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## **DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

**NAME OF PROPOSED ACTION:** Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision

### **PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION**

The revised Master Plan updates Design Memorandum No. 1-G, Updated Master Plan for Development and Management of Bull Shoals Lake approved April 1975. The Master Plan is the strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all project recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource project. The Master Plan guides the efficient and cost-effective management, development, and use of project lands. It is a vital tool for the responsible stewardship and sustainability of project resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

With the proposed Master Plan revision, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being completed to evaluate existing conditions and potential impacts of proposed alternatives. The EA is prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), CEQ regulations (40 CFR, 1500–1517), and the Corps implementing regulation, Policy and Procedures for Implementing NEPA, ER 200-2-2, 1988.

**ALTERNATIVES:** A No Action Alternative, a Moderate Conservation Alternative, a Limited Growth Alternative, and a Maximum Conservation Alternative were evaluated in the Environmental Assessment.

No Action (Alternative 1) - The No Action Alternative land classification, which is based on the 1975 master plan, does not accurately reflect the land use activities or resource management of the lake. In addition, this alternative does not address resource management laws, policies, and regulations that were implemented after the 1975 Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan.

Operation and management of Bull Shoals Lake would continue as outlined in the current Master Plan Update, which designates 8,310.9 acres as High Density recreation and 31,957.2 acres as Low Density recreation. This alternative has the potential to allow for increased land and water based impacts within the Low Density land classification due to the fact this constitutes 57% of available shoreline acreage. There are 11,895.7 acres classified as Environmentally Sensitive areas, 61.8 acres as Project Operations, 3,953.5 acres as Wildlife Management, and 169 acres that currently have no allocation. High Density recreation refers to lands developed for intensive recreational activities for the visiting public including day use areas and/or campgrounds. These could include areas for concessions (marinas, commercial concessions, etc), and quasi- public development.

Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2) Under this alternative, which is the Preferred Alternative, the land classifications would be revised to reflect current management practices and responses to agency and public comments received during the scoping phase. Changes included reclassifying undeveloped High Density land classifications (i.e. future/closed Corps parks) to other land classifications; reclassifying undeveloped Low Density land to Wildlife

Management, Project Operations, or Environmentally Sensitive Area; and reclassifying lands that contained active shoreline use permits to Low Density.

The Moderate Conservation Alternative proposes 3,714.6 acres in High Density recreation, representing a 4,596.3 acre decrease from the No Action Alternative. Low Density lands total 7,254.8 acres, representing a reduction of 24,702.3 acres from the No Action Alternative. The majority of the decrease in Low Density acreage would be due to reclassification to Environmentally Sensitive areas (increased to 29,369.4 acres), and Wildlife Management (to 15,917.3 acres). It should be noted that although the total number of acres of Low Density would be less under Alternative 2 than under the No Action Alternative, there would still be sufficient Low Density land to accommodate projected development demands for the next 10 to 20 years.

Limited Growth Alternative (Alternative 3). The Limited Growth Alternative would classify more lands that contained roads, utility lines, and shoreline use permits to a Low Density land classification. Many future Corps parks would be reclassified from High Density to predominantly Low Density land classification.

This alternative would allow additional low density development above the amount proposed under Alternative 2, mostly due to conversion of Environmentally Sensitive acres to Low Density classification. High Density lands would be reduced by 234.3 acres as compared to Alternative 2, resulting in 3,480.3 acres being classified as High Density. Low Density lands would be increased by 4,659.4 acres, which increases that acreage to 11,913.9 acres. The increase in Low Density as compared to Alternative 2 would primarily come from a reduction in land classified as Environmentally Sensitive (decreased by 4,176.8 acres to 25,192.6 acres), and as Wildlife Management (decreased by 246.9 to 15,669.4 acres).

Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4). Alternative 4 would reclassify all Low Density Recreation lands identified under Alternative 1 to Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Existing permitted shoreline uses would be grandfathered but there would be no new shoreline use permits issued.

This alternative would create more protected shoreline than all other alternatives, as the 7,252.0 acres of Low Density lands shown in Alternative 2 would be reclassified as Environmentally Sensitive lands. Under Alternative 4 there would be a total of 36,624.3 acres in the Environmentally Sensitive classification. High Density, Project operations lands and Wildlife Management lands would remain the same as under Alternative 2.

**ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:** Consideration of the effects disclosed in the EA, and a finding that they are not significant, is necessary to prepare a FONSI. This determination of significance is required by 40 CFR 1508.13. Additionally, 40 CFR 1508.27 defines significance as it relates to consideration of environmental effects of a direct, indirect or cumulative nature.

Criteria that must be considered in making this finding are addressed below, in terms of both context and intensity. The significance of both short and long term effects must be viewed in several contexts: society as a whole (human, national); the affected region; the affected interests;

and the locality. The context for this determination is primarily local. The context for this action is not highly significant geographically, nor is it controversial in any significant way. Consideration of intensity refers to the magnitude and intensity of impact, where impacts may be both beneficial and adverse. Within this context, the magnitude and intensity of impacts resulting from this decision are not significant. The determination for each impact topic is listed below.

**1. The degree to which the action results in both beneficial and adverse effects. A significant effect may exist even if the Federal agency believes that on balance the effect will be beneficial.** The EA indicates that there will be beneficial effects from implementation of the Preferred Alternative to terrestrial and aquatic resources. The Preferred Alternative would also allow for the continued potential development in low density and high density land classifications, yielding a balanced approach.

**2. The degree to which the action affects public health or safety.** No adverse effects to public health or safety will result from the Preferred Alternative. Possible adverse environmental effects may occur from implementation of the No Action Alternative due to potential increased development resulting in more people and watercraft on the lake. Possible adverse economic and socioeconomic effects could potentially occur from implementation of Alternative 4, the Maximum Conservation Alternative.

**3. The degree to which the action affects unique characteristics of the potentially affected area, such as proximity to historic or cultural resources, park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.** The Preferred Alternative does not directly threaten impact to any historic properties. Coordination with Federal, State, and local agencies and Federally Recognized Tribes will be required to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential unforeseen impacts. Park lands, prime farm lands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas will not be impacted by implementation of the Preferred Alternative.

**4. The degree to which effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial.** The project will benefit the public through a balance of terrestrial and aquatic resource preservation with recreation provision. Therefore the Little Rock District; Corps of Engineers does not regard this activity as controversial.

**5. The degree to which the possible effects on the human environment is highly uncertain or involves unique or unknown risks.** The uncertainty of the impacts of this action is low since land reclassification around the lake shoreline results in a projection of known and regulated activities as a result of the implementation of the Preferred Alternative.

**6. The degree to which the action may establish a precedent for future actions with significant impacts.** Because the proposed action involves updating the existing Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan, which provides checks and balances on future lakeshore activities, the action should not establish a precedent for significant future impacts.

**7. Whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts.** There are no other known individual actions associated with this project, therefore there are no cumulatively significant impacts identified with this action.

**8. The degree to which the action may adversely affect items listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, or other significant scientific, cultural or historic resources.** The Preferred Alternative does not directly threaten impact to any historic properties or other significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources. Coordination with Federal, State, and local agencies and Federally Recognized Tribes will be required to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential unforeseen impacts.

**9. The degree to which the action may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species or its critical habitat.** The proposed action should not adversely affect any Threatened & Endangered species, as areas with known T&E species and species habitat are classified as Environmentally Sensitive lands. The listed T & E species in the area include the Gray Bat and Indiana Bat, which are cave- hibernating and roosting species, and the Tumbling Creek Cavesnail. Lands adjacent to Tumbling Creek Cave, where these T&E species are located are classified as Environmentally Sensitive, allowing for a higher level of protection over other land classifications.

**10. Whether the action threatens a violation of Federal, state or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.** No such violations will occur. All applicable Federal, state or local laws and regulations will be complied with during the implementation of the action.

**CONCLUSIONS:** The impacts identified in the prepared EA have been thoroughly discussed and assessed. No impacts identified in the EA would cause any significant adverse effects to the human environment. Therefore, due to the analysis presented in the EA and comments received from a 30-day public review period that began on July 27, 2015 and ended on September 11, 2015, it is my decision that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is unwarranted and a “Finding of No Significant Impact” (FONSI) is appropriate. The signing of this document indicates the Corps final decision of the proposed action as it relates to NEPA. The EA and FONSI will be held on file in the Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental Division of the Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers for future reference. Consultation with regulatory agencies will be ongoing to ensure compliance with all federal, state, regional, and local regulations and guidelines.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Master Plan is the strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all project recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource project. The Master Plan guides the efficient and cost-effective management, development, and use of project lands. It is a vital tool for the responsible stewardship and sustainability of project resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Master Plan guides and articulates Corps' responsibilities pursuant to Federal laws to preserve, conserve, restore, maintain, manage, and develop the project's lands, waters, and associated resources. The Master Plan is a dynamic operational document projecting what could and should happen over the life of the project and is intended to be flexible to respond to changing conditions. The Master Plan deals in concepts, not in details, of design or administration. Detailed management and administration functions are addressed in the Operational Management Plan (OMP), which implements the concepts of the Master Plan into operational actions.

Master Plans are required to be developed and kept current for Civil Works projects operated and maintained by the Corps and they include all land (fee, easements, or other interests) originally acquired for the projects and any subsequent land (fee, easements, or other interests) acquired to support the operations and authorized missions of the project.

The Master Plan is not intended to address the specifics of regional water quality, shoreline management, or water level management; these areas are covered in a project's shoreline management plan or water management plan. However, specific issues identified through the Master Plan revision process can still be communicated and coordinated with the appropriate internal Corps resource (i.e. Operations for shoreline management) or external resource agency (i.e. Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and Missouri Department of Natural Resources for water quality) responsible for that specific area.

The revised Master Plan updates Design Memorandum No. 1-G, Updated Master Plan for Development and Management of Bull Shoals Lake (USACE 1975).

With the proposed Master Plan update, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is completed to evaluate existing conditions and potential impacts of proposed alternatives. The EA is prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR, 1500–1517), and the Corps implementing regulation, Policy and Procedures for Implementing NEPA, Engineer Regulation (ER) 200-2-2 (1988).

## 2.0 PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

### 2.1 Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed action is to revise the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan to set a vision for the next 10 to 20 years and to reflect changing needs for operation of the project's lands, waters, and associated resources.

The need for the proposed action is based on the age of the current plan and the changed conditions around the lake and in lake use. The Master Plan for Bull Shoals Lake was last approved in 1975; and was followed by 31 supplements over the last 40 years. During that time, public use patterns have remained similar, but trends, facility and service demands have shifted in the past 40 years due to the need for alternative experiences in recreation and tourism. Visitation to the lake decreased from 2000 to 2010; however, the demand for high quality recreational experiences has remained consistent. Bull Shoals Lake incurs recreation pressure for both private shoreline and public recreation use, resulting in management concerns regarding the overall sustainability of the lake. Reallocation of services needs to be assessed with public use at project facilities. Over the last four decades, management changes involving recreation area closures and improvements have occurred to meet evolving public use. In addition, cooperative agreements are being considered in order to operate and maintain facilities, which would reduce the financial burden on the tax payers.

### 2.2 Project History

Bull Shoals Lake is a multiple purpose water resource development project initially authorized for two purposes: flood control and hydropower generation. Subsequent authorized uses included: water supply, including providing water storage to supply a minimum flow discharge (Section 132 of the FY 2006 Energy and Water Resources Development Act, Public Law 109-103); recreation; and fish and wildlife (Flood Control Act of 1938, as amended in 1944, 1946, 1954, 1962, 1965 and 1968). Bull Shoals Lake is a major component of a comprehensive plan for water resource development in the White River Basin of Arkansas and Missouri. The project is located in the scenic Ozark Mountain region of southern Missouri (Taney and Ozark counties) and northern Arkansas in Baxter, Boone and Marion counties-Figure 2.1. The total area contained in the Bull Shoals project, including both land and water surface, consists of 104,573.3 acres. Of this total, 12.9 acres are in flowage easement. The region is characterized by narrow ridges between deeply cut valleys that are well wooded with deciduous trees and scattered pine and cedar. When the lake is at the top of the conservation pool (elevation 659 feet above mean sea level), the water area is 48,225.3 surface acres with 822 miles of shoreline within the lands owned in fee. The shoreline is irregular with topography ranging from steep bluffs to gentle slopes.

Construction of Bull Shoals Dam was initiated in June 1947. The dam was completed in July of 1951, and the powerhouse and switchyard were completed in 1953. The lake was declared operational for public use in 1953 under the authority of the Flood Control Act approved 28 June 1938 (Public Law No. 761, 75th Congress, 3rd Session) as modified by the Flood Control Act approved 18 August 1941 (Public Law No. 228, 77th Congress, 1st Session) which included the authorization of the project for flood control and generation of hydroelectric power. Table 2.1 provides pertinent construction and operations data for this lake. There are 37 public use areas around Bull Shoals Lake. Nine



campgrounds and six access points on the lake are operated by the Corps of Engineers. In 2012, a district lead Recreation Adjustment Plan evaluated all the parks on Bull Shoals Lake and for budgetary reasons, leased the camping portion of Dam Site Park and Pontiac Parks. In both cases, the boat ramps continue to be operated and maintained by the Corps. There are twelve parks and ten access points operated by city, county, or state agencies, marinas, church groups, or schools around the lake. The Preferred Action, described in this draft EA, would result in no significant park operational changes. Since 1975, parks have been evaluated using an efficiency review process. Those parks chosen for closure for budgetary reasons were offered for lease through standard leasing procedures. Closed parks could be reopened at such time as adequate funding becomes available. There are four parks Woodard, Lowery, Spring Creek, and Dam Site that have been reduced to lake access only. One State Park (Bull Shoals-White River State Park) is located on Bull Shoals Lake and the White River and it is operated by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. Three Parks (Bull Shoals, Ozark Isle, and Pontiac) are operated by a commercial concessionaire. One park (Shadow Rock) is operated by the City of Forsyth, Missouri. Two parks (Highway K and Kissee Mills) are operated by Taney County, Missouri. One park (Lead Hill City Park) is operated by the City of Lead Hill. One park (Shoal Creek) is operated by City of Protem. Two parks (Point Return and Danuser City Park) are operated by the City of Bull Shoals.

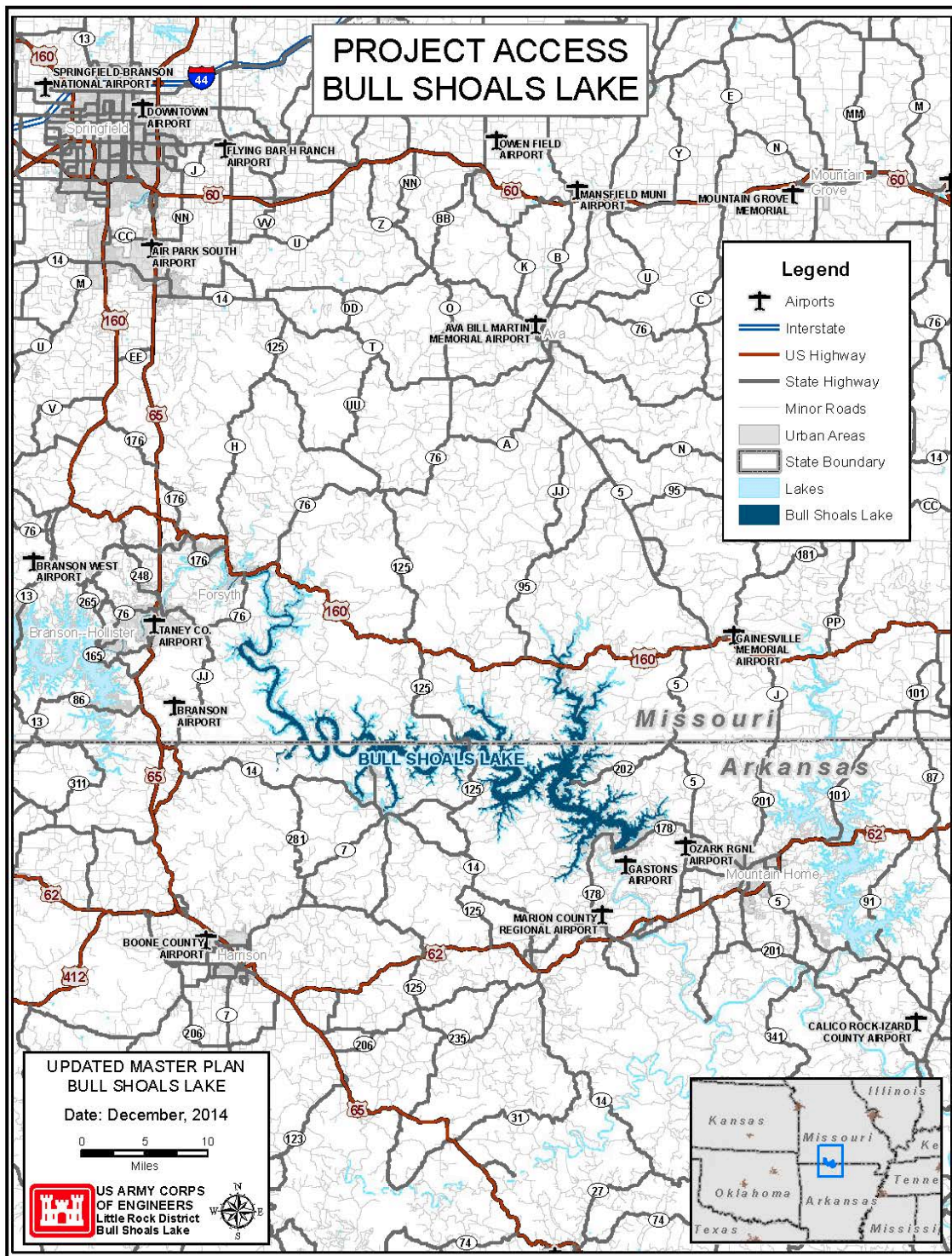


Figure 2.1 Bull Shoals Lake and Surrounding Area

**Table 2.1 Pertinent Data of Bull Shoals Dam and Lake**  
**PERTINENT DATA OF THE DAM AND LAKE**

<u>General Information</u>	
Purpose, Stream, States	FC, P, WS, R, F&W White R., Missouri & Arkansas(1)
Drainage area, square miles	6,036
Average annual rainfall over the drainage area, inches, approximately	45.4
<u>Dam</u>	
Length in feet	2,256
Height, feet above streambed	258
Top of dam elevation, feet above mean sea level	708
<u>Generators</u>	
Main units, number	8
Rated capacity each unit, kilowatts	45,000
Station service units, number	2
Rated capacity each unit, kilowatts	700
<u>Lake</u>	
Nominal bottom of power drawdown Elevation, feet above mean sea level	588
Area, acres	20,260
Nominal top of conservation pool Elevation, feet above mean sea level	659
Area, acres	48,225.
Length of shoreline, miles	821
Nominal top of flood-control pool Elevation, feet above mean sea level	695
Area, acres	71,240
Length of shoreline, miles	1,050
<u>Five-Year frequency pool</u>	
Elevation, feet above mean sea level (flood pool)	695
Elevation, feet above mean sea level (drawdown)	628.5
<i>(1) FC – flood control, P – power, WS-water supply, MF-minimum flow, R-recreation, F&amp;W-Fish and Wildlife</i>	

### 3.0 ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives evaluated in this EA are depicted in Table 3.1, and in Figure 3.1. The alternatives include: Alternative 1 (No Action); Preferred Alternative 2 (Moderate Conservation); Alternative 3 (Limited Growth); and Alternative 4 (Maximum Conservation). For a more detailed map analysis of the Preferred Alternative, refer to Appendix D of the Bull Shoals Master Plan, which contains topographic maps depicting land classification and flowage easement areas around the shoreline. A complete set of maps for each alternative is located in an appendix to this document.

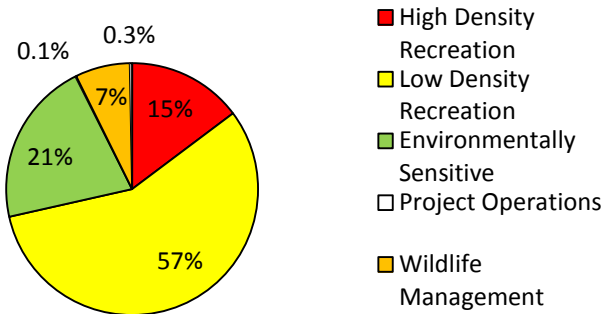
In this EA development, the different alternatives are compared to the No Action Alternative in order to evaluate potential positive and negative effects on the natural and human environment based on the various shoreline acreage classifications determined by each action alternative. All evaluated alternatives are being provided for public review after completion of the draft EA. Public comments would be collected during the public comment period and considered in the development of the final EA and the final updated Master Plan. Based on public comments received, the final EA would compare all action alternatives to the Preferred Action or to a modified alternative that is developed, based on public preferences. The Final EA would present the selected alternative and provide the basis for the agency decision under NEPA.

**Table 3.1 Comparison of Land Classifications by Alternative**

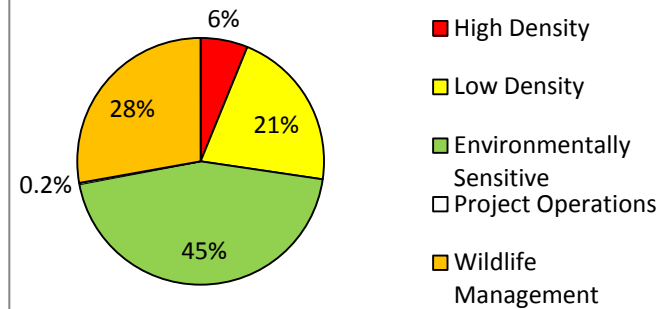
Land Classification	Alternative 1 – No Action		Alternative 2 (Preferred)– Moderate Conservation		Alternative 3 – Limited Development		Alternative 4 – Maximum Conservation	
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent
High Density	8,310.9	15%	3,714.6	7%	3,480.3	6%	3,714.6	7%
Low Density	31,957.2	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%

**Figure 3.1 Pie Charts for Percentage of Land Classifications for Each Alternative.**

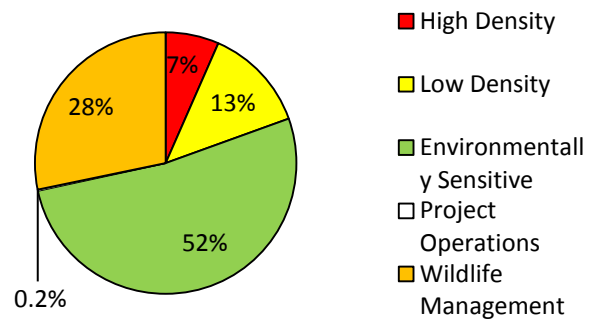
### ALTERNATIVE ONE NO ACTION



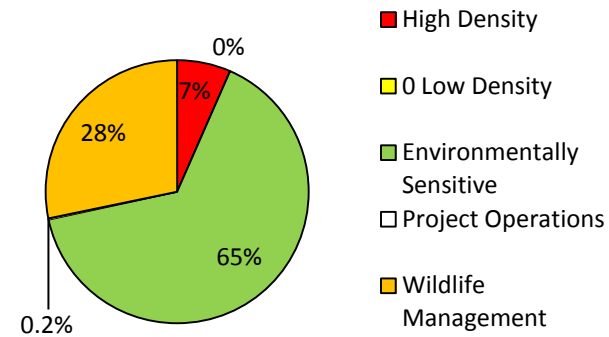
### ALTERNATIVE THREE LIMITED DEVELOPMENT



### ALTERNATIVE TWO MODERATE CONSERVATION (PREFERRED)



### ALTERNATIVE FOUR MAXIMUM CONSERVATION



### **3.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)**

The No Action Alternative land classification, which is based on the 1975 master plan, does not accurately reflect the land use activities or resource management of the lake. In addition, this alternative does not address resource management laws, policies, and regulations that were implemented after the 1975 Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan.

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Low Density recreation lands have minimal development or infrastructure that supports a passive public recreational use (e.g. primitive camping, fishing, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing, resorts, etc.).

Environmentally Sensitive areas include those lands where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. Designation of these lands is not limited to just lands that are otherwise protected by laws such as the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act or applicable State statutes. These areas must be considered by management to ensure they are not adversely impacted. Typically, limited or no development of public use is allowed on these lands. No agricultural or grazing uses are permitted on these lands unless necessary for a specific resource management benefit, such as prairie restoration. These restoration areas are typically distinct parcels located within another, and perhaps larger, land classification area.

The Project Operations category includes those lands required for the dam, spillway, switchyard, levees, dikes, offices, maintenance facilities, and other areas that are used solely for the operation of the project.

Wildlife Management lands are designated for stewardship of fish and wildlife resources. Vegetative management lands are designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.

### **3.2 Moderate Conservation- (Alternative 2, Preferred)**

Under Alternative 2, the land classifications would be revised to reflect current management practices and responses to agency and public comments received during the scoping phase. Changes included reclassifying undeveloped High Density land classifications (i.e. future/closed



Corps parks) to other land classifications; reclassifying undeveloped Low Density land to Wildlife Management, Project Operations, or Environmentally Sensitive Area; and reclassifying lands that contained active shoreline use permits to Low Density.

Alternative 2 proposes 3,714.6 acres in High Density recreation, representing a 4,596.3 acre decrease from the No Action Alternative. Low Density lands total 7,254.8 acres, representing a reduction of 24,702.3 acres from the No Action Alternative. The majority of the decrease in Low Density acreage would be due to reclassification to Environmentally Sensitive areas (increased to 29,369.4 acres), and Wildlife Management (to 15,917.3 acres). It should be noted that although the total number of acres of Low Density would be less under Alternative 2 than under the No Action Alternative, there would still be sufficient Low Density land to accommodate projected development demands for the next 10 to 20 years. Table 3.2 provides a comparison of alternatives in relation to Alternative 2.

### **3.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)**

Alternative 3 would classify more lands that contained roads, utility lines, and shoreline use permits to a Low Density land classification. Many future Corps parks would be reclassified from High Density to predominantly Low Density land classification.

This alternative would allow additional low density development above the amount proposed under Alternative 2, mostly due to conversion of Environmentally Sensitive acres to Low Density classification. High Density lands would be reduced by 234.3 acres as compared to Alternative 2, resulting in 3,480.3 acres being classified as High Density. Low Density lands would be increased by 4,659.4 acres, which increases that acreage to 11,913.9 acres. The increase in Low Density as compared to Alternative 2 would primarily come from a reduction in land classified as Environmentally Sensitive (decreased by 4,176.8 acres to 25,192.6 acres), and as Wildlife Management (decreased by 246.9 to 15,669.4 acres).

### **3.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)**

Alternative 4 would reclassify all Low Density Recreation lands identified under Alternative 1 to Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Existing permitted shoreline uses would be grandfathered but there would be no new shoreline use permits issued.

This alternative would create more protected shoreline than all other alternatives, as the 7,252.0 acres of Low Density lands shown in Alternative 2 would be reclassified as Environmentally Sensitive lands. Under Alternative 4 there would be a total of 36,624.3 acres in the Environmentally Sensitive classification. High Density, Project operations lands and Wildlife Management lands would remain the same as under Alternative 2.

ALTERNATIVE ONE	CONVERTED TO	ALTERNATIVE TWO	ACRES	% of Alternative Two LandClass	ALTERNATIVE TWO	
NO ALLOCATION		LOW DENSITY	7.8	0.1%	Low Density	7,257.6
		ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE	109.3	0.4%	Environmentally Sensitive	29,366.9
		HIGH DENSITY RECREATION	15.2	0.4%	High Density	3,714.6
		WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	21.2	0.1%	Wildlife Management	15,917.3
		PROJECT OPERATIONS	15.5	16.9%	Project Operations	91.8
					Total	56,348.3
LOW DENSITY		LOW DENSITY	5,951.1	82.0%		
		ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE	15,605.2	53.1%		
		HIGH DENSITY RECREATION	244.3	6.6%		
		WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	10,156.7	63.8%		
		PROJECT OPERATIONS	0.0	0.0%		
ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE		LOW DENSITY	730.3	10.1%		
		ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE	10,949.7	37.3%		
		HIGH DENSITY RECREATION	0.9	0.02%		
		WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	214.8	1.3%		
		PROJECT OPERATIONS	0.0	0.0%		
HIGH DENSITY RECREATION		LOW DENSITY	552.6	7.6%		
		ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE	2,702.7	9.2%		
		HIGH DENSITY RECREATION	3,454.2	93.0%		
		WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	1,586.9	10.0%		
		PROJECT OPERATIONS	14.5	15.8%		
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT		LOW DENSITY	15.7	0.2%		
		ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE	0.0	0.0%		
		HIGH DENSITY RECREATION	0.0	0.0%		
		WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	3,937.8	24.7%		
		PROJECT OPERATIONS	0.0	0.0%		
PROJECT OPERATIONS		LOW DENSITY	0.0	0.0%		
		ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE	0.0	0.0%		
		HIGH DENSITY RECREATION	0.0	0.0%		
		WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	0.0	0.0%		
		PROJECT OPERATIONS	61.8	67.3%		
		Total=	56,348.3			

Table 3.2 Acreage Matrix

## **4.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT**

### **4.1 Project Setting**

Bull Shoals Lake is a reservoir created by Bull Shoals Dam on the White River, which is located approximately seven miles northwest of Mountain Home, Arkansas. The lake extends from North Central Arkansas in Marion, Boone, and Baxter counties into South Central Missouri in Taney and Ozark counties, as shown in Figure 2.1. A more detailed description of the project location and area is provided in the following sub-sections.

### **4.2 Climate**

Climate within the Bull Shoals Lake watershed is temperate, with summer extremes lasting for longer periods throughout northern Arkansas, and winter temperatures being more influential in the zone's northern reaches in Missouri. Extremes may vary from lows around 0°F in the winter months to highs above 100°F occurring from southern Arkansas to central Missouri during the summer months. Extreme temperatures may occur for short periods of time at any location within the watershed. Heavy rainfall events are common. Average annual rainfall over the watershed varies from 44 to 46 inches. Monthly rainfall varies from 2.5 inches in the winter months to about 5 inches in the spring. Snowfall each year averages from 8 to 16 inches from south to north across the watershed. Snow packs are usually short lived and are not commonly a concern for flooding.

Climate change is an area of concern due to the potential for effects on many aspects of the environment, especially those related to water resources. The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) summarized information regarding climate change and its potential effects in regional assessments (<http://www.globalchange.gov/publications/reports/scientific-assessments/us-impacts>). In the Midwest, which extends from Minnesota to Missouri, extreme events such as heat waves, droughts and heavy rainfall events are projected to occur more frequently. Should these events become significant enough to impact the operation of Bull Shoals Lake, the Master Plan and associated documents (i.e. Operations Management Plan and Shoreline Management Plan) would be reviewed and revised, if necessary.

### **4.3 Topography, Geology, and Soils**

The topography in the Bull Shoals Lake region includes gentle slopes to steep inclines typical of the Ozark Highlands. Bluffs of near vertical relief are present where the original White River channel has eroded the residual limestone substrate. The upper reaches of several small tributaries contain small flood plains and gentle slopes of less than five %. Primary ridges and connecting spur ridges have inclines as great as 10% , with side slopes ranging from 10 to 25% inclines. Aspect, or the direction a slope is facing, is generally described as easterly in nature

for all land occurring on the west side of the reservoir and westerly in nature for land occurring on the east side of the reservoir, however due to the presence of many smaller drainages and resulting ridges, aspects of all directions have been created, making the landform around Bull Shoals very rugged in appearance.

The Ozark Highlands Physiographic Province is underlain mainly by Paleozoic sedimentary rocks composed mainly of limestone and dolomite with lesser amounts of sandstone and shale. Much of the region is underlain by carbonate rocks with extensive karst development, resulting with sink holes and caves being common in this region. Figure 4.1 depicts geological formations and fault lines located in this region.



**Figure 4.1 Geology of Bull Shoals Lake Watershed**

The strata in the region of Bull Shoals Lake have a slight dip to the south. The region is on the southern flank of a large regional dome with its nucleus in the igneous rocks of the St. Francis Mountains, about 200 miles to the northeast. Locally, short anticlines and dome structures with as much as 90 feet of structural relief are noted in the exposures along the White River. Faults with small displacements are found in the vicinity. There is no record of any seismic activity originating in the Bull Shoals Lake area. It is believed that all faults in the region are static and no future movements are expected. Three rock formations of Ordovician age are present above the river level within the region. These formations include the Cotter, Powell, and Everton. The Jefferson City formation underlies the Cotter, and is present only a few feet below river level at Bull Shoals Dam. These formations consist largely of dolomite limestone with

occasional lenses of sandstone and shale. The Everton and Powell formations are not present at the dam, but cap the nearby hills. The capped hills are remnants of the Springfield Plateau surface.

Bull Shoals Lake is located within two physiographic areas of the Ozark Highlands. The Salem Plateau is exposed across northern and central Baxter County, and is characterized by gently sloping to rolling uplands, and steep, stony side slopes with outcrops of dolomite. The elevation ranges from about 700 to 1,000 feet above sea level and there are a few broad areas on uplands that have a gradient of one to eight percent.

The Springfield Plateau is exposed in parts of west central and across most of southern Marion County and most of southern Baxter County, and the Missouri counties of Taney and Ozark, and is adjacent to and higher in elevation than the Salem Plateau. This plateau has been strongly dissected by streams. Steep, V-shaped valleys separated by gently sloping to moderately sloping land characterize it. The side slopes have a gradient of 12 to 50 %. The elevation atop the ridges ranges from about 1,000 to 1,200 feet above sea level. There are areas on uplands where the gradient is one to eight percent and provides a more flat relief.

Ozark streams and rivers are frequently located in narrow, confined valleys and are affected by stream bed elevations that are typically only a few meters above bedrock, which results in stream valleys that are entrenched and commonly less than one-fourth mile wide. The chert content of some limestone and dolomite areas can be relatively high. Formed by rock dissolution and weathering, streams often contains large quantities of chert gravel, which provides an available source of gravel sediment to the river system. For these reasons, most flood plains are less than 1,000 feet wide.

Soil surveys as published by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) are available for Baxter, Ozark, and Taney counties, as well as Soil Conservation Service surveys for Boone and Marion counties in Arkansas. These would be utilized for developing specific resource management plans for the Operational Management Plan. In general, most soils adjacent to the lake are classified by the NRCS as Clarksville, Nixa and Gasconade soils. Arkana, Doniphan, Gassville, and Moko soils are the major soils on this plateau surface. Arkana-Moko which is: moderately deep and shallow, gently sloping to steep, well drained, cherty, and stony soils that formed in residuum of dolomite and limestone. Healing, Razort, Wideman, and Britwater soils formed within flood plains of tributary streams.

Soil conservation and management are major considerations when planning natural resource and recreation management practices. While soil movement is influenced by climate, soil type, and topography, which are uncontrollable, it can also be negatively affected by compaction, modification of vegetative cover, and very high lake pool elevations which increase wave action and inundation of unprotected shoreline.

## **4.4 Aquatic Environment**

### **4.4.1 Hydrology and Groundwater**

Bull Shoals Lake is located on the White River and was formed by the construction of the Bull Shoals Hydroelectric Dam in Marion County, Arkansas, which began in 1947 and was completed in 1951. The elevation of the top of the conservation pool is approximately 659 feet



NGVD29 with the flood pool being at 695 feet NGVD29. The conservation pool top area is approximately 48,005 surface acres and the flood pool top area is approximately 71,240 surface acres. The shoreline length of the design conservation pool is approximately 740 miles, and the flood pool is approximately 1,050 miles in length. Bull Shoals Lake is located within the White River Drainage Basin, which drains approximately 27,765 square miles in northern Arkansas and southern Missouri. Bull Shoals Lake drains approximately 6,036 square miles of the White River Drainage Basin and has an average depth of 67 feet. With the implementation of the White River Minimum Flow (WRMF) Project, the total water storage capacity of Bull Shoals Lake is 5.408 million acre-feet, with 2.127 million acre-feet of flood control storage, 1.236 million acre-feet of conservation storage, and 2.045 million acre-feet of inactive storage.

Bull Shoals Lake is an impounded area of the White River which begins at an elevation of approximately 2,050 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL) near the Ozark National Forest in northwest Arkansas. The upper end of the lake begins at the tail waters of Powersite Dam, which forms Lake Taneycomo, near Forsyth, Missouri. Major tributaries feeding the lake include Swan Creek and Beaver Creek, entering the north side in Taney County, Missouri and Bear Creek, entering from the south in Boone County, Arkansas.

Most ground water withdrawn from water wells occurs in the Quaternary alluvium in the Bull Shoals Lake area, with most wells being completed at a depth of about 200 – 300 feet below surface. The recharge (outcrop) area for this formation is in southern Missouri. The primary porosity of these rocks has been greatly reduced by compaction and cementation, thus a reduction in their ability to supply large withdrawal rates. Ground water occurs mainly in fractures and joints in the sandstone and in solution openings in the limestone and dolomite.

#### 4.4.2 Water Quality

Overall surface water quality in the Bull Shoals Lake area is very high and has been designated as an Extraordinary Resource Water Body by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). Therefore the area surrounding the lake is subject to more stringent state regulations controlling pollution discharge and in-stream activities. The waters of the Arkansas portion of the White River watershed have all been designated by the ADEQ for fisheries, primary and secondary contact recreation, and domestic, agricultural, and industrial water supplies (ADEQ, 2012). Bull Shoals Lake is classified by ADEQ as a Type A water body, which includes most larger lakes of several thousand acres in size, in upland forest dominated watersheds, having an average depth of 30 to 60 feet, and having low primary production (i.e., having a low trophic status if in natural [unpolluted] condition). This is mainly due to temperature stratification, which is natural and occurs in many deep reservoirs such as Bull Shoals Lake. During the warmer months, lake waters of the upper layer (the epilimnion) are warmer and contain more dissolved oxygen, while the denser, lower layer waters (the hypolimnion) are colder and contain very little or no dissolved oxygen. As the stratified epilimnion cools in the late fall and winter, the layers begin to mix (de-stratify) and dissolved oxygen (DO) is more evenly distributed. This condition is more favorable to the fishery of the lake and overall water quality.

In 2004, ADEQ placed the first three miles of the Bull Shoals tail water on the Water Quality Limited Waterbodies list (303(d) list) due to violation of the 6 mg/L dissolved oxygen (DO) standard. The listed source of the DO violation is hydropower (HP). Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires states to list waters that do not meet Federal water



quality standards or have a significant potential not to meet standards as a result of point source dischargers or non- point source run-off. Subsequent to listing on the 303(d) list, the statute requires that the states develop and set the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for water bodies on the list within 13 years. A TMDL establishes the maximum amount of a pollutant that can enter a specific water body without violating the water quality standards. Values are normally calculated amounts based on dilution and the assimilative capacity of the water body. TMDLs have been established by ADEQ for the 3.0 miles of the White River below Bull Shoals Dam. While the first three miles below the Bull Shoals dam is listed on the 303 (d) as an impaired water body, Bull Shoals Lake is not a listed water body. In January 2009, USACE completed the WRMF Study, which would increase the minimum flow below the dam to 800 cfs to benefit the aquatic habitat and may result in water quality improvements in the tail water.

For the Missouri portion of Bull Shoals Lake, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Clean Water Commission are responsible for setting and enforcing water quality standards within the State of Missouri. Classified waters in the state are categorized according to their beneficial water usage. Major reservoirs like Bull Shoals Lake are usually several thousand acres in size and are classified by the state as L2 (comparable to Type A in Arkansas). Bull Shoals Lake, in addition to maintaining L2 water quality standards, is also subject to four other water quality standards: (1) livestock and wildlife watering; (2) protection of warm water aquatic life and human health/fish consumption; (3) whole body contact recreation; and (4) boating and canoeing water quality standards (MDNR, 1996b).

#### **4.4.3 Fish Species and Habitat**

The impoundment of the White River and other tributary streams and rivers which form Bull Shoals Lake resulted in changes in the composition of the fish populations. Smallmouth bass was the principal game fish found in the White River prior to impoundment. Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) and Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) are the agencies primarily responsible for managing the fishery and through their efforts, a variety of fish species are well-established in the lake. Sport fish species currently found include: largemouth bass, spotted bass, smallmouth bass, white bass, striped bass, hybrid white-striped bass, walleye, flathead catfish, channel catfish, white crappie, black crappie, and various species of sunfish. Due to the quality and diversity of the fishery, Bull Shoals Lake serves as a national fishing destination, hosting hundreds of bass tournaments annually.

Bull Shoals Lake was first impounded in 1951 and much of the standing timber was cut prior to the impoundment. Since impoundment, the few remaining native forests that were submerged provided structure and forage habitat for fish. This limited habitat has degraded over time. Therefore in 1986, USACE, MDC, and AGFC began a large scale artificial habitat improvement project with the primary objective to improve fish habitat within Bull Shoals Lake. Since 1987, 459 fish habitat structures known as “fish attractors” have been placed in Bull Shoals Lake by AGFC and 95 attractors by MDC. Approximately 64,000 trees comprise the attractors which cover over 124 acres of lake bottom, totaling 30 miles in length. AGFC and MDC fund the maintenance of the attractors each year, adding fresh cover to keep the attractors productive and increasing the habitat.

In 2013, MDC began a fish habitat enhancement project on Bull Shoals Lake using standing cut

cedar trees anchored in concrete to provide a vertical habitat structure. When the project is completed, 62 structures would be constructed. Depending upon the structure, up to 300 trees would be constructed parallel to the shore in shallower water and perpendicular to the shore in deeper water to prevent possible boating obstacles. These structures would create approximately 12 acres of fish habitat. In 2014, AGFC began a trial program of adding commercially made artificial fish habitat structures to a small number of existing fish attractors. These structures are being studied for visual esthetics, durability, and usage by fish to determine if they can be used to enhance the existing fish habitat structure program.

The public is also encouraged to place natural fish attractors in Bull Shoals Lake. Each year 50 permits are issued to private individuals to cut cedar trees and place fish attractors at various locations. In 1995, USACE began a program for the public to bring their discarded Christmas trees to be used as fish attractors to enhance fish habitat. Since the program began, thousands of these trees have been placed in the lake by USACE personnel and the public.

The impoundment of Bull Shoals Lake caused environmental changes in the tailwater portion of the White River from the dam to 60 miles downstream. AGFC realized that the cold water discharges from Bull Shoals Lake would necessitate a change in their fisheries management program for the White River as it transformed from a warm water fishery to a cold water fishery. Rainbow trout, cutthroat trout, brook trout, and brown trout were stocked in the White River to replace the warm-water fishery. This cold-water fishery is a success. However, because of the unfavorable environmental factors such as: lack of suitable substrate, the fluctuation of water temperatures, dissolved oxygen levels, water levels and current, trout reproduction is very limited.

In 1955, the Norfolk National Fish Hatchery was built by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) at nearby Norfolk Lake to mitigate the loss of the warm water fishery and provide trout for the cold water fishery below Bull Shoals and Norfolk Dams. Each year, an average of approximately 1,184,000 rainbow trout, 105,000 brown trout, 150,000 cutthroat trout, and 34,500 brook trout from the Norfolk Hatchery and from the USFWS Fish Hatcheries at Greers Ferry Lake and Mammoth Springs, AR and the Arkansas State Fish Hatchery at Mammoth Springs, AR are stocked in the White River. Since the trout program began, the fishery has flourished and is now known as a “world class trout fishery” and has become a popular international trout fishing destination.

During periods when there is little or no power generation, the water flow in the tailwater area is reduced, resulting in shallow depths and exposed river bottom perimeters. Concerns about the degradation of aquatic habitats for the cold water fishery in the White River due to these exposed areas lead to the implementation of “White River Minimum Flows”. Section 132(a) of the FY06 EWDA authorizes and directs the implementation of plan BS-3 at Bull Shoals for minimum flows in order to increase the wetted perimeter of the river and improve the habitat for the cold water fishery. Plan BS-3 reallocates 5 feet of flood control storage at Bull Shoals Lake for the minimum flows release of 800 cfs. The conservation pool elevation was raised by 5 feet from 654.0 to 659.0; and the seasonal pool held from May to July for water temperature releases was raised by 5 feet from 657.0 to 662.0 ft.

Walleye, striped bass, hybrid white-striped bass, and rainbow trout have been introduced into Bull Shoals Lake to add diversity to the fishery. Natural reproduction of striped bass and hybrid

white-striped bass does not occur in Bull Shoals Lake and natural production of walleye is considered minimal. Since 2004, AGFC each year stocks approximately 200,000 walleye, 300,000 black crappie, 50,000 channel catfish, 45,000 blue catfish, and 20,000 rainbow trout each year. However, AGFC discontinued stocking rainbow trout into Bull Shoals Lake in 2014. MDC stocks approximately 352,000 walleye and 16,000 striped bass annually in Bull Shoals. While natural reproduction occurs in white crappie, black crappie, largemouth bass, and spotted bass, AGFC and MDC supplement this reproduction by occasional stockings of these species. Historically, there have also been introductions of northern pike, blue catfish, lake trout, and threadfin shad.

In 1963, AGFC constructed an 8 acre fish nursery pond on the west shore of the East Sugar Loaf Creek arm of Bull Shoals Lake for the purpose of rearing game fish for stocking purposes. In 1975, AGFC constructed a net pen fish hatchery in the Pot Shoals Arm of Bull Shoals Lake. Typically over 10,000 Channel and blue catfish were raised in the summer months and 15,000 rainbow trout in the winter months for stocking purposes. In 2007, the AGFC replaced the 8 acre nursery pond on East Sugar Loaf Creek with the construction of the larger 21 acre Dr. Ralph Bowers/Tommy Donohoe Bull Shoals Lake Nursery Pond located on the east shore of the West Sugar Loaf Creek arm. This fish nursery pond is used to alternately rear black crappie and walleye for stocking directly into the lake. In 2013, the Pot Shoals net pen operation was discontinued and the facilities permanently closed in 2014 due to the possible spreading of invasive zebra mussels to other bodies of water through the stocking program.

## 4.5 Terrestrial Resources

### 4.5.1 Wildlife

White-tailed deer and eastern wild turkey are common game animals found and hunted in the Bull Shoals Lake area. Black bear have also become common in the area and are hunted on the Arkansas side of Bull Shoals Lake. The principal small game species found in the open upland areas include bobwhite quail, cottontail rabbit, and mourning dove. Gray and fox squirrels are common in upland wooded areas and are also popular for sportsmen. Furbearing animals found in the Bull Shoals Lake area include coyote, red fox, gray fox, otter, mink, muskrat, beaver, bobcat, and raccoon. Habitat management that includes wildlife food plot plantings, mowing, soil disturbance, removal of exotic species and application of prescribed fire provide benefit to these populations.

The common goldeneye, hooded merganser, and bufflehead are the predominant migratory waterfowl species visiting Bull Shoals Lake. Mallards, gadwall, and other duck species are also present; however, they are only transient visitors as their characteristic feeding habits of obtaining food from shallow waters discourage them from obtaining food from the deep, clear waters of Bull Shoals Lake. Migratory geese common to the area are Canada geese of the Eastern Prairie Population. Giant and Greater Canada geese were introduced to the area by the MDC in 1971 and 1972 and have become established as a resident population. Resident Canada geese are so numerous in many coves and recreation areas that their presence has become a nuisance. Many of the recreation areas on Bull Shoals Lake are closed to camping and opened for Canada goose hunting during the hunting season to help control their population.

Ring-billed gulls frequent the Bull Shoals area. Bull Shoals has also become a popular place for observation of bald eagles. Fifty or more birds commonly winter here and 6-8 breeding pairs can be found during the nesting period of March to June. Greater and lesser yellow legs and large flocks of horned grebes are also seen during their peak migration in the spring and fall. Bull Shoals Lake is also one of the few places where visitors can see both the turkey vulture and the black vulture at the same time in the winter. In fact, wintering black vulture numbers have become so large, they have become a nuisance to the public and in causing destruction to the infrastructure of Bull Shoals Dam. From 2012 to present day, it is estimated the vultures have done several hundred thousand dollars in damage to the dam, including the roof of the powerhouse and associated facilities. The vultures pick apart anything that resembles rubber and vulture droppings on these facilities are very caustic. Lethal permits were obtained from the USFWS in 2013, 2014, and 2015 when other measures, such as pyrotechnics, noise-making devices, and chemical repellent were all found to be ineffective. The permits are required for compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

#### 4.5.2 Vegetation

The Ozark Highlands Ecoregion is characterized as a high plateau dissected by deep rugged valleys formed by streams and rivers. Vegetation types within this region include oak-hickory forests, oak-hickory-pine forests, bluestem prairies and cedar glades. Post oaks, blackjack oaks, and black hickory are the dominant species found in the dry upland forests. Sandstone bedrock areas contain species such as shortleaf pine and various species of oak. The mesic slope forests include species such as white oak, northern red oak, bitternut hickory, and flowering dogwood. Dolomite/limestone glades, which are characterized by barrens-like communities of prairie type native forbs and grasses, occur on the shallow soil over outcroppings of bedrock. USACE conducts a prescribed fire program to help to maintain these specialized vegetative ecosystems in the Bull Shoals Lake area. Along the rivers, streams, and lake shores the riparian habitats are characterized by birch and silver maple. Normal operational water level fluctuation at Bull Shoals lake has created regions along the shoreline that has little or no vegetation, but upslope of these regions the shoreline is generally undeveloped and heavily forested.

#### 4.6 Threatened and Endangered Species

There are many species in the Ozarks that are considered either threatened, endangered, or state species of concern. Species become listed for a variety of reasons including over-hunting, over fishing, and habitat loss as a result of human development and pollution; of these, habitat loss is the main contributor that imperils most species. A threatened species is one that is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future. An endangered species is one in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range. The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is common during the winter months around Bull Shoals Lake. In addition, several bald eagle nests are located around the lake. Although the bald eagle was delisted by USFWS in 2007 due to recovery of the species, both the bald and golden eagles are still protected in accordance with the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Transient populations of gray and Indiana bats (*Myotis grisescens* and *Myotis sodalis*)- federally endangered species- are documented in caves located on and near the Bull Shoals Lake area. In addition, populations of the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), which has been proposed for federal listing, also occur around the lake.

The Tumbling Creek cave snail (*Antrobia culveri*), is a small crustacean known to exist only in the Tumbling Creek Cave and in the karst groundwater system that connects the cave to the springs on Big Creek and Bear Cave Hollow located in the Bull Shoals Lake area in Taney County, Missouri. USACE works closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect the 100 acres of USACE owned cave recharge area and manage the project lands and waters of Bull Shoals Lake to protect the cave snail and aid in its recovery.

Table 4-1 lists species known to occur on project lands as reported from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's federally classified status list of species and the Arkansas and Missouri Natural Heritage data sets. There are other threatened and endangered species that are known to be in the general area.

**Table 4-1 Threatened, Endangered, and Species of Concern**

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal/State Status	State/Global Rank
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	*Protected under Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act	
Gray Bat	<i>Myotis grisescens</i>	E/E	S3/G3
Indiana Bat	<i>Myotis sodalis</i>	E/E	S3/G3
Tumbling Creek cave snail	<i>Antrobia culveri</i>	E/E	S2/G3

E = Endangered; S2: Imperiled: Imperiled in the state because of rarity or because of some factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extirpation from the nation or state (1,000 to 3,000)-typically 6 to 20 occurrences or few remaining individuals (1,000 to 3,000); S3: Vulnerable: Vulnerable in the state either because rare and uncommon, or found only in a restricted range (even if abundant at some locations), or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation. Typically 21 to 100 occurrences or between 3,000 and 10,000 individuals; G3: Vulnerable: Vulnerable globally either because very rare and local throughout its range, found only in a restricted range (even if abundant at some locations), or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extinction or elimination. Typically 21 to 100 occurrences or between 3,000 and 10,000 individuals.

#### 4.5.1 Invasive Species

In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13112, an invasive species means an alien species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. Invasive species can be microbes, plants, or animals that are non-native to an ecosystem. In contrast, exotic species, as defined by EO 11987, include all plants and animals not naturally occurring, either presently or historically, in any ecosystem of the United States. Invasive species can take over and out-compete native species by consuming their food, taking over their territory, and altering the ecosystem in ways that harm native species. Invasive species can be accidentally transported or they can be deliberately introduced because they are thought to be helpful in some way. Invasive species cost local, state, and federal agencies billions of dollars every year.

The Bull Shoals Project is not protected from the spread of invasive species. Locally the project office works with its partners, AGFC, MDC, University of Arkansas Extension Services and United States Department of Agriculture, to help stop the spread of some of the Ozarks most unwanted species. Invasive species include feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*), zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*), sericea lespedeza (*Lespedeza cuneata*), gypsy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) and the emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*). Project rangers post signage in all the recreation areas to communicate the dangers of spreading invasive species on project lands and waters. Rangers also place emerald ash borer and gypsy moth traps on project lands to monitor any infestations of this species.

## 4.6 Archaeological and Historic Resources

### 4.6.1 Paleontology

North central Arkansas and south central Missouri are located on the Salem Plateau. Geologically the plateau is made up of relatively flat-lying Paleozoic age strata consisting of dolostones, sandstones, and limestones. The Ordovician aged Cotter and Jefferson City Dolomite is the primary outcropping formation in the area. Few fossils are known to exist in the Jefferson City Dolomite. Fossils from the Cotter Dolomite are rare but include gastropods, cephalopods, and reef-building algae. The Ordovician aged Powell Dolomite and Everton Formation also outcrop in the general area although to a lesser extent.

### 4.6.2 Cultural Resources

The following is a brief history of the human occupation of the Bull Shoals Lake area:

**Paleo-Indian (12,000-8,000 B.C.)** – The earliest documented archeological manifestation in the Ozark area relates to what the Paleo-Indian or Early Hunting Horizon. There is evidence of Paleo-Indian inhabitants in the Ozark Highlands indicated by the presence of Clovis, Cumberland, and Folsom bifaces in isolated instances in Boone and Newton Counties, Arkansas. No Paleo-Indian sites have been excavated in the Ozarks, only surface sites and multi-component shelter sites are present.

**Archaic (8,000-500 B.C.)** - Around 8,000 years ago, the climate began to change. The Pleistocene epoch gave way to the Holocene. Warmer temperatures, along with increased hunting efficiency, brought about the extinction of the megafauna that the Paleo-Indians had followed. Archaic people relied on the animals and plants that we see today. Settlement patterns were seasonal, with bands of people staying in one area for entire seasons before moving on to the next settlement. From these base camps, hunting parties were sent out, sometimes for days, to kill game. Archaic period hunting camps abound in the White River area.

**Woodland (500 B.C. – A.D. 900)** - One major technological change marked the beginning of the Woodland period- pottery. Ceramics had begun to appear during the Archaic period, but their proliferation marked the beginning of the Woodland period. Pottery signified an increasing reliance on domesticated plants. Horticulture had now spread throughout most of the Eastern Woodlands, with the White River area being no exception. The bow and arrow became a part of the tool assemblage, further increasing the efficiency of hunting game. For the most part, however, the Woodland period is very poorly understood in the White River area.

Unfortunately, only a few sites containing Woodland period components have been studied.

**Mississippian (A.D. 900 – 1541)** - The Mississippian period generally marked the transition to full-scale agriculture and a chiefdom level of politics. An influence of religion from Mesoamerica spread rapidly throughout the southeastern U.S. Large mound sites were constructed, elaborate trade networks were established, and populations dramatically increased. Ozark adaptations, however, were unique during the Mississippian period. Domesticated crops were grown in the river valleys, but hunting and gathering likely made up the bulk of the food supply. Small Mississippian period mound sites did exist in the White River area, such as the Loftin Site, inundated by Table Rock Lake. Other Mississippian sites in the area included open-air village sites and rock shelters. It had been speculated that these communities were “outposts” of the Caddo culture located to the southwest. Recently, however, researchers have demonstrated that these societies simply interacted with one another on a frequent basis, with no evidence of Caddo colonization.

**Protohistoric / Historic Periods (A.D. 1541 –1865)** - The Protohistoric period began with the De Soto expedition into the Southeastern United States. Generally speaking, De Soto did not enter the Ozarks, but the aftermath of his expedition definitely did enter the area. Diseases the Spaniard and his men brought with them, such as smallpox and influenza, had a devastating effect. The tribes inhabiting the area had no immunity against these diseases, and up to 90 percent of the populations were decimated. During this time period, the Ozarks were primarily being used as a hunting ground for the Osage, who were centered more to the north.

Euro-American settlement began in the Ozarks in the late 18th century. People generally subsisted on a combination of hunting wild game and herding domesticated animals. With the creation of the Arkansas Territory in 1819, people from the upland South, or Appalachia, began to move into the Ozarks. These people brought with them many aspects of their culture, including fundamentalist religion, unique architectural styles, and an aptitude for farming rocky terrain. Although slave holding was not unheard of, it certainly was not the norm. A few major battles of the Civil War, such as Pea Ridge, were fought in the area. Theoretically, the battle of Pea Ridge solidified Union control over southern Missouri. In reality, the entire Ozark region was hostage to Bushwhackers, or outlaws that roamed the land and robbed people indiscriminately.

### **Previous Investigations in the Bull Shoals Lake Area**

The most recent broad cultural resources inventory for Bull Shoals Lake was conducted in 1988 for the *Cultural Resources Priority Plan for the U.S. Army Engineer District, Little Rock* (Blakely and Bennett, Jr., 1988). Table 4-2 lists previous surveys performed along the Bull Shoals Lake. Table 4-2 includes the most up to date survey information according the records of the Arkansas Archeological Survey and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.



**Table 4-2 Previous Archeological Investigations on Bull Shoals Lake**

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year</b>
Howard, Lynn E	Archeological Survey in Bull Shoals Region of Arkansas	1963
Spears, Carol, Nancy Myer, Hester Davis	Watershed Summary of Archeological and Historic Resources in the White River Basins, Arkansas and Missouri.	1975
Novick, Lee and Charles Cantlry	Bull Shoals Lake: An Archeological Survey of a Portion of Bull Shoals Lake Shoreline.	1979
Lee, Aubra Lane	Cultural Resources Investigations at Bull Shoals Lake, Arkansas	1986
Blakely, Jeffrey A. and W.J. Bennett Jr.	Cultural Resources Priority Plan for the U.S. Army Engineer District	1988

### **Recorded Cultural Resources in the Bull Shoals Lake Area**

Today, the Bull Shoals Project is home to approximately 138 identified archeological sites made up of camp sites, shelter and cave sites, rock cairns, and earthen mound sites. A vast majority of these sites were submerged by impoundment of the White River. Less than five percent of the known sites within the lake area were investigated any further than documentation. Table 4.3 summarizes the previously recorded resources at Bull Shoals Lake.

**Table 4.3 Previously Recorded Resources at Bull Shoals Lake**

<b>Type of Site</b>	<b>Number of Sites</b>
Historic	4
Prehistoric	114
Multicomponent	20
Total	138
<b>National Register Eligibility Status</b>	
Not Evaluated	132
Not Eligible	5
Eligible	1



#### 4.7 Air Quality

Bull Shoals Lake is located in the Ozark Mountains, remote from heavy emission-producing industry or large mining operations. The air is clean with low levels of air emissions below local emission thresholds. There have been no violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by EPA. Air monitoring requirements are established by EPA and are dictated under their guidance and monitoring objectives. Monitoring sites are placed in areas believed to have higher concentration of pollutants, which generally consist of the state's larger metropolitan areas. These areas, called Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's) are defined by the larger population centers and surrounding counties. Based on these guidelines, the Branson MSA has one air quality monitoring site, with ozone the only constituent being monitored. The ozone concentration is consistently below the 75 parts per billion (ppb) established by EPA for this pollutant.

#### 4.8 Socio-Economic Resources

There are five counties that surround Bull Shoals Lake, three in Arkansas and two in Missouri. Table 4.4 provides a comparative summary of population trends within those five counties that are adjacent to the project area. The total population of those counties in 2010 was 156,467, with the 2013 population estimated at 148,368. The 2013 population represents a -5.45% decrease since 2010. During the same time period the United States of America had population increase of 2.33%.

**Table 4.4 Population Trends**

	Population 2013	Population 2010	Percent Change (2010-2013)
Boone County, AR	37,396	36,903	1.3%
Marion County, AR	16,430	16,653	-1.3%
Baxter County, AR	40,957	41,513	-1.3%
Ozark County, MO	9,560	9,723	-1.7%
Taney County, MO	53,575	51,675	3.7%
Total	148,368	156,467	0.70%
Data from <a href="http://www.census.gov">www.census.gov</a>			

Table 4.5 portrays selected housing characteristics related to number of units, median value, vacancy rate and size of household. In 2010 there were a total of 83,672 housing units within the surrounding counties according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Approximately 74% of the housing units are owner occupied, with the average household size being approximately 2.3 people per unit.

As indicated in Table 4-5 the median value of owner-occupied housing in 2010 was \$106,400.

**Table 4.5 Housing Characteristics, 2010**

	<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>Percent Owner Occupied</b>	<b>Median Value (owner occupied)</b>	<b>Average Household Size (owner occupied)</b>
Boone County, AR	16,831	72.6	106,400	2.43
Marion County, AR	9,354	79.5	92,700	2.34
Baxter County, AR	22,580	76.5	120,000	2.24
Ozark County, MO	5,652	79.1	89,900	2.35
Taney County, MO	29,255	63.2	129,100	2.45
Total	83,672	74.1	106,400	2.36
Data from www.census.gov				

Median household incomes from 2009-2013 was \$35,343 in the five counties surrounding Bull Shoals Lake according to the U.S. Census American Community Survey. Almost 22% of the population within those counties was considered to be below the poverty level in 2010 according to the 2010 U.S. Census (Table 4.6). The relative share of the population below the poverty level for the project area is higher than for the State of Arkansas (19.7%), and the State of Missouri (15.9%). Around 84% of the population from the counties surrounding the lake have at least a high school diploma, and 15% have a bachelors degree or higher.

**Table 4.6 Income and Education, 2009-2013**

	<b>Median Income</b>	<b>Persons Below Poverty Level (percent)</b>	<b>High School Graduates (percent)</b>	<b>Bachelors or Higher (percent)</b>
Boone County, AR	38,506	21.2	85.4	15.4
Marion County, AR	34,494	21.4	83.6	12.9
Baxter County, AR	35,343	17.7	87.6	16.5
Ozark County, MO	32,078	25.2	82.8	12.5
Taney County, MO	38,461	19.9	84.7	18.6
Total	35,343	21.08	84.7	15.4
Data from www.census.gov				

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 3.6% of the population within the project area consisted of demographic minority populations in 2010 as compared to 20% for the State of Arkansas and 16% for the State of Missouri (Table 4.7).

**Table 4.7 Population by Race and Origin, 2010**

	<b>White</b>	<b>Black</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Hispanic or Latino Origin</b>
Boone County, AR	96.5	0.2	.03	1.8
Marion County, AR	95.9	0.2	2.2	1.7
Baxter County, MO	96.9	0.2	1.2	1.7
Ozark County, MO	97.4	0.1	1.2	1.3
Taney County, MO	93.6	0.9	0.7	4.8
Total	97.0	0.3	1.05	2.26
Data from www.census.gov				

## **4.9 Recreation Resources**

The recreational resource of the Bull Shoals Lake is considered to be of great importance to this Ozark Mountain region. Tourism and lake visitation is a major source of income for the counties surrounding this lake. The Project offers many recreational activities such as swimming, SCUBA diving, boating, water skiing, fishing, picnics, and camping, as well as hiking and biking trails. There are 38 public use areas around Bull Shoals Lake. Nine campgrounds and six access points on the lake are operated by the Corps of Engineers. In 2012, a district lead Recreation Adjustment Plan evaluated all the parks on Bull Shoals Lake and for budgetary reasons, leased the camping portion of Dam Site Park and Pontiac Park. In both cases, the boat ramps continue to be operated and maintained by the Mountain Home Project Office. There are twelve parks and ten access points operated by city, county, or state agencies, marinas, church groups, or schools around the lake.

For a detailed description of the recreational resources, as well as visitation data at Bull Shoals Lake, see Chapter 2 of the Bull Shoals Revised Master Plan.

## **4.10 Health and Safety**

Safety of project visitors and project staff are the highest priority in daily project operations. Facilities and recreational areas are routinely evaluated to ensure sites are safe for visitor use. Project staff conducts numerous water safety programs and public announcements to educate children and project visitors about ways to be safe on the lake.

In coordination with the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP), no wake zones are marked with buoys. Park Rangers provide visitor assistance and work with county law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety. Park Rangers, MSHP, and Arkansas Game and Fish personnel provide water safety and enforcement patrols on the lake as their budgets allow.

## **4.11 Aesthetics**

Management objectives include maintaining scenic vistas while limiting impacts that would negatively affect aesthetics. Natural landscapes and views of undeveloped lands are an important feature that enhances the recreational experience. The perimeter lands around Bull Shoals Lake provide a natural setting that is aesthetically pleasing as well as buffering the lake from development and negative impacts such as erosion and storm water runoff. However, there are problems in maintaining these aesthetic qualities. Project resource staff is continually investigating trespasses that include activities such as timber cutting and land destruction by unauthorized off road vehicles. In addition, litter and illegal trash dumping both on project lands and project waters are continual problems. Vandalism within recreation areas also occurs. Other concerns that impact aesthetics are demands put upon project resources for uses such as road and utility line corridors.

## 5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

The following table summarizes the resources that are likely to be affected by each of the alternatives for an update of the Bull Shoals Master Plan including the No Action alternative. A detailed discussion of the potential impacts of each of the alternatives follows the synopsis provided in the table.

Table 5.1 Resource Impact with Implementation of Alternatives

Resource Category	Alternative 1 No Action	Alternative 2 Moderate Conservation	Alternative 3 Limited Growth	Alternative 4 Maximum Conservation
Climate, Topography, Geology and Soils	There would be an impact, although not significant, on climate, topography and geology as a result of implementation of the No Action Alternative due to the potential for new development around the lake provided by a larger proportion of high density designated lands.	The Moderate Conservation Alternative would be more protective than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts on climate, topography, geology and soils due to a reduction in low density acreage.	The Limited Growth Alternative would have less potential impacts on climate, topography, geology and soils than the No Action Alternative due to a reduction in low density acreage.	The Maximum Conservation Alternative is the most protective of all alternatives in terms of potential impacts on climate, topography, geology, and soils due to the classification of all low density acreage to environmentally sensitive.
Aquatic Environment	The hydrology and groundwater components of Bull Shoals Lake would not change from the existing condition due to the implementation of the No Action Alternative. Water quality may be minimally impacted due to a greater amount of high density designated land which results in a higher risk for new development.	The Moderate Conservation Alternative is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment, but water quality would be enhanced due to reduced potential for new development.	The Limited Growth Alternative would result in little to no impacts on the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment Water quality impacts would likely be negligible under this alternative.	The Maximum Conservation Alternative is similar to the Conservation Alternative in potential impacts on the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment, but should be more protective of water quality due to the elimination of low density lands and the potential for new development.

Resource Category	Alternative 1 (No Action)	Alternative 2 Moderate Conservation	Alternative 3 Limited Growth	Alternative 4 Maximum Conservation
Terrestrial Resources	Under the No Action Alternative there is no modification of existing low density acres. Based on this, the potential exists for continual degradation of shoreline vegetation due to probable increased development and subsequent vegetation removal/mowing activities.	Implementation of the Moderate Conservation Alternative would have a positive impact on terrestrial resources in comparison to the No Action Alternative. Due to an increase in environmentally sensitive and wildlife management lands, this would have a positive benefit to the acreage around the lake.	The Limited Growth Alternative would be similar to the Conservation Alternative, however small portion of environmentally sensitive lands would convert to low density under this alternative. This may result in minimal impacts to wildlife and vegetation due to the land conversion and potential for additional development.	The Maximum Conservation Alternative would have the greatest positive impact on the lakeside terrestrial resources of all the alternatives evaluated due to the elimination of low density lands and the reduction in potential new development.
Threatened & Endangered Species	The No Action Alternative would have no significant impact on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern.	The Moderate Conservation Alternative would likely have no significant on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern. Due to the increase in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, there may be some positive benefits to any or all the listed species.	The Limited Growth Alternative would likely have little to no impacts on any species listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern	The Maximum Conservation Alternative could have a significant positive impact on Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern, due to the fact that this alternative would eliminate all low density lands reducing the potential for future development. There would be positive effects on lakeside flora and fauna due to shoreline protection.

Resource Category	Alternative 1 (No Action)	Alternative 2 Moderate Conservation	Alternative 3 Limited Growth	Alternative 4 Maximum Conservation
Archaeological & Historic Resources	Under the No Action Alternative, the greatest potential for effects to cultural resources and historic properties would occur in the areas classified as Low Density, High Density, and No Allocation.	Under the Moderate Conservation Alternative, due to increases in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage, potential impacts on cultural resources and historic properties would be minimal.	Under the Limited Growth Alternative, the amount of Low Density acreage would increase. This alternative would slightly raise the potential for impacts on cultural resource sites or historic properties.	The Maximum Growth Alternative would have the highest potential to avoid and decrease impacts on cultural resource sites and historic properties compared to all the alternatives due to the reclassification of all Low Density acreage to Environmentally Sensitive lands.
Air Quality	Under the No Action Alternative, the air quality around the lake would remain the same as currently exists. There could be an increase in vehicular exhaust emissions due to localized development, and associated construction equipment. No violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by the EPA would be expected under this alternative.	Implementation of the Moderate Conservation Alternative would result in some reduction in negative air quality impacts as compared to the No Action Alternative due to a decrease in Low Density acreage and thereby a decrease in future development.	Implementation of the Limited Growth Alternative would result in less potential impact to existing air quality compared to the No Action Alternative due to a decrease in Low Density acreage and thereby a decrease in future development.	Implementation of the Maximum Conservation Alternative would have the greatest positive impact to air quality of all the evaluated alternatives due to the elimination of Low Density lands and thereby a decrease in future development

Resource Category	Alternative 1 (No Action)	Alternative 2 Moderate Conservation	Alternative 3 Limited Growth	Alternative 4 Maximum Conservation
Socio-economics	The No Action Alternative would likely have the most impact on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Bull Shoals Lake due to the potential for future development in the Low Density and High Density land classifications.	The Moderate Conservation Alternative would likely have minimal impact on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Bull Shoals Lake since this alternative reflects how the lake is currently managed and operated.	Alternative 3 could have some positive effect on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Bull Shoals Lake due to the potential for future development in the Low Density land classification.	The Maximum Conservation Alternative may have negative impacts on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Bull Shoals Lake due to the reclassification of all Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive acreage.
Recreation Resources	Provision of recreational facilities and services would continue at Bull Shoals Lake without an update to the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan. However, the master plan would not accurately reflect the current status of project facilities. Lands with no classification would remain unclassified.	The Moderate Conservation Alternative would reclassify shoreline acreage to reflect current uses. Implementation of this alternative would allow continued public use of the lake while sustaining the natural, cultural, and socio- economic resources of the area. Current unclassified lands would have a land classification.	The Limited Growth Alternative would have some positive recreation impact as potential opportunities would be increased, due to an increase in Low Density lands.	Under the Maximum Conservation Alternative, areas around Bull Shoals would receive greater protection since all Low Density lands would be reclassified as Environmentally Sensitive. This may enhance the recreational experience for wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, and lake aesthetics.



Resource Category	Alternative 1 (No Action)	Alternative 2 Moderate Conservation	Alternative 3 Limited Growth	Alternative 4 Maximum Conservation
Health & Safety	The No Action Alternative would retain current land classifications, in which potential development could impact water quality. Continued development may lead to increased water traffic, with the potential for increased accidents and pollution.	<p>The Moderate Conservation Alternative would still allow potential development opportunities, but not to the degree to cause significant boat congestion or increase water related accidents.</p> <p>The increase in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management areas could result in an increase in human exposure to insects and wildlife. The availability of recreational opportunities, balanced with conservation of natural environment could lead to better health, both mental and physical, of visiting populations.</p>	<p>Under the Limited Growth Alternative, access to Bull Shoals Lake would be enhanced, with a potential for an increase in water-based recreational opportunities.</p> <p>Land-based recreational opportunities, such as hiking, hunting, and wildlife observation could also be slightly altered.</p>	The Maximum Conservation Alternative would most likely promote a safer lake environment, by indirectly reducing boat traffic due to the conversion of all Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive. Recreational boating experiences and boater satisfaction may be impacted.
Aesthetics	Under the No Action Alternative the visual characteristics surrounding the Bull Shoals Lake landscape could potentially change due to continued development in High and Low Density land classifications.	Under the Moderate Conservation Alternative, the wide panorama of Bull Shoals Lake and the nearby shore would continue to convey a sense of enormity of the lake, and the limited development would continue to promote the sense of a relatively pristine shoreline. The developed areas are, for the most part, shielded from the lake view, which preserves the viewscapes of those recreating on the lake.	The Limited Growth Alternative would allow more potential development, but not to a degree that would significantly impact the scenic beauty and/or aesthetics of the lake.	Under the Maximum Conservation Alternative, the conversion of all Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive would enhance the unspoiled and untamed aesthetic of this landscape. This alternative would maintain the area of pristine shoreline and preserve regions of boulders, bluffs, and mature forest flora that currently dominate views.

## **5.1 Climate**

### **5.1.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)**

There could be some potential impact to climate as a result of implementation of the No Action alternative. Of the 56,348 total land acres, 40,268.1 acres are classified as either High Density or Low Density lands under this alternative. This potential for development could modify the vegetation component near the shoreline, allowing more sunlight penetration. Greater temperature fluctuations generally occur when woody vegetation is removed from an area. Reduced ground cover could cause an increase in sedimentation during rainfall events, which could increase the turbidity of the water, resulting in a potential for a small increase in water temperature.

