the natural beauty away from the buildings and noise and hazards of the city they lived in. At that time the lake was owned, operated and governed by Union Electric. When homes were built, the trees and other vegetation was preserved. This was leaving trees untouched except for the ones right where the house stood. All left over building materials had to be hauled away and disposed of elsewhere. Each house had it's own plumbing system and nothing was dumped into the lake. Then one day someone decided that more money could be made if they opened up the restrictions a little. Then a little more, and a little more. Now you have condominiums everywhere, the trees have all been cut down and the shoreline is as ugly as the city, people came down to get away from. There are big Discount Malls and the lake has become contaminated with all the building materials left over that have been dumped into it. The water is dirty, I didn't even want to swim in it. The size of the boats welcomed on the lake have been elevated to the very large ocean going boats and as a result people in fishing boats and regular run-a-bouts are afraid to go out on the lake and enjoy it. All of this for the almighty dollar? Is it worth it? It won't give the beautiful view we now have to anyone. It will destroy the beauty for everyone.

I have always respected the Corps of Engineers for keeping their lakes restricted. Even though this meant I could not have a boat dock or a house right at the water's edge, it meant the lake would maintain its beauty. Now you are going to abandon this really good plan? Most people appreciate this effort, only the selfish want it to change.

My husband and I were looking for someplace to move to, because Lake of the Ozark had been ruined in our, and many others, opinions. When we came here we were so impressed with Greers Ferry Lake and all the surrounding area. Not just Fairfield Bay, but the city of Clinton, the highways surrounding the area, the beautiful views that can be found all around. The cleanliness of the water, the beautiful shore line and the sane and sensible use of and size of boats allowed on the water. We bought a house here to be able to enjoy this lake and the rest of the area. If you open this up more you will find all of what is good about it will be gone in a very short time. Please think about what the consequences will be. You will have more traffic on the lake as well as the streets and highways. It will be dangerous and time consuming to get around to go anywhere, the lake will become contaminated and the shorelines will eventually all but turn into a city with nothing but buildings to look at. Is that what we want? I know I don't, and we are running out of beautiful, natural places on this earth. PLEASE! Let's keep Greers Ferry the natural, beautiful place it is. After all Arkansas claims to be the Natural State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jen".

Jen Perry

Judy S. Daniel
4041 Muirfield Drive
Memphis, TN 38125

January 10, 2002

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

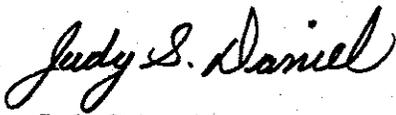
Dear Ms. Anslow:

It has just come to my attention that the Corp of Engineers is considering a proposal to alter the shoreline of Greers Ferry Lake by allowing the construction of multiple boat docks.

I have visited this area on a number of occasions, and it seems unthinkable to me that this beautiful pristine natural lake could possibly be cluttered by allowing multiple boat docks along the shoreline.

There are very few areas of our country that still maintain their natural beauty, and I would appreciate your making certain that Greer's Ferry Lake remains as one of nature's beautiful masterpieces.

Sincerely,



Judy S. Daniel

Gary Blasingame
270 River Ridge Rd.
Heber Springs, AR 72543

Friday, January 11, 2002

501-362-0301

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

Dear Ms. Anslow,

I wanted to take the time to make my opinion known about the proposed Shoreline Management Plan. In the first place I feel I should not need to be sending this. One would hope and in a way expect the Corps to be managing the lake in the interest of the lake not individuals expecting to profit or feel the need to add construction around what is a God given beautiful environment. With the help of the Dam Greers Ferry Lake is just that.

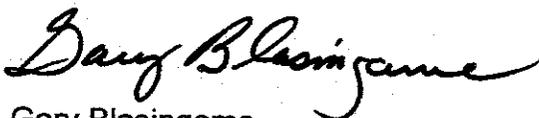
To deface this pristine scenery is not something that should be debated or accepted in any form. What right does anyone have to spoil this? It should be the responsibility of ever individual to protect this for future generations. Anyone can see the future here. If allowed to move ahead with the addition of docks and clearing around the lake will just keep the cycle moving from here on out. Every new land endeavor around the lake will bring new challenges to encroach upon the beauty of the lake.

I ask that the Corps make a stance now that the lake and surrounding Corp area be left as natural as possible and no attempts in the future are made to endanger this. Not for anyone or any exception.

Let me also inject that if the Corp wanted to go a step further it should improve the conditions of the public facilities around the lake. The boat launching situations in some of the areas is deplorable. I use the example of Dam Site Rec. Area. Who ever made the discussion to add the swimming area to the launch ramp made in my opinion a very serious mistake. This is an accident waiting to happen. To launch a boat one must drive through an area that has people crossing without looking. Kids playing and running around back and forth between the parking and swimming area. All the parking for vehicles with trailers is taken up by local campers driving down for a swim.

Please advise the Corp that not everyone thinks you are doing a good job and making practical decisions beyond the Shoreline Management Plan. There is work to be done at Greers Ferry Lake please thinks long and hard about what can be done to make the Lake a place that our kids will be proud of.

Sincerely;



Garv Blasingame

1-14-02

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock

I AM totally opposed to the
new Shoreline Management Plan you have
come forward with.

I don't see how anyone in
their right mind would support it.

The lake is beautiful!
Leave it alone!!

Recently, I WAS on top of
Sugar Loaf Mountain in the middle of
the lake. The Lake was clear blue,
the sky was dark, deep blue. What a
beautiful site! Please allow it
to remain like this!

Thank you,
Ricky Johnson
Sedona, Ar.

January 11, 2002

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

Dear Patricia,

Please don't allow the shoreline at Greers Ferry Lake to be changed. I grew up in Searcy, AR., but moved to Phoenix, AZ when I was 19 years old. I lived in Phoenix for 18 years. If you have ever been there you understand how hot it is there and there is lack of water, lakes and shoreline. Just a small amount of shoreline was such a luxury there. If you had a boat you would have to get to the lake at 5:00am in the morning just to get in line and wait to get on the lakes there. One of the reasons my husband wanted to move back to my hometown was the fact that Greers Ferry Lake was so wonderful. The shoreline is awesome and we have had many special summers there since moving back to AR, 5 years ago. Thank God for Greers Ferry Lake.

