

Appendix D: Draft Release Comments Report

Nimrod and Blue Mountain Lakes Master Plan Revisions Draft Release Comments Report

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List of Acronyms

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AGFC	Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EP	Engineer Pamphlet
ER	Engineer Regulation
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
MP	Master Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
OMP	Operational Management Plan
P.L.	Public Law
R1S	Recreation One Stop
SMP	Shoreline Management Plan
URL	uniform resource locator

1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Little Rock District is revising the Nimrod Lake Master Plan (MP) and Blue Mountain Lake MP. Each MP guides the management of the government-owned lands around the shoreline of each lake. The MPs affect future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of both lakes.

The MP is the guidance document that describes how the resources of each lake will be managed in the future and provides the vision of how each lake should look in the future. After the MPs are revised, the Operational Management Plan (OMP) for each lake will be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the MP.

The current Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MPs were developed nearly 50 years ago, and original estimates of future population and land use do not align with current demographics. Therefore, the MP revisions will re-classify the government lands around the lake based on environmental; recreational; 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 a 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. A MP that has been excessively supplemented, is out-of-date, or does not serve its intended purpose due to changes in the project should be revised.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) to accompany each lake’s revised MP 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 EAs 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 each EA as a result of the MP revisions.

1.2 Purpose and Need for Master Plan

The purpose of the project is to review and revise the Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MPs. Both plans strive to balance public use of federal lands and waters with the conservation and protection of natural resources for future generations. Updates of the MPs are needed for the following reasons:

- To ensure accurate land classification and resource protection for future generations.
- To update the plan formats and mapping to modern requirements.
- To better reflect current USACE policies, regulations, budget processes, and business line performance measures.
- Customer uses have remained similar, but trends, recreation equipment (RV size, vessel size, etc.), facility use (amp service, Wi-Fi, etc.), and service demands have shifted since approval of the current 1975 MPs.
- Partners, landowners, and stakeholders are engaged with USACE and seek to increase and sustain benefits provided by the lake.
- To identify issues related to ecosystem stewardship including vegetation and siltation management.

1.3 Project Areas

Nimrod Dam is located in Perry County, Arkansas on the Fourche LaFave River. Construction was completed in 1942. Nimrod Lake was authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938. The lake is comprised of 25,278 acres of land and water, with approximately 81 miles of boundary line. The lake provides many recreational opportunities and is a key contributor to a large variety of fish and wildlife habitat.

Blue Mountain Dam is located in Yell County, Arkansas on the Petit Jean River. Construction was completed in 1947. Nimrod Lake was authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 28, 1938. The lake is comprised of 17,263 acres of land and water, with approximately 78 miles of boundary line. The lake provides many recreational opportunities and is a key contributor to a large variety of fish and wildlife habitat.

1.4 Purpose of this Report

The following report summarizes the public participation process for, and the public comments resulting from, the Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MP Revision draft plans release public workshop and comment period.

2 Draft Plan Release Process

2.1 Overview

In accordance with NEPA and ER 200-2-2, USACE initiated the environmental compliance and review process for the Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MP revision projects. EAs have been prepared to identify potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts related to implementation of the MPs.

The Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake revised MPs have been prepared as individual, lake-specific documents, each with its own accompanying EA. While revisions will be documented in lake-specific MPs/EAs, public review periods were held concurrently for both projects. Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake are close in proximity and likely see public visitation from similar entities. Tribal Nation and resource agency interests also overlap. To streamline

the public involvement process, outreach efforts and public comment opportunities were advertised and occurred simultaneously for both MP revision efforts.

As part of the draft plans release phase of the environmental process, a 32-day comment period was held from May 8 to June 8, 2024, for the public and agencies. A public workshop was held on May 21 to gather comments on the draft revised MPs and the associated draft EAs. The workshop gave the public an opportunity to learn about the alternatives and provide input on the draft MPs and EAs. An agency workshop was held on May 22 and a virtual attendance option was also available.

Workshop attendees were provided a comment card that allowed for comments regarding the draft plans and the environmental reviews. The comment cards included a set of questions for each lake so commentors had the option to respond for either or both. The questions were as follows:

- What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of the lake?
- What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?
- Additional comments on the MP revision.

USACE published notice of the draft release comment period through several avenues, including: an email blast, a direct mail postcard, press releases, flyers, a notice placed on the Recreation 1 Stop (R1S) website, agency notification letters, announcements on the Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan revision website and the Little Rock District Facebook page. The postcard and email notifications were sent to landowners adjacent to USACE-owned lands around the lake, holders of fishing licenses purchased in Arkansas whose listed zip code is within 7 miles of Nimrod Lake or Blue Mountain Lake, stakeholders, and those who held reservations to camp at Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake campgrounds within the 2022 recreational season. Postcards were also sent to those for whom only a postal address was available; all others received email notifications. Additionally, flyers were posted on bulletin boards at campgrounds and recreational facilities throughout the lakes and notification letters were sent to potentially interested tribal governments and agencies.

2.2 Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MP Website

A website was developed for the MPs revision project. The site included information about Nimrod and Blue Mountain Lakes, the MP and SMP revision process, the revised draft MP, and the draft EAs. Information on the site included the dates and locations of the public workshop, how to submit comments, and who to contact for more information. The website also contained online interactive maps, an online comment form, and the Master Plan revision timeline. There was a total of 694 visits to the Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MP website. The website link is listed below:

<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Nimrod-Blue-Mountain-Master-Plan/>

2.3 Public Outreach

Notification of the draft release comment period was completed via several forms of media as

described further in this section.

2.3.1 Notification Database

USACE maintains a database of stakeholder groups interested in activities around Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake. 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 R1S reservation system for camping visits at Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake during the 2022 camping season. Finally, USACE obtained the database of holders of fishing permits purchased in Arkansas whose listed zip code were within seven miles of Nimrod Lake or Blue Mountain Lake.

2.3.2 Public Notification Activities

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

2.3.2.1 Direct Mail Notification

On May 8, 2024, a total of 6,211 postcards were mailed to adjacent property owners, stakeholders, and holders of fishing permits purchased in Arkansas whose listed zip code were within seven miles of Nimrod Lake or Blue Mountain Lake. The distribution of postcard recipients is illustrated in Figure 2-4 by zip code.

The postcard notification included information on the MP revision process, how to provide comments, the comment period closing date, and the project website address. The direct mail postcard is included in Attachment C.