### **5.1.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)**

The Moderate Conservation Alternative is more protective than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts on air and water temperature modification. A conversion of both High Density and Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive lands would reduce the potential for development, which reduces the potential impact on climate due to vegetation removal. This reclassification would provide a better buffering effect which would result in storm water velocity reduction and act as a filtering mechanism. This would help reduce erosion and sediment deposition in the lake.

### **5.1.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)**

The Limited Growth Alternative allows for more potential development, but still less than the No Action Alternative, and should have a greater, but still insignificant, impact on climate around Bull Shoals Lake. The most significant change from Alternative 2 is the conversion of 4,167 acres of Environmentally Sensitive lands to Low Density, resulting in 11,911.4 acres in this classification, and with the 3,480.3 acres of High Density lands in this alternative, the combination represents 27% of available acreage around the lake.

### **5.1.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)**

The Maximum Conservation Alternative is the most protective alternative in terms of potential impacts on climate. While this alternative retains 3,714.6 acres of High Density lands, 31,952 acres of Low Density lands were converted to either Environmentally Sensitive or Wildlife Management lands. The combination represents 93% of available acreage around the lake which protects the shoreline from vegetation modification. This reclassification would provide the best buffering effect of any alternative, which would result in storm water velocity reduction and act as a sediment filtering mechanism.

## **5.2 Topography, Geology and Soils**

### **5.2.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)**

Soil erosion would persist due to development being allowed under this alternative. Approximately 72% of available acreage (56,348 acres) around the lake is currently classified as High and Low Density recreation (15% and 57%, respectively). High Density acreage would allow development of intense recreational activities including campgrounds, parks, marinas, resorts and other public

development infrastructure. This development results in soil disturbance, vegetation removal and transforming some pervious surfaces to impervious areas. It also promotes erosion during construction activities and increased runoff velocity after development is completed. The remaining pervious surfaces around these developed areas would become more impervious due to increased foot traffic from recreational activity. Of the activities associated with Low Density land classification—primitive camping, fishing, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing and shoreline use permits—the shoreline use permits would typically have the greatest impacts on soil disturbance due to potential vegetation removal and conversion of pervious surfaces to impervious.

### **5.2.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)**

The Moderate Conservation Alternative is more restrictive than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to topography, geology and soils. There would be little to no change in impacts on the existing conditions regarding these features due to the fact that this alternative reflects current lake usage patterns. High Density Recreation acreage would be reduced from the No Action Alternative (8,310.9 acres) to 3714.6 acres, and the Low Density recreation acreage has been reduced from 31,957.2 to 7,254.8 acres. These lands would be reclassified to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, which provide a vegetated lake buffer area. This vegetation helps to reduce storm water velocity and acts as a filtering mechanism. This would help reduce erosion and sediment deposition in the lake.

### **5.2.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)**

The Limited Growth Alternative would decrease Low Density lands by 20,043.3 acres as compared to the No Action Alternative, but would increase Low Density by 4,659 acres over the Moderate Conservation Alternative. This would allow potential development on the additional Low Density acreage, but due to the fragmentation of this acreage around the shoreline, there would be little to no impact on the topography, geology and soils. High Density recreation acreage would decrease by 234 acres, which would further minimize the potential for soil erosion due to development. The combination of High Density and Low Density recreation lands represents only 27% of available acreage around the lake. With Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands comprising a majority of the shoreline acreage, minimal impacts from erosion and sedimentation would result from the implementation of this alternative.

### **5.2.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)**

The Maximum Conservation Alternative is different from the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to topography, geology and soils. There would be less impact to the existing conditions regarding these features. High Density recreation acreage would remain at 3714.6 acres, representing less than 7% of the lake shore acreage, while the Low Density have been reclassified to Environmentally Sensitive lands. Under this alternative the combination of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands would represent 93% of available acreage around the lake. This alternative would have significant positive effects due to reduced erosion and lake sedimentation due to vegetation retention. This additional buffer helps reduce storm water velocity and surface scour during storm events.

## 5.3 Aquatic Environment

### 5.3.1 Hydrology and Groundwater

#### 5.3.1.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)

The hydrology and groundwater components of Bull Shoals Lake would not change from the existing condition due to the implementation of a No Action Alternative. The potential for additional development under this alternative would have some effect on reducing percolation through the soil layers due to ground cover removal, and potentially increasing storm water velocity.

Wetland areas are relatively limited within Bull Shoals Lake and throughout the adjacent government property surrounding the lake and would not undergo any significant change from existing conditions due to implementation of the No Action Alternative.

#### 5.3.1.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)

The Moderate Conservation Alternative is different than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The hydrology and groundwater conditions are generally a function of the watershed drainage and existing geology of the area, but having only 19% of the shoreline classified as High and Low Density lands in the Moderate Conservation Alternative, as compared to over 71% in the No Action Alternative, would enhance rainfall absorption and slow runoff velocity due to retention of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management land shoreline vegetation.

#### 5.3.1.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)

The Limited Growth Alternative is would have a positive impact on the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment as compared to the No Action Alternative. The High and Low Density lands comprise 27% of the shoreline in this alternative, with the remainder dominated by Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands which enhance hydrology and groundwater conditions and function.

#### 5.3.1.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)

The Maximum Conservation Alternative is likely to be more protective than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impact on the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The hydrology and groundwater conditions are generally controlled by the watershed drainage and existing geology of the area, but when 93% of the shoreline is classified as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management, rainfall would be much more likely to be absorbed, thereby replenishing the groundwater to a greater degree.

There would be little to no change in the wetland status from the existing condition due to implementation of the Maximum Conservation alternative. Most of the limited wetland acreage has been identified in the lower reaches of the major tributary streams, therefore the limited High Density shoreline development near the lower end of the lake, as reflected in this alternative, would have little impact to this resource.

## 5.3.2 Water Quality

### 5.3.2.1 No Action (Alternative 1)

Lake fluctuations, associated with power production and flood control procedures, result in change in the environment along the shoreline of the lake. Turbidity from heavy rainfall has a temporary, adverse effect on Bull Shoals Lake. During these periods of increased runoff, urban areas and other parts of the terrain, especially those that have had the protective vegetation removed, contribute silt and other suspended particles to the tributaries. While implementation of the No Action Alternative is relatively independent of the existing watershed drainage on the lake water quality, potential continued development around the lake shoreline would exacerbate water quality issues due to potential increased erosion, localized increases in turbidity and increased sedimentation in the lake following storm events. Under the No Action Alternative, High Density recreation land classification would be 8,310.9 acres (15% of total available area), Low Density recreation lands would be 31,957.2 acres (57%), Environmentally Sensitive lands include 11,895.7 acres (21%), Wildlife Management lands total 3,953.5 acres (7%), while 169 acres have no current classification. Based on the current classification, the potential exists for continual degradation of shoreline vegetation due to potential increased development and subsequent vegetation removal and mowing activities. This would result in negative impacts to water quality due to increased storm water velocity, scour and sedimentation.

### 5.3.2.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Moderate Conservation Alternative may result in positive benefits to water quality due to a reduction in both High Density and Low Density acreage by 4,596.3 and 24,702.3 acres respectively as compared to the No Action Alternative. There is a corresponding major increase in Environmentally Sensitive acreage, from 11,895.7 acres to 29,369.4 acres, which represents a gain of 17,473.7 acres. These land reclassifications would serve to limit development on these lands, thereby reducing impacts to ground disturbance and subsequent increased erosion. Wildlife Management lands increased from 3,953.5 acres to 15,917.3 acres, representing a gain of 11,963.8 acres. These factors would reduce erosion sedimentation and pollutants scoured from reduced impervious surfaces, with additional benefits of retention of more shoreline vegetation, better fishery habitat, increased water clarity and cooler water temperature conditions due to the decrease of turbidity and sediment deposition.

### 5.3.2.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)

The Limited Growth alternative would reduce Low Density acreage by 20,043.3 (62%) and High Density acreage by 4,830.6 (6%) compared to the No Action Alternative. This alternative represents a 44% reduction in potentially developable shoreline acreage, which would have a positive effect on lake water quality due to the rainwater filtering benefits from shoreline vegetation buffer associated with Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands. These land classifications would represent 73% of the shoreline acreage under the Limited Growth Alternative. Similar to the Moderate Conservation Alternative, these land reclassifications would serve to limit development on these lands, thereby reducing potential impacts from ground disturbance and subsequent increased erosion.

### 5.3.2.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)

The Maximum Conservation Alternative would result in the greatest degree of water quality protection, as compared to the No Action Alternative. Potentially developable lands in this alternative consist of only 3,714.6 acres of High Density lands, representing only 7% of the available shoreline acreage. The remaining 93% is classified as Environmentally Sensitive (65%)

and Wildlife Management (28%). There would be no acreage in the Low Density land classification under this alternative. These land classifications would retain the highest amount of vegetated shoreline and create the greatest potential for the maintenance of water quality of all evaluated alternatives.

### **5.3.3 Fish Species and Habitat**

#### **5.3.2.1 No Action (Alternative 1)**

The fishery of Bull Shoals Lake may have potential minor impacts from the implementation of the No Action alternative, which has 72% of available shoreline acreage classified as High and Low Density lands. Implementation of the No Action alternative would allow potential development around much of the shoreline. Development often results in vegetation removal down to water's edge, which impacts shoreline stability, removes fish cover provided by overhanging vegetation, tree trunks and roots, and exacerbates storm water erosion and sedimentation. During the spring spawning season this sedimentation has the potential to disrupt spawning activity and productivity in the coves and lake arms where spawning commonly occurs.

#### **5.3.2.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)**

Implementation of the Moderate Conservation Alternative would have a positive effect on the lake fishery resource as compared to the No Action Alternative. There is a 24,702.3 acre reduction in Low Density recreation land classification (-44%), a 4,596.3 acre reduction in High Density lands (-8%), a 31% increase in Environmentally Sensitive lands classification (29,369.4 total acres) and an increase in Wildlife Management lands from 3,953.5 acres to 15,917.3 acres, which results in 28% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increases in lands classified in these two areas would serve as additional protection for lakeside vegetation and preservation of overhanging vegetation, which provides cover for fish, reduces storm flow velocity, reduces erosion scour, and reduces sedimentation. These factors improve spawning habitat, thereby potentially enhancing fish population dynamics in the lake.

#### **5.3.2.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)**

The Limited Growth alternative is similar to the Conservation Alternative in terms of potential positive benefits to the lake fishery. A comparison with the No Action Alternative shows a reduction of 20,043.3 acres of Low Density lands, as well as a reduction of 4,830.6 acres of High Density lands. In this alternative, 73% of the available shoreline acreage would be classified as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, preserving a majority of the natural shoreline vegetation along the shoreline. Similar to the positive effects discussed in the Moderate Conservation Alternative, this alternative should have a beneficial effect on the fish and fish habitat of Bull Shoals Lake.

#### **5.3.2.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)**

The Maximum Conservation Alternative would enhance the fish resources in Bull Shoals Lake to the greatest degree of all evaluated alternatives. A comparison with the No Action Alternative shows a 4,596.3 acre reduction in High Density lands, with all Low Density lands being converted to Environmentally Sensitive lands. The resulting acreage (36,624.3 acres) represents 65% of total shoreline acreage. Along with the 15,917.3 acres of Wildlife Management lands in this alternative, 93% of the total shoreline acreage would retain its natural shoreline vegetation. Shoreline vegetation provides a buffer area that would attenuate storm water runoff, reduce scour and sedimentation, improve fish cover and spawning habitat, and provide a cleaner substrate for macro-invertebrate colonization, which improves the food supply for fish.



## 5.4 Terrestrial Resources

### 5.4.1 Wildlife

#### 5.4.1.1 No Action (Alternative 1)

Under the No Action Alternative, shoreline lands would be classified into High Density recreation lands (8,310.9 acres, or 15% of total available area), Low Density recreation lands (31,957.2 acres or 57%), Environmentally Sensitive lands (11,895.7 acres or 21%), and Wildlife Management lands (3,953.5 acres or 7%), while 169 acres have no current classification. Based on the current shoreline classification, the potential exists for continual degradation of shoreline vegetation due to increased development and potential vegetation removal and mowing activities. Unclassified lands are potentially developable, resulting in over 72% of the shoreline acreage subject to possible increased or new development. This would result in negative effects to wildlife due to potential removal of trees and understory vegetation (with the highest potential in the High Density lands), thus altering food sources and migratory patterns of insects, birds and mammal species.

#### 5.4.1.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Moderate Conservation Alternative would have a positive effect on terrestrial Resources, when compared to the No Action alternative. There would be a 24,702.3 acre reduction in Low Density recreation land classification (to 7,254.8 acres), a 4,956 acre reduction in High Density lands (to 3,714.6), a 31% increase in Environmentally Sensitive lands classification (29,369.4 total acres) and an increase in Wildlife Management lands from 3,953.54 acres to 15,917.3 acres. This would result in 28% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increases in lands classified as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management land would provide additional protection for lakeside vegetation, and preservation of habitat for wildlife and migratory bird species. The buffer of natural vegetation that remains along the shoreline from this designated acreage would potentially enhance migration and feeding activities for many species of wildlife.

#### 5.4.1.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)

The Limited Growth alternative is more similar to the Conservation Alternative than the No Action Alternative in terms of potential effects to the terrestrial resources and land use patterns. A proposed decrease in Low Density lands of 20,043.3 acres, would result in 21% of available acreage classified as Low Density, which would potentially be available for development. This amount of Low Density land would likely have some, but still insignificant effect, on wildlife species and activity. In spite of this increase in Low Density lands over the Moderate Conservation Alternative, the majority of natural shoreline vegetation would likely remain in the Low Density acreage. High Density lands are reduced by 4,830.6 acres from the original 8,310.9 acres in the No Action Alternative. Good habitat for wildlife would still be abundant under this alternative.

#### 5.4.1.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)

The Maximum Conservation Alternative would convert all of the existing Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage. Based on this reclassification, this alternative would result in significant positive effects on terrestrial resources around the shoreline of the lake. White-tailed deer and eastern wild turkey are common game animals found and hunted in the Bull Shoals Lake area. Black bear have also become common in the area and are hunted on the areas of Bull Shoals Lake located in Arkansas. Gray and fox squirrels are common in upland wooded areas and are also popular with sportsmen. All these wildlife species fare better in a natural, undeveloped vegetation cover. This alternative would provide the most wildlife benefits in

this regard. Some habitat management activities, including wildlife food plot plantings, removal of exotic species and application of prescribed fire would potentially benefit these populations as well.

## **5.4.2 Vegetation**

### **5.4.2.1 No Action (Alternative 1)**

Under the No Action Alternative, shoreline lands would be classified into High Density recreation lands (8,310.9 acres, or 15% of total available area), Low Density recreation lands (31,957.2 acres or 57%), Environmentally Sensitive lands (11,895.7 acres or 21%), and Wildlife Management lands (3,953.5 acres or 7%), while 169 acres have no current classification. Based on this, the potential exists for continued degradation of shoreline vegetation due to increased development and subsequent vegetation removal and mowing activities. Unclassified lands are potentially developable, resulting in over 72% of the shoreline acreage subject to possible increased or new development. This would result in potential negative effects to the natural shoreline vegetation composition due to potential removal of trees and understory vegetation, thus possibly altering food sources and migratory patterns of insects, birds and mammal species, as well as increasing a potential for increased storm water erosion effects.

### **5.4.2.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)**

Implementation of the Moderate Conservation Alternative would have a positive effect on the shoreline vegetation, when compared to the No Action alternative. There would be a 24,702.3 acre reduction in Low Density recreation land classification (7,254.8 acres), a 4,956 acre reduction in High Density lands (3,714.6), a 31% increase in Environmentally Sensitive lands classification (29,369.4 total acres) and an increase in Wildlife Management lands from 3,953.54 acres to 15,917.3 acres, which results in 28% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. The increases in lands classified as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management land would serve as additional protection for lakeside vegetation and subsequent preservation of habitat for wildlife and migratory bird species. The buffer of natural vegetation that remains along the shoreline from this designated acreage would enhance migration and feeding activities for many species of wildlife, as well as mediate storm water velocity and scour.

### **5.4.2.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)**

The Limited Growth alternative is more similar to the Conservation Alternative in terms of potential effects to the lakeshore vegetation than that of the No Action Alternative. A proposed decrease in Low Density lands of 20,043.3 acres, would result in 21% of available acreage for potential development, would likely have some, but still insignificant effect, on shoreline vegetation. High Density lands would be reduced by 4,830.6 acres from the original 8,310.9 acres in the No Action Alternative. In spite of this increase in Low Density lands over the Moderate Conservation Alternative, the majority of natural shoreline vegetation could be relatively unaffected in the Low Density acreage, based on the type of development proposed.

### **5.4.2.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)**

The Maximum Conservation Alternative would convert all the existing Low Density lands and 4,596.3 acres of High Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage. Based on this reclassification of 36,553.5 acres, this alternative would result in significant positive effects on the vegetation resources around the shoreline of the lake due to the restrictions placed on vegetation modification actions under the majority of the land classifications remaining. Some habitat management activities, including wildlife food plot plantings, removal of exotic



species and application of prescribed fire would still take place under this alternative and could potentially be beneficial to the area.

## 5.5 Threatened and Endangered Species

### 5.5.1 No Action (Alternative 1)

Of the species listed in Table 4.1 of Section 4.0, AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, two species would be most affected by implementation of the No Action Alternative. The Gray Bat, *Myotis grisescens*, and the Tumbling Creek Cavesnail, *Antrobia culveri*, are located in areas currently classified as Low Density lands. Potential development could occur in this land classification that might have a significant impact on the ecology of Tumbling Creek Cave, in which these species live. The Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, was removed from the threatened listing in 2007 by the USFWS, but it still remains a protected species. While there have been reports of nesting in some locations around the lake perimeter, this species is not confined to a particular area around the lake, and should not be significantly affected by implementation of this alternative.

### 5.5.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)

The Moderate Conservation Alternative would likely have little to no negative effects on any listed threatened, endangered, protected, or species of state concern based on the documentation and justification noted in the No Action Alternative. Due to the reclassification of 29,298.6 acres from High and Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive (including the Tumbling Creek Cave area) and Wildlife Management lands classifications, there may be potential positive benefits to any or all the listed species, and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area. This is due to the higher level of protection offered by the Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management land classifications.

### 5.5.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)

Similar to Alternative 2, the Limited Growth alternative would likely have little to no effects on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern based on the proposed reduction of potentially developable acreage from the amount listed in the No Action Alternative. A proposed decrease in Low Density lands of 20,043.3 acres, resulting in 21% of available acreage for potential Low Density development. This may result in some potential minor negative effects to listed species based on possible development activity in Low Density lands.

### 5.5.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)

The Maximum Conservation Alternative would likely provide the most protection for any species listed as Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern due to the reclassification of 29,298.6 acres from High and Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands. Potentially developable lands under this alternative include only 3,714.6 acres of High Density lands, representing 7% of available shoreline acreage. Due to the significant increase of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage from the No Action land classifications, there may be potential positive benefits to any or all the listed species, and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area.

## **5.6 Archaeological and Historic Resources**

### **5.6.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)**

Under the No-Action Alternative there would be no change in the current Master Plan land classifications as designated under the 1975 MP. Under this alternative, the greatest potential for effects on cultural resources and historic properties would occur in the areas classified as Low and High Density Recreation and those lands with no classification. Cultural Resources under the No Action Alternative would be at risk of disturbance in areas where the land classification would allow for intensive development. Any new ground disturbing activities on USACE lands would require a permit to be issued prior to commencement of the activity. Through the site review process prior to issuance of a permit or any federal action, unknown sites would be identified, and known sites would be evaluated for their significance and eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Cultural Resource sites within Low Density or High Density classification areas could potentially undergo the most severe impact due to the fact that activities such as boat dock construction and shoreline use permits result in a degree of ground disturbance which could pose a threat to intact cultural deposits. Potential mitigation for impact to cultural or historic sites would be the requirement for a cultural or historic resource site evaluation. If evaluation of site identifies a cultural or historic resource, avoidance of the action would be recommended.

### **5.6.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)**

Under the Moderate Conservation Alternative, the area classified as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management would increase. With the proposed increases in both the Wildlife Management Areas and Environmentally Sensitive Area classifications, there would be minimal potential for ground disturbing activities along the shoreline, thus decreasing the potential for effects on cultural resources. In areas that were classified as Low Density under the No Action Alternative and that have no permits or houses, and undeveloped lots, would be changed to Environmentally Sensitive in effort to preserve the scenic, historical, archaeological, scientific, water quality, or ecological value of the overall project. In areas where the land has been previously classified as High Density, but it has not yet been identified for development, these lands would be converted to Environmentally Sensitive or Wildlife Management.

### **5.6.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)**

Under the Limited Growth Alternative, High Density Recreation classifications would be decreased around Bull Shoals Lake; Low Density would also be decreased, but less than under the Preferred Action, while Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management Areas would be increased, thus retaining a limited approach to development. This alternative, while having a larger potential for development as compared to the Preferred Action, would still result in a benefit to cultural resources based on the large decrease in the Low Density land classification as compared to the No Action Alternative.

### **5.6.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)**

The Maximum Conservation Alternative would result in the greatest benefit to preservation of cultural resource sites and historic properties. Under this alternative, there would not be any areas identified as Low Density and approximately 93% of all land would be classified as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management. This alternative is very preservation-

oriented and would constitute the best opportunity to minimize any potential effects to cultural resource sites and historic properties. High Density recreation would decrease by 4,596.3 acres to approximately 7 % of the land coverage. This would minimize the amount of development potential on lands adjacent to Bull Shoals Lake, and subsequently minimize adverse effects on cultural resources.

## **5.7 Socio-Economic Resources**

### **5.7.1 No Action (Alternative 1)**

The No Action Alternative may have the most effect on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Bull Shoals Lake due to the fact that 72% of the available shoreline acreage is classified as either High or Low Density lands. While the potential for some development exists around the lake, current population growth and the demographic makeup of the population are expected to remain similar to the current rates and percentages the area experiences now. Housing units and their values would not be affected if the No Action alternative is implemented. It is likely that changes in the socio-economic conditions of the Bull Shoals area would be the result of outside influences, and not those created by the No Action alternative.

### **5.7.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)**

The Moderate Conservation Alternative would likely have less of a positive effect on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Bull Shoals Lake than the No Action Alternative. Population would be expected to stay the same or decline slightly due to the decreased High Density acreage and the conversion of 24,702.3 acres of Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands. Although under the Preferred Action, the demographic makeup of the population would likely be unaffected. Total housing units would stay the same or decrease due to the decreased availability of recreation at the lake, but it is unlikely that housing values would change as a result of the alternative. The economy of the area would likely stay the same or have a slight decline if this alternative is implemented.

### **5.7.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)**

The Limited Growth Alternative would result in a similar socio-economic situation as Alternative 2, but possibly would have less of a positive effect as compared to the No Action Alternative. Low Density acreage in this alternative would be 11,913.9 acres, representing 21% of available shoreline acreage. The economy in the area could possibly grow slightly due to a potential increased opportunity for recreation.

### **5.7.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)**

The Maximum Conservation Alternative would have an effect on the socio-economic situation in the counties that surround Bull Shoals Lake due to the decreased High Density acreage and the reclassification of all Low Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage. An indirect impact from this alternative would be a reduction in tax revenue to local counties, essentially reducing their economic development, due to the fact that the Corps would not grant new permits allowing expansion or new development. Total housing units would likely stay the same due to the decreased availability of recreation (private shoreline uses) at the lake resulting in minimal new development, but it is unlikely that property values would change. It is unlikely that other facets of socio-economics would change due to the implementation of this alternative.

## **5.8 Recreation Resources**

### **5.8.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)**

Provision of recreational facilities and services would continue at Bull Shoals Lake without an update to the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan. However, the plan by which the Resource Manager and staff operate would not accurately reflect the current status of project facilities. Nor would there be additional measures in place, such as trail corridors and additional land use designations, to better accommodate recreational needs while protecting the natural resources. Currently, there are several boat docks outside of areas currently zoned for them and under the No Action Alternative these uses would remain inconsistent with the Master Plan. A total of 169 acres of shoreline would remain unclassified generating confusion about which uses are allowed in these areas.

### **5.8.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)**

Under the Moderate Conservation Alternative, all lands would be classified and some of the existing classifications would be changed. This proposed update in classification would be structured to achieve a balance based on the present public use of the lake while sustaining the natural, cultural, and socio- economic resources of the area and reflecting the current management and operation of lands at Bull Shoals Lake. Under Alternative 2, the current High and Low Density lands, comprising 72% of available shoreline acreage, would be reduced to 20%, while Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands, at 21% and 7%, respectively, would increase to 52% and 28% of shoreline acreage. These classifications reflect current lake usage, with fishing, boating, hunting and wildlife viewing dominating the recreational activity on the lake. The proposed increase in Wildlife Management and Environmentally Sensitive classified lands action would assist in forging partnerships between public and private entities for recreational and wildlife conservation opportunities. The retention of a major percentage of the natural shoreline vegetation would lead to improved water quality, due to the buffering and filtering capability of this vegetation.

### **5.8.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)**

The Limited Growth Alternative would not deviate significantly from the Conservation Alternative in terms of provision of recreational opportunities on the lake. The 4,259.1 acres of shoreline that would be reclassified to Low Density recreation from Environmentally Sensitive lands would allow for the potential to have additional private boat docks for fishing and lake access, as well as the potential to develop nature trails and wildlife viewing areas, thus potentially increasing recreational traffic along Bull Shoals and its adjacent lands.

### **5.8.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)**

Under the Maximum Conservation Alternative, some recreation opportunities would be reduced, such as private boat docks, due to an increase in the area classified as Environmentally Sensitive, which does not allow most types of development. This alternative would also limit commercial opportunities based on the proposed 3,714.6 acres of High Density classification. Although it minimizes potential for development, it would improve land-based recreational opportunities such as hunting, hiking, bird watching. This alternative also would improve viewsapes along the lake since it would allow for native flora and fauna to thrive.

## 5.9 Air Quality

### 5.9.1 No Action (Alternative 1)

Under the No Action alternative, the air quality around the lake would remain the same as currently exists. There would likely be increases in vehicular exhaust emissions due to localized development, and the associated construction equipment and traffic in the area. However, no violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by EPA would be expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

### 5.9.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Moderate Conservation Alternative would also result in no change in air quality impacts as noted under the No Action Alternative. Since this alternative would incorporate more shoreline acreage into the Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management land classification, there would likely be a reduction in potential development, local vehicular exhaust emissions, and construction equipment activity, which would avoid or reduce potential impacts on localized air quality. No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA would be expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

### 5.9.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)

Mirroring the Conservation Alternative, the Limited Growth Alternative would result in fewer air quality effects as compared to the No Action Alternative. This alternative would reclassify less Low Density to Environmentally Sensitive as compared to the Preferred Action, resulting in approximately 4,659 more acres of Low Density under Alternative 3 as compared to the Preferred Action. This additional Low Density acreage would result in a greater potential for additional development, which could lead to increased local vehicular exhaust emissions. However, this effect would not be significant based on the small amount of change that could result from this development and increased lake usage activities. No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA would be expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

### 5.9.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)

Implementation of the Maximum Conservation alternative would result in less of an impact to existing air quality due to the reduction in lands classified for development around the Bull Shoals Lake shoreline. Since the majority of the available acreage would be classified as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands (93% of total available acreage), this would result in much less potential vehicular traffic, boat traffic, construction equipment usage, and mower exhaust emissions on these lands.

## 5.10 Health & Safety

### 5.10.1 No Action (Alternative 1)

Safety of project visitors and project staff are highest priority in daily project operations. The No Action Alternative would have 72% of available shoreline acreage classified for High and Low Density development, would allow for the highest potential for a reduction in lake water quality, as described in Section 5.3.2.. There could potentially be an increase in boat traffic on the lake and a possible increase in congestion, creating additional safety issues. The lake could

experience increased user conflict, for example, boats vs. personal watercrafts. Under the No Action Alternative, populations who recreate at the lake could be exposed to health risks associated with impaired water quality, such as *E. coli*, and potential hazardous run off due to the overall potential for increased recreation at the lake.

#### **5.10.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)**

The recreational opportunities, balanced with conservation of natural environment could lead to better health, both mental and physical, of the visiting population. Implementation of the Moderate Conservation Alternative would likely result in reduced traffic congestion on the water, and a lower potential for water related incidents. The increase in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management Areas could potentially increase exposure to insects and animals, which is generally understood by the public who utilize these lands.

#### **5.10.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)**

Similar to the impacts in Alternative 2, the Limited Growth Alternative could also create a potential for additional boat docks being built due to a greater amount of Low Density lands than in the Preferred Action. This alternative would potentially result in a small increase of traffic congestion on the water, thus water related incidents could potentially become an issue under this alternative, but to a lesser potential in comparison to the No Action Alternative.

#### **5.10.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)**

This alternative limits development to 3,714.6 acres of High Density lands, which would imply that there would be more limited access to Bull Shoals Lake, potentially causing a decrease in water-based recreational opportunities. Although water-based activities would be impacted, there would be an increase in land-based recreation opportunities such as hiking, hunting and wildlife observation. There could also be some partnership opportunities with conservation-based organizations within the region. The decrease in rate of development could also have positive impacts on water quality by reducing runoff quantity and velocity from rainfall events, which would increase sedimentation and shoreline contaminants to the water.

### **5.11 Aesthetics**

#### **5.11.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)**

Aesthetics is an important feature that enhances the recreational experience. Lands around Bull Shoals Lake provide a natural setting that is aesthetically pleasing as well as buffering the lake from views of development and clearings..

Under the No-Action Alternative the visual character of the landscape would slowly change due to potential continued development increasing the amount of land with views of development and human structures. This would increase the amount of visual contrast between the natural and developed landscapes around the lake. Visual contrast is a measure of impact on visual quality and aesthetics. Dock development would eliminate the unspoiled and untamed aesthetic of this landscape. Road and utility line corridors also impact aesthetics and visual resources at Bull Shoals. Since the lake is partially surrounded by pockets of residential and commercial development, these demands would continue to increase. In many instances, requests for new shoreline use permits are in areas where the natural vegetation and landscape would be disturbed.



### **5.11.2 Moderate Conservation (Alternative 2)**

The wide panorama of Bull Shoals Lake and the nearby shore conveys a sense of enormity to the lake, and the conversion of 20,043.3 acres of Low Density lands and 4,830.6 acres of High Density lands to Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage would continue to preserve the sense of relatively pristine shoreline. The natural vegetation along the shoreline would enhance the views of the people recreating on the lake, while potentially impeding the view of the lake from the shore. Under this proposed alternative, property owners could work with Corps staff to determine the appropriate vegetation management measures for their specific property location adjacent to the shoreline of the lake.

### **5.11.3 Limited Growth (Alternative 3)**

Implementation of the Limited Growth Alternative would be similar in regards to aesthetics as the Moderate Conservation Alternative. Under Alternative 3 there would be 4,259.2 more acres of Low Density lands compared to the Preferred Action, which would have the potential for additional boat dock construction and vegetation modification permits, but no significant impacts to aesthetics would be expected.

### **5.11.4 Maximum Conservation (Alternative 4)**

Implementation of the Maximum Conservation Alternative would minimize all activities which could disturb the scenic beauty and aesthetics of the lake. This alternative would be the most aesthetically pleasing for those recreating along the lake, but could potentially be a hindrance to property owners and their viewshed of the lake. The user experience in areas such as Corps parks would still be relatively peaceful at most times, with the aesthetic of domesticated nature. However, some of the more developed and heavily used parks could experience annual wear and deterioration of acreage and existing facilities due to the potential increased usage of these parks.

## **5.12 Cumulative Impacts**

Cumulative impacts are those that may result from the incremental impact of the evaluated alternatives added to those of other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future actions in the local area. The Master Plan for Bull Shoals Lake was last approved in 1975; this was followed by multiple supplements over the last 40 years. During that time, public use patterns have remained similar, but trends, facility and service demands have shifted in the past 40 years due to the need for alternative experiences in recreation and tourism. Visitation to the lake has decreased from 2000 to 2010; however, the demand for high quality recreational experiences remain. Bull Shoals Lake receives pressure for both private shoreline and public recreation use, resulting in management concerns regarding the overall sustainability of the lake. With public use at project facilities changing, reallocations of services at these facilities need to be addressed. Changes involving recreation area closures and improvements have occurred during the last four decades to meet the evolving public use. In addition, cooperative agreements are being considered in order to operate and maintain facilities, which would reduce the financial burden on the tax payers.

Two main themes came out of the scoping process, which was a cumulative exercise involving private and public entities, and local, state and federal agencies—improved water quality and maintenance of the environmental setting around the lake. Preservation of the natural shoreline and lack of extensive development has enhanced and maintained good water quality since the lake was constructed. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has classified Bull Shoals Lake as an Extraordinary Resource Water and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has designated it as a Class A waterbody. Existing conditions at the lake allow for some degree of development on 72% of available

acreage, with an additional 169 acres having no specific land classification, but it should be noted that reclassification of lands under the proposed alternative would enhance water quality by restricting Low Density recreation development, increasing the amount of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage, thereby retaining more of the natural shoreline vegetation. Approximately 80% of the linear shoreline would have a natural vegetated shoreline due to these land reclassifications identified in the Proposed Alternative. There would be insignificant impacts to climate, topography, geology and soils under this alternative. The aquatic environment of the lake should benefit from a potential reduction in storm water runoff velocity, reduced sedimentation, improved water quality, and a cleaner substrate for macroinvertebrate production and fish spawning activity. This alternative would also enhance wildlife foraging and movement patterns, offer more protection for threatened and endangered species that inhabit the area, and result in minimal impacts to cultural resources. A provision for additional potential development opportunities coupled with an abundance of lands remaining in their natural condition would balance and enhance recreational experiences, which would potentially stimulate the socio-economics of the area. This balanced approach should provide a safe and aesthetically pleasing recreational experience for the public that visits and/or lives at Bull Shoals Lake.

Continued collaboration and coordination with state and federal resource agencies, as well as local agencies and watershed groups, is necessary to monitor, evaluate and remediate aging infrastructure, failing septic systems around the shoreline, and potential water quality impacts. Coordination with these entities could also evaluate and promote watershed enhancement programs that would serve to institute stream bank stabilization, land improvement and conservation programs, and implementation of best management practices to reduce watershed runoff and erosion.

As management of Bull Shoals Lake ensues, the Corps would continue to coordinate with Federal, State, and local agencies to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts.



## 6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Compliance with Federal Acts and Executive Orders are summarized in the following table.

Act/Executive Order	Status	Compliance
Wetlands (EO 11990)	No effect	C
Prime/Unique Farmlands	N/A	N/A
Floodplain Management (EO 11988)	N/A	N/A
Clean Water Act		
Section 404	No effect	N/A
Section 401	No effect	N/A
NPDES	No effect	N/A
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act	No effect	C
Endangered Species Act	No effect	C
National Historic Preservation Act	No effect	C
Environmental Justice (EO 12898)	No effect	C
Clean Air Act	No effect	C
Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)	N/A	N/A
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)	N/A	N/A
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	N/A	N/A
Rivers and Harbors Act	N/A	N/A
N/A—not applicable C--Compliant		

**Table 6: Federal Act/Executive Order Compliance**

### 6.1 Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

The Corps is required to coordinate with the USFWS and MDNR under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 USC 661 et. seq.). Coordination was initiated with a scoping notice; no concerns were raised by these agencies. Review of the Environmental Assessment is pending; no concerns are anticipated.

### 6.2 Endangered Species Act

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires the determination of possible effects on species or degradation of habitat critical to Federally-listed endangered or threatened species. Implementation of an updated Master Plan is not likely to affect threatened or endangered species. Individual requests for use of project lands would be evaluated to ensure compliance with this Act.

### 6.3 Environmental Justice

Executive Order 12898, *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations* requires Federal agencies to promote “nondiscrimination in Federal programs substantially affecting human health and environment”. In response to this directive, Federal Agencies must identify and address a disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects of their

programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations. The final step in the environmental justice evaluation process is to evaluate the impact of the project on the population and to ascertain whether target populations are affected more adversely than other residents.

Implementing the proposed Master Plan Update would not disproportionately affect minority or low-income populations.

#### **6.4 Cultural Resource Requirement**

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires the Corps to identify historic properties affected by the proposed action and to evaluate the eligibility of those properties for the National Register of Historic Places. Section 110 of the Act requires the Corps to assume responsibility for the preservation of historic properties in its ownership. The Act also requires Federal agencies to provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment on undertakings through the process outlined in the Council's regulations (36 CFR 800).

There would be no effect on cultural resources with implementation of an updated Master Plan. Individual requests for use of project lands would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to ensure compliance with this act.

## 7.0 Scoping and Public Concern

### 7.1 Introduction

No single agency has complete oversight of stewardship activities on the public lands and waters surrounding Bull Shoals Lake. Responsibility for natural resource and recreation management falls to several agencies that own or have jurisdiction over these public lands and waters.

Increasingly, competition for the use of these lands and waters and their natural resources can create conflicts and concerns among stakeholders. The need to coordinate a cooperative approach to protect and sustain these resources is compelling. Many opportunities exist to increase the effectiveness of Federal programs through collaboration among agencies and to facilitate the process of partnering between government and non-government agencies.

To sustain healthy and productive public lands and water with the most efficient approach requires individuals and organizations to recognize their unique ability to contribute to commonly held goals. The key to progress is building on the strengths of each sector, achieving goals collectively that could not be reasonably achieved individually. Given the inter-jurisdictional nature of Bull Shoals Lake, partnering opportunities exist and can promote the leveraging of limited financial and human resources. Partnering and identification of innovative approaches to deliver justified levels of service defuse polarization among interest groups, and lead to a common understanding and appreciation of individual roles, priorities, and responsibilities.

To the extent practical, this Master Plan and a proactive approach to partnering would position Bull Shoals Lake to aggressively leverage project financial capability and human resources in order to identify and satisfy customer expectations, protect and sustain natural and cultural resources and recreational infrastructure, and programmatically bring Corps management efforts and outputs up to a justified level of service. Public involvement and extensive coordination within the Corps of Engineers and with other affected agencies and organizations is a critical feature required in developing or revising a Project Master Plan.

Agency and public involvement and coordination have been a key element in every phase of the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan revision.

### 7.2 Scoping

One agency and five public scoping workshops were held in late August 2014 with 776 people registering their attendance. To prepare for the scoping workshops, the Corps contracted with CDM-Smith.

From the scoping process, a Scoping Report was finalized in December 2014. The report summarizes the public participation process for, and the public comments resulting from, the Bull Shoals Lake MP Revision public scoping workshops and comment period. “Scoping” is the process of determining the scope, focus, and content of a NEPA document. Scoping workshops are a useful tool to obtain information from the public and governmental agencies. For a

planning process such as the MP revision, the scoping process was also used as an opportunity to get input from the public and agencies about the vision for the MP update and the issues that the MP should address where possible. The Scoping Report is located on the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan website,

<http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/BullShoalsLakeMasterPlanRevision.aspx>

### **7.3 Focus Groups**

The PDT made the decision to work with focus groups during the scoping process, in part due to the high interest in the Master Plan revision process from other agencies and the public. The focus groups were formed in response to the top three concerns heard from the public during the scoping process: Water Quality, Environmental, and Recreation.

The initial focus group meetings were held on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2014 at the Mt. Home Project Office. A ‘cross talk’ focus group meeting, which included team leaders chosen from each of the three focus groups, was held on the 2<sup>th</sup> of April 2014. The idea behind this meeting was to allow all three focus groups to hear from each other on feedback and comments given to that point on the preliminary draft master plan.

A final focus group meeting was held on April 2, 2015 to allow the PDT to discuss with the focus groups on how their feedback and comments were included into the draft MP.

### **7.4 Draft Master Plan/Draft Environmental Assessment.**

The Draft Master Plan/Draft Environmental Assessment is currently scheduled for release at the end of July 2015 with public workshops scheduled for early to mid August 2015.

### **7.5 Final Master Plan/Final EA.**

The Final Master Plan is currently scheduled for completion in November 2015, with public workshops scheduled in early December 2015.

## 8.0 Conclusions

The Master Plan for Bull Shoals Lake was last approved in 1975; this was followed by multiple supplements over the last 40 years. During that time, public use patterns have remained similar, but trends, facility and service demands have shifted in the past 40 years due to the need for alternative experiences in recreation and tourism. Visitation to the lake has decreased from 2000 to 2010; however, the demand for high quality recreational experiences remain. Bull Shoals Lake receives pressure for both private shoreline and public recreation use, resulting in management concerns regarding the overall sustainability of the lake. With public use at project facilities changing, reallocations of services at these facilities need to be addressed. Changes involving recreation area closures and improvements have occurred during the last four decades to meet the evolving public use. In addition, cooperative agreements are being considered in order to operate and maintain facilities, which would reduce the financial burden on the tax payers

The Master Plan is not intended to address the specifics of regional water quality, shoreline management, or water level management; these areas are covered in a project's shoreline management plan or water management plan. However, specific issues identified through the Master Plan revision process can still be communicated and coordinated with the appropriate internal Corps resource (i.e. Operations for shoreline management) or external resource agency (i.e. Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality for water quality) responsible for that specific area. To facilitate this action, the current Master Plan development evaluated four alternatives relative to their potential impacts on the land and water resources of Bull Shoals Lake.

These alternatives spanned the gamut of increased shoreline protection to increased shoreline development and the potential effects on the human, terrestrial, and aquatic environment from their implementation. A no action alternative looked at leaving the lake as it currently exists in terms of developable areas and protected areas. Of the 56,348 acres of available land around the lake, 72% of this is classified as High and Low density recreation (15% high), with potential future development occurring. While 21% of available acreage is classified as Environmentally Sensitive lands, 169 acres of land currently has no classification. Under each of the action alternatives, the lands with no classification are allocated to one of the land classifications.

The action alternatives included a Moderate Conservation Alternative, a Limited Development Alternative, and a Maximum Conservation Alternative. The Maximum Conservation Alternative (Alternative 4) shifted the majority of the available shoreline acreage toward future preservation, with 7% classified as High Density recreation, 65% classified as Environmentally Sensitive, and 28% classified as Wildlife Management lands. Potential effects from this would be decreased vegetation removal and a reduction in soil erosion due to the reclassification of lands previously included as high and low density lands, having the potential for construction and conversion of pervious surfaces to impervious. This construction activity is generally detrimental to water quality and terrestrial and aquatic wildlife species. Development has the potential to increase the number of boats on the lake,

increased health and safety issues, aesthetic impacts, and impaired recreational experiences for many visitors. The Moderate Conservation Alternative (Alternative 2) also includes the 7% High Density lands, while reducing the 57% of Low Density lands to 13%, with the 44% difference going to the Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management classifications. This action would preserve shoreline vegetation, reduce stormwater runoff quantity and velocity, resulting in less in-lake sedimentation and turbidity, and improve water quality. This action also has the potential to improve health and safety issues, aesthetics, terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat. The Conservation Alternative seeks to balance all components of lake usage, including the provision for growth and recreation potential, while protecting and preserving terrestrial and aquatic resources. A detailed description of the modifications is located in Chapter 5 of the Master Plan.

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## **Appendix A: Public Comments**



## **Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision Scoping Report**



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## Acronyms

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ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EP	Engineer Pamphlet
ER	Engineer Regulation
MP	Master Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NRRS	National Recreation Reservation Service
OMP	Operational Management Plan
P.L.	Public Law
SMP	Shoreline Management Plan
URL	uniform resource locator
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers



# Section 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Overview

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Little Rock District is proposing to revise the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan (MP) guides the management of the government-owned and leased lands around the shoreline of the lake. The MP affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of Bull Shoals Lake.

The MP revision will set the stage for a later update of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), which is how the vision of the MP is implemented. The MP is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed in the future and provides the vision for how the lake should look in the future. The MP does not address the details of how and where shoreline use permits may be issued. After the MP is revised and when funding becomes available, the Operational Management Plan (OMP) and SMP for the lake would be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the MP.

The current Bull Shoals Lake MP was developed nearly 40 years ago, and original estimates of future population and land use do not align with current demographics. For example, the current MP estimated that the lake would see approximately 11.23 million visitors annually by the year 2000; however, current visitation for recreational activities was only 2.6 million visitors annually in 2012. The MP revision will classify the government lands around the lake based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and forecasted trends.

USACE Engineer Regulation (ER) and Engineer Pamphlet (EP) 1130-2-550 with Change 7 and Change 5, respectively, dated January 30, 2013, establish guidance for developing MPs and OMPs for USACE Civil Works projects. MPs are required for fee-owned lands, in addition to civil works projects, for which USACE has administrative responsibility for management of natural and manmade resources. The primary goals of an MP are to “prescribe an overall land use management plan, resource objectives, and associated design and management concepts” (EP 1130-2-550). MPs are reviewed every 5 years, and minor changes are made through supplements. An MP that has been excessively supplemented, is out-of-date, or does not serve its intended purpose due to changes in the project should be revised.

USACE will be preparing an environmental assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidelines (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508), and ER 200-2-2 Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The EA will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the MP revisions. However, an environmental impact statement (EIS) would be prepared if significant environmental effects are identified during preparation of the EA as a result of the MP revisions.

### 1.2 Purpose and Need for Master Plan Revision

The purpose of the project is to review and revise the Bull Shoals Lake MP. The last revision took place in 1975. Updating the MP is now required for the following reasons:

- Most of the approved plans in the previous update have been implemented.
- The existing plan format and mapping technology is outdated and not compliant with current Master Plan format and technology requirements.
- Current USACE policies/regulations, budget processes, business line performance measures, and priorities are not reflected.
- Customer uses have remained similar, but trends, facility, and service demands have shifted in the past 40 years (e.g., an increase in visitation and tourism).
- Demands on fixed resources challenge the existing master plan.
- Shoreline development resulting in environmental and management issues have continued to increase, causing sustainability concerns.
- Partners and stakeholders are engaged with the USACE and seek to increase and sustain benefits provided by the lake.
- To provide an alternative recreational and natural resource experience for visitors to the White River watershed projects.
- To ensure project lands and water are not adversely impacted, the State of Arkansas has designated Bull Shoals Lake as Extraordinary Resource Water.

## 1.3 Project Area

The Bull Shoals Lake is located within Southern Missouri (Taney and Ozark counties) and Northern Arkansas (Boone, Marion, and Baxter counties) on the White River and was authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938. Bull Shoals Lake was authorized for five missions: flood risk management, generation of hydroelectric power, recreational opportunities, fish and wildlife, and storage to provide water supply (municipal and industrial water supply). Bull Shoals also provides water for “minimum flows” as directed by law (Section 132 of the Fiscal Year 2006 Energy and Water Resources Development Act, Public Law [P.L.] 109-103). The project area encompasses about 104,640 acres of land and water, with 957 miles of boundary line.

The lake provides many recreational opportunities, along with fish and wildlife habitat. With its clear, deep waters, Bull Shoals Lake is especially popular for fishing and scuba diving. There are 24 public use areas around Bull Shoals Lake. There are nine parks on the lake presently operated by USACE. Four parks (Woodard, Lowery, Spring Creek, and Dam Site parks) are temporarily closed and have been reduced to lake access only. One State Park (Bull Shoals-White River State Park) is located on Bull Shoals Lake and the White River and is operated by the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. Three parks (Bull Shoals, Ozark Isle, and Pontiac) are operated by commercial concessionaires. One park (Point Return) is operated by the City of Bull Shoals, Arkansas. One park (Shadow Rock) is operated by the City of Forsyth, Missouri. Two parks (Highway K and Kissees Mills) are operated by Taney County, Missouri. One park (Lead Hill City Park) is operated by the City of Lead Hill. One park (Shoal Creek) is operated by the City of Protem. One park (Danuser City Park) is operated by the City of Bull Shoals. USACE lands around the lake also provide for other popular recreational activities, including hiking, hunting, swimming, and picnicking.

During high water events and flood periods, Bull Shoals Lake is operated in conjunction with other lakes in the White River Basin to reduce flood damage along the White and lower Mississippi Rivers. The dam also generates hydropower electricity.

## 1.4 Purpose of this Report

The following report summarizes the public participation process for, and the public comments resulting from, the Bull Shoals Lake MP Revision public scoping workshops and comment period. “Scoping” is the process of determining the scope, focus, and content of a NEPA document. Scoping workshops are a useful tool to obtain information from the public and governmental agencies. For a planning process such as the MP revision, the scoping process was also used as an opportunity to get input from the public and agencies about the vision for the MP update and the issues that the MP should address where possible.

## Section 2

# Scoping Process

### 2.1 Overview

In accordance with NEPA and ER 200-2-2, USACE initiated the environmental compliance and review process for the Bull Shoals Lake MP revision project. An EA will be prepared to identify potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts related to implementation of the MP.

As part of the initial phase of the environmental process, an agency scoping workshop was held on August 21, 2014, and five public scoping workshops were hosted on August 22, 23, 25, 26, and 27, 2014 to gather public comments on the MP revision process and issues that should be examined as part of the environmental analysis. The workshops also provided the public an opportunity to ask questions and get more information about the current MP and the revision process. The process of determining the scope, focus, and content of a NEPA document is known as “scoping.” Scoping is a useful tool to obtain information from the public and governmental agencies.

In particular, the scoping process was used as an opportunity to get input from the public and agencies about the vision for the MP update and the issues that the MP should address. Workshop attendees were provided a comment card that asked for responses to specific questions in addition to providing general comments about the plan and the environmental review. The specific questions included:

- How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?
- What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you?
- What about Bull Shoals Lake is least important to you?
- What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

USACE published notice of the scoping workshops through an email blast, a direct mail postcard, press releases, display ads in several regional and local papers, and announcements on the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan webpage and the Little Rock District Facebook page. The postcard notice and email blast were sent to landowners adjacent to USACE-owned lands around the lake, White River Border Lake fishing permits purchased in Missouri, dock permit holders, marina and resort owners, dock builders, and those with reservations to camp at Bull Shoals Lake campgrounds. Postcards were sent to those for whom only a postal address was available; all others received the email blast. Flyers were posted on bulletin boards at campgrounds and recreational facilities throughout the lake. Agency coordination letters were sent to potentially interested agencies.

The comment period was originally posted from August 11 to September 30, 2014, and it was extended an additional 8 days until October 8, 2014. The comment period was extended because the email system collecting comments from the public failed during the first few days of the comment period. The extension was announced on October 1, 2014, on the USACE webpage, Facebook, and through a press release.

## 2.2 Agency Scoping Workshop

Agencies were invited to participate in the scoping process and to provide input on the vision for the Bull Shoals Lake MP and on issues that should be addressed through the environmental assessment. A letter was sent to agency contacts providing notification of the upcoming agency scoping workshop and links to the project website where more information could be found. Forty-seven formal agency notification letters were sent on August 5, 2014, to 35 agencies (Appendix B).

One agency scoping workshop was held as follows:

Time: Thursday, August 21, 2014, 2:00 P.M to 4:00 P.M.

Location: Mountain Home Project Office  
324 W. 7th Street  
Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653

Attendees: 14, representing the following 10 agencies and jurisdictions (sign-in sheet included in Appendix E)

- Arkansas Department of Health
- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- Arkansas Geological Survey
- Arkansas National Resources Commission
- Arkansas State Parks
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Ozark County
- Southwestern Power Administration
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service

The agency workshop included a short video and presentation by USACE that provided an overview of the master planning process. This was followed by a question and answer session with responses and dialog led by the USACE staff present. Attendees were then asked to participate in a workshop format designed to elicit input on the visioning questions listed in Section 2.1. Participants completed responses to the questions and then identified their top priorities on a series of Post-it® notes. The Post-it® notes were then grouped by question on large flip charts at separate stations located around the room. USACE staff reviewed the concerns and ideas on the Post-it® notes and reported back to the group with a summary of the trends and common themes.

### 2.2.1 Agency Scoping Workshop Discussion

The meeting and Post-it® notes of priorities collected at the agency scoping workshop represent the views of the individuals who attended the workshop rather than official agency comments. Therefore, the summary presented here is not broken down by agency. Official agency comments were received at a later

date on agency letterhead. Official agency comments and input are discussed and summarized in Section 3.8.

The agency responses to the questions identified the following top priorities (the total number of comments on each question may exceed the number of participants because individuals may have identified more than one issue):

Question 1 – How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

- Preserving the lake with pristine water quality (3)
- Increased flexibility in hydropower operations (1)
- More alternative energy production (1)
- No additional high density recreation areas (1)
- Fluid, proactive response to climate change (1)

Question 2 – What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you?

- Protection of water quality for water supply (4)
- Outdoor recreation and educational opportunities (4)
- Conservation of environment (4)
- Transmission and pipeline regulation (1)
- Regulate oil and gas (3)
- Prepare for water supply request (1)
- Restrict casinos (1)
- Regulate wind turbines (1)
- Preserve operational flexibility for hydropower operations (1)

Question 3: What is the least important to you?

- Fireworks on the lake (1)
- Power pool (1)

Question 4 – What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

- Non-motorized boat zones (2)
- Reduce high density recreation acres (1)

A complete list of the issues as identified through the “Post-it®” note exercise is found in Appendix G. The workshop format included a discussion of some of the items written on the Post-its® and resulted in clarification of the issues identified. The bullets listed above reflect that discussion while the list in Appendix G contains the original Post-it® notations.

The agency scoping workshop notes are included in Appendix G. The topics addressed in the question and answer session of the workshop included:

- Other changes under the MP such as authorized uses or lease agreements
- Consideration of identifying future locations for water intakes as part of the MP
- Climate change and its potential impacts on the lake
- Clarification on uses and resources allowed to be classified in the MP
- Effects associated with new minimum flow operations

## 2.3 Public Scoping

Public scoping is an important element in the process of determining the focus and content of a NEPA document. Scoping helps to identify the range of actions, alternatives, environmental effects, and mitigation measures to be analyzed in depth and helps eliminate from detailed study those issues that are not pertinent to the final decision. Scoping is an effective way to bring together and address the concerns of the public, agencies, and other interested parties.

Notification of the scoping comment period and workshops was completed via several forms of media as described further in this section. Five public scoping workshops were held as described in Section 2.3.3.

### 2.3.1 Notification Database

USACE maintains a database of stakeholder groups interested in activities around Bull Shoals Lake, which includes resort and marina owners. Other databases maintained by USACE include shoreline use permit holders, boat slip owners, and dock builders. In addition, USACE developed a list of adjacent property owners based on the databases maintained by the county assessors of the surrounding counties. USACE also compiled a list of parties who had made campground reservations through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) for camping trips at Bull Shoals Lake during the 2012 through mid-2014 seasons. Finally, USACE obtained the database of White River Border Lake fishing permits sold in Missouri between 2012 and 2014. These combined databases included 3,816 email addresses and 23,755 postal addresses.

### 2.3.2 Public Notification Activities

Strategies to engage the public to participate in the MP visioning and environmental review processes and to encourage people to attend scoping workshops included (1) making it easy to participate, (2) providing easy-to-understand information that helps people provide informed scoping comments, (3) providing multiple ways to obtain information and provide comments, and (4) ensuring that stakeholders are aware of the planning process and understand how public input will be used.

Invitations to the scoping workshops were mailed directly to people on the project mailing list, and e-blast invitations were sent to persons and organizations where email addresses were available. Newspaper display ads were placed in five local and regional papers. Additionally, a project web page was developed to provide project information and pertinent information about the scoping workshops. The Little Rock District Facebook page was also used to distribute project information before, during, and after the scoping workshops.



Each notification medium was assigned a unique short uniform resource locator (URL) to direct recipients to the project website for more information. This allowed USACE to track how people heard about the workshops and the master planning process and evaluate the effectiveness of various notification methods for future projects.

### **2.3.2.1 Direct Mail Notification**

On August 7, 2014, 23,755 postcards were mailed to adjacent property owners, private boat slip owners, stakeholders, persons who purchased White River Border Lake fishing permits in Missouri, and those listed on the NRRS reservation list without email addresses. The distribution of postcard recipients is illustrated in **Figure 2-1** by zip code. Of these, 2,143 were classified as invalid addresses.

The postcard notification included information on the MP revision process, the five public scoping workshops locations and dates, how to provide comments, the comment period closing date, and the project web address. The direct mail postcard is included in Appendix C. The postcard resulted in 401 visits to the project website during the comment period.

### **2.3.2.2 E-mail Notification**

An invitation e-mail blast was sent on August 13, 2014, to approximately 3,816 email addresses. These emails were sent to adjacent property owners, private boat slip owners, boat dock builders, stakeholders, and those listed on the NRRS reservation list for whom email addresses were available. Of the total emails sent, approximately 261 were returned as undeliverable. The information in the email blast was the same as the information on the postcard notification. The email blast resulted in 491 visits to the project website during the comment period.

### **2.3.2.3 Newspaper Advertisements**

To invite the public to the scoping workshops and notify people about the comment period, display advertisements were placed in regional and local newspapers around Bull Shoals Lake. Newspaper display ad placement was coordinated through the Arkansas Press Services, Inc., which works with all of the local and regional papers. Display ads ran for one day each. The display ads included the same information as was included on the direct mail postcards, and copies of the published ads are included in Appendix C. Newspaper display ads and the first press release resulted in 238 visits to the project website during the comment period.

Newspaper display ads ran in the following papers and dates:

- Baxter Bulletin on August 6
- Harrison Daily Times on August 6
- Mountaineer Echo on August 7
- Ozark County Times on August 6
- Taney County Times August 6



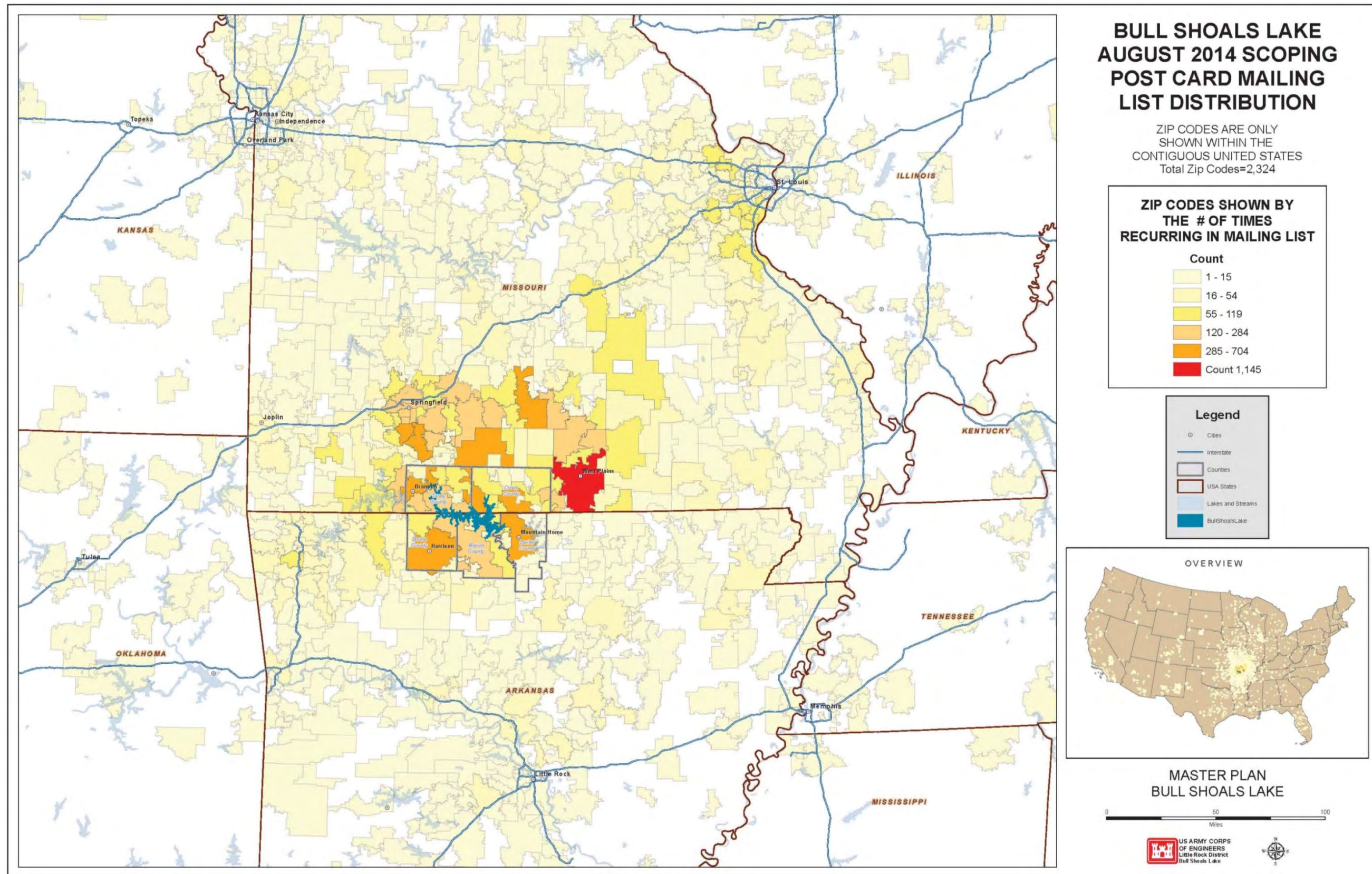


Figure 2-1. Distribution of Postcard Notification by Zip Code



### 2.3.2.4 Project Website

A project website, <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/BullShoalsLakeMasterPlanRevision.aspx>, was developed for the MP revision project. The site included information about Bull Shoals Lake, the MP revision process, and the scoping process. Information on the scoping process included the dates and locations of the workshops, how to submit comments, who to contact for more information, and notification of the extension of the comment period. Between August 11 and October 8, 2014, 3,552 people visited the project website.

### 2.3.2.5 Social Media

The Little Rock District Facebook page was used to distribute project information. Facebook posts included information similar to that found on the project website: information about Bull Shoals Lake, the MP revision process, and the scoping process. Information on the scoping process included the dates and locations of the workshops, how to submit comments, who to contact for more information, and notification of the extension of the comment period. Two posts about the project were targeted to 20- to 60-year-olds as well as the five counties that border the lake. The first post reached 14,967 users in the target demographic, and the second post reached 14,392 users. Social media posts resulted in 982 visits to the project website during the comment period.

In addition, during the week of the workshops, the Facebook page was updated with daily status reports, photos, and information from the workshops.

### 2.3.2.6 Other Notification Activities

In order to maximize the coverage of the outreach effort for the scoping workshops, a media release was sent to local media outlets using the Southwestern Division, Little Rock District, Mountain Home Media distribution list on August 6, 2014. Copies of the press releases are in Appendix C, and copies of the media coverage are in Appendix H. This first press release was picked up by The Fishing Wire, Dredging Today, Ozark County Times, Taney County Times, Douglas County Herald, and KOLR 10 (Appendix H). Some of these news outlets also reported on the public meetings.

A follow-up press release was sent on September 11, 2014, reminding the public that there was still time to provide comments during the scoping period. The second press release was run by The Outdoor Wire, The Fishing Wire, Branson Tri-Lakes News, Ozark County Times, and the Democrat Gazette.

A third press release was sent out regarding extension of the comment period on October 1, 2014. This final press release was run by Ozarks First.

A You Tube page was also created for the project, which included the 8-minute video about the MP revision project, the process, and the possible land classifications. The You Tube video had 1,175 views during the scoping comment period.

Finally, it was reported that several marina owners passed out comment cards at their entrance gates during the public comment period.

### 2.3.2.7 Website Statistics

Each type of media notification (e.g., display ads, postcard, email, Facebook page, etc.) provided a different URL or specific web addresses to the project website. This was done in order to gather information on how people found out about and accessed the project website. The following is a list of the number of people

who accessed the website organized by the media notification web address used. In total, the specific project web addresses were used 3,552 times.

- First news release and newspaper display ads: 238
- Email blast: 491
- Postcard notification: 401
- Social media (Facebook): 982
- Agency letter: 4
- Comment cards and poster boards used in the workshops: 94
- Second news release and project update: 58
- USACE Little Rock District homepage/search engines (Google, Bing): 1,284

### 2.3.3 Public Scoping Workshops

USACE hosted five public workshops to gather input from the public about the MP Revision and the scope of the environmental analyses to be conducted. Workshops were scheduled in compliance with NEPA guidelines, and locations were selected to reflect equitable geographic coverage. The locations were all within the project area in all five counties adjacent to the lake and were Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. The scoping workshops were held in the middle of the public comment period. To provide the greatest opportunity for community participation, workshops were held in both Missouri and Arkansas on different days of the week, with four workshops in the evenings on weekdays and one workshop on a Saturday morning/afternoon.

A total of 776 people signed in at the five public workshops (**Figure 2-2** and **Figure 2-3**). Approximately 88 comment cards were returned at the public workshops, and 3 people spoke to the court reporters that were available to take oral comments. An additional 285 comment submittals were received via letters, email, and mailed comment cards by the close of the public comment period.

#### **Workshop 1: Mountain Home**

Friday, August 22, 2014

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Arkansas State University

1600 S. College St.

Mountain Home, Arkansas

*Attendees:* 155 signed in

*Comments:* 11 comment cards or letters were submitted at the workshop

#### **Workshop 2: Harrison**

Saturday, August 23, 2014

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

North Arkansas Community College

303 N. Main

Harrison, Arkansas

*Attendees:* 76 signed in

*Comments:* 3 comment cards or letters were submitted at the workshop

**Workshop 3: Theodosia**

Monday, August 25, 2014

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Lutie School

5802 U.S. HWY 160

Theodosia, Missouri

*Attendees:* 267 signed in

*Comments:* 36 comment cards or letters were submitted at the workshop

**Workshop 4: Forsyth**

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Forsyth Public School

178 Panther Rd.

Forsyth, Missouri

*Attendees:* 134 signed in

*Comments:* 17 comment cards or letters were submitted at the workshop

**Workshop 5: Flippin**

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Flippin Middle School

308 North 1st St.

Flippin, Arkansas

*Attendees:* 144 signed in

*Comments:* 21 comment cards or letters were submitted at the workshop



Figure 2-2 Attendance at the Mountain Home Workshop



Figure 2-3 Attendance at the Theodosia Workshop

### 2.3.3.1 Public Scoping Workshop Format

The purpose of the public scoping workshops was to conduct NEPA scoping and to initiate public involvement in the revision of the Bull Shoals Lake MP. The public scoping workshops were an open house format (**Figure 2-4**). A short video on Bull Shoals Lake, the MP revision process, and possible land classification categories ran continuously during the workshop. During the workshops, participants had the opportunity to view project display boards, which highlighted the MP revision process, and ask questions or raise concerns directly to project team members stationed around the room. A computer was set up during the workshops with a link to an interactive map of the lake and the current land classifications to facilitate responses to questions about the lake and MP revision (**Figure 2-5**).

Written comments were collected at each workshop in the form of the comment cards and also were accepted by mail, fax, and e-mail after the workshops until the close of the comment period on October 8, 2014.



Figure 2-4. Open House Format at the Flippin Workshop





**Figure 2-5 Interactive Map in use at the Harrison Workshop**

### **2.3.3.2 Public Scoping Workshop Materials**

Each scoping workshop attendee was offered a one-page fact sheet (Appendix D) and the comment card (Appendix D). The fact sheet provided a brief overview of the purpose and need for the MP revision, information about Bull Shoals Lake, the proposed schedule for the environmental review and MP revision process, and the different land classification categories to be used in the revised MP. The comment card included information on how to comment and allowed attendees to either submit written comments at the scoping workshop or to mail them in after the scoping workshop. The comment card was designed as a self-mailer so that individuals could easily mail comments to USACE if they needed more time to develop their comments after attending the public scoping workshops.

Several display boards were developed and used during the public workshops. The boards provided information on the MP revision process and provided a backdrop for one-on-one question and answers with USACE staff. The boards included:

- How to Comment
- Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Environmental Assessment, which included the four workshop questions
- Why Revise the Master Plan?
- Issues Potentially Evaluated in the Environmental Assessment
- Master Plan (showing the relationship between the MP and other planning documents)
- Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision Timeline

The exhibit boards are included in Appendix E.



## 2.4 Comments Received

The public scoping comment period was from August 11, 2014 to October 8, 2014, which provided a 59-day comment period. The end date of the comment period was changed from September 30 to October 8 to allow people who may have commented during the first few days to resubmit their comments because of a problem with the email system that occurred during the first few days. All interested people were provided opportunities to submit written comments at the five scoping workshops as well as via email, fax, or mail. The comment cards distributed at the public scoping workshops were designed to facilitate return of written comments either at the public workshop or via mail later during the public comment period. Email comments could be sent to a project specific email address, which was included on the project website as well as on all of the notice materials distributed. Many workshop participants took multiple comment cards to distribute to friends and family who were not able to attend a workshop in person.

In total, approximately 376 comment submittals (letters, emails, comment cards, or oral comments) from members of the public and 7 comment submittals from agencies were received by the end of the comment period. Copies of all of the public comments submitted during the comment period are included in Appendix F. Copies of agency submittals are included in Appendix G.

## Section 3

# Summary of Scoping Comments

### 3.1 Introduction

USACE accepted comments on the Bull Shoals Lake MP Revision throughout the entire scoping period from August 11 through October 8, 2014. Agencies, community groups, members of the public, elected officials, and other interested parties submitted 383 letters, e-mails, comment cards, and faxes during this period. The summary table (**Table 3-1**) provides a tally of the topics discussed in the comments.

It should be noted that the combined numbers of comments listed in the following subsections and the summary table will be greater than the total number of comment submissions because most people discussed multiple topics in their submission. Topics covered in the comments included general comments about the plan and the environmental review as well as answers to the following questions:

- How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?
- What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you?
- What is least important to you?
- What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

This section contains a summary of comments received during the scoping period. The actual comments may be found in Appendices F and G.

### 3.2 Summary of Comments

All comments were reviewed and categorized. The full text of each comment is included in Appendices F (public comments) and G (agency comments).

**Table 3-1** provides a summary of the comments received during the scoping comment period. While this table does not include every comment received, it provides a general summary of the topics most frequently submitted during the comment period. A more detailed overview of comments follows in Sections 3.3 through 3.9. A number of comments were not related to the plan or the environmental review, and these are included in the summary of additional comments in Section 3.7. The full text of all written comments submitted by members of the public or stakeholder organizations is provided in Appendix F. Agency comments are included in Appendix G as well as a transcription of the results of the Post-it® note exercise.