Sincerely,



Brenda Brenner

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 oppose the Corps of Engineers' Proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the November 2001 draft Environmental Impact Statement. Specifically, I oppose any rezoning of formerly protected areas of the Lake to allow for the installation of private boat docks; any increase in the number of private boat docks on the Lake; and any increase in the area in which vegetation modification (mowing) could be conducted on the Government easement adjacent to the shoreline.

Sincerely,

Anne D. Robison
906 W. Davis
Payette, MO 65248
660-248-3806

Patricia Anslow
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 967
Little Rock AR

Jan 12-02

722-03-0867

Our family fishes & swims
at Greers Ferry Lake. We live
near the park at Choctaw.

We also have camped
at Heter Springs near
the dam & participated
several times in the
Lake Area Cleanup day
that is done at the end
of the summer. They
have a Big Picnic at the
Narrows. Please keep up
with things like that,
it is nice to see all
the Boy Scouts come out

for that event.

Thank you
for your effort to
preserve the beauty
of the lake & its
surroundings.

Susan Vermeulen

SANDOZ & SANDOZ

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William J. Sandoz (1870-1929)
Lawrence B. Sandoz (1897-1945)

Lawrence B. Sandoz, Jr.
Lawrence B. Sandoz, III



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

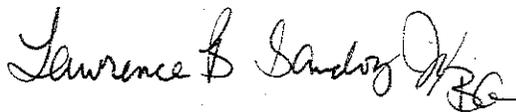
Re: Greers Ferry Lake Proposed Shoreline
Management Plan -- Environmental
Impact Statement

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

bcc: Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc. ✓
P. O. Box 150
Heber Springs, AR 72543

WILLIAM H. BOWEN
P.O. BOX 1471
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72203
Phone 501-371-7010

January 8, 2002

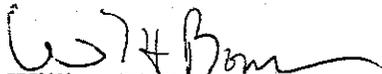
Patricia Anslow
Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

My interest in Greer's Ferry Lake goes back at least to October 1963, when I was invited to attend the Lake Dedication Ceremony to which President John F. Kennedy spoke. Then I watched with care the evolution of the Red Apple properties and began using the inn and the marina as early as 1965.

We purchased a condominium in the summer of 1981 located just inside the gate. We have had a boat slip at the marina at least 20 years. My family and I are supporting legal opposition to the plan of the Corps to commercialize and damage the lake. You should know that you will have my strong unbending opposition to your plans.

Very truly yours,


William H. Bowen

mh

cc: Save Greer's Ferry Lake, Inc. ✓
P.O. Box 150
Heber Springs, AR 72543

To Patricia Anslow, Planning, Environmental, and Regulatory Division
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

I refuse to sit back idly while Greers Ferry Lake is ruined by the addition of more private docks. This lake is as close to being a pristine lake as it gets. I do not want to lose that.

I live in Clinton, and drive 60 miles to work primarily because of the lake.

I purposely picked up and moved my family to Clinton in 1993 to be near Greers Ferry Lake.

Allowing private land owners to mow more land adjacent to the lake will decrease the natural habitat, decrease the natural look of the lake, and promote erosion. I am sure some influential land owners would like to clear land to increase their view of the lake, but this action serves only them, not the general public.

I am sure some powerful real estate people would like to see the shoreline open up so they can sell sell sell, this also does not serve the general public.

I am against rezoning the lake as this again would serve only a handful of prominent, and powerful people.

This is a clear water lake, I do not want to see that change because of erosion caused by clearing shoreline.

Increasing docks, opening shoreline, and rezoning are actions that will provide a resource for the favored few, not the general public. I am totally against these actions.

Frank L. Vermeulen
188 Niagara Rd.
Clinton, Ar. 72031

January 10, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

My family has visited Greers Ferry Lake for many years and have delighted in the beauty of the surroundings. We camp and boat using the park facilities and never want to go home. We look forward to the next time we can find time to return. We live outside the Memphis area and have a little over a three hour drive. We have chosen Greers Ferry Lake over Pickwick Lake because of the beauty of the clear water, a feeling of privacy with no view of boat docks or homes. We are saddened to think this might change. Our letter is in hopes we can influence the Corps of Engineers to not change the current restrictions and keep this lake as is and preserve the beauty for future generations.

Sincerely,



Diane Fondren
3623 Stonetrace Circle
Bartlett, TN 38135

Ms. Sharon Knepper
88 Rae Drive
Atoka, TN 38004

January 10, 2002

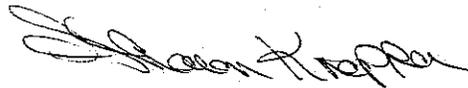
Ms. Patricia Anslow
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow,

Please do not change Greers Ferry Lake by permitting private boat docks and the removal of trees along the shoreline. We understand a new proposal is being considered. Our vacations are spent at Greers Ferry Lake and we would miss the tranquility of the shoreline. We hope that our views will be considered by the Corps before the lake becomes very much like every other lake in our area. If this happens we will probably choose to drive to Pickwick as it is only a couple of hours away.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sharon Knepper".

Sharon Knepper

1-9-01

To whom it may concern:

I am apposed to the new Shoreline mgmt. Plan. Every part of nature that is beutiful & peaceful seems to always be the target for another way the government can make a profit.

My family has visited Greers Ferry lake for many, many years. It is one of the only lakes that we, as waterskiers & boat riders, can go enjoy without a ton of boats & especially jetski's being around.

We make the long drive to the lake because it is so nice and unpopulated. Your plan would ruin all of this for many families.