2.3.2.2 E-mail Notification

An e-mail blast was sent on May 8, 2024, to approximately 2,959 email addresses. These emails were sent to stakeholders and those listed on the R1S reservation list for whom valid email addresses were available. The information in the email blast was the same as the information on the postcard notification.

2.3.2.3 Project Website

A project website was developed for both MP revision projects. The site includes information about Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake, the MP revision process, interactive maps, a comment form, and information regarding the draft release process. Information on how to submit comments and who to contact for more information regarding the draft release process were included. The project website received a total of 694 hits between the dates of May 8 and June 8, 2024. The website link is listed below:

<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Nimrod-Blue-Mountain-Master-Plan/>

2.3.2.4 Other Notification Activities

To maximize the media coverage of the outreach efforts relating to the draft release comment period, a media release was sent to local media outlets using the Southwestern Division, Little Rock District, Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake Media distribution list on May 8, 2024. The Little Rock District Public Affairs office also posted notifications of the draft release comment period and associated pertinent data on their Facebook page. A copy of the press release and Facebook post are located in Attachment C, and copies of the media coverage are located in Attachment G. A draft release notification was also placed on each lake's R1S website during the draft release comment period. A screen shot and verbiage of this notification is available in Attachment C.

2.3.2.5 Website Statistics

Due to the loss of the ability to utilize short URLs, USACE was not able to obtain metrics on the source of the hits which would allow USACE to evaluate the effectiveness of each notification method. Regardless, a total of 694 hits were made on the Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MP website during the draft release comment period. A breakdown of the number of views for each page is listed below.

- Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Home Page: 344
- Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Documents: 102
- Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Why Update the MP: 57
- Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Comment Form: 191

2.3.3 Public Workshop

USACE hosted a public workshop to gather input on the draft revised MPs and the draft EAs. The workshop was scheduled in compliance with NEPA guidelines, and the location was selected to reflect equitable geographic coverage. The meeting location was within the project areas near the lakes. The location was also Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. The workshop was held 14 days after the draft documents became available to the public.

A total of 25 people/parties signed in at the workshop. A total of six comment cards were returned at the workshop and an additional 16 comment submittals were received via letters, email, and mailed comment cards during the public comment period. In total, 19 comment submittals from members of the public and four comments from agencies were received by the end of the comment period. Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2 provides photos from the day of the event. The public workshop meeting summary is as follows:

Danville, AR

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

1009 Main Street

Danville, Arkansas 72833

Attendees: 25 signed in

Comments: 6 comment cards were submitted at the workshop

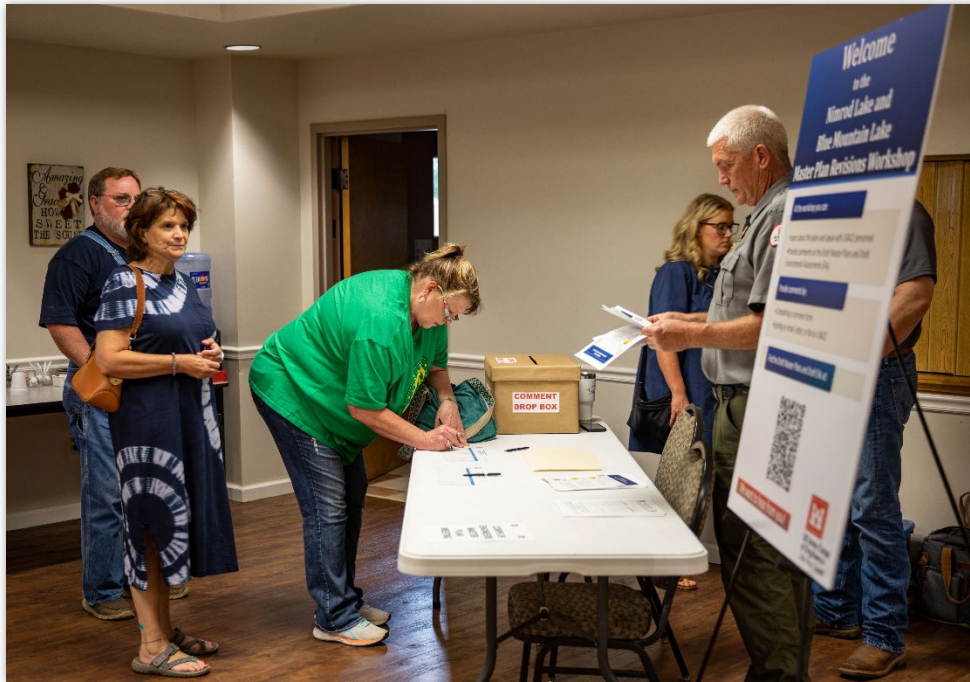


Figure 2-1. Danville, AR Workshop Photo 1



Figure 2-2. Danville, AR Workshop Photo 2

2.3.3.1 Public Workshop Format

The purpose of the public workshop was to present the alternatives for both plans and get feedback on the draft revised MPs and the draft EAs. Two computers were set up during the workshop with links to the online interactive map of the lake and the alternative land classifications to facilitate responses to questions about the lake and the MP revision. Additionally, large, printed maps of Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake displaying the preferred alternative land classifications were available for review (Figure 2-3).

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



Figure 2-3. Large Map at the Danville, AR Workshop

2.3.3.2 Public Workshop Materials

Each workshop attendee was provided a double-sided fact sheet (Attachment D) and a comment card (Attachment D). The fact sheet provided a brief overview and comparison of the alternatives for both plans. The comment card included information on how to comment and allowed attendees to either submit written comments at the workshop or to mail them in after the 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 workshop.

2.4 Comments Received

The public draft release comment period was held from May 8 to June 8, 2024, which provided a 32-day comment period. All persons interested in providing feedback on the draft plans were provided opportunities to submit written comments at the workshop as well as via email, fax, or mail. The comment cards distributed at the public workshop 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 Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MP revision 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 the workshop in person.

In total, 19 comments (letters, emails, comment cards) from members of the public were received. 13 individuals provided comments pertaining to the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan revision, and seven individuals provided comments pertaining to the Nimrod Lake Master Plan revision. Four comment submittals from agencies were received by the end of the comment period and pertained to both revisions. Copies of all the public comments submitted during the comment period are included in Attachment E. Copies of agency submittals are included in Attachment F.