**Table 3-1. Summary of Comments Received**

How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?	<p>A Lake With...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No Changes (Same as Today/Preserved) (44)</li> <li>▪ Clean Water/Water Quality (13)</li> <li>▪ Natural Shoreline/Environment (11)</li> <li>▪ Limited Growth/Controlled Development (9)</li> <li>▪ Not Like Lake of the Ozarks (6)</li> <li>▪ Additional Public Boat Launches (6)</li> <li>▪ More Restaurants/Services on Lake (5)</li> <li>▪ No Additional Restrictions (4)</li> <li>▪ More Boats (4)</li> <li>▪ No New Commercial Development (3)</li> <li>▪ Limited Boat Size/Speed/Noise (3)</li> <li>▪ No Additional Private Boat Docks (3)</li> <li>▪ More Access Routes to Lake (3)</li> <li>▪ Economic Growth and Development (3)</li> <li>▪ Recreational Uses (3)</li> <li>▪ No Large Developments (2)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Prohibit Development on Proposed Commercial Zoned Areas (2)</li> <li>▪ Removal of Barriers Restricting Lake Access (2)</li> <li>▪ Improved Campgrounds (1)</li> <li>▪ Limited Expansion of Recreational Areas/Facilities (1)</li> <li>▪ Re-opening of Closed Campgrounds (2)</li> <li>▪ Continued Dock and Waterfront Management/Control (1)</li> <li>▪ Individual Ownership Development (1)</li> <li>▪ No Invasive Species (1)</li> <li>▪ Non-Gravel Boat Ramps (1)</li> <li>▪ Limits on Fishing Tournaments (1)</li> <li>▪ Controls for Invasive Species (1)</li> <li>▪ Water Usage Plans (1)</li> <li>▪ Used for Low-Density Recreation (1)</li> <li>▪ Limited Government Control (1)</li> </ul>
What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clean Water/Water Quality (31)</li> <li>▪ Preserving Wilderness (16)</li> <li>▪ Quiet/Peacefulness (16)</li> <li>▪ The Lake Itself (9)</li> <li>▪ Natural Shoreline/Environment (9)</li> <li>▪ Limited/No Development (9)</li> <li>▪ Fishing (9)</li> <li>▪ Limited/No New Docks (7)</li> <li>▪ Recreation (7)</li> <li>▪ Family Friendly (6)</li> <li>▪ Access to the Lake (5)</li> <li>▪ Lake Views (5)</li> <li>▪ Limited Number of Boats (5)</li> <li>▪ Little Traffic (4)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dock and Access Rights (4)</li> <li>▪ Fish/Wildlife Habitat (4)</li> <li>▪ Recreational Opportunities (2)</li> <li>▪ Flood Control (2)</li> <li>▪ Drinking Water (2)</li> <li>▪ New Access Restrictions (2)</li> <li>▪ Controlled Access (1)</li> <li>▪ Fish Stocking (1)</li> <li>▪ Minimum Flow (1)</li> <li>▪ Power Generation (1)</li> <li>▪ Property/Development Rights (1)</li> <li>▪ Removal of Dead Trees (1)</li> <li>▪ Boating (1)</li> </ul>
What is least important to you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Further Development (10)</li> <li>▪ Commercial Development (7)</li> <li>▪ Minimum Flow (2)</li> <li>▪ New Public Access Points (2)</li> <li>▪ Hunting (2)</li> <li>▪ Power Generation (1)</li> <li>▪ Housing (1)</li> <li>▪ Limitations on Improvements to Dock and Access (1)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maintenance of Public Access Areas (1)</li> <li>▪ Debris in the Lake (1)</li> <li>▪ Shoreline Development (1)</li> <li>▪ Power Boats (1)</li> <li>▪ Additional Restrictions (1)</li> <li>▪ The Water Tower (1)</li> </ul>

<p>What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improved Lake Level Management (13)</li> <li>▪ Improve/Increase Launch Areas (10)</li> <li>▪ No Major Changes (10)</li> <li>▪ Economic Growth/More Job Opportunities (8)</li> <li>▪ Better Maintenance/Improved Lake Access (7)</li> <li>▪ More Low Density Zoning (7)</li> <li>▪ Improved Dock Management (6)</li> <li>▪ Ease Private Dock and Access Restrictions (6)</li> <li>▪ Music Creek Park Unchanged/Environmentally Sensitive (5)</li> <li>▪ Better Maintenance/Improvements at Campgrounds (5)</li> <li>▪ Limit Development (5)</li> <li>▪ More Private Boat Docks (5)</li> <li>▪ All Septic Tanks be Brought to Code (5)</li> <li>▪ Wildlife and Habitat Protection/Management (4)</li> <li>▪ No Additional Access/Zone Changes to Narrow Areas (4)</li> <li>▪ Decrease in High Density Recreation Zoning (4)</li> <li>▪ Increase Environmentally Sensitive Designated Areas (4)</li> <li>▪ Removal of Dead Trees (4)</li> <li>▪ Additional/Reopen Campsites (3)</li> <li>▪ Minimize/Eliminate Invasive Species (3)</li> <li>▪ Improve Water Quality/Ensure Clean Water (3)</li> <li>▪ Restriction of Additional Docks (3)</li> <li>▪ Opportunities/Development (3)</li> <li>▪ Increase No-Wake Zones (3)</li> <li>▪ Full Hookups at Recreation Areas (3)</li> <li>▪ More Marinas (3)</li> <li>▪ Longer Operating Hours of USACE Recreation Areas (2)</li> <li>▪ Better Enforcement of Private and Commercial Rules/Regulations (2)</li> <li>▪ Improved Protection of Fish Spawning (2)</li> <li>▪ More/Improved Hiking Trails (2)</li> <li>▪ Designated Swimming Areas (2)</li> <li>▪ Drinking Water Supply Storage (2)</li> <li>▪ Maintain Low Density Recreation (2)</li> <li>▪ No Water Supply Intakes (2)</li> <li>▪ Additional Ferry/Bridge (2)</li> <li>▪ More Docks (2)</li> <li>▪ More Public Docks (2)</li> <li>▪ Store/Restaurant at Campgrounds (1)</li> <li>▪ Protect USACE-Controlled Lands (1)</li> <li>▪ Less Property Restrictions (1)</li> <li>▪ Decrease Fishing Tournaments (1)</li> <li>▪ Increase No-Wake Zone Signage/Buoys (1)</li> <li>▪ Better Protection of Fish Spawning (1)</li> <li>▪ More Variety Fish Stocking (1)</li> <li>▪ Additional Amenities/Facilities at Recreational Areas/Boat Launch (1)</li> <li>▪ Informational Website (1)</li> <li>▪ Clearer Lake Maps (1)</li> <li>▪ Electronic Water Level Updates (1)</li> <li>▪ Horse Trails Along Lake (1)</li> <li>▪ Improved Roadway Access (1)</li> <li>▪ More Boat Storage on Lake (1)</li> <li>▪ Maintain Existing Park Access (1)</li> <li>▪ More Coordination Between USACE and Public (1)</li> <li>▪ Refined Buffer Zones (1)</li> <li>▪ Agricultural Leasing of Lands (1)</li> <li>▪ More Patrol/Safety (1)</li> <li>▪ No Manmade Ponds or Feed Plots for Deer (1)</li> <li>▪ No Resort Assistance (1)</li> <li>▪ No Additional Public Boat Launches (1)</li> <li>▪ No Additional Commercial Docks (1)</li> <li>▪ More Wilderness Campgrounds/Hiking Trails (1)</li> <li>▪ Increase Foot Trail Length Limit (1)</li> <li>▪ No Additional Boat Slips (1)</li> <li>▪ Approved Septic Systems for New Development (1)</li> <li>▪ Water Trails for Canoe/Kayaks (1)</li> <li>▪ Music Creek Low-Density Recreation (1)</li> <li>▪ Restaurant Access from Water (1)</li> <li>▪ More AAV Permits (1)</li> <li>▪ Prohibit Additional Slips (1)</li> <li>▪ Improvements to Existing Resorts (1)</li> <li>▪ ATV Trail to Docks (1)</li> <li>▪ No New USACE Recreation Areas (1)</li> </ul>
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Additional Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fish and Wildlife and Habitat Protection/Management (2)</li> <li>▪ Pollution Control (2)</li> <li>▪ Undeveloped Land Designated as Environmentally Sensitive (2)</li> <li>▪ Protect Tumbling Creek Cavesnail Habitat (2)</li> <li>▪ Show Available Dock Permits (2)</li> <li>▪ Improved Management of Dock Agreements (2)</li> <li>▪ Classify Big Creek Arm as Environmentally Sensitive (1)</li> <li>▪ Keep Campgrounds (1)</li> <li>▪ Clean Water (1)</li> <li>▪ Pollution from Boats (1)</li> <li>▪ Objective Approval of Dock Permits (1)</li> <li>▪ Include Other Lakes (1)</li> <li>▪ Trout Mortality (1)</li> <li>▪ Clearer Dock Permit Requirements (1)</li> <li>▪ Specific Updates to the Current MP (1)</li> <li>▪ Improve Evaluation of Park Effectiveness (1)</li> <li>▪ Additional Lodging (1)</li> <li>▪ No Additional Restrictions (1)</li> <li>▪ Additional Parking to Access Docks (1)</li> <li>▪ Addition of Other Fish Species (1)</li> <li>▪ Better Notification of Changes (1)</li> <li>▪ Leasing Campsites at Beaver Creek Marina (1)</li> </ul>
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### 3.3 Comments Related to Question 1: How Would You Like to See Bull Shoals Lake in 20 Years?

The most frequent response to Question 1 was that people want to see no changes to Bull Shoals Lake over the next 20 years (**Table 3-1**). Many indicated a desire for the lake to be the same as it is today, emphasizing their desire for a natural shoreline with limited growth and development and the wilderness quality that the lake currently presents to visitors. A total of 44 respondents indicated a desire for no changes to Bull Shoals Lake. In addition, 11 respondents indicated a desire to preserve the lake's shoreline, and 9 respondents indicated a desire for limited growth and controlled development.

In addition to no change, 13 respondents indicated they would like to see the water quality of Bull Shoals Lake at least as good as it is today. Water quality-based comments also included interest in enforcement of regulations regarding sewage and septic systems.

Six respondents indicated they do not want to see Bull Shoals Lake become more similar to Lake of the Ozarks in 20 years. Most indicated that this correlates to a desire for clean water, limited development, preservation of wildlife and habitat, and a family-friendly atmosphere.

There were six respondents who indicated they would like to see additional public boat launches around the lake in the future. In most cases, these comments were based on the perceived lack of available public boat launches. Additionally, some respondents indicated a desire to see more restaurants, services, and boats on the lake.

Comments related to no changes to the lake in the future included requests for no additional restrictions as part of the MP update and associated plans, specifically with regards to property and dock improvements, including access to docks, no new commercial development, no large developments around the lake, limited expansion of recreational areas and facilities, no additional private boat docks, and limits on the size and speed of boats allowed on the lake. Some respondents also had no desire to see development on existing commercial zoned areas and for the lake to be used primarily for low-density recreation.

There were a few comments related to future development and recreational activities on the lake, which included requests for development and economic growth in the towns around the lake, which are made up predominately of retirees, to attract and maintain a younger population. Other related comments included a preference for an increase in the number of restaurants and other services on the lake, increase in recreational uses on the lake, removal of barriers restricting lake access, more access routes to the lake, and improvements to or reopening of campgrounds.

Other issues only raised once included continued dock and waterfront management, a desire for individual ownership development only, a desire for no invasive species and better controls on invasive species, a desire for non-gravel boat ramps, limits on fishing tournaments, and development of water usage plans if such plans are not already in place.

### 3.4 Comments Related to Question 2: What About Bull Shoals Lake is Most Important to You?

The top response to what is most important about the lake was clean water and maintaining the current water quality of the lake (**Table 3-1**). Many responses commented on how clean the water was at the lake, which makes it enjoyable for swimming and other recreational activities. These responses indicated that maintaining the current water quality of the lake was of most importance. Responses regarding water quality included comments about the need for enforcement of strict sewage and septic system regulations as well as monitoring run-off water and controlling the quality of water entering the lake from surrounding communities. While issues, such as controlling the water entering the lake and regulations regarding septic systems, may not be directly addressed by the MP, these responses indicate the importance of this topic to lake constituents.

Preserving the wilderness quality and the quiet and peacefulness of the lake were the second most important characteristics of the lake to respondents, with 16 responses each. Many respondents indicated that limited or no new development of the lake should occur in the future in order to preserve the wilderness and tranquility of the lake. This is also related to the third most important feature (nine responses each), which identified the lake itself, the natural shoreline and/or the natural environment, and the limited development, as the most important. A few responses specifically identified fish and wildlife habitat as an important aspect of the lake.

Aspects related to recreation also had a number of responses that specifically identified fishing, recreation, or the family-friendly atmosphere of the lake as the most important. The importance and preservation of the family-friendly atmosphere of the lake was a recurring comment. Other related comments included the importance of access to the lake and views of the lake. Many of the respondents specifically indicated that maintenance of existing access and creation of additional access to the lake and docks was important because some access routes are overgrown with vegetation or are too steep or narrow for seniors or children to use.

A number of responses indicated that the limited number of docks on the lake is an important part of the lake experience and that no new docks should be allowed. Some of these responses were related to the importance of the tranquility/quietness and limited development of the lake. Comments related to the limited number of docks on the lake included limiting the number of boats on the lake as an important aspect. Others identified the limited amount of traffic as another important aspect of the lake.

A few responses identified the ability to build docks and lake access as being an important aspect about the lake. Responses specifically mentioned a desire to maintain and/or create access to the lake from private property beyond the established limits on access length and the desire to extend or build new private docks.

Other issues only raised once or twice as an important aspect of the lake included recreational opportunities, flood control, drinking water, restrictions or stricter control on new access, fish stocking, maintenance of minimum flows, generation of power from the lake, property rights, the removal of dead trees, and boating.

### 3.5 Comments Related to Question 3: What about Bull Shoals Lake is Least Important to You?

The most frequent responses to what is least important about the lake were further development followed by commercial development (**Table 3-1**). Most of these responses were from people who desired no changes to Bull Shoals Lake over the next 20 years. Other responses identified as least important also included maintaining minimum flows, new public access points, hunting, power generation, shoreline development, additional restrictions/limitations, debris in the lake, power boats, and the water tower. Compared to the other questions, this question received fewer responses.

### 3.6 Comments Related to Question 4: What Changes, if Any, Would You Like to See at the Lake?

Responses to this question covered the widest variety of topics, with many respondents expressing opposite views from other respondents. The most common response to Question 4 was related to improved lake level management (13 responses). Some respondents identified that fluctuations in lake levels have damaging effects on trees and vegetation along the shoreline and impede recreational activities. Additionally, many were concerned that extremely low lake levels affect the use of docks and boat ramps. Several respondents indicated a desire for a consistent water level in the future. Respondents had different opinions regarding the optimal minimum water elevation, with some requesting an elevation set at 659 feet and others requesting the elevation be kept at 655 feet.

Two topics were the second most frequent with 10 responses each. One of these topics was related to improving existing boat launch areas and/or increasing the number of boat launches. Some respondents commented that paving gravel boat ramps would be a desirable change. Some of the comments on improving boat launches were also related to lake levels, which may impede the use of boat ramps. The second topic was the request for no major changes to the lake or zoning. Many with this request also indicated a desire for the lake to be the same as it is today in response to the first question.

Many respondents expressed that economic growth that would create job opportunities or additional limited development is needed in order for the area to thrive (eight responses).

Many respondents specifically requested better maintenance of existing lake access trails and roads and/or improved access to the lake and docks because some access routes are overgrown with vegetation or too steep or narrow for seniors or children to use (seven responses).

Many respondents requested that more of the area around the lake be changed to a Low Density land classification in the MP revision (seven responses). Other comments related to limiting development or



land classification changes included limiting future development, leaving Music Creek Park unchanged and designated as Environmentally Sensitive, no additional access or zone changes along narrow areas of land, decreasing the amount of land proposed for High Density Recreation, and increasing the area designated as Environmentally Sensitive.

Several comments were received related to docks and dock management, which included requests for improved management of docks calling for equal enforcement of USACE guidelines, easing of private dock and access restrictions, increasing the allowable number of private docks, and restricting additional docks.

Other top responses identifying changes they would like to see at the lake included better maintenance of or improvements to campgrounds, requests that all septic tanks be brought to code, additional wildlife and habitat protection and/or stricter management, permission to remove dead trees on private property and/or removal of dead trees on public land, development of more campsites and/or the reopening of closed campsites, control or elimination of invasive species, improvements to water quality; creation of opportunities for development, an increase in areas on the lake designated as no-wake zones, full hookups at recreation areas, and the creation of more marinas.

Many comments were in opposition to each other. For example, many respondents expressed a desire to limit development and keep the lake unchanged while others would like to see more opportunities for economic activity and development. However, the overarching tenor of the comments was that the existing conditions should be maintained.

### 3.7 Additional Comments

Most respondents used this space on the comment form to convey additional suggestions for improvements to Bull Shoals Lake. Comments contained in letters or emails that did not directly relate to Questions 1, 2, 3, or 4 are also summarized in this section. Many commenters answered Question 4 with their primary idea for improving the lake and then added additional suggestions in the additional comment space at the end of the comment card. There were also a wide variety of additional comments with no more than two responses regarding the same topic.

Some of the topics that had two responses included protection of fish and wildlife habitat or improved management, improvements to pollution control, designation of undeveloped land as Environmentally Sensitive, protection of Tumbling Creek cavesnail habitat, and improved management of dock permits/agreements.

There were also a number of comments regarding specific areas around the lake. The number of times a comment was raised by a different respondent is noted in parenthesis.

- Change designation of Music Creek Park to Environmentally Sensitive (5)
- Change designation of Music Creek Park to Wildlife Management Area or Low Density Recreation (3)
- Change designation of Big Music/Little Music/Dry Music Creek Park to Environmentally Sensitive (1)
- Classify riparian corridor lands along the Big Creek Arm of Bull Shoals as Environmentally Sensitive to protect (1)

- USACE lands on the west side of Big Creek from approximately the mouth of Hampton Hollow downstream to a point about 1,200 feet downstream of the Highway U bridge over Big Creek should be designated as critical habitat for the Tumbling Creek Cavesnail. (1)
- Install 50 amp service option at all campsites and another air conditioned, four-stall family bathroom on the lower road at Beaver Creek Marina. (1)
- Expand and improve boat launch area at Buck Creek Park. (1)
- Buck Creek dock agreement appears to be more stringent than Lakewoods Resort's dock agreement. (1)
- Property owners located on MC 163 just before Jones Point S29 T21N R16W, Marion County request a change in zoning to retain dock approved cove and right to a path. (1)
- Keep 10 acres of land located at latitude 36°29'30.24" N longitude 92°35'+9.38" W as Low Density and then zoned for private boat docks when SMP is revised. (4)
- The undeveloped commercial (red) locations that are marked on lake map should be re-zoned to prohibit development. (1)
- Add parking, public docks, port-a-potties, and picnic tables with shade at boat launch areas and at primitive lake access points, specifically the boat launch at Jimmy Creek, off MC 8050 and the launch area at Yokum Bend. (1)
- Improve roads to lake access points in Marion County. (1)
- Change the designation for the peninsula that juts out into the water opposite Bull Shoals boat dock from high-density use to natural undeveloped land. (1)
- Re-open the old CCC road that must be used to access USACE land at the end of the peninsula that juts out into the water opposite Bull Shoals boat dock to the public. (1)
- Revise land use designation of 138 acres of USACE land fronting properties located at 1448 Sanders Rd., Kissee Mills, MO 65680 and 351 Collier Rd., Kissee Mills, MO 65680 from Limited Use to Environmentally Sensitive. (1)
- No additional access or no zone changes between markers 33 and 35 and between 37 and 38. (1)
- No additional access or no zone changes between markers 33 to 39 and above to Powersite Dam with specific focus between markers 33 and 35 and between 37 and 38. (3)
- Build a bridge between the Town of Bull Shoals and Ozark Isle. (1)
- The land area bordering Big Creek in the vicinity of Bear Creek Hollow has significant environmental concerns, which should be studied thoroughly. (1)
- More restrictive zoning on the Big Creek arm near the Big Creek Resort. (1)
- Enlarge docks at the cove and increase parking near Lost Mine Residential Airpark. (1)

- Open zone 283 for dock access. (1)
- Maintain a stable lake level above mile marker 34 during the fish spawning season. (1)
- Improve the boat ramp and add a courtesy dock in the Woodard area at the end of Moore Bend Road, Cedar Creek, Missouri. (2)
- Redevelop the boat ramp and/or add a boat dock at Jimmie's Creek. (1)
- No changes to the upper Missouri arm above marker 33. (1)

## 3.8 Comments Related to Resource Categories and Potential Impacts

Comments were divided into resource categories to allow an overview of potential impacts that should be evaluated during the NEPA evaluation of the proposed Master Plan revision. These categories and the number of comments received for each topic are listed in Table 3-2, below. It is important to note that many comments were related to multiple resource categories while other comments were not specifically related to changes in the Master Plan. Therefore, the total number of comments in the table does not reflect the total number of comments received.

**Table 3-2. Summary of Comments by Resource Category**

Resource Categories	▪ Land Use (115)	▪ Noise (19)
	▪ Project Operations (82)	▪ Traffic and Transportation (9)
	▪ Biological Resources (61)	▪ Fiscal and Economic (11)
	▪ Water Quality (60)	▪ Aesthetics (5)
	▪ Recreation (56)	▪ Energy Resources (2)
	▪ Parklands and Community Facilities (48)	▪ Safety and Security (1)
	▪ Hydrology (21)	

## 3.9 Agency Comments

Seven agencies submitted comments during the scoping period. These submissions are in addition to the comments received during the priorities exercise as noted on the Post-it® notes at the workshop and are the official agency comments. The priorities exercise as noted on the Post-it® notes and the official agency letters and emails are included in Appendix G. Agencies that commented during the comment period included:

- U.S. Department of Energy, Southwestern Power Administration
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (2 different letters)
- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission
- Arkansas Natural Resource Commission

In addition, the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, which acts as the state clearinghouse for the Arkansas Project Notification and Review System, distributed the notice to state agencies. As part of that process, the Arkansas Natural Resource Commission indicated that it supported the project but did not have any comments, and the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department indicated that it did not have any comments.

Most of the topics raised by the agencies that provided comments were also covered in the comments discussed in the previous sections. Additionally, agency comments are included in the totals in **Table 3-1**. Agency comments not covered in previous sections, as well as comments regarding specific areas of the lake, are summarized in this section. The full text of the agency comments is available in Appendix G. Comments not covered in earlier sections or regarding specific areas of the lake include:

- Comply with Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1)
- Protection of threatened and endangered species and habitat through best management practices
- Assessment of the potential for adverse effects to Tumbling Creek cavesnail and its designated critical habitat
- Tourism and recreational opportunities as priorities
- Improvement of outdoor recreational facilities
- Updates to the MP should not negatively affect hydroelectric power operations at the lake
- Concerns regarding limits to fishing opportunities
- Creation of shallow water fish habitat areas near shore

There were also a number of comments not related to the MP revision regarding general lake operations, which are summarized below.

- Consideration of major rehabilitation of hydroelectric units
- Continued notification to developers and landowners regarding water level fluctuations
- Protection of species and habitats of state conservation concern
- Identification of potential partnership opportunities with the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission

## Section 4

### Next Steps: MP Revision Process

The purpose of scoping is to provide an opportunity for agencies and the public to comment on the purpose and need, the range of alternatives proposed for analysis, and to help the project proponent identify issues that should be evaluated in the NEPA document. USACE also used the public scoping process as an opportunity to gain feedback from the public regarding the scope of the MP revision.

#### 4.1 Next Steps

The four questions were designed to help USACE elicit input not only on elements of the NEPA process but also on topics of interest to the public and agencies that may be revised or updated in the new MP. USACE will continue to work closely with agencies and stakeholder groups to address issues identified through scoping as the draft MP is developed and evaluated. An EA will be prepared to evaluate potential impacts from changes in the MP. However, an EIS would be prepared if significant environmental effects are identified during preparation of the EA as a result of the MP revisions. Both the draft MP and the EA will be made available for review and comment. It is anticipated that this public review would occur in the summer of 2015.

Individual responses to comments provided during scoping are not developed; rather, the draft MP revision that will be provided for review and comment will address comments received in a global manner. Where consistent with the purpose of an MP and where possible under the planning mechanisms available for an MP, USACE will incorporate the feedback and suggestions provided through the scoping comments.

#### 4.2 Comments Related to Question 1

Question 1 *“How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?”* provides direction to USACE on the MP vision and on issues of concern to lake users and stakeholders that should be evaluated through the NEPA process. Issues related to water quality, development, and protection of the natural shoreline ranked highly among the concerns raised in response to this question. These resource categories will be addressed in the draft MP revision, and potential impacts to these resource categories will be evaluated in the NEPA document.

#### 4.3 Comments Related to Questions 2 and 3

Question 2 *“What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you?”* and Question 3 *“What is least important to you?”* invited respondents to prioritize issues, features, or qualities of the lake experience that were important. This question provides insight both into issues that should be addressed in the MP revision and that should be evaluated in the NEPA document. Top concerns were related to water quality, preservation of wilderness/natural environment, and noise (preserve quietness). The top concern related to what was least important was further development.

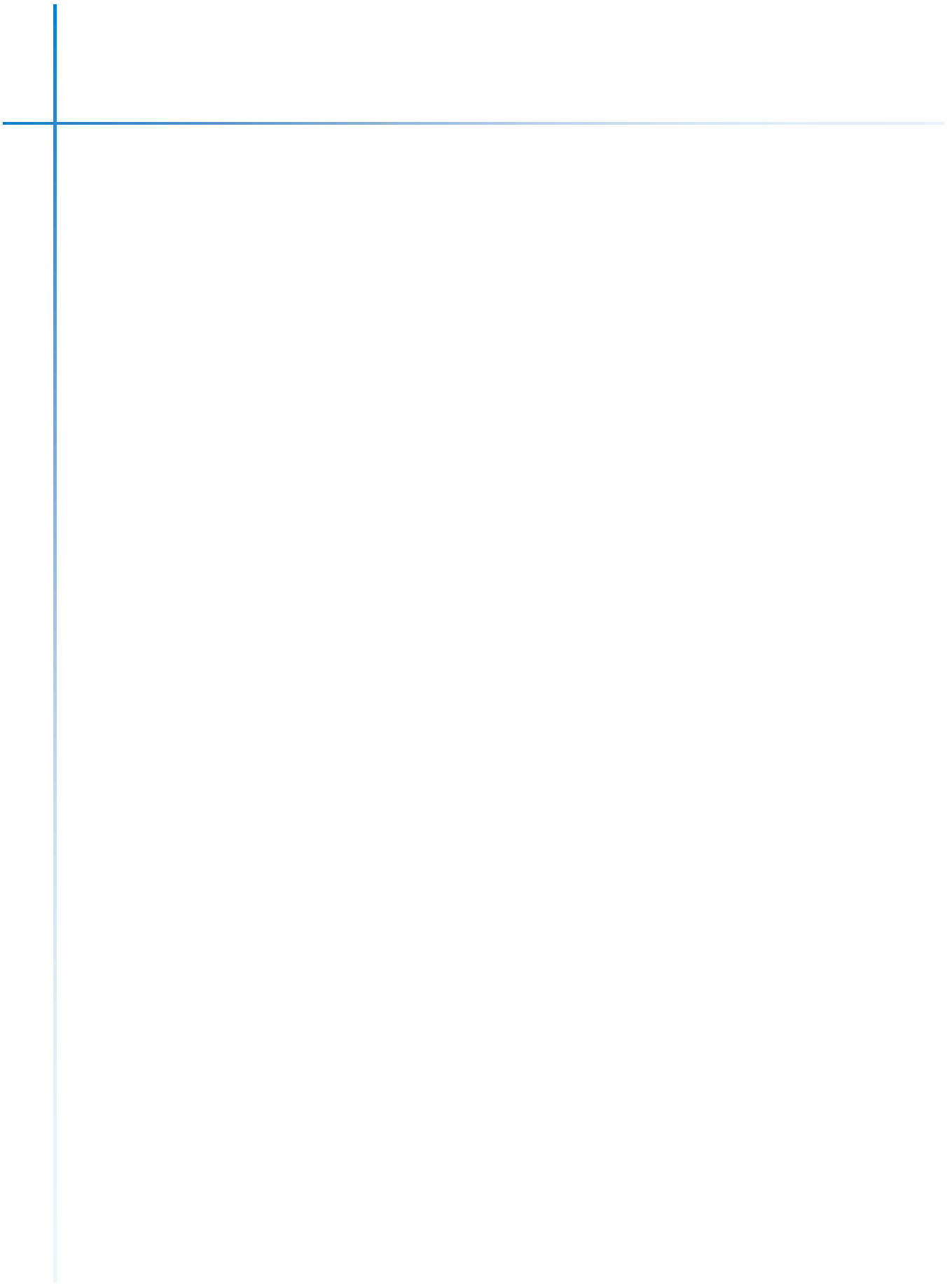
#### 4.4 Comments Related to Question 4

Question 4 *“What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?”* helps USACE identify the top priorities for action, whether through the MP revision or other means. Responses to this question included

a wide variety of issues with no more than two responses regarding the same topic such as protection of fish and wildlife habitat or improved management and improvements to pollution control. Therefore, there is not a single high priority issue identified by commenters. Not all of the items identified in the responses to this question may be addressed through the mechanism of the MP. Some issues may be better addressed through a subsequent update of the SMP, which is planned to occur as funding becomes available. Other issues may be undertaken through other initiatives. For example, managing aging septic systems that may impact lake water quality is beyond the direct control of USACE, but it may be possible that sufficient public interest in this topic could lead to innovative partnerships between USACE, local governments, and stakeholder groups that could lead to new funding sources and solutions at local, regional, and national levels.

# Appendices

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## Appendix A

# Agencies and Organizations Notified of Scoping

## Agencies

- Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
- Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, State Clearinghouse
- Arkansas Department of Health
- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Arkansas Forestry Commission
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- Arkansas Highway Commission
- Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
- Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission
- Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
- Arkansas Waterways Commission
- Baxter County
- Boone County
- Caddo Nation
- Clay County
- Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI
- Fulton County
- Izaard County
- Marion County
- Missouri Department of Conservation
  - Southwest Regional Fisheries
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
  - Main Office
  - State Historic Preservation Office
  - Southwest Regional Office
- Missouri Department of Transportation
  - Southwest Office

- Southeast Office
- Missouri State Emergency Management Agency
- Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition
- National Park Service, Midwest Region
- Osage Nation
- Ozark County
- Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
- Southwestern Power Administration
- Southwestern Power Resources Association
- Taney County
- US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- US Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- US Environmental Protection Agency
- US Fish and Wildlife, Arkansas Ecological Services Field Office
- US Fish and Wildlife, Missouri Ecological Services Field Office
- US Forest Service, Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs
- US Geological Survey
- White River Valley Historical Society

## Organizations

### Resorts

- |                           |                                    |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ▪ Batty's Resort          | ▪ Chit-Chat-Chaw Resort            |
| ▪ Big Creek Resort        | ▪ Coon Creek Resort                |
| ▪ Biltmore Resort         | ▪ Captain Jacks Resort             |
| ▪ Black Oak Resort        | ▪ Deer Run Guest Houses and Cabins |
| ▪ Blue Waters Resort      | ▪ Edgewater Resort                 |
| ▪ Bull Shoals Lake Resort | ▪ Fin N' Feather Resort            |
| ▪ Cedar Creek Cove Resort | ▪ Fish Un Time Resort              |

- Hidden Bay Resort
- Holiday Shores Resort
- Howard Creek Resort
- Indian Point Resort
- Lake Time Resort
- Lakewoods Resort
- L-BO Bend Resort
- Lone Pine Resort
- Noland Point Resort
- North Shore Resort
- Oak Ridge Resort
- Persimmon Point Resort
- Pinder's Resort
- Red Arrow Resort
- Ridgecrest Resort
- Ridgewood Resort
- Sister Creek Resort
- Spring Creek Resort
- Tall Timbers Resort
- Thunder Bay Resort
- Trimble Creek Lodge
- Tucker Hollow Lodge
- Turkey Creek Ranch
- Twin Forks Resort
- Waterfront Resort

- Wing & Fin Resort
- Wood's Landing Resort

### **Marinas**

- Beaver Creek Boat Dock
- Branson Highway K Marina
- Buck Creek Boat Dock
- Bull Shoals Landing Inc.
- Highway 125 Boat Dock
- Lakeview Cove Marina
- Oakland Boat Dock
- Pontiac Boat Dock
- Sugarloaf Harbor Marina
- Theodosia Marina-Resort
- Tucker Hollow Boat Dock

## Appendix B

### Agency Notification



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**POST OFFICE BOX 867**  
**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203-0867**

August 5, 2014

Planning and Environmental Division  
Environmental Branch

«FIRSTNAME» «LASTNAME»  
«TITLE»  
«AGENCY»  
«ADDRESS»  
«CITY», «STATE» «ZIP»

Dear «SALUTATION» «LASTNAME»:

The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Little Rock District, is revising the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan, which was last updated in 1975. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) an Environmental Assessment (EA) of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared. Your agency is invited to attend an agency scoping meeting to provide comments and input to assist the Corps with development of the Master Plan and the preparation of an EA under NEPA.

The Master Plan guides the management of government-owned and leased lands around the lake. Decisions about land use classifications in the Master Plan may affect future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities. Input from the agencies and the general public will help define the needed revisions to the draft plan, which is scheduled for public review in the summer of 2015.

The purpose of the update is to bring the Master Plan into compliance with current Corps policies and regulations, identify usage trends and customer needs, and balance shoreline uses with natural resource management. Updates to the plan are expected to review current management practices of the lake and to take advantage of current technologies.

Your agency has been identified by the Corps as one that may have an interest in this project. The land classifications established through the Master Plan may have important implications for surrounding residential communities, businesses, parks, and natural areas. As a result, the Corps is requesting your input and agency's expertise to assist in the development of an updated Master Plan and the preparation of an Environmental Assessment as required by NEPA and Engineer Regulation ER 200-2-2 "Procedures for Implementing NEPA".

The agency scoping meeting will be held on the following date and location:

- Thursday, August 21 from 2pm to 4pm at the Corps Project Office located at 324 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653 Phone #: 870-425-2700

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety. The Corps is involving agencies and the public in the planning process for both the Master Plan update and the NEPA analysis.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, you may also attend one of several public scoping meetings regarding the master plan update. Information on the scheduled public meetings is at: <http://go.usa.gov/5JTz>.

In addition to participation in the scoping meeting, your agency may also submit comments via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, **Fax:** (501) 324-5605, **Email:** [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil), **Website:** <http://go.usa.gov/5JTz>. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by September 30, 2014. If we do not hear from you within this time period, we will assume your agency has no comments at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this invitation please contact Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental at (501) 324-5601 or via email at [dana.o.coburn@usace.army.mil](mailto:dana.o.coburn@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch  
Planning and Environmental  
USACE, Little Rock District

## Appendix C

# Notification Materials

Newspaper Display Ads  
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Press Releases  
Facebook Page  
Bulletin Board Flyer

dom are vying for ward 2, Position 2 in the small town. The deadline to file for municipal office is Aug. 15. Candidates who have filed so far include:

**Baxter County**

**Big Flat**  
» Sharon Fernimen, Position 1

**Briarcliff**  
» Eugene Hubka, mayor  
» Collette K. Olomon, Ward 2, Position 2

**Lakeview**  
» Dennis A. Behling, mayor  
» Charles H. Birmes, Ward 1, Position 2  
» Ann E. Manley, Ward 2, Position 1  
» Kenneth R. Barton, Ward 2, Position 2  
» William J. Svehla, Ward 3, Position 1  
» Brenda M. Newell, Ward 3, Position 2

**Mountain Home**  
» Bob Deveck, mayor  
» Brian Plumlee, clerk

**Norfolk**  
» James Reeves, mayor  
» James M. Prescott, mayor  
» Eric Stover, Ward 1, Position 2  
» Paul Beavers, Ward 3, Position 1  
» Frankie Baker, Ward 3, Position 1  
» Betty Baker, Ward 3, Position 2

**Salesville**  
» Tim D. Mayfield, mayor

» Bill Stahlman, mayor  
» Marty Nickels, Ward 2, Position 1  
» Phil Friese, Ward 2, Position 2  
» Anna Harper, Ward 3, Position 2

**Flippin**  
» Jerald Marberry, mayor  
» Danna J. Hunt, mayor  
» Heith Hogan, mayor

**Summit**  
» Tobey Norberg, mayor

City First Bank East branch. Mountain Home Lions Club, noon El Chico. 424-3725.

Narconon free assessments or referrals. (800) 431-1754.

## LOCAL BRIEF

### Norfolk High School registration dates

NORFOLK — Registration for Norfolk High School 10th graders will be at from 9-11 a.m. to-

day. New students will register from 9-11 a.m. Thursday.

For more information, call the school district at 499-7191.

— From submitted report

## STATE BRIEFS

### Woman charged in son's death

DANVILLE (AP) — An Arkansas woman has been charged in her 10-month-old son's death after investigators say she and her husband took him into a rugged part of the Ouachita Mountains while having drug-induced hallucinations.

Twenty-one-year-old Brooke Sueann Floyd was charged Tuesday with manslaughter. She posted bail on a previous child endangerment charge and remains free. She's due in court Thursday.

Her son, Harper, and husband Brian were found dead last week after a four-day search in an area about 80 miles west of Little Rock. Yell County Sheriff Bill Gilkey says Harper died of "exposure and abandonment."

An affidavit says Floyd initially told investigators she and her husband were being chased, but later told a sheriff's captain the couple had fed off each other's hallucinations.

Her lawyer says she's not guilty.

### Police dog escapes pen, bites 2 neighbors

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Police in Little Rock say a police dog managed to escape his pen at a home in Saline County and bite two

neighbors.

Sgt. Cassandra Davis says the dog apparently jumped a 6-foot-tall privacy fence on Monday and crossed the street where he bit the neighbors.

The condition of the two victims was not released — but Davis says at least one was hospitalized.

Davis says the dog bite is being treated as a vicious dog bite and the dog will not be allowed to leave his home for 10 days.

Davis says the dog is a Dutch Shepherd and has been with the Little Rock department for about three years.

### Van Buren loses rural development status for loans

VAN BUREN (AP) — A western Arkansas city has lost its rural development status for home loans.

The Southwest Times Record reports families looking to build homes under rural development loans will have to search for property outside of Van Buren city limits.

According to Karen Phillips with a western Arkansas development council, the city had been at risk of being cut from the program because of its population of 23,000.

Phillips says she thought the city could still meet the program's requirements after a federal farm bill was signed into

law in February.

It raised the population number for loan eligibility up to 35,000.

But Phillips says another stipulation in the law makes the city ineligible because areas have to be "rural in character" to qualify.

### Pine Bluff man held in Texas triple slaying

PINE BLUFF (AP) — Police say a 21-year-old from Arkansas has been arrested in connection with a triple slaying in Texas.

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reports police say Justin Smith of Pine Bluff has been arrested on a charge of capital murder of multiple persons and is being held in the Dallas County jail on a \$1 million bond.

Smith is a student at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, where he is studying agriculture.

Dallas police say Smith admitted killing three people Saturday during an argument at a house where drugs are sold.

They say Smith also shot another person in the head, but she survived.

Smith's family issued a written statement expressing condolences to the victims' families.

Online jail records don't show an attorney for Smith.

### USDA says Arkansas

### farmers markets grow to 97

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Records from the U.S. Department of Agriculture show the number of farmers markets in Arkansas has more than tripled over the past decade.

The Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reports the number of farmers markets has swelled from 28 in 2004 to 97 in 2014.

Five markets were added this year.

That makes Arkansas' growth the sixth-highest in the country.

Zachary Taylor with the state's agriculture department says relaxed regulations and a desire for local food have expanded established markets and created new ones.

A 2011 law allowed individuals to sell homemade products without oversight from the state's health department.

It allows leftover products to become a new

Thank you  
**St. Jude**  
for your  
intercession  
during my  
move.



US Army Corps  
of Engineers®  
Little Rock District

## Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision

### Attend A Public Scoping Workshop

Please drop in at any time during the following scheduled times:

Friday, August 22, 2014 | 5 pm – 8 pm

Arkansas State Sheild Center | 1600 S. College St., Mountain Home, AR

Saturday, August 23, 2014 | 10 am – 2 pm

North Arkansas Community College | 303 N. Main, Harrison, AR

Monday, August 25, 2014 | 5 pm – 8 pm

Lutie School | 5802 U.S. HWY 160, Theodosia, MO

Tuesday, August 26, 2014 | 5 pm – 8 pm

Forsyth Public School Cafeteria | 178 Panther Rd., Forsyth, MO

Wednesday, August 27, 2014 | 5 pm – 8 pm

Flippin Middle School Cafeteria | 308 North 1st St., Flippin, AR

All facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

The Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, plans to update the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan guides the classification and management of lands around the lake edge and may affect future recreational opportunities and natural resource management. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) an Environmental Assessment of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared.

For current information and to submit comments, please visit: <http://go.usa.gov/5Jqx>

Attend one of the five public workshops to learn the details of the master planning process and provide your input to the master plan vision for future land use and management along the shorelines of Bull Shoals Lake. An informational video will be shown continuously throughout each workshop and staff will be available to answer questions.

Your input will help define the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Update scheduled for public review in the summer 2015.

Comments should be submitted by September 30 to:

Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, USACE, Little Rock District

P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203 | Fax: (501) 324-5605 | Email: [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil)

#### Lawn, Tree Service

MARK'S ALL Seasons. Mowing, bush and hedge trimming, tree pruning, backhoe, bushhog clearing. (870)491-5526 or (870)656-5897.

#### General Employment

##### ACADEMIC ADVISOR - PART-TIME

ASUMH seeks qualified applicants for a part-time Academic Advisor. A bachelor's degree and one year of relevant experience is required. Hourly rate of pay is \$10.00. Application deadline is August 13th. For more information and instructions on how to apply, visit [www.asumh.edu](http://www.asumh.edu). EOE/AA

A.I.D. Temporary Services, Inc is accepting applications for: Part Time Medical Receptionist, Insurance Clerks, Experienced Purchasing /Data Clerk (Flippin area), Mig Welders, Industrial Painters, Fabricators, Exp. Body shop, Assemblers, Housekeepers 1st shift, Fiberglass Positions for 1st & 2nd shifts, and General Laborers. Apply to 1219-5 Commerce Dr. Most Positions Temp to Hire! No Fee to You!

Medical office assistance. Computer experience with Excel. Non-smoker. Send resume to: fax (870) 425-0796 or mail P.O. Box 1716, Mountain Home, AR 72654

#### Medical, Healthcare

##### Phlebotomist

Medical office looking for a Phlebotomist. Experience with some receptionist duties, plus computer/data entry. Email resume to [employmentMH@gmail.com](mailto:employmentMH@gmail.com)

#### Farmers Market

4X5 ROUND bales good hay, \$25 bale. 870-421-2046 or 870-404-9828.

#### Furniture

BUNK BED frame with ladder, box springs, twin size. \$300. (708)308-7695 ask for Rob.

OAK TABLE and 6 chairs with 24" leaf, \$250 OBO (870)425-4497.

SOFA AND love seat, sidetrack moss, bought new in February. \$700 OBO. (870)425-4497.

#### Garage Sales

DOWNSIZING. WATCH for sale Friday, Saturday. Mitchell Gardens, 1011 Old Military Road. Antiques, retro, furniture, houseware.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE sale. 3 families. Thursday, Friday, Saturday 8-2. 201 North, left on CR 25 to CR 39. Something for everyone. Don't miss it!

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, Saturday, at 3005 E. 1st Street, Indian Creek. Hours 7:30-11:00 AM No early sales. List of items <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/41543064/MSale.doc>. Fishing, boating, tools, lawn, ladder, art

SELL YOUR STUFF IN CLASSIFIEDS 508-8080

#### Miscellaneous

HUSQVARNA/VIKING Designer I sewing machine, excellent condition, \$1,000 OBO. (870)431-8294.

#### Musical Instruments

ROCKWOOD DRUM set, 8 piece with seat, like new, \$300. (708)308-7695 ask for Rob.

#### Pets

MALE POODLE pups, 8 weeks old, purebred, no papers. \$350. (417)543-3757.

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# MU Extension, Taney County SBTDC partner with Ozark chamber to provide on-site small business counseling

University of Missouri Extension and the Taney County Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) have partnered with the Ozark Chamber and the Carl G. Hefner Enterprise Center to provide free one-on-one counseling to local businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs in Ozark.

MU Extension Business Development Specialist Chrystal Irons began offering free business counseling services on Wednesday, July 23 and then the third Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Carl G. Hefner Enterprise Center, 1471 W South Street.

Appointments for business counseling should be made by contacting Karen Roberts with the Ozark Chamber of Commerce at 417-581-6139, or by email at: info@OzarkChamber.com

The free, one-on-one business counseling services from MU Extension and SBTDC are being offered to local businesses in an effort to support business growth and development.

"I provide service in multiple counties. But

this new opportunity will allow me to be more accessible to local Ozark businesses that cannot make the trip to my office in Forsyth during business hours," said Irons. "Our goal is to attract business clients and increase the frequency of on-site counseling as more businesses are aware of the services provided by MU Extension and the Missouri SBTDC."

Dori Grinder, executive director of the Ozark Chamber of Commerce, has been working with Irons to make this opportunity available.

"We are proud to partner with MU Extension and the SBTDC to bring this type of personal business counseling to the residents and businesses of Ozark. This free service is appropriate for existing businesses, and also those who are looking to start a new business in town. I hope business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs will take advantage of this opportunity to learn what it takes to make their business a success," said Grinder.

The Ozark Chamber of Commerce manages the Carl G. Hefner Enterprise

Center, which is a business incubator. This new endeavor is a business support center that accelerates the successful development of new and growing companies. Working together with the Ozark Chamber of Commerce, the mission of the Carl G. Hefner Enterprise Center is to create jobs and stimulate local economic growth by

developing and strengthening entrepreneurial success through the cultivation of local enterprises that generate a positive impact in our community.

University of Missouri Extension and the Missouri Small Business Development Centers work with small businesses to provide individualized counseling, training workshops and online

resource that help existing businesses grow and prosper and new businesses get started successfully. Business development specialists use their expertise to help Missouri businesses with critical business development issues. Guidance addressing topics such as management, marketing and strategic planning is available. They also can

provide capitalization information for new and existing businesses. All counseling is confidential; most services are available at no charge (subsidized by our funding partners like the Small Business Administration).

For more information go online to <http://extension.missouri.edu>



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## Two teens injured in scooter skid

Two 17-year-old Taney County residents were injured Wednesday, July 30 at 8 a.m. northeast of Indian Point.

A 2004 Honda scooter driven by Douglas S. Little of Branson and passenger Faith A. McAfee of Taneyville received minor injuries when the driver lost control on the wet roadway going around a curve, the scooter rolled onto its side and slid off the road, the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

Both were treated at the Silver Dollar City First Aid Station.

## Road rage leaves one with injuries

An apparent road rage incident caused a two vehicle crash on Hwy. 86 in Ridgedale Friday, August 1, at 8:59 p.m., the Missouri State Highway Patrol said.

A 1990 Ford F250 driven by Keith J. Booth, 20, of Harrison, Ark., was apparently upset with Jessy F. Breinling, 22, driving a 1998 GMC Jimmy, when he passed the GMC and slammed on the brakes in front of the vehicle. The GMC struck the Ford in the rear, the patrol report said.

A passenger in the Booth vehicle, Erica Egan, 18, of Parthenon, Ark., received minor injuries and was taken to Cox Medical Center Branson.

Both drivers and the passenger were wearing safety devices.

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...ing with their best friends, Ray Matthew and Avarie Crowover. They lived in Wichita, Kansas, and in the Kansas City area for several years until moving home to Ozark County in 1983 to help care for Nina's parents, the late L.M. and Argie Wilbanks. They settled near the Wilbanks home, on land just over the Arkansas line that Nina's great-grandfather had homesteaded in 1874. Bernis worked for the Marion County, Arkansas, Road Department until he retired in 2012 at age 73. Nina has been a longtime correspondent for the *Ozark County Times*.

## Beginner square dance lessons start Aug. 20 in Mountain Home

The Twirling Funtimers Square Dance Club will present beginner square and round dance sessions starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the Van Matre Senior Center in Mountain Home, Arkansas. The first two sessions, Aug. 20 and 27, are free to all. Drawings will be held to select winners of up to 10

additional free sessions.

Families, singles and couples are all welcome. Continuing beginner sessions are \$3 per adult and \$1 per child. Special families rates are negotiable.

For more information call Craig or Karen Grothaus at 870-424-2957.

## Country gospel awards show is this week in West Plains

The International Country Gospel Music Association's annual convention and awards show will return to the West Plains Civic Center Auditorium Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 7-9. The musical event is free and open to the public. However, free tickets are needed for the evening concerts and may be picked up at the Civic Center box office, West Plains Music, the Channel 38 TV studios and

Landmark Bank.

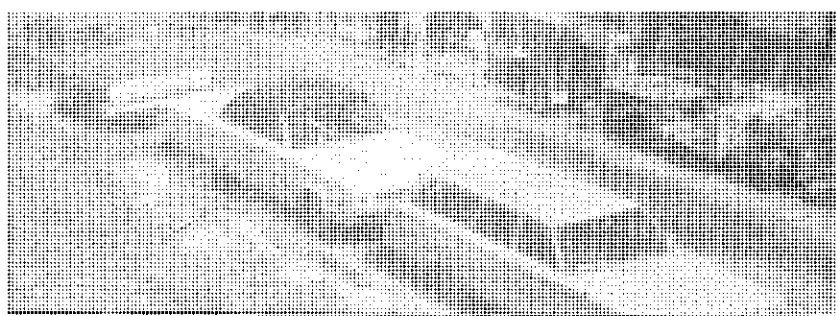
Musical showcase performances will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with a break for lunch from noon to 1:30 p.m. Evening concerts begin at 6 p.m. The highlight of the week, the 58th Annual Gold Cross Awards Show, will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday evening.

For additional information call Dan Duncan at 417-372-1129.

that was pretty short-lived as there was just not enough time to do both. We then rented a couple of cabins at Pontiac Lodge to live in.

In 1966 we moved a mobile home into the park (where the gray storage building now sits by Just Jackie's restaurant). It was very convenient, just a short walk down the hill to work. The bad thing was, it was accessible to the public. During the summer months, my brother Dan and I would sleep at the dock in the lounge area of the original office. Fishermen would come in at all hours of the night and wake us up for gas or a pack of cigarettes - or just for fun.

Jimmy Buffett always says he has a great summer job. Well, let me tell you, no one had a better summer job than Dan and I had back in the late '60s. Everyone wanted to be a beach bum. With Jan & Dean and the Beach Boys knocking out No. 1 hits left and right such as "Help Me Rhonda," "I Get Around," "Good Vibrations," "Surf City," "Little Old Lady From Pasadena" and "Dead Man's



Old office of boat dock with lounge area on left side. The photo shows Bubble Masters spearfishing tournament weigh-in.

Curve," who wouldn't want to be a beach bum? We ran around all day in cut-offs, barefooted, and half the time without a shirt. Our biggest worry was who was going to get the best tan. And, of course, we were always comparing our hair to see whose had turned more bleach blond from the sun. Our first summer at the dock I was 14, and Dan was 16.

Scuba diving was a big thing in those days, as it still is today. The Bubble Masters were around in the late '60s, and they were a big presence during the holiday weekends with their spearfishing tournaments. They would have their tournament on Saturday, clean the fish after-

ward and have a big fish fry that night. Dan and I both learned to dive from members of the club.

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The formula for rising fares seems simple, but it eluded the airlines for years: Match the supply of seats to passenger demand.

#### ► NEW YORK

### McDonald's says meat scandal hurting sales

McDonald's said Monday that a scandal over a meat supplier in China is hurting sales in the region and its global sales forecast for 2014 is "at risk."

The world's biggest hamburger chain said in a regulatory filing that there's been "significant negative impact" in China, Japan and other affected markets. These regions make up about 10 percent of McDonald's Corp.'s revenue.

The updated guidance comes after a Chinese TV report last month showed workers at one of McDonald's meat suppliers in Shanghai using expired meat.

#### ► NEW YORK

### GM subpoenaed over subprime auto loans

GM Finance says it has received a subpoena from the U.S. Department of Justice for documents related to subprime auto loans.

The affiliate of General Motors Co. said in a filing Monday with the government that the Justice Department requested documents related to the origination and securitization of subprime auto loan contracts since 2007.

GM Finance said the Justice Department is considering a civil lawsuit for potential violations of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act, a federal law that was passed following the savings and loan crisis in the 1980s.

#### ► PORTLAND, Ore.

### Corps agrees to monitor dam pollution

For the first time in its history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will have to disclose the amount of pollutants its dams are sending into waterways in a groundbreaking legal settlement that could have broad implications for the Corps' hundreds of dams nationwide.

The Corps announced in a settlement Monday that it will immediately notify the conservation group that filed the lawsuit of any oil spills among its eight dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers in Oregon and Washington.

The Corps also will apply to the Environmental Protection Agency for pollution permits, something the Corps has never done for the dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

The settlement filed in U.S. District Court in Portland ends the year-old consolidated lawsuit by the conservation group Columbia Riverkeeper, which said the Corps violated the Clean Water Act with unmonitored, unpermitted oil discharges from the eight hydroelectric dams.

#### ► LONDON

### HSBC warns on global risks as profits drop

HSBC, one of the world's largest banks, warned Monday that fragile growth in the global economy and rising geopolitical tensions will keep it from taking on greater investment risks.

In its earnings update, HSBC said its net income fell 5.4 percent to \$9.46 billion in the first half of the year. The bank, which earns

New York's top financial regulator said Monday he will investigate whether the nation's largest overseer of subprime mortgages, Ocwen Financial Corp., overcharged struggling homeowners on insurance.

In a letter Monday, New York Financial Superintendent Benjamin Lawsky said Ocwen created complex business arrangements apparently to funnel as much as \$65 million to Altisource Portfolio Solutions S.A., a publicly traded company led by former Ocwen executives and partially owned by Ocwen's executive chairman, William Erbey.

At the root of New York's allegations is a product called force-placed insurance, which servicers like Ocwen force struggling mortgage borrowers to buy if they don't maintain voluntary homeowners insurance.

#### ► WASHINGTON

### Gov't expects to borrow \$192B in 3Q

The U.S. Treasury Department has raised by \$22 billion its estimate of what it needs to borrow in the third quarter to keep the government operating.

Treasury said Monday that it expects to borrow \$192 billion in the July-September period, up from an estimate of \$170 billion announced in April. The borrowing increase is mainly due to the government taking in less in revenue than previously expected.

Treasury also said it expects to borrow \$187 billion in the fourth quarter of the year.

The government ran a budget surplus of \$71 billion in June, putting it on course to record the lowest annual deficit since 2008. The June surplus followed a \$130 billion deficit in May.

#### ► NEW YORK

### LinkedIn to pay \$6M in unpaid wages

Professional networking service LinkedIn has agreed to pay nearly \$6 million in unpaid wages and damages to 359 current and former employees, the Labor Department said on Monday.

The U.S. Department of Labor said an investigation found LinkedIn Corp. in violation of overtime and record-keeping rules that are part of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act. It said the violations occurred at company branches in California, Illinois, Nebraska and New York.

Federal law requires that hourly employees get paid 1.5 times their regular hourly rates for hours they work beyond 40 per week.

#### ► WASHINGTON

### US factory orders rise 1.1 percent in June

Orders to U.S. factories increased in June, led by demand for aircraft, industrial machinery and computers and electronics.

Orders rose a seasonally adjusted 1.1 percent compared to the previous month, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. Factory orders had fallen 0.6 percent in May after three straight months of gains.

An 8.4 percent jump in demand for commercial aircraft fueled the latest gains. But there were additional increases outside this volatile category that point to businesses investing with the expectation of economic growth.

Orders for machinery rose 2.9 percent. Iron and steel mills had a 1.7 percent increase in demand, while orders for computers and electronic products were up 2.9 percent.

store's walls. All but 10 of the 73 tilt-up panels fell after the tornado ripped the roof off of the building, including some that fell inward and killed Housel's family members and others.

Housel filed the lawsuit in May in Jasper County Circuit Court, but it was moved last month to U.S. District Court's Western Missouri District. It names as defendants Home Depot USA, property owner HD Development of Maryland, Inc., and store designer Casco Diversified Corp., The Joplin Globe reported.

Home Depot USA, which is based in Atlanta, and HD Development denied all of the allegations, calling the EF-5 tornado that killed 161 people and destroyed thousands of buildings an "act of God." Because of that, imposition of liability on the defendants is prohibited, the company's attorneys said.

Casco also denies all allegations, saying the plaintiff is barred by Missouri's 10-year law

at 165 mph, plus or minus 20 mph, according to a National Institute of Standards and Technology study.

About 30 people who made it to the training room near the store's northeast corner survived because the panels fell outward, the NIST study concluded.

After the storm, engineers criticized the tilt-up wall method used to construct the store, saying such buildings are prone to collapse in high winds if the roof fails.

In response to a Kansas City Star story a month after the tornado, the Tilt-Up Concrete Association formed a committee to examine the incident and challenge claims that the building was improperly constructed.

That probe found that the building was actually overbuilt when it was constructed in 2001 under the 1996 BOCA Basic Building Code, which said the building should be able to withstand wind loads of 70 mph. Instead, it was designed to handle 90 mph winds.

## Bull Shoals police chief to resign

BULL SHOALS (AP) — An Arkansas police chief has agreed to resign and never serve in law enforcement again in exchange for federal prosecutors dropping a charge against him.

The Baxter Bulletin reports that Bull Shoals Police Chief Daniel Sutterfield took the deal on Monday. Federal prosecutors have dropped an excessive force charge stemming from a July 2013 arrest.

A federal jury in Harrison found Sutterfield not guilty of conspiracy and filing a false report in July. The jury was deadlocked on the excessive force charge. A retrial had been set for August in Fayetteville. He faced up to 10 years in prison.



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## E-Mail Blast

Subject: BULL SHOALS LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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### BULL SHOALS LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION

The Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, plans to revise the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan guides the classification and management of government-owned or leased lands around the lake and may affect future recreational opportunities and natural resource management.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) an Environmental Assessment of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared.

We want to hear from you!

Please attend a meeting or visit <http://go.usa.gov/5JcC> for current information.

### PUBLIC SCOPING WORKSHOPS

Friday, August 22, 2014

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Arkansas State University  
Sheid Center  
1600 S. College St.  
Mountain Home, AR

Saturday, August 23, 2014

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

North Arkansas Community College  
Center Campus  
303 N. Main  
Harrison, AR

Monday, August 25, 2014

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Lutie School  
Cafeteria  
5802 U.S. HWY 160  
Theodosia, MO

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Attend one of the five public scoping workshops to learn the details of the master planning process and provide your input to the master plan vision for future land use and management along the shorelines of Bull Shoals Lake.

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203. Fax: (501) 324-5605, Email: [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil)

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by September 30, 2014.

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## **CORPS TO HOST WORKSHOPS FOR BULL SHOALS MASTER PLAN REVISIONS**

MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark. -- The Army Corps of Engineers is hosting Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan scoping workshops Aug. 22-27 to share information about the revision process and to collect public comments concerning potential development and land use management around the lake. Anyone interested in the future development of Bull Shoals Lake is invited to drop in anytime during the workshops.

The master plan guides all use and development of the lake's public lands and waters for environmental and recreation related purposes.

### Scoping Workshop Schedule:

- Aug. 22 - Mountain Home, Ark., from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Arkansas State Sheild Center, 1600 S. College Street
- Aug. 23 - Harrison, Ark., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Arkansas Community College, Center Campus, 303 North Main
- Aug. 25 - Theodosia, Mo., from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lutie School, 5802 U.S. Highway 160
- Aug. 26 - Forsyth, Mo., From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Forsyth Public School Cafeteria, 178 Panther Road
- Aug. 27 - Flippin, Ark., from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Flippin Middle School Cafeteria, 308 North First Street

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## **CORPS TO HOST WORKSHOPS...**

**2.**

Workshop attendees can view a short video on the master plan revision process that explains the multiple land classifications around the lake and the difference between a master plan and a shoreline management plan. The video will be playing continuously throughout each workshop. Afterwards, participants can interact with Corps representatives and provide input concerning the master plan revision.

The Corps encourages public input at the workshops or written comments during the public comment period. The comment period is Aug. 11 through Sept. 30. Comments can be mailed to: Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, ATTN: Dana Coburn, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. Or email your comments to [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil).

More information is available on the Internet at <http://go.usa.gov/5Jqx>.

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## **Bull Shoals Master Plan revision is underway**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – The Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District continues to seek public input until Sept. 30 about the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan revision. Comments can be submitted via email, fax or regular mail. Mailed comments must be post marked no later than Sept. 30 to be included in the master plan scoping report.

Emailed to [ceswl-bsmasterplan@usace.army.mil](mailto:ceswl-bsmasterplan@usace.army.mil) or faxed to 501-324-5605. They can also be mailed to Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

The comment period follows a series of five public scoping workshops the Corps hosted Aug. 22 through 27 in communities around Bull Shoals Lake to collect comments and present details on the lake's master plan revision process. More than 776 lake users and adjacent landowners attended.

“The scoping report captures all the public comments received during the scoping process,” Project Manager Tony Porter said. “The report also provides an analysis of the comments and we’ll use this information to draft the new master plan.”

A master plan is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed in the future and provides the vision for how the lake should look in the future.

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The current Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan was developed more than 30 years ago and is outdated. The master plan revision will classify public lands around the lake based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and future trends.

“At the heart of the draft master plan are the land and water classifications for Bull Shoals Lake. These classifications could affect future recreational opportunities and natural resource management,” Acting Deputy Chief of Operations Dana Coburn said. “A question the team members have been asking as they go through this process is, ‘should areas stay in the current classification or should they be changed to another classification?’”

**Classifications of public land and water around the lake could include:**

**Project operations** - Includes land around Bull Shoals Dam.

**High density recreation** - Examples are Lakeview Park, other campgrounds, marinas and large scale commercial operations.

**Environmentally sensitive areas** - Examples are areas around the lake aimed to preserve the scenic, historical, archeological, scientific, or ecological value.

**Low density recreation** - These areas are designed for general hunting and fishing access and are the only areas where private boat docks and mowing permits might be allowed through the shoreline management plan.

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**Master plan revision is underway...**

**3.**

**Wildlife management** - These areas are managed specifically for wildlife and fisheries habitat.

An example is Jones Point Wildlife Management Area.

**Vegetative management** - These areas are where vegetative management activities can occur such as timber management.

**Future/inactive recreation areas** - Many campgrounds have been closed around the lake; some were never developed.

#### **New Water Surface Classifications**

**Restricted Areas** could restrict boats near water intake structures.

**Designated No-Wake Areas** could be designated near Corps swim beaches.

**Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary Areas** could be areas that are considered ‘sanctuary’ to fish and wildlife species.

**Open Recreation Areas** are the rest of the lake.

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreation opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historical resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety.

Once all public comments have been collected and the scoping report is made available to the public, the Corps will begin planning focus group meetings with stakeholders, partners, concessionaires and local interest groups.

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“We’ll hold focus group meetings to see if the draft master plan captures the comments and opinions of the public, partners and stakeholders in conjunction with the missions, guidelines and regulations of the Corps,” Porter said.

The draft master plan should be complete by the summer of 2015.

“Once the draft documents are complete, we’ll hold public workshops around the lake again to let the public provide input,” said Coburn. “We had tremendous interest from the public when we started this process and we hope that will continue throughout the process.

The first Bull Shoals Master Plan was published in 1951 after the lake was impounded and was revised in 1975. The master plan is considered a working document that can be supplemented to fit the project’s needs and public access demands.

The master plan does not address the details of how and where shoreline use permits may be issued, however, it does set the stage for implementation of the shoreline management program.

After the master plan is revised, the operational management plan and shoreline management plan will be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the master plan.

More information about the Bull Shoals Master Plan Revision project visit:

<http://go.usa.gov/ynYk>. Little Rock District news and recreation information can be found at [www.about.me/usacelittlerock](http://www.about.me/usacelittlerock).



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## **CORPS TO EXTEND COMMENT PERIOD FOR BULL SHOALS MASTER PLAN REVISIONS THROUGH OCT. 8**

MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark. -- The Army Corps of Engineers is extending the comment period for public input concerning the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan through Oct. 8.

Because of a computer glitch, comments emailed Aug. 11-12 to [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil) cannot be retrieved.

“We are unsure how many comments were emailed to us on Aug. 11 and 12 but we want to ensure that everyone who commented is heard,” Project Manager Dana Coburn said. “We are asking individuals who emailed their comments to us on those two days to please send us their comments again. This only affects people who emailed the Corps on Aug. 11 and 12.”

Comments can be mailed to: Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, ATTN: Dana Coburn, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. Or email your comments to [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil).

More information is available on the Internet at <http://go.usa.gov/vKfB>.

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## Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Posted by [REDACTED] - August 20 at 4:00pm · 🌐

We are in the process of updating the Bull Shoals Master Plan and need your input.



Your feedback will help shape the vision for Bull Shoals Lake in the future.

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14,392 people reached

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Write a comment...



Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

The communities around the lake are like ghost towns. I think more should be done to increase tourism.

Like · Reply · 👍 3 · August 21 at 1:04pm

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Like · Reply · 👍 1 · August 22 at 1:48pm

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The Corp has repeatedly stated over the years, that Bull Shoals is a "flood pond and will be treated as such". They do not consider it to be a recreational lake. There is too much money on Table Rock to allow it to flood.

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Man we pay tax's to fund the Core, and they act like we don't know anything.

Like · Reply · 👍 1 · August 21 at 9:11pm





## Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Posted by [redacted] - August 19 at 6:00pm · 🌐

Your feedback will help shape the vision for Bull Shoals Lake in the future.



### How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

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Write a comment...



Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers These are all great comments. Please make sure you fill out a comment card. You may also use this form to provide additional comments about how you would like to see the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan revised or on the issues that should be studied before a decision is made on Master Plan revisions. Comment cards are here: <http://go.usa.gov/5JcF>



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The official public website of the Little Rock District, U.S....

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I want you to stop shutting down the long-established campgrounds that allow convenient public access to the lake. No reason for it.

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# **BULL SHOALS LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION**

## **ATTEND A PUBLIC SCOPING WORKSHOP**

*Please drop in at any time during the following scheduled times*

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***For current information and to submit comments, please visit:***

<http://go.usa.gov/5Jqx>

Attend one of the five workshops to learn the details of the master planning process and provide your input to the master plan vision for future land use and management along the shorelines of Bull Shoals Lake. An informational video will be shown continuously throughout each workshop; following which, staff will be available to answer questions. Your input will help define the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Update scheduled for public review in the summer of 2015.

**Comments should be submitted by September 30 to:**

**Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch,**

**USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203**

**Fax: (501) 324-5605, Email: [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil)**

## Appendix D

# Scoping Workshop Materials

Scoping Fact Sheet  
Comment Card  
PowerPoint Presentation (agency meeting only)

# Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision

For More Information Visit Our  
Website at:  
[http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/  
Missions/Planning/BullShoalsLake  
MasterPlanRevision.aspx](http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/BullShoalsLakeMasterPlanRevision.aspx)

The Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, is revising the Bull Shoals Lake Master plan. The master plan guides the management of the government-owned and leased lands around the lake. The Master plan affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of Bull Shoals Lake.

The master plan revision will set the stage for a later update of the Shoreline Management Plan.

This is your opportunity to let the Corps know how you would like the lake to be managed for the future.

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety.



## About Bull Shoals Lake

The Bull Shoals Lake project on the White River is located within Southern Missouri (Taney and Ozark counties) and Northern Arkansas (Boone, Marion, and Baxter counties) and was authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938. The lake is about 104,640 acres of land and water with 957 miles of boundary line. The lake provides many recreational opportunities, along with fish and wildlife habitat.

During high water events and flood periods, Bull Shoals Lake is operated in conjunction with other lakes in the White River Basin to prevent flood damage along the White and lower Mississippi Rivers. The dam also generates hydropower electricity.

## What is a master plan?

A master plan is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed in the future and provides the vision for how the lake should look in the future. The master plan does not address the details of how and where shoreline use permits may be issued, however, it does set the stage for implementation of the shoreline management program. After the master plan is revised, the operational management plan and shoreline management plan would be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the master plan.

Development of the revised master plan will include consideration of:

- Regional and ecosystem needs
- Public interests and desires

The Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Update main objectives are:

- Conserve the resources of the lake within the current policies and guidelines of the Corps of Engineers
- Accommodate current and projected use patterns with maximum efficiency
- Identify and protect cultural and natural resources
- Attract maximum participation by the general public and local government





## Why Update the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan?

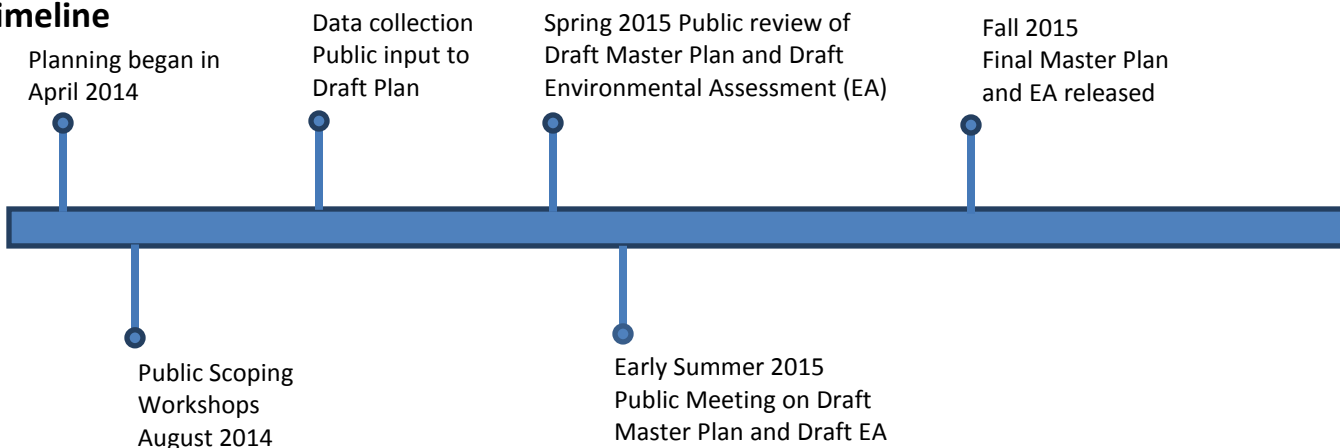
The current Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan was developed more than 30 years ago and is outdated. The master plan revision will classify the government lands around the lake based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and forecasted trends.

Lands may be classified into one of these categories:

- **Project Operations:** lands required for the dam, spillway, offices, and other areas used solely for the operation of the reservoir.
- **High Density Recreation:** lands acquired and designated for use as parks or other areas for intensive recreational activities by the visiting public. New private floating facilities would not be allowed in these areas.
- **Environmentally Sensitive Areas:** lands designated for areas where scientific, ecological, cultural, or aesthetic features have been identified. These areas are managed to protect environmental resources.
- **Multiple Resource Management Lands:** This classification allows for the designation of a predominant use with the understanding that other compatible uses may also occur on these lands; these additional uses may include:
  - **Low Density Recreation:** lands classified for use for activities such as hiking trails, primitive camping, limited lake access points, and other similar activities by the visiting public. New private floating facilities may be permitted in these areas in accordance with the shoreline management plan.
  - **Wildlife Management:** lands allocated as habitat for fish and wildlife, and are generally open for hunting and fishing.
  - **Future/Inactive Recreation Areas:** Lands intended for recreation, but which were never developed or have been closed.
  - **Vegetative Management:** Lands designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.
- **Water Surface:** For those projects that administer a surface water zoning program, this will be included in the Master plan revision process.
  - **Restricted:** Water areas restricted for project operations, safety, and security purposes.
  - **Designated No-Wake:** To protect environmentally sensitive shoreline areas, recreational water access areas from disturbance, and for public safety.
  - **Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary:** Annual or seasonal restrictions on areas to protect fish and wildlife species during periods of migrations, resting, feeding, nesting, and/or spawning.
  - **Open Recreation:** Those waters available for year round or seasonal water-based recreational use.

These land and water classifications are established in the master plan and will guide future updates to the operation management plan and shoreline management plan, which implements the master plan.

## Project Timeline



## Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



*Please use this form to respond to the following three questions that will be asked in this workshop. You may also use this form to provide additional comments about how you would like to see the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan revised or on the issues that should be studied before a decision is made on Master Plan revisions.*

*Feel free to take an extra form and send it back by September 30, 2014, to USACE at the addresses below.*

**Your Name/Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments may be submitted via mail, email, fax or the project website with attention to: Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

**Fax:** (501) 324-5605, **Email:** [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil)

**Website:** <http://go.usa.gov/5hGF>

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by September 30, 2014.

**Age  
(optional)**

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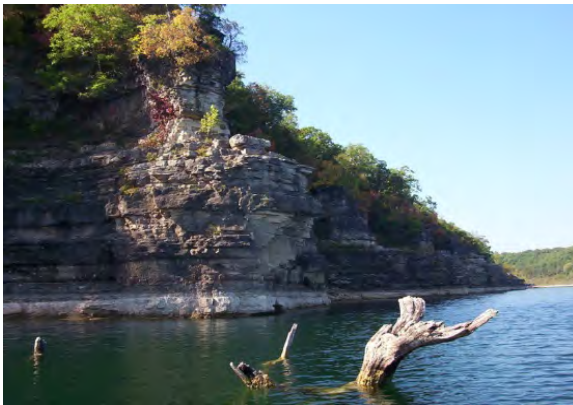
# Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Update



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Little Rock District

# Master Plan Update Vision Statement

***“Conserve the natural, cultural, and community resources in a sustainable manner to provide benefits for future generations.”***



# Bull Shoals Lake Operation

- Flood Risk Management
- Hydroelectric Power
- Water Supply
- Fish and Wildlife
- Recreation



# Overview

- 821 miles of shoreline (top of conservation pool)
- 56,388 acres of public land surrounds lake
- 22 developed parks, 12 managed by USACE
- 9 Corps campgrounds with 400 campsites
- 6 swim beaches
- 12 public marinas
- Numerous adjacent resorts
  - Resorts, Cabins & Cottages
  - Many struggling financially



# Tourism and Economy

- The region draws tourists from throughout the Midwest and around the country
  - Approximately 2.6 million visitors annually
  - \$92.4 Million in visitor spending within 30 miles of Bull Shoals Lake
  - \$40.2 Million in sales within 30 miles of Bull Shoals Lake



# What is a Master Plan?

- A guidance document that
  - describes how the resources of the lake will be managed, and
  - provides a vision for how the lake should look in the future





# Why Update?

- Current master plan was developed in 1975
- Visitation and resource demands are greater than predicted
- Bull Shoals Lake is now a national tourist destination
- Recreational services continue to grow
- To align with current Corps policies/regulations
- Use of new technology and maps for greater accuracy and efficiency
- Respond to changing land usage
- Balance resources with partner and stakeholder interests
- Proactively prepare for resource demands from off-lake influences
- Sustainably manage the lake's resources for future generations



# The Master Plan...

- Plans for visitors
- Manages natural resources
- Designates Land Uses



# Land Classification

- Project Operations
- High Density Recreation
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- Multiple Resource Management Lands
- Water Surface



# Land Classification

- Multiple Resource Management Lands may include:
  - Low Density Recreation
  - Wildlife Management
  - Future/Inactive Recreation Areas
  - Vegetative Management

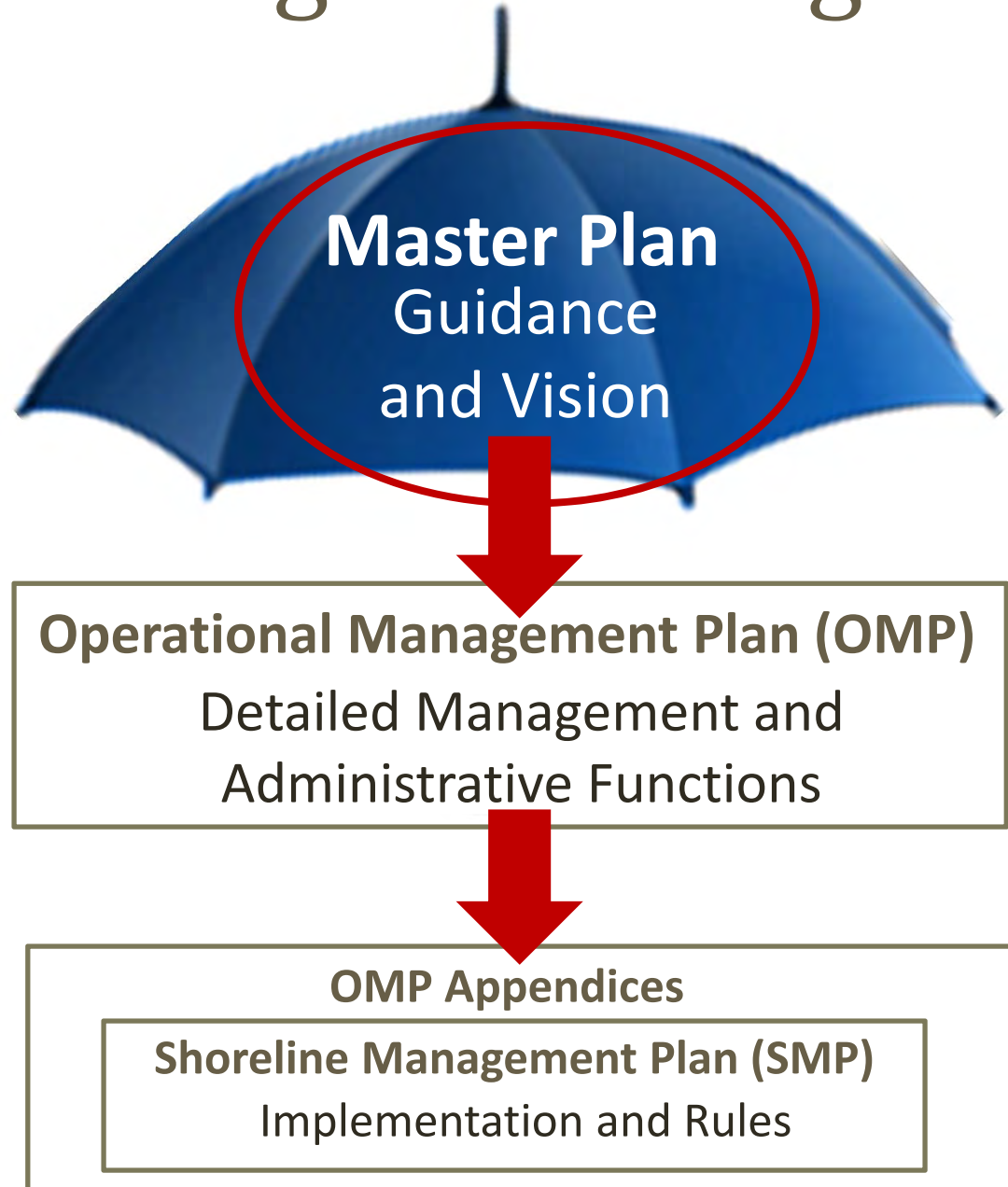


# Land Classification

- Water Surface may include:
  - Restricted
  - Designated No-Wake
  - Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary
  - Open Recreation



# Planning and Management



# We Want Your Input

- **This is your opportunity to let USACE know how you would like the lake to be managed in the future!**
- **Watch for future opportunities to comment as the draft plan is developed.**



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**Website:**

<http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/BullShoalsLakeMasterPlanRevision.aspx>

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# Questions and Answers

## Thank You!

For More Information Contact:

Tony Porter, Acting Chief, Environmental Branch,  
Planning and Environmental,  
USACE, Little Rock District

P.O. Box 867

Little Rock, AR 72203

Email: [Tony.Porter@usace.army.mil](mailto:Tony.Porter@usace.army.mil)

## Appendix E

### Scoping Workshop Exhibit Boards

# How to Comment

Comments are due by September 30, 2014

Please return your comment sheet in the comment box by the registration table before leaving

OR

Mail, email, or fax comments to:

Dana Coburn, Chief,  
Environmental Branch,  
Planning and Environmental,  
USACE, Little Rock District  
P.O. Box 867

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**For more information:** <http://go.usa.gov/5hGF>

Comments must be postmarked,  
e-mailed, faxed, or hand delivered  
by September 30, 2014



# Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Environmental Assessment

The Little Rock District is proposing to update the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan.