Please leave this lake alone, you've already placed enough docks, etc. on other State parks & lakes.

apriemthoward

I am opposed to the new Shoreline Management Plan by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Name April Howard Date 1-9-01 ADDRESS TO: Patricia Anslow
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 P.O. Box 867
 Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Address 931 Hwy 59 W. MAIL TO: Save Greers Ferry Lake, Inc.
 P.O. Box 150
 Heber Springs, AR 72543

City Burison State IN Zip 38015

Visit our Web site: greersferrylake.org

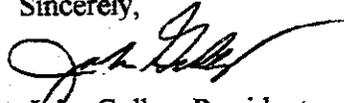
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January 28, 2002

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

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 Gully, President

The Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers

Hard copy to follow

Frank W. Funk, Jr.
First Vice President-Investments
Financial Consultant
President's Council

SALOMON SMITH BARNEY

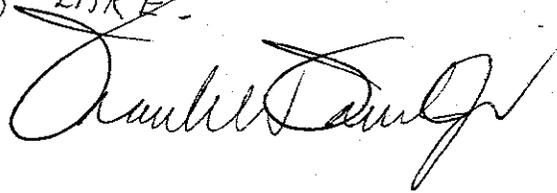
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CORPS OF ENGINEERS -

I disagree with your
Ruling to permit shoreline
CLEARING AND MORE BOAT DOCKS -
OF GREERS FERRY LAKE.



CHARLES RAY

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

Dear Irish,

Please do your best to prevent the building of docks and docks on Greers Ferry Lake.

The lake is beautiful and as natural as we can wish for here in our Natural State. Once the building is done, there will be a great loss of beauty and tranquility, as I'm sure you are aware, and there will be no way to correct the noise and congestion.

Please do us and our children a great and permanent favor. Thank you.

Dr. Charles E. Ray
Rt 1, Box 218
Belleville AR 72824

JANUARY 22, 2002

DEAR ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,

I DO NOT WANT THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO GO THROUGH.

AS A PROPERTY OWNER ON THE LAKE I THINK IT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE LAKE TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL BOAT DOCKS, AND MOWING CLOSER TO THE LAKE.

THANK YOU.

YOURS TRULY,

Loyal L. Piker

LOYAL PIKER
550 BERRY LANE
GREERS FERRY, AR. 72067
510 - 825 - 7270

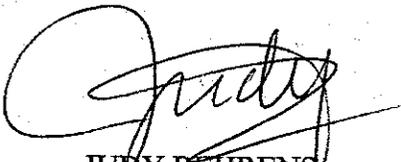
JANUARY 22, 2002

DEAR ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS READER,

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY WISHES AS TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO GREERS FERRY LAKE. **I DO NOT WANT THESE CHANGES TO GO THROUGH.** I OWN PROPERTY ON THE LAKE AND I WANT THE LAKE TO STAY LIKE IT IS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. **NO ADDITIONAL BOAT DOCKS, NO MOWING CLOSER TO THE LAKE.**

THANK YOU.

YOURS TRULY,



JUDY BEHRENS
23 TIMBERLANE TRAIL
CONWAY AR 72032

510-327-5045

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY WISHES AS TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO GREERS FERRY LAKE. I DO NOT WANT THESE CHANGES TO GO THROUGH. I OWN PROPERTY ON THE LAKE AND I WANT THE LAKE TO STAY LIKE IT IS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. NO ADDITIONAL BOAT DOCKS, NO MOWING CLOSER TO THE LAKE.

THANK YOU.

YOURS TRULY,

JUDY BEHRENS
23 TIMBERLANE TRAIL
CONWAY AR 72032

MEMORANDUM

To PATRICIA ANSLOW, CORPS of ENG.
From Phil & CAROLE CUNNINGHAM

Date 1-24-02

Copy for _____

Subject GREENS FERRY LAKE
SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

PLEASE — NO ADDITIONAL DOCKS ON THE LAKE —
NO ADDITIONAL MARINAS ON LAKE —
NO INCREASED MOWING ON THE SHORELINE.

WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE CORPS PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE PLAN &
ALSO ALL OF THE OTHER PLANS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.
WE NEED TO RETAIN THE LAKE'S NATURAL BEAUTY AS IT
IS. PLEASE PRESERVE OUR LAKE AS IT IS TODAY.

Thank You

Phil Cunningham
Carole Cunningham

5. WE MAKE USE OF THE LAKE WEEKLY AT PRESENT &
HAVE BEEN ENJOYING BOTH THE LAKE & RIVER FOR OVER 20 YEARS

Jan. 22, 2002

Dear *Patricia Anslow,*

I'm writing concerning the plans of the Corps of Engineers to open up Greers Ferry area to allow private boat docks. I oppose this plan.

I do not think that it is good for the area or the environment. I think this will only serve some short term private gain. It does not show concern for long term interests or concerns. I ask you to reconsider this plan. Please do not cause irreparable damage to the shoreline.

My family has frequently used this area over the past 25 to 30 years and do not want to see boat docks all along the shoreline.

Thank you for addressing my concerns.

Sincerely,

Patricia Walsh

Patricia Walsh
3285 Stermer Rd.
Conway, AR 72034

Ms. Anslow,

I was writing to express my opposition to the proposed shoreline management program. I've lived in Heber Springs since I was 2 years old, grew up working and fishing on the lake and love the special treasure we have. I'm very afraid that if we begin allowing more docks it will set a precedent and the lake might end up looking like the Little Red river or some of the other lakes around the state. That would be a real shame. Please protect our lake and preserve its current state. I'm sure future generations will be glad we did.

Thank you,

Dr. Brett Ziegenfuss, DVM

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January 25, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a 21 year resident of Heber Springs and have lived in this beautiful State for over 38 years. Arkansas needs to remain "The Natural State".

I've seen bulldozing of trees on highway 25 going into Heber Springs for total covering of land with concrete. Another spot on highway 25 was totally bulldozed for a business that never came to fruition. Also a large tract of trees were all bulldozed for parking, used 1 summer and then left to mar this beautiful town.