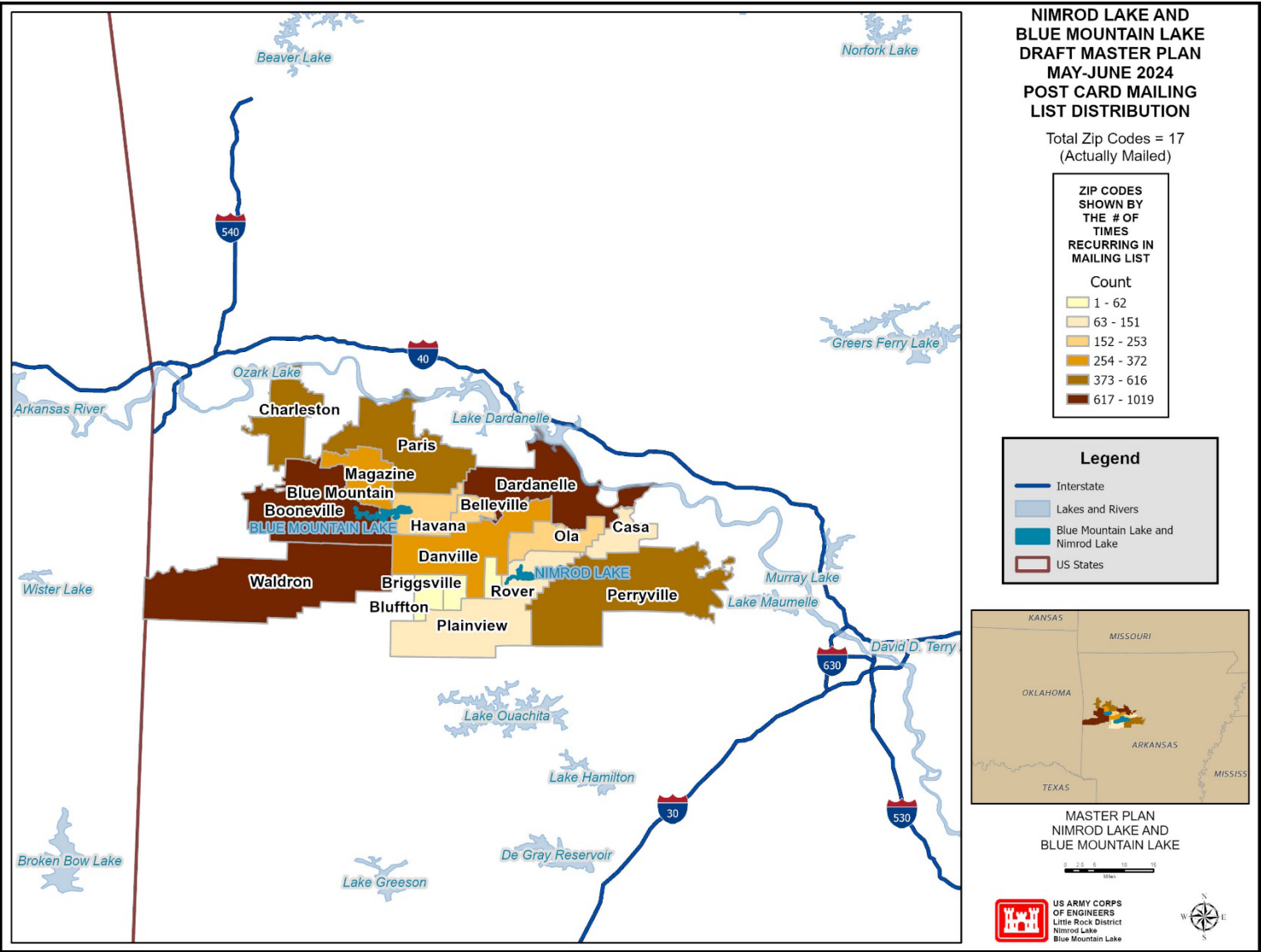


Figure 2-4. Distribution of Postcard Notification by Zip Code

3 Summary of Draft Release Comments

3.1 Introduction

USACE accepted comments on the Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MPs throughout the entire draft release comment period from May 8 through June 8, 2024. Community groups, agencies, members of the public, and other interested parties submitted 23 letters, e-mails, and comment cards during this period. The summary tables (Table 3-1 and Table 3-2) provide 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 individuals 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:

- What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake/Blue Mountain Lake?
- What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?
- Additional comments on the Nimrod Lake/Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision.

This section contains a summary of comments received during the comment period. The actual comments may be found in Attachments E and F.

3.2 Summary of Comments

Table 3-1 and Table 3-2 provide a summary of the comments received during the comment period. While these tables do not include every comment received, they provide a general summary of the topics most frequently submitted during the comment period. The number of times a comment was raised by a different respondent is noted in parenthesis. A more detailed overview of comments follows in Sections 3.2.1 through 3.2.4. Several comments were not related to the plan or the environmental review. It is important to note that concerns regarding lake elevations are not within the scope of the Master Plan but instead are within the intent of the Water Control Plan. State fishing regulations are also not within the scope of the Master Plan. This draft release report will not address water/lake levels or state fishing regulations, nor will the MP or accompanying EA.

Table 3-1. Nimrod Lake Summary of Comments Received

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alternative 2 (3) ▪ Alternative 1 (2) ▪ An Alternative that Doesn't Include Lake Drawdown (1) ▪ Open County Line Park (1) 	
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-opening of County Line Park (2) ▪ Allow Access to Trails/Roads Blocked by Gates (2) ▪ No Wake Zone on Upper River (1) ▪ Use Natural Resources Better/Adopt USFS Practices(1) ▪ Change Limit Back to 20 (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Put 10" Limit on Crappie (1) ▪ Two Pole Limit (1) ▪ Would Like Camping to Continue at River Road (1) ▪ Change Earl Branch back to Crap Shooter Point (1) ▪ Quarry Cove East Ramp Needs a Wider Turnaround(1)
Additional Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Re-Open County Line Park (2) ▪ Allow Access to Recently Blocked Roads/Trails (1) ▪ Identify Methods to Maintain Quality Fishery Minus Drawdowns Every 4 Years (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why Remove High Water Ramp at Carter Cove? (1) ▪ Plant More Buckbrush (1) ▪ Crappie Limit Lowered to 20 with 10" Limit (1) ▪ More Food Plots (1) ▪ Duck Pond Pumping (1)