The District will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental and social effects of proposed changes to the Master Plan.

**Your input is important!**

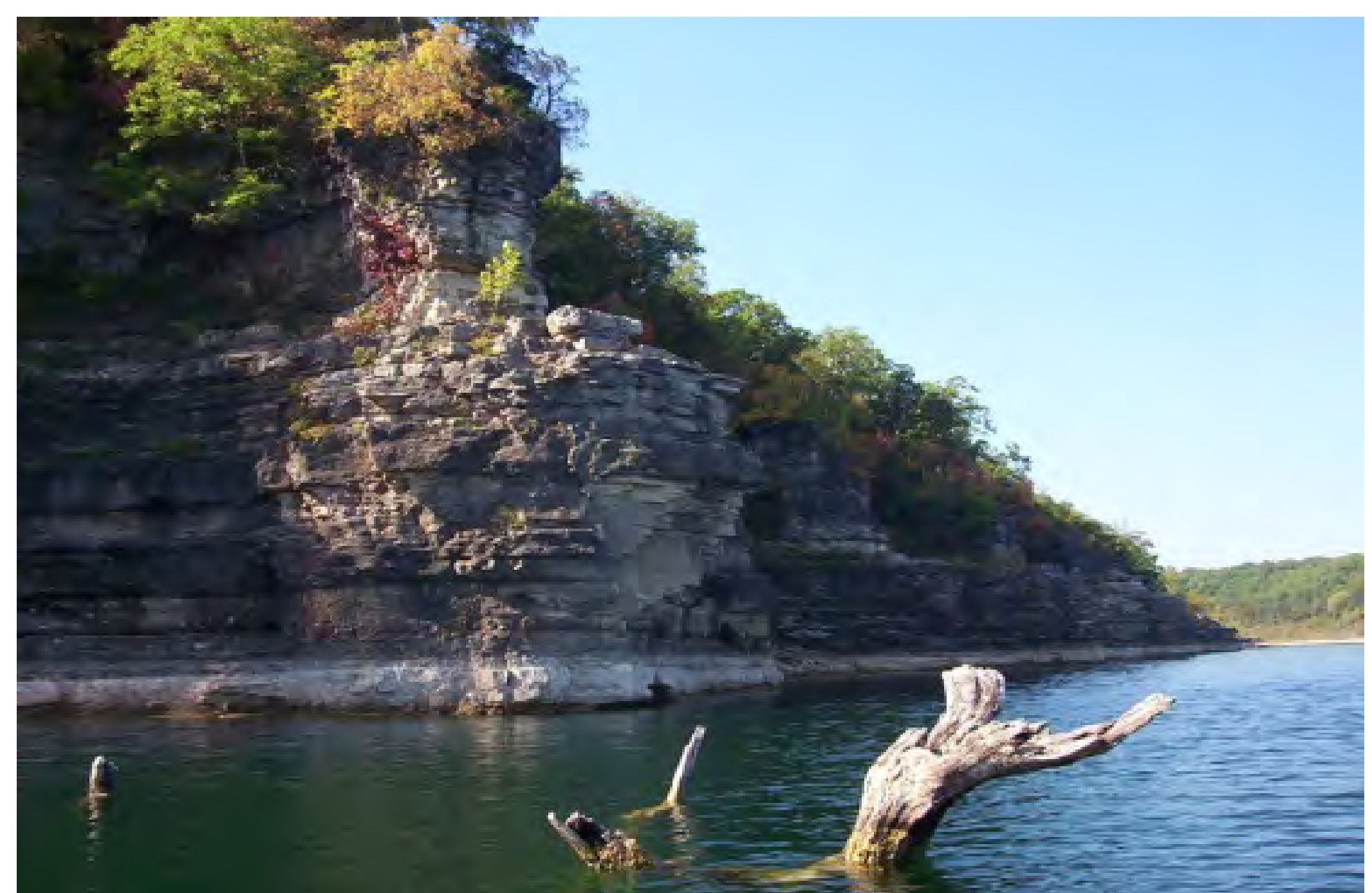
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# Why Revise the Master Plan?

- The current Plan was developed in 1975
- Visitation and resource demands are greater than predicted
- Bull Shoals Lake is now a national tourist destination
- Recreational services continue to grow
- To align with current Corps policies/regulations
- Use of new technology and maps for greater accuracy and efficiency
- Respond to changing land usage
- Balance resources with partner and stakeholder interests
- Proactively prepare for resource demands from off-lake influences
- Sustainably manage the lake's resources for future generations



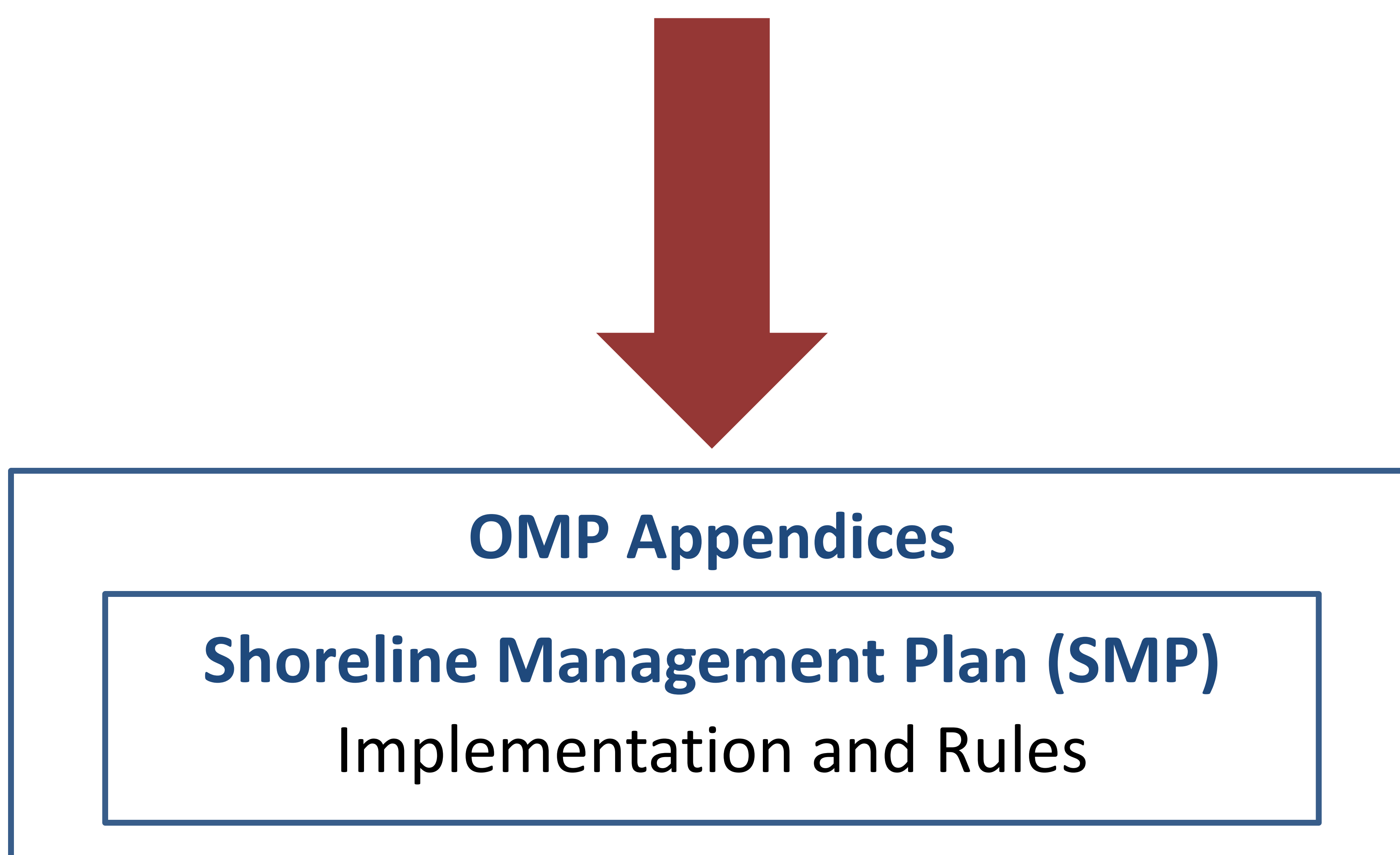
# Issues Potentially Evaluated in the Environmental Assessment

- Land Use
- Recreational Facilities
- Visual and Aesthetic Impacts
- Fish and Wildlife
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Cultural and Historic Resources
- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Water Supply
- Flood Risk Management
- Water Quality

Please comment on these or other issues that should be considered in the environmental assessment

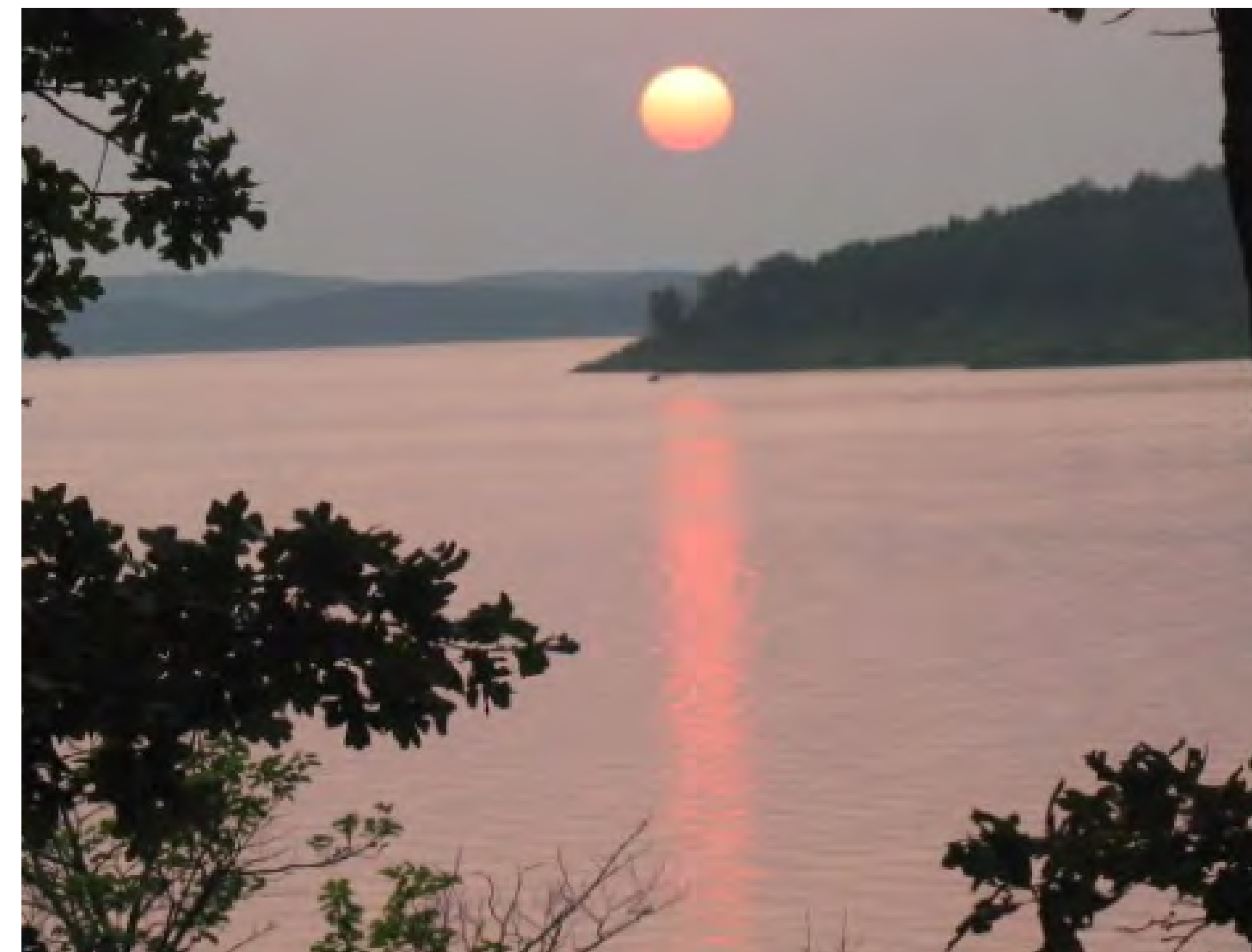
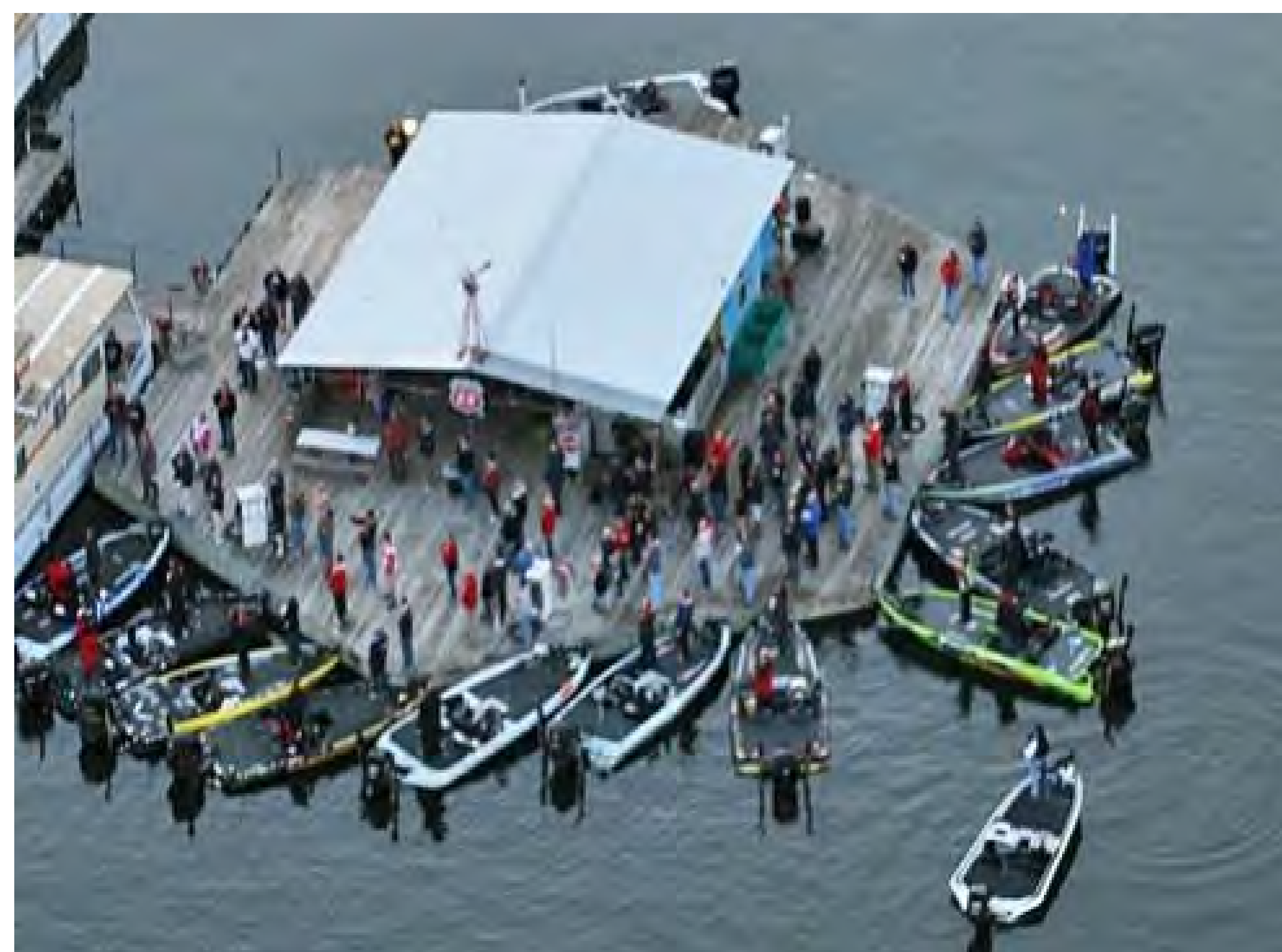
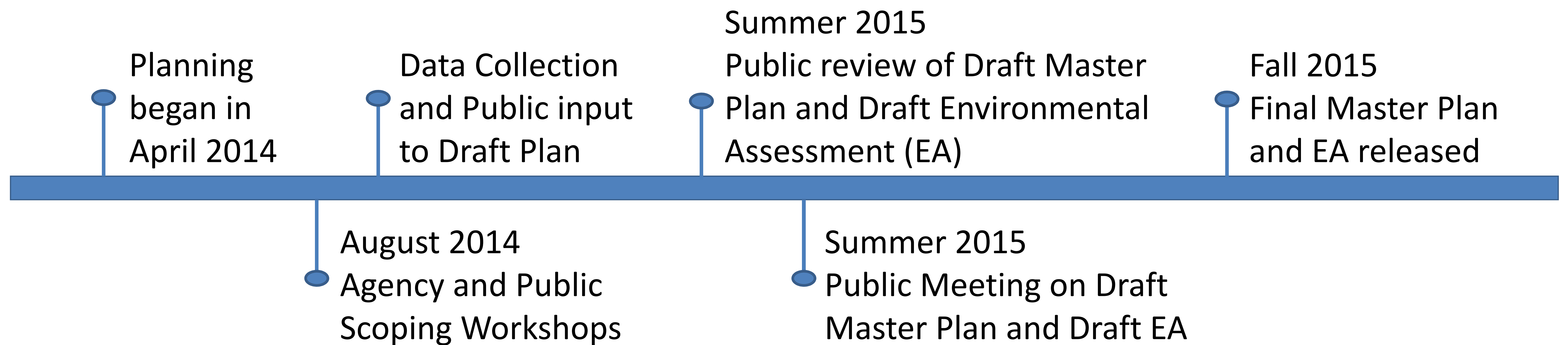




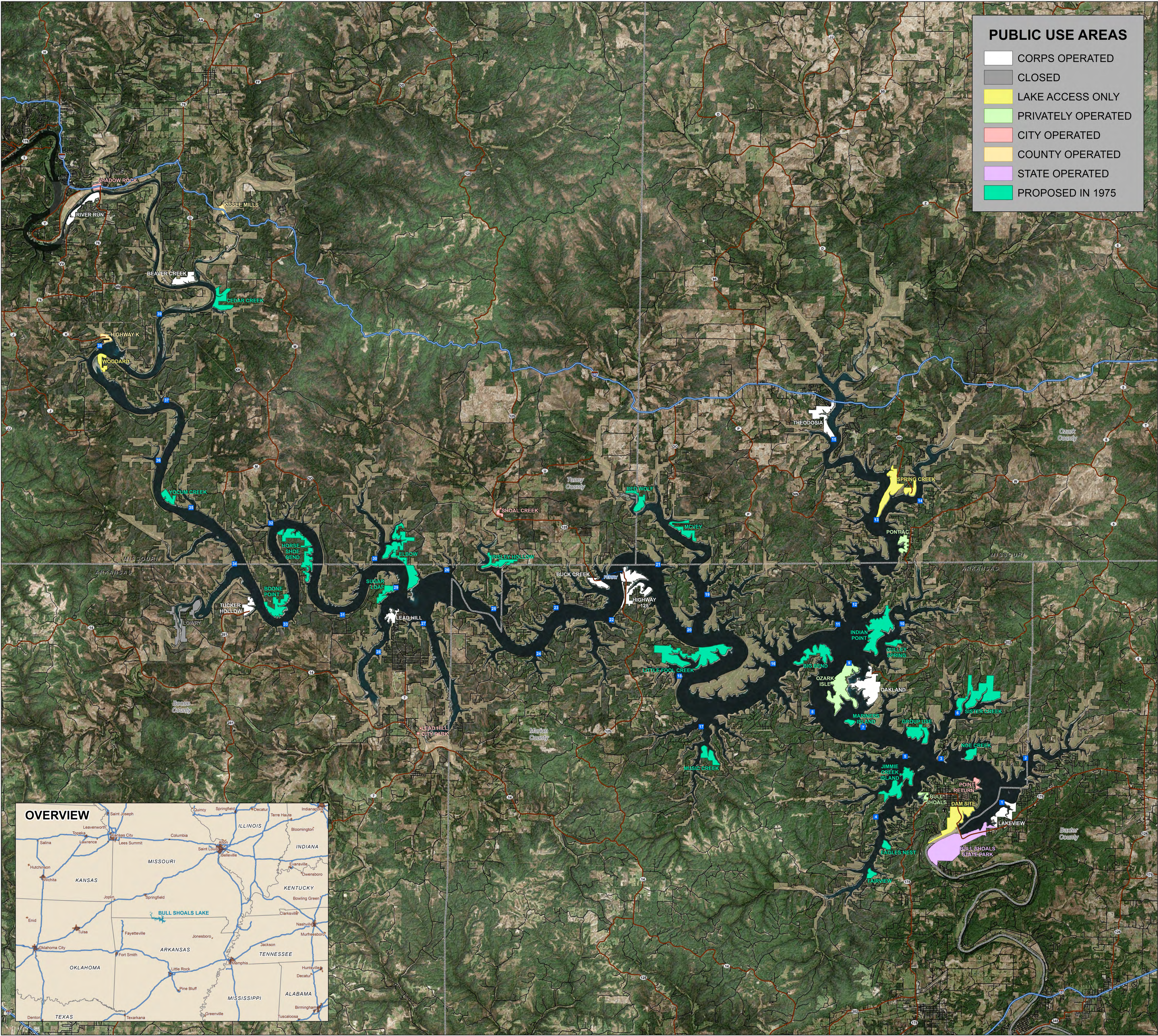




# Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision Timeline







PUBLIC USE AREAS

- CORPS OPERATED
- CLOSED
- LAKE ACCESS ONLY
- PRIVATELY OPERATED
- CITY OPERATED
- COUNTY OPERATED
- STATE OPERATED
- PROPOSED IN 1975

BULL SHOALS LAKE RECREATION AREAS

Legend

- Point Markers
- Local Roads
- Ferry
- State Highway
- US Highway
- Counties
- USACE Boundary

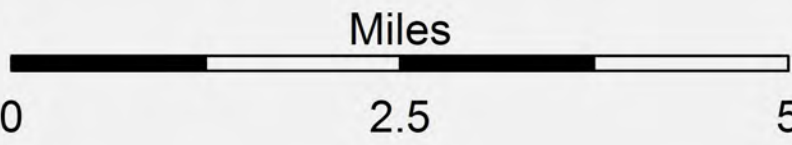
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BIG BEND PARK - FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	221
BOONE POINT PARK- FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	190
BUCK CREEK PARK	CORPS OPERATED	80
BULL SHOALS PARK	PRIVATELY OPERATED	37
BULL SHOALS STATE PARK	STATE OPERATED	710
CEDAR CREEK PARK- FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	171
DAM SITE PARK	LAKE ACCESS ONLY	312
EAGLES NEST PARK - FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	42
ELBOW PARK - FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	434
FAIRVIEW PARK - FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	45
GROUP USE PARK- FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	185
GULLEY SPRING PARK-FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	49
HIGHWAY 125 PARK	CORPS OPERATED	346
HIGHWAY K PARK	COUNTY OPERATED	40
HORSE SHOE BEND PARK - FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	307
INDIAN POINT PARK- FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	415
JIMMIE CREEK ISLAND PARK - FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	248
KISSEE MILLS PARK	COUNTY OPERATED	31
LAKEVIEW PARK	CORPS OPERATED	182
LEAD HILL CITY PARK	CITY OPERATED	7
LEAD HILL PARK	CORPS OPERATED	74
LITTLE FOOL CREEK PARK - FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	638
LOWRY PARK	CLOSED	269
MARINERS ISLAND PARK-FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	29
MCVEY PARK-FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	120
MUSIC CREEK PARK - FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	121
NOE CREEK PARK-FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	73
OAKLAND PARK	CORPS OPERATED	380
OZARK ISLE PARK	PRIVATELY OPERATED	462
POINT RETURN PARK	CITY OPERATED	31
PONTIAC PARK	PRIVATELY OPERATED	86
RED WOLF PARK- FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	104
RISLEY HOLLOW PARK- FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	119
RIVER RUN PARK	CORPS OPERATED	137
SHADOW ROCK PARK	CITY OPERATED	40
SHOAL CREEK PARK	CITY OPERATED	22
SISTER CREEK PARK- FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	502
SPRING CREEK PARK	LAKE ACCESS ONLY	332
SUGAR LOAF PARK - FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	99
THEODOSIA PARK	CORPS OPERATED	241
TUCKER HOLLOW PARK	CORPS OPERATED	94
WOODARD PARK	LAKE ACCESS ONLY	61
YOCUM CREEK PARK-FUTURE	PROPOSED IN 1975	82

OVERVIEW



MASTER PLAN BULL SHOALS LAKE

Imagery Date: 2010/2011





# BULL SHOALS LAKE LAND CLASSIFICATIONS

**LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS**

HIGH DENSITY RECREATION

LOW DENSITY RECREATION

ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVE AREA

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

PROJECT OPERATIONS

NO ALLOCATION

**Legend**

Point Markers

Cities/Towns

Local Roads

Ferry

State Highway

US Highway

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Counties

City Park

State Park

Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission

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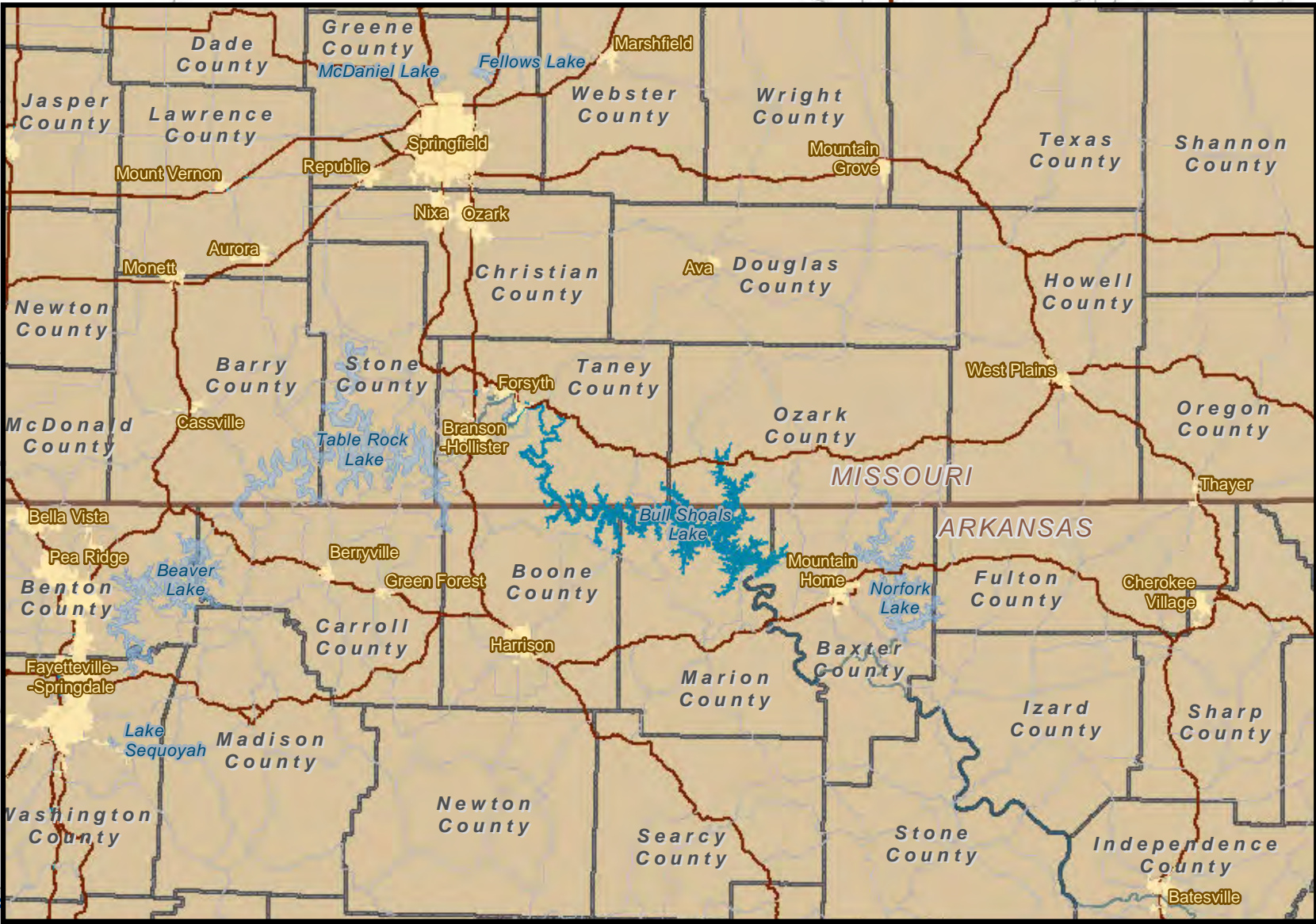
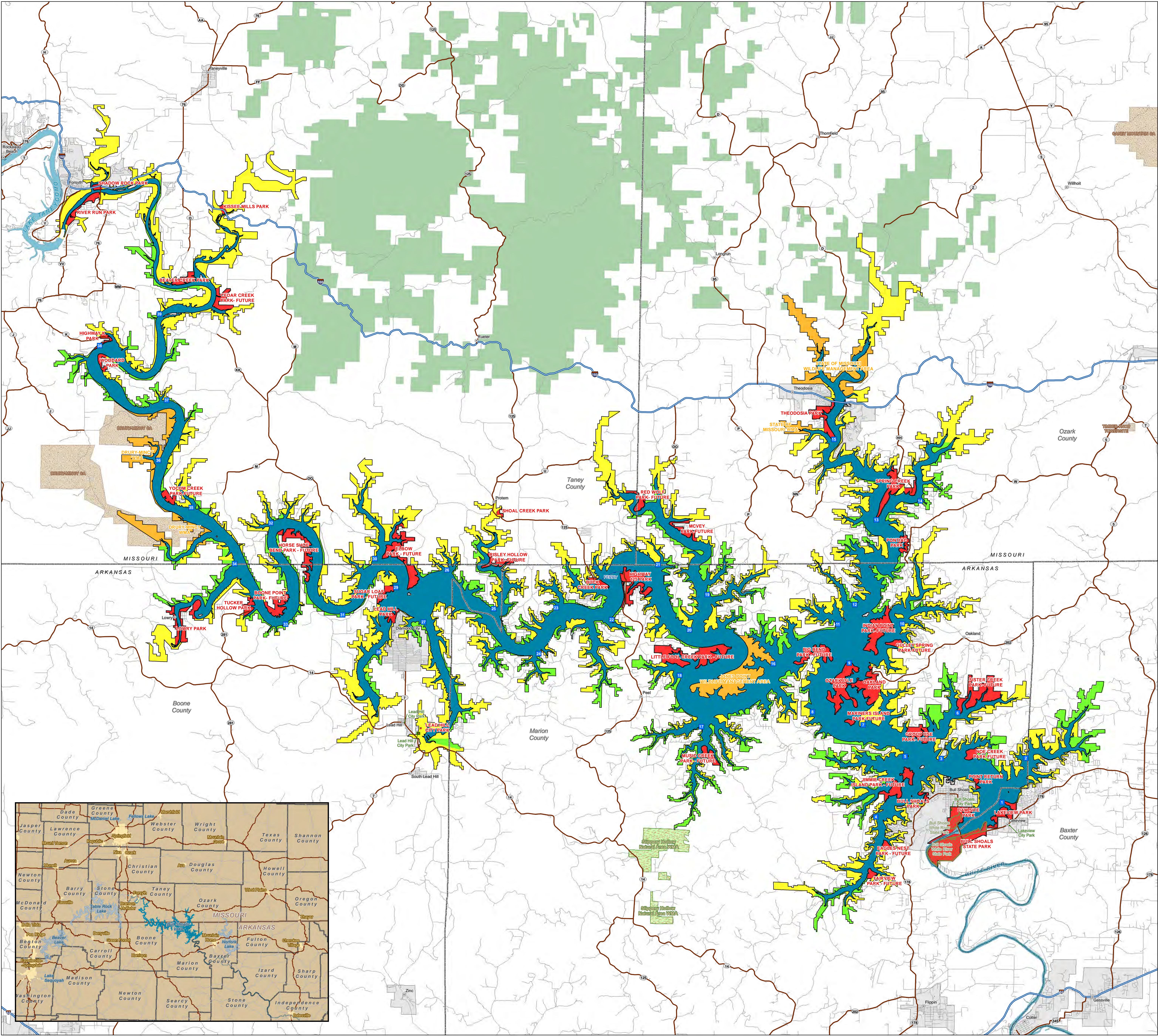
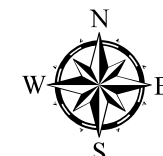
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Conservation Pool 659

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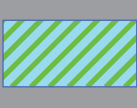
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# BULL SHOALS LAKE

## LAND AND WATER STATE DESIGNATIONS AND USES








 **Arkansas Extraordinary  
Resource Waterbody**

Designated by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission  
Extraordinary Resource Water:  
This beneficial use is a combination of the chemical, physical, and biological characteristics of a waterbody and its watershed which is characterized by scenic beauty, aesthetics, scientific values, broad scope recreation potential, and intangible social values.

 **Missouri Department of Conservation  
License for Fish and Wildlife Activities**

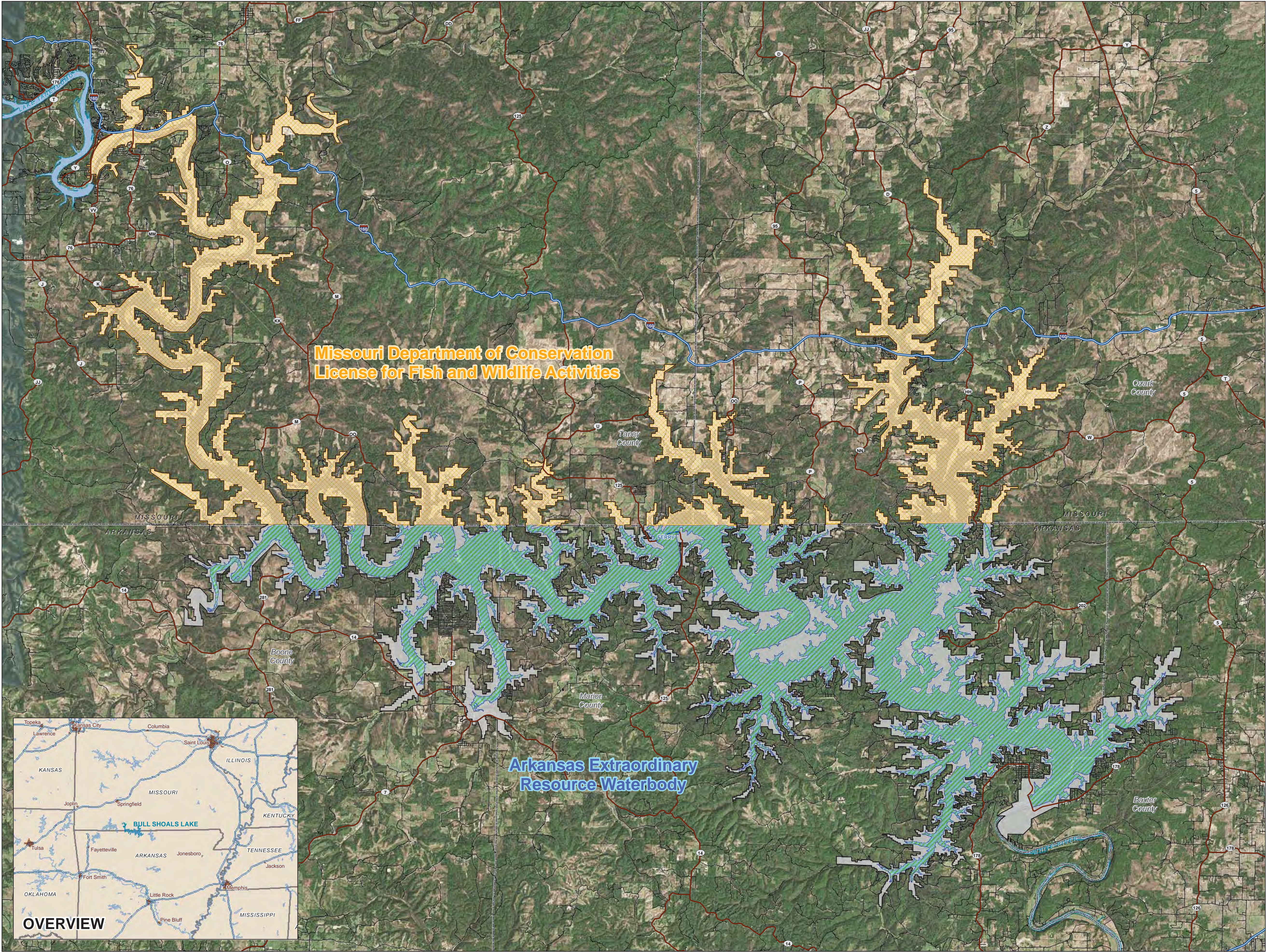
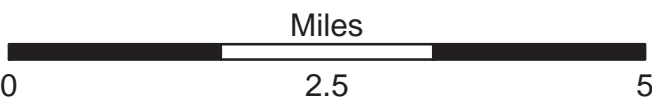
The license grants Missouri Department of Conservation non-exclusive use of lands and waters for fish and wildlife activities. For example uses may include: planting harvesting vegetation for wildlife purpose, stocking fish, habitat development, etc...

### Legend

-  Local Roads
-  Ferry
-  State Highway
-  US Highway
-  Counties
-  USACE Boundary
-  Arkansas Extraordinary Resource Waterbody
-  Missouri Department of Conservation License for Fish and Wildlife Activities

## MASTER PLAN BULL SHOALS LAKE

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### OVERVIEW



# BULL SHOALS LAKE AUGUST 2014 SCOPING POST CARD MAILING LIST DISTRIBUTION

ZIP CODES ARE ONLY  
SHOWN WITHIN THE  
CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES  
Total Zip Codes=2,324

## ZIP CODES SHOWN BY THE # OF TIMES RECURRING IN MAILING LIST

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**Legend**

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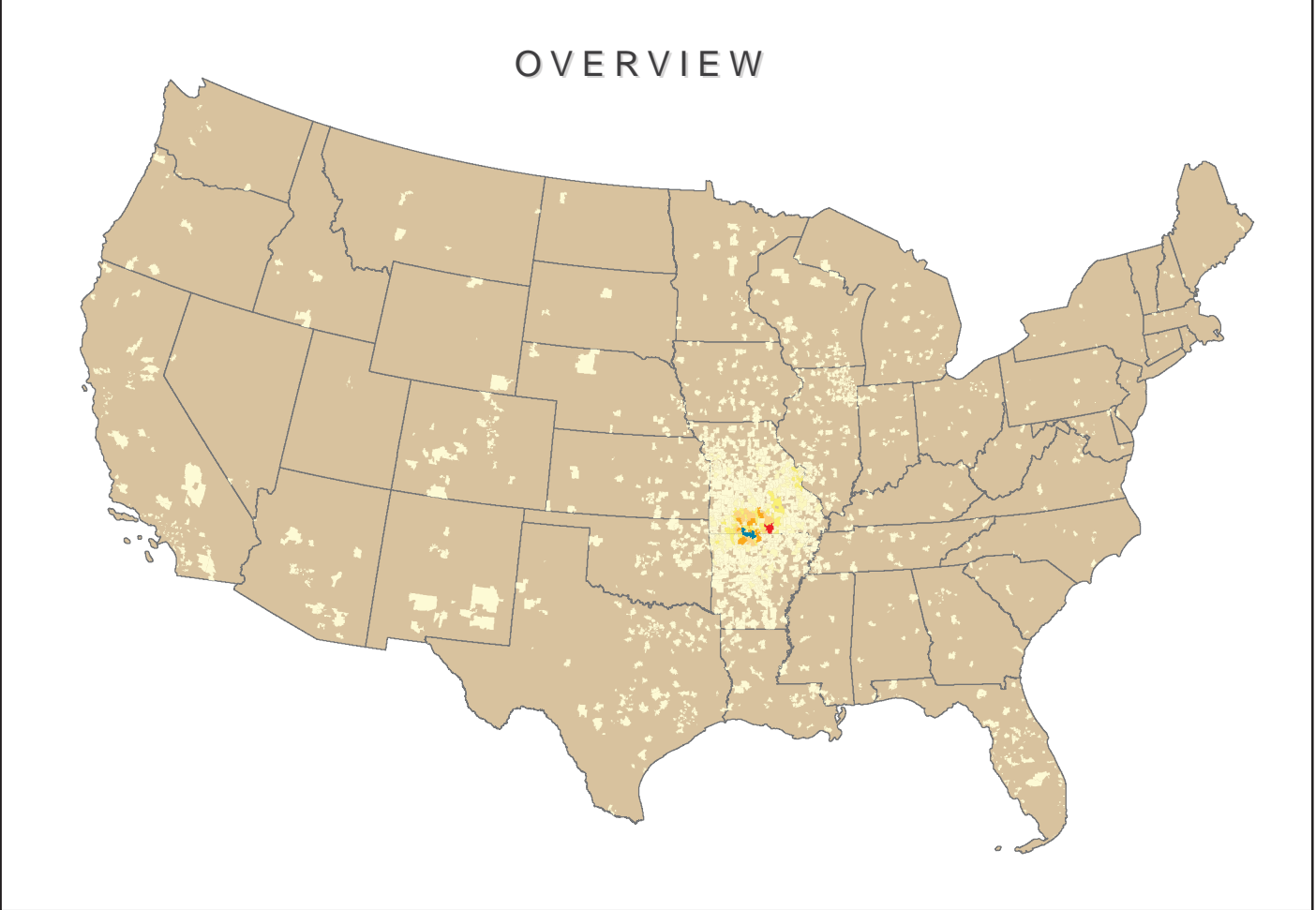
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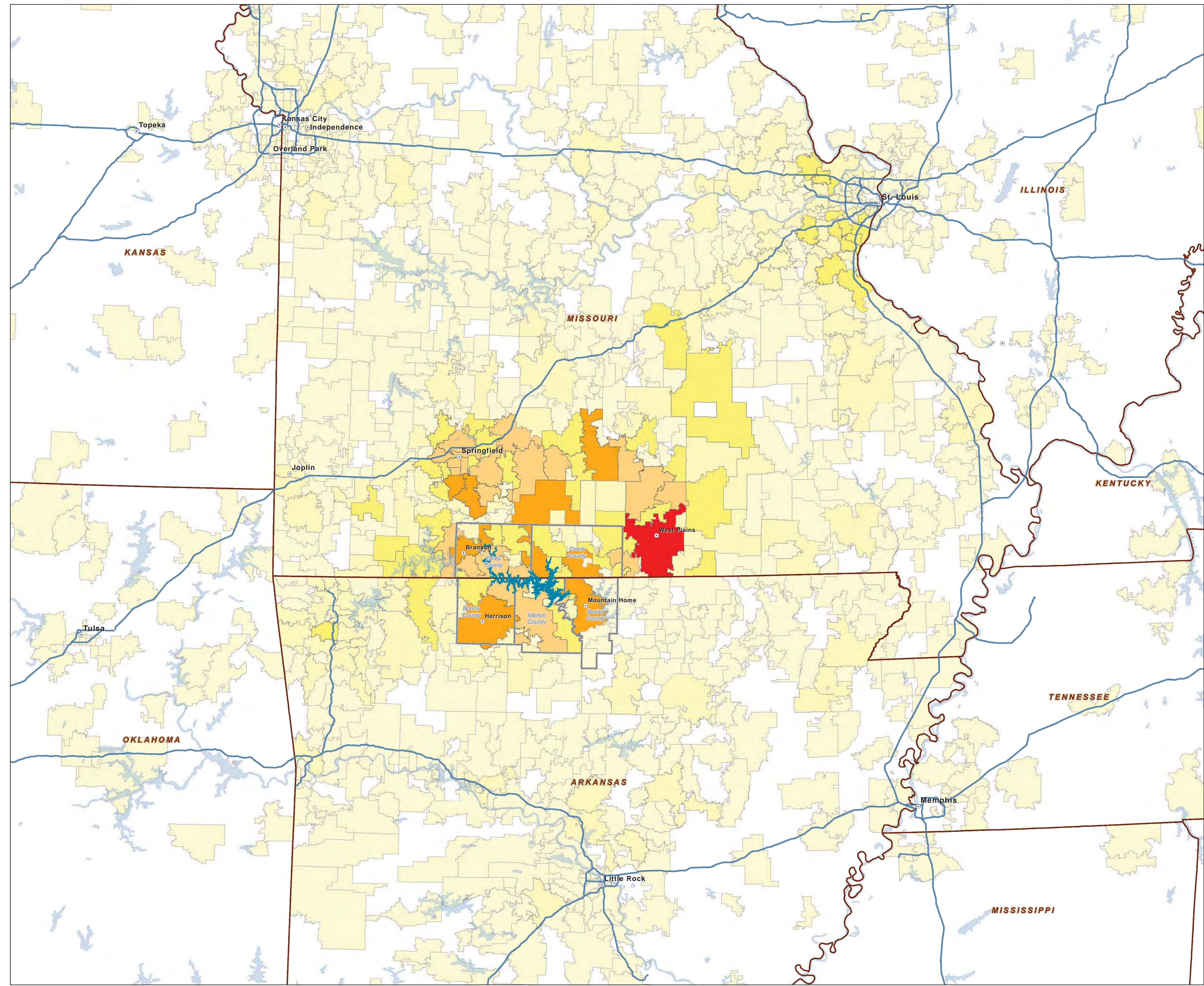
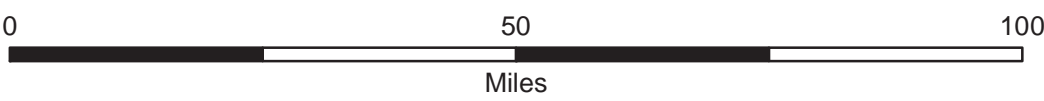
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Lakes and Streams

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## MASTER PLAN BULL SHOALS LAKE





## Appendix F

### Public Scoping Comments



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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

*It probably won't be around in 20 years but from now I would like for the campgrounds to be reopened.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

*Camping and something for the younger folks to do.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

*What upset me most was when they came in to Dam Site part and (DESTROYED) everything they removed. We (the neighborhood) had a lot of younger people that came to play and it is all gone now.*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Clean! Full of people  
enjoying All the parks-campgrounds, & fishing & boating  
spots

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most: That it is Available To everyone!

Least: That the parks & lake are NOT taken care of

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

parks maintained & opened!  
Boat Ramps maintained & checked - Patrolled if necessary

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Use honor system at campgrounds previously closed.

Allow citizen volunteers to help maintain. They ARE

Will do.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

As clean & as natural as  
permissible - more runoff control - from pastures & highways

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

the conservation of the area - & growth with enforced  
regulations - growth is constant - "Taken for granted  
cause its there" the least important occurrence to me.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Dam site park needs  
to be taken care of.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

As additional visitors come to the lake the maintenance  
needs to keep up to the flow & funds need to be  
increased.

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I would like to see an emphasis on maintaining the lakes cleanliness and large areas of undeveloped and peaceful shoreline. The current access areas need to be maintained and controlled by the COE and not sold to private companies.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Most Important Bass Fishing  
Pristine Undeveloped Beauty  
Protected Shoreline for wildlife/bird watching.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

CLEAN & PRISTINE YET WITH MORE RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

ACCESS TO WATER ACTIVITIES (IE) PAVED ROADS, WALKING/HIKING PATHS

THERE IS NO LEAST IMPORTANT

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

RESTRICT BOAT SIZES

BE MORE WELCOMING TO RESORT & MARINA OWNERS

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LOW DENSITY PLAN THAT ALLOWS FOR SOME  
MOVING OF CORP PROPERTY ALONG WITH GOOD ACCESS TO DOCKS & EASY  
AVAILABILITY OF DOCK PERMITS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

QUIET, NATURAL AND CLEAN

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

INSTITUTE NOISE POLLUTION CONTROLS! CONTINUE TO KEEP MOTORIZED VEHICLES, INCLUDING ATV'S, OFF CORPS LAND - PARTICULARLY ALL BUT HIGH DENSITY RECREATION DESIGNATED AREAS

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? RECLASSIFY JIMMY CREEK - FUTURE PARK AS ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE OR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA - ONLY ACCESS IS BY PRIVATE ROAD THROUGH 3+ MILES OF CARLSON FAMILY PROPERTY. THE LAND ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ACCESS ROAD IS EFFECTIVELY A PRIVATE WMA AND WILL MOST LIKELY BE PLACED IN A CONSERVANCY. ALL OF THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE  
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DESIGNATIONS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA SHOULD REMAIN AS SUCH OR RECLASSIFIED AS WMA

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

A CLEAN LAKE BY  
LIMITING SHORE LINE USE.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

QUALITY OF WATER, PEACE AND QUIET

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

CHANGE USE CLASSIFICATION  
FROM LOW DENSITY TO ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AT  
CCC ACCESS AREA.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? As the <sup>high</sup> quality recreational and productive that it is today.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of the trail patrol team that aids in the maintenance of the trails around Norfolk lake, I would like to see ATVs ~~for~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~hidden~~ <sup>prohibited</sup> on the Corps of Eng. property that surrounds Bull Shoals lake. I am also concerned about the powerful boat engines that produce so much noise. Is there a way to limit these?

\* What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? We would like to see the Jimmy Creek High Density Recreational Area ~~Reclassified~~ <sup>Reclassified</sup> as an environmentally sensitive area. Our family owns the land adjoining this area and we are currently considering placing it in a conservancy or <sup>permanently</sup> ~~wildlife management~~ <sup>wildlife management</sup> area.

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Although the use of the lake as a recreational area will increase I am concerned that ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> lack of planning/oversight will result in another "high traffic" lake of the Ozarks.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

I would like for the lake to remain a viable, clean source of water for the populace of N. Central ARK.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Water quality - is most important - Control of quality of Runoff into the Lake - Shore Line Management.

Least important - ? Electrical Generation -

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

I Like the  
Look of the wild the feeling its only a lake  
surrounded by trees

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Hunting Fishing

The Beauty of the lake & forest with no houses

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

None now

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? *The same as it is now. Its beauty and serenity are not found in most areas like we have here.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? *Boating, Camping, Wildlife. Few people*  
*I don't have a least important.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? *None*

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: *I would like to move about it*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

AS IS

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

MOST NOT LIKE LAKE OZARKS (TURN INTO)

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

NONE AS IS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Keep low density the same But maybe change some of the high density to the wildlife management area

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Keeping my dock + maintaining my path permit is most important

Everything about the lake is important

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Same as question #1

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

*Keep low-density (yellow) same  
Turn the Red that has not been developed ~~turn~~  
into wildlife management area.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

*Keeping ~~only~~ path and my dock, and keep path &  
dock permit.  
All the lake is important to me.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

*Same as ? one*

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*We would like to see retractable steps to  
boat docks on the very steep rocky area and  
that on path you could make a path out to the  
composite steps like in all National Parks.*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

The same as

today.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Lack of commercial development, cleanliness  
of the water, nature

Drawing people to our lake

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

That the 1975 proposed (Red) ~~lake~~ developments  
not be built.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

About the same level of development as it is now or very limited commercial growth.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Channel. Cleanliness of the water. Lack of commercial development.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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I would like to see a lot of the 1975 proposed developments scrapped to maintain the quality of the wilderness feeling of the lake.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

PRETTY MUCH AS IT  
IS NOW. AS NATURALLY MAINTAINED AS POSSIBLE.  
ENVIRONMENT FIRST- PEOPLE SECOND  
NO ENCROACHMENT OF ATV TYPE VEHICLES.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST - THE NATURAL BEAUTY. THE TRAILS AND HIKING  
AREAS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. LEAST - LARGE RV PARKS

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

THE DAM OVERLOOK PARK  
IN BULL SHOALS BEING CLEANED UP AND USED.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

IF THE GOAL IS TO ENCOURGE ADDITIONAL USE - THEN EFFORTS  
NEED TO BE MADE TO ENSURE THIS ADDITIONAL INFUX OF  
PEOPLE DOES NOT NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE FLORA + FAUNA.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Unchanged.  
It's beautiful and wonderful the way it is.  
It's a diamond in the rough. Not all diamonds  
should be cut, polished and made into a  
pendant.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Its pristine, natural beauty & the wildlife

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

None

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

clean water like in  
past. — No more water traffic than now — area to  
swim dogs away from main swimmers

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Keeping water clear like 50 years ago — no more  
table rock water & septic seepage  
limit number of RV parks — engineer cove bull shoals  
limit number of private boat docks — no lake of oarks  
need more 50 AMP service for RV parks — water hookups —

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More nice swim areas like Lakeview Beach — very  
nice

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*as it is today*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*clear water, good access is most important*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*the lake, you are doing a great job!*

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I have been a student my entire life of US history, government, Constitution, civic duty and human psychology and behavior. I know when and under whom the EPA was conjured and the troubling progression of their tyranny, rampant to this very day, thru programs presented, (as always with government), for our safety and protection. Nothing could be farther from reality.

As you may know, there is currently discussion in Congress concerning the abolition of, or defunding of, not only the FDA, but also the ATF, BLM, DOE, etc., all for repeated transgressions against the People, and all of which DO NOT comport with the Constitution, the Law of the Land. All are fundamentally unlawful. But this issue too WILL be addressed and corrected one day, or this Republic will fall and be no more.

Agenda 21 was rolled out at the Earth Summit in Rio Dejanero in 1994 and the previously mentioned agencies, and many others, have been on the march ever since to push Agenda 21 programs. (Common Core being only the latest social engineering program currently being forced down everyone's throat). AND IT NEEDS TO BE STOPPED.

The thrust of the Agenda 21's US initiative is to relocate ALL rural people to 11 major population dense regions in the US by 2050. It's called the "America 2050 Plan". Under the 2050 Plan they intend to take over ALL land and water and including ALL elements of nutrition, sustenance and necessity. (THEY HAVE DECLARED THAT FOOD AND WATER WILL BE USED AS A WEAPON in this relocation program, "AMERICA 2050". The White River Blueway Project was certainly one of those attempts and should be adequately and seriously considered for its dangers to our National, State Republics and individual sovereignty. You see I know what the agenda is. Most people unfortunately do not. I would however be willing to help them learn of these dangers.

We now have 2 presidents and 2 secretaries of state that have, unconstitutionally attempted to sign away our National, Republic and individual sovereignties under UN Agenda 21 treaties, the first being the UN treaty on Climate Change, which obama currently maintains that he will initiate WITHOUT Congress, and the other one is the UN SMALL ARMS TREATY. These treaties have provisions that will negate and destroy OUR CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS. Additionally, 3 presidents have signed so called free trade agreements, unconstitutionally, and other usurpations and unlawful travesties have taken place, like the NORTH AMERICAN UNION, which you see now being implemented by the open border. The Federal government and ALL of its agencies declare, decree and promulgate unlawful administrative codes, statutes and regulations ad-nauseum. Just remember Oct. 2013 when the "government shutdown" occurred. Only 16% of the government was shut down though, that would be the 16% that the People can actually take advantage of using. Our dear friends from the US park service were so kind and thoughtful of us that they installed paramilitary contractors, (policing powers not being provided for in their mission statements, franchises or charters), at the accesses to

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the Buffalo river, the same Buffalo River that many of us have been on for over 50 years, long before the Fed took it away from Fred Derst.

Or the arbitrary actions taken by the Corp around 2010 in which hard to see 'NO CAMPING' signs were placed in the wilderness camping areas on the lake. This was nothing more than an attempt to force campers into the revenue stream of the Parks and to generate revenue from fines of unwitting and unknowing citizens. WILDERNESS CAMPING IS A BIRTHRIGHT of not only Arkansans but every living, breathing, flesh and blood individual of the planet. And, those individuals care more about the land and take better care of, and exercise greater stewardship over.

Federal agencies ALWAYS forget that the government is owned by the People, who it logically follows, are the true owners and benefactors of this land. Government's ONLY purpose is to perpetuate itself and grow larger. (And it has become highly proficient at it). Government has no concern about the People's comforts or inclinations. History has shown that government and ALL of its agencies ALWAYS lie about its intended purposes, ALWAYS usurps more power, ALWAYS destroys more liberty and ALWAYS overreaches the purvues and parameters initially described. And, agency bureaucrats ALWAYS exercise their ASSUMED POWER over the People with arrogance and hubris. George Washington said it best when he stated, "government is like fire, at best, it is a tenuous servant and it is ALWAYS a horrible master".

So, knowing that due to your own personal agendas and the compartmentalization of ALL government agencies and further knowing that you WILL NOT and CAN NOT step outside of the talking points prescribed by the OVERLORDS you serve, which most assuredly IS NOT THE PEOPLE, I have but one question that is paramount and I desperately need it answered. Only those of you that have turned that corner CAN answer the question. How do you get a decent red blooded American to initiate, perpetuate and promulgate active agendas that serve ONLY to undermine the "life, liberty and pursuit of happiness" of your neighbors and countrymen, undermine the Constitution, and act to destroy the sovereignty of the Nation and the Republics. By what metric do you justify such acts of, in my opinion, TREASON AND SEDITION?

The Federal government is lawless and has been for a long, long time. So long in fact, that the lawlessness has crept into virtually ALL other underlying government structures and agencies. If we are truly a Nation of Laws we MUST return to the limited powers of government and resurrect this Republic by restoring the Constitution.

Thank you for your time!

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*Keep and maintain present campground and boat launch facilities.*

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**

*Most Important — how the lake is maintained; it is a great lake to fish w/ speed boats w/ big motors at a minimum — don't want it to become an over populated lake (ie Lake of the ~~Great Ozarks~~ Ozarks)*

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?**

*Would like to see Public Use Campgrounds open through October. We miss out on the most beautiful time of the year camping — handouts w/ extended season could be provided during summer season.*

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*We are proud of Bull Shoals Lake and the fine work the Corp has done w/ it.*

*We live on Table Rock Lake and have been fishing and camping on Bull Shoals for 30 years*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Not like table rock.  
Have Boat docks limited to community Docks, less  
personal small boat docks. This improves aesthetics.  
more hiking trails

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? keep Natural look. Development should be  
controlled with least amount of impact to  
the beauty of the lake - bike trails, Natural areas  
would be good for the kids

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Prevent the numerous  
un-authorized use of the Corps lands. too many 4-wheeler  
trails, trucks down on the shores.

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Save the lake. Don't want it to be  
like table rock

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Like it is would be OK with me. I don't dislike limited development, I do feel it should be accessible to all not just privileged few.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Clean, consistent water: shoreline. It's all important!

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? I think utilizing existing dock zoned areas and accessibility to the lake by land owners is important. Make the process easier.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Don't know yet? I see no proposed changes.

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limited Boat Docks,  
limited Houses Around the shores, Don't let Bull  
Shoals End up like Table Rock lake, we need to  
have Bull Shoals to stay a get away place with out  
the city feel.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most: The country feel and seclution away from the city,  
least: I dont have a least

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More fish Release

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I dont think a commercial lake like Table Rock lake  
would be a good thing for Bull Shoals lake,

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Maintain good water quality, improve the park system, keep the lake and put a HIP restriction on boats on the lake, whether fishing or recreation.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Fishing, boating, swimming, and picnicking are very important.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

We would like to see a HIP restriction on the lake. We would like to see a park around the lake. We would like to see a park if we could get more enlarged as is possible.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

We would like to see a park around the lake. We would like to see a park if we could get more enlarged as is possible. You are doing a good job. Thank you!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Stay similar and permit little development and docks. That's what makes Bull Shoals special.

(We have a problem at Bright Elbow with hunters dumping deer carcasses in the edge of the water.)

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Not as crowded and cleaner than other lakes in the area. Developed recreation areas are not important to me and I enjoy the rustic access areas.

(My lake property and boat dock) Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Raise the road to my boat dock 2 ft. higher, working with the county to get this done. Are there any grants that could assist Taney County in paying for this?

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Many of the access roads are now under water more days out of the year. County needs grant money to fund raising these roads for access to existing docks. But if this can't be achieved, I am still very happy with Dock and Lake.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

I hope the lake can be kept clean and preserved for future generations.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Fishing and swimming.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

I would like to see easier access for fishing from the land in Forsyth area. Also would be wonderful to have a beach area for people in this area.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Maintain / improve water quality. Continue improving fisheries. Improve camping / family recreation

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Less boat traffic than Table Rock. No houses on the lakeshore

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Improve campgrounds to 50 amp service. Keep all campgrounds open to encourage family recreation. Better control of lake levels so that marinas can be operated year round.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Work with farmers to maximise farming practices that are favorable to the lake area. Both can work together to keep areas open and accessible.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

clean as it is now.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Water, Park,

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? 50 Amp Service at

Camp Sites - Most ALL Newer Campers Require 50 Amp.  
put The Courtesy Dock To The Side of The Ramp and Keep  
it pulled in and out The Water Level Changes Almost Daily.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

There Needs To Be a Courtesy Dock at River Run.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

I wouldn't change one thing, ~~if~~ you do a fantastic job. Thank you! I do wish the lake boaters would slow down and enjoy it. Too fast.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

It's remote ~~beach~~ beauty.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

I wouldn't like you raise the level a few more feet.

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Thank you so much for the chance to talk and comment. Good luck in the future.

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you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Our Coalition's mission is to ensure adequate long-term water supply for S.W. Missouri. We have not looked with any detail at Bull Shoals Lake as a water supply lake, but we are generally interested in it as a potential future water supply. If it were to be developed as a source of public drinking water supply, an intake, or more than

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? One intake would be required. Our Coalition respectfully requests that consideration during the Master Plan process be given to possible intake sights - and that potential

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sights be designated in such a way that their potential to deliver drinking water to growing S.W. Missouri communities be preserved.

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Water kept clean,  
lots of fish, nice marinas with bathroom facilities  
and gas pumps & parks.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important is preserving the water.  
Least important - ?

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Better facilities

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At Cedar Creek - AB Fines boat dock we do not have  
any bathroom facilities. Families swim and use  
their boat docks with out any bathrooms. So  
where do they relieve themselves? - You know!

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Water being clear and clean.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More beautiful camps areas like the one the Corps care for now. Like the one on ARK side on 125

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

I think if a new plan is important, go for it.

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Mostly the same as it is. I might like there to be a few more primitive camping locations, but nothing major.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Keeping it a quiet and tranquil lake. Spending alot to make a huge increase in commercial properties.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Leave it like it is.

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST IMPORTANT IS CLEANLINESS

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

WE WOULD LIKE TO  
KNOW A SMALL AREA FOR ACCESS TO OUR DOCK.  
THIS WOULD IMPROVE AREA AND NOT HARM NATURE.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

*Open to the public and water quality a priority.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

*Being able to access and utilize the lake for  
camping, swimming, and boating.*

*Be able to mow the grass at the end of MN highway  
in Kirbyville, MO.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

*Be sure to allow the low density areas to  
be taken care of by citizens to reduce  
snakes, rodents, insects, etc.*

*In other words be able to mow at citizens expense.*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Litter free and clean!  
No changes ... No more new boat ramps or recreational  
areas added to the Mission Lane area of Taney  
County!

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
Keep the Ag lease at the end of Mission Lane as is  
so it can continue to be mowed. Do not want any public  
use areas!!

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? None!!!

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: No  
changes!! Keep the lake natural as possible!!

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① pretty much as it is today  
Not crowded and dangerous like lake of the Ozarks

② Better management of water levels. Surely we don't have to put up with floods the Corps has allowed in the last 9-10 yrs.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

the peace + quiet

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

When areas are opened, please manage them. Please don't leave garbage, piles, cans, broken glass, left by visitors because no one was there to manage/monitor the activities.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

If you open areas + encourage public use, then manage them. Don't just turn a blind eye to the blight that follows uncaring users. <sup>the areas</sup> They have to be managed.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

AS PRISTINE AND  
CLEAN AS TODAY. ON GOING CONTROLS TO LIMIT  
ENCROACHMENT ON LAND AT WATER'S EDGE. THIS  
IS TRULY A "DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH" AND SHOULD  
BE KEPT THAT WAY.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

CLEAN, CLEAR WATER QUALITY. ALLOW LAND  
OWNERS A REASONABLE CLEARING FOR A BOAT  
DOCK IN A COVE "NOT ON MAIN CHANNEL".

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

MORE CAMPING &  
FAMILY USE FACILITIES

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

THE POPULATION GROWTH IN THE US IS FORCING  
PEOPLE FROM COASTAL AREAS TOWARD OUR AREA.  
MORE CAMPING & OUTDOOR FACILITIES WILL BE  
REQUIRED - THESE NEED TO BE INCREASED AND  
MONITORED.

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*It is pretty darn perfect the way it is. The biggest problem we have ever had was personality problems when we had a question about anything. Anyone we have ever spoken to have had ~~adverse~~ bad attitudes.*

*Zebra mussels need to go.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*To keep it as pristine as it is today. We like how quiet the lake is. And safe!!*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*We would like for the water level to be managed better than it was during the two years that it got out of hand.*

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

*I'm not really sure what this is really about. I've listened to a bunch of people asking questions & all I have heard is that what ever questions they ask has nothing to do with this Master Plan. I guess I will wait until next year when you have the proposal meeting.*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? - CLEAN shoreline.

IN addition to cedar tree permits, it would be a great help to the shoreline if dead and fallen trees were able to be placed in the lake for fish cover. - No additional boat slips, especially horse boat slips.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

- Most important is that it is kept clean and safe. - Least important are the trout. We had world-class trout fishing BEFORE the "Minimum Flow" was ever thought of.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Improve but do

NOT INCREASE public access. Many of the launches and docks are in poor repair. Some boat docks should either be repaired or condemned.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Our

lake is in great shape compared to some others in the LR district. IF we are following the old master plan it looks to be working just fine. MAKE improvements in the area of public access boat docks and shoreline cleanliness. Thanks!!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Keep THE U.N.  
people away from our water - No Blue  
water

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

1. Keep it clean as possible
2. " Hog & Turkey-chicken operations away.
3. Love the Fishing - camping - and quiet spots

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

open the corp  
camp grounds back up.

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Kept Just as it is -  
No U.N. Agenda for our states water ways.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Bull Shoals is one of the reasons we moved to this area, and our lake should never be used for political gain to any domestic or foreign group - no matter what their agenda is.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

more camping space and see the Corp Camp Grounds funded with Arkansas tax money so these Camp Grounds can be maintained for the area and for people visiting the area.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

No blue water agenda that involves Arkansas water

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*improvements*

*Left to Nature very few*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*A large lake for recreation, fishing, and hunting*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*Allow Private docks in remote areas - Environmental Sensitive Areas*

*Allow Private docks in remote*

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*Keep it Natural*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

NO NEW LOCK PERMITS  
+ ALL EXISTING DOCKS BE ABLE TO UPDATE SAME

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

As BEAUTIFUL As  
It is today!!! We have been on other lake with  
trash floating and "mucky" water, and I would hate to see  
our beautiful lake in that condition. Please fight for this  
beautiful lake!

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The  
beauty + cleanliness of the lake is most important!  
Least important is new resort areas. We need to  
support and encourage the resorts we have.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

I would like the  
resort owners to have the ability to promote their resorts  
with ski courses and fishing tournaments.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

I  
can't say it enough. We have a wonderful lake and  
I want to share it with my children, my grandchildren,  
and all who come after us.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

THIS LAKE IS BEAUTIFUL! AS A DOCK OWNER  
I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO NOT ALLOW NEW PERMITS.  
AND ALSO CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR UPDATED  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & EFFORTS!

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

not large BOATS like Lake of Ozarks has. Same But

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

① Pleasure BOATING & Leisure Fishing

② Recreational SKIING in low Density areas has become a ~~nuisance~~ NUISANCE / Large Boats with their large wake's are a problem

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Restriiction on LARGE BOATS

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Ozark Isle was master camping. Now it is very forgotten. Bathrooms, Filling, camping areas not well kept. Oakland Marine was pot - may sell

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? stocked with more game fish, keep camp ground open under corp. management at reasonable prices and recover the camp grounds that were leased.

1. What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? the average family in our area is of low income. Families need our corp. parks as a place  
affordable place to take their children + enjoy our natural resources. Some are handicapped - many take Grandma + Grandpa they need to use the senior passes. Please keep this privilege for these Missourians.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Keep it as a clean family recreation

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: the stocking of game fish

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Stocked with more  
Game Fish & Fish Habitat,

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? Recreation, Camping in Parks, Fishing, Boating  
~~What is the least important to you?~~

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? More Camping, And  
improvements in Camp grounds

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Please donot sell or lease out camp grounds because  
the Family cant afford higher camping fees. Plus  
Pontias Camp ground has been degraded not as nice as  
it was when Corps operated it. And camping fees Are more  
expensive.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Good water quality, good fishing, beautiful views with more tasteful discreet resorts tucked in.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The natural environment, fishing quality & beauty of the area is the most important aspect of living here to us. We overlook the lake & do not want to see a huge resort ruin our views.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

We don't mind a small amount of development but people come here to fish mostly. Large amounts of boats ruin water quality & beauty.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

We don't want our area to be overdeveloped like Lake of the Ozarks. We don't want any large corporations in charge of developing our area for their own agendas. We would like to see local people/corps. in charge of development. What about banning 2 stroke motors on the lake? (Canada did)

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Through My eyes - I will be 91  
in 20 years

Re-open SPRING CREEK PARK

Better Access To Private Docs (very difficult for us arm)

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Boating - Swimming - All recreation

Fishing -

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Better Access To

PRIVATE DOCS - ATV ACCESS for us old folks

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

more docks permitted  
Re-open paths that were closed under  
President Clinton like Spring Creek Park at  
the end of Hwy.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

access. It's ridiculous to hike down slippery,  
steep paths to get to a boat dock. We aren't  
impinging on natural habitat - it's a man made lake!  
least important - preserving natural habitat at the  
expense of people.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Paths down to the  
lake. No ATV prohibitions for dock access. Continue  
hunting & fishing.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

RE-OPEN SPRING CREEK

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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WHY CANT WE DRIVE OUR UTV OR ATV'S DOWN  
TO OUR DOCK??

