Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision

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There are several alternatives under consideration for the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision. Each of these alternatives and its potential impacts are summarized below.
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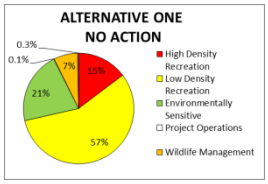
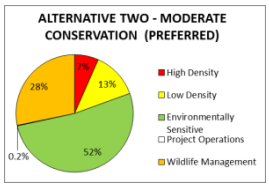
Alternative 1 – No Action



Under the No Action Alternative, the land use classifications would stay the same as they currently are in the Master Plan, which was last approved in 1975. None of the 56,348 acres of land around the lake would be reclassified. The 169 acres of unclassified land would remain as such contributing to confusion about allowable land uses.

The No Action Alternative would not allow for response to changed conditions around Bull Shoals Lake.

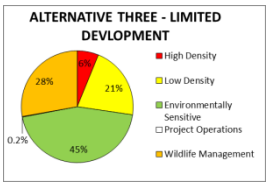
Alternative 2 – Moderate Conservation (Preferred Alternative)



Alternative 2 reflects the actual current land uses and management of Federal lands around Bull Shoals Lake. This alternative would decrease the amount of High and Low Density Recreation and increase the acres classified as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management. The lands that currently have no classification would be allocated to one of the five land classifications. Project Operations lands would be increased by about 30 acres. High Density lands, including areas that have never been developed for recreation, would be reclassified to Low Density, Environmentally Sensitive Area, or Wildlife Mgt Area.

This alternative would allow for some development to occur on Federal lands around Bull Shoals Lake, but less than Alternative 1 and Alternative 3.

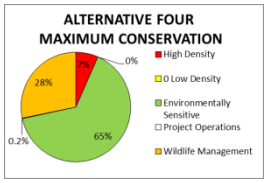
Alternative 3 – Limited Development



Alternative 3 would reduce High and Low Density Recreation lands from the existing classifications, but there would be more Low Density land than proposed under Alternative 2. Slightly less land would be classified as Environmentally Sensitive compared to Alternative 2. A portion of Spring Creek Park would be reclassified from High to Low Density.

This alternative would allow for more development to occur on Federal lands around Bull Shoals Lake than under Alternative 2 or Alternative 4 (in comparison to Alternative 2, an additional 68 miles more Low Density); however, less than the No Action Alternative.

Alternative 4 – Maximum Conservation



Alternative 4 would reclassify all Low Density Recreation lands in alternative 2 to Environmentally Sensitive. Some of the current High Density allocations would be reclassified to Environmentally Sensitive lands similar to Alternative 2.

This alternative would maximize the protection of natural resources around Bull Shoals Lake. Existing permitted shoreline uses would be grandfathered and allowed to remain, but there would be no new permits issued.

Comparison of Land Classifications by Alternative

Land Classification	Alternative 1 – No Action		Alternative 2 (Preferred)– Moderate Conservation		Alternative 3 – Limited Development		Alternative 4 – Maximum Conservation	
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
High Density	8,310.9	15%	3,714.6	7%	3,480.3	6%	3,714.6	7%
Low Density	31,957.2	57%	7,257.6	13%	11,915.8	21%	0.0	0%
Environmentally Sensitive	11,895.7	21%	29,366.9	52%	25,190.9	45%	36,624.3	65%
Project Operations	61.8	< 1%	91.8	< 1%	91.8	< 1%	91.8	< 1%
Wildlife Management	3,953.5	7%	15,917.3	28%	15,669.4	28%	15,917.3	28%
Not Allocated	169.0	< 1%	0.0	0%	0.0	0%	0.0	0%

- **Alternative 1 = 423 miles of shoreline in Low Density (38 miles of LDA)**
- **Alternative 2 = 142 miles of shoreline in Low Density (21 miles of LDA)**
- **Alternative 3 = 210 miles of shoreline in Low Density (23 miles of LDA)**
- **Alternative 4 = 0 miles of shoreline in Low Density (all LD from Alt 2 goes to Environmentally Sensitive Area) (0 miles of LDA)**
- **In Alternative 3, there are an additional 4,659 acres of Low Density that allows for further recreation opportunity (i.e. trails) that is not present in Alternative 2.**
- **Both Alternative 2 & 3 show significant increase for preservation of the lake's natural setting over Alternative 1**