Table 3-2. Blue Mountain Lake Summary of Comments Received

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain/Improve Recreation Areas/Ramps (9) ▪ Alternative 1 (1) ▪ Alternative 2 (1) ▪ Hiking/Biking Trails (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve Fishing/Habitat/Species (1) ▪ Maintain Flood Control (1) ▪ 10" Crappie Limit (1) ▪ Ashley Creek dug out for Winter Pool (1) ▪ More Educational Content (1)
What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upgrade Ashley Creek, RV Sites, Ramps, Restrooms, etc. (5) ▪ Dredging out to Channel from Ashley Creek/Ramps (4) ▪ Maintain/Improve Recreation Area Facilities (2) ▪ Put 10" Limit on Crappie (2) ▪ Educational Signs (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plant more Buckbrush (1) ▪ Raise Spring/Summer Pool for Spawn (1) ▪ Nature/Educational Center (1) ▪ Two Pole Limit (1) ▪ Repair Road to Ashley Creek Ramp (1) ▪ Maintained Trails (1) ▪ Repair All Ramps (1)
Additional Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improve Ashley Creek (4) ▪ Concern over Disrepair and Safety in Recreation Areas (1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marked/Maintained Trails (1) ▪ Improve Lick Creek Boat Ramp (1) ▪ Regulate Number of Fishing Tournaments (1)

3.2.1 Alternative Preference Comments

3.2.1.1 *Nimrod Lake*

The most common response to Question 1 was that people preferred Alternative 2 as the alternative that best encompasses their vision for the future of Nimrod Lake (Table 3-1). Two commentors chose Alternative 1. One commentor said they would prefer an alternative with no drawdowns and one simply stated to open County Line Park.

3.2.1.2 *Blue Mountain Lake*

The most frequent responses to Question 1 were related to recreation area maintenance and improvements and were not any of the three alternatives (Table 3-2). Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 each received one comment as the chosen alternative. Several other comments were made one time and covered various topics.

3.2.2 Comments Related to Changes to Preferred Alternative

3.2.2.1 *Nimrod Lake*

The top responses to what changes commentors would like to see regarding their preferred alternative were the re-opening of County Line Park and reopening access to trails and roads that have been blocked (Table 3-1). Two respondents chose each of these changes. Several comments were mentioned only one time and included changes related to fishing or boating regulations, natural resource management, and changes specific to individual recreation areas.

3.2.2.2 *Blue Mountain Lake*

The top responses to what changes commentors would like to see regarding their preferred alternative were the upgrading of Ashley Creek Park facilities with five comments and the dredging of Ashley Creek and other ramps with four comments (Figure 3-2). General recreation area maintenance and improvements along with a 10" crappie restriction received two comments each. Several individual comments were submitted regarding various recreation areas and activities along with natural resource management items.

3.2.3 Additional Comments

This question allowed for various comments other than those derived from Questions 1 and 2 but most comments in these cases were closely related.

3.2.3.1 *Nimrod Lake*

The additional comment responses submitted for Nimrod Lake were similar to the changes members of the public wanted made to the alternatives. The comment that was made twice was again desiring the re-opening of County Line Park (Table 3-1). Several comments were made only one time and were related to allowing access to closed roads and trails, wildlife and fishery habitat improvement, and other specific items.

3.2.3.2 *Blue Mountain Lake*

The additional comment responses for Blue Mountain Lake were similar to the changes members of the public wanted made to the alternatives. Making improvements to Ashley Creek Park was

the most popular comment and was listed four times (Table 3-2). Other comments were made only one time. The ones that hadn't been commented on in other questions were related to safety concerns due to recreation area disrepair, regulating the number of fishing tournaments, and Lick Creek Ramp improvement.

3.2.4 Agency and Tribal Government Comments

Four agencies submitted comments during the draft release comment period. No comments received expressed a negative or positive preference for any alternative. The official agency letters and emails are included in Attachment F. Agencies that commented during the comment period included:

- Arkansas Department of Health
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- Cherokee Nation
- Choctaw Nation

Agency and tribal government comments are summarized in this section. The full text of the agency comments is available in Attachment F. Comments not covered in earlier sections or regarding specific areas of the lake include:

- Arkansas Department of Health informed us that the Plainview Water Department, Danville Waterworks, and Blue Mountain Lake are within Source Water Assessment Areas and asked to be notified if any construction takes place in these areas.
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission stated that it had no further comments.
- The Cherokee Nation found no instances where our MP projects intersect or adjoin their cultural, historic, or pre-historic resources in their records. They ask that we halt all activities if cultural items are discovered and that we check with other historic preservation offices as well.
- The Choctaw Nation informed us the areas involved are outside of their historic interest and defers to the other tribes contacted.

4 Next Steps: Master Plan Revision Process

The purpose of the Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MP Revision draft plan release workshop and comment period was to provide an opportunity for agencies and the public to learn about the draft alternatives and provide input on the draft MPs and EAs to help guide future land use and management at Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake.

USACE will consider the comments and issues identified during the draft release comment period as the final MPs and EAs are developed. The final MPs and EAs will be made available to the public. It is anticipated that this will occur in Fall 2024.

Individual responses to comments provided during the draft release comment periods are not developed in the preparation of an EA. Where consistent with the purpose of an MP and where

possible under the planning mechanisms utilized during a MP revision, USACE will incorporate the feedback and suggestions provided through the comments.

Attachment A
Agencies and Tribal Governments Notified of Draft
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Agency List

- Arkansas Department of Health, Director of Engineering
- Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, Director, Office of Outdoor Recreation
- Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, Secretary & State Preservation Officer
- Arkansas Forestry Commission, State Forester
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Chief, Environmental Coordination Division
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Stream Habitat Coordinator
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Director
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, General Counsel
- Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, Secretary and State Preservation Officer
- Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, Arkansas Heritage Director
- Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, Manager, Water Resources Management Section
- Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, Director
- Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department, Director
- Department of Finance & Administration, Arkansas State Clearing House
- FEMA, Region VI, Regional Administrator
- Logan County Judge
- Mount Magazine State Park
- National Park Service, Midwest Region, Regional Director
- State Highway Department (District 4)
- State Highway Department (District 8)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Regional Environmental Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, NEPA Reviewer, Office of Planning & Coordination
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Law Enforcement Officer, Arkansas Field Office
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Deputy Field Supervisor, Arkansas Field Office
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Refuge Manager, Holla Bend Wildlife Refuge
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Biologist, Arkansas Field Office
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Arkansas Field Office, Delta Sub-Office
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Field Supervisor, Arkansas Field Office

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Senior Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Arkansas Field Office
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Yell County Judge