Now people want to start messing up the beauty and purity of Greer's Ferry lake and shoreline. Please reconsider and preserve the lake! I and my family are strongly opposed to the Corps "Preferred Alternative", as well as the other Alternatives set forth in the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Mountain View, several years ago had a beautiful camping and swimming area for the whole area. The state allowed certain individuals to sell gravel out of the area, the water levels changed, decreased and then a private motel was built there and all the natural beauty and use for all was gone. All for money at the abuse and misuse of our God given land and water.

Stop now, lets not end up with a lake to "clean up" by our ancestors. More is not better!
Thanks and God bless you, Nancy Thompson, Heber Springs, Arkansas.

1-25-02

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the Sheers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan -

My family has lived in Heber Springs for 35+ years. We do not live on the lake, but have enjoyed various activities on or around the lake. I have noticed in the last several years that the lake is dirtier. There is floating matter (the kind that belongs in the sewer) and more trash! I believe that more docks will only compound the problems. The lake has always been a jewel in Heber Springs crown, lets keep it that way! I would also like to see the yearly Lake Cleanup as big and successful as it use to be in the fall. I believe with proper management the lake will be a wonderful place to come and enjoy for many many years.

Thank You, Brigette Watson

January 26, 2002

Greers Ferry
c/o Trish Anslow
Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division
Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

This letter is being written in response to the Corps' request for comments on the proposed shoreline management plan following the completion of the EIS and FONSI.

I and my wife own property adjacent to the federal land surrounding the lake. It is located in the Middle Fork bay and is accessed by Petit Dr. off of Old Brewer Rd. coming from the north. We love the lake and relatively unimpacted beauty of the area.

I submitted extensive comments on the original public noticed SMP before the EIS was performed and felt like I was completely ignored by the Corps of Engineers (COE) as plans were made to implement the SMP despite my objections and many many others.

I write this letter only because it is my hope that the public comment process will work and the COE is committed to properly evaluating the comments and protecting the resource that is Greers Ferry Lake

I will not mince words with this written comment:

I and my family are absolutely in opposition to the provisions of the revised SMP that allows additional boat dock facilities to be permitted and constructed on the lake. Please do not allow additional boat docks on our lake.

My previously submitted comments contain specific details and concerns that support this viewpoint and our feelings.

Sincerely submitted;



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(Home)

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(Lake)

*This comment was
also submitted via
email today. JTM*

Greenbrier, AR
January 22, 2002

Mr. Tommy Park, Operations Manager
Greers Ferry Resident Office
US Corp of Engineers
700 Heber Springs Road North
Heber Springs, AR 72543

RE: 2000 Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Mr. Park:

We oppose the proposed rezoning the shoreline to allow 93 more boat docks and to let lakeside landowners clear up to 100 feet of brush for two main reasons:

- * Adverse impacts on the water quality for many Arkansas residents that receive water from Greers Ferry Lake.
- * Adverse impact on the pristine, mostly un-touched terrain surrounding the lake.

This proposed rezoning if passed will "open the door" for even more boat docks and other development which would diminish the pristine, mostly un-touched terrain.

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 like those concerns of Robert E. Hart, Chief Engineer, Health Department. It stands to reason the more activity that goes on around boat docks, like the use of gasoline and oils, sewage discharges, etc. would impact the quality of water.

I am sure that people who invest large amounts of money for lakeside properties would be in favor of additional boat docks, but they certainly need to think of the adverse impact that this expansion would cause on the pristine surroundings they can currently enjoy.

Sincerely,

me + Mrs. Don Baumgartner

Don and Martha Baumgartner
Property owners - Sugar Loaf Recreation Area

*Send to Trash
T*

To whom it may concern

I have lived in Churne Co all of my 57 years. The first 18 at Diers Ferry West side and the rest in Nether Spring - so have seen all the changes the lake has brought and have used the lake to boat, fish and swim most of those years. I have been so frustrated by boat decks in coves that were once good fishing places. The lake is supposed to be a public place that everyone can go to enjoy but the land owners on the lake treat it as a private property and the corp seem to not only condone but also wish to expand the premise. I am 100% totally against new permits, mooring etc. It is our lake!

Glenda Seymour

GLEN P. BINDRICH

2512 GAYLOR RD.

FIFTY-SIX, AR 72533

January 24, 2002

Army Corps of Engineers
Box #867
Little Rock AR

I am writing this letter in response to your proposal to further develop boat docks, and greater access to Greers Ferry Lake.

If you are looking for input on this question, I would definitely say NO to the proposed changes. But impute to the Corps has had a history of not making much, or any difference to what the Corps wants to do. Years ago I learned that only an act of congress can stop you from caring out your plans, not even the Commander and Chief, the president, can stop you.

Anyway, you have my opinion as to the question of the proposed changes for Greers Ferry Lake, it is a gem in the Natural state, and an important drinking water supply for thousands of people in the area, leave it as it is.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey W. Smith
P.O. Box 14314
Archdale, NC 27263
847 840-7035 Cell

Millennium, by Ashley

January 22, 2002

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

Dear Particia,

In 1985 I was introduced to an area of the country that I have come to consider "home away from home". At the time, I was a regular Cast Member of the long running television show "Hee Haw." It was on the set, during a filming session that I met Carl Garner who was the resident engineer of Greers Ferry Reservoir. Carl invited me to be his guest and to entertain at the annual Greers Ferry Clean Up. It was then that I was introduced and experienced a true slice of heaven in the lake & the renowned Little Red River. Its pristine beauty struck me. I will have to say that it was an honor to be a part of an event that involved so many caring & dedicated people who gave freely of their time to ensure their piece of heaven remained clean and pure as possible. I continued to participate in the annual event for the next 10 years.

