

**MCCLELLAN-KERR ARKANSAS RIVER NAVIGATION SYSTEM MASTER PLAN
REVISION
LAKE DARDANELLE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN MORATORIUM**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LAKE DARDANELLE TEMPORARY
HALT TO NEW SHORELINE PERMITS**

Q1: What is the purpose of the temporary halt to new shoreline permits at Lake Dardanelle?

A1: The temporary halt to new shoreline permits is being put into place so that a baseline number of permits and docks can be determined for the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Master Plan (MP) revision process. During the process of the update, new facilities/permits will not be allowed on the project so that the number of permits remains constant, allowing the team to complete the new revision without changing conditions on the lake and to prevent processing actions which may not align with the revised MP.

Q2: When is the temporary halt to new shoreline permits at Lake Dardanelle going into effect?

A2: May 17, 2021. Completed applications may be dropped off in person by 4:30 pm (close of business) on Friday, May 14th or delivered by mail if post marked by Friday, May 14th.

Q3: If I submit my application by the 14th of May, but have not gotten approval by that day, will my request be processed?

A3: Yes, all completed applications will be processed in the order they were received, as time and funding allows.

Q4: How long will I have to build my dock if it is approved?

A4: After the site inspection is complete, you are allowed a maximum of 60 days to complete construction after the plans and the shoreline permit are approved. If construction is not completed in that amount of time, the permit will be revoked and a time extension will not be granted. The only exception will be if a contract is in place and construction is already in progress by a dock builder.

Q5: How long will the Lake Dardanelle temporary halt to new shoreline permits last?

A5: The temporary halt to new shoreline permits will last until the MKARNS Master Plan Revision is completed. At this time, we do not have a projected date for completion.

Q6: I have property on Lake Dardanelle and wanted a mowing or dock permit but missed the May 14th deadline to apply, will I be able to apply for a mowing or dock permit?

A6: If you missed the May 14th, 2021 deadline, you will have to wait until the temporary halt to new shoreline permits is lifted at Lake Dardanelle to apply for a vegetation modification or dock permit.

Q7: Are permits transferrable during the temporary halt to new shoreline permits at Lake Dardanelle?

A7: They may be reissued to a new owner at the same location on Lake Dardanelle, in conjunction with the sale of a home, land or dock/slip. Docks may not be shifted along the shoreline nor relocated to another area of the lake. Vegetation modification permits will be reissued only in compliance with the regulations of the current SMP for the exact same (or smaller if requested or required) footprint and will not be shifted or expanded.

Q8: What happens if my permit expires during the temporary halt to new shoreline permits at Lake Dardanelle?

A8: Dock and vegetation modification permits will continue to be reissued to the current owner. However, if a permit has expired and there is a lapse of more than 6 months without action by the permit holder, then it may not be renewed and the dock may be required to be removed from the lake and any modification of vegetation shall cease.

Q9: What will happen to existing shoreline use permits?

A9: They will continue to be renewed and may be transferred to new owners as long as they are kept in good standing in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit, laws, regulations, and District policies.

Q10: Will I be allowed to modify or add to my dock?

A10: No, permitted structures will only be allowed to be maintained within the same location and footprint, per conditions of the existing and valid permit or to correct deficiencies noted in the renewal process.

Q11: If I have a vegetation modification permit will it transfer to a new owner if I sell my house?

A11: In all lakes in Little Rock District, if the vegetation modification permit you now have is valid and maintained within the conditions of the permit, then it may be transferred to a new owner, but only if it is in compliance with the regulations of the current SMP.

Q12: Can a specified act permit still be issued?

A12: Yes, the project may still issue this type of permit for hazard trees in special circumstances.

Q13: What happens if I mow or cut vegetation without a permit?

A13: Violations will be treated as a trespass and will be handled under Title 36 of the CFR.

Q14: What are the impacts during the temporary halt to new permits for existing outgrants?

A14: Outgrants for minor shoreline improvements that are authorized by an easement or license will continue to be renewed and may be reissued to owners as long as they are kept in good standing in accordance with the terms and conditions of the instrument, laws, regulations, and District policies. Requests for construction of new facilities that would require a new easement, license or lease will not be accepted during the temporary halt to new permits. Requests to accommodate a quasi-public need or resolve an existing encroachment may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Q15: Will you process a permit to correct a safety violation or hazardous condition?

A15: Permits will be approved on a case by case basis if it is determined that the modification will correct a safety violation.

What is affected by the temporary halt to new shoreline permits?	What is not part of the temporary halt to new shoreline permits?
New permit requests	Previously approved activities within the permit footprint
Permit requests received after 14 May 2021	Transfer of valid permits to a new owner (A vegetation modification permit must be in compliance with current SMP to be transferred)
Expired permits	Renewal of existing permits to same owner with no proposed changes
Requests for expansions and modifications on existing permits	Renewal or reissue of existing outgrants authorized by an easement, lease or license
Requests for construction of new facilities that would require a new easement, license or lease (outgrants)	