Tribal Governments

- Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town
- Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
- Cherokee Nation
- Chickasaw Nation
- The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Delaware Nation
- Delaware Tribe of Indians
- Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
- Kialagee Tribal Town
- Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas
- Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- The Osage Nation
- Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Quapaw Nation
- The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Shawnee Tribe
- Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
- Tunica-Biloxi Indian Tribe
- United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma
- Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakonie)

Attachment B
Agency Notification



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
POST OFFICE BOX 867
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203-0867
www.swl.usace.army.mil/

May 2, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE AND NIMROD LAKE DRAFT MASTER PLANS AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is revising the Blue Mountain Lake and Nimrod Lake Master Plans, which were last revised in 1975. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190), draft Environmental Assessments (EAs) to disclose potential impacts of the revised plans have also been prepared. Your agency is invited to review and comment on the draft Master Plans and associated draft EAs. Comments are requested between May 8, 2024 – June 8, 2024. The draft documents may be found at:

<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Nimrod-Blue-Mountain-Master-Plan/>

The Master Plan guides the management of government-owned and leased lands around the lake. Decisions about land use classifications in the Master Plans may affect future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities. Input from agencies and the public will help define the needed revisions to the draft plans.

The purpose of the revisions is to bring the Master Plans into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations, identify usage trends and customer needs, and balance recreational uses with natural resource management. Updates to the plan are expected to reflect current and anticipated development around the lakes and to take advantage of current technologies.

Your agency has been identified by USACE as one that may have an interest in these projects. Revisions to the Master Plans may have important implications for surrounding residential communities, businesses, parks, and natural areas. As a result, USACE is requesting your input and agency's expertise to assist in the refinement of the draft Master Plans and accompanying EAs as required by NEPA and the USACE Engineer Regulation 200-2-2 "Procedures for Implementing NEPA."

In addition to reviewing the documents available online, you and your staff are invited to attend the following agency workshop:

May 22, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Nature Center
602 President Clinton Ave
Little Rock, AR 72201

Comments may be submitted via mail, fax, or email with attention to: Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MP Planner, Recreation and Natural Resources Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203; Fax: (501) 324-6230; Email: CESWL-Nimrod_BlueMountainMPRevision@usace.army.mil. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by **June 8th, 2024**.

If you have any technical questions regarding this invitation or documents, please contact Michael Love, Natural Resources Management Planner, at (501) 340-1906 or via email at Michael.P.Love@usace.army.mil. For any environmental resources questions or general concerns, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Knapp, Biologist, at (817) 946-6055 or via email at Elizabeth.J.Knapp@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Brandon Wadlington

Brandon Wadlington
Chief, NEPA & Natural Resources Section
Regional Planning and Environmental Center



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 867
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203-0867

May 7, 2024

Natural Resources Management Section
Operations Division

Honorable Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
Attention: Jonathan M. Rohrer
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Post Office Box 487
Binger, Oklahoma 73009

Dear Chairman Bobby Gonzalez:

The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is revising the Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake Master Plans, last revised in 1975. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190), Environmental Assessments (EAs) of potential impacts of the draft plans have also been prepared. Your government is invited to review and comment on the draft Master Plans and associated draft EAs. The draft documents may be found at: <https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Nimrod-Blue-Mountain-Master-Plan/>. In an effort to incorporate everyone's concerns, comments are requested between May 8, 2024 – June 8, 2024.

The Master Plan guides the management of government-owned and leased lands around the lake. Decisions about land use classifications in the Master Plans may affect future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities.

Input from the tribal governments, agencies, and the general public will help define the needed revisions to the draft plans. The final Master Plans are scheduled for completion in early 2025.

The purpose of the update is to bring the Master Plans into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations, identify usage trends and customer needs, and balance shoreline uses with natural resource management. Updates to these plans have included review of current management practices of the projects and utilizing current technologies.

Your government has been identified by the USACE as one that may have an interest in this project. Revisions to the Master Plans may have important implications for surrounding residential communities, businesses, parks, and natural areas. As a result,

USACE is requesting your input and government's expertise to assist in the refinement of the draft master plans and environmental assessments as required by NEPA and the USACE Engineer Regulation ER 200-2-2 "Procedures for Implementing NEPA".

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Sincerely,

Allen D. Wilson
Tribal Liaison
USACE, Little Rock District

Enclosure

Attachment C

Notification Materials

Direct Mail Postcard, Email Blast, Press Release, Flyer,
Facebook Post, R1S Notification

Direct Mail Postcard

Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revisions



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

May 21, 2024

3:00-7:00

First Baptist Church

Fellowship Hall

1009 Main Street

Danville, AR 72833

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Lake Master Plan Revisions and
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YOUR COMMENT IS IMPORTANT TO US!

Email Blast

Subject: Public Workshop for Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revisions

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Caveats: NONE

NIMROD LAKE AND BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISIONS WORKSHOP

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Release: Immediately
May 8, 2024

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CESWL-PA@usace.army.mil
Media after hours: 501-563-6835

USACE seeks public input on revised Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake Master Plans

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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS – LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT
700 West Capitol, Little Rock, AR 72201
www.swl.usace.army.mil