Over a decade, I have made friends with many local residents, many of whom I consider "family." I continue to make a pilgrimage to the lake & river several times a year. I have shared so many memorable times with Mr. Garner and the Lindsey family at the Rainbow Resort. I am bring up the next generation of my own family and am getting the opportunity now to share this unique place with my own son. We are teaching them the importance of caring for & sharing what our maker has blessed us with in Heber Springs. One of the highlights of my career was being inducted into the Greers Ferry Hall of Fame for my participation in the clean up event. I cherish the people who care for & make their living from this valuable resource.

I ask that you strongly consider me and many more just like me that find solace and rejuvenation from this natural resource. Please keep the beauty & quality of this place by not allowing the rezoning of the protected area pass! The harm from chemical fertilizers & the likes will do irreparable damage to this natural resource. Ever increasing pressure already is straining the area. Let us not harm it anymore by passing this proposition. Thanks for your consideration in this important matter! Respectfully yours,

Jeff Smith

Vice President, Millennium South

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Patricia Anslow
L. R. Dist Corps of Engineers

Dear Ms. Anslow,

I am saddened by the proposal to add more docks and shoreline disturbance near residential property on Green Ferry Lake.

I disagree with the finding that mowing fifty more feet around dwellings would not increase pollution going into the lake. Undisturbed woods and grass is the best filter for any water shed. Also chemicals will be used on these lawns resulting in more pollution.

Boat docks are also a source of pollution and very unattractive. We have had many visitors in the fourteen years of living near the lake in Heber Springs. They have all commented on the shore line being so beautiful. seeing trees, rock, gentle sloping shoreline, with very little

January 24, 2002

Patricia Anslow
US Army Corps of Engineers
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Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

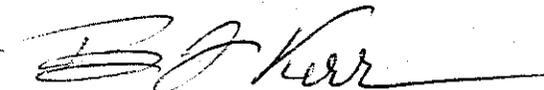
Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am writing you to oppose the new plan to increase docks and mowing on Greers Ferry Lake. I have owned lake front property since 1966, built a small cabin around 1970, and enlarged it to the home where I currently reside year round since 1983.

I have experienced both positive and negative aspects of shore line management by Corps rangers over the years. I have been accused by younger, over-zealous rangers of removing trees from a rock ledge where no trees were ever present, and praised by older rangers who were familiar with the landscape from previous years. As President of Burnt Ridge Water Association, I was able to furnish water out to South Fork Park at the request of the Corps in spite of the fact that the Corps had reneged on their initial promise to help with the project of bringing water to this area. After South Fork Park was closed, I volunteered to police the area and keep it clean in order to keep it open as a launch area. I petitioned the Corps to fence part of the park and place barriers at the asphalt entrances to the camping areas. I continue to try and keep the Park and launch area clean and to clean the shore line where ever I see litter.

While I recognize that the Corps has not always given equal treatment to all areas of the shore line in terms of access, mowing, or dock permits, I still believe that the plan we have at present is better than the proposed plan.

Sincerely,



Bill J. Kerr
452 Emerald Cove Road
Shirley, AR 72153

January 25, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

My husband and I are very much opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plans for Greers Ferry Lake which is contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. There is nothing beneficial about this plan.

Greers Ferry Lake is beautiful because it DOESN'T have the things proposed. The lake does not need more boat slips nor does it need clearing on land adjacent to the lake.

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

Sincerely,

Dennis and Miriam Jenkins

Dennis and Miriam Jenkins
104 Tracy Ann Terrace
Shirley, AR

4101 Fox Hill
North Little Rock, AR 72116

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 oppose the Corps of Engineers' Proposed Shoreline Management Plan for Greers Ferry Lake contained in the November 2001 draft Environmental Impact Statement. Specifically, I oppose any rezoning of formerly protected areas of the Lake to allow for the installation of private boat docks; any increase in the number of private boat docks on the Lake; and any increase in the area in which vegetation modification (mowing) could be conducted on the Government easement adjacent to the shoreline.

Sincerely,

Page Ballard

My husband and I visit Heber Springs frequently. We live in Little Rock. We love the beautiful lake and believe as many others do that an increase in private docks and the cutting down of vegetation close to the lake will be detrimental to the water quality as well as beauty of the lake.

5408 Edgewood Rd
LR AR 72207
501-663-4224

Barbara STEVENSON

1000 Water Street

Batesville, Arkansas 72501

Corps of Engineers Jan. 24, 2002
Little Rock, Ar.

To whom it may concern:

When we moved here from Missouri in 1962 the Corps of Engineers were building the dam and starting Greer Ferry Lake. They did an excellent job, and imposed rigid standards to help keep the Lake unpolluted and beautiful for all. A yearly cleanup of the shore line was also started and became an example for other Corps of Engineer Lakes to follow. It has been done yearly ever since. We did "our mile of shoreline" for a number of

years, and it has been very successful in helping to maintain the quality of the lake.

If these standards are lowered, with more boat docks on the main part of the lake, and grass and trees cut back to the shore-line, it could become another Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri or Hamilton Lake in Hot Springs. I don't know the history of Hamilton Lake, but I do the Lake of the Ozarks. Take a look at it now and see what Greer Ferry Lake could become in the near future.

Appreciate your attention

Sincerely,
Barbara Stevenson
(Mrs. John D.)

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January 23, 2002

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

Re: Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Ms. Anslow:

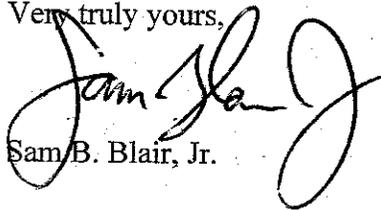
I am the owner of shoreline property on the Tannenbaum peninsula at Greers Ferry Lake. I am in the process of constructing a lakeside home on this property.

I am writing to express by vehement opposition to the Corps of Engineers proposed new shoreline management plan for Greers Ferry Lake. I believe that new development under this plan would materially damage the natural beauty and undisturbed, peaceful characteristics of the Lake.

