



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.U. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT
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LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201-3221**

February 6, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

**RELEASE OF THE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR THE BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE SPILLWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

YELL COUNTY, ARKANSAS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Little Rock District hereby informs the public of the release of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Blue Mountain Lake Spillway Bridge Replacement. The USACE will provide a copy of the draft document, instructions on how to submit comments, and an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide feedback. This information will be made available at the following Little Rock District website. A public comment period will begin on February 11, 2026, and end on February 25, 2026.

www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Lakes/Blue-Mountain-Lake/Blue-Mountain-Lake-Public-Comment-Form/

The draft EA for the proposed spillway bridge replacement evaluated potential impacts resulting from implementation of an alternative that consists of replacing the existing bridge across the Blue Mountain Lake spillway. Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, the EA also evaluated anticipated impacts from a No Action alternative.

Under the proposed action, the existing bridge superstructure and deck would be replaced due to its age and restricted load posting. A new bridge would accommodate current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Design Vehicle, Highway Loading (HL)-93, thereby providing passage for heavier vehicles. The proposed action would improve safety and maintenance operations at Blue Mountain Lake during times of spillway flow by ensuring access for personnel and equipment to and from the field office, dam, and various recreational facilities. The existing abutments/foundations will be utilized to support the new bridge superstructure and deck.

Comments, suggestions, and questions on the proposed repairs and additions can be mailed to the attention of Mr. Craig Hilburn, Wildlife Biologist, 700 W. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72201, or emailed to: David.C.Hilburn@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Morrow", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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