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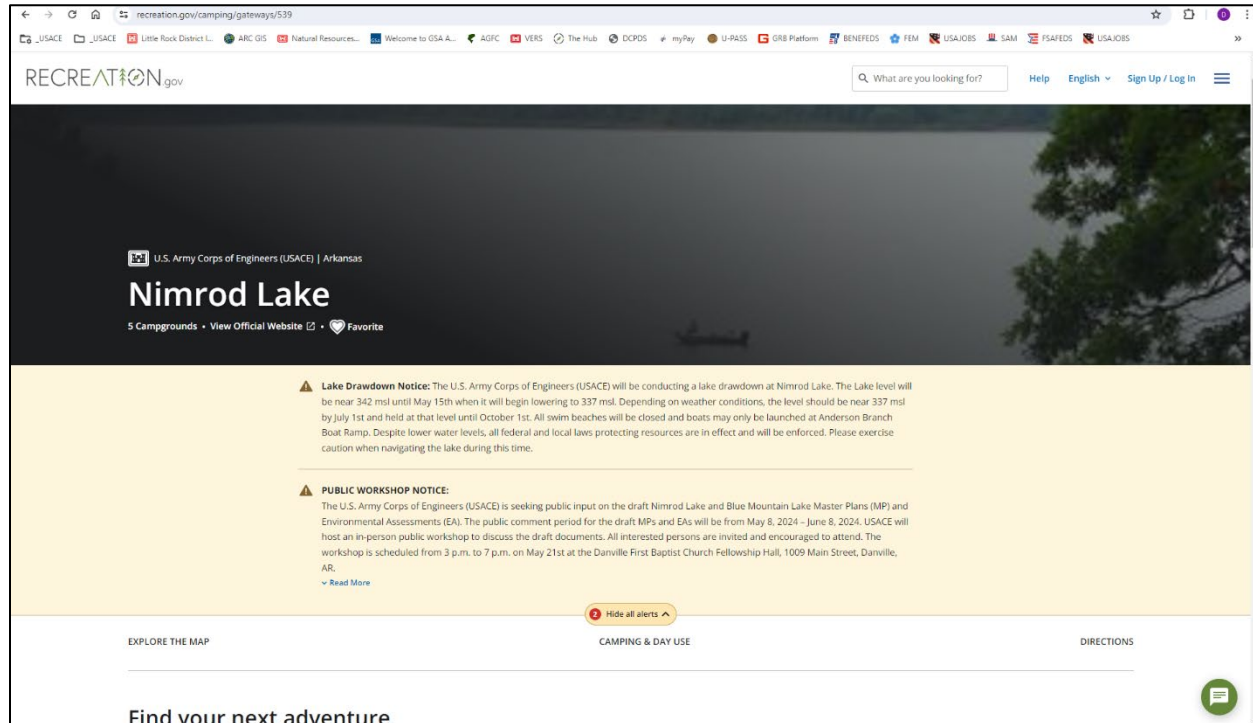
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Attachment D
Draft Release Materials

Fact Sheets, Comment Card

NIMROD LAKE DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVISION

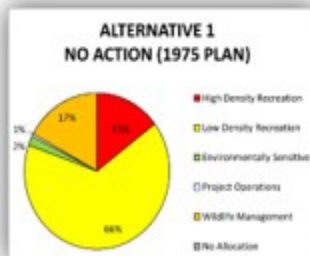


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Alternative 1 – No Action (1975 Master Plan)



- Land classifications remain the same as the 1975 Nimrod Master Plan.
- Currently unclassified land remains unclassified contributing to confusion about allowable land uses.
- Maintains existing resource management.
- Does not respond to changed conditions or reflect current needs
- Wildlife Management (WM) Land Classification only at 17%, and Low Density Recreation at 66%.

Alternative 2 – Preferred



- Based on current/historical management practices, scoping comments, and recognizes regional Natural Resource Management priorities
- Increased acreage of Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA).
- Unclassified lands are classified into one of the five land classifications.
- Most historical access areas are classified as Low Density Recreation and most High Density lands are remaining to allow for possible future expansions.
- Large increase in Wildlife Management land classification from Low Density and High Density Recreation.

Alternative 3 – Limited Development



- Increase in WM and ESA lands from High and Low Density.
- All primitive camping and accesses without ramps changed to WM and will no longer allow primitive camping.
- Reduced High Density areas which will eliminate the ability for expansion and improvements there in the future.
- Eliminates Low Density future access areas by reclassifying to ESA.
- Unclassified lands are classified into one of the five land classifications.

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE DRAFT MASTER PLAN REVISION

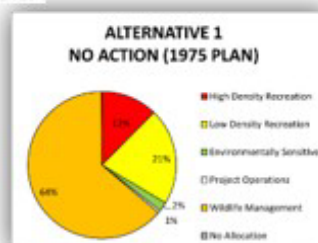


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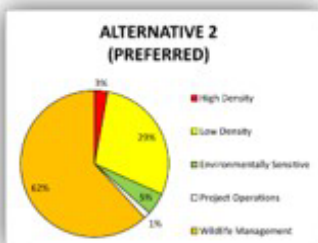


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- Does not address resource management laws, policies, and regulations implemented since 1975.

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What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision.

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMENTS

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Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision.

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Public Draft Release Comments



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NIMROD LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?

#1

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Change the limit back to 20
per person
put a 10' limit on crappie
or maybe a slot
Two poll limit

Additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision.

open up county line
park
plant some more
back brush

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?

alternative 1

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

10' length limit on crappie
two poll limit

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision.

do some work on
the Lick Creek boat
ramp. wave land is
full most of the time

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Mayor

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City Clerk / Treasurer

Blue Mountain Lake

Master Plan Revisions

May 20, 2024

City of Greenwood
Mayor Doug Kinslow

Blue Mountain Lake Comments:

What Alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?

I believe while maintaining flood control, the recreation areas need to be maintained as originally designed.

What changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Proper maintenance and upkeep of the original areas.

Do you have additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision?

I am concerned regarding the state of the recreational areas at this lake are in disrepair and need to be focused on safety concerns. As Mayor of Greenwood, residents in our community and those surrounding use these areas frequently. Therefore, we hope consideration is made by these suggestions as we know this will aid in more tourism opportunities for our citizens and surrounding areas.

Comments: None



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Name/Organization: Donnie Crain / Perry County Chamber of Commerce

Address: c/o Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce

115 E Broadway St, Morrilton, AR 72110

E-mail: director@perrycountyarkansas.org

Phone: 501-354-2393

NIMROD LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?

Alternative 2 - especially the
addition of bicycle/walking trail
and reopening of County Line
Recreation Area as River Road
Recreation Area goes to day-use/
overflow camping

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Would prefer to see camping continue
at River Road Recreation Area
plus the reopening of County Line
Recreation Area.
Additionally, I would like to see
opportunities for concessionaires
to provide services + amenities to
improve the visitor experience.

Additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision.

Appreciate efforts of COE to
maintain Nimrod Lake as good
fishery. Would urge COE to
continue these efforts going
forward and ideally identify other
measures to maintain quality fishing
versus drawdowns every 4 years,
if possible.

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Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision.



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NIMROD LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?

Alt. #1

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

I would like to see go back to the way land ~~used~~ has always been my whole life open to all ATVs without all the gates and water bars.

Additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision.

Would like to see the limit on croppie lowered back to 20 with a 10" limit
Would like to see County Line park reopen for public use

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMENTS

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Open County Line Park

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision.

More flood plots

Duck Pond Pumping

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision.

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Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revisions and Environmental Assessments Comment Form



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Little Rock District

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NIMROD LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?

Preferred
Alternative 2

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?

- What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?
- ★ Change Earl Branch back to its original Crap Shooter Point.
 - ★ Quincy Cove East boat ramp needs a wider turn around for full size trucks with short turning radius.
 - ★ Would be nice to get County line open to take pressure off Carter Cove. Maybe do min improvements to get it open?

Additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision.

- ★ Why remove high water ramp in Nimrod at Carter Cove? Does not make sense. Can save money here and open County line.

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision.

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NIMROD LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?

Alternative 2

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Use Natural Resources
Better. Adopt Forest Service
Practice on Timber and Land
Conservation.
Access Roads and Trails
Previously Blocked on Access
To US, Core Land, Public, Needs
Access To (Public Land) So
We Can Use Said Property.

Additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision.

Most Roads - Trails Blocked
This Year (2024) have not been
Previously blocked.
Senior Citizens need open
Access.

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision.

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NIMROD LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision.

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE COMMENTS

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?

*Alternative 2 is the best
my desire is to see
the Blue Mountain Lake
Area be maintained &
to have*

What, if any, changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision

*Blue Mtn Lake needs
a special place in my
heart. My family gave
this life for this!!*

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Blue Mountain Lake Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 6:46:34 PM

To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to submit a public comment towards the DRAFT for the Blue Mountain Lake Plan.

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?
I would like to see more educational content such as displays and interactive structures for all ages. More recreational opportunities to include hiking trails and mountain bikes that are kid friendly.

What changes would you like to see to this alternative?
A nature or education center, maintained trails, and outdoor educational conservation related signs. Some might include the Diana Fritillary (state butterfly), wildflower identification, types of animals in the area, geology, geography, types of fish, etc.

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision:
I enjoy taking my family to Blue Mountain Lake and we mostly go to the playground and overlook. I wish there were more marked and maintained hiking trails that are easy enough for kids and seniors. Having signs about wildlife, plants, trees - anything to educate the public about the forest, lake, and dam.

Thank You,
[REDACTED]

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [CESWL-Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
Subject: Public Comment Submission for Nimrod / Blue Mountain Master Plan Revision
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Nimrod Lake Comments

What Alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?	If there is an alternative that did not include lake drawdown that would be great. If not can we at least put a limit of 10 fish per day per person. During a drawdown fish have no where to go and they can be caught easily.
What changes would you like to see to this alternative?	
Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?	

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [CESWL-Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
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Nimrod Lake Comments

What Alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?	Why does the Corps always drawndown multiple lakes in one year? Lake greeson, Lake Conway, Lake Nimrod and Blue Mountain Lake are all being drawdown. Why not drawdown a lake on different years? As for changes it would be nice to have no wake zone on the river portion of lake nimrod. There is considerable amount of erosion on the riverbed and many boat wrecks happen on the upper river portion of lake nimrod.
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What changes would you like to see to this alternative?	no wake zone on the upper river of lake nimrod
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Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?	
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From: noreply@dma.mil
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Nimrod Lake Comments

What Alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?

What changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?

Blue Mountain Lake Comments

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?

10" crappie limit
Better boat ramps
Ashley creek dug out for winter pool

What changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Id like to see ashley creek boat ramp dug out
10" fish size limit

From: norcsdy@dnra.mt
To: [CESWI-Nimrod-Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
Subject: Public Comment Submission for Nimrod / Blue Mountain Master Plan Revision
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Nimrod Lake Comments

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What changes would you like to see to this alternative?
Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?

Blue Mountain Lake Comments

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?	Improving places that have been forgotten about like Ashley creek
What changes would you like to see to this alternative?	Dredge out to channel so you don't mess lower your up or haul of your boat an improve the parking lot an boat ramp Road going into Ashley creek ramp is terrible needs redone

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision	A lot of people bypass Ashley creek due to the current condition
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From: norcity@dnr.mn
To: [CFSWI-Nimrod-Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
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Nimrod Lake Comments

What Alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?
What changes would you like to see to this alternative?
Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?

Blue Mountain Lake Comments

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?	I would like to see more emphasis put on developing better facilities at Ashley Creek Park
What changes would you like to see to this	More tent campsites. More RV campsites. All campsites to have electric and water. New restroom facilities with showers included. Update parking lot and expand it. Update the boat ramp and add 2 more boat ramps. Dredge out in front of all boatramps

alternative?	and dredge out the channel from the boat ramps out to the main body of the lake.
Additional comments on the Blue Moutain Lake Master Plan Revision	

From: norcs@bmda.mil
To: [CESWI-Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
Subject: Public Comment Submission for Nimrod / Blue Mountain Master Plan Revision
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Nimrod Lake Comments

What Alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?
What changes would you like to see to this alternative?
Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?

Blue Mountain Lake Comments

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?	It's a beautiful lake i wish they took care of the boat ramps better it's filled in a lot over the years
What changes would you like to see to this alternative?	Fix all of the boat ramps

Additional comments on the Blue Moutain Lake Master Plan Revision

From: norah@bdaa.org
To: [CFSW-Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
Subject: Public Comment Submission for Nimrod / Blue Mountain Master Plan Revision
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Nimrod Lake Comments

What Alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?

What changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?

Blue Mountain Lake Comments

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?

We would like to see the lake remaining a good angler lake.

What changes would you like to see to this alternative?

It would be nice to update the park for rv.

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision

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From: norply2@dnr.mn
To: [CESWI-Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
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Nimrod Lake Comments

What Alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?
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What changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?
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Blue Mountain Lake Comments

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?

What changes would you like to see to this
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Blue Mountain has lost almost all of its shoreline buckbrush last several years. If we don't plant some back soon, the lake will be nothing but a mud hole. IT's famous in AR for crappie fishing. But the lack of buckbrush for spawning is very concerning. I'd

alternative?

love to see normal spring/summer pool raised 2-3' to 389-390. This would put more brush in the water for better spawns for both bass and crappie.

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision
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I personally think that Forward Facing sonar will have major impacts on small crappie/bass lakes. Consistently targeting the biggest fish in the lakes could be detrimental in the long term. I also think there are too many bass tournaments on the lake. There should only be so many allowed a year and once those permits are bought, no more tournaments. 2-3 tournaments each and every week is ridiculous.

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From: noreply@dnr.mt
To: [CFSM3-Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
Subject: Public Comment Submission for Nimrod / Blue Mountain Master Plan Revision
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Nimrod Lake Comments

What Alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?
What changes would you like to see to this alternative?
Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?