Although the Tannenbaum peninsula is approximately a three hour drive from my home in Memphis, I chose to purchase an expensive piece of property and construct a lakeside home on Greers Ferry Lake because of its beauty and undisturbed natural condition. This natural setting at Greers Ferry Lake contrasts sharply with many lakes which are closer to Memphis, but which are subject to few restrictions on development. The absence of docks at individual residences and the limitations on mowing and clearing below the white line have maintained the natural character and beauty of Greers Ferry Lake. It would be a serious and permanent mistake to alter the shoreline management plan which has worked so well in the past.

I have not talked to one landowner that agrees with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers proposal. Please listen to our objections. I encourage you to withdraw the proposed shoreline management plan. If you desire please do not hesitate to write, discuss, call or provide any further information.

Very truly yours,


Sam B. Blair, Jr.

SBB/jb

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January 24, 2002

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

RE: Rezoning Plan for Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Ms. Anslow:

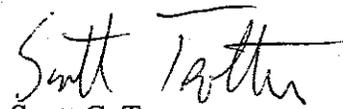
I write in opposition to the rezoning plan for Greers Ferry Lake, which could allow approval of 93 more boat docks and more clearing of lakeside property.

My wife and I have owned a condo at Eden Isle since 1997 and have kept a boat at the Eden Isle Marina since then. We are on the lake regularly, except in the winter months.

Current restrictions on commercial and boat dock development and on land clearing are essential to maintain the natural beauty of the lake, to avoid overcrowding and excessive boat congestion and to preserve a clean water supply for the communities served by the lake. I grew up on Lake Hamilton in the summers before it became oppressive because of development. There is no pleasure in being on Lake Hamilton now.

We need to keep Greers Ferry the treasure that it has been. Thanks very much for your careful consideration.

Cordially,


Scott C. Trotter

SCT/kpr

1221 N. Broadway St.
Heber Springs, Ar. 72543-2102

January 24, 2002

Irish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, Ar. 72203-0867

Dear Ms Anslow

My wife and I moved to Heber Springs in Oct. 1996. We moved here because of the quality of Greers Ferry Lake — one of the very few uncluttered, clean and natural lakes remaining in the state — the Country.

Our opinion is that it should remain in its natural state, with no additional docks and no further tree trimming along the shore line. It is beautiful and peaceful now and should remain that way for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Joseph and Jan Corba

Conway Co.
Jan. 24 - 2002

Corps of Engineers

Box 867

Little Rock Ar.
Attn Patricia Anselow

Dear Sir
I own a little strip of land near Conway that I inherited from my family. I bought Green's Ferry Water rights which cost me a lot of money, some day I'll sell the property or build a home. I'd like to know that I had decent water. I oppose the fact that it could be rezoned to build boat docks and turn the lake into muddy sewerage and everything bad.

Sincerely
Ruth M. Klein

Mary Bess Mulhollan

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Fax: 843-681-5625
E-mail to marybess@hargray.com

January 21, 2002

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

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that you have a hearing on January 24, 2002, to discuss a change in the number of docks allowed on Greer's Ferry Lake.

I oppose any changes. I own land on Beaver Lake, and in the last two years docks have been added on the shore in large numbers and this has greatly changed the natural appearance of the lake. Even more alarming is the placement of the docks by people in front of land owned by other people, and the number of slips allowed for each dock.

In years past the Corps has had very strict rules about docks that were sometime very inconvenient, but they respected the environment of the lake and we applauded you for holding to them. I hope that you won't allow the shores of Greer's Ferry Lake to be altered in the same way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Mary Bess Mulhollan

January 23, 2002

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

RE: Greers Ferry Lake Shoreline Management Plan draft Environmental Impact Statement

Ms. Anslow:

I am strongly opposed to the proposed Shoreline Management Plan referenced above and contained in the draft EIS issued by the Corps of Engineers in November 2001. Specifically, I am against the increase in the number of private multislip boat docks proposed; the rezoning of currently Protected Areas to allow for permitting of additional boat docks; and the increase in the area of allowable mowing on those areas adjacent to the lake below the "white line".

I believe that the 1994 Shoreline Management Plan should continue to be followed with no future zoning or mowing changes.

Sincerely,



Brad Hill
1883 Dorothy Drive
Bee Branch, AR 72013

January 23, 2002

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

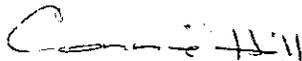
Re: Shoreline Management Plan draft Environmental Impact Statement - Greers Ferry Lake

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I oppose the proposed Shoreline Management Plan referenced above and contained in the draft EIS issued by the Corps of Engineers in November 2001. I do not favor an increase in the number of private multislip boat docks proposed. I do not favor the proposal to allow permitting of additional boat docks, particularly in the currently Protected Areas. I am also against increasing the area that can be mowed on the Government land next to the Greers Ferry Lake.

I believe that the 1994 Shoreline Management Plan should continue to be followed with no future zoning or mowing changes.

Sincerely,



Connie Hill
5601 Country Club Blvd
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January 24, 2002

Ms. Trish Anslow
LITTLE ROCK CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Anslow:

Thank you for allowing me to express my feelings regarding the proposed changes in the Corps' developmental plans for Greers Ferry Lake.

I feel strongly that the plan that has been in effect for the last several years should be continued. Many clients of mine have settled in this area because of the natural beauty of the lake and its shoreline.

Every year there is a lake clean-up, where many volunteers donate their time, their boats, and other facilities to clean up the debris and trash that has been left by those who use the lake. The addition of more boat docks is simply going to increase this problem of trash and there is not likely to be any additional volunteer workers to clean up the lake.

Greers Ferry Lake is the source of drinking water for many of us and will be for even more of our population in the future. It is imperative that we keep this lake clean for future generations that will need this water.

I believe that the pressure being put on the Corps to allow more boat docks and clearing more of the shoreline is being caused by developers who cannot see the long range effect because they are blinded by the "quick buck" syndrome.

Please allow cool heads and sound reasoning to prevail when making such far reaching decisions concerning the future of this great lake.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Frank McGary

Dear Ms Anslow -

Arkansas has so few things to brag about! The unspoiled beauty of Greer Ferry Lake should remain as pristine as possible.