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

SAME AS IT IS NOW - BEAUTIFUL

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

FISHING & BOATING

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

MORE BOAT LAUNCH AREAS AT BUCK CREEK PARK.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

SMALL WILDLIFE SANCTUARIES WOULD BE GOOD.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Continue limited  
shore line development. Managed shore line forest,  
thinned & cleared.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

- A. Fishing, shore line and forest management, try to maintain  
a consistent lake level, understanding flood control.
- B. Electric generation

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Cooperation with land  
owners bordering corp. properties to improve forested  
areas, health & habitat and appearance. Stop leaving  
the oak forest to death.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

AS UNCHANGED AS POSSIBLE. THE LAST THING I WANT IS ANOTHER "LAKE OF THE OZARKS"

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

BEAUTY & ENVIRONMENT, CLEAN AIR & WATER

LEAST WANTED IS BIG BOATS, BIG BUSINESS

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

BETTER FISHING

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Same as today:  
Keep it a Corps Lake - no new Businesses, Boat docks,  
Marinas, etc - NO NEW Businesses. NO Lakefront  
Properties -

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important - the environment - Wildlife - The Beautiful  
Natural Shore lines - the Clean Air + Clean Clear Lake -  
Keep as is - We want it to be a pontoon Boat Lake.  
no more Boat Docks - too many already.  
Least important is a Commercial Business that Brings  
in Yuppies + Big Boats -

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Moving a dock at the  
end of our Road - we can't get to the lake  
by car now - 1 Lake needs more fish - fishing has  
been horrible this year - Lake needs more work on Eco systems  
Shore lines need to be cleaned up more - Especially when Lake goes up +

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Please KEEP The lake the same - Don't add any more  
High Density areas - We need more Environmentally Sensitive  
Areas - more Green - Less Red - then goes Back Down

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I would like to  
see more of the bank shores at least 30' or  
not all the brush & sticker vine that are there  
now

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Water quality is very important. Too much gravel  
and trash are allowed to be introduced by rain  
erosion

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? People should be  
able to go to the lake from their property  
in a direct route noise! Boat should be  
not allowed.

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** More user friendly, with the acknowledgement that the public funded the construction and continue to fund the operation via tax dollars.

I would also like to see the areas that were once available to the public re-opened for public use, both by foot and motorized vehicle use.

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** Fishing and recreation, along with flood control.

Least important is the placement of noxious weeds, dead trees and brush having a higher priority than the public.

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** Re-opening the closed access roads and trails for general public use.

**Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:** Additional training for the Rangers to acknowledge that the public have a Constitutional right to the presumption of innocence until proven guilty.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Exactly the way it is now. The Corp. does a great job keeping B.S. CLEAN & QUIET!! I tell folks how beautiful it is & most can't believe it. I appreciate all you do to keep it pristine!!

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST- WOODS, ROCK- CLEAR WATER - PLEASE DON'T CHANGE

LEAST- NO MORE RESTAURANTS, ELECTRIC NOISE. LET THOSE FOLKS go to OZARKS NO BIG CONDOS

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

MAYBE JUST 1 THING - TOO NOT LET IT GET 40 FT HIGH. THAT WAS TOUGH, BUT IF YOU CAN'T I GET IT

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AGAIN - I'm good with this heaven AS IT IS PLEASE DON'T SUCCEMB TO BIG CITY WAYS & MONEY THEY'LL RUIN THE LAKE

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KEEP THE LAKE WITH 2 AREAS ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE  
multiple resources & little development Forests/wildlife



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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

close to the way it

is now.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Keep it in it's natural state & maintain access Lake  
Roads

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

see commit below.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

The 200' distance from your owned residential property to the  
lake to obtain a dock permit is ridiculous. There should  
be more flexibility on wanting to have one. This should  
be more room to satisfy property owners who help  
with the Corps boundaries would like you to visit our property.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Just like it is today. Ideally, keep it at current norm level ~~level~~ so that room is available for flood control.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? most Clean water; management of safe boating (including debris removal during flood stage) Stop optimizing on Table Rock and tailwaters - ignoring needs of Bull Shoals residents. least - Fishing control.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? More attention to septic systems / drainage into lake. More consistent lake level management.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Keep upper limit on boat size to 28 ft

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AS FGD CHANGES AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL LAKE AND WOULD LIKE IT TO REMAIN AS BEAUTIFUL & PEACEFUL AS IT IS NOW

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

TO REMAIN A FISHING & BOATING & SWIMMING LAKE.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? NOT LIKE LAKE OF OZARK  
MAYBE MORE CAMPING AREAS OPENED BACK UP.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? CLEAN WATER NO BIG BIGGER BOATS & MASSIVE POPULATION  
INFLUX

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? RIGHT NOW THING ARE  
GOOD FOR RETIREMENT OR SUMMER CAMPS

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SCENE YOU RAISED THE LAKE FISH IS OFF WOULD LIKE  
TO KNOW WHAT HAS CHANGED.

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AS IS

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

PEACE + QUIET

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

LESS SKI BOAT'S  
IN NECK'S + COVES

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PEOPLE WITH DOCKS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO  
DOCK'S IN NI-WATER

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Better control;  
less erratic water level changes.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Get the lake of Tyson Farms pollution from  
their Poultry farms!

Everyone who can help; should in regard to the  
zebra mussels problem. Call me with any ideas for control.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

No more 10 foot  
water level changes overnight.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Anyone who once had a dock permit should be able  
to go to the front of the line to reapply!

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? STAYS CLEAN, RELATIVELY SPARSELY USED - ~~WE~~ WE DON'T NEED A WHOLE MORE TRAFFIC. I'D LIKE TO SEE THE WATER LEVEL'S STABILIZED - NOT SO MUCH FLUCTUATION. I WANT TO KEEP MY ELECTRICITY SERVICE AT MY DOCK NOT FORCED TO GO TO SOLAR

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? FEWER BIG SPEED BOATS AND PWC'S.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

I'D LIKE MORE ON-LINE ACCESS TO DOCK PERMITTING ZONES - MAP THAT'S USED AT THE OFFICE SHOULD BE ONLINE - CHANGES TO THE MAP NEED TO BE APPROVED. I THINK ANYONE WHO HAS LAND THAT ADJOINS THE TAKE LINE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS RIGHTS TO THE SHORELINE AND DOCK RIGHTS.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Recreational opportunities - but not high density, low density.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Water clarity, rural aspect, fish & wildlife viewing opportunities.  
No more high density recreation around the Hwy 125 Marina + Buck Creek  
least important: Development - especially the 1975 proposed Little  
Fool Creek area

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Please don't turn it into a Lake of the Ozarks with bigger & bigger boats. Re-evaluate (with boots on the ground) to make sure the Corps has captured all the environmental sensitive areas & those areas are identified & verified.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE BULL SHOALS STAY THE WAY IT IS CURRENTLY, WITH NO MORE HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE STIPULATIONS REGARDING LEASING TO LARGE INVESTORS STATING THAT IF THEY LEASE A PROPERTY WITH DEVELOPMENTS, (I.E. BOAT RAMPS) THAT THEY REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT NO CHARGE.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

1. THE SERENITY, PEACEFULNESS, PEOPLE IN A RURAL AREA SETTING.
2. ITS ALL IMPORTANT TO ME.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? I AM DISSABLED I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A BOAT DOCK, BUT NOT AT THE COST OF BULL SHOALS BECOMING ANOTHER TABLE ROCK OR LAKE OF THE OZARKS

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GET MORE INPUT FROM LOCAL PEOPLE ABOUT DEVELOPING EXISTING PARKS (EXAMPLE - BOAT RAMP AT BUCK CREEK.)

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Lake of OZARKS.

Clean water

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Swimming, fishing

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

NOT LIKE LAKE  
OF OZARKS

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

CLEAR WATER.  
LOW BOAT TRAFFIC

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

NO. MORE DOCKS

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

NO MORE TOURNAMENTS  
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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*Keeping lake and  
surrounding area much as it is -*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*Leasing trap grounds, managing Parks and marines,*

*Do not want commercial business - such as RESORTS, Restaurant, built  
to draw in the party crowd - like SHELL Knob.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*Removal of marines sells of alcohol. - To keep lakes safe and  
for family activity.*

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Managed by the Corps including campgrounds.  
Not contracted by individuals. The Corps in the  
past has done a great job of running these parks.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Recreation & Hay lease - Most important  
Least important - ~~MAA~~ n/a

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Removal of alcohol  
sales from boat docks & restaurants. Concern is  
safety and lack of enforcement. I do realize  
alcohol can be brought from other areas.

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Move high density to low density  
Keep lake from being developed like Table Rock

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Would like to see it preserved instead of opening alot of camping areas and disrupting the wildlife. A lot of people is going to take and destroy the beauty of the lake. Keep it as is

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Keep it clean and safe for our future families and you can't where it isn't protected proper. You will have alot of fires in the region. It will destroy habitat as well as the beauty. Least important to me is making it a business instead of pleasure.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Leave it alone

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Where is money going to come from to maintain all the upgrades?

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

*Fishing & boating*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

*Take some ATV trails. I would like to see more patrols*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? THE SAME! No more boat docks! Please limit the size of boats.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

We like the peace! Wildlife is great! We do not see want to see more boat docks, restaurants or bars!

Least - Tourism!

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Like it the way it is!

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Why do you want to develop!

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Like it is now  
Clear clean and no houses or resorts on the  
lake shore

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The cleanliness

Least important is tourism

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More fish

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just as it is  
now, No shoreline development except  
for parks

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

most Water Quality + undeveloped areas

Least - development

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

possibly a few more  
parks and boat launches

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? *I would like to see it relatively undeveloped as it is now. I do not want to see commercial development like that which has ruined 'Lake of the Ozarks'*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? *Water quality. The relatively uncongested use of water. The size of watercraft needs to be looked at and limited. The avg. boat/boater on lake of the Ozarks is practically swamped by boats too large for the size of the waterway. This is not one of the 'great lakes'*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? *I would like to see minimal impact of commercial development*

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*Avoid over development!!*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Same

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

fishing Keep it as it is

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? more boat docks if possible

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I'm 74 years old. I'll just be glad if I can see the lake at all. But if I make it that long I hope to see it as clean and free of any more docks than exist now. I pray that there will be a size limit to power boats to prevent the mess seen at Lake Ozarks.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? I fish the lake, therefore the fishery aspect is my 1<sup>st</sup> concern, my 2<sup>nd</sup> concern and my last concern. I realize flood control was a primary reason for its construction but this affects me the least. I hope to see hydro electric generation more widely used someday to reduce fossil fuel use.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? I wish for more consideration be given toward the fishing aspect of lake use. In the past I've seen the lake draw down leaving the spawning beds to dry, killing the eggs.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: We need more policing in the Corps parks. Park attendants are not able to control some of the campers who get drunk and abuse other campers with bad behavior. Also, let's keep it as natural as possible. We do not need more docks!

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Less Skiing & Boating -

Better Fishing -

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important - Less water traffic -

Least - Gov't restrictions - Don't change rules and keep sending me citations for little things.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Have Corp. accept disabled Permit - I'm disabled and not allowed to drive my ATV across Corp land to get to my dock, which is 100' from my House.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Basically same

Least Important:  
None

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Important: Recreation use - clean water - Few Big Boats  
(no big speed boats) - maintain clean environment

Most Important: enforce laws on Meth - Drug use  
deer traps, etc - be more improvements of existing  
infrastructure - Ramps, swim areas, etc.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More law enforcement - prevent Drug Meth takes  
reduce crimes - need more Federal Funding.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*Clean, clean water  
& plenty of fish*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*Doesn't get crowded with big, noisy boats  
like those on Table Rock Lake & Lake of the Ozarks.  
THIS IS A FISHING LAKE!!*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*If possible, clear  
up tree limbs & logs in water - especially when  
piled up on shoreline. When lake rises it  
all returns to lake causing a hazard when boating!*

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

*DOES WATER GET CHECKED REGULARLY FOR E-COLI  
IN "SWIM AREAS"? MAKE REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE  
PUBLIC please. I LIKE TO EAT UNCONTAMINATED FISH!*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? JUST LIKE IT IS NOW

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

CLEAN CLEAR WATER

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? STOCK MORE BASS

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

26 FT LENGTH LIMIT ON BOATS

NOISE LIMIT ON OPEN EXHAUST PIPES

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**August 25, 2014, Theodosia, MO**

Statement of [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a]

Comment 1. [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a] own property that join Corps of Engineers lands along [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a] Bull Shoals Lake. In addition, I am the [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a]

[redacted]  
[redacted] we be actively involved in the master planning process. As subsequent comments indicate, we have substantial hydrologic and biologic data related to development of an adequate and accurate master plan and any associated EA or EIS.

Comment 2. [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a]

[redacted]  
Ozark Underground Laboratory [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a]  
The cave is a designated National Natural Landmark because it has the most diverse cave fauna of any cave west of the Mississippi River.

Comment 3. Tumbling Creek Cave (TCC) provides habitat for three federally endangered species listed under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). These are the Tumbling Creek Cavesnail (*Antrobia culveri*), The Grey Bat (*Myotis grisescens*) and the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*). In addition, the cave provides habitat for the Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), which has been proposed for federal listing and is likely to be listed.

Comment 4. The management of lands and waters controlled by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) significantly impacts bat populations in Tumbling Creek Cave. Big Creek and the Big Creek Arm of Bull Shoals Lake are critical foraging areas for the Gray Bat and the Northern Long-eared Bat. Operation of the lake and management of vegetation on ACE lands impact food availability for these two bat species. This cave is a maternity site for the Gray Bat and nearby food availability may be especially important to juvenile bats. Peak summer populations of Gray Bats in Tumbling Creek Cave are now about 40,000 to 50,000; in the past they have been as large as 150,000.

Comment 5. White Nose Syndrome (WNS) is a fungal disease that has killed several million bats in the eastern United States since it first appeared in New York a few years ago. The fungus associated with the disease appears to have come from Europe and Asia. WNS has spread to the Ozarks in the last year or so and must be expected to cause significant mortality among bats that hibernate in caves. WNS has significantly increased the need for protecting cave-dwelling bat species. Tumbling Creek Cave is an extremely important habitat for bats.

Comment 6. The Tumbling Creek Cavesnail is known to exist only in Tumbling Creek Cave and in the karst groundwater system that connects the cave to springs on Big Creek and in downstream portions of Bear Cave Hollow. These lands are owned exclusively by Tom and Cathy Aley, TCCF, and ACE.

Comment 7. The population of the Tumbling Creek Cavesnail in Tumbling Creek Cave was about 15,000 in 1973 (Greenlee 1974). The current population is about 150. Causes for the decline identified in the Recovery Plan (McKenzie 2003) included deposition of sediment derived from eroding pastureland, and sewage from on-site sewage systems. A subsequently identified problem is predation by the invasive Ringed Crayfish (*Orconectes neglectus neglectus*).

Comment 8. Tumbling Creek Cave is drained by 20 to 25 springs located along Big Creek and Bear Cave Hollow. The following are important elevations:

- The lowest elevation spring draining the cave is at 670.7 feet msl on Big Creek.
- All springs on Big Creek that drain the cave are inundated by lake water at elevations above 681.0 feet msl. Powerline Spring is at this elevation.
- The highest elevation spring draining the cave is at the natural entrance and is at an elevation of 722.1 feet msl.
- The elevation at which groundwater discharges from the Karst Window is 708.9 feet.
- USACE (2004) showed that the average difference in elevation between lake levels in Big Creek and at Bull Shoals dam was 0.31 feet.

Comment 9. Ringed Crayfish movement into Tumbling Creek Cave is at least enhanced, and perhaps largely due to water levels in the lake in excess of 670.7 feet msl. This is the elevation of the lowest spring that discharges water from Tumbling Creek Cave. The extent of crayfish invasion increases as lake elevations increase up to their maximum of 695 feet.

Comment 10. Capture and removal of the Ringed Crayfish began in June 2011. The program is continuing, and to date in excess of 1,250 crayfish have been captured and removed from the cave. The capture and removal has been funded by TCCF and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The annual cost is about \$10,000; the program needs to continue. The crayfish are reproducing in the cave and some gravid females have been captured and removed.

Comment 11. Critical Habitat for the Tumbling Creek Cavesnail was designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and published in the Federal Register for June 28, 2011. The designated Critical Habitat Area encompasses 25 acres and immediately borders ACE lands along Big Creek.

Comment 12. Based on Groundwater Trace TCC-04-01 mean groundwater flow rates for the first arrival of tracer dyes under conditions when lake levels were not inundating any of the springs were as follows; the tracing was conducted when the flow

of the cave stream at the weir in the Big Room was 3.85 cfs (mean annual flow based on 9 years of record is about 4.81 cfs):

- First Right Hand Passage in TCC to Karst Window. 1,250 ft. with first arrival about 90 minutes = 13.9 feet per minute. This is all within the Critical Habitat Area.
- Karst Window to Powerline Spring. 2,650 ft. with first arrival at 205 minutes = 12.9 feet per minute. Much of this is within the Critical Habitat Area.

Comment 13. Groundwater velocities are decreased anytime the lake level exceeds about 670.7 feet. Decreases in groundwater velocity substantially increase sediment deposition within designated Critical Habitat areas for the Cavesnail and reduce the ability of the water to flush sediment through the system. Sedimentation is identified in the Recovery Plan as one of the factors responsible for dramatic decreases in the Cavesnail population. A rule of thumb in sediment transport work is that the ability of water to transport sediment varies with the sixth power of the velocity. In simple terms, if the groundwater velocity is cut in half then  $63/64^{\text{th}}$  of the sediment being transported is deposited within the groundwater system. Impacts of this magnitude or greater occur within portions of the Critical Habitat area when lake levels on Bull Shoals are high.

Comment 14. Reallocation of five feet of storage in Bull Shoals Lake to increase downstream flows below the dam will increase lake elevations above 670 feet from an average of 28.4 days to 38.8 days per year. This will increase the adverse impacts that the operation of Bull Shoals Lake has on habitat for the Tumbling Creek Cavesnail.

Comment 15. Operation of the lake in such a manner such that Powerline Spring was never inundated must be evaluated. This spring is at an elevation of 681.0 feet (equivalent to a lake level measured at the dam of 680.7 feet). This approach would ensure minimization of sediment deposition in a major portion of the Critical Habitat Area. A companion, or perhaps alternate, strategy would be a permanently funded program that would ensure essentially no unnatural rates of erosion in the 5,773 acre recharge area for Tumbling Creek Cave.

Comment 16. When ACE management allows lake levels to exceed about 670.7 feet (670.4 feet measured at the dam) the ACE actions decrease the natural groundwater gradient. In the Critical Habitat Area owned by the TCCF the aquifer inhabited by the Cavesnail is confined by a massive chert bed and under moderate to high flow conditions functions as an artesian aquifer. Discharge from this confined aquifer within the Critical Habitat Area occurs from the Karst Window and, to a lesser degree, nearby springs. Especially at elevations greater than 681.0 feet (680.7 feet as measured at the dam) the high levels of the lake unnaturally divert water through the Karst Window and onto the property of the TCCF. ACE has no flowage easement permitting this diversion of water onto our property, and it is our view that this is an unlawful diversion of water which should be ended. Furthermore, this diversion significantly impacts one of the core purposes of the TCCF.

Thank you for your consideration.

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CONVERSATION WITH JAMES FISHER.

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August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

WHEREUPON,

MR. JAMES FISHER: We are going to go on the record with

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a the K Dock Marina, Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

my name is

James Fisher, and I'm with the Office of Counsel for Little

Rock District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. And you

were telling me a moment ago, before we went on the record,

that you are experiencing some flooding since the lake levels

were raised for the White River Minimum Flows?

A Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Correct. Right.

MR. JAMES FISHER: Give us as much detail as possible  
about what's going on.

A Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a We're located at Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

If you head  
around that boat launch there's access around the bluff that  
takes you around to the boat launch. This was raised, I would  
say probably five years ago, due to the Minimum Flow Act and  
they had raised the level up four (4) feet on that road to  
accommodate us up to 659.

1 COURT REPORTER: You're going to have to speak  
2 really loud, because it's really loud back here. The sound is  
3 horrible.

4 MR. JAMES FISHER: The background noise.

5 A You bet, you bet. And, to accommodate it up to 659,  
6 and that had been working for us just fine until this year  
7 when the level suddenly jumped above 659, the minimum was then  
8 set at 61, it then went to 62.

9 Q (MR. FISHER) 661 and 662?

10 A Right. At that point, access has now gone to the road  
11 going around to the boat launch. If you will look at the way  
12 those levels are set, that puts you right into the spring  
13 coming up on early summer and that's when our boating activity  
14 starts. And access to Bull Shoals on our end is fairly  
15 limited with the high bluffs, so the K Dock area does get used  
16 quite a bit for recreation. At this point, larger boats, even  
17 smaller boats will call and want to know if the access road is  
18 open going to the boat launch. And most of the time this  
19 year it was not until late summer, it was finally, you know,  
20 down low enough so we could use it so then people would have  
21 to choose to go all the way to Forsyth. With the boats  
22 possibly under the bridge at Forsyth or try to access at the  
23 Beaver Creek Marina area. And that really took down a lot of  
24 people that could have been spending money at our location  
25 with the store and everything that we have, with our nightly  
26 rentals that we offer at K Dock. People just have no choice.

1 They have to choose another access location. So I would just  
2 like to get an answer from, if it's Arkansas Game and Fish or  
3 who it is, on if this is going to be addressed, if we can get  
4 our access back during these high water conditions. And, I  
5 mean, technically you wouldn't call them high water  
6 conditions. It sounds like the regular water levels have now  
7 been increased on top of the minimums. That have taken us up  
8 to the 662 range. This now puts us at eight (8) different  
9 stages that I've tried to explain to people where normal is on  
10 Bull Shoals Lake now, which is very confusing when I'm the  
11 main source to go to for hundreds and hundreds of people on my  
12 website and telephone. We're trying to explain all the months  
13 change now during this and there will be different water  
14 levels. And unfortunately we are now limited on access for  
15 several of those months. We have a lot of months we are  
16 limited now on use for our boat launch.

17 MR. JAMES FISHER: Let me just clarify. Now, when the  
18 lake level is at 661 and 662, your ramp is completely  
19 inundated, there's no way to launch your boat?

20 A No, well, you may have access coming down another road  
21 to, up to maybe hold up to five vehicles, but it's really  
22 almost impossible to turn around unless you're using nothing  
23 more than maybe a seventeen (17) foot boat.

24 Q What would you like to see be done in order to correct  
25 the situation?



1 A With the amount of rock there is, mainly this can be  
2 brought back down the same way they raised it up years ago,  
3 they scraped the rock off the hill and they raised this road  
4 up. If we can get the road up above 662, that's still going  
5 to create access coming around. There's plenty, in my  
6 opinion, plenty of room. However, then at that point, this  
7 road will now be above where the boat launch is. So we would  
8 have to bring in some equipment and more concrete to raise  
9 the ramp up the way it is. At this point right now, the  
10 access point is leased to Taney County. I work with the  
11 Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b) [REDACTED], they have just done  
12 a great job. They have helped us raise our level up to where  
13 we can get in and out of K Dock now. They raised it up a  
14 couple of years ago. The Corps' leased it to Taney County, I  
15 know for five (5) years and I would also like to know, if  
16 that's going to continue, to see if they're also going to be a  
17 point of reference for me, if I need anything done or if any  
18 of our boaters need something done down there.

19 Q Okay. And one other thing I think would be helpful to  
20 us, if we could get some photographic documentation.

21 A Sure.

22 Q And showing visually what the situation is. I know the  
23 water has probably come back down.

24 A Right. Right.

1 Q But, after the next high water event, if you would  
2 photograph that and then show that the ramp is completely  
3 inundated when it's at 661 and 662.

4 A Absolutely.

5 Q It would be very helpful and then we will look into this  
6 and try to get you an answer as soon as possible.

7 A Right. Absolutely, that would be great. Like I said,  
8 we've become pretty popular now, we're 9 miles from the  
9 Branson Landing, Bass Pro is sending a lot of people down to  
10 test drive boats and it's pretty main point for people that  
11 have never seen Bull Shoals before coming out of Branson,  
12 Missouri, you know, and being the closest spot. So,  
13 hopefully we can get this addressed and I'll do everything I  
14 can. I can get photos for you, whenever we start going up to  
15 spring, not a problem.

16 Q Anything else you'd like to tell us this evening?

17 A I believe that should be all for now. I appreciate all  
18 you guys' help. I have enjoyed it.

19 MR. FISHER: All right. Thank you Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

20 A Thank you.

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2                                   **REPORTER    CERTIFICATE**

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4            I,   Patricia L. Norris,   Certified Court Reporter of and  
5   for the States of Arkansas and Missouri,   do hereby certify  
6   that I was present and took down the verbatim statements of  
7   Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a and then same was transcribed by me into the  
8   foregoing transcript,   and

9            I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT   same is a true and complete  
10   record of what was stated,   to the best of my ability.

11           I am not employee nor relative to any counsel or party  
12   herein named,   and I have no interest,   personal or financial  
13   in the outcome of these matters.

14           WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 27<sup>th</sup>,   DAY OF AUGUST,   2014.

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17                                    *Patricia L Norris, CCR*

18                                    MO CCR #363

19                                    AR CCR #243

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2                               August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014

3   WHEREUPON,

4                               Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

5           COURT REPORTER:       Okay, we'll get this going here.

6   Now, I'm going to put this on my face, this is my recorder,  
7   and you talk and I will listen and repeat it, okay?

8   A       Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a   Okay.

9           COURT REPORTER:   Any questions?

10   A       No.

11          COURT REPORTER:   Okay.   Go right ahead.

12   A       Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a   Okay, my comments are, I would like to find  
13   out why they closed Dam Site Park.

14          COURT REPORTER:   Repeat that, please?

15   A       The Dam Site Park. My daughter came last summer from  
16   Wisconsin to visit us, and we had to drive clear to Peel,  
17   which was the closest campground she found.   Dam Site Park  
18   was closed for three (3) years, and there's no reason why they  
19   couldn't put it on the honor system.   It doesn't get really  
20   that much traffic, but it seems to work for the City park.  
21   So, there's no reason, and then last year you came and the,  
22   started clearing out everything, the equipment, we couldn't  
23   use it, they destroyed it.   The playground equipment, and  
24   wooden partitions around the dumpsters, and the wooden things  
25   around the restrooms they just came with a tractor with a claw  
26   on it and just ripped it up and took it down.   And, you know,

1 stuff like that, they're destroying my money. I just want to  
2 know why. There's a lot of new, young people moving into  
3 Bull Shoals, and they need someplace for their kids to go and  
4 they totally destroyed the playground, they've got a slide  
5 left. They took the swings down, they took the basketball  
6 courts down and they just tossed them off, made 'em junk, so  
7 they can't use 'em anymore. And the park caretaker's office,  
8 they moved that out. They didn't destroy that, they moved it  
9 out. And the flagpole there, they busted that up and anybody  
10 that breaks up a flagpole, I don't think much of 'em. And,  
11 you know, I would just like to know....if they're worried about  
12 mowing it, if they would give me a lawnmower and some gas, I  
13 would mow it for 'em. And then my son lives there and he  
14 would mow it for 'em. There's several people around there  
15 that would do it. We mow from the street over to the end of  
16 the park that goes around, because we walk, there's six (6) or  
17 eight (8) of us that walk our dogs over there, and we mow  
18 over there so we don't have to wade through the weeds.

19 One of the park guys told me two years ago, that somebody  
20 was coming in there and busting the campsite up. That was the  
21 people they hired to mow the place. I watched 'em do it. And  
22 as far as the boat ramp goes, they took all that out, and  
23 yet they can afford to put a porta-potty down there for the  
24 fishermen. And they don't get that many people using it. And  
25 usually, when it's been down there for three (3) or four (4)  
26 days, somebody tips it over. So, if they're trying to save

1 money, save it right there. And that's about all I have to  
 2 say. Thank you.

3 WHEREUPON, Mr. Fisher came over and visited with [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a]  
 4 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told him virtually the same things  
 5 [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a] stated on the record to me.  
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 7 [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a]  
 8 MR. JAMES FISHER: My name is James Fisher, I'm with the  
 9 Office of Counsel for the Little Rock District of the United  
 10 States Corps of Engineers. Today day's date is August 27<sup>th</sup>,  
 11 2014. We have [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a], [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a]  
 12 [REDACTED]  
 13 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would like to make a

14 statement here tonight at the public workshop of the Bull  
 15 Shoals Master Plan Revision Public Comment Period. [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a]  
 16 [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a] you are free to make your comments.

17 A [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a] [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a] [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a]  
 18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 19 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] The, my

21 concerns specifically deal with going through and looking this  
 22 we aren't getting, you're really not telling us much about  
 23 what they plan to do.

24 I am concerned over the fact that you have such issues as  
 25 revising the water flow and use of water, on agriculture

1 premises, my concerns also deal with the fact that there is a  
2 probability that you, that with future planning, that there  
3 will be a permit system which we will not, as an individual,  
4 not have much or any control over. We will lose our rights,  
5 to a certain extent, our right of ownership. Our right to  
6 use the land as we see fit.

7 I am concerned also with the amount of money that has  
8 been spent on the unknown goals of this plan.

9 I'm pretty skeptical that the claim that the Master Plan  
10 being thirty (30) years old is outdated, you haven't really,  
11 after going through these explanations here, nobody has  
12 provided me with any justification why the Master Plan is  
13 outdated.

14 MR. JAMES FISHER: So, you would like to see the current  
15 Master Plan, basically stay in place, is that what I'm....

16 A I would like to see the projected plan, which I do not  
17 believe that there isn't some form, working form of this new  
18 Master Plan in place. I do not believe that is not the case.  
19 I believe that there has been funding and there has been  
20 planning and we're not seeing it and you guys are not  
21 presenting it. That, I think, is conclusive with the  
22 federal government, you have your own goals and ideas of  
23 what's going to happen. We really have very little impact on  
24 what you're going to do, but we would at least like to know a  
25 little ahead of time, uh, what you are going to do.



1        You're asking for our input but you're not going telling  
2        us what you're future plans are. I just do not believe that  
3        those future plans have not already been partially or  
4        completely developed.

5        Certainly, when you're talking about the water surface  
6        projects and water zoning programs, I believe there is a lot  
7        more in place than what you're telling us. Also, I'd just  
8        kind of like to know the funding of how many employees are  
9        involved in this. I notice we have a huge number of  
10       employees here working for the Corps, so in some cases, it  
11       seems like there are even Fish and Wildlife people here. Who  
12       is paying for their salaries or are these people donating  
13       their time?

14       And, finally, just what is the budget and how come that  
15       hasn't been presented? That would not be very difficult for  
16       you guys to present that budget right here, and we would like  
17       to know what that is.

18       I'm not completely opposed to, we can't change or prevent  
19       some future growth, what I am concerned about is we being farm  
20       owners or land owners losing a lot of specific rights without  
21       having really enough input to prevent that. I've already  
22       been on the losing end of this situation in another state and  
23       so my reactions are based, not on what's going on here, but  
24       from my previous encounters with state and federal government.  
25       I haven't had much native input with the Corps of Engineers.  
26       And, by the way, I used to be a Army person, I was a Major in

1 the U.S. Army for a number of years, so I don't have any  
2 animosity, even though it may sound like it. I don't have any  
3 animosity toward the Army of the Corps of Engineers. I know  
4 that they are professional organizations. It's just, it would  
5 be nice if we actually had what I feel is some, I guess the  
6 magic word now is transparency.

7 MR. JAMES FISHER: Uh-huh.

8 A I would like to see more transparency about what is going  
9 on. If they are doing that, I believe, honestly, you would  
10 get more positive input, you would take away, perhaps my  
11 unfounded fears about what can happen to us. I think that's  
12 about enough.

13 MR. JAMES FISHER: Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a do you have anything else  
14 that you would like to add?

15 A Well, I would just like to know further, ahead of time, I  
16 would like, I guess, if you're talking about specifics, I  
17 would like to know specifically the property I have, what  
18 indeed restrictions could be put on that property. And we're  
19 sitting up overlooking the lake, and our purpose of ownership  
20 is, we're not high-intensity agriculture, but we do raise  
21 goats and we will have some cattle there. We don't plan to  
22 do any tillage of the land. We would like to further develop  
23 some more ponds on the property, primarily to control erosion,  
24 which is a problem on our property with the deep gullies that  
25 are there. And I would say that that would be a positive

1 effect because you reduce, it would increase, at least the  
2 water would not have the silt that is going into the lake now.

3 MR. JAMES FISHER: Okay. Let me ask you some specific  
4 questions. You express a very very strong concern about the  
5 transparency about this process. What would you like to see  
6 to make it more open to the public? We feel like we have a  
7 very transparent process.

8 A Well, I think you're trying, but when you ask specific  
9 questions, we're not getting any specific answers. I mean,  
10 why, and of course the other question, to me, is how much of  
11 the funding, obviously, I find it unbelievable that you've  
12 got all this going on that you haven't started to come up with  
13 a Master Plan that's got to be started to be in place. If you  
14 want, but you're telling us specifically, we want to do this,  
15 what do you say? What's your input on that. In other words,  
16 if you're talking about, we're going to come in and take,  
17 require that you have water permits or drainage permits, and  
18 we're going to require you to be issued these permits and  
19 we're going to survey your land and determine what you can and  
20 cannot do on your land. None of this has been discussed.  
21 None of this, we have no idea exactly what you're planning to  
22 do.

23 MR. JAMES FISHER: Okay, the reason is that we don't  
24 have a plan at this point. What we are doing is, we are  
25 asking you and the other members of the public, to give us  
26 your concerns, as you have tonight on the record. Any

1 comments you have, positive/negative, about the current status  
2 of the lake and the way it's being managed, what you would  
3 like to see changed, you'd have to the 30<sup>th</sup> of September to  
4 submit comments and concerns in writing if you would like to  
5 do that. Based upon all the information that we collect from  
6 the public, then we will begin to develop a Draft Master Plan  
7 Revision. And then we will re-present that to the public  
8 next year.

9 A What if we don't, James, what if we don't like the Plan  
10 that you develop? Do we have any rights to give input....

11 MR. JAMES FISHER: You can make a comment then based upon  
12 the Draft Plan, we will take those comments and make revisions  
13 to that Draft Plan that won't be published at that point.

14 A Is this going to be in the Federal Register, or what?

15 MR. JAMES FISHER: Yes, we do advertise this, and....

16 A And here's my concern, James. I've been through this  
17 rodeo before with the USDA. You can put these things in the  
18 Federal Register, they decide, you have a little group that  
19 decides what they're going to accept and what they're not  
20 going to accept. It's almost like they're, well, I won't say  
21 any names, but the point is they don't have to agree with what  
22 people say and they can go ahead and do what they want to  
23 because it's in the Federal Register. It doesn't mean that  
24 anybody's comments are going to sway anybody at all. You have  
25 a group of people that are unelected that are going to  
26 determine what people can and can't do with their land. And



1 that feature bothers me more than anything else. A group of  
2 people that are unelected, and in some cases actually I really  
3 doubt whether they have high qualifications to even be doing  
4 this, and they certainly have their own agenda that they are  
5 following. And I have seen this over and over again, if you  
6 pay attention to the Federal Register. It doesn't mean that  
7 you guys are going to do this, but I mean, it has been a lot  
8 of this, I honestly believe it's an abuse of the citizens the  
9 way these programs get started and determined on how they are  
10 going to do it. What I told you before with the Livestock  
11 Identification Program is a classic example. Now, that  
12 doesn't mean that's what you guys are going to do it, but my  
13 fears are perhaps not justified, but they are certainly real  
14 to me about that kind of thing.

15 MR. JAMES FISHER: I understand your fears but we want to  
16 hear your concerns.

17 A Well, that's fine.

18 MR. JAMES FISHER: Also, put all of this in writing and  
19 you have until the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

20 A And I know a bunch of other people that would pretty much  
21 agree with me and I've taken these forms (indicating several  
22 forms in his hands).

23 MR. JAMES FISHER: By all means.

24 A I appreciate your professionalism James.

25 MR. JAMES FISHER: Well, thank you, sir.

1 A You present yourself very well, and so do you (to court  
2 reporter), as good, I guess as far as an image goes of being  
3 a good government employee, you're certainly do that.

4 MR. JAMES FISHER: It's all about the ears. We're here  
5 to listen and we want to hear your concerns. And you've  
6 expressed some very valid concerns and feel free to pass the  
7 forms out and have your neighbors get back with us.

8 A Yes. And for me, the problems that we've got, we don't  
9 have the information right now, as you said, sooner or later,  
10 you're going to develop a Plan. And at that point in time, my  
11 concern is all we're going to be able to do is to comment in  
12 the Federal Register.

13 MR. JAMES FISHER: No, we'll have a forum like this and I  
14 believe on the time-line it says the summer of 2015, the Plan  
15 and Draft will be on the web site and you can read it ahead of  
16 time and you can come back here and tell us what you think  
17 about it.

18 A You're going to have, you're truly going to have face-to-  
19 face meetings?

20 MR. JAMES FISHER: Yes, sir. Just like this.

21 A Okay.

22 MR. JAMES FISHER: I promise you, and I will be here and I  
23 will be happy to talk to you then or listen to you then.

24 A James, you're not close to retirement yet?

25 MR. JAMES FISHER: No, sir. I just turned 56.

26 A Hey, well I retired when I was 57, you can go now.

1 MR. JAMES FISHER: You're a farmer and a Veterinarian,  
2 sounds like you still work.

3 A Well, I retired from something that I didn't want to do,  
4 but you apparently like your job.

5 MR. JAMES FISHER: I do like my job. I do very much so,  
6 and I do enjoy talking to folks like you.

7 Is there anything else you'd like to say while we're  
8 still on the record?

9 A No. Other than, whether they're real, you guys may not  
10 consider these concerns of mine real or not, but for me and  
11 for quite a number of other people, they are real.

12 MR. JAMES FISHER: I understand.

13 A A lot of people don't, I'm a little bit more vocal, but a  
14 lot of people that don't say anything. There's a lot of  
15 people that come to these meetings that are angry about what's  
16 going on. They don't trust you guys. They actually believe  
17 this is nothing more than an extension of the Blue Ways  
18 Program.

19 MR. JAMES FISHER: And it is not and this is a total  
20 separate matter involving the future of Bull Shoals Lake.  
21 What I encourage you to do, Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a is walk around the  
22 room and talk to the folks in uniform, Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a  
[REDACTED] for  
24 Bull Shoals Lake, and Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. any questions you have, they  
25 will be more than happy to talk to you. And I'm happy to

1 listen, I'm primarily a listener, because those folks are a  
2 lot smarter about the lake than I am.

3 A One of the questions is, okay, the program is thirty (30)  
4 years old. Who initiated it, the other question I have is who  
5 and where within this organization and who initiated this?

6 MR. JAMES FISHER: Ask Ms. Dana Coburn that question. She  
7 should be able to answer that question specifically as to who  
8 kicked off this process. If it was someone in our  
9 organization she will know that. And Ms. Coburn is the lady  
10 in the orange top over there.

11 A I'll go talk to her then. I appreciate your time.

12 MR. JAMES FISHER: Oh, I appreciate you, sir, very much.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Now. Just as it is  
Beautiful and Serene.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Boating, fishing, the beauty on tours of what is  
presented now.

Walleye fishing very important

Least important: Change that isn't necessary,  
that ruins what is originally here, or now enjoyed

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Clean up around  
the lake and trash thrown in lake.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

\* Too much Gov't Control.

No Additional recreation areas. The Campgrounds  
now are not being cared for.

Wildlife survives & dies. - Cycles.

\* People Survival - most important.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? MORE OR LESS, THE WAY IT IS NOW - CLEAN, UNCRANDED, FREE OF A LOT OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT. IT IS THE JEWEL OF ALL THE OZARK LAKES. PLEASE DO NOT LET COMMERCIAL DEVELOPERS TURN THIS INTO A CONDO/RESORT INFESTATION; DESTROYING THE GREAT PRISTINE WATERFRONT AND VIEWS!

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST IMPORTANT: WATER QUALITY, PRISTINE LAKESHORES, LACK OF CROWDS, QUIET

LEAST IMPORTANT: PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? NOISE CONTROL FOR BIGGER, "CIGARETTE" TYPE BOATS. THERE'S NO NEED FOR THE NOISE THEY CREATE.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

NOISE CONTROL AS MENTIONED ABOVE. MISSOURI HAS NOISE REGULATIONS, BUT ARKANSAS DOES NOT. PLEASE ENSURE WE ALL GET AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO VIEW/REVIEW MASTER PLAN IN DRAFT BEFORE FINAL.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? MORE CONSIDERATION  
FOR THE DISABLED IN ACCESS TO THEIR DOCKS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

I hope that it retains its natural look. The quality of the water needs to be maintained.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

#1-Maintain quality of water and natural look.  
Least: Development of commercial or high end resorts etc.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Allow dock owners to drive ATV vehicles to dock if they stay on the allotted trail permit area

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Do everything possible to help support a fresh water fishery. Such as maintain stable lake level during fish spawn period.

Thank you for seeking my input!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? As clean as today  
or cleaner. Not overpopulated as many other  
Arkansas lakes are. No new big boat docks  
& resorts  
All areas around public & private floating  
facilities should be designated & marked. No wake zones  
ie: Coffman Cove

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?  
Pristine water, moderate traffic, minimal  
hassles

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Decreased wide  
variability of water level. It seems that we  
end up being the "dumping" area for upstream lake 1  
as they maintain more user friendly levels

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:  
The <sup>(low density recreation)</sup> ~~existing~~ use area up Sisters Creek should  
be converted to environmentally sensitive -  
there is no land or lake access to it.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

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What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

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① How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

less pollution -  
No more private docks  
No one fishing in the water - What  
do they do with their sewer ect -  
& who pollute it - Ha, more launching ramps  
in places like old Hwy ect. For many w-small boats

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

② Fishing for Eatiable game Fish -  
Visting with Friends & Relatives in  
the parks

(Least) water Skiing - HA & M' 83

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? More & better  
opportunities for the bank fishermen

③ Many low income & minorities do this more for  
Food rather than Fun. They often get stuck in the mud

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

④ In the last 4 years I have seen the pollution  
problems get 10x worse & believe the Corp has  
more clout & better equipped to deal  
with the environmental coordinator than  
anyone else

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

The water quality is the most important, we need to be very vigilant about "water quality"

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

I have a Cabin on the Lake-Line. I Am thinking of Living in that Cabin full time when my wife retires. maintain the beauty of the Lake by limiting the kinds of Commercial operation that can operate on the or near the water.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

more access to the Lake for Landowners

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Issue grass permits more equally.

Trees that are mature, need to be harvested

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PRISTINE WILDERNESS  
PART OF THE LAKE STILL INTACT.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST IMPORTANT: SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS  
SURROUNDING THE LAKE & MINIMAL BOAT  
TRAFFIC MAKE IT IDEAL FOR FISHING, HUNTING,  
JUST FLOATING

LEAST IMPORTANT: COMMERCIALIZED AREAS - RESORTS,  
RESTAURANTS, MARINAS

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? AS FEW AS POSSIBLE

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE, HOWEVER SLOW,  
MANAGED CHANGE IS TO BE PREFERRED OVER  
RAPID CHANGES THAT ONCE MADE, MAY  
NEVER BE UNDONE

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The same, no changes, but I know that is not going to happen. Other people are coming in all finding out what a beautiful place this is to live at. I guess it's sort of selfish to not to share.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The natural beauty, the quiet. I moved here from Colo. and thought what a boring place it needs more excitement! Now the quiet and peace are my favorite things about the lake. The least important are rather or not I have a perfect view of the lake or a perfect path down to the lake.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

I guess if changes have to be made - maybe existing Campgrounds made bigger for V.S. boats, maybe more marina or boat places on the lake - not too many - NO condos!!

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Please keep the natural beauty. Don't let many hungry people dictate how the lake should be!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Just Like it is now  
according to your master plan revision, it is more  
intrusion on (we the people) there are no threats  
from the public or industry to the area

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?  
The most important is that there is still freedom for  
we the people to use, fish, & hunt without choking  
regulation from government  
There is no least important to me

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? All land of the  
US Army Corps of Engineers that is closed or inactive  
should be leased to the local government or private  
interest to revive it for we the people activities

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:  
Your study is very one sided (your way)  
sense the white river blueway water shed did not develop  
Arkansas Game & Fish wants take over 792 miles of our rivers  
and US Army Corps of Engineers wants to take over our lakes  
This should be a big red flag to all the people

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

1. Improve the Launching Ramp at Hwy K Dock

2. Re-open moose Bend Camping area

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most 1. Fishing & recreation Boat use

2. Water quality! We are downstream from Silver Dollar City, Branson Landing, Hollister, Forsyth and 10 million Toilets flushed every day. Please keep the Pressure on to insure everyone follows the Rules.

Least 1. More Commercial development near Government land

2.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? See #1 & 2.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Very happy with what is now in place.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? SMALL GROWTH -  
NO HIGH RISES - LIMIT SIZE OF BOATS

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

MOST IMPORTANT: QUALITY OF WATER  
LOW BOAT TRAFFIC

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? LESS RESTRICTION ON  
PATHS, ETC. FOR PRIVATE DOCK OWNERS

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

GOLF CART OR UTV ACCESSIBILITY FOR PRIVATE DOCK  
OWNERS! LOTS OF OLDER RESIDENTS HAVING TROUBLE  
WITH THE HILLS!!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*New Ramps with broken rock you put in. <sup>removed</sup> It is very dangerous*  
*Keep place rural like it is*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*The most important is terrain & quietness of it*  
*The least is I don't know*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*Rocks removed at the ramps*

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

*Keep it rural*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

like it is now

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT TRAFFIC

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

BE ABLE TO RIDE GOLF CART OR VTV TO OUR BOAT DOCK. (OLD AGE CAN'T CLIMB HILLS)

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

- No further development
- No more docks
- No more power boats than are present now - or less
- More wild life/fish.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Pristine environment. Clean water. Open shoreline.  
Limited developments.

Quiet

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

Areas with no motorized boats.  
Better fishing!  
Hiking trails on Corp property

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How to encourage less motorized activity  
kayak trail?

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INCREASED  
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ZONES, DEVELOPE  
MENT OF PUBLIC PARK AREAS, LIMIT  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

① FISHING, BOATING

② HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

INCREASED WILDLIFE  
CONSERVATION AREAS, MORE CO-OPERATIVE  
PROJECTS WITH ARKANSAS FISH & GAME &  
PUBLIC

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

MAINTENANCE & MONITORING OF WATER  
QUALITY, FISH POPULATION & BREEDING  
STUDIES

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Same as is make a little cleaner. Well Stocked with fish.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important: Not a lot of boat traffic on it. Clean water.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More trees. Better control of Camp fires on shore. Better control over 4 wheelers on shore lines. Less fire work on and around boat docks.

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To Corps of Engineers  
Thank you for inviting me to your seminar.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

I fish Bull Shoals Lake. It is one of my favorite places in the world to go to "axis".  
As the world becomes more urban, it is more important than ever to have wild, remote and beautiful places to go.  
As a fisherman, I would rather cast to a rocky shoreline, backed by ~~deciduous~~ deciduous oak forest, than a steel dock.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

backed by cinders.  
additional boat trailer parking and a potty house at Hwy K access

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

BOAT RAMPS ON  
THE WEST SIDE AT POINTS 12 TO 16

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST IMPORTANT, ACCESS TO PRIVATE BOAT  
DOCK'S FOR DISABLED PERSONS

LEAST IMPORTANT, PRIMITIVE CAMPING, VISITING PUBLIC  
THEY LEAVE TRASH ON LAND AND DOCK'S

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

PRIMITIVE BOAT RAMP  
AT POINTS 12-16

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

STOP ZEBRA MUSSELS  
ACCESS FOR DISABLED PERSONS PARKING,  
BOAT RAMPS, TRAILS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? continue practicing  
MANAGEMENT FOR CLEAN WATER AND WILDLIFE.

Limit the Huge House Boats and designate  
more No-Wake areas.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Electricity  
With the Clean Water is the most important with  
limited development near the Shoreline.

Least Important - (High-powered recreation speed boats)  
(Access to make use of.)

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Areas of fish and  
Wildlife Sanctuary.

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Issues of pollution should be studied and  
Shoreline erosion.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

USACE, what we have is nature at it's best! Two wear blue water lakes and two fantastic rivers. I can not see how big developments and un-restrained development could ever improve what nature has given the two lakes area.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Nature @ it's best. Very clean water! Private docks are just fine if they are maintained. Hydro-plane races no problem.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Perhaps more public camping to swimming areas, I don't think we need 18-hole golf courses, 90-room hotels, motels etc. Be a little more friendly to sail boaters.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Be very careful, you are guardians of something that is disappearing in this country. Keep an eye on the turkey, pig farms, it simply runs down hill! Take a look at O Lake of the Ozarks!

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I would like for my grand children to see the same lake I seen in 1965. That's not possible. Keep all land to the lake line that has always been. Limit Docks and Development. Lets save at lease one lake, on the White River chain.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The water quality. I have lived, hunted and fished this lake 50 yrs, I take nothing lightly.

We have been Blessed Help us keep it ~~as is~~ as is

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

There are areas marked high Density Recreation, that should be down graded to low Density Recreation, with out Boat Docks Mc Kay hollow being one of them.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

House Boats and large Cabin Cruisers should be look at, and not allowed because of thier, Sewage holding tanks, I fear for accidental and intental dumping, these type of boats also cause bank erosion by there huge wake

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? GOOD FISHING/SAILING/  
BOATING/CAMPING/WATER ACCESS/PRIVATE & COMMERCIAL  
DOCKS -

NO PAINTED TREES ON THE CORP LINE.  
PLAN TO USE LANDOWNERS TO MANAGE CARE  
AND MAINTAINANCE OF BOV ADJACENT PROPERTIES

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

QUIET/VIEWS FISHING/SWIMMING  
BOATING/CAMPING

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? NO PAINTED TREES  
ALL DOCKS SHOULD HAVE A "NO WAKE" ZONE  
MARKED WITH BUOYS.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAN TO USE LANDOWNERS TO CARE AND MAINTAIN  
FROM THEIR "TAKE LINE" TO WATER. DEVELOP GUIDES  
FOR CLEARING UNDERGROWTH/DEAD BUSH WITH PROPER  
RESTRICTIONS ON SIZE OF TREES ALLOWED TO REMOVE  
PARDONER WITH LANDOWNERS RATHER THAN POLICE LANDOWNERS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I would like Bull Shoals Lake to stay in the present clean condition. Also do not construct the lake with boat docks. Mark fish cover areas.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Keeping the lake in the present condition. Do not let sewer system pollute water in the lake. Maintaining the lake at the MRL level of 859'

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Access to the lake boat docks by paths allowed for golf cart etc. This would be very helpful for seniors.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Do not allow major hotels, motels to construct areas on the lake. We do not want Bull Shoals to be a lake of the Ozarks or constructed like Table Rock Lake.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? JUST LIKE IT IS, DON'T DO ANYTHING TO IT. BUT I KNOW THAT WON'T HAPPY, YOU WILL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TOO.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? SEEING THE PARKS MOWED AND MAINTAINED. THE PARK AT PONTIAC, MO IS THE BEST IT HAS BEEN SINCE TOOK IT OVER.

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What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? LET PEOPLE THAT BORDER THE CORP LAND MOWE DOWN TO THE LAKE TO THEIR DOCKS TO KEEP SNAKES AWAY. DON'T FINE THOSE THAT DO THAT, IF YOU FINE SOME AND NOT SOME THAT ISNT FAIR. SO I GUESS IT IS WHO YOU KNOW

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: WE DON'T NEED A WILD LIFE AROUND THE LAKE. THERE A NOW DEER AROUND THEY NEED TO BE THINED OUT.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? To see lake maintained  
Roads Reopened for Public Use / Tax provision to  
Rept Park, Well maintain + DNRs Closed To Be  
Reopened

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Fishing, Boating, Flood Control, Electricity generated  
Least important - Weed, Dead Trees etc from  
Areas, That could be maintained, as was in the  
Past 40 yrs.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Parks Reopened, Road, Trails - for both - vehicles +  
walking

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: More training for Ranger to fully understand conditions  
pertaining to all our responsibility of this beautiful area.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

To keep it clean & well maintained

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

~~State~~ Flood control, Recreation, fishing  
Reopen closed PARKS

Least - Regrowth of Weeds, Brush - Dead Trees  
Which is not enhancing

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

PARKS Reopened - many closed AREAS - Roads opened  
& MAINTAINED

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

THAT RANGERS Are THROWN To Be KNOWLEDGE  
TO THE FACT THAT WE THE PEOPLE ALL OWN THE  
LAKE & WANT WHAT IS BEST FOR ALL

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20-years?

Clean banks intact, trees & grass (ground covered) where possible. Open areas for particular water sports, areas for large type boats, and controlled at the local level

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

That planning and control is done at the local level, per the local people's wishes.

That control and planning for the local people is done from thousands of miles away.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Reopen the Parks that have been closed!  
Too many large fishing tournaments!!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Conserved so our children and future generations can enjoy the fun we have had in the fishing, taking care of the lake + streams, and being responsible in all areas! Reopen the Closed Parks! Keep access open to fishing from the bank for our children and seniors and teach all people to clean up their trash. Have decisions made at the local level by local landowners.  
What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? The electric service from the dam as intended.  
What is the least important to you? I love the fishing on Bull Shoals Lake, the peaceful/ quite in early spring fishing, the fall when the crowds have returned to the cities and the lakes and fish can rest from the pleasure boats, skiers + etc., keeping access open to fish from bank areas is very important!!

Trying to accommodate all wants of visitors to the lake  
What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? To try to keep the HUGE pleasure boats down the lake in deeper water! We are now getting the overflow of boat traffic that used to go to the Branson area. The boats go into shallow water, not realizing the danger!

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Areas where specific water sports can be done without disturbing other areas of lake use.  
We are having people that are not responsible for the way they act in using lake recreational areas.  
Reopen the Closed Parks!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? MUCH LIKE IT IS TODAY.  
OF THE LAKES IN THIS REGION, ONE SHOULD BE KEPT AS  
PRISTINE AS POSSIBLE. FUTURE GENERATIONS SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
ENJOY THE QUIET BEAUTY OF A CLEAN BODY OF WATER SURROUNDED  
BY A SHORELINE OF FORESTS & BLOFFS. THE LESS CLEARING, THE  
LESS COMMERCIALIZATION, THE BETTER. NOT LIKE TABLE ROCK.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? THE NATURAL BEAUTY AND TRANQUILITY THAT CURRENTLY OFFERS  
A REFUGE FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD,  
FISHING TOURNAMENTS.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? A FEDERAL OR STATE  
REGULATION TO CONTROL THE NOISE LEVEL OF WATERCRAFT.  
SOME BOATS HAVE DEVICES (CAPTAIN'S CHOICE) TO BYPASS THE  
MUFFLER SYSTEM AND CAUSE EXCESSIVE NOISE. BOAT NOISE SHOULD  
BE CONTROLLED JUST AS NOISE FROM AUTOMOBILES IS CONTROLLED,  
Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: EVERYONE WITH WHOM I HAVE SPOKEN IS DEEPLY SUSPICIOUS THAT  
THE REVISION TO THE MASTER PLAN IS DRIVEN BY CLANDESTINE FORCES,  
THAT THE REVISED PLAN ALREADY EXISTS, AND THAT THE REQUEST  
FOR INPUT IS A MEANS TO PLACATE THE PUBLIC. FOR THE MOST  
PART, I SHARE THAT VIEW. WE WILL BE WATCHFUL.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

It is beautiful now 2014 and has been for past 20 years. Hope it stays as pristine! Hope so for my grandchildren to enjoy \*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Clear water pretty shoreline with minimal housing; visitor center visits each time we come to the lake!

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

more ferry boats enabling seeing more of the area like around Hwy 124!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

~~Clean~~  
Clean just the way it is.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Have a business and it bring people down  
to enjoy the lake & campground  
least nothing.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Campground opening  
the first week of April & closing the end of  
Oct. at Buck Creek.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

We would love to see the lake stay as close to the same as possible. Few Docks + few Houses on the lake as possible.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important is the peace & quiet we enjoy while there. We love fishing + enjoy the fact there is minimal boat traffic.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Improved Boat Ramps. So each ramp has a dock to tie on.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

The Lake Again

Tree Around

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Fishing & Good Boat Ramp TO PUT BOAT IN - & OUT

maintaining Lake Level at 659 instead of 654

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? GET RID OF ZEBRA MUSSEL

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

no more boat docks.

just like it is.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

population plenty of room to fish and hunt  
a good lake to relax on

no more commercial businesses etc. or private docks  
no more Lake of the Ozarks or Table Rock

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? more concrete launching ramps  
one at Noland's Point, one at Youkawa Creek.

Removal of Gravel at Swan Creek - courtesy dock at River Run.

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leave it as is, please.

Please leave the Lake Elev. at 654 The people in the  
terrace area enjoy fishing from the bank on the south  
side of the lake below Pawcatuck dam. for Walleye.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? *In 20 years from now the pressure on natural resources of the Long Creek area could be so great that it could become Unappealing. However by working with Taney County, a road system from US 65 to and access Bull Shoals Lake (at Brass Lantern) near Cedar Creek would ease use on Table Rock in that area and create new opportunities along the MO-ARK line on Bull Shoals.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

*A further push of road to nearby M Hwy (to the ENE) would create tremendous connectivity for the citizens of Taney County and compliment an already growing Hollister-Ridgedale area. Please take the time to consider this idea. Thank you for guarding our public waters and taking the time to provide this forum.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

MORE PRIVATE  
BOAT DOCKS, CREATE SWIMMING BEACHES,  
IMPROVE ACCESS AREAS.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

CLEAN WATER - MOST

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

MORE  
PRIVATE BOAT DOCK  
LET THE DEAD TREES ALONG ACCESS AREAS  
BE CLEAN UP AND USE FOR PRIVATE FIRE WOOD.

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ALLOW MORE ACCESS TO THE LAKE  
AND USE OF CORPS LAND.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

AS NICE, CLEAN  
& ENJOYABLE AS NOW.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

I LIVE ON BS LAKE & OWN A DOCK, SO THE  
USE OF THE LAKE IS VERY IMPORTANT. I WISH  
SOME OF TH

THE LEAST WOULD BE FISHING, AS I  
DON'T FISH THE LAKE.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? I WISH SOME OF  
THE OLD, GRANDFATHERED DOCKS WOULD BE  
CLEANED UP AND/OR REMOVED.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

more nice swimming areas  
in and around the Jimmy Creek area

allow more private docks in areas that don't have them

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Keep it Clean - don't allow  
people to build too close to the water  
Keep Bull Shoals contaminant free

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

more boat launch areas

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Better protected  
from effluent runoff and contamination from upstream  
sources.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Lake aesthetics - most important.  
Power generation - least important.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Return water quality  
to the level of at least 10 yrs ago.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

As a goal, develop a realistic, sustainable and fair balance  
between lake quality (i.e., aesthetic, water quality) and  
growing recreational needs.  
On the issue of lake access, do not decrease the current  
number of lake access roads or trails.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*as clear and unpolluted as it is today with no housing along its shores.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*must be kept unpolluted*

*Least important = businesses & homes cluttering the shores*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*None at this time  
Has good swimming beaches*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

hope fully it remains clean & natural

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

That people stop polluting the waters

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? we would like the use of shoreline be revised so that private property owners that border it can have their boats by their property.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

We have lived here in Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a 24 yrs with property bordering the shore about 1000 Ft. In 1991 we were able to get a permit to anchor a buoy but no dock. The buoy was dragged by some one out into the lake & had to be removed. When we wanted to renew the permit we were refused. My husband is 90 yrs old & we no longer can launch a boat. Rezoning

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the area would be great!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

I think for the most part, we should strive to preserve our lake in a way that future generations can continue to enjoy the quality water and tree-lined shoreline we enjoy today.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

I feel that all aspects are important - swimming, boating, fishing and wildlife are appreciated by many people. Flood control is also important, just doesn't affect as many people usually.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Picnic/camping areas opened back up for all to enjoy. The lake is something that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and incomes and should be accessible.

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I understand the need for the higher lake ~~level~~ level for the benefit of those below the dam. However it should not be at the expense of those on the north end and areas of use that are now inaccessible with higher levels. Please do what you can to

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? THE SAME AS IT IS RIGHT  
now, clean, peaceful, nature not being disturbed by people.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? THE  
most important aspect of the lake is it's natural beauty  
and it's undeveloped shore line.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? None

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shore line around Lick Creek, Big Creek and the Red Wolf  
Park area should be classified as wildlife management  
or fish and wildlife sanctuary to protect the environment.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*Like it like it is. I've fished this lake 55 yrs.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*Not so many people or boat docks. you can fish without being bothered by other boats.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*One the upper end more launching ramps. In spring fish have a hard time, or not at all, to go up Shuck Creek to spawn. Too much gravel!! move*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? being able to have  
access to lake where you have boat dock & parking  
cut grass to have enough room for people to get by if  
out & have more than one person with each boat dock.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
Keeping our waters clean and safe. Most important having  
space to park and get to boat docks. People keep  
clean around boat dock area & mowed & trimmed  
enough for shared boat dock owners to stay out of  
other people parking & ran down area from their vehicle

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

After this last flood period I had to rework my private drive down to my dock, \$700.00, to keep my neighbor happy with his easement on my property down to his dock. How is the Corps of Engr's going to handle the problem of Corps use of private property when the water level of the Lake is above 670 because of water retention in flooding conditions? Could there be an agreement on a payment of \$XX.00 per foot of water depth per month? One full foot of water depth for one full month as of, Jan 1, 2011. In 2011 there were a couple months when the lake level had water depth on my property from 670--695.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Keep it like it is

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT - CLEAR WATER

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

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ALL the high density designated areas not currently being used, go back to low density

make it easier for people ALLOW people to make it easier to get to their DOCK.

HAVE constant Rules for DOCKS!

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IS NOW ... LIMITED ACCESS, MOSTLY NATURAL & FAIRLY  
CLEAN.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

THE  
FISHERY & WILDLIFE HABITAT. IF FOLKS WOULD USE ALL  
THEY HARVEST IT WOULD SEEM FAIR THAT THE RESOURCE  
WOULD BE SELF SUSTAINING.  
BOATING, WATER SKIING & PERSONAL WATER CRAFT  
ACTIVITIES, THEY SEEM TO CONTRADICT THE NATURAL  
STATE OF THINGS

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

MORE NO WAKE AREAS  
OR AT LEAST MORE RESTRICTED AREAS THAT ALLOW ONLY  
NATURAL SPORTING ACTIVITIES. WHILE I UNDERSTAND  
THE NEED FOR HEAVY USE AREAS IT WOULD SEEM THEY WOULD BE  
BEST ADJACENT TO BIGGER POPULATIONS.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? The same, but

better boat dock access for seniors

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

That we protect the beauty of our lake  
and not getting like Table Rock or Lake  
of the Ozarks.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? The old grandfather law  
in docks that are old and falling apart -  
something should be done.

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We moved here to retired and the only reason  
was the beautiful lake

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TODAY. WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER LAKE OF OZARKS  
WITH THE LAKES IN MO. OR ARKANSAS.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

1. KEEPING IT AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT  
COMMERCIALIZING IT, PLUS ENSURING WATER QUALITY, BY  
MONITORING INCOMING WATER DRAINAGE INTO THE  
LAKE.

EVERY THING INVOLVING THE LAKE IS IMPORTANT & NOT  
TO BE ABUSED WITH POOR MANAGEMENT OF A GREAT LAKE.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? TREAT EVERYONE  
FAIRLY.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD APPRECIATE A COPY OF THE MASTER PLAN  
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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Basically the same as it is now. It is beautiful, clean & well-maintained. My wife & I bought this area for retirement after 39 years of living in Missouri - we have never been sicker. We are very well pleased with Bull Shoals lake. It bears no comparison to lake of the Ozarks.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Clean, pure, deep water. Good for fishing, boating, skiing, a relaxation. Least - The Corps recreational areas, campsites, a public swimming, we do not use. However, other people do. I would not want these areas taken away. Good for Mountain Home commerce & business too.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? More boat docking ramps would probably help. More available sites to buy gasoline, if possible. Can Corps legally sell gasoline to private boaters? Is it possible to have these sites on the lake?

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Good response from Corps citation that I received in 2012. I asked Agent if I could appeal this citation - and if he would visit my personal property for evidence of violations to date. I have put my requests in writing to Agent. We'll see.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Unchanged.  
Preserve the lake's natural beauty. Do not permit shoreline development and proliferation of boat docks that ruin the natural scenery, like the grossly over-developed Lake of the Ozarks and Table Rock Lake.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
Most important: the natural scenery and wooded shorelines.  
Least important (least desirable): commercial development.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Double or triple the Corps acreage designated as Environmentally Sensitive Areas (green) and Wildlife Management (orange).  
Drastically reduce the proportion designated High- and Low-Density Recreation.  
Curtail the issuance of boat dock permits.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_  
Develop more parks and hiking trails for the public to enjoy and experience nature, such as the lovely Dogwood Trail in Lakeview.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Our guests love this lake for its clear water, good fishing and unpopulated w/broats. We would love for it to stay quiet. We'd like to see it stocked w/ more fish - keep low density areas.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

IMPORTANT: Clear water, good fishing, stable lake levels  
wildlife management areas

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More fish stocked.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? A Few More public use (campgrounds) areas. Definately do not want Motels, condos, apartments on every point, like Table Rock has. The water needs to remaind clear and clean.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Water purity and good fishing is most important.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Allow property owners to maintain their shoreline, within reason. If property owners can show they can prevent erosion they should be able to make their shore usable.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

our property is on Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a  
We would like it to be reevaluated. At one time there was a Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a  
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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

Our property - Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a area. We would like the area classified either as "Low Density Recreation" or very limited use - we already have enough 4-wheelers, jeeps & trailers using the area.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Strout fishing! Lots of Strout and whites :)

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Fishing & Wildlife.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

A Casino Tourist attraction for winter time season.

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Theres a boat trailer that has been there over a year. And a boat in the water that has been tied to the bank.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? To be maintained in a way that will control run-off & debris infiltration in any way to maintain the lake as it is. Not sure what would be needed to control zebra mussels, think that's seemingly becoming serious.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? For this lake to remain as beautifully clear as it has been for the years we have owned property.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? In the area fairly close to us there are some very undesirable places where people live, close to the lake, not sure they really abide by some ideals we do concerning property management.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Clean and beautiful with the same blue/green water we now have.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? A safe body of water that can always be used for family outings, fishing, boating and some of the other small water craft in the larger areas and not back in coves or close to populated dock areas.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? A few more places to launch boats. Places for handicap people to have access.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: The attitude when a person goes into the office. Not an imposition but need an answer. Can be Federal government but it belongs to us the people.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? BASICALLY THE SAME  
IS - UNDEVELOPED COMMERCIALY - I LOVE THE FACT  
THAT IT HASN'T BEEN DEVELOPED WITH A LOT OF ACCESS  
POINTS, COMMERCIAL VENTURES LIKE HOTELS, CONDO'S,  
CLUBS, RESTAURANTS, RESORTS ETC - ALL OF WHICH  
WOULD BRING MORE TRAFFIC TO THE AREA & FISHING PRESSURE

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? BY  
FAR FISHING - I GO AROUND 7-8 TIMES A MONTH - I'M  
AWED BY THE NATURAL STRUCTURE OF THE LAKE AND HOW  
REMOTE AND UNDEVELOPED IT IS EVEN AFTER 60+ YEARS -  
SO THE LEAST IMPORTANT CHANGE WOULD BE NEW BUSINESSES  
LIKE RESORTS, HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, CONDO'S, STORES, OR ANYTHING  
THAT WOULD BRING MORE TRAFFIC/PRESSURE TO THE LAKE

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? COASTAL DOCK @  
THE TUCKER HOLLOW BOAT RAMP - WITH THE ROCKS ON EACH  
SIDE IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO LAUNCH MY BOAT BY MYSELF  
W/O A DOCK - MY BOAT COMES OFF THE TRAILER & RIGHT INTO  
THOSE ROCKS

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PERHAPS AFTER THE MASTER PLAN IS REVISED AND UPDATED  
YOU CAN LOOK AT THE LOW DENSITY RECREATION AREA'S  
AND ACCESS SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ALLOW NEW  
HOMEOWNERS TO ACQUIRE PERMITS FOR PRIVATE DOCKS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Much as it is today!

Undeveloped Shoreline ; Clean Water

EMPHASIS ON Fishing and Hunting on Corp properties.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Clean Clear Water

Good Fish Habitat

"Wild" undeveloped Shorelines

Water sports such as

skiing, etc

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Since the lake has been allowed to rise to 659', many of the "undeveloped" boat launch areas need to be altered to ease the process and to improve parking. Base rules to make this possible.

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Agricultural runoff must be controlled.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

JUST LIKE IT IS TODAY - UNDEVELOPED SHORE LINE  
CLEAN

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

CLEAN WATER  
FISHING  
WILDLIFE HABITAT

HIGH POWER BOATING

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

EASY ACCESS FOR HOME/LAND OWNERS ON LAKE

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CLEAN AND SHORE LINE  
UNDEVELOPED

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

ACCESS FOR FISHING & SWIMMING  
COMMERCIAL BOAT DOCKS & TOURNAMENT FISHING

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
THE PEOPLE THAT OWN LAND & DOCKS ON THE LAKE BE  
ABLE TO USE THEM WITH LIMITED RESTRICTIONS

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE CORP ISSUE PERMITS, ANNUALLY OR  
BIANNUALLY TO PROPERTY OWNERS OVER 65 TO DRIVE TO THEIR  
DOCKS. AT NOMINAL FEE, THIS WOULD GIVE THE CORP A NEW  
SOURCE OF REVENUE AND GIVE THE RETIREES AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
USE THEIR REMAINING YEARS & INVESTMENT AT THE LAKES

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Most important - the ability to access the lake without fees or being fined by park rangers.  
Least important - Corps of Engineers dictatorship in attempting to manage and mismanage it.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Stop expanding take lines, fining people for making a path to the water and picking up arrowheads. Restore ownership of the lake & surrounding land to residents. Pay property taxes to the communities that are being shorted due to government ownership of excessive parcels of land surrounding lake.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: The negative financial impact on communities, townships and schools due to unnecessary ownership of large parcels of land by the government (corps)

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*Just like it is.*

*I think the current Master Plan is a good one. There are plenty of boat ramps and facilities.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*Most important is the clean water for fishing and recreation and its power generating ability.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*No changes -*

*Just leave it as it is*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Signage that would separate private properties from Corp. Land (not white paint or posts ALONE) Also more primitive boat ramps with signage for Usage + Safety

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Public Access anywhere on Lake (or boundaries) That does not harm ecosystem, wild life conservation

Least important - Privately owned floating docks - TOO MANY

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? ① Access with signage at all roads/drives to lakeshore - ② Close all Public Hunting areas until seasons open ③ Construct more pine forests

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

The Same.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

The beauty is most important. Too many lakes have been destroyed by careless humans. This lake still has its beauty. We don't need another "Lake of the Ozarks," which is what will happen if you allow Bars, Homes, Docks, etc. It's fine just the way it is.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

~~None~~ Restrict the use of water vehicles such as small water craft, (Seedoo), on the lake. The pollutants are far too great & it's been our experience that these people tend to be very careless.

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We have visited the lake for the past 30 years, & would like to see the same beauty for our next 30.

August 11, 2014

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Ms. Coburn:

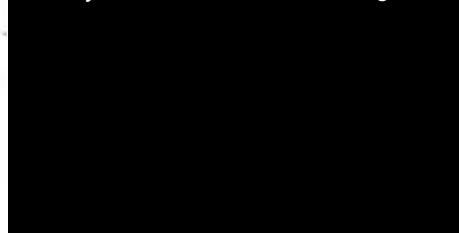
We have visited Bull Shoals Lake (BSL) now for the past 30 years. Although we live in Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a our plan has always been to retire and settle in Arkansas for our next 30 years. In our opinion, the beauty of the land, wildlife, and lake surpasses many areas by far. I must say, it was a startling sight when the post-card came to us in the mail concerning the above mentioned meeting. It saddens us to think that BSL may someday turn into another ***"Lake of the Ozarks"***.

I think you know as well as we do that as soon as you allow more business, homes, roads, and docks on the lake (if that's the plan) that's exactly what you will have, another ***"Lake of the Ozarks"***. Dirty, disgusting, filthy water and even with all the chaos there is still only seasonal money to be made. Mankind has an uncanny knack for destroying and disrespecting beautiful creations such as BSL. Therefore, you **MUST** stand firm on the current restrictions. It has, and always will be, any one person's choice to live in any given area. If it's a matter of revenue, well then, you shouldn't live there. Don't destroy one of the few remaining sanctuary's left in the Midwest, please.

I'm sure the people wanting to challenge the restrictions could care less about anything other than making a profit off of the lake. Dollar signs are all they see. Don't give in to greed. BSL is a gem, keep it that way.

I have highlighted ***"Lake of the Ozarks"*** so when you read this letter that cesspool stands out and reminds you of what may be to come. Money has always been the root of all evil and it continues to be so. Find another way to create revenue for the residents and businesses on or near this area.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
DAMAGED BOAT DOCKS REMOVED AND DEBRIS ON SHORE  
PICKED UP. STYROFOAM MUST GO!

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
IMPORTANT - FISHING, BOATING, SWIMMING.  
WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE BEACH AREAS.

LEAST IMPORTANT - ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUNDS -  
WE Seldom FILL THE BEAUTIFUL ONES WE HAVE NOW.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? THE ACCESS TO BOAT  
DOCKS MADE EASIER BY ALLOWING SENIOR CITIZENS  
TO TAKE ATV'S TO THEIR DOCKS. CARRYING HEAVY CANS OF  
GASOLINE ETC. BECOMING MORE & MORE DIFFICULT. PERHAPS A  
"PERMIT" SOLUTION TO THOSE HANDICAPPED OR OVER 65....