Blue Mountain Lake Comments

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?	new bathrooms, electric at each campsite, water at each campsite, dredge out the area in front of the boat launch, and dredge out the channel going from the boat ramp out into the lake
What changes would you like to see to this alternative?	new bathrooms, electric at each campsite, water at each campsite, dredge out the area in front of the boat launch, and dredge out the channel going from the boat ramp out into the lake

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision	new bathrooms, electric at each campsite, water at each campsite, dredge out the area in front of the boat launch, and dredge out the channel going from the boat ramp out into the lake
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From: persely@dnr.mt
To: [CCSWI-Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
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Nimrod Lake Comments

What Alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Nimrod Lake?
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What changes would you like to see to this alternative?

Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?
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Blue Mountain Lake Comments

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?

Restore remote boat launches and water to camp grounds at Ashley creek
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What changes would you like to see to this alternative?

make Ashley creek more inviting. many boats are launched there but no attention is given to this nice little area. restrooms were closed at campground no cleaning station, etc
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Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision
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please add more amenities to Ashley creek. It has room for a park, it already has a picnic area, add more amenities to make it inviting to people again. other than boaters

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From: norcity@dms.mil
To: [CFSWI-Nimrod Blue Mountain MP Revision](#)
Subject: Public Comment Submission for Nimrod / Blue Mountain Master Plan Revision
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Nimrod Lake Comments

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What changes would you like to see to this alternative?
Do you have additional comments on the Nimrod Lake Master Plan Revision?

Blue Mountain Lake Comments

What alternative best encompasses your vision for the future of Blue Mountain Lake?	I would like to see improvement so that families can enjoy Ashley Creek Park.
What changes would you like to see to this alternative?	It would be beneficial for the park to have new bathrooms, electric and water at each campsite. Waveland park cannot always accommodate all the people so this would be a nice alternative park for people. Or maybe for people that enjoy

Additional comments on the Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan Revision	camping at the smaller parks with less people. Improvements to the park will only help the community/local businesses.
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Attachment F
Agency and Tribal Government Draft Release
Comments



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May 14, 2024

Brandon Wadlington
Recreation and Natural Resources Section
USACE – Little Rock District
PO Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

RE: Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake MP Revision

Dear Mr. Wadlington,

A staff review has been completed for the referenced Master Plan revision. Please be advised that the Plainview Water Department is within a Source Water Assessment Area (SWAA), and Danville Waterworks and Blue Mountain Lake are within the Petit Jean River SWAA. Please notify the water systems if any construction will take place.

If you have questions or comments, please coordinate them through Shannon Bione via email at shannon.bione@arkansas.gov or by phone at (501) 661-2067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa Lee".

Teresa Lee, P.E.
Chief, Technical Support
Engineering Section

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From: [Sheehan, Jennifer](#)
To: [Love, Michael P CTV USARMY CESWL \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Nimrod/Blue Mountain Master Plan Comments
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 1:51:26 PM

Hello Michael,

AGFC has no further comments.

Thanks for checking!
jen

Jennifer Elise Sheehan
Chief, Environmental Coordination Division



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From: [Sheehan, Jennifer](#)
To: [Love, Michael P CTV USARMY CESWL \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [Frank Leone, Vic DiCenzo](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: Nimrod/Blue Mountain Master Plan Comments
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 12:30:03 PM
Attachments: [AGFC - Blue Mountain Nimrod Master Plan.docx.pdf](#)

Hello Michael,

Thank you very much for following up with us. I know that our Wildlife Management Division didn't have any comments. I'm copying our Fisheries Division staff just to make sure that they didn't have any comments in addition to our October 2023 letter (attached for your reference).

Thank you again,
jen

Jennifer Elise Sheehan
Chief, Environmental Coordination Division



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June 6, 2024

Michael Love
United States Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

Re: Nimrod and Blue Mountain Lake Master Plans

Mr. Michael Love:

The Cherokee Nation (Nation) is in receipt of your correspondence about **Nimrod and Blue Mountain Lake Master Plans**, and appreciates the opportunity to provide comment upon this project. This communication is intended for government-to-government consultation with a sovereign federally recognized Tribal Nation. Information received in consultation will be deemed confidential unless explicit consent is provided by the Nation.

The Nation maintains databases and records of cultural, historic, and pre-historic resources in this area. Our Historic Preservation Office (Office) reviewed this project, cross referenced the project's legal description against our information, and found no instances where this project intersects or adjoins such resources. Thus, the Nation does not foresee this project imparting impacts to Cherokee cultural resources at this time.

However, the Nation requests that the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) halt all project activities immediately and re-contact our Office for further consultation if items of cultural significance are discovered during the course of this project. Additionally, the Nation requests that USACE conduct appropriate inquiries with other pertinent Historic Preservation Offices regarding historic and prehistoric resources not included in the Nation's databases or records.

If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at your convenience. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Wado,

Elizabeth Toombs, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Cherokee Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office
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From: Madison D. Currie <mcurrie@choctawnation.com>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 9:38 AM
To: Wilson, Allen D CIV USARMY CESWL (USA) <Allen.D.Wilson@usace.army.mil>
Cc: Lindsey Bilyeu <lbilyeu@choctawnation.com>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Nimrod/Blue Mountain Master Plan USACE, Little Rock

Halito Allen Wilson,

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma thanks you for the correspondence regarding the above referenced project. These projects are outside of our area of historic interest. The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department respectfully defers to the other Tribes that have been contacted.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yakoke,

Maddie Danielle Currie
NHPA Compliance Review Specialist
Historic Preservation Department
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
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Attachment G
Media Coverage

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is revising the master plans and associated environmental assessments for Nimrod Lake in Perry and Yell Counties and Blue Mountain Lake in Yell County. The Corps is now seeking public input on the plans. The public comment period continues through June 8th...

The Corps will hold an in-person workshop to explain the Draft MPs and EAs from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on May 21st at the Danville First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Main Street in Danville. The public is seeking public input on Nimrod, Blue Mountain Lake master plan revisions



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is revising the master plans and associated environmental assessments for Nimrod Lake in Perry and Yell Counties and Blue Mountain Lake in Yell County. The Corps is now seeking public input on the plans. The public comment period continues through June 8th...

The Corps will hold an in-person workshop to explain the Draft MPs and EAs from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on May 21st at the Danville First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Main Street in Danville. The public is encouraged to stop by at any time during the scheduled workshop. Corps representatives will be available to answer questions, and maps will be displayed to provide an overview of the revisions. This will be the final public outreach engagement for the Nimrod Lake and Blue Mountain Lake Master Plan revision process before the final master plan completion which is estimated to be in early 2025...

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