We used to spend time on a houseboat in the 1960's with my parents, and marveled at the breathtaking wonder there.

We are so pleased that this lake has remained largely as it started: uncongested, not overbuilt, and not polluted with shorelines & boat docks.

Please don't shorten the buffer required to be left undisturbed / ~~clear~~ uncleared.

I love Arkansas beauty!
Keep it as it should be!



Sincerely,

Dottie Funk
5 Longlea Drive
Little Rock, AR 72212

(P.S. I am a civic volunteer
in Little Rock and have been
chair of the LR City Beautiful
Commission the last 2 years)

Habitat for Humanity International
121 Habitat Street, Americus, GA 31709



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January 23, 2002

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

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

Dear Ms. Anslow:

I am very opposed to the proposed changes in the Shoreline Management Plan For Greers Ferry Lake. I am opposed to all Alternatives contained in the draft Environmental Impact Statement of November 2001.

I am a personal friend of Tommy Park and know that he is doing his job, to the best of his ability, working within the rules and requirements for his job. And you no doubt are too, and both of you may have the best intentions. But a time comes in the life of ever person that they are given the opportunity to do the RIGHT thing in a situation. It's your turn, and this is your situation. I urge you to simply do the right the thing. I am aware of the issues and this letter is not the right place to debate them.

I will be fighting for the preservation of this real treasure. My family owns many properties in Heber Springs including lake front lots, lake view lots and others. Although we would probably benefit financially by allowing our homes to have docks or our views improved, it simply is not the right thing to do. You have a real chance to make a positive difference in peoples lives for years and decades to come. I hope and pray you will take it.

Sincerely,



T. Allen Bridges
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Heber Springs, AR 72543
501-362-6266 Ext. 200

**Suzanne Allen, MBA, CPA
210 Highland Drive
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476**

January 17, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Anslow,

My family has a lake house on Greers Ferry. It is a beautiful, serene place to go and stay throughout the year. We have seen the effects of allowing more traffic and don't care for it at all. The house is on a dead end road with a wonderful swimming spot just a short walk away. Before the Corp closed off a portion of the road and disallowed parking, the trash and traffic was awful. People all ages would come to the point and when the day was over, it looked like a Dumpster. Beer cans, cigarettes, coke bottles, baby diapers, chip bags and everything else you can imagine would line the shore. How sad to see such a beautiful spot defaced due to uncaring citizens. If additional boat docks are added and more of the shore cleared away, traffic will certainly increase and so will trash.

In addition, it will change the whole town. What is now a quiet place where the population is mostly older citizens who enjoy the peace and serenity of the lake will become a louder, less attractive place with an increase in partying, drugs and alcohol. Please leave the lake alone and let those who only want to change it for profit go find somewhere else to make their money.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Allen

217 Pine Hill Road
Fairfield Bay, Arkansas 72088
January 19, 2002

Ms. Trish Anslow
Little Rock Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

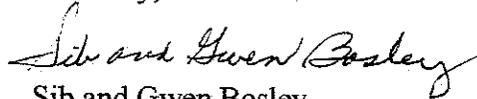
Dear Ms. Anslow:

We have for 30 some odd years had a beautiful reservoir (lake) with shorelines retained in an overall natural state. Lets don't give up all of this beauty by one stroke of the pen.

Different types of business interests would ruin all of this under your plan as considered at this time.

Thank you for listening to our plea.

Sincerely,


Sib and Gwen Bosley

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

Star Hopper Family
2023 King Cross Lane
Cordova, TN 38016

1-20-02

Ms. Anslow,

We are concerned that the proposed shoreline management plan for Greer Ferry Lake would endanger the natural resources of the lake and surrounding shoreline.

We do not own property on or near the lake but are frequent users of the lake for boating in summer months and camping in the spring and fall. Our children have many wonderful memories of family outings to the lake. It is not just the lake that appeals to us but the small, quiet and uncrowded town of Heber Springs.

While owning lakefront property with a private dock sounds appealing, we do not favor these proposed changes. One of the many reasons we return season after season is the beauty of the shoreline and clarity of the water.

We do not support the proposed shoreline management plan. We want the lake and surrounding shoreline to remain as they are today — Beautiful!!

The Star Hopper Family

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Dr. David and Ruth Bakunas

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January 22, 2002

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

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

Dear Ms Anstow:

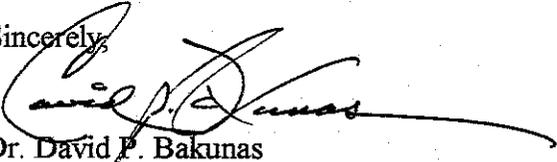
This is but a voice crying in the wilderness, but this wilderness is surreal, unique and probably, at this measure in time, absolutely singular. The irreplaceable treasure hereto implied....Greers Ferry Lake with its attending natural mantle.

Federal statistics can readily substantiate the myriad of ills that are effectuated when 'MAN' demands his self-serving pleasure, the Corps of Engineers condescends and a present thing of beauty is rendered its death threat.

Please, oh please then DO NOT PROCEED with any presently proposed (SMP) plan/intention to forever alter, deter and then destroy gift so treasured, ie, GREERS FERRY LAKE in its present configuration and uncluttered beauty.

Should Arkansas truly be "The Natural State" allow the memory of same to be translated via the present beauty of this lady named Greers Ferry Lake.

Sincerely,


Dr. David P. Bakunas
841 Lakeland Drive
Heber Springs, AR 72543

cc: The Sun Times, Heber Springs, AR 72543

January 18, 2002

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

Thank you for your consideration of my comments concerning the Shoreline Management Program of The Greers Ferry Lake.