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Enjoyed the meeting at the Flipper High School.  
Very well presented and delightful, helpful  
personnel to guide us and answer all of our  
questions.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? MORE PUBLIC ACCESS.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

FLOOD CONTROL - POWER GENERATION - RECREATION

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? SAND & Rock grade / at  
launch ramps to protect boats, FLOATING PIERAS

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Dana Coburn, Chief

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August 29, 2014

Dear Ms. Coburn:

I enjoyed meeting you at the public meeting in Theodosia. In addition to my previous comments submitted at that meeting, I have two additional comments.

Comment 1. Federally endangered bat species from Tumbling Creek Cave forage heavily over the riparian corridor lands along the Big Creek Arm of Bull Shoals. In view of this use I recommend that all ACE lands in this area be classified as "Environmentally Sensitive".

Comment 2. ACE lands on the west side of Big Creek from approximately the mouth of Hampton Hollow downstream to a point about 1,200 feet downstream of the Highway U bridge over Big Creek overlie the spring system that drains Tumbling Creek Cave. These lands are also immediately adjacent to designated Critical Habitat for the federally endangered Tumbling Creek Cavesnail (*Antrobia culveri*). These lands should be managed in such a manner as to recognize that they provide presumptive habitat for the Cavesnail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Hello,

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a on Bull Shoals Lake. What has attracted us to Bull Shoals is the peaceful water that people like to enjoy without the issues of over crowding. From being on Table Rock we believe that the added pollution, noise, building etc would bring the same element to the lake. The prestine waters of Bull Shoals is like none other in the area. Though the added advertisement would somewhat benefit our resort, mom and pop run resorts, as seen on Indian Point at Table Rock, sit in the shadows of the condominiums and struggle for guests. Once the lake is opened for more docks and building, the peaceful element will soon be gone. Its nice to be in the Ozarks, on a lake, and still have that being in the "Wilderness" feeling without parties, big boats, rough waters, etc. People ran from Lake of the Ozarks to Table Rock. Now they're running from Table Rock to Stockton Lake and Bull Shoals. I think that these are the signs of what NOT to do. There are small resorts on Lake of the Ozarks that the owners are having a hard time giving away. Take a look at a satalite pic of Lake of the Ozarks and Indian Point. I don't think you want your shoreline to be wall to wall docks.....I sure don't.

Thanks for your time and hope to be down there soon!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Natural resources preserved. Additional recreation & upgrades to camping areas - expansion of some new areas.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Protecting its natural resources along with recreation.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More wildlife management in Taney County.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the lake to remain as an  
environmental sensitive area.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

KEEP IT AS NATURAL AS IT IS.  
DO NOT WANT IT TO BE USED BY  
INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT RESPECT NATURE.  
DO NOT WANT THE LAKE POLLUTED BY MANY BOATS.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? NONE

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

BEAR CREEK Arm of Bull Shoals Remain  
the same with 2 exceptions  
1. No off road ATV's permitted  
2. No dumping of tree trimmings -  
at this time Road Grader pushing debris from Road  
onto Copeland & into Bear Creek! Date 2014

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

important - RETURN LAKE for fishing!  
disapprove of waters from Bull Shoals  
Being used for County water City  
Water Dept. & Departments  
(should be regulate closely)

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Keep the Lake Clear of debris.

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Leave the BEAR CREEK area protected  
Keep tree huggers OUT.

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basically like it  
is now - private docks and quite.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

I like how it is clean and natural. Although it would be  
nice to have our roads maintained. They beat up our vehicles.  
Hydro power generation is least important.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Road maintenance and  
buoys that stay a wake in front of our docks. Hard to  
swim and feel safe with boats so close to us driving fast  
and skiing close to us.

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more designated ~~wake~~ no wake zones, so we can swim  
safely and be on our docks safely.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Just As it is

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Clean water & recreation

None

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Creation of no wake zones in coves

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Due to larger boats on the water

creating big wakes, have no wake zones near boat docks

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

A ENVIRONMENTAL  
SENSITIVE AREA

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

KEEP LAKE AS NATURAL AS IT IS NOW  
IMPROVE FISHING HABITAT + QUALITY.

LEAST IMPORTANT IS SPEED BOATING SPORTS ETC.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

ADD MORE FISH  
ATTRACTORS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I would like to see the entire Bulls Shoals Lake area preserved as it is now. I want my grand kids to enjoy what I've been able to enjoy.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? I just want the lake to be kept clean. I like the ferry being used for crossing and do not want a bridge built. we don't need anymore parks built, just manage what we have now.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? No more new parks just manage and maintain what we have now.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: I wish the Corp of Engineers would stop scaring property owners. Fear of Land grabs to build parks has caused unnecessary stress on residents. We do not want a Red wolf Park but would rather have the land reclassified to Wildlife management.

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Clean water  
unspoiled shoreline access to docks and property.  
Pretty much as it is now. Not like Lake of the Ozarks.  
Monitor pollution from BRAUNSON and drainage areas into lake

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important - water quality, boating safety, fishing,  
Unspoiled shoreline.

Least important - more marinas, large campgrounds,  
floating restaurants, Boat races

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Marina's following rules  
for flotation. Buoys gone or monitored to keep houseboats  
and multi-pile boats from congregating in one part. Noise  
check on boats with loud or no exhaust muffler.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Large campgrounds that are opened and then closed.  
Building roads to remote parts of lake and then not  
monitoring access.  
would like to see turkey/chicken operations checked for clean  
water compliance if near lake.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Hopefully, the lake will remain the same. Possibly some grass to begin the food chain.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

In this order: 1. The fisheries - both the lake and White River

2. Water supply

3. Peak demand electricity

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

It would be hard to improve but a stable level during bass spawning season when possible.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

CLEAN WATER

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Recreation important.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Lower normal pool back to 654 ft

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Recent Increase of pool changed access to some permitted docks.  
Re-open The Recreation Area At Spring Creek.

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CLEAN WATER

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

NO WAKE BOVY  
TAKE LAKE BACK TO 654

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Do Not close The launch ramp at  
Spring Creek.

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? that it doesn't get over populated. to retain the lakes natural undeveloped beauty.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Reclassified Red Wolf Rec. area to a wildlife management area.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Change Red Wolf Rec. area to a Wildlife Management area. Should reopen parks that are closed.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LAKE AND SHORELINE MAINTAINED IN ITS NATURAL STATE. ANY PLANS SHOULD FOCUS ON PROMOTING FISH AND WILDLIFE IN THE LAKE AND SURROUNDING SHORE ACREAGE.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? BULL SHOALS IS THE HIDDEN JEWEL AMONGST THE OTHER DEARER LAKES. THE MOST IMPORTANT GOAL IS TO MAINTAIN ITS CLEAN WATER AND SHORELINE BY LIMITING FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE NO CHANGES AND NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. THE PLAN SHOULD FOCUS ON RECLASSIFYING "FUTURE HIGH DENSITY AREAS" TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, ESPECIALLY "RED WOLF PARK".

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: THE "RED WOLF PARK (FUTURE)" SHOULD BE RECLASSIFIED TO A "WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA". IT IS NOT NEEDED, AS THE CORP HAS CLOSED AND ABANDONED SEVERAL OTHER PARK ACCESS AREAS. DEVELOPMENT OF "RED WOLF" WOULD BE A GROSS WASTE OF TAX DOLLARS AND RUIN THE BIG CREEK ARM.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Stop cutting trees for a scenic view. Limit the number of boat docks. Limit the size of wake a boat may cause. Thus destroying habitat. As far as appearance, if it would remain the same with vegetation improvement.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important to me would be the fishing and the hunting allowed on the Corp. property.

The least important to me would be the flood control. Holding too much water kills vegetation can causes invasive non natural species to invade.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? More care given to surrounding banks and the back end of creek arms and cove. Develop this habitat to be more wildlife and duck friendly.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Would it be possible to allow private clubs or individuals to plant or improve habitat under Corp guidelines?

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? MUCH THE SAME  
AS IT IS NOW. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CORPS  
RELAX ITS RULES ON CUTTING BRUSH. FOLK WHO OWN  
LAKE-SIDE HOMES OR CABINS SHOULD BE PERMITTED  
TO SEE THE LAKE. I ALSO WISH THE CORPS WOULD BURN  
THE BANKS WHERE THERE ARE PRIVATE DOCKS. SINCE  
THE HIGH WATER THE BRUSH AND GREEN EXHAUST ARE A PROBLEM  
What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST -

CONTINUED ENJOYMENT OF MY FLOATING GLOW.  
FISHING & HUNTING

LEAST - CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING -

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

MORE COOPERATION BY THE CORPS & AEFCL TO CREATE  
FISH STRUCTURE. BURNING OF THE BRUSH & BRIRAS  
THAT INHIBIT THE ABILITY OF PRIVATE DOCK OWNERS  
TO MAINTAIN THEIR DOCKS

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING OUR INPUT

AND THANK YOU FOR THE LAKE. IT HAS BEEN  
AN IMPORTANT PART OF MY LIFE.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Just like it is.  
Keep Pollution down & Water Control.  
Don't let anymore public resorts & stuff from  
building next to lake.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Least important is more laws & rules for Boat  
Dock Owners. Most of them don't follow your  
rules. Most important is keeping it clean &  
keeping up on any problems that would hurt  
the fishing & swimming.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

No changes. Keep it  
clean. I don't want a "Lake of the Ozarks"  
here.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

I moved here from Chicago & that  
is what I want to keep. Would like to see a road  
across Lake from Arkansas but the traffic would  
increase & garbage move it. So just keep it like  
it is.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Would like the water clear and clean, and the shoreline the same. Beautiful, tree lined lake it is now which means no homes right on the water.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most Important - Water quality - Quality fishing - No large floods so we don't end up like Lake of Charles South nowhere to ski or fish if

Least Important - Marinas because we go from one end of lake to the other & plenty of places to get gas & other items

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

I feel that older people should have better access getting to their docks. Perhaps issue permits for them to use golf cart or XUV only on the path to their dock.

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would be good to keep the length of docks 28ft

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Keep it the same as it is now. We are lucky to have one of the finest lakes in the state. Presently we have many roads and parks to the lake. Keep our area free of none needed Parks or new roads into the lake.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Keeping the lake and areas around the lake pristine and natural. I moved to this area because the lake is well managed and so private. Least important would be more parks on the lake. Over the past couple of years numerous roads to the lake and parks have been closed why develop new parks when we can't manage what we have.  
What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? As a land owner, I would like to keep it as it is. Bull Shoals Lake is a jewel as it is. I don't feel we need a ~~Red~~ Red Wolf park. There is no need for this park. We can't keep open

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Most of the property that the Proposed Red Wolf Park area would develop is a cliff at the water's edge. Most of the land isn't suitable for a Park. A park road through our area is not acceptable or needed.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

We Love IT The way  
IT IS NOW - OR RATHER THE WAY IT WAS 25 YEARS  
AGO WHEN WE FIRST MOVED HERE - A QUIET WONDERFUL  
PLACE TO LIVE - WE LIVE AT  
We used to be AT THE END OF THE WORLD - NOW IT  
IS TOO POPULATED -

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

We wish that "our" Lake NOT become congested &  
OVER USED. Do NOT Change The ZONING.  
We do NOT WANT TO SEE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS  
SPRING UP ALL AROUND US.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Stock more Fish -  
Provide more WATER PATROL - WE HAVE TOO MANY  
DISCOURTEOUS BOATERS -

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

We would love to see the WATER LEVEL  
RAISED ABOUT 20 FEET. The RAISE IN LEVEL WOULD  
PROVIDE INCREASED POWER GENERATION & MAKE OUR  
DOCK CASIER TO ACCESS, & PROVIDE more VEGETATION  
FOR FISH & WILD LIFE. We Hunt & Fish - GREAT FUN -

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Recreational

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Fishing, Boating, Docks

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More docks  
Better access to docks.

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Should be able to ride quads to Docks

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

CLEAN, CLEAR WATER, HIKING PATHS  
ON CORPS PROPERTY. Minimum change from  
present.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

CLEAN, CLEAR WATER - MOST IMPORTANT.

more development - LEAST IMPORTANT

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

NEW (lower level) LAKE  
LEVEL AT MAX OF 659 NOT 661, RESTRICT  
WAKE BOATS CAUSING EROSION & BOAT DAMAGE  
TO MAIN CHANNEL, NOT IN COVES.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

ALLOW NO WAKE BOATS IN SMALL COVES.  
Require RESORT LAKE BOATS TO POST SIGNS  
INFORMING OF NO WAKE AREAS (100' deck + shore)  
WATER IS NOT AS CLEAR AS IN PAST, more WAVES  
AND SOIL EROSION with new LAKE LEVEL.

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? A CLEAN LAKE. CONSTANT FLOW.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? TO GET OUR BOAT RAMP RAISED BY WOODARD PARK, AND GET OUR ROAD BACK IN FRONT OF OUR DOCKS.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: GREAT JOB, EXCEPT RAISING THE LAKE 5 FT. THEY DIDNT DO WHAT THEY PROMISED.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? CLEAR WATER, NO BUILDING ON LAKE. DON'T WANT LAKE TO BE LIKE LAKE OF THE OZARKS OR TABLE ROCK.  
GIVE PART OF OZARK ISLE TO BOY SCOUTS TO MAINTAIN. CORP NEEDS TO MAINTAIN OZARK ISLE INSTEAD OF DAKLAND MARINA. NOT KEPT UP TO PAR.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? (What is the least important to you? DON'T WANT Night Life)

BOATING, FISHING, SWIMMING, CLEAN WATER (IMPORTANT)  
BEING ABLE TO GET TO DOCK WITHOUT WALKING 1/4 TO 1/2 MILE ON STEEP ROCKY TERRAIN. CORP PLACED BOLDERS ACROSS ACCESS AREA SO NO ONE CAN DRIVE DOWN TO DOCK. HAD ON OLDER PEOPLE TO WALK DOWN & UP. IF AN EMERGENCY, UNABLE TO GET VEHICLE DOWN DUE TO ROAD BEING BLOCKED. DON'T WANT HOUSES BUILT OR BUILDING RIGHT ON WATER DUE TO SEPTIC TANKS.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? WOULD LIKE TO SEE OZARK ISLE BACK TO FULL FUNCTION & MAINTAINED THE WAY IT USED TO BE.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

ANYONE 60 YEARS OR OLDER BE ABLE TO DRIVE TO THEIR DOCK BY VEHICLE, ATV OR UTV. IF NEED BE, CHARGE \$25.00 A YEAR FOR 2 OR 3 PASSES TO PUT ON VEHICLE, ATV OR UTV. THIS IS A RETIREMENT COMMUNITY. ALLOW ONLY 2 VEHICLES, CAR, SUV, TRUCK, ATV, OR UTV ON CORP PROPERTY TO GET TO DOCK. IT IS VERY HARD FOR OLDER PEOPLE TO CARRY THINGS UP & DOWN TO THEIR DOCK.

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?**

*still clean - USACE funded. more fishing tournaments*  
*campgrounds open - Man Site park open. marina's nice & safe & clean.*  
*more walking trails. Lakeview Cove large marina.*

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**

*Tourism - need clean good lake.*  
*- need access to lake.*  
*least - sandy beach.*

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?**

*Stacie Bass, Allow resorts to mow a path down to lake for guests to enjoy.*  
*not everyone has a boat to use a marina. Some people just like to look.*

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*Recreational opportunities used to be 3 in missions - now it seems lost.*  
*like that more flow will go into White River & save the trout*

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** MUCH THE SAME AS IT IS NOW.  
THE LAKE IS UNIQUE AS IT LACKS THE COMMERCIALIZATION FOUND AT  
LAKE OF THE OZARKS. FOR EXAMPLE, I WOULD LIKE MORE EMPHASIS ON  
THE FISHERY, AS THIS IS THE MAIN DRAW FOR VISITORS AND RESIDENTS  
ALIKE. MORE EMPHASIS ON CRAPPIE & WALLEYE STOCKING AND INCREASED  
HABITAT STRUCTURE.

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** \_\_\_\_\_  
WATER CLARITY FOR SCUBA DIVING, QUALITY FISHING, HUNTING  
OPPORTUNITIES, ZEBRA MUSSEL THREAT.

LEAST IMPORTANT - COMMERCIALIZATION

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** MORE FISH HABITAT, SIZE  
AND NUMBER LIMITS THAT REFLECT THE CONDITION OF THE LAKE (IE.  
HIGH OR LOW WATER YEARS.) MORE FISH STOCKING.

**Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:** \_\_\_\_\_  
LOOK INTO CREATING SCUBA DIVING SITE THAT CAN ALSO BENEFIT  
GAME FISH.

MAKE IT EASIER FOR MAJOR FISH TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS LIKE BROSTOCK  
TO COME HERE TO BENEFIT AREA BUSINESSES.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT STAY BASICALLY THE SAME. IT'S CLEAR, NOT OVER CROWDED, SCENIC. IF IT BECOMES OVER COMMERCIALIZED YOU WILL LOOSE ALL OF THAT.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? CLARITY OF THE WATER MAKES THIS ONE OF THE BEST LAKES. IF IT'S TOO COMMERCIALIZED OR TOO MANY HOMES ON THE LAKE WE'LL LOOSE THAT.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? WHY DOES IT HAVE TO CHANGE? IT'S ALREADY A BEAUTIFUL LAKE THAT FISHERMEN & FAMILY'S COME TO ENJOY.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Clean again & it is safe to swim - there have been a nuisance.

Someone to care for our island so we can use the pavilion - boat launch

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Without the above - business has been lost.

Why spend money to fix cause way when all it is used for basically is a walking path -

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Noted as above. Our church, weddings, folks loved the island pavilion for special occasions. We miss it - the boat ramp was perfect.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

We moved here in 1999. We could swim & launch our boat on our road - we use to go out to the island with company - power - why all the closed off where we want to go - I want to swim in a few years. Either SAD

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It was a meeting place - now SAD

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

HOPEFULLY THE SAME AS IT IS NOW IN 2014

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST IMPORTANT IS THE BEAUTY OF THE LAKE + THE NATURAL WILD LOOK

MOST ~~IMPORTANT~~ IMPORTANT IS, ANY TYPE OF POLLUTION TO THE LAKE HAS TO STOP. LEAST IS UNNATURAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE LAKE

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

MY OPINION IS - I WOULD LIKE TO SEE NO CHANGES

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

KEEPING THE LAKE CLEAN + NATURAL LOOKING

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*The same as it is now*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*Most important is how clear and natural the lake is, and it is not over crowded*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*None*

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

*Chances to bring more people to the lake could cause pollution of our water and shoreline*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? <sup>spaces</sup> 15 to 20 % more boat docks AVAILABLE. At least two or three nice places to eat on the water with boat views.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Clean water and clean shores.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? More (15 to 20%) more boat dock spaces available. Corp of Engineers control water levels better and when lake rises - stop flooding Bull Shoals to protect Gastons.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Water level "Normal" Pool should be raised to 659 only if Corp of Engineers handles rising water levels better and stops flooding Bull Shoals to "protect" Gastons!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? preserve the Natural  
Environment as Nature intended.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

It is a great Lake for recreation, watching wildlife roam,  
and if you have property Near the Lake it is good for social  
activities communities and helping one another. Young people  
and children get to be exposed to another form of enjoyment  
other than day today. Bull Shoals Lake differs from other lakes  
in the area because it is Not so commercialized - its Great!

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? possible improvements to  
some of the existing launch pads since the Lake level  
was increased; some are under water now.

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unpolluted and clean

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? BULL SHOALS LAKE NEEDS MORE DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESSES. IT COULD BE USED, RESPONSIBLY, TO CREATE JOBS & STIMULATE THE ECONOMY, PERHAPS HELPING TO MOVE US OUT OF BEING ONE OF THE POOREST STATES IN THE COUNTRY (CURRENTLY RANKED 48/50 IN WIKIPEDIA). CONSERVATION EFFORTS ARE LOVELY, BUT PEOPLE & JOBS NEED TO BE FIRST.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? MOST: THE POTENTIAL OF THE LAKE AS A TOURIST DRAW. IF DONE RESPONSIBLY, DEVELOPMENT ON THE LAKE COULD BE A HUGE BOON TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY, WHICH WILL GENERATE THE MUCH-NEEDED TAX DOLLARS TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN THE LAKES (AND THE PARKS, ETC.) IN ADDITION TO JOBS, ETC.

LEAST: THIS MAY SOUND A BIT HARSH, BUT FRANKLY, IF WE WERE TO TALK ABOUT RESTRICTING ACCESS/USE OF AN AREA BECAUSE OF CONCERNS OVER AN ENDANGERED SPIDER OR REPTILE, I WOULD HAVE TO ANSWER THAT THIS WOULD BE LEAST IMPORTANT.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? ENOUGH TOURISM & TAX DOLLARS GENERATED SO ALL PARKS COULD BE OPENED, & PROPERLY MAINTAINED. MORE/BETTER PUBLIC RAMPS. INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE BUSINESSES TO LEASE THOSE LANDS.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: THERE ARE CURRENT "RED ZONES" THAT WERE NEVER COMMERCIALY DEVELOPED... FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET THEM DEVELOPED. I DO BELIEVE, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY BE A BIT OFF-TOPIC, THAT POLLUTION CONTROL ENTERING THE LAKE (OR THE RIVER FOR THAT MATTER, BEING DOWNSTREAM OF ALL OF IT) NEEDS TO BE ALWAYS IN THE FOREFRONT OF ANY NEW EFFORTS OR CHANGES... IT ALL TAKES MONEY.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? With the same outstanding water quality and mostly preserved shore lines.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important - Recreational opportunities as well as a fresh water source for local community and tourists.

Least - Electrical generation which benefits communities hundreds of miles away.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? I would allow limited growth in private and commercial permits to accommodate a growing economic population.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: I think the Corps of ENGINEERS could really assist local communities with the design & implementation of sewer systems. I fear aged septic systems may pose a threat to water quality.

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Low density Recreation.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Clean lake, fishing, shores w/o houses - woods - are important.

Don't want to see this lake commercialized - with hotels - high rises, restaurants etc.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

None

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No development

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Basically, I would like it to be about the same as it currently is. My family passes Truman Lake, Stockton, Pomme de Terre, Table Rock Lake and Taney come to get to Bull Shoals. We've been doing this for over 40 years. We like the peaceful environment around Bull Shoals.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Most important is that it's a peaceful fishing lake. Least important would be a lot more development around the lake.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Less drastic changes in lake elevation

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Clean uncluttered + safe for swimming. More fish stocked to bring in fishermen + tournaments. This will bring more people to visit + enjoy the area, increasing income for area marinas + resorts!

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The clean lake water, the comfort + relaxation when looking @ it, and the family fun when on the lake. We love fishing tournaments so increase stocking the lake to promote tournaments + increase income for area marinas + resorts!  
Least - Do NOT increase docks except @ Marina!

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Lakeview Needs a sewage system to help keep the environment + lake as clean as it is! The longer we remain on septic, the increase of likelihood of environmental problems.

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Please do NOT allow more docks! We do not want unattended docks that will not be taken care of nor docks to clutter the lake.

Keep our lake clean + uncluttered!

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** Very much as it is right now...

No more approval for developments in Red Areas, if not already developed, like a Big Cedar Resort

Maintain the water quality and clarity

No big performance boats or big cruisers, too noisy and too big of wakes

Maintain the beauty of the shore line

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** \_\_\_\_\_

We love the peace and quiet of the lake as it is today

Least important is any further commercial development

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** \_\_\_\_\_

As a property owner, would like to very selectively clear some downed and dead vegetation from the Corp land, for fire control lanes and safety. We are concerned about our home in fire situation. This would also help in controlling tick disease both to wild life and humans. Permits for a walking path so property owners can walk to lake.

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Develop a few A.T.V. trails in already approved areas.

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Just as beautiful  
as it is today. Clear water, good fishing,  
not so many boats. Staying at Pool of 659 is  
fine.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important is how well maintained it is.  
Least important - I cannot think of anything.  
Everything about Bull Shoals is important to  
us.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

The water to be checked  
quarterly. It's not as clear as 35 yrs ago. Keep building  
around the lake to a very low minimum.

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We liked how the meetings were put together.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I WANT BULL SHOALS LAKE TO REMAIN IN ITS PRESENT PRISTINE CONDITION. I PREFER THE CORPS TO MAINTAIN LIMITING BOAT DOCKS.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? TO KEEP IT CLEAN (AS IT PRESENTLY IS) IS MOST IMPORTANT.

LEAST IMPORTANT IS THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY THAT DOES NOT BENEFIT OUR LOCAL AREA.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? SOMETIMES THERE IS A LAYER OF BUBBLES FLOATING ON THE WATER'S SURFACE. CREATING A SEWER SYSTEM AND ELIMINATING (OR LIMITING) SEPTIC SYSTEMS MAY HELP PREVENT TOXIC DRAINAGE.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

- Clean & uncluttered!*
1. Sewage system to keep water clean
  2. More fish stocked to increase fishing
  3. Better marinas & parking & park activity?  
    *current - We love the 2 marinas we have but they need more activity - Fish stocked will bring activity!*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

- \* cleanliness & protected shores*  
*\* FISHING & BOATING on clean lake*  
*DO NOT increase individual docks as they are not taken care of*  
*Help Marinas & resorts by bringing in Tournaments*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? *Sewage System*  
*+ more fish stocked*

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

*Please keep it clean & don't allow private docks*  
*We love our lake! Keep it safe. Need fish stocked more to support fishing & tournaments*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? EXACTLY THE SAME AS IT IS NOW (SEPTEMBER 12, 2014) ONLY WITH A LITTLE LESS FLUCTUATION IN LAKE LEVEL WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT THE SHORE LINE DOES NOT HAVE ANY MORE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPEMENT AROUND IT AND TO KEEP IT CLEAR AND UNPOLLUTED. AND LEAST IMPORTANT TO ME IS "HUNTING", WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE A DANGEROUS SPORT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND ALONG THE LAKE WHERE PEOPLE MAY BE BOATING OR FISHING.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? ELIMINATE HUNTING WITHIN 3,000 FEET OF ANY BUILDING OR RESIDENCE, AND NO SHOOTING ANYWHERE ON OR NEAR THE WATER.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT EXISTING PRIVATE BOAT DOCKS SHOULD ALWAYS BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN, AS WELL AS THE IMPROVEMENT AND UPKEEP THEREOF.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Same as now, but with more fish  
and less fluctuation of water level,  
Add rainbow trout

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

most Important:

That I am able to keep my little 2 stall boat dock,  
and be able to continue to repair/maintain it and/or  
replace it with new it/when needed.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

I would like to see rainbow trout added to the  
lake like they did in the '70's. The water at the  
bottom is cold enough for them to thrive.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

① Stocking rainbow trout in the lake  
② Less Lake level fluctuation

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? more private boat docks -  
All properly maintained - older docks replaced or updated.  
Same level of commercial resorts & docks.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Watersports/ Fishing/ power generation are V.I.P  
& Camping

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Designated "no wake" zones  
within 500' of boat docks - private & commercial. Dock owners  
permitted to cut dead trees in the maintenance zone.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? WELL MANAGED  
BANKS WITHOUT WEEDS AND CLUTTER

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? FISHING AND RECREATION

PUBLIC MARINAS - LEAST IMPORTANT

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? GROOMED SHORE LINE  
IN THE LOW RECREATION AREAS

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LARGE DEAD AND FALLEN TREES SHOULD BE  
REMOVED BEFORE SPRING FLOODING WASHES  
THEM INTO THE LAKE MAKING THEM NAVIGATION  
HAZARDS.

ALL DOCKS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME TIME LIMITS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Good accessibility to always get boat in the LAKE, get on the dock, fish clean shorelines, not brushy, due to high LAKE levels.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important to me is again being able to gain access to the LAKE, either by putting Boat in - to using the dock, again LAKE Levels come into play here.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Keeping low density areas from changing. Better care of parks along shores and resort areas, again LAKE Levels big problem in these areas. Resorts being the economy to this area, but can't when LAKE levels are high. Tourist won't come if they can't get on LAKE.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Bull Shoals is a beautiful lake, let's keep it that way. Keep low density areas the same. TAKE care of shoreline by keeping it clean, free of debris, and always have good accessibility. Let's make it a lake people will want to come back to, and for people to want to live here. Bull Shoals is noted for being sparsely populated, with low density traffic, and

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Hopfully we can keep it that way!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? GOOD, CLEAR SHORELINE  
ALL AROUND LAKE IN LOW DENSITY RECREATION LANDS  
FOR CAMPING, FISHING, HIKING, AND SHORELINE  
ACCESS.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? FISHING SHORELINE FROM BOAT + BANK.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? MAXIMUM PRACTICAL USE  
OF HYDROELECTRIC TO REDUCE DEPENDANCY ON FOSIL  
FUEL GENERATING PLANTS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I don't see major changes as we have seen on Table Rock Lake.  
Development will continue to be gradual but of better quality.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? I own and live on property adjacent to the Corps boundary. My access to a private boat dock is very important to me.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Better fishing in summer and fall!!

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: More consideration should be given to an aging population of residents who live adjacent to the lake-line and wish to readily access boat docks and the water.  
Handicap waivers for ATVs are very difficult to obtain - requirements for SAME SHOULD BE MORE permissive

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** Have an alternate way to cross lake with a bridge. I would like to see a state owned restaurant and hotel located close to the Dam on the east side. I would like to see the trees cleared out by the Dam on the east side of the Dam in the park where you can see the lake better and with a gazebo for parties, weddings, etc.

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**  
Most important-to keep lake clean and stocked. Least important-is minimum flow.

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** Have poultry/pig operations treat and disclose where they put their waste/manure and make them have a treatment plant before allowing runoff into a stream. Have septic inspected if they are close to the lake.

**Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:** For a time, the Corp. office on Beaver and Tablerock Lakes would issue a permit for tree trimming on Corp. property for trees 2 inches and smaller with a permit and inspection. I wish you would consider this on Bull Shoals.

On boat dock zoning-Bull Shoals is so big-many of us are too far away to go to a marina, and a boat dock is the only choice. Getting a boat dock is too hard to achieve. Even in a boat dock zoned area, you have to have a corp. road, 200 foot distance with an elevation of 254 feet. If you have boat dock zoning, you should be able to have a dock without adding a A, B, C part to it. When you add all of that up, it makes it almost impossible. If in the new master shore plan, if you are in a cove that has existing boat dock zoning and then you place that same area into a new heading as being (environmentally sensitive), it would seem that this would totally eliminate any future boat docks. It seems your goal is to force us into a marina. If the corp. does not want any more individual boat docks, they should just say so and build some on their own, a 4 or 8 stall, and let the people buy one or rent one and pay an annual fee for upkeep.

I wish that every local corp. office could have some leeway in interpreting the rules in a reasonable manor for Bull Shoals Lake instead of all decisions coming from Little Rock and/or Washington D.C. The local corp. office knows more about Bull Shoals than anyone else. Anytime there is a new master plan, it usually means there are more regulations, more power for the government and less say for the people it serves. Please keep this thought in mind when making any changes. Please write any new changes in plain English and use a diagram, if needed.

I wish we could have a public meeting every two years, where people could come and talk to the corp. over a microphone and have the corp. come and listen and respond over a microphone so that everyone can hear the questions, comments and answers from both sides. The recent workshops, were not set up that way, and I wish you would consider a change.



I think you did the people on Bull Shoals Lake a disservice by halting any shoreline management requests from 5/23/14 thru 12/31/15 (release 35-14). I think you should have continued to issue requests until your new plan was in place. The people of the United States own that lake. The corp. is the caretaker.

In closing, the corp. does many good things such as providing electricity from the dams and flood control. If there were no corp. of engineers, there would be no city of New Orleans without their levies and pumps.

Thanks for letting us respond. My age group is 51 to 64.

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

- MOST IMPORTANT IS THAT, "IT IS MANAGED TO BE A PUBLIC RESOURCE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME," SO MY GRANDCHILDREN AND YOURS CAN ENJOY THE LAKE AS MUCH AS WE ALL DO TODAY.
- LEAST IMPORTANT IS USING MONEY IT GENERATES TO FUND OTHER FEDERAL SPENDING. (WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS CURRENT POLICY)

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? MORE ATTENTION GIVEN TO PUBLIC USE; BETTER RAMPS, IMPROVED SIGNAGE, MORE CAMPING, MORE COMMERCIAL DOCKS, MORE EMPHASIS ON RECREATIONAL USE.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

I KNOW SOME WOULD SAY THAT INCREASED RECREATIONAL USE WOULD DEGRADE WATER QUALITY, I DON'T FEEL THIS IS TRUE IF PROPERLY MANAGED. RECREATIONAL USE GENERATES MONEY AND IT ALSO MAKES THE LAKE'S QUALITY MORE IMPORTANT TO THOSE USING IT.

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, fax or the project website with attention to: Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

It's clean, clear water. Boat docks (least important). People have stated how much more room there is at Bull Shoals than at some of the other lakes. They may be closer to Table Rock but come to Bull Shoals because it is cleaner, prettier and has fewer boat docks. Having putted around the lake in a rental it is clear to me that there are enough boat docks on this lake.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Larger swim beach at Lakeview - boat ramps farther away from swim beaches.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

The closure of Parks. It is understood that due to budget and staffing issues that some parks have to be closed. I also understand some parks are ~~under~~ not used as much as expected. But the closure of parks is upsetting and indicates a need for better publicity about Corps Parks.

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## Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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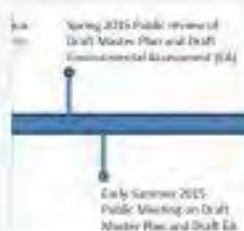
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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a The same as it is today!

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Quit changing lake levels... my favorite fishing holes are under water and have been for almost 2 years.

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a I don't about Bull Shoals but on Greers Ferry you need to let the landowners clean up the property below the white line dead trees and thorns aren't pretty .

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Propane customers!!!

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Leave the stripers outta this theyre great eatin mountain home has grown so much the lakes are good the way they are

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Left alone. Unless you figure out how to kill stripers.

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Empty

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Like everything else, less government and more nature. You guys have wasted tax dollars every year on reworked parking and boat ramps and closing and removing campgrounds. Don't develop and stop trying to fix what's not broken!

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a I agree with the restaurants and night life. We do have a great restaurant on the lake now "just Jackie's." But I would love to see more.

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Some restaurants and night life. I would also like to have a house and dock on the lake.

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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a A big bass fishery.

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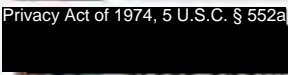
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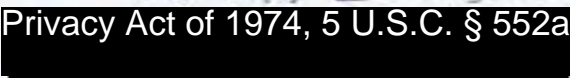


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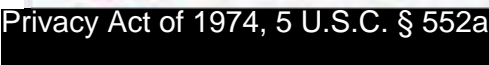


The communities around the lake are like ghost towns. I think more should be done to increase tourism.

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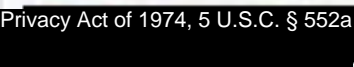


The Corp has repeatedly stated over the years, that Bull Shoals is a "flood pond and will be treated as such". They do not consider it to be a recreational lake. There is too much money on Table Rock to allow it to flood.

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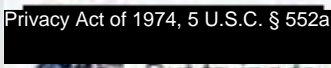


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Sounds Good!



But trying to deal with the Core, is like trying to talk to a wall! Man we pay tax's to fund the Core, and they act like we don't know anything.

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Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, USACE, Little Rock District

In 20 years I would like to see Bull Shoals Lake remain largely undeveloped. I know that some development is inevitable, but except for some more docks and some more homes the lake has not changed that much since I was a child. I think that if people want a highly developed area Table Rock Lake is right next door. Keeping Bull Shoals Lake undeveloped provides a unique recreational experience that is difficult to find and hard to beat.

I have been coming to Bull Shoals lake since I was a young child. I have made many great memories over the years. I now own property on the lake and bring my family to enjoy the paradise that it is. Bull Shoals is unique and wonderful in that it has a "wilderness" feel. It provides for an amazing recreational experience to visitors. Preserving this experience is what is most important to me. Least important to me is further development. I think that there are many resorts and parks which are in decline that could be developed to their potential before further development would be desired or required.

As far as changes, I would like to see a decrease in the land zoned for high density recreation, and more land zoned for environmentally sensitive area or low density recreation. Specifically, I would like to see MUSIC CREEK PARK - FUTURE changed to an environmentally sensitive area. This is a remote and difficult area to get to by land, and I know that people who live in this area would like to see the option for development of MUSIC CREEK PARK removed. I think that there are plenty of other areas nearby that are also currently zoned high density recreation that would provide for easier access for people to enjoy the lake.

In conclusion, I love Bull Shoals lake because of the memories I have created with friends and family over the years. I hope that the new master plan allows this unique experience to be enjoyed by future generations. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

[REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a  
[REDACTED]



**From:** [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
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Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a



After 20 years I would like to see Bull Shoals Lake as Clean and Pristine as it is now.

Clean and clear water is of most importance to me but everything about Bull Shoals Lake is important.

The one change that I would make is to create a ATV Trail Fee so that an ATV could reach all Docks. We have a four slip dock in which two of the owners because of the terrain and climb do not go to their dock. All four of the owners have a fear of an accident and there being no easy access to the dock or any dock near by. I personally have young grandchildren. It is very difficult to get them to the dock. In 5 to10 years it will be difficult for me to get to the dock. With a trail fee and regulations on how the trail would be maintained, access could be made safer and easier for all the owners and their friends and family.

I am located near the music creek park area in old plan. This area could be converted to WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA or LOW DENSITY RECREATION. Because of funding it is hard for the Corp.

to maintain what parks we already have.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our opinion about the lake we love.

**From:** [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a  
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Dana Coburn, Chief

Environmental Branch

CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil

August 29, 2014

Dear Ms. Coburn:

I enjoyed meeting you at the public meeting in Theodosia. In addition to my previous comments submitted at that meeting, I have two additional comments.

Comment 1. Federally endangered bat species from Tumbling Creek Cave forage heavily over the riparian corridor lands along the Big Creek Arm of Bull Shoals. In view of this use I recommend that all ACE lands in this area be classified as "Environmentally Sensitive".

Comment 2. ACE lands on the west side of Big Creek from approximately the mouth of Hampton Hollow downstream to a point about 1,200 feet downstream of the Highway U bridge over Big Creek overlie the spring system that drains Tumbling Creek Cave. These lands are also immediately adjacent to designated Critical Habitat for the federally endangered Tumbling Creek Cavesnail (*Antrobia culveri*). These lands should be managed in such a manner as to recognize that they provide presumptive habitat for the Cavesnail.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bull shoals master plan  
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I apologize for not using the form but I was unable to print it or edit it to send. My name is [REDACTED] and I live [REDACTED]. My family and I have been using Bull Shoals Lake for recreation as long as I can remember. I like the lake as it is with the exception of the closing of campgrounds. Yes resorts are nice and I know they contribute to the local economy but there are many low income families in these areas that can't afford to stay in a resort and camping is their only vacation. We use the lake year round. My husband and sons fish fall, winter and spring. In the summer we swim, ski, and tube and just enjoy boating. We do not want to see the kind of commercialization that has taken place on Table Rock and Lake of the Ozarks. We want the lake to be available to our grandchildren to use when they have children.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
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Ms. Coburn:

Pertaining to the questions listed on the Master Plan our responses are as follows:

Name: [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

Our primary interests are with specific Army Corp camp grounds, namely Beaver Creek Marina. Campers were led to believe that a year ago a number of improvements were going to be made to this area. We were disappointed to learn of the minor improvements that occurred. A 50 amp service option at ALL campsites is strongly encouraged. This would allow larger campers to have a better selection. Currently, the 50 amp service sites are located in an area that is difficult for larger campers to enter, exit and turn around. Doesn't seem feasible to install 50 amp service to sites that only small campers can utilize. Smaller campers don't typically have dual AC units in which they would need 50 amp service for.

In addition, due to the proximity of camp sites to the bathroom it would be helpful to install another air conditioned, 4-stall family bathroom on the lower road. I would think this would be a marketing strategy and assist in generating more revenue for this campground. During holidays and summer months, 4 bathrooms for a sold out campground of this size is not practical.

A clearly marked swim area for families and children away from the boat launch is much needed. It has become a safety issue since the best access for swimming is at the boat launch. No swimming signs are being ignored simply because it is easier for families to keep track of their little ones in this clearly visible area. Marketing more family friendly amenities will encourage more quality, loyal customers.

The mowing service schedule should be adjusted prior to high volume dates. Obviously, holidays attract more customers. It would be helpful to all campers, tent campers especially, if the grounds were maintained prior to their stay. This would also assist in preventing unwanted guests (wildlife) and bugs from taking over. I have witnessed a number of campers, myself included, mowing their own campsite for the reason previously mentioned.

A decent Dock store or café would also attract more customers. Specifically one that was supervised and maintained in a consistent way that people could rely on that service. Rarely do we purchase fuel at the current dock store simply for the fact that management is never on site.

Finally, better management of lake levels. As lake levels rise and fall, management of the docks at access points are preferred.

Should the Army corp ever consider to privatize Beaver Creek marina or consider leasing campsites to individuals a number of regular campers would be very interested.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my suggestions/input.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a

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Dana Coburn,  
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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the update to the Bull Shoals Lake master plan. Although I have not personally used the lake as a recreational area, because Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a we often are asked about various recreational facilities and things to do in Arkansas by guests and others seeking information on the regional attractions. I am a strong Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a focused on preserving Arkansas' surface and ground water quality. I am also extremely concerned about the ongoing depletion of our aquifers in eastern and southern Arkansas with essentially no plan to protect or replenish this critical water resource. Springs and storm water are of course the source for our surface waters and, replenishment of our aquifers. Bull Shoals represents much more than a means for controlling flood waters and power generation. It also presents a great recreational opportunity for the public and a source of high quality drinking water for municipal water systems.

With regard to Bull Shoals Lake and the update to the Master Plan, I believe there is a balance which can be struck between conserving the majority of the existing and pristine environment which currently surrounds Bull Shoals Lake, protecting the lakes water quality and its sources and, increased opportunities for development of the lands within COE control. Protecting the natural environment which provides necessary filtering of stormwater runoff and wildlife habitat is extremely important to the long term health of the lake, wildlife and the esthetic beauty of the area for future generations. I also believe the lake use for public recreation has been underutilized as a resource for Arkansans and the Nation. Obviously recreational development will necessarily include not only campgrounds and swimming beaches, but requires other commercial facilities such as short term rental units, boat launching ramps, boat docks and fuel stations for marine vessels.

I firmly believes we as a Nation and a State need to protect our forests, wildlife and waters from the rape which has and continues to be common across the U.S.. However, I also believe that business, industry and environmentalists can work together to reach solutions that protect the environment and allow business to prosper. Practices such as clear-cutting which is apparently the timber industry standard and pollution of our waters by industry, developers, ranchers and farmers must be curtailed. Bull Shoals Lake is not immune from the pollution which results from the lack of adequate land protection practices. The COE and State Environmental Protection Agencies have often failed in their missions to protect the surface waters of our Nation as evidenced by the declining surface water quality across Arkansas.

I feel it is extremely important that the Bull Shoals Master Plan update address the specific regional issues which are causing the decline in the water quality of the lake and streams which feed the lake. Also, I feel it is critical that this Master Plan concurrently address the issue of septic, other waste treatment system pollution and stormwater borne chemical contaminants from other operations which affects the lake water quality.

High levels of turbidity result from erosion due to the destruction of riparian buffers along waterways, clear cutting of timber and the failure of developers to provide or maintain stormwater pollution prevention devices and State/County road maintenance crews to follow best management practices when repairing unimproved roadways are all contributors to deteriorating water quality. Also, excess nutrients from stormwater borne fertilizers from farmland, failed private septic systems near waterways, permitted livestock access to waterways are big contributors to our deteriorating water quality. And, of course stormwater also carries pollutants from city and development paved surfaces. I believe the COE

not only shares in the responsibility to protect our waters but should be proactive in assuring our constructed lakes are also protected from the sources of pollution above.

So I offer the following suggestions relative to the Bull Shoals Master Plan update:

I agree with many others in the surrounding lake region that Bull Shoals Lake and its surrounding area are an underutilized Arkansas resource. I would propose consideration being given to designating two or three additional areas of shoreline with an appropriate supporting area of land surrounding this shoreline for further "recreational development such as campgrounds, RV parking, daytime picnic and swimming areas. These areas should be spaced relatively the same distance apart from one another and opened such that the public access to the lake and recreationally related supporting businesses such as boat rentals, marine fuel, campgrounds is increased. Hotels, motels, RV parks and private campgrounds with supporting restaurants and other businesses should be encouraged on privately held lands above the lake. I believe this would draw both National and Arkansas visitors which would help the local economy by providing jobs and the expanded service businesses which could provide additional opportunities to grow the local population. I feel that in conjunction with these large resorts, the tourist draw would ultimately increase the number of surrounding business that would include home (private and rental units) and other construction necessary to support this tourist and local services population. It of course would be critical that during construction and afterward the lake is well protected from pollutants.

I believe some additional shoreline development can be accomplished without endangering the overall surrounding environment and water quality only if other COE controlled lands around the lake are permanently set aside as nature reserves and, if coupled with regulations and local ordinances enacted to support green building and proper waste disposal could actually improve the lakes overall water quality. Hiking trails, riding stables, boat rentals, swimming areas and fishing opportunities would certainly grow as Bull Shoals began to draw more visitors .

Coupled with this increased development, I believe that the areas dedicated to wildlife habitat, forested and grass lands should be permanently established, including water surface and shoreline areas for waterfowl migration, breeding and fish spawning. This may mean closing off some shoreline and cove areas to the public, but I believe would be in the best long term interest of preserving the pristine and natural settings surrounding the lake while preserving the esthetic and pristine nature of the lake.

This master plan update must not be taken lightly and I feel it is extremely important that the general public, government, conservation and environmental groups come together to address issues and differences which arise as a result of the inputs the COE will be receiving. The plan update will likely require multiple reviews if it is to be effective and must not be dominated by one group.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment and sincerely hope my suggestions are found constructive.

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 55



**From:** [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bull Shoals Master Plan  
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Hello,

[REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a are in [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a Bull Shoals Lake. What has attracted us to Bull Shoals is the peaceful water that people like to enjoy without the issues of over crowding. From being on Table Rock we believe that the added pollution, noise, building etc would bring the same element to the lake. The pristine waters of Bull Shoals is like none other in the area. Though the added advertisement would somewhat benefit our resort, mom and pop run resorts, as seen on Indian Point at Table Rock, sit in the shadows of the condominiums and struggle for guests. Once the lake is opened for more docks and building, the peaceful element will soon be gone. Its nice to be in the Ozarks, on a lake, and still have that being in the "Wilderness" feeling without parties, big boats, rough waters, etc. People ran from Lake of the Ozarks to Table Rock. Now they're running from Table Rock to Stockton Lake and Bull Shoals. I think that these are the signs of what NOT to do. There are small resorts on Lake of the Ozarks that the owners are having a hard time giving away. Take a look at a satalite pic of Lake of the Ozarks and Indian Point. I don't think you want your shoreline to be wall to wall docks.....I sure don't.

Thanks for your time and hope to be down there soon!

[REDACTED] Privacy Act



**From:** [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments on Bull Shoals Master Plan  
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Sir:

For the most part, I would not like to see any changes to the way Bull Shoals Lake is managed with the exceptions below:

1. No additional restrictions of any type.
2. Removal of all gates and barriers restricting the access to the lake for the poorer people unable to afford marinas and pay to park areas. The argument that erosion will take place is a smoke screen to hide the increase in government control of people and their activities.
3. Reversal of policies designed to funnel lake access to just a few locations.

What is most important to me is that we, the people, are allowed to use our lakes and streams. What is least important to me is well manicured public access areas.

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**From:** Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 55  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments regarding Scoping Activity for Revised Bull Shoals Master Plan  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments during the Scoping phase of the Bull Shoals Master Plan revision.

The questions you have raised in your comment sheet are somewhat tangential to my primary concern...

#### Primary Concern

Bull Shoals Lake is located in a primarily rural area. It is an important driver of economic activity since agricultural and mineral extraction interests are now secondary. The local communities have now become enclaves for older (senior) residents. The younger residents in the communities with children face the prospect of watching the best and brightest of those children move away for job/career reasons. One of the management goals should be the creation of industries or opportunities for economic expansion in areas not related to senior focused service industries such as food service, medical care or care giving. Only with a vibrant and growing local economy can families grow and watch their children become contributing members of the local economy.

I believe that a management goal should be supporting an economic environment that would sustain multiple-generation family units from birth to latter years.

#### 20 Year View

My view of the lake in 20 years is more 'developed'. The resort paradigm of the past is no longer viable. Most likely what is needed are changes that focus on individual ownership and the associated activity which will improve the economic activity in this area.

#### Importance of Bull Shoals

The fact of the lake and its views and recreation are important. Of equal importance is the consequence of the current regional economic isolation.

#### Changes in lake

Recognize that local economic activity is focused on better opportunities and expanded use and appreciation of the lake values and associated environs. Keeping a 97 mile long lake in a state of isolation and regulatory restriction penalizes the local community and its residents.

Robert Bainbridge

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Lake Use Master Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 26, 2014 12:02:20 PM

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Q. How would I like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

A. If possible, I would prefer it to return to the more primitive state it was in its early days. That would mean fewer private docks.

Q. What is most and least important?

A. Water quality is most important. Least would be availability for expanding commercial enterprises.

Q. What changes would I like to see?

A. 1. A restriction on additional private docks and a more stringent assessment on the older docks that remain in disrepair.

2. Improve or add to the launch areas so people would no longer launch from the gravel shores. A perfect example of this is at Buck Creek Park where the only usable launch at the present lake level is a one lane launch with the courtesy ramp occupying the second lane. The west ramp is too flat for safe launching but just west of that ramp is an area with a slope ideal for launching at most lake levels but is all gravel. Also, a 5 or 6 lanes launch would easily fit in this location. Has no one ever looked at this alternative spot? Perhaps consideration should be given to having someone function to reevaluate the possible launch areas in the parks.

3. I believe the recreational aspects, particularly the fishery industry, should be given serious consideration. I've seen the lake level drawn down at a time when the fish's spawning beds were left without water, thus killing untold numbers of fish. Also, it would be a dream for the Corps and Game & Fish to work co-operatively in reducing the number of carp and gar. The carp, alone, cause the death of millions of Bass and Crappie every year by eating all the eggs in the spawning nests. This was a problem in Lake Carlyle in Illinois until the state allowed a controlled netting of the carp with the result that it brought back the major game fish. I know there is a vast difference between the features of the two lakes but a partial solution is possible if the powers that be will only ask.

4. Additional comments.....

My wife and I owned and operated the [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b) from 1981 until 1993 and during that time, we had a good working relationship with the Corps but it was explained to us by [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b) in the Little Rock office at the time we first bought the dock that our agreement with the Corps stipulated, for our business protection, that no one was allowed to establish a commercial slip rental business within 6 shore miles of our marina. However, in the early 90's, the

Corps allowed Lakewoods Resort to put in covered dock slips for their guest who paid an additional \$5.00 above their room rate for the slips. We paid a percentage of our gross income as part of our concessionaire's agreement to

the Corps while the resort paid nothing from their rental income. I saw this as a flagrant disregard for one of your concessionaires. When did the rules change? This was a shame on you!!

I am 74 years old



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**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] land use plan Bull Shoals - page 1  
**Date:** Monday, September 29, 2014 9:09:52 AM

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Hi - I am writing so you will have my input regarding your future plans for Bull Shoals Lake. The following are my concerns and thoughts based perhaps on common sense, life experiences, and property rights. I realize that this is long, but each section does have a valid point or observation. For you information I am not anti corp and I had given in years past the corp of engineers rep verbal access to walk my land so he could check the corp property that runs along my lake property near Fayetteville, AR. This was done as a friendly gesture on my part - as in letting someone visit you.

As you read this - think on what government rights are and what peoples rights are. Sometimes a group gets thinking in the mind set that what is yours is theirs. Think of fracking - a gas resource - but how would you view it if it was under your land? My daughter had to go to the fracking fields and was told my a landowner that a big gas company offered them an x amount of money for their fracking easments(rights). They then told them that if they did not sign the agreement within x amount of days then they would take them to court and that they would win because really they had no rights. I told her that was an example of big business behind big money.

Common sense tells me that you do need a dam, there will be population shifts in case of long droughts, fracking is necessary (but more studies of environmental impact is needed) and you don't send Arkansas water to Texas so they can grow corn crops to fuel cars. ha

Life experience part:

Years ago a group asked my father for an easement so they could use a strip of his land so they could measure a water meter along the wet/dry river behind his house. I was surprised when he said no. They wanted something in writing recorded. My father had a nice driveway/parking area where they could easily park their truck. It wasn't an issue of them crossing his land to get to the river - the river had plenty of places for access a few feet away from where they wanted the access, they had in the past walked on my fathers property to get to the river, they just wanted a place to park. There were places to park, just across the street. Easy access and parking aside, they wanted easement. My father then explained to me how EASEMENTS are FOREVER, and I realized that he was protecting his future use of the land. His past experience also included power companies putting lines across the middle of his property instead long fence lines - I've even had phone companies run lines without my easement consent.

Over the years I have seen where local, county, federal and utility companies come into an area and bulldoze a person's rights. The terms "good for the growth" are used. Some are used more for personal gain - "friends of friends". Some examples are when a city decides it wants to place "nicer" growth along an older established seaside village. You take out the smaller homes and put in resorts. My thoughts are mixed on this. Marietta, GA has reclaimed a poor section where most of the homes are rentals. As the tenants leases are up they are not renewed, the house torn down, and new homes put up and sold to wealthy folks. If I was an owner of one of the homes I would be happy unless they forced me to sell when the market was low, as a tenant it would cause undo hardship with the added cost of moving expenses to find other low cost housing.

I believe government (county and federal) needs to offer funding for growth. I understand your need to do a updated land use plan for future growth so you can get funding. However while watching the video I noticed some wording which overflowed your plans onto my private property. It stated in the video that some of these programs were not used along our lake, but it concerns me and raised some questions.

What if I keep my oak trees on my lake property and then you decide that the current deer population needs my oak trees? If you see my home, I am the one person in our GA neighborhood that has kept their trees. This is where things get dicey. I feel I have the right to do whatever I want with my oak trees - it is on my land. I plan to move out to the lake one day - my family has been in the area before the Civil War. My family and relatives have fought in American Wars to protect their rights and future generations rights along with YOUR rights. Now if my tree falls on your land (corp property) You have the right to ask me to remove it. If deer are an endangered species than I am open minded.

So where is the balance? I grew up during the time when the Buffalo River National Park developed. We lost our swing on our tree because of Park rules. I can live with that, it makes me sad though. Recently they say we can't jump off the bluffs along the lake. I know a good jumping bluff that my future grandkids will not be able to have the thrill of. That makes me sad. I recently camped at a state park with a nice lake in GA - you could fish, motor and canoe on the lake - BUT you could only swim in their beach area. So who made that stupid rule? Again things get dicey. My wants may not be your wants and visa versa.

Sorry I have to go here - will continue with part 2 later. It would be great with talking face to face - so much is lost in text.

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Q: How would you like to see Bull Shoals in 20 years?

A: With no more private docks than it has now-even fewer if those here are not maintained well. I feel the public boat docks should be given the ability to grow as needed to accommodate the increase in boat owners. I do think there should be more public boat launches established so people don't use the shore lines to launch.

Q:What about Bull Shoals is most important to you?

A: The water quality and asthetic natural beauty. The maintaining of the fish population and habitat would score a very close 2nd. This means getting rid of the large number of carp, gar and now ZEBRA Mussels!! I would also like to see the established Corps Parks remain open for longer periods of time. No need to build new ones because the old ones are not being used to their potential.

Q: What is the least important? That's a hard question for me to answer because it seems to me the things that are most important all inter-relate. One action reflects on another, so all in all, everything is important.

Q: What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

A: 1) Fewer or no Professional bass tournaments. Putting money on chatching fish changes the personalities of most of the people participating. They get really rude. It also opens up the lake to foreign species such as the zebra mussels which now coat the bottom of this mid-lake section.

- 2) Consideration of the fish spawns.
- 3) All septic tanks be in code with water quality.

Additional Comments: No foreign species of plants , fish, etc. should be introduced or maintained. For instance: Strippers. It seems to me that every time there is a "stocking" of strippers, the crappie and bass populations drop off.

I am 70 years old. We have been a part of Bull Shoals since 1981 when we purchased the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The complexion of the waters and shore line have changed greatly in that time - not for the better. Thank you for the opportunity to "sound off".

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Camp at TUCKER HOLLOW around 10 times a year.

Lake in 20 years:

Pretty much the same. Anything to do for water quality and better fishing.

What I like most:

Low level of traffic, clean water, fishing, beauty of lake, not houses everywhere.

What I like least:

Snakes, ha, debris in lake when lake has risen, and the awful water tower.

Changes:

Would love to have hiking trails! Wildlife management is always great. Love the eagles.

More low level density areas for availability for boat docks for residents.

Do not need any more high density areas.

Would like recreation areas maintained, open longer, full hookup would be great.

Thank you for allowing us to be apart of this revision for the lake I love. Plans are to move to lake as soon as we can.

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Dear Ms. Coburn,

Twenty years ago we bought our property, we required two things we wanted several acres and we wanted a dock approved cove. We found what we wanted and were willing to pay extra for it. We feel that it is very unfair that we will loose our right to put in a dock because of the new Master Plan. It will hurt us financially and I believe it is morally wrong under the Grandfather laws of this country.

We believe that it is only fair that we retain our dock approved cove and our right to a path to have access to it. The property is surrounded on three sides by the lake we own sixty eight acres, with the new zone it will virtually make the lake inaccessible to us.

I hope you will take this into consideration, before the final decision is made.

Thank you for your time

[REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

Our property is located on [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

**From:** Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)  
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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] My suggestion  
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I moved here in 1998 and have seen some very damaging things happen to this lake since then. The biggest is the runoff of septic systems into the lake, which is most obvious in the winter after the vegetation has died off. This lake was crystal clear from early winter up until late Aug or Sept now it is green with slim almost all year round. It won't be long until this lake will be like the Lake of the Ozarks. Unfit to swim in.

The second problem that needs to be fixed is the rules the Corp. lay down. Rules are good. We need them to keep things on an equal playing field, so to speak. The problem is that doesn't happen. The Corp. lay out a rule and give people the time needed to fix their violation then turn around and either give out extensions or does nothing to those who are still violating the rules. Example boat docks. Resorts have had plenty of time to replace their flotation devices and are obviously not going to do so. You make idle threats and they ignore them. Rules that are not backed up with consequences have no meaning. You seem to have two separate sets of rules. One for the average person who has a dock and one for the resorts who ignore your rules. You even have a rule that the average person ignores. The one that says you cannot have more than a two slip dock unless it is a community dock. There is one in Howard Creek that has been there since before I moved here and has been threatened many times and nothing has been done. This is a 8 boat dock slip that is owned by one person and doesn't even have a boat in it most of the time. It still has the Styrofoam flotation devices. I wonder how he got the permit in the first place? So you see what I am getting at all the work you are planning to do will have no meaning if you don't enforce the Corp. own rules in a timely manner.

Third why are you spending the money to put ponds in for deer to drink when there is a lake so close? This is a very poor use of taxpayers money. Now I understand that the Corp. is putting in feed plots of the deer? I hope this is false. Please tell me that it isn't true. The locals feed the deer and the population is booming. No need for feed plots.

Please don't do the corporate bailout thing when it comes the resorts. I have heard how tough it is to run a resort from so many of them that it makes me sick. They drive around in new cars and go to Wal Mart and spend their profits instead of putting it back into the business as any good business man would do. Besides the resorts have already received their bailout in a form of water bailout by HUD.

Thank You

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Your Name/Organization: Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

Address: Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

E-mail: [Redacted]

How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Pretty much the same as it is now. I like the way that I feel the lake is somewhat protected thru the "lake" line boundary. I would never want this lake to become a mess like some areas of Lake of the Ozarks.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

The water clarity for boating and swimming is important to me.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Possibly to improve some of the major boat ramps for access.

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What are the concerns or impact to the large spread of the Zebra Mussels?

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Natural resources preserved. Additional recreation & upgrades to camping areas - expansion of some new areas.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Protecting its natural resources along with recreation.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More wildlife management in Taney County.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Unspoiled, just like it is today

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The ability to avoid the crowd. The undeveloped shoreline and distance between access points make every trip a great experience.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

More control of lake levels to allow more shoreline cover for young of the year fish

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I like it the way it is w/ little development. I enjoy nature, but I would like to see more boats using the lake

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? The serenity of enjoying time w/ my family. I would like to see it stay clear for when I start my own family.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? more private boat docks

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: my family has approx 10 acres on the lake located @ Lat 36°29'30.24"N Long 92°35'49.38"W. Please keep it at low density. When the Army Corp of Engineers revises the Smp Zone, we would like our property zoned for private boat docks.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? NOT A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT.  
DEFINITELY NO LARGE DEVELOPMENTS, MORE NATURAL.  
WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE BOATERS/FISHERMEN USING THE LAKE

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
MOST IMPORTANT: FISHING, GOOD CLEAN WATER & A NICE  
PLACE TO TAKE THE FAMILY

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? MORE PRIVATE BOAT DOCKS

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_  
MY FAMILY HAS APPROX. 10 ACRES ON THE LAKE LOCATED @  
LAT. 36° 29' 38.24" N LONG. 92° 35' + 9.38" W.  
PLEASE KEEP IT AT LOW DENSITY. WHEN ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
REVISES THE SMP ZONE WE WOULD LIKE OUR PROPERTY ZONED  
FOR PRIVATE BOAT DOCKS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I love the lake as it is now for the most part

After looking at the map I don't want to see any commercial development in the red areas.

The water level, and clarity are perfect

I don't want any more public ramps or public/commercial boat docks

I do think that land owners and resort owners should be able to clear dead trees and select trees to keep their lake views. Also, I think current private dock owners should be able to extend an existing dock

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

The natural beauty and quietness of the lake are most important.

Commercial development is least important

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? See comments above and maintain boat ramps better

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Allow ATV's to be used in select areas.

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## How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

We would like to see it as it is today. We don't believe there should be more camp grounds & rv parks or hiking trails in our area. We have the Dam Site campground in our area now that has been closed for several years and the state or federal government will not provide the funds to fix or repair so that it can be re-opened. We would like to see that camp ground and the others that are already there taken care of & there are enough marina on the north side of the lake already.

## What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

We appreciate how clean the water is and the beautiful scenery around the lake.

## What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

We would like to make sure that people pick up after themselves. Better policing of the area & higher fines for those who break the rules. We would like to see that the corp property in our area is designated as Enviromentally Sensitive so that no Hiking/ATV trails or camp ground are added to our area

## Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

The property at Big Music /Little Music should be re-designated as enviromentally sensitive as well as Dry Music. We do not want any camp grounds, parks or trails in our area.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? MORE BEAUTIFUL  
AND SCENIC WITH CLEANER WATER  
OR AT LEAST AS CLEAN AS NOW!

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

MOST - SCENIC BEAUTY - CLEAN WATER -  
FLOOD CONTROL - HABITAT FOR ANIMAL  
AND FISH  
LEAST - POWER GENERATION  
- COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT  
- HOUSING

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? NATURAL SETTINGS  
FOR CAMPING, HIKING - ELIMINATE ANY  
DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A MILE OF SHORE  
LINE - LIMIT BOAT DOCKS TO EXISTING WITH NO  
EXPANSION

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

FISH SPECIES AND COUNTS  
WATER CLEANLINESS STANDARDS  
METHODS TO ELIMINATE POLLUTION FROM BOATS  
AND USERS OF THE LAKE  
ANIMAL SPECIES SURROUNDING THE LAKE AND THE  
VIBILITY OF THE HABITAT

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**How we would like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?**

Much the way it is now. We don't desire any more commercial locations than those already developed. The undeveloped commercial (red) locations that are marked on your lake map should be re-zoned to prohibit development. The other lakes in this area are generally more developed. Can't we have just one lake that is mostly natural and undeveloped?

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is least important to you?**

Most important is the preserved natural look. The feel of remoteness. Least important: None

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?**

Property owners that live on the lake (on the Corps line) should be able to have a meandering trail to the water. The arbitrary limit of 250 feet is a huge sore point for everyone we know. It shouldn't matter how far the water level is to the Corps line. We have heard that the reason for the 250 foot trail length limit is that the USACE believes longer trails are too much of a temptation for ATV owners. There is an easy way to prevent motorized abuse of trails. Merely limiting the width of the trails to two feet makes it impossible for ATVs to pass. Trails would still need to be approved and permitted as they are for boat dock trails. A small number of approved volunteers could assist with this program if the USACE is personnel limited. Please contact Todd Boyers if you would like my ideas.

**Additional comments:** None

Household of two, between the ages of 51-64



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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** I LIKE THE PEACEFULNESS & LOW TRAFFIC THE LAKE CURRENTLY OFFERS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE CONTINUED CONTROL ON DOCK PERMITS & WATERFRONT PROPERTIES / DEVELOPMENTS TO KEEP IT THAT WAY. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IMPROVEMENTS TO RECENTLY ADDED BOAT RAMPS. SOME ADDED RECENTLY ARE GRAVEL & I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE PAVEMENT.

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** \*KEEPING THE PEACEFULNESS & SECLUSION IS MOST IMPORTANT TO ME. KEEPING FISH STOCKING PROGRAMS IS ALSO IMPORTANT.

\*COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS LEAST IMPORTANT, (EXCEPT IMPROVING EXISTING FACILITIES)

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MOICE BOAT RAMPS PAVED. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MORE SPECIES STOCKED IN THE LAKE, SUCH AS STRIPEDS OR HYBRIDS.

**Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:** WE SHOULD STUDY ABOUT ADDING OTHER FISH SPECIES IN THE LAKE TO MAKE SURE WE PROTECT THE BASS & WALLEYE POPULATIONS.

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### **How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?**

There have not been many changes in the past 50+ years as far as I can tell. Growth in this area has been slow which has allowed the lake to remain healthy...a good thing!

The health of the lake should stay a top priority.

I would love to see some controls placed on noise levels, as well as size of motors allowed. Fishing tournaments are great money-makers for this area. However, before this activity grows and creates a nuisance, some limits should be set that will protect permanent residents, as well as maintain safe and friendly boating conditions.

Concerns for boats bringing harmful invasive species into our lake might make it beneficial to install, at major launch sites, some way for boats to be cleaned before entering the lake. Pressurized water? Chemical sprays?

Are water usage plans already on the books? Does the Corps have long term plans in place for sharing water with towns? Are the locations for accessing water for towns already mapped? Are safeguards in place to monitor water quality that is entering Lake Bull Shoals, both from up stream lakes and from local streams? If not, this must be a part of a long term plan.

### **Improvements wanted.....**

There are swim areas near Bull Shoals and Lakeview, but for people who live west and north of the Jimmy Creek Access, there are no improved swimming areas. Some improvements, that would be beneficial to the public, would be parking, public docks, port-a-pottys that are well serviced, and picnic tables with shade at boat launch areas and at primitive lake access points. Campgrounds would not be necessary.



Mainly, I am thinking about the boat launch at Jimmy Creek, off MC 8050 and the launch area at Yokum Bend, both of which serve as swimming areas where families, often with small children, come.

### **Improved Technology....**

Along with fishing, interest in hiking and kayaking are growing. A user-friendly website with information for “dummies” on real time water levels on the White River, at successive launch and take out points, would be useful.

Clearer maps showing locations for launch and take out for kayaks, as well as info on miles and time from one point to another and photos of the launch and take out spots, would help newcomers feel more confident about recognizing the desired take out location as they float down river, a major safety concern for persons in a boat with no motor!

For people with boat docks, there is info on lake level changes, but putting in some kind of automatic computerized system to “text” or e-mail daily lake levels to the dock owners would be useful.

As for hiking....

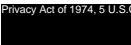
We have many beautiful places where old roads are already in place, but not maintained. Those areas could be improved with small parking areas and maintained hiking trails.

Horse trails along the edges of the lake would also be great.

Improved roads to lake access points, especially in Marion County, are badly needed.

I realize that much of what I have written would not be part of a Master Plan Revision, but maybe you can file my comments away under a proper heading of ”hopes” for the future.

### **Current designation of high use, vs. future designations.....**

The peninsula that juts out into the water opposite Bull Shoals boat dock was shown on the map to be designated high use. That area is next to Thunder Ridge Ranch, an area that has stayed undeveloped since 1963, when land was bought by the  family. The old CCC road that

must be used to access the Corp land at the end of this peninsula is not well maintained or improved, so getting to the end of this peninsula would not be easy. High use is quite unlikely unless MC 8060 and MC 8088 both are vastly improved. Also, current family members are continuing to support limited access to their property, no subdividing, and only minimal hunting for trophy size deer. So, leaving this adjoining Corps land natural and undeveloped would be a better designation.

That said, the Corps chose to close off access to their portion of the CCC road, which was a public road and was ruled as such when the Garrisons tried to gate their portion of this peninsula off. No longer can anyone get onto the Corps property other than by foot. I'm not at all sure this was legal. I know I miss being able to reach the water at the end of that peninsula, as I was once able to do. What was once a county road can no longer have any maintenance, so an access that was already well built has been left to grow back into it's natural state. I think this was an error in long term planning judgement and should be revisited.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Not too much development -  
no large developments. More natural. Like to see more  
boaters use the lake

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Important: fishing, clean water

least:

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? more private boat docks.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

my family has approx. 10 Acres on the lake located @  
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at Low DENSITY. When Army Corps Eng revises the SMP zone  
we would like our property zoned for private boat dock.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I HOPE THE LAKE  
AND SHORELINE REMAINS AS WILD AND NATURALLY  
RUGGED WITH ITS WATER AS CLEAR + CLEAN OR CLEANER.  
THAN TODAY.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? FLOOD CONTROL, CONTINUED MINIMUM FLOW, POWER  
GENERATION, LOW DENSITY RECREATION - MOST IMPORTANT  
SHORELINE DEVELOPMENT - LEAST IMPORTANT

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Maintain Low Density  
RECREATION

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: FISH + GAME MONITORING ALONG WITH POLLUTION SOURCES FOUND  
+ METHODS TO CONTROL OR ELIMINATE SAME FORMULATED

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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

### How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

No more boats. Leave number of slips as is. Keep land surrounding lake natural. Add sewer hook ups to campgrounds.

### What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Most important: quietness, serenity, wildlife, natural/ undeveloped land surrounding lake. Low amount of boats unlike Table Rock. Depth of lake.

Least important: minimum flow.

### What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

Stop additional boat slips and water supply intakes.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? NO CHANGE

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? REDESIGNATE MUSIC CREEK PARK TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVE AREA OR LOW DENSITY RECREATION.

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Response requested: Yes

Message:

Hello,

My name is [redacted]. My wife and I own a house and 107 acres on Beaver Creek at the mouth of Bull Shoals. Our property is frontaged by roughly 138 acres of Army Corp of Engineers land which is currently classified as "Limited Use".

The addresses of my home and property are:

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Regarding the revised Master Plan, I would very much like to see the 138 acres of Army Corp land fronting my property reclassified as "Environmentally Sensitive". It is quite a wide swath of low land that used to be good for growing hay but since the 50's; elevation in water level a few years ago it's no longer fit for much besides wildlife habitat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Our private boat dock and path permit to access it. Plus the view we have overlooking the lake are most important.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Consider placing no-wake buoys outside fingers and coves that are heavily populated with boat docks.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: I am uncertain what the purpose of a revision is about. We really enjoy the lake and hope any revision does not change anything substantially.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? used for low density recreation.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?  
Most important: available for public recreation with low density.  
Not crowded and commercialized

Least important: Aggressive development or any development that will increase density

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like for you to leave the lake just as it is. nice and peaceful and not over crowded

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### **How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?**

**Just the way it is now. Clean water, not covered with boats making waves that erode our shorelines. More boats and boat traffic means more pollution into the lake.**

**We also do not need any more commercial property. No large hotels who flood the lake with summer people who do not know how to treat the lake. They don't know any better than to zip past our boat docks throwing large wakes causing the docks to shift and shake and strain at their moorings. We do not need any more summer traffic of people who throw their trash into the lake and have no respect for it.**

### **What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**

**I never have to think about the water being clean and jump in for a swim any time I feel like doing so.**

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? I would like to see more "Designated No-Wake" zones established. We should have more "Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary" areas and less participation areas for the local government agencies. We should establish more "Low Density Recreation" land and prevent further commercial areas.**

### **Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:**

**When I first visited the lake 16 years ago I thought it was the most wonderful place I had ever seen. It reminded me of my summers as a kid when the family would visit Lake Whitney or Lake Possum Kingdom in Texas. How open and inviting they were and how nice to get into your boat and hardly ever see anyone else around as you fished the day out.**

**With the world population growing the way it is we may never have another place like this to enjoy. Let's keep it just the way it is for our great grand kids to enjoy. It took me five years to find and purchase my little piece of heaven and I like it just like it is.**

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? The clear water, Beauty of The Lake, Peace & Quiet, Access To Lake through Path & maintained Areas.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? MORE boat ramps To PROTECT Shore line of lake, More boat storage on lake, (allow resorts or others To Allow boat storage when Marina's are too far away.)

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?**

*Very much the same as it is today. Not too much developed or commercialized. This is a beautiful lake and surrounding areas.*

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**

*Water Quality and natural Beauty are very important. Commercialization not as important*

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?**

*Existing Parks and access points Kept open and maintained*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? very much like it is right now,  
CLEAN!!! NOT a lot of houses visible from the lake.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
Most important - to keep the water Clean!

