

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Mountain Home Project Office is asking for public comment on the following minor changes to the Bull Shoals Shoreline Management Plan. The recently updated plan has language that needs to be clarified and defined in order to implement fairly and consistently to the public. The proposed changes are highlighted in yellow. Please send written comments to: US Army Corps of Engineers, 324 West 7th Street, Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653, Attention: Mark Case-SMP or email at ceswl-mh@usace.army.mil . Comments will be taken until March 4, 2019.

If you have questions or need additional information please call the Mountain Home Project Office at 501-340-1431, attention Dylan Edwards.

Page 20 of the Bull Shoals SMP defines legal access to qualify for a private boat dock permit. It states:

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The applicant must have legal access to the LDA. Legal access is defined as:

- Ownership of adjacent private property within 200 feet of the location of the proposed facility; or
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The proposed changes would read:

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Placement nor expansion past two stalls per owner. **Community docks with stall owners whom utilize easements for their legal access requirement shall be limited to two stalls for each owner at the time this plan was signed. The facility may not exceed this number of stalls for owners utilizing easements, however they may sell or transfer stall ownership. Other owners in the facility are not affected and may expand the facility should all other requirements of the SMP be met.**

Page 22 of the Bull Shoals SMP defines when a Limited Development Area is full due to density of dock development. It states:

SPACING AND DENSITY

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Docks will be spaced a minimum of 100 feet apart at conservation pool (elevation 659' msl), from closest point to closest point of the dock structures. Placement should ensure that electric

service and anchor cables do not cross over.

The facilities in limited development areas will not occupy more than 50 percent of the total shoreline within the LDA. Density will be determined by measuring linear feet of shoreline in the zone and comparing it to the width of the facilities in the water plus associated moorage arrangements which restrict the full unobstructed use of that portion of the shoreline. When a LDA or a portion of a LDA reaches maximum density, notice should be given to the public and facility owners in that area that no **additional facilities** will be allowed. In those cases where current density of development exceeds the density level established in the Shoreline Management Plan, the density will be reduced to the prescribed level through attrition. At the time of writing this document, 32 % of the existing LDAs have reached the maximum density. These areas are identified and stored in a GIS format. This map is readily available for viewing at the Mountain Home Project Office. The areas that had reached maximum density at the time of writing this document were presented to the public during the draft SMP release to the public and public workshops held in February/March 2018. The maximum density designation is not a shoreline allocation, it is a fluid status that changes as docks are added to or removed from the LDA.

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