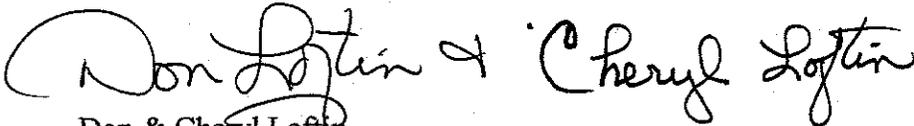
Frist, I would like to thank the Corps of Engineers for the excellent job that you've done in the management of the lake. My wife and I make our home at 5455 Lake Drive, Clinton AR. We also have a small business "Cabins on the Cove".

We petitioned the Corp, prior to the Shoreline Management Plan being formulated, and asked that the area adjacent to our boat dock be zoned commercial. At the time we felt that we would expand and offer campsites and possibly some other concessions. Now, we have changed our direction with our Cabin business. We have sold seven of the cabins and had them removed from our property. We would like to withdraw our request for the rezoning.

Concerning the other aspects of the Shoreline Management Plan I would have to say that I'm against any additional docks especially on the main body of the lake. I think that it would be a shame to see the lake lose its' natural beauty.

In short, please leave the lake in its' natural state and if you must approve changes make as small of change as possible. We like the lake as it is.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



Don & Cheryl Loftin
Cabins of the Cove
5455 Lake Drive
Clinton, AR 72031

Jan. 21, 2002

To Ms. Anslow and committee:

Please leave Greers Ferry Lake alone. I do not live on the lake so do not have a vested interest. However, I do drink the water from there and the thought of what will happen if the docks proliferate is alarming. I also enjoy the beauty of the lake as it is. It would be a shame to see this waterway look like Little Red River with a dock every few feet. I don't care what they say, if one gets a dock they all will. When Carl Garner retired, my husband said "there goes the lake" and of course since then there has been all this controversy. I pray this committee will do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Christ

SEB

1-19-07

Dear Silvia

Let's keep tourism on
the increase & keep the
Natural State, Natural.

NO more boat docks
on Greers Ferry Lake

Thank you
Scot E. Bullington

Scot E. Bullington
1720 Greers Ferry Rd.
Drasco AR 72530

22 Elm Woods Circle
January 18, 2002

Dear Ms. Anslaw,

Thank you for extending the deadline for comments on the proposal to alter current Corps guidelines for Greer's Ferry Lake.

My husband and I, for over 30 years, have owned 24 acres on this beautiful lake, with a quarter-of-a-mile of shoreline. It is how long we have dreamed of building a home up there and retiring. We now have our house plans in hand and will soon break ground.

There have been numerous offers by developers to buy our property, and we could have sold it for a very nice profit. We have kept it purely because of the natural, uncluttered

Appearance and beauty of the shoreline, we chose a serene and peaceful place controlled by the Corps guidelines. We are willing to give up having a boat dock to follow these guidelines so Greers Ferry Lake can remain beautiful and clean.

Please do not cave-in to the pressures of money and politics. Just do what is right and preserve the natural beauty of Greers Ferry Lake by not changing the rules under which we bought our property.

With warmest regards,
 Blenda Hamilton Langston

U.S. Corp of Eng.

Please do not commercialize the lake,
any more than it already is.

Most of us cannot afford a lake house
& private boat dock. But we still enjoy coming
to lake & camping with tents & Campers, and
boating & fishing around lake.

We like to see wildlife, deer Turkey
small game, not houses & docks.

Please stop before its
too late.

Geoffrey Burger
Newport, Or, 97112

1-18-02

CAMERON R JOHNSTON
167 WAGON CR.
HIGDON, AR. 72067

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

I AM A RESIDENT OF ~~VAN~~ VAN BUREN
COUNTY ARKANSAS. I GET MY WATER
FROM GEEKS FERRY LAKE. I DO NOT
THINK WE NEED ADDITIONAL BOAT
DOCKS ON GEEKY FERRY LAKE THEY
TAKE AWAY THE BEAUTY OF THE LAKE
AND ADD TO POLLUTION OF THE LAKE
WHERE I GET MY DRINKING WATER
PLEASE RECONSIDER ALLOWING
MORE BOAT DOCKS ON GEEK FERRY
LAKE

THANK YOU,
Cameron R Johnston

Allan and Joyce Peyer

1509 Dogwood Trail
Conway, Arkansas 72032
Jan. 23, 2002

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

Dear Corps:

Please maintain Greers Ferry Lake as it is.

Restricting boat docks and tree cutting are small inconveniences for residents to pay for a tree-lined, beautiful, and most of all, a cleaner lake.

Property owners are here for a while. The lake is for us all for now and the future.

Sincerely yours,
Joyce F. Peyer
Joyce F. Peyer

Allan E. Peyer
Allan E. Peyer

1-22-02

Dear Sir,

I'm writing to express my feelings about the Corps plan to change Guava Ferry.

I am opposed to allowing more docks & disturbing the natural beauty.

Someone is just wanting to make a short term private gain and are not concerned about the long term consequences.

Please stop this before it goes any further.

Thank you,

Patricia Walsh

3285 Starnold

Croway, AR 72834

P.S. We've enjoyed Guava Ferry for years with family & friends.

P.O. Box 1494
Fairfield Bay, Ark
72068
Jun 20 - 2002

Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock, Ark

Gentlemen:

Greer's Ferry Lake is a wonderful area thanks to the Army Corps of Engineers. To keep it this way we must remember that rules are for everyone's benefit.

Relaxing the rules is the first step to polluting the lake and hence good drinking water for over 70,000 people will be endangered.

Continue to keep the lake clean and many people can still use it for recreation without upsetting the ecological balance.

Sincerely

Joan + Stephen
McCarthy

January 19, 2002
5 North Harrison
Heber Springs, AR
72543

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

Dear Ms. Anslow,

I am writing this letter to let you know that my husband and I are opposed to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers' proposal to increase the number of boat docks and change the shoreline of Greers Ferry Lake.

We enjoy the lake very much and feel this proposal is detrimental to the whole area.

Thank you for considering our opinion when you make your decision.

yours truly,
Angela Laebelt
Louis Laebelt