Least important:  
to see more people build around the lake.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? I would like to see the Corps be  
more accessible to the public. Everything is such a big secret. makes me think  
something else is going on - too much politics with the corps. They are not  
a political group. they should work more with the people than against them

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: I  
understand that you don't want to issue docks to everyone. I agree with  
that. But there seems to be favoritism when it comes to that - again -  
no politics - work with the people. Put out info when changes  
happen - ask for sign up for email newsletters so we can stay  
informed.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? No large developments  
More boater use More Nature

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? fishing boating clean water

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? more private boat dock

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Keep land at Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b) in Low Density  
Zone. And zoned for private dock

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I'd like to see the fishery improved, especially walleye.

We'd like to see the minimum flow kept to a minimum, because our businesses on this lake are important too.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?  
We moved here 9 years ago, because we felt Bull Shoals was the most protected lake we could find in the USA, and still have good access and dockage.

I make a good part of my living as a fishing guide and dock moving service.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? I feel that low density recreation could be opened up a bit, and still keep a good pristine watershed.

We would like the opportunity to build a <sup>new</sup> boat dock bordering our property here on Point 12.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:  
We would like to see less high-density recreation, because we know it is the temporary intensive-use that permanently spoils the outstanding condition of the lake. We don't want to see Bull Shoals turn into Table Rock or Lake of the Ozarks.

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** I Like it Except  
For I feel alot of the comp Land needs  
to be Reevaluated

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**  
The most is the Fishing & EXCESS

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** I would like the  
SNAP CREEK COVE EAST SIDE TO BE REEVALUATED  
FROM ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE TO NEGATIVE MANAGEMENT

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I own land that borders 9200 feet of lake  
The only reason I have found that this is a sensitive  
Area is because of an old Foundation located up  
I clean up the trash & debris At the lake around  
& I would like to be able to Fish the bank in a small

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without beating thru the brush & logs that  
wash up, I would like to make a walking path  
to the lake shore.

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① MAINTAINED AS IS AND IMPROVED IN CURRENT  
HIGH DENSITY AREAS. ② EASIER BOAT DOCK RESTRICTIONS  
FOR RESIDENCES RESULTING IN MORE USAGE OF THE  
LAKE.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

① RECREATION

② LAND DEVELOPMENT - RESIDENTIAL

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? CHANGE LAND CURRENTLY  
CLASSIFIED AS "HIGH DENSITY" THAT HAS NOT BEEN  
DEVELOPED AS SUCH - TO "LOW DENSITY".

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? THE SAME CLEAR  
BLUE, CLEAN WATER AND PEACEFUL

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?  
THE BEAUTY OF THE LAKE. NO 'LEAST IMPORTANT' IDEAS.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? ABILITY TO DRIVE GOLF  
CART OR 4-WHEELER TYPE VEHICLE DOWN TO OUR DOCK RAMP.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

MUCH LIKE today but better fishing - Able to compete as a "destination" with Table Rock, other Bass Lakes in Texas, Alabama & Georgia

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST: CLEAN WATER, MINIMAL DEVELOPMENT, Great Fishing, ACCESSIBLE BOAT LAUNCH AREAS

LEAST: POWER GENERATION

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Improved Fishing - Like in the 60's & 70's

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MAKE THE NON-LDA's FAIR to the dock owners who happen to be in them. See attached!

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In the past 30 years, the nature of the small resorts on Bull Shoals Lake has changed dramatically. This change has been largely driven by societal changes in the United States. Many of these changes are making it difficult, sometimes impossible, for small "Mom and Pop" resorts to stay in business. In order for these businesses to continue, they need some help from the USACE.

In the 60s, 70s and 80s, families usually went on vacation with their families for a week or more every summer. Very few families owned their own boats, and if they did, they were generally small boats, 20 ft. or less, with small outboard motors. According to historical records from Pontiac Cove Marina, the busiest times at the lake were in the spring and fall, with 65 john boats rented out every weekend in the spring and fall and huge stringers of fish on display. Summer business on the lake at this time was almost non-existent.

Over the past 30 years, resorts have seen their seasons become shorter and shorter, with less emphasis on fishing in spring and fall and much more emphasis on water sports and vacations in the summer. Most families own boats and the boats are much bigger than in the past. Waverunners and PWC's are prevalent.

In addition, there has been a marked reduction in "length of stay." In the 70s, 80s and 90s, one week stays, or longer, were the norm. It was unheard of to drive 250 miles from St. Louis to Bull Shoals Lake for a weekend. Today, two and three night stays are becoming the norm. People don't have as much vacation time, children are busier in the summer with organized sports and other activities, and many people won't stay a full week in the same location. The combination of the shorter season, from mid-June to early August, with just minimal business in the spring and fall, and the shorter stays, creating vacant cabins during the week, is putting great financial pressure on small resorts.

One additional trend we have noticed in the 20 years we have lived on Bull Shoals Lake is that many of the homes within 1-5 miles of the lake have been purchased by "weekenders" – people who live within 100 miles of the lake and have purchased a second home on or near the lake to use primarily on summer weekends. As a result, Spring Creek Park is packed with boaters and swimmers on

Saturdays and Sundays in the summer. Other ramps on the lake are likely experiencing similar trends.

Many small resorts on Table Rock and other Corps lakes have gone private, much like condominiums. Cabins have been sold off individually and Owner's Associations formed to handle decision-making for the property. Currently, under the existing SMP (Shoreline Management Plan) resorts who have docks that are NOT in LDA's can NOT convert their dock leases from Resort Docks to Private Docks. This means the property cannot be sold off as individual units. This puts these resorts at a SIGNIFICANT competitive disadvantage when it comes to valuation of property and resale opportunities.

Resorts who happen to be in LDAs can add rental units to their resorts and slips to their boat docks, thereby expanding their businesses and improving their property values. Resorts which are not in LDAs cannot. This puts resorts who, by chance, happen to be outside of LDAs, at a serious competitive disadvantage.

1. One recommendation I have is to allow current Resort Leases to be converted to Private, Residential docks so that ALL Resorts have the option to go private like Lakepoint Resort (in Isabella, MO) did in the early 1990s. There is no reason NOT to allow this – the docks will stay where they are and this would not create additional development on the lake.
2. Continue to maintain the boat ramp at Spring Creek Park – this is widely used by Ozark County residents and numerous resorts on HH Highway.
3. I would like to see Waverunners (PWCs) limited to the times of 10 a.m. – 6 pm. during the summer months. Early morning and late evening should be times reserved for fishing and skiing.
4. I would like to see fishing restored to the way it was in the 1960s and 1970s. This would require cooperation between the USACE, Arkansas Fish & Game and Missouri Department of Conservation. This would increase use of the Lake in the spring, fall and winter.



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**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Porter, Tony SWL](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: BS Master Plan comment (UNCLASSIFIED)  
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Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 03:09 PM Central Standard Time  
To: Coburn, Dana O SWL  
Subject: BS Master Plan comment (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Ms. Driver, These CESWL addresses do not seem to operate. Please forward my input to the proper address. Thank you.

Thank you for accepting inputs for such an important project.

The things that are most important to me about the lake is the clean water, safe environment, and serenity.

My interest is primarily in the Music Creek area. I enjoy the level of activity that exists there now. I would support and would vote for the area and any proposed development be kept or changed to a low density level.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the process. I will continue to be in touch as the updated plan progresses.

Regards,

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2014 3:06 PM, "Driver, Laurie SWL" <Laurie.T.Driver@usace.army.mil>  
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Dana Coburn

Re: Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision

A major concern I have with the plan revision is the potential removal of private boat dock zones on this lake. In the past 5-10 years the siting requirement or rules have become so restrictive for permitting of private docks that it has almost become a moratorium on any new permits.

There may be the temptation from within the Corps that a number of these zones should be removed because of non-use or no applications for permits. It is my opinion that the siting requirements (200' from take line maximum) are way to restrictive and unreasonable considering the average distances of the take line to water's edge.

It is my suggestion that there be no removal of any dock zones and more flexibility be allowed in permitting. Consideration should be given to reasonable proposals to trade or modify zones that otherwise are unusable. I realize that some of my comments will be more applicable to the shoreline management plan, but still these are important points to make now.

Sincerely,

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?**

In 20 years I would like Bull Shoals Lake to look as it does today. I do not want to see docks or buildings along the shoreline. I want to see the lake as natural as it is now.

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**

The most important thing to me about Bull Shoals Lake is the tremendous access to fishing and hunting and being able to enjoy these activities without crowds. The beauty and naturalness of the lake is a lure to many who visit here. The least important thing about the lake is any further development of any shoreline.

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?**

I would like to see Lakeview get city sewage. I feel all efforts should be made to ensure that our water quality remains pure. This lake takes on the water from the Reservoirs upstream, and supports an ecosystem for the trout downstream.

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Pay attention to the trout fishing economy on the White River. Attend to the mussels in the lake as they are effecting the fishing industry. Make sure that current parks/marina/public areas that currently are not in use or cared for are put back into use.

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the beauty and remoteness of the lake. Let's keep it that way

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?**

Clean as it is now because we live down here at Moore Bend

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**

The cleanliness of the lake. It is a beautiful place to live.

Least important would be the rules & regulations of the Corps of Engineers

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** The boat ramp at Woodard Park to be reworked and raised to be more accessible to put a boat into the lake to get rid of the mussels around the boat docks in this area of Moore Bend

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? *Basically the same, But I would like to see more places, areas to go 4-wheeling & Places for free primitive camping.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? *Not It is not so crowded as Table Rock or some of the other popular & crowded lakes. I like that, it is not a popular vacation or resort area, where I go is mostly just local people and not crowded.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? *the prices for camping are too high, reduce them. More places to put in, launch our boats.*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? More user friendly.  
More access points for water + camping use.  
I would like to see the corp survey the needs + desires  
of the people that use the lakes. Most of the time  
they just seem to be bothered by people.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? most  
important is that the land is ~~manag~~ managed  
better. The corp seems to be more interested  
in people management (mainly by more + more  
restrictions)

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? more access points  
opened and managed better

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Land management upstream from the lake. Corp land  
badly eroded. Creek beds are not kept clean +  
the creeks keep cutting new channels. Much of the  
old farm land is now in the bottom of the lake

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*This is a beautiful lake, And we have been through the whole lake And for the most part its clean.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*The campgrounds, love Beaver Creek Campground. Its close, good for Fishing and swimming. We have the most wonderful park attendants, that have been here for a few years. They are helpful and always there if you need them. We as campers do our part to keep the park and lake clean. This is very important to us. Keep up the good work!*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*Would like to see 50 Amp service at this site plus a swimming area. Would like to see it open earlier and close later. I believe we would use it more if this were to happen.*

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Ball Shoals - Army Corps of  
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I write to tell you how  
much we appreciate the  
way the lake is, the way the  
woods are, the amount of  
care & concern put into our  
natural resources, we love our  
life of self-sufficiency, I truly  
~~to~~ hope there will be no  
change to the core line  
(white marks) or regulation about  
cutting trees or more boat docks.  
There are no need for more docks.  
This lake is narrow & so many areas.

Let's keep things beautiful

thanks for your time

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*Unchanged*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

*Keep the shore line undeveloped*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

*More clean electricity produced.*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Much like it is today with low traffic and only a few businesses along the shoreline. Access via private and public docks. Improvements made to handle 695' level. Additional fish habitats.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Value quiet living on the lake with easy access to dock and water. Value great fishing. Wildland interface.

Least is more people, traffic, and businesses.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

With Corps support allow individuals to help with control burns and forest management.

Build up MC163 to above flood 695' level so we can get out when lake is up. Low spot is on Corps.

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Note: MC163 is access to Jones Point WMA as well as many citizens homes. Is a safety access issue.

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- ② **What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** Most important - The beauty, remoteness, High quality of the water
- Least important - generation of hydroelectric power
- ③ **What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** Those stated in the 1st item & would like to see free use of recreational areas - launch & swim areas by residents (of all residents) that adjoin the lake & reduce camping fees for the same. They already pay a portion toward the use through higher property tax
- ④ **Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:** No new rec. areas should be constructed until those that have been closed are re-opened and in use. CTE Ozark Isle, Bull Shoals park Engineer. When sites are re-built located parking areas above high water mark to avoid damage & help the folks get exercise

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*as clean as it is now and not a lot of added boat docks so it doesn't become another Lake of the Ozarks or Table Rock Lake*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*clean water, beautiful shore lines, the Army Corp, in my opinion, is managing it well, so we don't need any other government agencies running it.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*where there is access to the water (roads) kept more accessible for the public.*

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*zebra mussels*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? more hiking trails  
improve and mark current trails on Corps property.  
Re-open campgrounds (like Bull Shoals), improve  
access via boats.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?  
That people moving to area understand why the Corps line  
is protected, and respect it!! Having been in real estate sales  
for 26 years, too many people don't see/realize that  
the Corps line, not cutting down or killing trees is  
a GOOD thing - all they want is to see the lake and have  
access. KEEP the Corps line protected!

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Over the past 26 years  
the algae and quality of the water is different. I don't  
think there's anything to do except keep people from polluting  
the lake and continue clean-ups

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:  
As founder of a hiking group - Women Hiking the Ozarks -  
W.H.O. - we hike all of the Corps trails around B.S. & Norfolk  
Pigeon Creek is the worst marked - confusing. Master naturalists  
are willing to help, but tell me feds don't want unsupervised  
help (liability issues). This is tragic. Must be a way to fix this.

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**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** Most important - cleanliness, remoteness, recreation

Least important - electricity

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** refer to the 1st question & answers. Also would like to see fire use of swim areas & launch areas by residents of the counties that adjoin the lakes & reduce their camping fees. Those residents pay a portion already because of the higher property tax

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? IMPROVED ROAD IN AND THEREFORE MORE COMMERCE/IMPROVED AND ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS. INVESTMENT INCENTIVES WOULD BE A BENEFIT.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? PRISTINE SHORELINE & LAKE / BEAUTY / LAKE CLEANLINESS.  
IN FLOOD YEARS THE RECREATIONAL VALUE AND ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE LOCAL BUSINESSES HAS BEEN BADLY DAMAGED.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? AT OAKLAND BOAT DOCK CAMPGROUND THE BATHROOMS ARE NOT ADEQUATE. THEY GET TIED UP WITH PEOPLE SHOWERING. LIMITING ACCESS TO TOILETS

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: CANOPIES / ROOFS OVER ALL PICNIC TABLES IS NEEDED FOR SHADE. THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPLACED.

WE'VE CAMPED AT OAKLAND CAMPGROUND ANNUALLY SINCE 1971. MUCH CHANGE/IMPROVEMENT IN 45 YRS. SOME BAD MOVES TOO

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still a wilderness lake

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

① scenic quality

② Commercial development

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

occasional patrols to catch A.T.V. violators on weekends.

Permits to remove dead or diseased trees

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Where there are docks, give access improvements, especially for  
aged or handicapped people.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Just like it is

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most Imp - Water Quality as more people use  
septic tanks etc the water will become more  
polluted

Camp Grounds - Add to pollution

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Better lighting system  
at fucker for boat ramp

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Limit wave runners and their use.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? MUCH AS IT IS NOW

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

RECREATION & TOURISM ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY FLOOD CONTROL  
AND ENERGY PRODUCTION

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? MARION COUNTY & OTHER  
MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVE MONEY IN LIEU OF TAXES & ENERGY  
RESOURCES REMOVED FROM LAKE

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MORE RELAXED APPROACH TO SHORELINE VIEW IMPROVEMENT  
TO IMPROVE ECONOMY OF REAL ESTATE & TOURISM

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT WATER QUALITY, FISHING, NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE LAKE

LEAST - COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE FRONT  
I DON'T WANT ANOTHER LAKE OF THE OZARKS WITH  
WALL TO WALL CONDOS.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? THE DAM SITE PARK IS  
AN EYESORE, BEFORE DEVELOPING NEW SITES, OLD ONES SHOULD BE RESTORED

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE LAKE AND SURROUNDING AREA STAY THE WAY IT IS. NO LARGE RESORTS, NO NEW CAMPGROUNDS AND NO NEW BOATDOCKS. IT IS BEAUTIFUL KEEP IT THAT WAY.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? THE MOST IMPORTANT IS PRESERVING WHAT WE PRESENTLY HAVE. THE LEAST IMPORTANT IS INCREASING AREAS FOR MORE VISITATION. LET'S CONSERVE, NOT WORRY ABOUT MAKING MONEY

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? DO NOT DEVELOPE ANY UNUSED AREAS AND NO MORE BOATDOCKS. SET ASIDE AREAS FOR WATER SKING, WAKE BOARDING AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT.

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NO CHANGES

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

QUALITY OF WATER MOST IMPORTANT

LEAST IMPORTANT IS DEVELOPMENT  
OF RESORTS ON OR NEAR THE LAKE

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

EASIER ACCESS TO  
~~THE~~ PRIVATE DOCKS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I would like to see  
IT STAY the same AS IT IS NOW. QUIET and a good FAMILY FRIENDLY  
LAKE TO TAKE YOUR CHILDREN.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? QUIET, NOT CROWDED, GOOD FISHING & WATER QUALITY.  
THE LEAST IMPORTANT TO ME IS ~~THE~~ NOTHING. I LOVE THE LAKE  
THE WAY IT IS.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? NOTHING

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: WATER QUALITY AND FLOOD PLAN

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I love the undeveloped shoreline. There are plenty of other lakes for sandbars, massive docks and party boats. Kristine water, healthy wild life - shore and fish. I worry about sewage issues - docks with houses - house boats - cabins on the shoreline - Yuck

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Access points for the public. Quiet, Peace  
Day use for fishing & swimming  
Least important - lake levels

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Allow docks to be moved closer to land owner if lake access available.

Closer monitoring campers & fires on holidays

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Allow no-wake boaters  
Local law enforcement & Corp work closely regarding shoreline rules.

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Dock Owner  
permit

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Shoreline remain undeveloped as it is now. Do not allow condos or other commercial development on the lake. Development of 2 to 3 Corps Campground/Boat Dock Ramps between 125 & Dam (either shore) Develop primitive camping area → boat in only on upper lake.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?  
Most: Keeping the shoreline undeveloped & pristine,

Least: Encouraging or allowing commercial development along the shoreline

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? More liberal allowing dock owners to move docks to their property → Expand areas allowing docks but severely restrict new dock permits → Issue few new permits each year Drawing for new permits like Elk tags etc.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Allow dock owners to deploy no wake boats within 20-30 yards of docks.

Corps & local/county-state law enforcement work more closely enforcing laws/rules re: shoreline rules.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? As I will be well into my retirement years by then I would like to see the lake as it is now and has been for many years.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Most important is it's natural setting. Not having the commercial trappings like Table Rock or Lake of the Ozarks. Though still important, on the least side I would say lake level.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? More allowance for private docks. If done properly there is no reason for anyone to not have a boat stall to park their boat in.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Just please examine the private dock issue!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*To remain a clean lake for family fun. Not to have speed racing boats with loud engines disturbing the peaceful lake.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*Control of boat docks. Not allowing us to become like Lake of the Ozarks. Keeping our shore line beautiful. Not allowing condo building around the lake.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

Keep it like it is now as much as possible.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

most important: We kayak and sail small sailboats (14')

and enjoy the pristine views and good water quality. also swimming.

least important: attracting more power-boat users and development

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

Don't raise the pool level above 659 ft.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

Keep use FREE at The Spring Creek Access area on HH Hwy near Isabella, MO and don't re-open the picnic/camping area.

Watch for pollution especially from the Branson area upstream.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? 1. To maintain it's rank as 2nd "highest in clarity", or, ranking 1st in 20 years.

2. Remain a wonderful fishing lake, not a "Play Lake" with Jet Skis, Fast Boats, etc.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Most Important - I would not like to see "Low Density Recreation" on this part of the lake.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? None

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: "SOIL EROSION" - Land being sold too close to lake waters for cattle grazing. With many trees being removed - eventually drainage will find it's way to the lake; now we have POLLUTION!  
Are there restrictions for these developments for protecting the Lake Waters?

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? At least as pristine + clean  
and undeveloped as it is now - maybe even cleaner + more  
beautiful - We sail + kayak on the lake all year long + love  
the clean water + natural beauty - I live on the "lake-line" and walk to  
the lake almost everyday and really appreciate the unique beauty of  
Bull Shoals Lake.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Clean Water. Natural Beauty. Free Access

No "Commercial Development" that threatens Bull Shoals  
Lake - especially in the North East Arm in Missouri

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

Protect the unique natural beauty of the lake

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

There are other lakes that have more commercial development -  
Lake of the Ozarks - Table Rock, etc. - Bull Shoals Lake is unique  
because it has remained relatively pristine + clean - Please  
have the vision to keep it protected - There is no going back  
once it has been built up + overdeveloped + commercialized!

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*Thank You.*

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** I would like to see it with no new parks or recreational facilities. I would like to see High Density Recreation kept to a minimum or, if possible, reduced.

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** Most important to me is keeping the lake and watershed around it as pristine as possible. I envision it used for activities such as Low Density Recreation, as a Wildlife and Vegetative Management Area, and as a Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary.

Least Important - High Density Recreation is abhorrent to me.

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** I would like to see Future/Inactive Recreation Areas rezoned to not allow them to ever be built.

**Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:** I would like to see current easements around the lake protected and extended. I do not think additional boat docks or roads to any boat dock should be built. As a naturalist and water quality specialist, I am interested in the study of water quality, the watershed, and Bull Shoals Lake as a water supply.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

No EPA involvement in Lakes Activities  
More handicap access to lake, Make it friendly for tourists, business  
Landowners + fishermen.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Keeping the EPA out of our Lakes & water ways

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? No EPA. I would rather see

Lake under State Conservation Dept. than the EPA

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Why not Leave Lake alone

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? *I would like to see the lake as clean or cleaner than now with usage that supports a good economy but not so crowded enjoyment is diminished. Uncultured shoreline + healthy buffer zone.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? *Water quality, healthy flora + fauna.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? *Work with other partners for a watershed plan that addresser issues like failing septic tanks + other problems that negatively impact Bull Shoals Lake*

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: *Continue to hold high standards for those leasing Corp land + managing facilities, contracting or leasing only to those viable entities that have a real plan and proven record.*

*Continue to well manage the buffer zone around the lake*

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*Bull Shoals Lake is the source water for Marion County Regional Water District. The district feels it is critical to maintain high water quality to protect the public health. We would like to see water quality stay at least as good as it is now or better.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

*Most important: water quality*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

*Work with other stakeholders and partners to create a watershed plan that addresses issues like failing septic tanks and other threats to water quality in Bull Shoals Lake, such as Confined Animal Feeding Operations (hog farms, poultry barns etc) and landfills.*

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? FISHING, BOATING, CLEAN WATER, NATURAL BEAUTY, UNCROWDED.

COMMERCIAL USE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO MAINTAIN THESE QUALITIES.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? —

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** \_\_\_\_\_

*I hope to see Bull Shoals Lake as it is now.*

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** \_\_\_\_\_

*Accessibility to the water is important.*

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** \_\_\_\_\_

*I see no need to enact changes.*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

The Same

Little to no changes

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most Important: Very Few People, Peace and quiet,  
Minimal Boat Traffic

LEAST IMPORTANT: I think everything is important on  
Bull Shoals to keep it the way it is

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

NONE

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

as it is now.

pretty much same

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Clean water, uncluttered shoreline.

A good family recreational opportunity.

Not very "boaty"

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

None

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Zebra Mussel Free!  
Recognized as a major destination for families & professional  
events.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? A Consistent Water Level. Boat Launches that can  
be accessed at any water level.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? An aggressive approach  
to eliminating Zebra Mussels. More campgrounds on  
Missouri Side.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Eliminate the 8 Different Lake Stages.

Set no more than 2 Power Pool levels for a calendar year.

Raise Boat Launch Access Points to be higher than Power Pool.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? ABOUT THE WAY IT IS NOW NO NEW PARKS, BETTER BOATS RAMPDS WITH TIE UP DOCKS.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? THE WATER IT CLEAN NOW BUT NOT AS CLEAN AS IT WAS ABOUT 10 YRS AGO

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? TRY TO KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS NOT LAKE OD ORANKS MARK DANGER SPOTS WITH BOXES

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: NO NEW PARKS ON BIG CREEK IT WOULD RUIN IT ITS CROWDED NOW WITH BOATS FROM RESORTS. BOOK ON BOAT DOCK RULES. TOO DANGEROUS AS WHAT CAN I CAN'T DO.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I WOULD LIKE IT TO BE  
THE WAY IT IS NOW. PUBLIC ACCESS & USAGE THE SAME OR  
INCREASED. SOME OF THE LAUNCH ACESSES COULD USE  
BIGGER/BETTER PARKING AREAS. THE SWIM AREAS AT  
THE LAUNCH SITES COULD BE BIGGER, ALSO.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

THAT THE LAKE ALWAYS BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC,  
WHOSE TAXES SUPPORT IT. MOST IMPORTANT IS TO KEEP  
THE EPA OUT OF ANY ACTIVITY CONCERNING BULL  
SHOALS LAKE.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

*As clean and clear as it is today*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

*Cleanliness is most important, conditions of roads and accessibility at 'put in' is 2nd. Least important would be the surrounding area.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

*Maintenance of public use areas - particularly at H H put in. There is a beautiful expansive picnic area that has been let over grow.*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

IN A HEALTHY STATE - POLLUTION FREE  
RECREATIONAL AREAS SHOULD BE STRATEGICALLY PLACED SO AS  
NOT TO CREATE OVER-CROWDING

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

KEEPING IT BEAUTIFUL AND UNTOUCHED AS POSSIBLE.  
MAINTAIN EXISTING RECREATIONAL AREAS WITHOUT BUILDING  
NEW ONES. MAINTAIN WILDLIFE AT A GOOD BALANCE

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE RECYCLING BINS WHEREVER  
PEOPLE CONGREGATE WITH MUNICIPAL PICK UPS

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? MORE COMMERCIAL.  
EASY ACCESS TO RESTAURANTS FROM LAKE. COMMERCIAL  
PERMITS TO CLIPPER BETTER VIEW OF LAKE. EASY ACCESS  
TO EVENT PERMITS. SKI CONVEYER - ETC

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
MOST IMP - INCOME GENERATION FOR AREA. LARGEST  
INDUSTRY - WATER SUPPLY  
LEAST - ALL IMPORTANT

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? BETTER VIEWS - ALLOW  
MORE PERMITTED CLEARING

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

IMPROVE EXISTING FACILITIES

eg. LAUNCHING RAMP @ HWY K

MOORE'S BEND CAMP FACILITY (RE-OPEN)

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

MOST / 1) WATER QUALITY - WE ARE DOWNSTREAM FROM BRANSON LANDING,  
SILVER DOLLAR CITY, HOLLISTER, FORSYTH & ALL OF THE SEWAGE  
THAT GOES WITH THAT

2) FISHING, RECREATION, BOATING

LEAST COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT NEAR GOVERNMENT LAND

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

IMPROVEMENT & MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING FACILITIES

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SATISFIED WITH WHAT IS IN PLACE

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? MUCH THE SAME AS IT IS  
Now with efforts to limit development of all lands, including those  
intended for recreation, but which have not yet been  
developed.  
LANDS WOULD INCLUDE LAKE AND SHORELINE.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?  
MOST IMPORTANT: KEEPING THE AREA AS UNTOUCHED BY DEVELOPMENT  
AS POSSIBLE.  
LEAST: IT'S ALL IMPORTANT TO ME.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? AN INCREASE IN EFFORTS  
to maintain present corp. areas that are in need of attention  
without increasing user fees.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:  
THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING PUBLIC INPUT FROM THOSE OF US  
that would/will be directly affected all future operational  
plans relating to LAKE BULL SHOALS.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*Would like it to remain as it is.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*I like the fact that it is not congested like Table Rock or Lake of the Ozarks. And that the shoreline is not full of homes and condos.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*I know that the lake level is somewhat dependant on rainfall, but I'd like the level to remain around 660.*

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### How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

In 20 years, I hope the recreational usage of Bull Shoals Lake be increased dramatically with a proper balance of environmental protection. Right now the communities around the lake are very depressed economically. Encouraging lake recreational use will help the local economy through increased tourism. The Army Corp of Engineers should work closely with the local counties, communities and the State of Arkansas in determining what necessary steps in the Master Plan Revision will help the local economy. A strong economy around the lake is very important to the vitality of the lake.

### What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is least important to you?

Most important is maintaining the beauty of the lake while allowing access to the lake for recreational use.

### What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

I want fewer restrictions to encourage a better economy in the communities around the lake. These restrictions I would like improved:

1. More docks
2. More boat ramps, particularly on the north side of the lake
3. Allow improvement on the corp line (take line) where docks and ramps have been approved. People need to be able to get to their docks. "Natural" is good but when the grass/weeds get so high and the trees get in the way of the docks it is no fun and very difficult to use the docks and ramps. Please allow individuals to improve the property around their docks.
4. Encourage development of the public and private use areas that have already been identified in the 1975 plan but have not been developed either by the Army Corp or privately.
5. Encourage development of private lands

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I attended the meeting in Theodosia on August 25, 2014. The average age of those attending that meeting was in the neighborhood of 75 years old. These people probably will not be alive in 20 years—neither will I. My sister and I own Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b) My comments about improved economy would possibly help develop our property but I really am more interested in a healthy economy and so a younger more vital population have jobs and enjoy the lake with their families as well as providing a wonderful environment for people of all ages to visit and enjoy the lake. That would be exciting. This goal can be accomplished along with keeping the environmental priorities intact.

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*P.S. Also e-mailed  
this on Sep 21, 2014*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

More boat docks

and a few more resorts.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The beauty & boating. Least is fishing & swimming.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Same as above.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I would like no more development around the lake than there is now. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to see the areas there have been closed to the public reopened \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ so that you could drive in instead of having to walk in to enjoy the land. \_\_\_\_\_

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The most important thing about Bull Shoals Lake is making the areas open to the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ handicapped so they could enjoy the lake the same as the able bodied people. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ The least important thing about Bull Shoals is charging the boats to launch their \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ boats when they are just out for a fun day. \_\_\_\_\_

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The changes I would like to see are the property that has been taken over by the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Corp returned to the land owners. The original survey should have been sufficient \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to show how much land was owned by each individual and that should not change. \_\_\_\_\_

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. At this time, I have no other issues. \_\_\_\_\_

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### How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

- \_\_\_ 1. I would like to see Bull Shoals Lake remain the same as it is now. The old saying is  
\_\_\_ "if it isn't broke, don't fix it. I feel the Master Plan isn't broke so it shouldn't be  
\_\_\_ fixed. I feel more development around the lake will hurt the wild life and fish. The  
\_\_\_ oil and gas from the boats hurts the fish as it is but more development will be more  
\_\_\_ detrimental to our lake.

### What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

- \_\_\_ 2. Because Bull Shoals Lake is important to me as a fisher person, a deer hunter, a  
\_\_\_ Camper, a wild life enthusiast I want to see the lake stay the way it is. I would also  
\_\_\_ like to see the handicapped have more access to the lake.

### What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

- \_\_\_ 3. I would like to see the businesses, resorts, docks etc. have more check and bounds  
\_\_\_ on what goes into the lake as hazardous material harms the wild life and fish and  
\_\_\_ is not healthy for people either.

### Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

- \_\_\_ 4. I enjoy the lake and don't want to see it commercialized as so many other lakes and  
\_\_\_ places are today. We are lucky to live in a beautiful area and I want to see it stay that  
\_\_\_ way.

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TO Whom This MAY CONCERN  
OR TO Who IS IN CHARGE OF This  
PROJECT OR MASTER PLANNING.

Hi, how ARE YOU today This  
VERY IMPORTANT LETTER COMES  
FROM

Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

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GITH FOR ABOUT 5 YEARS NOW  
WE

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DIAMOND CITY ARKANSAS  
WE HAVE WATER/SEWER & ELEC TO OUR  
PROPERTY

11 YEARS TO COME OUR SON AND  
DAUGHTER WHO ARE BOTH MARRIED

HAVE PLANS TO BUILD A  
VACATION HOME ON THIS PROPERTY  
ATTN, LNA WED/SEPT/3/14  
TALLEY COUNTY TIMES WHICH WE  
GET THE FRONT PAGE READ,  
"BCU SHOALS LAKE MASTER  
PLAN DISCUSSED."

ATTN IMPORTANT WE WOULD  
LOVE TO BE ABLE TO VOICE  
OUR COMMENTS ON THIS  
MASTER PLAN OR PROJECT  
AS LAND OWNERS & TAXPAYERS



# SOME OPINIONS,

#1- IN 1992 WE BOUGHT OUR FIRST

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IN BOONE COUNTY ARKANSAS ON

THE CRICKET CREEK COVE AREA

OFF OF HWY # 65/14 ON TABLE  
ROCK LAKE FOR \$4,500 WITH

221' ON TABLE ROCK LAKE

SO MY POINT IS THAT BOTH OF

OUR PROPERTIES ARE IN  
BOONE COUNTY ARKANSAS

#2- SINCE WE BOUGHT OUR 1ST

PROPERTY WE SEEK BRAIN/OK  
MO HAVE 2 BUILDING BOOMS.

2002 4:40 PM

#3- BUT WE BELIEVE THAT BRAYON  
NEEDS AND WILL SEE A 3RD BUILDING  
BOOM SOON

#4- SILVERBURYING OUR 1ST PROPERTY  
ABOUT 21 YEARS LATER.

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5 building  
WHAT'S CALLED THE "OUTDOOR  
ACADEMY"

IT LOCATED ON THE OTHER SIDE  
OF TABLE ROCK LAKE ON  
1,100 ACRES I'M GETTING  
TO A MAJOR POINT OK

#5- BRANSON HAS GROWN UP TO  
THE SOUTHERN TALEX COUNTY LINE  
TO THE NORTHER BOOLE COUNTY  
LINE OVER THE YEAR.

#6- OPINION, WE BELIEVE THAT  
BRANSON'S 3RD BOOM COULD  
TAKE PLACE IN NORTHER  
BOOLE COUNTY ARKANSAS  
ATK, WITH THE NEW  
MASTER PLAN FOR BLUE  
SHOALS LAKE.

#7- OPINION, WE BELIEVE THAT  
YOUS SHOULD ALLOW

RESORTS / LIVE MUSIC  
THEATERS & HOTELS & MOTELS  
TO BE ABLE TO BUILD ON BLUE  
SHOALS LAKE.

CITY COUNCIL SHOULD ALLOW  
NEW BUSINESSES & NEW  
COMMUNITIES TO BE BUILT ON  
BLUE SHOALS LAKE.

#8- BOULE COUNTY ARKANSAS  
IS RIGHT UNDER BRANSON  
MISSOURI

#9- OPINION, WE BELIEVE  
THAT BRANSON'S 3rd BOM



COVID AND SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN  
BOOLE COUNTY ARKANSAS AND  
IN MARION COUNTY ARKANSAS  
IT IS A NO BRAINER OK.

#10- OPINION, BUT IT'S ALL UP TO  
YOU OK.

WITH, YOU MUST SEE PLACES HAVE  
THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF  
BOONSHORNS LAKE AND ITS  
RESIDENTS WHO LIVE ON THE  
LAKE AND NEAR IT OK

#11- OPINION, BUT LOOKING  
AT OUR COMMENTS

BUH SHOALS LAKE CAN  
MAKE THESE TWO ARKANSAS  
COUNTIES BECOME A MAJOR  
TOURIST DESTINATION AND A  
EXTENSION OF BRANSON  
MISSOURI.

#12 - OPILION, BIG OUR IDEAS  
CAN ATTRACT BUSINESS/  
TOURISTS / NEW JOBS &  
NEW TAX DOLLARS, FOR  
ARKANSAS.

#13 - OPILION NORTHERN  
ARKANSAS CAN HAVE A

REAL BRIGHT FACTS REBUT IT'S  
IN YOUR HANDS.

#14 - OPINIONS YOU REALLY NEED TO  
OPEN UP BULLSHOOT TAKE TO THE THING  
THAT WE SPEAK ABOUT PLUS MORE.  
GIVE, IT'S OUR OPINION THAT THE  
TIME HAS NOW COME FOR BULL  
SHOOT TAKE TO SHINE  
TOWARDS NEW RESIDENTS/  
NEW BUSINESSMEN & THE  
MAYOR THING IS TO OPEN IT  
UP TO HEHO, LOCALISM  
LOCALISM LOCALISM.

SO WE HOPE THAT OUR LETTER  
GETS READ PLS LOOKED AT REAGAN  
(QUESTION) WE WOULD REALLY  
LOVE TO GET A LETTER BACK FROM

YOU AS OUR LETTER REASONS  
GIVEN WE WOULD LOVE TO KNOW  
WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT OUR PLAN  
& OPINIONS

WITH SO YOU BE LOOKING IN OUR MAIL  
FOR OUR LETTER BACK TO WORK

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO WORK  
SO WITH MUCH THANKS & WITH LOVE

LOVE

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

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What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

MOST - SKIING, DIVING

LEAST - FISHING

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? \_\_\_\_\_

MORE DOCK PERMITS

SCALED COURSES ALLOWED

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SEE ATTACHED

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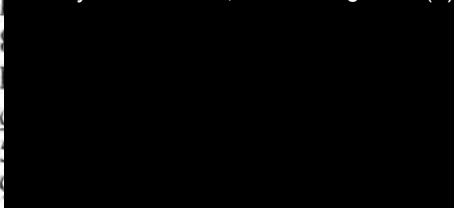
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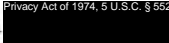
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I have been coming to Bull Shoals Lake several times per year since 1975 when I did my scuba open water checkout with the University of Missouri – Columbia. My primary interests are skiing and diving.

1 - For many years we placed a portable slalom course in Sister Creek with no issues from locals or local law enforcement. Slalom skiing is wholesome, family oriented recreation that utilizes a fairly minimal 2200' or so of a dead end cove. In August 2014 Jim Woods of Wood's Landing Resort was forced to remove a slalom course under threat of confiscation and charge for removal. There needs to be a reasonable way to accommodate this recreational use. I recommend that a portable course be allowed to be installed for up to 9 days with no permit, marked with the owner's name and local contact information. For longer than 9 days, an inexpensive permit system should be provided. There should be no liability to the course owner. This is really no different than a fisherman with jugs. If I hung a hook on each one of my slalom balls with identification and checked it once per day, would I be legal?

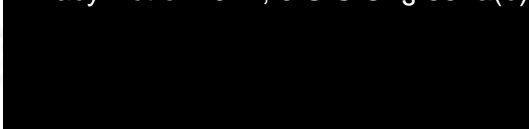
2 - I am a  and have investigated purchasing property at Lost Mine Airport near Pontiac. The primary reason I have not made a purchase is that none of the available properties comes with a dock permit. Without a dock permit to keep my ski boat on the lake, I have no interest in purchasing property. I believe the dock permit system is archaic and needs to be liberalized.

3 - I suggest some type of length limit, horsepower limit or decibel limit on boats to preclude Bull Shoals Lake becoming another Lake of the Ozarks. Single engine competition ski boats and wake board boats should be allowed.

I request a response to each of my comments above.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the revised master plan.

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See Attached

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

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What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

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***How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?***

My wife and I have been camping at Oakland Park and enjoying water sports for over 40 years at Bull Shoals Lake. We travel from the Kansas City area and have several other lake options closer to home that do not offer a clean, safe and family friendly place to camp and enjoy water sports. We hope to enjoy fishing more often as we work into retirement over the next five years. In 20 years we would like to see Bull Shoals Lake as clean, safe and family friendly as it is today.

***What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?***

*Most important* – Clean, uncrowded, safe water/lake and campgrounds. We often debate how to keep the US Army Corps of Engineer's officials, Rangers, marina operators and local lodging owners profitable without changing the uncrowded, family-oriented feeling of the Bull Shoals Lake experience.

*Least important* – Anything related to hustle and bustle and commercialism. There are plenty of other options if that is the desired activity, i.e., Branson, Lake of the Ozarks.

***What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?***

While we have mostly navigated the recreation.gov web site to reserve camping spots for several years, there have been gaps. For short weekends, single sites, reserveable camping spots are available – awesome! Once a year we have several family units together for 10 days. The ability to reserve a double camping spot would reduce the anxiety, ensuring space for everyone to socialize and eat together.

***Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:***

We have invested a lot of time, multi-generational family traditions and now money (boats, travel trailers) based around Bull Shoals Lake, Oakland Park and the US Army Corps of Engineers. While it is never easy to predict the future, and knowing the future is subject to change, any three, five, ten, twenty year plans the US Army Corps of Engineer's is able to share would be greatly appreciated.

Portable toilets to supplement the permanent restroom/shower facilities during the three major summer holiday weekends, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day.

Good luck with the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment.



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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE DEVELOPED  
HIGH DENSITY RECREATIONAL AREA / BACK END  
OF HOESHOE BEND RD  
IN BOONE COUNTY ARKANSAS

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

MOST IMPORTANT: MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE  
CLEAN / CLEAN WATER  
PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND  
AESTHETIC BEAUTY

LEAST IMPORTANT: BOATDOCKS / NO NEW FLOATING FACILITIES

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

TO ADD A PARK / NEW HIGH DENSITY RECREATIONAL AREA  
IN THE MIDDLE OF BULL SHOALS LAKE (BOONE CO. ARKANSAS)

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PLEASE REFER TO THE ATTACHED PAGE

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TO: DANA COBUAN

DATE: 9/20/14

FROM: Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

SUBJECT: THE BULL SHOALS LAKE MASTERPLAN REVISION

I BELIEVE THAT THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE  
NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED. CUMENTLY BOTH ENDS,  
BAXTER/MANION COUNTIES IN AR AND TANEY CO IN MO,  
OFFER THE ONLY HIGH DENSITY RECREATIONAL AREAS.

BY DEVELOPING THE MIDDLE PART OF THE LAKE,  
WE WOULD BE ATTRACTING NEW PUBLIC INTEREST  
WHILE THE RESIDENTS OF BOONE CO. AND HARRISON, AR  
OFFER THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF PEOPLE, (SIMILAR TO  
THE POPULATIONS OF MTN. HOME, AR AND BRANSON, MO), THEY DO  
NOT HAVE A HIGH DENISITY RECREATIONAL AREA TO ACCESS

THE AREA AT THE BACK END OF HOUNSHOE BEND TR&  
IN BOONE COUNTY IS AN IDEAL SPOT TO ADD A  
HIGH DENSITY RECREATIONAL AREA. THE "HOUNSHOE"  
CREATES A NATURAL LOCATION, THAT IF DEVELOPED,  
TO DESIGNATE FOR USE AS A PARK.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO CONSIDER MY THOUGHT.

Sincerely,

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Like to see it much the same as it is. The lake road we have as a property on (mid lake) has not changed much only 1 house built on our mile long road in the last 10 yr. Have seen the maps update & some resorts update.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Very Important (Having our dock, It was Army Corp approved under a 400' rule 10 years ago that has been changed back to a 200'. Would like to see that it is grandfathered in same as 200' because of the investment in building our dock & home. We are looking forward to our full time retirement at the lake. Least important would be to many commercial interests

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Water Quality from upper lakes ~~downstream~~

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

Effects from Bronson Area lakes on Bull Shoals water quality

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

Much the same as it is now

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

My boat dock is most important to me.

Too much commercialization -

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Water Quality

Starting at the lakes above Bull Shoals

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

Effects of the Branson area lakes on  
Bull Shoals water quality

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Cc:

[CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)

Subject:

[EXTERNAL] (no subject)

Date:

Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:49:31 PM

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Why just our Bull Shoals & Norfolk lakes, but not other lakes feeding into our system (e.g. Table Rock & Taneycomo)? This is not equitable. This causes such a fluctuation that it presents challenges for fish that are laying eggs and keeping sufficient water for hatching. In addition, it causes more work for dock owners to continually adjust dock levels and we're the ones that are continually paying taxes, not the outside tourists. We understand that this area receives a lot of outside fishermen, but the revenue from those fishing licenses are no where near the revenue from residential property taxes. We feel our concerns are being overlooked in the interests of non-residents.

Sincerely,

Bull Shoals Residents in Webb's Landing

P.S. As far as trout mortality, has any consideration been given to establishing a small dam downstream below the main dam to keep the cold water from dispersing so quickly? Or deepening the river in spots so that the river doesn't get warmed so quickly (of course there are many cons for this as well). Bottom line, the summer sun and heat is part of this locale's normal weather pattern and can and should be expected to warm waterways, especially during the hot/humid summers.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Beaver Lake Watershed Protection Strategy  
**Date:** Friday, August 22, 2014 7:43:32 PM

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Dana, it was very nice to meet and talk to you at the scoping Meeting in Mountain Home tonight.

Here is a link to the Beaver Lake watershed document I mentioned to you. I see that it is a strategy document not a watershed plan. Hopefully it will be of interest to you.

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## Plan

Tuesday, September 30, 2014 5:01:25 PM

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**From:** Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 55  
**To:** [Hiser, Jonathan A SWL](#)  
**Cc:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bull Shoals Master Plan Update Process  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 01, 2014 5:48:27 PM

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Good Morning Mr. Hiser.

This email is related to the Bull Shoals Master Plan Update Process that is currently ongoing.

I have submitted comments to MS Corburn in a prior email. They are included at the end of this email in case you did not get the chance to see them. I do not have her email address so I would appreciate your forwarding this email if you think it has value.

I understand that the process of updating the Master Plan is like being a judge in the 'cutest baby' contest – there is no right answer and everyone gets irritable at some point.

My current concern relates to private dock permits.

As I understand the process today...

- There are dock zones outlined/enumerated in the current version of the lakeshore management plan.
- There are an allotted number of docks within each dock zone
- The current notion/statement by the Corp is that until 75% of the current dock zones are occupied, no changes will be considered for new zones or expansion of existing zones.
- The 'old' rules stated that for a dock permit to be issued the access had to be in an existing zone and within 350 feet of the conservation pool height which was 654.00
- That separation distance has been subsequently reduced from 350 feet to 200 feet by regulatory processes.
- Since those rules were published the Minimum Flow initiative has been implemented. The plan apparently has now changed so that the 'new' conservation pool is at 659 to 661 feet depending on the season.

All that leads to some confusion.

As the Master Plan is developed it would be helpful to answer the following questions...

- Will the current requirement of 200' to access a private boat dock be the distance to the 'new' conservation pool height?



- What is that 'new' conservation pool height -- 659 or 660 or 661?
- Based on the answer to the first question, how many permits can actually be issued for the existing zones. As I understand the current process there might be a 'theoretical' number of docks available but when actual in-field measurements are made the number will be substantially lower because of the reduction to 200' separation distance from the prior 350' distance.
- That actual number of dock permits available might be higher based on the change definition of the conservation pool to a new height.
- Those data should be available to review and possibly include in the Master Plan Revision currently underway. Actual facts will certainly help the public conversation on this topic.

Although it would seem like a lot of work, my view is that it can be done with your current staff using Google Earth maps. Google Maps has a good measurement tool that can be applied to the current photos.

If I can be of any assistance or this email is unclear, be sure to call me for clarification.

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Cut 'n Paste of Email to MS Corburn of my comments previously submitted.

#### Primary Concern

Bull Shoals Lake is located in a primarily rural area. It is an important driver of economic activity since agricultural and mineral extraction interests are now secondary. The local communities have now become enclaves for older (senior) residents. The younger residents in the communities with children face the prospect of watching the best and brightest of those children move away for job/career reasons. One of the management goals should be the creation of industries or opportunities for economic expansion in areas not related to senior focused service industries such as food service, medical care or care giving. Only with a vibrant and growing local economy can families grow and watch their children become contributing members of the local economy.

I believe that a management goal should be supporting an economic environment that would sustain multiple-generation family units from birth to latter years.

#### 20 Year View

My view of the lake in 20 years is more 'developed'. The resort paradigm of the past is no longer viable. Most likely what is needed are changes that focus on individual ownership and the associated activity which will improve the economic activity in this area.

#### Importance of Bull Shoals

The fact of the lake and its views and recreation are important. Of equal importance is the consequence of the current regional economic isolation.

#### Changes in lake

Recognize that local economic activity is focused on better opportunities and expanded use and appreciation of the lake values and associated environs. Keeping a 97 mile long lake in a state of isolation and regulatory restriction penalizes the local community and its residents.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Changes to the maste plan  
**Date:** Thursday, September 04, 2014 5:06:43 PM

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Ms Dana Coburn,

I was in attendance at one of the meetings for possible Changes to the be made to the Master Plan. iT was very informational. However, I was under the impression that I would be able to pull up a copy of the "Master Plan" to review it in order to make my commits. There was a great deal of information put forth at the meeting and certainly a lot more than I could possible remember for long. Is the Plan available to be viewed on line?

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**From:** [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. §  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments - Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 11:59:48 PM  
**Attachments:** [Bull Shoals Comments.pdf](#)

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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached are my initial comments to the proposed Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment.

I can be reached by email or phone at [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

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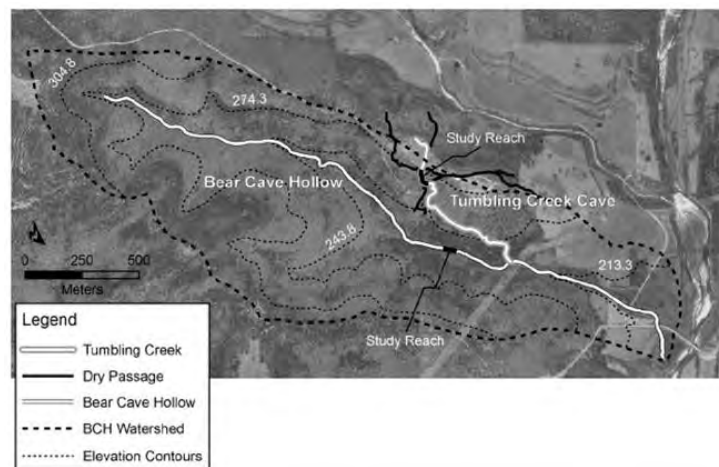
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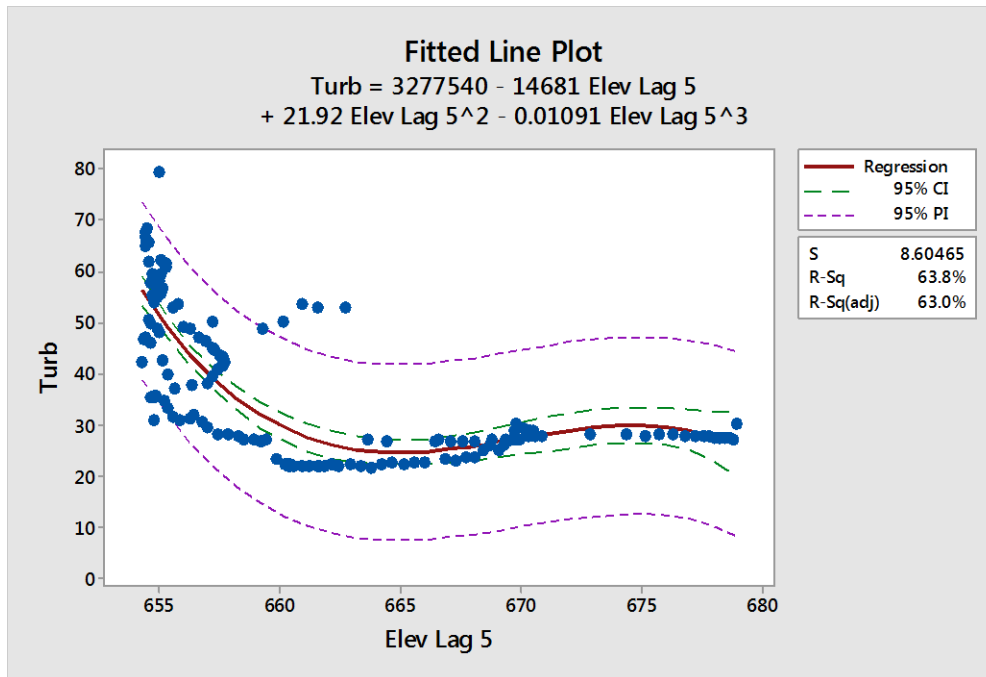
Chief Coburn:

I believe the land area bordering Big Creek in the vicinity of Bear Creek Hollow has significant environmental concerns which should be studied thoroughly prior to finalizing your Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment.

Tumbling Creek Cave, in Taney County, Missouri, is recognized as having the most diverse cave fauna of any U.S. cave west of the Mississippi River and is the only known habitat for the Tumbling Creek Snail (*Antrobia culveri*) which is currently on the federal endangered species list. The Tumbling Creek Cave Recharge Area includes approximately 9-square miles of surface area and the underground stream in Tumbling Creek Cave discharges from 20 separate springs which are located along a 2,400-foot segment of Big Creek and a 2,800-foot segment of Bear Cave Hollow which serves as one of the surface tributaries to Big Creek. Furthermore, the area of Bear Cave Hollow in between Tumbling Creek Cave and Big Creek has been designated as Critical Habitat for the Tumbling Creek Snail; electrical resistivity tomography (ERT) has confirmed both water-filled and dry conduits which traverse from Tumbling Creek Cave to the springs along Big Creek. This shallow karst aquifer system of the Tumbling Creek Recharge Area which empties into Big Creek comprises a small sub-watershed of Bull Shoals Lake and is therefore linked hydraulically to the spillway at Bull Shoals Dam. It is this linkage which makes USACE lake level decisions suspect to negatively impacting the water quality in Tumbling Creek Cave Stream.



Furthermore, my preliminary research has revealed a statistical link between dam pool elevations and the turbidity in Tumbling Creek Cave Stream. Further study is planned, but an initial analysis of pool elevations and the turbidity from June to December 2009 have revealed a non-linear (cubic) relationship between turbidity levels and a 5-day lag of pool elevations. Results provided in the graph below.



I look forward to sharing my future research results with your office and would very much like to take part in future discussions and analysis of this issue. I can be reached by email at [redacted] or by phone at [redacted].

Sincerely,

[redacted]  
 Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

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**From:** Privacy Act of 1  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Driver, Laurie SWL](#); [Townsend, Randall SWL](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments -- Bull Shoals MP Revision; USACE  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 10:00:31 PM

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To whom it may concern:

First, I want to commend the Corp, and specifically Mr. R. Jay Townsend, for its/his efforts toward soliciting the input of the public which might wish to do so. I attended the public meeting at Forsyth and found it to be informative and the staff present friendly and helpful. Please find my comments for the above-referenced matter below:

1) General

a) "How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years"

i) We envision, ideally, that the USACE work toward a balance which both improves protection of the damaged riverine environment caused by the lake and strives to increase the benefits of the lake to adjacent landowners and visitors alike. We believe this can be accomplished through efforts by the USACE to increase utilization in the upper reaches of the lake of former "bottom land" through leasing to adjacent land owners for agricultural purposes and/or for the establishment of food plots to encourage wildlife habitation; by focusing the necessary "buffer zone" to a scientifically-justified methods and size, measured from a defined reference line (opposed to the arbitrary selection of "section lines") through decreasing the size thereof and increasing protection of the smaller zone. Also, establishing another ferry or allowing another ferry or bridge would be very helpful to those residing and owning land on the east side of the upper reaches of the lake to access current population centers and the services which are provided in those locals, thus allowing for the mitigation of damages to that population caused by the lake project.

b) "What about Bull Shoals Lake is most ... least important to you?"

i) It is very important to us that the lake is as least impactful to the adjacent landowners as possible and that they are allowed to use the surface lands of the project, in many instances, formerly owned by the same families.

c) "What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?"

i) As previously mentioned, increased utilization of our family's former landholdings forcibly acquired by the USACE would soften the impact this project has caused our family. Our family has resided in the vicinity of the mouth of Beaver Creek in Taney County since the fall of 1818, as memorialized in the published journal of the explorer Henry Schoolcraft. From that time, for over 130 years until the land for the lake was acquired, our family farmed the river bottom land and also during an extended period of that time, operated a ferry across the river known as "Blackwell Ferry". When the land was acquired for the lake, market values for the prime bottom ground were, in hindsight, poorly determined to account for the loss of income from agricultural endeavors; and also because comparable land sales used to determine the value of said land ("comps") were limited because this land was typically not sold, but passed from father to son, and thus the sales of the adjacent hill country affected the valuation of the bottom land, albeit nearly worthless at that time being steep, rough, and not readily capable of sustaining crops. The seemingly-arbitrary shoreline regulations, which in many cases lack scientific justification, is unduly burdensome to adjacent landowners. This adds insult to injury, particularly in light of the lake's main objective, "flood control" (of agricultural lands downstream of the dam), obviously at the expense of agricultural lands within the project boundary. It is further troubling, in hindsight, that this expensive and impactful project is not especially effective at protecting these downstream lands, especially given subsequent revisions to the management of lake levels, etc.

2) Section 2-01

i) COMMENT: The land holdings following section lines provides in places for excessive holdings, and in others deficiencies. Consider allowing reversions.

ii) COMMENT: Need to update elevation reference to modern standards.

3) Section 2-02

a) COMMENT: The "Empire District Electric Co. Dam" is called "Ozark Beach Dam" officially and is locally referred to as "Lake Taneycomo Dam".

4) Section 2-03a

a) COMMENT: This section is poorly referenced and needs updated.

5) Section 2-05b

a) COMMENT: The projection of expected visitors used, glaringly in hindsight, did not account for improvements to surrounding surface transportation infrastructure.

6) Section 2-05b(4)(b)

a) COMMENT: Even as eluded to therein, the factor of "visitors/acre/year" does not seem to be a very effective way to evaluate park effectiveness.

b) COMMENT: It is apparent, even in light of the high projected visitation in the current master plan, that the surface land surrounding the lake is well in excess of that necessary to support responsible, sustainable lake recreation.

7) Section 4-05c(2)

a) COMMENT: Section extensively describes the process for agricultural leasing of non-inundated project lands, which is not currently practiced despite the lack of amendment in the current master plan to account for this travesty.

8) Section 5-09

a) COMMENT: Many of the factors mentioned affecting water quality have, or can be, easily mitigated by now common methods of sewer treatment, etc. Also, we find this section to be contradictory to the conclusions made in previous and following sections of the master plan regarding land use of the area which contributes runoff to the project area. Regardless, land use has significantly changed to the benefit of "naturalificaiton" of the watershed.

Cordially,

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On Mon, Aug 18, 2014 at 2:14 PM, Townsend, Randall SWL <Randall.Townsend@usace.army.mil> wrote:

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Caveats: NONE

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I've just completed loading the Bull Shoals Master Plan Supplements to our website. Sorry for the delay. The document has been giving me trouble all weekend. It seems to be working now.

<http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/BullShoalsLakeMasterPlanRevision.aspx>

Thanks

JT

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

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Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 12:48 PM

To: Townsend, Randall SWL

Cc: Driver, Laurie SWL; CESWL-BS Master Plan

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Current Master Plan -- Bull Shoals MP Revision; USACE (UNCLASSIFIED)

Mr. Townsend:

Thank you for your quick action on this! This will be helpful in preparing thoughtful comments. I'm sure you had to put some effort into getting that old thing scanned.



On the aforementioned webpage, 31 supplements to 1975 plan were referenced. I assume these are indexed and that the index and specific items could also be made available on the web?

Again, thank you very much for your attention to this.

Cordially,

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Here is a link to the 1975 Master Plan:

[http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Portals/50/docs/planningandenvironmental/Bull%20Shoals%20Master%20Plan\\_April%201975%20-%201.pdf](http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Portals/50/docs/planningandenvironmental/Bull%20Shoals%20Master%20Plan_April%201975%20-%201.pdf)

Thanks

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Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 2:07 PM

To: Townsend, Randall SWL; Driver, Laurie SWL

Cc: CESWL-BS Master Plan

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Current Master Plan -- Bull Shoals MP Revision; USACE

Mr. Townsend / Ms. Driver:

I've learned of the Corp's recent effort to initiate revision of the current master plan for the Bull Shoals Project. I've reviewed the news release, revision webpage, and otherwise searched the Corp's project website but was unable to locate the current master plan for review -- could you send me a scanned copy and/or would the Corp publish a link to this document for folks to review?

Thank you,

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<http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Media/NewsReleases/tabid/7165/Article/493980/corps-to-host-workshops-for-bull-shoals-master-plan-revisions.aspx>

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On Wed, Aug 13, 2014 at 2:06 PM, Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

Mr. Townsend / Ms. Driver:

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Townsend, Randall SWL](#); [Driver, Laurie SWL](#)  
**Cc:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Current Master Plan -- Bull Shoals MP Revision; USACE  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 2:06:51 PM

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Mr. Townsend / Ms. Driver:

I've learned of the Corp's recent effort to initiate revision of the current master plan for the Bull Shoals Project. I've reviewed the news release, revision webpage, and otherwise searched the Corp's project website but was unable to locate the current master plan for review -- could you send me a scanned copy and/or would the Corp publish a link to this document for folks to review?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Information  
**Date:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 12:10:38 AM

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I was sent this mes from neighbor's that I have on bulk shoals lake near oakland arkansas could you send info on what changes are saught

To be changed please I cannot make any of the meetings thank you [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Information  
**Date:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 12:01:32 AM

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Could you send me the revision please I can not make the meetings for input thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [noreply@dma.mil](mailto:noreply@dma.mil)  
**To:** [CESWL-PA SWL](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Little Rock District Contact Form: Bull Shaols Master plan.  
**Date:** Friday, September 26, 2014 12:09:05 PM

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This message was sent from the Little Rock District website.

Message From: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

Response requested: Yes

Message:

To whom it may concern,

I am looking at buying property on Bull Shoals Lake and I believe it would be in the best interest of the intire area to expaned the public use of the lake with more marina's and private boat docks. And if possible more consistant control of lake levels.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C.

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**From:** [noreply@dma.mil](mailto:noreply@dma.mil)  
**To:** [CESWL-PA SWL](#); [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)]  
[Redacted]  
**Date:** Thursday, September 04, 2014 7:54:34 PM Bull Shoal Lake Master Plan Revision

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This message was sent from the Little Rock District website.

Message From: [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)]

[Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)]

Response requested: Yes

Message:

Please forward my input to the Master Plan to the appropriate office. Thank You, [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)]

1st of all, I would like to complement the Corps in a good job in lake management.

Some thoughts to consider in the revision:

1. The minimum flow has impacted numerous individuals that own docks on Bull Shoals lake, primarily in access to the docks. Are the new seasonal lake levels locked, or will they be adjusted as time passes to determine the optimum levels. In the info on the web page it talks about the new level being 5 feet about the old normal (654). But I have read that the summer pool is 661. The 661 level creates access to some docks over rock bluffs with dock ramps nearly impossible to reach. If the new level is 659, access is much easier to the docks. I recognize it is tough to maintain water levels, but if 659 works, please consider that as the new norm.
2. The increasing number of "wake" boats are creating larger waves and impacting shore line erosion and dock damage. Request you consider restricting operation of these boats to more than 100 feet from docks and shoreline. Maybe 200 feet. Or limit them to the main channel.
3. Require lake resort owners post no wake zone informational signs on their docks informing their guests about no wake areas (stay 100 feet from all docks or maintain idle speeds within 100 feet of docks and shore).
4. Allow small cove dock owners permission to install "no wake buoys" in their coves.

Thank you,

[Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)]

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**From:** [noreply@dma.mil](mailto:noreply@dma.mil)  
**To:** [CESWL-PA SWL](#); [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Little Rock District Contact Form: Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan  
**Date:** Thursday, September 04, 2014 3:23:38 PM

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Message From: [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

[REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

Response requested: No

Message:

Many years ago, Sen. Sheid had proposed building a bridge between the town of Bull Shoals and a future recreation site known as Ozark Isle. That bridge would have not only opened up recreational facilities for people of the area as well as visitors, but it would have connected the County of Marion which is split in half by the lake itself. The concept seemed quite interesting at the time for many reasons. One, a bridge would have opened a causeway linking the North side of the lake to the south creating more traffic to the County and stimulating commerce and economic opportunity for the whole region. Secondly, it could attract many visitors seeking fishing and recreational activities that Bull Shoals Lake provides including the potential use of Ozark Isle and the many other properties in the area. My question is, has the USACE given any thoughts to Sen. Sheid's proposals of long ago. I would appreciate any information in regards to the development of this area. Sincerely, [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Master Plan question  
**Date:** Friday, August 22, 2014 8:46:33 AM

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Dear USACE,

Now that the Bull Shoals Dam Site Park is closed and the buildings removed, is the land going to be "rezoned" to non-state park Corp land?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974  
[REDACTED] [Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Masterplan revisions  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 2:42:34 PM

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I only have 1 thought on this subject. If there is a need for this because something is not functional without any changes then fine. If you're changing it just to justify your jobs and make things more difficult as government usually does I won't support you.

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**From:** [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)]  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)]  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Twin Lakes  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:14:53 AM

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Hi Dana. Are the upcoming workshops for Bull Shoals Lake only or are you holding them for Norfolk Lake at the same times and locations?

If Norfolk Lake isn't part of this one, do you have an estimate for when the Norfolk Lake Master Plan Revision is likely to begin?

Thanks!

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**From:** [Coburn, Dana O SWL](#)  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Porter, Tony SWL](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Bull Shoals Master Plan Update Process (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Date:** Thursday, October 02, 2014 8:07:28 AM

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Caveats: NONE

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

From: Hiser, Jonathan A SWL  
Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2014 7:54 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Coburn, Dana O SWL  
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Bull Shoals Master Plan Update Process (UNCLASSIFIED)

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[REDACTED]

Thanks for your interest in the Bull Shoals master plan process and I'm copying Ms. Coburn on this response to ensure she is in receipt of your comments.

Your concerns and questions regarding private floating facilities are addressed by the shoreline management plan (SMP) which was originally known as the lakeshore management plan. The current plan was approved in 2006 and is posted on the Bull Shoals Lake website <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Lakes/BullShoalsLake/ShorelineManagement.aspx> and I believe this may answer many of questions.

The master plan is the over-arching guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed in the future through the classification of public land. The master plan does not address the details of how and where shoreline use permits may be issued, however it does set the stage for implementation of the shoreline management program. After the master plan is revised, the operational management plan will be revised, and shoreline management plan may be revised based upon the outcome of the master plan revision, to be consistent with the goals identified in the master plan.

Again, I appreciate your interest and please contact me should have additional questions.

Jon Hiser  
Operations Project Manager (Acting)  
Bull Shoals and Norfolk Dams and Lakes  
870-425-2700, ext 1432

[REDACTED]

October 01, 2014 5:48 PM

To: Hiser, Jonathan A SWL  
Cc: CESWL-BS Master Plan  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bull Shoals Master Plan Update Process

Good Morning Mr. Hiser.

This email is related to the Bull Shoals Master Plan Update Process that is currently ongoing.

I have submitted comments to MS Corburn in a prior email. They are included at the end of this email in case you did not get the chance to see them. I do not have her email address so I would appreciate your forwarding this email if you think it has value.

I understand that the process of updating the Master Plan is like being a judge in the 'cutest baby' contest – there is no right answer and everyone gets irritable at some point.

My current concern relates to private dock permits.

As I understand the process today...

- There are dock zones outlined/enumerated in the current version of the lakeshore management plan.
- There are an allotted number of docks within each dock zone
- The current notion/statement by the Corp is that until 75% of the current dock zones are occupied, no changes will be considered for new zones or expansion of existing zones.
- The 'old' rules stated that for a dock permit to be issued the access had to be in an existing zone and within 350 feet of the conservation pool height which was 654.00
- That separation distance has been subsequently reduced from 350 feet to 200 feet by regulatory processes.
- Since those rules were published the Minimum Flow initiative has been implemented. The plan apparently has now changed so that the 'new' conservation pool is at 659 to 661 feet depending on the season.

All that leads to some confusion.

As the Master Plan is developed it would be helpful to answer the following questions...

- Will the current requirement of 200' to access a private boat dock be the distance to the 'new' conservation pool height?
- What is that 'new' conservation pool height -- 659 or 660 or 661?
- Based on the answer to the first question, how many permits can actually be issued for the existing zones. As I understand the current process there might be a 'theoretical' number of docks available but when actual in-field measurements are made the number will be substantially lower because of the reduction to 200' separation distance from the prior 350' distance.
- That actual number of dock permits available might be higher based on the change definition of the conservation pool to a new height.
- Those data should be available to review and possibly include in the Master Plan Revision

currently underway. Actual facts will certainly help the public conversation on this topic.

Although it would seem like a lot of work, my view is that it can be done with your current staff using Google Earth maps. Google Maps has a good measurement tool that can be applied to the current photos.

If I can be of any assistance or this email is unclear, be sure to call me for clarification.

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Cut 'n Paste of Email to MS Corburn of my comments previously submitted.

#### Primary Concern

Bull Shoals Lake is located in a primarily rural area. It is an important driver of economic activity since agricultural and mineral extraction interests are now secondary. The local communities have now become enclaves for older (senior) residents. The younger residents in the communities with children face the prospect of watching the best and brightest of those children move away for job/career reasons. One of the management goals should be the creation of industries or opportunities for economic expansion in areas not related to senior focused service industries such as food service, medical care or care giving. Only with a vibrant and growing local economy can families grow and watch their children become contributing members of the local economy.

I believe that a management goal should be supporting an economic environment that would sustain multiple-generation family units from birth to latter years.

#### 20 Year View

My view of the lake in 20 years is more 'developed'. The resort paradigm of the past is no longer viable. Most likely what is needed are changes that focus on individual ownership and the associated activity which will improve the economic activity in this area.

#### Importance of Bull Shoals

The fact of the lake and its views and recreation are important. Of equal importance is the consequence of the current regional economic isolation.

#### Changes in lake

Recognize that local economic activity is focused on better opportunities and expanded use and appreciation of the lake values and associated environs. Keeping a 97 mile long lake in a state of isolation and regulatory restriction penalizes the local community and its residents.



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**From:** [Coburn, Dana O SWL](#)  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Porter, Tony SWL](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: BS Master Plan comment (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 3:24:09 PM

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

From: Driver, Laurie SWL  
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 03:09 PM Central Standard Time  
To: Coburn, Dana O SWL  
Subject: BS Master Plan comment (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

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

**Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)**

Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2014 3:09 PM  
To: Driver, Laurie SWL  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: test (UNCLASSIFIED)

Ms. Driver, These CESWL addresses do not seem to operate. Please forward my input to the proper address. Thank you.

Thank you for accepting inputs for such an important project.

The things that are most important to me about the lake is the clean water, safe environment, and serenity.

My interest is primarily in the Music Creek area. I enjoy the level of activity that exists there now. I would support and would vote for the area and any proposed development be kept or changed to a low density level.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the process. I will continue to be in touch as the updated plan progresses.

Regards,

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**On Tuesday, September 30, 2014 3:06 PM, "Driver, Laurie SWL" <Laurie.T.Driver@usace.army.mil> wrote:**

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**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#); [Singleton, Robert SWL](#); [Porter, Tony SWL](#)  
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Please add this to the Agency Comment folder.

Thanks,  
Dana

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**From:** [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

[REDACTED] August 15, 2014 3:16 PM

**To:** Coburn, Dana O SWL

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Revision of Bull Shoals Master Plan - Scoping Meeting on Environmental Assessment

Ms. Coburn: EPA is interested in the Corps update of the Bull Shoals Plan, however, we cannot attend the scoping meeting. We take this opportunity to ask that the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines be fully implemented in this planning. Thank you for inviting us to participate. [REDACTED]

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Much the same as it is today. Not over commercialized with restricted access especially in the more narrow area of the lake between Powersite Dam and marker #33.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important is new access restrictions - keeping our lake clean, and not over crowded.

Least important is the increase in new public access points

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

No changes. Keep as much of the original or current Master Plan intact as possible

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

No additional access or zone changes between markers 33-39 and above to Powersite Dam with specific focus between markers 33+35 as well as between 37+38 as these small, narrow areas of the lake have ample public access, public docks, & markers

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

The same as it is today - Sept 29, 2014

DO NOT want to see Bull Shoals becoming like:  
Lake of the Ozarks, Table Rock, Beaver, etc..

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Important - Fishing, kayaking, boating - No development  
along the shores. Having a Clean Lake,  
any homes or resorts built near the lake have  
documented approved septic systems.  
Older homes & resorts be monitored about older systems  
leaking into the lake. - Boat Docks needing permits (important)

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

No Change

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Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

I want my grandchildren & great to be able to  
use a clean lake the way I have w/o overdevelopment.

classification - Low Density Recreation

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

I would like to see Bull Shoals Lake as pristine & uncrowded as it is today. The lake is beautiful and clean & I have no reservations of my grandchildren playing in it. I plan to retire on the lake.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

My family picks at Bull Shoals Lake from around the state to be together. I think of the lake as my legacy to my grandchildren & I hope that they will continue to go to the lake when they are grown with children. We stress to them not to litter & pick up trash if we see it, to keep "our lake" clean. I can't think of anything about the lake "not important".

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Access to our dock - we have a very long walk down the mountain which is a challenge even to my athletic 16 year old. 2 of the 4 owners of our dock cannot get down the walk any more. I would like to be able to drive a truck down ~~at least part way~~ - we would make the path according to specification of the Corps & pay a permit fee. It's hard to see others with trucks & four wheelers at their docks & understand why some cars & others can't. We have to pick up our parents & grandchildren at Yoken Bend & then hope they don't trip on a cable or step through the board on the dock. I know money is tight. Perhaps a permit fee to park

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at Yoken Bend to put toward upkeep of dock & parking lot

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I think the area around Big music could be changed to low density recreation or wild life management area - no need for more parks now - hard to maintain what we have

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I DON'T WANT  
TO SEE ANY MORE BOAT DOCKS OR MARINAS  
CLEAN UP DOWN TREES AND WOOD ON CORP  
LAND

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
WATER CLARITY AND ~~QUALITY~~ QUALITY

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? BOAT DOCKS  
UP DATED AND REPAIRED

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** A pristine, primitive lake with clean water and protected natural habitat for wildlife and migrating birds and butterflies. A place attractive to low density use.

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**  
MOST: Quiet, uncrowded, natural with bird, plant and animal sighting. Clean water. Private docks permitted in specified areas.

LEAST: Development that would attract boats and crowds like Lake of the Ozarks. Hunting.

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** Clean water.

**Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:**  
would like to see areas not developed now revert to environmentally sensitive and be closed to development in the future.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Unchanged, with no  
new commercial development on Corps land.  
Natural areas protected.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Most important: That private docks are permitted in  
specific areas. That the lake remain uncrowded and  
relatively unspoiled.

Least important: Commercial development. Hunting.  
Large powerboats

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Unchanged

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Areas not developed now (shown in red) should be  
reclassified as environmentally sensitive and  
closed to development (shown in green).

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

pretty much the same as the lake is now. The clean water. It would be nice to see the areas surrounding the lake (towns) improved to bring people to the lake. To much distress areas surround the lake. (Not like Lake of the Ozarks)

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

the water quality is important, the scenic aspects. This is a recreational area fishing brings people - the enjoyment of being on the water (family friendly) (the intire lake and area is important.)

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

more clean up of log debris etc. I'd like to see more use for people like camping - day areas - launching - allow planned activities (races - tournaments)

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

There seems to be too much (single control) of areas. There is plenty of room for more nice lodging and activity. a little competition is good in the business aspect. It must be planned for all not just a few!

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Nice clear lake  
not too over crowded with boats, but needs  
camp grounds like Spring Creek reopened, more  
residential & commercial building needs to happen  
in order for things to thrive.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

The beautiful water ways and keeping it that way  
But there still has to be development to keep the  
lake life for people alive.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Lake restaurants across  
from water, more camp grounds

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

When you go to the Ozark Co. tax sale and you  
can't even get a bid on land there is something bad  
wrong. That tells me that the Theodosia area is  
dying, we can't keep more than one restaurant.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I WOULD LIKE THE AREAS AROUND THE LAKE TO GROW NOT DIE. KEEPING THE REGULATIONS SO STRICT HAVE VERY NEGATIVE AFFECTS ON THE PEOPLE AND FUTURE OF THE LAKE. THE LAKE IS GOING BACKWARDS NOT FORWARDS LIKE IT SHOULD.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? THE WATER QUALITY, THE FISHING QUALITY, BEING ABLE TO DO WHAT I WANT WITH MY DOCK, LIKE IMPROVEMENTS

LEAST IMPORTANT YOUR RULES ABOUT DRIVING TO YOUR DOCK AND KEEPING GRASS CUT OR NOT BEING ABLE TO CLEAR OUT BRUSH + GRASS + TREES.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? MORE DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE AREAS SO THE TOWNS STAY ALIVE, LET PEOPLE ENJOY THEIR DOCKS. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE FUN LIKE PUTTING A SLIDE, OR DIVING BOARD ON THEM SO KIDS CAN BE KIDS.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: YOU SHOULD NOT MAKE IT SO HARD TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR PRIVATE DOCK IT TAKES WAY TO MUCH TIME TO GET ANYTHING DONE

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? \_\_\_\_\_

I would like it to be as beautiful and clear water as it is today but with a few more restaurants - Not a lot - just so you would be able to stop & have lunch & enjoy the beauty of the lake.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Keeping our lake clear is very important. I think Bull Shoals is still very clean - I fear the lakes that dump into our lake may not be as clean. Want to be sure they have better inspections of septic, since they have many condos & houses right on the lake. Don't want that to flow over to

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? To be a little lenient on what we can do on our private dock. Such as making improvements without having to go through a lot of paper work. Maybe they should have a board saying what you can do & how you can improve your dock. Should be able to use your dock to enjoy the lake.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_

Even though I wouldn't want it to become a lake of the Ozarks or even Table Rock, I would like to see a few improvement to help what businesses are here. I have been coming here for 137 years & it seems like this lake is going backwards instead of forward.

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** *I would like to see more accessibility to the lake in terms of boat launches and marinas. I think the area classifications should remain as they are and not become more restrictive. I think it should be available for people to be able to get to the water and have access to it with less restriction - certainly not more restriction.*

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** *The lake and shoreline should be opened up so people can walk safely along the shoreline. The dead trees etc need to be cleared so they don't present fire danger to adjoining properties. Adding additional restrictions and conditions is detrimental to the people who are neighbors of the lake.*

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** *More areas for public use. Such as marinas and boat launches.*

**Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:**

*I think people who own adjoining property should be able to have a safe pathway to the lake. I think they should be able to clear debris and dead branches etc to reduce fire threats. I think additional restriction on lake areas would be very unfair as it would change the way the lake could be enjoyed. I think tourism would be negatively affected.*

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? CLEAN, USEABLE, ACCESSIBLE  
I ~ ALL CURRENT PUBLIC AREAS... POLLUTION IS MAIN CONCERN  
IN MY OPINION... MANY AREAS THAT ARE IN CLOSE PROXIMITY  
TO THE LAKE, MAY NEED MORE ADEQUATE SANITATION PROGRAMS..  
SO SEWAGE, ETC., DOES NOT ENTER THE LAKE BED...  
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE BULL SHOALS CLEANER IN 20 YRS. THAN IT IS TODAY!

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
I THINK IF POSSIBLE, KEEP NORMAL POOL @ 659...  
CLEAN LAKE IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO MY FAMILY...

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? MORE AAV PERMITS...  
AS PEOPLE AGE, THEY RETIRE, AND IF FORTUNATE TO HAVE  
A BOAT DOCK, LOSE ABILITY TO ACCESS DUE TO HEALTH ISSUES...  
COMMON SENSE, AND SPECIFIC PATHS FOR USAGE TO LAKE WOULD BE GREAT...

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: \_\_\_\_\_  
BE UNDERSTANDING TO THE PUBLIC. KEEP LAW USAGE AREAS  
AVAILABLE FOR NEW BOAT DOCK PERMITS... HOWEVER FAR  
AWAY THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER IS TO LAKE ACCESS.  
SHARE WITH THE PUBLIC CONCERNS AND PLANS FOR THE NEW MASTER  
PLAN BEFORE PUTTING THE NEW PLAN INTO ACTION...

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? To keep the land that surrounds the lake natural as it is. No more big boats! Leave the number of boat slips as it is. Add sewer hookups to campgrounds.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

The peacefulness and quietness of the lake, the wildlife, the natural undeveloped land around the lake. The low number of boats unlike TR. The depth of the lake unlike a mud hole lake. Having access to a water supply near home.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? No more water intakes, that destroyed the natural beauty of the shore line. Stop #'s of slips from increasing.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? I would like more boat launch access to the lake.  
I think the present classifications of shore line use should remain unchanged, except to allow better access to shore line.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? That we have easier access to the shoreline is most important. Least important is that present area classifications become more restrictive.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? More public areas to dock your boat.

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?**

Much as it is today - Hopefully not quite as much fluctuation from High to low levels - I know there will be more public usage, but the visitor areas are quite well managed and boat traffic still moderate

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**

Most important - the pristine environment, and clear, unpolluted water - For the 40 years I've been coming - (35 of them as permanent resident) the clarity has deteriorated a bit, but it is still amazingly clean and inviting  
Least important would be any high density development (amusement parks, etc)

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?**

Expansion of suitable boat dock facilities for private owners  
I own a residential airport - we built the original boat access road, a community dock would be a great asset - ~~another~~ <sup>adding more</sup>

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There are 5 small docks in our permitted cove. If the (available) parking could be allowed to develop and the docks enlarged we could serve more owners without adding an additional access road to the environment

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

No further improvements.  
I would like to see in it's natural state

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Staying in its natural state → important  
Improvements → Avoid

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

No further changes

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Just the way it is!

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Cleanliness and uncrowded.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? Boat dock zoning should be viewed individually instead of the blanket set of guidelines. For example, zone #283 was closed because we had more than 200 feet from our property to the water. It was the perfect place

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for a dock because it was out of the main traffic area. The people across Trimble Creek from us had less than 200 feet so they were allowed to have a dock even though they are in the main traffic area for skiers. They are always complaining about the wakes. I wish you would reconsider opening zone 283. Thank you.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? My preference is for it to remain the same as it is now

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? Most important: Boating, fishing, & the solitude. I would hope large cruiser type boats would not be allowed in the upper part of the lake - say above the 34 mile marker.  
Least important: Flood control

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? More consideration for stable lake level above the NM 34 during the fish spawn

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? CLEAN WATER  
THAT IS TRANSPARENT LIKE IT IS NOW. NO  
BIG INCREASE IN BOATING TRAFFIC.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you? THE FEWER HOUSES ALLOWED WITHIN THE VIEW  
OF THE LAKE THE BETTER. ALSO, PLEASE  
RESTRICT THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE BOAT DOCKS  
ON THE LAKE WHICH JUST CLUTTER UP THE COVES.  
SOME OF THESE PEOPLE THINK THEY OWN THE COVE  
ALONG WITH THE BOAT DOCK.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? REDOING THE BOAT  
RAMP AT JIMMIES CREEK WOULD REALLY HELP  
ESPECIALLY IN THE SUMMER WHEN IT IS TOO LOW TO LET  
A BOAT DOWN. A BOAT DOCK THERE WOULD EVEN BE  
BETTER.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

*Much the same as it was 20 years ago and remains today. Not over commercialized and somewhat restricted access especially in the ~~more~~ more narrow area of the lake between Powersite Dam and Marker #33.*

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

*Most important is the ~~history~~ history of new access restrictions.*

*Least important to me is the number of public access points.*

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

*No changes. Leave as much of the current Master Plan in the New Master Plan as possible.*

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

*No additional access or zone changes between Markers #33 to Marker #39 and above to Powersite Dam with specific focus between Markers #33 & 35 as well as between #37 & 38 as these are small, narrow areas of the lake already have ample public access and points, ~~and~~ private docks, & public marinas.*

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?** I would like to see Bull Shoals Lake remain relatively undeveloped. Except for some more docks and some more houses the lake has not changed that much since I was a kid. I think that if people want a highly developed area Table Rock Lake is right next door. Keeping Bull Shoals Lake undeveloped provides a unique recreational experience that is hard to find.

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?** I have been coming to Bull Shoals Lake since I was a child. I now bring my family to the lake and I own property on the lake. Bull Shoals Lake is unique and wonderful in that it has a "wilderness" feel. It provides for an amazing recreational experience to visitors. This is what is most important to me. Least important would be further development. I think there are many old resorts and parks which are in decline. These areas should be developed to their potential instead of making more land open to development.

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** I would like to see a decrease in land zoned for high density recreation, and more land zoned environmentally sensitive or low density recreation. Specifically, I would like to see MUSIC CREEK PARK - FUTURE changed to an environmentally sensitive area. This area is remote and difficult to get to by land, and I know that people who live in this area would like to see the option for development removed.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years? Still very natural, much like it is currently. The unique and appealing aspect of Bull Shoals is the truly restful, relaxing atmosphere. Building more high-density use areas, would severely and negatively impact the character of Bull Shoals Lake.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?  
Most important - maintaining the quieter, restful, natural character of Bull Shoals Lake.

Least important - building resorts/increasing lake traffic by adding many high-density rec. areas.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake? see below

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:  
① Reduce the number of areas designated currently as "high-density" especially when access to those areas is difficult by land.  
Specifically - Change "Music Creek Park - Future" to an area zoned low-density or environmentally sensitive.

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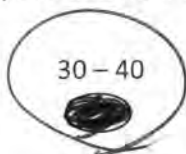
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Wendland area, at the end of Moon Bend Rd. Cedar Creek m.  
Lots of Boats use the Boat Ramp when its not under water.  
The Locals keep the park clean & mowed, we would like to see  
a better Boat Ramp & a Courtesy Dock. "Please"

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Fishing & Recreation are very Important, and water quality

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Lake Level to Stay About  
655 so that we can use Boat Ramp, need a courtesy  
dock, or Boat Ramp Improvements.

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Improvements in the Woodland area, at the end of Moore Bend Rd, Cedar Creek, MO. This AREA is very busy, especially on weekends & holidays. The boat access is NOT the best. Locals keep the area mowed & picked up, we would just like a better Ramp, and a Courtesy dock.

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**

Fishing and Recreation are very important, as is water quality and Conservation.

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?** Other than what is mentioned above, the Lake levels kept at 1655!

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**From:** [Townsend, Randall SWL](#)  
**To:** [Jim Fisher](#); [Driver, Laurie SWL](#)  
**Cc:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Current Master Plan -- Bull Shoals MP Revision; USACE (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 13, 2014 2:56:41 PM

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I will have the current Master Plan on the website shortly. Thanks for bringing this to our attention.

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To: Townsend, Randall SWL; Driver, Laurie SWL  
Cc: CESWL-BS Master Plan  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Current Master Plan -- Bull Shoals MP Revision; USACE

Mr. Townsend / Ms. Driver:

I've learned of the Corp's recent effort to initiate revision of the current master plan for the Bull Shoals Project. I've reviewed the news release, revision webpage, and otherwise searched the Corp's project website but was unable to locate the current master plan for review -- could you send me a scanned copy and/or would the Corp publish a link to this document for folks to review?

Thank you,

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<http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Media/NewsReleases/tabid/7165/Article/493980/corps-to-host-workshops-for-bull-shoals-master-plan-revisions.aspx>

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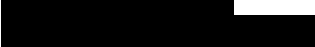
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**From:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**To:** Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b) [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Information (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Date:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 10:59:32 AM

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I would ask that you please visit our website, <http://go.usa.gov/5JcC> , for more information about the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan revision process. You will find a fact sheet as well as the comment form for this phase of the process. The comment form has specific questions we are looking for answers to help us focus on the public's concerns.

We are accepting comments from now through September 30, 2014. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

Dana Coburn on behalf of the Bull Shoals Master Plan Revision Team

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

From: Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 12:11 AM

To: CESWL-BS Master Plan

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Information

I was sent this mes from neighbor's that I have on bulk shoals lake near oakland arkansas could you send info on what changes are saught

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## Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



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Feel free to take an extra form and send it back by September 30, 2014, to USACE at the addresses below.

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How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

Quite Pristine as it is now.

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?

Most important is my husband's connection to the lake throughout his life.

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

None

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

No changes in the upper Missouri arm above Marker #33 as the lake is narrow and crowded enough now.

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, fax or the project website with attention to: Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Fax: (501) 324-5605, Email: [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil)

Website: <http://go.usa.gov/5hGF>

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by September 30, 2014.

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**How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?**

The same slow growth which has been maintained since my dad was the Area Manager for Caney Mountain Missouri Conservation Refuge where I grew up. We were when President Truman dedicated it and spent every possible moment from then on with my dad then my family on the lake. Would hate to see it change much before I go as well as for my family to continue to enjoy it.

**What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is the least important to you?**

Time & memories spent with my family.

**What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?**

Few to None

**Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:**

No changes in the upper Missouri arm between Markers #33 & #34 and above to Powersite Dam. This area of the lake is small, narrow, & already has enough access & traffic. The areas between Markers #33 & #35 and #34 & #35 contain some of the most pristine & beautiful areas of the lake including Priney-Mancy Conservation Areas as well as the old Skaggs Ranch and should be left as is.

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## Appendix G

# Agency Scoping Comments

Agency Scoping Workshop Notes, Priorities Exercise Results  
Agency Comments

**From:** [Coburn, Dana O SWL](#)  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan - Agency Scoping Meeting 8/21/2014 (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Date:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 12:33:35 PM

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**From:** [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 14, 2014 12:10 PM  
**To:** Coburn, Dana O SWL  
**Cc:** [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)]  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan - Agency Scoping Meeting 8/21/2014

Dana –

[Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)] will be attending the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan agency scoping meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2014, in Mountain Home, Arkansas. We appreciate the invitation and being included in the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan revision process.

Also, please update your records to include me as your Southwestern point of contact for these kinds of activities, initiatives, and correspondence in the future. [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)] [Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)]

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**From:** [Coburn, Dana O SWL](#)  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#); [Singleton, Robert SWL](#); [Porter, Tony SWL](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Revision of Bull Shoals Master Plan - Scoping Meeting on Environmental Assessment (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Date:** Friday, August 15, 2014 3:22:58 PM

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Please add this to the Agency Comment folder.

Thanks,  
Dana

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From: [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)  
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 3:16 PM  
To: Coburn, Dana O SWL  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Revision of Bull Shoals Master Plan - Scoping Meeting on Environmental Assessment

Ms. Coburn: EPA is interested in the Corps update of the Bull Shoals Plan, however, we cannot attend the scoping meeting. We take this opportunity to ask that the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines be fully implemented in this planning. Thank you for inviting us to participate. [REDACTED] Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)

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Caveats: NONE



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September 17, 2014

Ms. Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch  
Planning and Environmental  
USACE, Little Rock District  
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RE: For Your Information – Planning and Environmental Division Environmental Branch

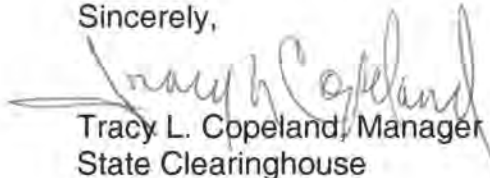
Dear Ms. Coburn:

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Tracy L. Copeland, Manager  
State Clearinghouse

TLC/cc  
Enclosure  
CC: Randy Young, ANRC



# Arkansas Natural Resources Commission



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Governor

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Tracy Copeland, Manager  
State Clearinghouse

FROM: Mr. J. Randy Young, P.E., and Chairman  
Technical Review Committee

SUBJECT: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Planning and Environmental Division  
Environmental Branch

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Members of the Technical Review Committee have reviewed the above referenced project; the Little Rock District Corps of Engineer is revising the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan, which was last updated in 1975.

The Master Plan guides the management of government-owned and leased lands around the lake. Decisions about land use classifications in the Master Plan may affect future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities. Input from the agencies will help define the needed revisions to the draft plan, which is scheduled for public review in the summer of 2015.

The purpose of the update is to bring the Master Plan into compliance with current Corps policies and regulations, identify usage trends and customer needs, and balance shoreline uses with natural resource management. Updates to the plan are expected to review current management practices of the lake and to take advantage of current technologies.

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety.

### **The Committee supports this project.**

Agency comments are included for your review.  
The opportunity to comment is appreciated.

JRY/ddavis



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Technical Review Committee Members

FROM: Tracy L. Copeland, Manager - State Clearinghouse *TLC*

DATE: August 8, 2014

SUBJECT: For Your Information - Planning and Environmental Division Environmental Branch

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

Your comments should be returned by For Your Information to Mr. Randy Young, Chairman, Technical Review Committee, 101 E. Capitol, Suite 350, Little Rock, AR 72203.

NOTE: It is imperative that your response be in to the ANRC office by the date requested. Should your Agency anticipate having a response which will be delayed beyond the stated deadline for comments, please contact Ms. Debby Davis of the ANRC at (501) 682-3830 or the State Clearinghouse Office.

☒ Support

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☐ Comments Attached

☐ Support with Following Conditions

☒ No Comments

☐ Non-Degradation Certification Issues  
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Name(print) John Turner Agency ANRC Date 8-20-14

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**SEP 19 2014**

Ms. Dana Coburn  
Chief, Environmental Branch  
Planning and Environmental Division  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District  
P.O. Box 867  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Ms. Coburn,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the update of the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan (Master Plan). As the Federal agency responsible for scheduling and marketing the hydroelectric power and energy from the Bull Shoals project, Southwestern Power Administration (Southwestern) has comments regarding the update to the Master Plan.

First and foremost, any updates made to the Master Plan should not negatively impact current hydroelectric power operations at the Bull Shoals project. Hydroelectric power is one of the two original Congressionally authorized purposes of the project, and Southwestern applies a portion of the revenues collected each year to paying off the U.S. taxpayers' investment, plus interest, in the Bull Shoals project facilities, as well as a large portion of the annual operation and maintenance costs. Therefore, other project uses should not receive additional benefits to the detriment of hydroelectric power.

Additionally, as discussed in section 2-04, Project Operation (page 2-5) and as shown in Plate 1 (following page 2-5) of the current Master Plan, lake users should be made aware in the Master Plan update that lake levels will fluctuate depending on a variety of factors, including rainfall (or lack thereof), flood control operations, and power demand. Prior to the construction of additional facilities in or around Bull Shoals Lake, developers should continue to be informed of these routine and sometimes significant fluctuations, especially with the potential increase in both magnitude and duration of such fluctuations due to the implementation of minimum flows.

Southwestern also supports efforts to improve the water quality at Bull Shoals Lake. In addition to improving recreation and fish habitat, increased water quality has a positive impact on the severity of seasonal depleted dissolved oxygen (DO) conditions in the lake. Improved DO in the lake and subsequent hydropower releases downstream will allow Southwestern to maintain operational flexibility at the Bull Shoals project during the low DO season, which historically occurs during the months of July through November.

Finally, when designating lands for project operations, please keep in mind that the upcoming major rehabilitation of the Bull Shoals hydroelectric units may require an increase in the footprint of the Bull Shoals switchyard. A sufficient buffer around the current switchyard should be included as project operations land to allow for potential expansion.

Southwestern appreciates the opportunity to provide input for the Master Plan update. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ashley Corker at (918) 595-6682 or [ashley.corker@swpa.gov](mailto:ashley.corker@swpa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Fritha Ohlson', written in a cursive style.

Fritha Ohlson  
Director  
Division of Resources and Rates



Mike Knoedl  
Director  
Mike Armstrong  
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Keeping the Natural State natural.

## Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Ricky Chastain  
Deputy Director  
Jeff Crow  
Deputy Director

September 26, 2014

Dana Coburn  
USACE-Little Rock District  
Planning & Environmental Division  
P.O. Box 867  
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan

Ms. Coburn,

Biologists with the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (AGFC) have reviewed the public notice and attended the August 21, 2014 scoping meeting for the above referenced project.

Bull Shoals Lake is a nationally known warm water fishery and travel destination for bass and walleye anglers from across the country. AGFC has concerns that restricting access to certain areas of the lake by boat type (canoe, kayak) would limit fishing opportunities for sport fish anglers.

Currently, USACE agreement with the AGFC prevents the construction of fish habitat structure (brush piles) in water less than 25' in depth. AGFC requests that zones be established in designated coves and creek arms that would allow for the placement of shallow fish habitat structure near shore. These areas could be clearly marked with signs indicating shallow water fish habitat areas.

The opportunity to comment is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Elise Sheehan  
Chief, Federal Regulatory Program

# United States Department of the Interior



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September 29, 2014

Dana Coburn, Chief  
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
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Re: Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision

Dear Mr. Coburn

This letter is in regards to your notice dated August 6, 2014, of your agency's plans to revise the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan. These comments are provided under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), and Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544).

The Tumbling Creek cavesnail (*Antrobia culveri*) was emergency listed December 27, 2001 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2001) and subsequently listed on August 14, 2002 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2002). On 2011, critical habitat was designated (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2011). An approved recovery plan was completed for this species on September 15, 2003 and a 5-year review was completed on March 21, 2014 (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2014). The listing and designation of critical habitat for the Tumbling Creek cavesnail have occurred since the last revision of the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan in 1975. One reason identified for the decline of Tumbling Creek cavesnail was sedimentation (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2001; 2002; 2003, pp. 14-17). While a number of factors have been postulated to assess the origin of sedimentation, one item identified is backwater flooding upstream from Bull Shoals Reservoir into Big Creek and then Tumbling Creek (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2003, pp. 22). Backwater flooding from Bull Shoals Reservoir during high water events can slow normal stream discharges from Tumbling Creek and this is likely to cause increased silt deposition. Thus, both the species and its critical habitat can be affected.

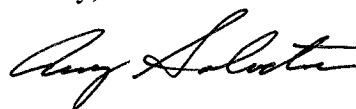
Most recently, a new threat to the species has been identified. Ringed crayfish (*Orconectes neglectus neglectus*) is not native to Tumbling Creek or the Big Creek Basin but its numbers have increased within Tumbling Creek and it is considered by crayfish and snail experts to be a significant threat to the Tumbling Creek cavesnail as crustaceans are known predators on aquatic

snails (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2014, pp. 7, 11-12). Most experts believe that this now invasive species of crayfish has migrated upstream from Bull Shoals Reservoir into Big Creek and eventually into Tumbling Creek. Due to this new threat to *Antrobia culveri*, the Ozark Underground Laboratory initiated a program to capture and remove the Ringed crayfish from Tumbling Creek. Since then, approximately 1400 crayfish have been removed (Tom Aley, Ozark Underground Laboratory, pers. comm. Sep. 2014). To date cavesnail numbers have not yet rebounded, but such a hopeful response may take an unanticipated amount of time to be realized.

Given this new information and the potential threats from Bull Shoals Reservoir, an update on the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan and related NEPA documentation should include an assessment on the potential adverse effects to Tumbling Creek cavesnail and its designated critical habitat. Such an evaluation should be undertaken through Section 7(a)(2) consultation between the COE and our office.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me or Dr. Paul McKenzie at 573-234-2132, at extensions 166 and 107, respectively.

Sincerely,



Amy Salveter  
Field Supervisor

cc: USACE, Mountain Home, AR (Attn: Bruce Caldwell)  
USFWS, Conway, AR (Attn: Chris Davidson)  
MDC, Jefferson City, MO (Attn: Janet Sternberg)  
MDC, Springfield, MO (Attn: Rhonda Rimer)  
Ozark Underground Laboratory, Protem, MO (Attn: Tom Aley)  
Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, MO (Attn: David Ashley)

#### Literature Cited

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- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2014. Tumbling Creek Cavesnail (*Antrobia culveri*) 5-Year Review: Summary and Evaluation. Columbia, MO. 24pp.



**From:** [Coburn, Dana O SWL](#)  
**To:** [CESWL-BS Master Plan](#)  
**Cc:** [Porter, Tony SWL](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Bull Shoals Master Plan Scoping Comments (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 12:21:04 PM  
**Attachments:** [ScopingComments.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(b)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 30, 2014 12:19 PM  
**To:** Coburn, Dana O SWL  
**Cc:** Amy Salveter  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Bull Shoals Master Plan Scoping Comments

To Recipient:

In an effort to improve conservation and efficiency, the Arkansas field office of the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Conway, Arkansas is implementing the following. The office policy for many of our comments, recommendations and courtesy copies pertaining to concurrence letters, Section 10/404s, etc. may now be transmitted by e-mail files in \*.PDF format. To view the PDF format Adobe Acrobat Reader must be installed on your computer. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you may download and install the free software on your computer by following the online instructions at the following location.

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If you require a hard copy to be mailed or need further assistance, please contact Lindsey Lewis at (501) 513-4489, otherwise this will be the only copy you will receive.

Thank you,

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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September 30, 2014

Dana Coburn, Chief  
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-0867

Dear Ms. Coburn

This letter is in regards to your notice dated August 6, 2014, of your agency's plans to revise the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan. These comments are provided under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347), and Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544) for the State of Arkansas. Additional comments may be provided by Service offices in other states.

The following federally listed threatened and endangered species are known to occur in this region: Gray Bat (*Myotis grisescens*), Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Ozark Cavefish (*Amblyopsis rosae*), Ozark Big-eared Bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*), Snuffbox (*Epioblasma triquetra*), Rabbitsfoot (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*) and proposed endangered Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). In addition, the federally protected Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) is also known to occur in this region.

The following best management practices (BMPs) do not override other BMPs that may have been specified to use from other sources, but are in addition to those instructions.

### **Erosion and Sediment Control**

BMPs should be implemented for all construction projects within karst landscapes. BMPs should include filter fences, straw bales, interceptor dikes and swales, sediment traps, ditch checks, detention basins, mulching, seeding, and/or revegetation as appropriate. Mats or netting should be applied on steep slopes and stream banks. Erosion and sediment control measures should be sized to handle at least the 25 year flood and 24-hour storm event. Erosion and sediment control BMP's should be implemented to prevent sediment and contaminants from entering groundwater.

It is important that construction plans reduce erosion and sedimentation into streams and karst features by:

- Identifying areas with potential for erosion problems prior to construction initiation.
- Avoiding wetlands and low lying areas.
- Restoring steep embankments with seed, mulch, fertilizer, and implementing erosion control measures such as silt fences, straw bales, matting, and sediment traps. Soil stabilization

immediately after earth work is complete is critical.

- Restoring steep approaches to stream crossings by seeding, mulching, fertilizing, and implementing erosion control measures such as silt filter fences, ditch checks, straw bales, matting, and sediment traps. It is critical that restoration be implemented immediately after construction.
- On approaches to stream crossings, drainage control structures should be located at the top and base of the slope/bank. Runoff should be routed to stable slopes on either side of the right of way, or routed via temporary conveyance structures to the base of the approach slope where it can infiltrate into the stream bank and eventually seep back to the channel.

### **Construction in Sensitive Areas**

As the true extent of the underground environment is difficult to clearly delineate, undiscovered karst features; such as cave openings, sinkholes, and underground passages may occur on or near a project site, even in previously developed areas. Therefore, the Service recommends the following precautionary measures be taken to avoid impacts to groundwater and sensitive or endangered species which may inhabit karst features not previously surveyed.

1. Survey existing and any new right of ways for karst features such as caves, sinkholes, losing streams, and springs.
2. Establish a natural area of 300 feet or greater around any cave, sinkhole, losing stream, or spring found during the survey (or during any aspect of project implementation). The Service should be contacted for further evaluation to determine if caves are used by sensitive or federally listed species.
3. If a cave is used by sensitive or federally listed species, the Service may request that the cave be mapped to determine if additional openings or passages may be affected by the project. The Service may recommend modifications of the proposed project to allow natural areas to be established. Incorporation of natural areas may be necessary to avoid impacts.
4. If caves or other openings are encountered during construction, the Service requests that work efforts cease within 300 feet of the opening. The opening should be adequately marked and protected from work activities, and the Service should be contacted immediately. No fill materials should be placed into the opening until Service or Service approved personnel have the opportunity to inventory the site.
5. The Service should assess caves located prior to or during construction for sensitive/endangered species and provide recommendations before activities proceed.
6. No blasting should be permitted in the vicinity of any known karst feature without previous consultation.

Additional measures may be required for construction near sensitive areas including stream channels and karst features. Care should be taken when working around streams and karst features to prevent unnecessary damage to or removal of vegetation. If a cave or fracture is breeched or surface water is rerouted into a karst feature, all activities should cease and the Service should be contacted to assess the situation and provide further consultation before proceeding.

Staging areas should be at least 300 feet away from streams, wetlands, and karst features. All streams, wetlands, and karst features adjacent to disturbed areas should be protected by the use of silt fence, straw bales, and other BMPs necessary to prevent sediment from entering water bodies. A combination of several measures may be necessary to decrease damage at stream crossings. In streams with enough flow, temporary in-stream settling ponds should be used to catch sediment generated by construction. Sediment should be removed as soon as construction is completed. For smaller streams or where appropriate, water could be bypassed through construction areas by the use of flume pipes, pumps, or coffer dams. Stream can be bypassed using directional drilling techniques, as discussed later.

Streams and karst areas should be restored and stabilized immediately following construction activities. Native plants, mats, netting, and other BMPs should be used to stabilize banks. Instream deflectors and anchored logs should be used in high velocity streams to protect vulnerable banks and allow for reestablishment of vegetation. Riprap revetment should also be used, if necessary, to help stabilize slopes in areas of high velocity stream flows. The use of riprap should, however, be minimized. Rock typical of the local geology should be used if available. Monitoring of BMP performance in critical areas, particularly at sensitive stream crossings and stream approach slopes should be conducted and documented on a routine basis prior to and after storms during construction and operation. Based on monitoring, additional BMPs or other improvements may be necessary to insure minimization of impact.

All efforts should be made to minimize stream alterations which could impact water quality and fish and wildlife resources. Construction along streams should not take place during fish spawning seasons if possible.

### **Stormwater**

Stormwater concerns occur during construction and after the site is developed and stabilized. Threats to groundwater shift from sediment and fuel/oil/grease, to lawn chemicals, oil and grease from personal vehicles, brake dust, chip seals, roof tar, and other household contaminants. Plans should be made to address post construction stormwater contaminants.

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency oversee and permit stormwater runoff. In 2003, the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission developed the Northwest Arkansas Stormwater Quality Best Management Practices Preliminary Guide Manual for community use. The manual was developed with six control measures including public education and outreach, public participation and involvement, illicit discharge, detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction runoff control, pollution prevention, and good housekeeping. When open land is developed the hydrology of the site completely changes. Possible contaminants associated with development include sediment, nutrients, microbes, organic matter, toxic contaminants, trash, and debris. Each of these together or separately can pollute groundwater. Once contaminants leave the site and enter drainage within a groundwater recharge zone, whatever the water was carrying is now contributing to groundwater contamination and threatens rare and endangered karst animals.

During the summer, NLEBs typically roost singly or in colonies in cavities, underneath bark, crevices, or hollows of both live and dead trees and/or snags (typically  $\geq 3$  inches dbh). Males and non-reproductive females may also roost in cooler places, like caves and mines. This bat seems opportunistic in selecting roosts, using tree species based on presence of cavities or crevices or presence of peeling bark. It has also been occasionally found roosting in structures like barns and sheds (particularly when suitable tree roosts are unavailable). They forage for insects in upland and lowland

woodlots and tree lined corridors. During the winter, NLEBs predominately hibernate in caves and abandoned mine portals.

Although species proposed for listing are not afforded protection under the ESA, when a species is listed, the prohibitions against jeopardizing its continued existence and unauthorized "take" are effective 30 days after publication of the final listing rule. Therefore, if suitable NLEB habitat is present within the proposed project area, we recommend further coordination with our office to avoid potential project delays should the species be listed. Additional information regarding NLEB and conference procedures can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mmmnals/nlba/index.html>.

The Service recommends that potential roost trees not be removed between April 1 and October 15 because Indiana bats roost in trees throughout the Karst region and northeast Arkansas during these dates. See the website ([www.fws.gov/arkansas-es](http://www.fws.gov/arkansas-es)) for the Indiana bat summer survey guidelines. Potential roost trees include live trees and snags  $\geq 5$ "DBH (diameter at breast height) that have exfoliating bark, cracks, crevices and/or hollows.

The comments herein are for the sole purpose of providing technical assistance to the action agency or for individual pre-project planning assistance. These comments and opinions should not be misconstrued as an "effect determination" or considered as concurrence with any proceeding determination(s) by the action agency in accordance with Section 7 of the ESA. These comments do not authorize the "take" of a threatened or endangered species as defined under the ESA. In the absence of authorization (e.g., an ESA Section 10 Permit, a Biological Opinion with "incidental take" provisions, a finding concurrence letter, etc.) from the Service, both lethal and nonlethal "take" of protected species are in violation of the ESA.

In addition to the ESA information provided herein, the Service recommends consideration and incorporation of management plans and contingencies for addressing the following potential issues and developments that may arise in the future:

- Wind Energy Turbine Projects
- Casinos and other large commercial shoreline developments
- Alternative Water Use Allocations (i.e., natural gas fracking, pump storage hydro-electric, etc.)
- Interstate and local pipeline and aerial transmission lines
- Irrigation/downstream water demand/allocation (Delta agriculture, ESA Species, etc.)
- Deadhead Logging and other commercial mining/resource/habitat alteration and removal
- Non-point source wastewater and nutrients
- Point source discharges
- Interstate and inter-basin water allocation and transfers

We appreciate your interest in the conservation of our natural resources and the protection and recovery of endangered species. If you have any questions, please contact the Arkansas Ecological Services Staff at (501) 513-4470.

Sincerely,



Lindsey Lewis  
Federal Projects Coordinator



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Please find attached comments for the Bull Shoals Master Plan Revision.

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September 30, 2014

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RE: Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan

Dear Ms. Coburn:

The Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism appreciates the opportunity to comment on the revision to the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan.

Outdoor recreation and tourism are our agency's priorities for the State of Arkansas. Bull Shoals Lake and Bull Shoals-White River State Park provide excellent outdoor recreation resources for the citizens and visitors to our state. Please consider these priorities with regard to any proposed changes to the future management of these resources. Specifically, we urge the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to update and improve their outdoor recreation facilities as funding and management resources allow.

Please contact me at (501) 682-1301 if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

John Beneke, Director  
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**From:** [Cindy Osborne](#)  
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Dear Ms. Coburn:

In response to your letter soliciting comments on the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan, please find the following files attached:

ANHCLetter\_BullShoals.pdf – ANHC's response Letter

Elements\_BullShoals.pdf – A list of elements of conservation concern recorded from COE land around Bull Shoals Lake

Legend.pdf – A legend to help you interpret the codes used on the Element List.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, need additional information, or have trouble with the files.

Sincerely,

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ANHC No.: F-COEL-14-028

Ms. Dana Coburn

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Dear Ms. Coburn:

This responds to your letter of August 6, 2014 regarding the revision of the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan. The plan was last updated in 1975 and the Corps is seeking to bring the plan into compliance with current policies and regulations, and to update management to meet current needs. We regret we were unable to attend the agency scoping meeting held in August. However, we are aware of unique and sensitive resources on government-owned and leased lands around the lake and would like to offer our input and assistance in the development of the master plan.

Our records indicate the occurrence of 20 species of state conservation concern on Corps managed land around Bull Shoals Lake (please refer to attached list). These species occupy a variety of habitats, many of which are unique to this part of Arkansas:

- White River Bluffs

Prior to lake construction, bluffs along the White River and its major tributaries harbored many unusual plant species, a number of which are typically found much further to the west. Most of these areas were at least partially inundated by the lakes along the White River, including Bull Shoals, but a few remnants persist along the shoreline. It would be valuable to identify those areas that still retain a component of this unusual vegetation and to work to protect and restore them. We could assist in inventory of these sites.

- Glades

This part of the state supports the highest concentration of dolomite glade habitat. Glades occur where the bedrock is at or near the surface and are characterized by areas of bare rock, expanses with grasses and forbs, and, where the soil is deeper, cedar trees. These areas frequently grade into prairies and woodlands. Glades often support a suite of rare species. Many of these areas have been severely degraded by encroachment of woody vegetation (principally cedar) following widespread fire suppression. Restoration is desirable, but efforts should concentrate on the highest quality sites. We would be happy to work with the Corps to identify which glades offered the best opportunity for restoration.

- Fens

We are aware of one fen, or calcareous seepage wetland, on Corps Land at Bull Shoals Lake, Moccasin Creek Fen. It is possible others could be present. In the past, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission and the Corps had a management agreement to protect and preserve Moccasin Creek Fen. The area is very unusual. It is characterized by organic peat, permanently saturated soil, and constantly flowing water. In some places the peat is as deep as five feet. Six rare plants have been recorded from the site. Erosion and hydrological changes have been issues in the past. The area has not been assessed in recent years and a site visit is warranted to determine its current condition and management needs.

The ANHC is also an adjoining landowner. Slippery Hollow Natural Area lies to the south of Bull Shoals Lake in Marion County. There may be partnership opportunities in this area. We would be happy to work with the corps to identify ecologically significant areas around Bull Shoals Lake and help determine appropriate management strategies for these areas. A meeting and field trip between our agencies would be useful. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in further coordination.

The opportunity to comment is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Cindy Osborne  
Data Manager/Environmental Review Coordinator

Enclosures: Legend  
Bull Shoals Element List



**Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission**  
**Department of Arkansas Heritage**  
**Elements of Conservation Concern**  
**Bull Shoals Lake**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank
<b>Plants-Vascular</b>					
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> ssp. <i>incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed	-	INV	G5T5	S2
<i>Brickellia grandiflora</i>	tassel-flower	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Carex pellita</i>	woolly sedge	-	INV	G5	S1S2
<i>Carex stricta</i>	tussock sedge	-	INV	G5	S3
<i>Carex suberecta</i>	prairie straw sedge	-	INV	G4	S2
<i>Carex timida</i>	timid sedge	-	INV	G2G4	S2S3
<i>Delphinium treleasei</i>	Trelease's larkspur	-	INV	G3	S3
<i>Echinacea paradoxa</i> var. <i>paradoxa</i>	yellow coneflower	-	ST	G2T2	S2
<i>Elymus churchii</i>	Church's wild rye	-	INV	G2G3	S2?
<i>Elymus glaucus</i> ssp. <i>mackenzii</i>	Mackenzie's blue wild rye	-	INV	G5TNR	S1
<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	butternut	-	INV	G4	S3
<i>Mentha arvensis</i>	wild mint	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Pedimelum esculentum</i>	large Indian-breadroot	-	INV	G5	S2
<i>Penstemon cobaea</i>	showy beardtongue	-	INV	G4	S3
<i>Perideridia americana</i>	American squaw-root	-	INV	G4	S2
<i>Rhynchospora capillacea</i>	capillary beaksedge	-	INV	G4	S2
<i>Salix eriocephala</i>	Missouri willow	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Stylophorum diphyllum</i>	celandine-poppy	-	INV	G5	S3
<i>Thalictrum dioicum</i>	early meadow-rue	-	INV	G5	S1
<i>Tradescantia ozarkana</i>	Ozark spiderwort	-	INV	G3	S3
<b>Special Elements-Natural Communities</b>					
Ozark-Ouachita Fen		-	INV	GNR	SNR

## LEGEND

### STATUS CODES

#### FEDERAL STATUS CODES

C	=	Candidate species. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has enough scientific information to warrant proposing this species for listing as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act.
LE	=	Listed Endangered; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has listed this species as endangered under the Endangered Species Act.
LT	=	Listed Threatened; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has listed this species as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.
-PD	=	Proposed for Delisting; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed that this species be removed from the list of Endangered or Threatened Species.
PE	=	Proposed Endangered; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed this species for listing as endangered.
PT	=	Proposed Threatened; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed this species for listing as threatened.
T/SA E/SA	=	Threatened (or Endangered) because of similarity of appearance.

#### STATE STATUS CODES

INV	=	Inventory Element; The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is currently conducting active inventory work on these elements. Available data suggests these elements are of conservation concern. These elements may include outstanding examples of Natural Communities, colonial bird nesting sites, outstanding scenic and geologic features as well as plants and animals, which, according to current information, may be rare, peripheral, or of an undetermined status in the state. The ANHC is gathering detailed location information on these elements.
WAT	=	Watch List Species; The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is not conducting active inventory work on these species, however, available information suggests they may be of conservation concern. The ANHC is gathering general information on status and trends of these elements. An “*” indicates the status of the species will be changed to “INV” if the species is verified as occurring in the state (this typically means the agency has received a verified breeding record for the species).
MON	=	Monitored Species; The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission is currently monitoring information on these species. These species do not have conservation concerns at present. They may be new species to the state, or species on which additional information is needed. The ANHC is gathering detailed location information on these elements
SE	=	State Endangered; this term is applied differently for plants and animals.  Animals – These species are afforded protection under Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) Regulation. The AGFC states that it is unlawful to import, transport, sell, purchase, hunt, harass or possess any threatened or endangered species of wildlife or parts. The AGFC lists as endangered any wildlife species or subspecies endangered or threatened with extinction, listed or proposed as a candidate for listing by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or any native species or subspecies listed as endangered by the Commission.  Plants – These species have been recognized by the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission as being in danger of being extirpated from the state. This is an administrative designation with no regulatory authority.
ST	=	State Threatened; These species have been recognized by the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission as being likely to become endangered in Arkansas in the foreseeable future, based on current inventory information. This is an administrative designation with no regulatory authority.

### DEFINITION OF RANKS

#### Global Ranks

G1	=	Critically imperiled globally. At a very high risk of extinction due to extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations), very steep declines, or other factors.
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G2	=	Imperiled globally. At high risk of extinction due to very restricted range, very few populations (often 20 or fewer), steep declines, or other factors.
G3	=	Vulnerable globally. At moderate risk of extinction due to a restricted range, relatively few populations (often 80 or fewer), recent and widespread declines, or other factors.
G4	=	Apparently secure globally. Uncommon but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors.
G5	=	Secure globally. Common, widespread and abundant.
GH	=	Of historical occurrence, possibly extinct globally. Missing; known from only historical occurrences, but still some hope of rediscovery.
GU	=	Unrankable. Currently unrankable due to lack of information or due to substantially conflicting information about status or trends.
GX	=	Presumed extinct globally. Not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery.
GNR	=	Unranked. The global rank not yet assessed.
GNA	=	Not Applicable. A conservation status rank is not applicable.
T-RANKS=		T subranks are given to global ranks when a subspecies, variety, or race is considered at the state level. The subrank is made up of a "T" plus a number or letter (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, H, U, X) with the same ranking rules as a full species.

#### State Ranks

S1	=	Critically imperiled in the state due to extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations), very steep declines, or other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation.
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S5	=	Secure in the state. Common, widespread and abundant.
SH	=	Of historical occurrence, with some possibility of rediscovery. Its presence may not have been verified in the past 20-40 years. A species may be assigned this rank without the 20-40 year delay if the only known occurrences were destroyed or if it had been extensively and unsuccessfully sought.
SU	=	Unrankable. Currently unrankable due to lack of information or due to substantially conflicting information about status or trends.
SX	=	Presumed extirpated from the state. Not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery.
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#### General Ranking Notes

Q	=	A "Q" in the global rank indicates the element's taxonomic classification as a species is a matter of conjecture among scientists.
RANGES=		Ranges are used to indicate a range of uncertainty about the status of the element.
?	=	A question mark is used to denote an inexact numeric rank.
B	=	Refers to the breeding population of a species in the state.
N	=	Refers to the non-breeding population of a species in the state.

## Appendix H

### Media Coverage

Aug. 7 - Corps to Host Workshops for Bull Shoals Master Plan Revisions, The Fishing Wire.com

## Corps to Host Workshops for Bull Shoals Master Plan Revisions

**LINK:** <http://www.thefishingwire.com/story/325467>

| August 7, 2014

MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark. -- The Army Corps of Engineers is hosting Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan scoping workshops Aug. 22-27 to share information about the revision process and to collect public comments concerning potential development and land use management around the lake. Anyone interested in the future development of Bull Shoals Lake is invited to drop in anytime during the workshops.

The master plan guides all use and development of the lake's public lands and waters for environmental and recreation related purposes.

### Scoping Workshop Schedule:

- \* Aug. 22 - Mountain Home, Ark., from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Arkansas State Sheild Center, 1600 S. College Street
- \* Aug. 23 - Harrison, Ark., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Arkansas Community College, Center Campus, 303 North Main
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- \* Aug. 26 - Forsyth, Mo., From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Forsyth Public School Cafeteria, 178 Panther Road
- \* Aug. 27 - Flippin, Ark., from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Flippin Middle School Cafeteria, 308 North First Street

Workshop attendees can view a short video on the master plan revision process that explains the multiple land classifications around the lake and the difference between a master plan and a shoreline management plan. The video will be playing continuously throughout each workshop. Afterwards, participants can interact with Corps representatives and provide input concerning the master plan revision.

The Corps encourages public input at the workshops or written comments during the public comment period. The comment period is Aug. 11 through Sept. 30. Comments can be mailed to: Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, ATTN: Dana Coburn, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. Or email your comments to [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil).

More information is available on the Internet at <http://go.usa.gov/5Jqx>.

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Aug 15 - Army Corps to Host Workshops on Bull Shoals Master Plan Revisions – Dredging Today

## **Army Corps to Host Workshops on Bull Shoals Master Plan Revisions**

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Workshop attendees can view a short video on the master plan revision process that explains the multiple land classifications around the lake and the difference between a master plan and a shoreline management plan. The video will be playing continuously throughout each workshop. Afterwards, participants can interact with Corps representatives and provide input concerning the master plan revision.

The Corps encourages public input at the workshops or written comments during the public comment period. The comment period will be from August 11 until September 30, 2014.  
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## Corps to talk about Bull Shoals Lake

The Army Corps of Engineers is holding public workshops throughout the area, including one next week in Theodosia, in preparation for updating its Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan. The plan guides the classification and management of land around the lake edge and may affect future recreational opportunities and natural resource management, according to a Corps press release.

The Theodosia workshop will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25, at Lutie School on Highway 160 in Theodosia.

Residents are invited to attend one of the workshops to learn the details of the master planning process and provide input to the master plan for future land use and management along the lake. An informational video will be shown continuously throughout each drop-in workshop, and staff members will be available to answer questions.

Other workshops will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Sheid Center, 1600 S. College St., Mountain Home, Arkansas; Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Forsyth Public School cafeteria in Forsyth; and Aug. 27 at Flippin Middle School cafeteria in Flippin, Arkansas. A 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. workshop will be held Saturday, Aug. 23, at North Arkansas Community College in Harrison, Arkansas.

Submit comments to Dana Coburn, chief, environmental branch, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203. Email: CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil. For more information, visit <http://go.usa.gov/5Jqx>.

# Corps of Engineers Seeks Input for Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision 112

Several people in the Ava area have recently received cards from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding a series of meetings – or public scoping workshops – to obtain public comments to be used in revising the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan.

The master plan guides the management of the government lands around the lake.

The master plan affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of Bull Shoals Lake.

The master plan revision will set the stage for a later update of the operational management plan and shoreline management plan, which is how the vision of the master plan is implemented. This is your opportunity to let the Corps know how you would like the lake to be managed for the future.

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreation opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historical resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety.

The public is being invited to attend any one of five workshops which include:

- Friday, Aug. 22, 5-8 p.m.  
Arkansas State University,  
Sheid Center, 1600 S. College  
St., Mtn Home, Ark.
- Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
North Arkansas Community  
College Center Campus, 303 N.  
Main, Harrison, Ark.
- Monday, Aug. 25, 5-8 p.m., Lutie  
School Cafeteria  
5802 US Hwy. 150, Theodosia,  
Mo.
- Tuesday, Aug. 26, 5-8 p.m.  
Forsyth Public School Cafeteria,  
178 Parther Rd., Forsyth, Mo.

- Wednesday, Aug. 27, 5-8 p.m.  
Flippin Middle School  
Cafeteria, 308 North 1st St.,  
Flippin, Ark.

These are “drop in” workshops that can be attended at any time during the stated hours.

Those attending the workshops or sending comments are asked these questions:

How would you like to see Bull Shoals Lake in 20 years?

What about Bull Shoals Lake is most important to you? What is least important to you?

What changes, if any, would you like to see at the lake?

Respondents will also be asked for additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied.

Comments may also be made online, by mail, or by sending a Fax to: Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, USACE, Little Rock District, PO Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

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The original Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan was approved in 1951. The master plan was revised in 1961 and 1965 and was approved in 1966. The master plan was last revised in 1974 and incorporated nine supplements from the 1966 update. There are currently 31 supplements to the 1975 master

plan, which will be incorporated into the revised document upon completion of this master plan revision.

Bull Shoals Lake was authorized for five missions: Flood control, generation of hydroelectric power, recreational opportunities, fish and wildlife, and storage to provide water supply (municipal and industrial water supply). Bull Shoals also provides water for “minimum flows” as directed by law (Section 132 of the Fiscal Year 2006 Energy and Water Resources Development Act, P.L. 109-103).

## What is a Master Plan?

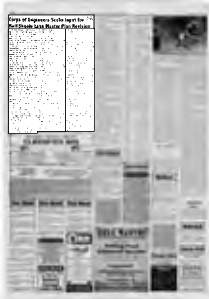
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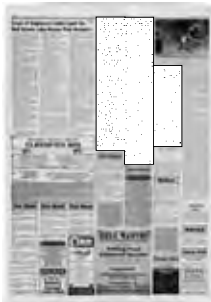
- \* Regional and ecosystem needs
  - \* Project resource capabilities and suitability for various purposes
  - \* Public interests and desires
- The Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan Revision main objectives are:
- \* Conserve the resources of the lake within the current policies and guidelines of the Corps of Engineers
  - \* Accommodate current and projected use patterns with maximum efficiency

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\* Identify and protect cultural and natural resources

\* Attract maximum participation by the general public and local government.

#### *Why Revise the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan?*

The current Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan was developed more than 30 years ago and is outdated. The master plan revision will classify public lands around the lake based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and future trends.

Lands may be classified into one of these categories:

\* Project Operations: lands required for the dam, spillway, offices, and other areas used solely for the operation of the reservoir.

\* High Density Recreation: lands acquired and designated for use as parks or other areas for intensive recreational activities by the visiting public. New private floating facilities would not be allowed in these areas.

\* Environmentally Sensitive Areas: lands designated for areas where scientific, ecological, cultural, or aesthetic features have been identified. These areas are managed to protect environmental resources.

\* Multiple Resource Management Lands: This classification allows for the designation of a predominant use with the understanding that other compatible uses may also occur on these lands, these additional uses may include:

-Low Density Recreation: lands classified for use for activities such as hiking trails, primitive camping, limited lake access points, and other similar activities by the visiting public. Private floating facilities may be permitted in these areas in accordance with the shoreline management plan.

-Wildlife Management: lands allocated as habitat for fish and wildlife, and are generally open for hunting and fishing.

-Future/Inactive Recreation Areas: Lands intended for

recreation, but which were never developed or have been closed.

-Vegetative Management: Lands designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.

\* Water Surface: For those projects that administer a surface water zoning program, this will be included in the master plan revision process.

-Restricted: Water areas restricted for project operations, safety, and security purposes.

-Designated No-Wake: To protect environmentally sensitive shoreline areas, recreational water access areas from disturbance, and for public safety.

-Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary: Annual or seasonal restrictions on areas to protect fish and wildlife species during periods of migrations, resting, feeding, nesting, and/or spawning.

-Open Recreation: Those waters available for year round or seasonal water-based recreational use. These land classifications are established in the master plan and will guide the future updates to the operational management plan and shoreline management plan, which implements the master plan.

#### *White River Minimum Flows*

Minimum flow is the release of water into the tailwater on the downstream side of the dams when water is not being released for hydropower generation or flood control. Corps officials said it will benefit trout and non-game species in the tailwater by increasing the wetted perimeter.

The value of trout fishing in Arkansas, mostly below Corps dams, exceeds \$130 million, with about half the anglers coming from outside the state. Outfitters and business owners have pitched the benefits of minimum flows since the hydropower plants at these two dams first came on line in the 1940s and 50s and began releasing cold water from deep within the lakes.

Because power generation is intermittent, the demand for electricity rises and wanes during

the course of any given day. This leaves periods of time when no cold water is being released. The streams shrink to disconnected pools of water that begin to warm in the summer sun. This can threaten trout survival. Also, the shrunken 'wetted perimeter' decreases available habitat.

Minimum flows will ensure a slow but steady stream of cold water. A constant minimum flow also raises the river level and inundates shoreline areas that are dry in low-water periods. This will make more food available for trout. It also increases the amount of overall trout habitat, and makes more cover and structure available for trout.

To provide the water necessary for minimum flow, the Corps raised the level of Bull Shoals Lake 5 feet. It also modified some equipment in the hydropower plant. Minimum flow on the North Fork of the White River required raising the level of Lake Norfork 1.75 feet and installing a siphon through the dam. The siphon pulls water from various depths of the lake and releases it into the tailwater.

The tradeoff caused by the storage reallocations is a small reduction in the ability to capture storm water and reduce downstream flooding. Bull Shoals will lose slightly more than 1 percent of its flood storage capacity, and Norfork Lake will lose less than a percent of its capacity.

On Jan. 19, 2012, Little Rock District and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission signed a Project Partnership Agreement that outlined responsibilities for each agency to implement at Bull Shoals. The two agencies signed a similar agreement in 2010 for Norfork.

Ultimately, minimum flows should decrease trout mortality in hot weather and improve the overall health of the trout fishery by reducing the physical stress that accompanies warm water and low levels of dissolved oxygen.

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## Public Input Needed for Bull Shoals Master Plan

View Video: <http://www.ozarksfirst.com/story/d/story/today-public-input-needed-for-bull-shoals-master-p/11556/t68KsevVfUWp1yDRo4PLpQ>

The Army Corps of Engineers is looking for input from the community, on what the area surrounding Bull Shoals Lakes could look like in the future.

The Corps says it has been nearly 40 years since the last master plan of Bull Shoals Lake was updated.

Over the next few days, the federal organization will host five open houses to get input on how the land near the shoreline will be used going forward.

Roughly five options are available to people who attend the meetings, ranging from "little to no development," to a "large amount of development."

The Army Corps of Engineers says it will also take into consideration the effects of potential development on the environment, local economies, and public safety.

"This gives us a broader vision of how the lands will be classified for the next several years," says Active Chief of the Environmental Branch, Tony Porter. "What we're asking the public is, 'how do you want to see Bull Shoals Lake look like over the next 20 years. What is important you?'"

Porter says the Army Corps of Engineers hopes to have a finalized master plan by the end of November 2015.

The first open house will be August 21 from 5-8 p.m., at Arkansas State Shield Center in Mountain Home.



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### **Theodosia meeting about Bull Shoals Lake master plan revision draws largest crowd**

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People in Ozark County clearly care about Bull Shoals Lake.

That was evident by the large turnout in a hot school cafeteria Monday evening at a Corps of Engineers workshop about proposed revisions to the Bull Shoals Lake master plan.

According to Jay Townsend, a public affairs expert for the Corps, 267 people attended the workshop at Theodosia, nearly double the turnout at similar meetings last week in Mountain Home and Harrison, Arkansas.

"We've had an incredible turnout," Townsend said. "I credit these folks for caring that much about their lake."

The workshop was designed to give the people the right to comment and have their say about what changes, if any, they would like to see on Bull Shoals Lake.

Townsend said the last time major revisions were made to the lake's master plan was in 1975.

"A lot of things have changed in 40 years, and we're just taking a look at it and seeing what needs to change," Townsend said. "For example, when people came to camp at the lake in 1975 they were pretty much all camping in tents. Now people are bringing giant RVs."

A common concern among the people attending Monday's workshop is how any changes will affect adjoining landowners.

"I have farmland that borders Corps property," said Maggie Gwautney, who raises cattle and horses on her 211-acre farm near Pontiac. "I just wanted to make sure it wouldn't affect our farming operation."

Gwautney said she was told by Corps officials at the workshop that her land, and others adjacent to Corps property, would not be affected.

Lyle Rowland, 155th District State Representative, whose district encompasses most of the lake, said he was impressed by the turnout and thanked the Corps for gathering input from the public. "It's great that the Corps is giving the people the opportunity to comment and ask questions, but a lot of my constituents are concerned about what's behind the changes to the master plan," Rowland said.

So what is the master plan?

According to the Corps, the master plan is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed in the future and it also provides the vision for how the lake should look in the future. The master plan revision will set the stage for a later update of the shoreline management plan.

The main objectives of the master plan revision are to conserve the resources of the lake, accommodate current and projected use patterns with maximum efficiency, identify and protect cultural and natural resources and to attract maximum participation by the public and local government, the Corps said.

"I was really happy to see a lot of folks from the community at the workshop," said Pontiac Cove Marina manager Jabet Wade, whose family has owned the Pontiac facility since 1964. "There wasn't a lot of additional information available besides what we've already seen and heard," Wade said. "I don't believe there will be any drastic changes made to the master plan." Townsend said that really all depends on the people. "That's why we're holding these workshops and asking everyone to comment," he said. "If we get a ton of comments saying they want certain changes, then that's going to be on the table."

"I'm hopeful they will not be closing any more lake accesses such as Hollingsworth Cove in Arkansas and Spring Creek launch ramp in Ozark County – both of which have been rumored to be on the chopping block," Wade said.

Besides the workshops at Theodosia, Mountain Home and Harrison, additional workshops were planned Tuesday and Wednesday at Forsyth and Flippin, Arkansas.

Those who can't attend a workshop can find the master plan information and have their comments included by visiting the Corps' website at <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/bullShoalsLakeMasterPlanRevision.aspx>. The site includes a master plan revision video plus other facts and information, including a 368-page PDF document of the 1975 master plan. Public comments will be accepted until Sept. 30. Then the data will be compiled and drafted into the master plan revision. The revised plan should be available for public inspection at another series of meetings by early summer 2015. The final plan should be released in the fall of 2015.



## Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan discussed

By JANN CLARK  
Staff Writer

More than 130 people attended the Army Corps of Engineers public workshop held in Forsyth Tuesday as the Corps moves to update the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan.

People turned out Tuesday to review what the Corps has planned for Bull Shoals Lake via its revision of its master plan, which hasn't undergone a revision since 1975. About 134 people attended the public workshop held in the Forsyth school cafeteria.

The Corps Little Rock Division is undertaking the master plan revision, which will also affect the

updates that will occur on the Bull Shoals Shoreline Management Plan. Currently a moratorium has been placed on all permitting on Bull Shoals Lake until the shoreline management plan is completed, which is projected to occur in January of 2016.

The master plan, when completed, will outline how the resources of the lake will be managed in the future and provide a 'vision' of how the lake should look in the future and is considered the core document from which the shoreline management plans will be developed.

The Corps says the purpose of the master

plan is to conserve the lake's resources, accommodate its uses within those guidelines and identify and manage the lakes natural resources with assistance via input from the public and local government.

Taney County Sheriff Jimmie Russell and State Representative of the 143rd District Lyle Rowland both attended the Corps workshop and voiced their concerns for the future of the lake and concerns about how the Corps plans to manage the lake in the future.

Russell said he'd like to see more access and  
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People gather around to have a look at one of many maps of Bull Shoals Lake during the Army Corps of Engineers public workshop held Tuesday in Forsyth. The Corps is in the midst of a revision of the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan. The public comment period ends Sept. 30. The workshop was held in the cafeteria at Forsyth School.



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campgrounds for citizens to use with their families, campgrounds that were once open and now closed. Russell said he'd also like to see more public boat docks.

"We need more access in general," the sheriff said. "We need more affordable recreation for families so they have a place they can go that they can afford."

Rowland said he hopes the Corps listens to what the people want instead of doing what they want. He said the people want a better park system and better access to what's available. He comments on the master plan are something the Corps pays attention to.

Jay Townsend, in public affairs for the Corps, said in the revision 'no one will lose what they have.' He said if the people want more development on Bull Shoals Lake then the Corps will look at it.

He said the Corps will listen to what the people have to say. He said that's why the Corps is conducting the public workshops and asking for public comments on what

the people would like to see happen on the lake.

There will be a series the new master plan once it's developed: project operations; high density recreation; environmentally sensitive areas; multiple resource management lands; and low density recreation.

Wildlife management (not currently used); future/inactive recreation areas; vegetative management; water surface (new classification); restricted; designated now-wake; fish and wildlife sanctuary; and open recreation (not currently used.)

The Bull Shoals Lake Dam is located on the White River seven miles

Shoals Lake is one of four multi-purpose projects constructed in the upper White River Basin for flood control and power generation, which offers recreation opportunities, according to the Corps.

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The Bull Shoals Dam was built in 1947 and completed in 1951. Commercial power generation began in 1952 and was completed in 1953 at a cost of \$86 million.

Planning for the master plan began in April. The five public workshops have been completed; 155 people attended in Mountain Home; 76 in Harrison; 267 in Theodosia; 134 in Forsyth; and 144 in Flippin; for a total of 776 attending overall.

The public's ability to comment on the development of the master plan ends Sept. 30. The draft of the master plan and draft of an environmental plan will be release to the public in the spring of 2015 with the final documents being released in the fall of 2015.

Comments can be mailed to: Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, ATTN: Dana Coburn, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. Or email comments to C E S W L - BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil.

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## Bull Shoals Master Plan revision is underway

<http://www.theoutdoorwire.com/story/1410393284mr1jwn1mbxh>

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Email comments to [ceswlbsmasterplan@usace.army.mil](mailto:ceswlbsmasterplan@usace.army.mil) or fax them to 501-324-5605. They can also be mailed to Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

The comment period follows a series of five public scoping workshops the Corps hosted Aug. 22 through 27 in communities around Bull Shoals Lake to collect com-

ments and present details on the lake's master plan revision process. More than 776 lake users and adjacent landowners attended.

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The current Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan was developed more than 30 years ago and is outdated. The master plan revision will classify public lands around the lake based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input, and an evaluation of past, present, and future trends.

Classifications of public land and water around the lake could include:

- Project operations - Includes land around Bull Shoals Dam.
- High density recreation - Examples are Lakeview Park, other campgrounds, marinas and large scale commercial opera-

tions.

- Environmentally sensitive areas - Examples are areas around the lake aimed to preserve the scenic, historical, archeological, scientific, or ecological value.
- Low density recreation - These areas are designed for general hunting and fishing access and are the only areas where private boat docks and mowing permits might be allowed through the shoreline management plan.
- Wildlife management - These areas are managed specifically for wildlife and fisheries habitat. An example is Jones Point Wildlife Management Area.
- Vegetative management - These areas are where vegetative management activities can occur such as timber management.
- Future/inactive recreation areas - Many campgrounds have been closed around the lake; some were never developed.
- New Water Surface Classifications
- Restricted - Areas that could

restrict boats near water intake structures or other structures around the lake.

- Designated No-Wake - Areas that could be designated near Corps swim beaches or public use areas.
- Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary - Areas that could be considered 'sanctuary' to fish and wildlife species.
- Open Recreation - The rest of the lake.

Once all public comments have been collected, the scoping report is made available to the public, and preliminary draft master plans has been completed, the Corps will begin hosting focus group meetings with stakeholders, partners, concessionaires and local interest groups.

The draft master plan should be complete by the summer of 2015.

For more information about the Bull Shoals Master Plan Revision project visit: <http://go.usa.gov/ynYk>.

Deadline for commenting is Sept. 30

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The comment period follows a series of five public scoping workshops the Corps hosted in August in communities around Bull Shoals Lake, including at Theodosia. The meetings were held to collect comments and present details on the lake's master plan revision process. More than 776 lake users and adjacent landowners attended.

"The scoping report captures all the public comments received during the scoping process," project manager Tony Porter said. "The report also provides an analysis of the comments, and we'll use this information to draft the new master plan."

A master plan is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed in the future and provides the vision for how the lake should look in the future.

The current Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan was developed more than 30 years ago and is outdated, according to a Corps news release. The master plan revision will classify public lands around the lake based on environmental and socioeconomic considerations, public input and an evaluation of past, present and future trends.

"At the heart of the draft master plan are the land and water classifications for Bull Shoals Lake. These classifications could affect future recreational opportunities and natural resources management," said acting deputy chief of operations Dana Coburn said. "A question the team members have been asking as they go through this process is, 'Should areas stay in the current classification or should they be changed to another classification?'"

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The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreation opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historical resources, aesthetics and public health and safety.

Once all public comments have been collected, the scoping report has been made available to the public, and preliminary draft master plans have been completed, the Corps will begin hosting focus group meetings with stakeholders, partners, concessionaires and local interest groups.

"We'll hold focus group meetings to see if the draft master plan captures the comments and opinions of the public, partners and stakeholders in conjunction with the missions, guidelines and regulations of the Corps," Porter said. The draft master plan should be complete by the summer of 2015.

"Once the draft documents are complete, we'll hold another series of public workshops around the lake to let the public provide input," Coburn said. "We had tremendous interest from the public when we started this process, and we hope that will continue throughout the process."

The first Bull Shoals Master Plan was published in 1951 after the lake was impounded and was revised in 1975. The

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master plan is considered a working document that can be supplemented to fit the project's changing needs and public access demands.

The master plan does not address the details of how and where shoreline use permits may be issued; however, it does set the stage for implementation of the shoreline management program.

After the master plan is revised, the operational management plan and shoreline

management plan will be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the master plan.

For more information about the Bull Shoals Master Plan Revision project visit: <http://go.usa.gov/ynYk>. Little Rock District news and recreation information can be found at [www.about.me/usacelittlerock](http://www.about.me/usacelittlerock).



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Sep 30 - Deadline today for input on Bull Shoals Lake plan – Democrat Gazette – Little Rock, AR

## Deadline today for input on Bull Shoals Lake plan

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2014/sep/30/deadline-today-for-input-on-bull-shoals/>

Today is the final day for residents to submit public comments for a revised master plan for Bull Shoals Lake.

The 1975 master plan that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been using is "outdated," and a new one needs to be drafted, according to the Corps' Little Rock District website, [swl.usace.army.mil](http://swl.usace.army.mil).

Bull Shoals Lake is on the White River about 10 miles west of Mountain Home, and 26 percent of the lake is in Missouri.

Bull Shoals Lake had 6.2 million visitors in 1975. The number is expected to reach 27.6 million by 2020, said Lori Driver, a spokesman for the Corps' Little Rock Division.

With growth over the past four decades, some government land around the lake may need to be rezoned, or "reclassified," said Dana Coburn, acting deputy chief of operations for the Corps' Little Rock District.

Many of the high-density recreation areas around the lake have never been developed, Coburn said. Residents who live nearby may want that land to be used for other purposes, she said.

"The land classifications are the heart of the master plan," said Coburn. "They apply only to the federal property. But that's the meat."

Changing the classification of the land can allow for shoreline changes later, when a new shoreline management plan is drafted.

A master plan is "the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed in the future and provides the vision for how the lake should look in the future," according to a news release from the Corps. It's an 18-month process that will cost about \$700,000, Coburn said.

Five "scoping workshops" were held in communities around Bull Shoals Lake in late August. Representatives from the Corps provided information and accepted comments. More than 776 lake users and adjacent landowners attended the workshops, according to the news release.

A lot has changed since the 1970s, Driver said. Back then, most campers slept in tents. Now, many people camp in air-conditioned recreational vehicles.

"The style of camping also affects how we look at our master plans," she said.

Five classifications

Five different land classifications are currently used around Bull Shoals Lake: low-density recreation, high-density recreation, environmentally sensitive area, wildlife management area and project operations.

A new classification that could be considered for the lake area is called vegetative management. It refers to areas where, for example, timber management could take place or where land could be used as a buffer zone to help protect a lake that serves as a drinking water source.

Water classifications haven't been used before on Bull Shoals Lake, but they could be implemented in the new master plan, Driver said.

The Corps' water surface classifications include:

- Restricted -- Areas that could restrict boats near water-intake structures or other structures around the lake.
- Designated No-Wake -- Areas that could be designated near Corps swim beaches or public use areas.
- Fish and Wildlife Sanctuary -- Areas that could be considered "sanctuary" for fish and wildlife species.
- Open Recreation -- The rest of the lake.

After all public comments have been collected, a report will be made available to the public by the end of November, Driver said. A preliminary master plan will be drafted by March, and focus-group meetings will be held with stakeholders, partners, concessionaires and local interest groups.

Then a master plan and environmental assessment will be drafted, and another round of public meetings will be held in the summer of 2015. A final master plan and environmental assessment are expected to be approved by the fall of 2015.

More information about the Bull Shoals master plan revision project is available at [go.usa.gov/ynYk](http://go.usa.gov/ynYk).

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All public comments will be included in the master plan scoping report.



Oct 1 - Bull Shoals Public Input Period Extended Due to Computer Glitch – Ozarks First – Springfield, MO

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<http://www.ozarksfirst.com/story/d/story/public-input-period-extended-due-to-computer-glitch/68067/VeZSylwvTEa0eOEBMotffA>

The comment period for Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan has been extended through October 8, according to the Army Corps of Engineers.



The Corps says a computer glitch caused comments emailed August 11-12 to [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil) to be irretrievable.

"We are unsure how many comments were emailed to us on Aug. 11 and 12 but we want to ensure that everyone who commented is heard," Project Manager Dana Coburn said in a statement. "We are asking individuals who emailed their comments to us on those two days to please send us their comments again. This only affects people who emailed the Corps on Aug. 11 and 12."

Comments can be mailed to: Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, ATTN: Dana

Coburn, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. Or email your comments to [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil).

## **Appendix B Local, State & Federal Agency Coordination Letters**



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**POST OFFICE BOX 867**  
**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203-0867**

August 5, 2014

Planning and Environmental Division  
Environmental Branch

«FIRSTNAME» «LASTNAME»  
«TITLE»  
«AGENCY»  
«ADDRESS»  
«CITY», «STATE» «ZIP»

Dear «SALUTATION» «LASTNAME»:

The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Little Rock District, is revising the Bull Shoals Lake Master Plan, which was last updated in 1975. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) an Environmental Assessment (EA) of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared. Your agency is invited to attend an agency scoping meeting to provide comments and input to assist the Corps with development of the Master Plan and the preparation of an EA under NEPA.

The Master Plan guides the management of government-owned and leased lands around the lake. Decisions about land use classifications in the Master Plan may affect future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities. Input from the agencies and the general public will help define the needed revisions to the draft plan, which is scheduled for public review in the summer of 2015.

The purpose of the update is to bring the Master Plan into compliance with current Corps policies and regulations, identify usage trends and customer needs, and balance shoreline uses with natural resource management. Updates to the plan are expected to review current management practices of the lake and to take advantage of current technologies.

Your agency has been identified by the Corps as one that may have an interest in this project. The land classifications established through the Master Plan may have important implications for surrounding residential communities, businesses, parks, and natural areas. As a result, the Corps is requesting your input and agency's expertise to assist in the development of an updated Master Plan and the preparation of an Environmental Assessment as required by NEPA and Engineer Regulation ER 200-2-2 "Procedures for Implementing NEPA".

The agency scoping meeting will be held on the following date and location:

- Thursday, August 21 from 2pm to 4pm at the Corps Project Office located at 324 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653 Phone #: 870-425-2700

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety. The Corps is involving agencies and the public in the planning process for both the Master Plan update and the NEPA analysis.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, you may also attend one of several public scoping meetings regarding the master plan update. Information on the scheduled public meetings is at: <http://go.usa.gov/5JTz>.

In addition to participation in the scoping meeting, your agency may also submit comments via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, **Fax:** (501) 324-5605, **Email:** [CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil](mailto:CESWL-BSMasterPlan@usace.army.mil), **Website:** <http://go.usa.gov/5JTz>. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by September 30, 2014. If we do not hear from you within this time period, we will assume your agency has no comments at this time.

If you have any questions regarding this invitation please contact Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental at (501) 324-5601 or via email at [dana.o.coburn@usace.army.mil](mailto:dana.o.coburn@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch  
Planning and Environmental  
USACE, Little Rock District