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## Acronyms

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CAFO	confined animal feeding operation
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
EA	Environmental Assessment
EP	USACE Engineer Pamphlet
ER	Engineer Regulation
MP	Master Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NRRS	National Recreation Reservation Service
OMP	Operational Management Plan
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers

# Section 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Overview

The United States Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, (USACE) is revising the Table Rock Lake Master Plan. The Master Plan (MP) guides the management of the government lands and waters at Table Rock Lake. The Master Plan affects future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities to ensure the sustainability of Table Rock Lake.

The MP revision will set the stage for a later update of the Shoreline Management Plan, which is how the vision of the Master Plan is implemented. An MP is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed in the future. The MP 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, however, it does set the stage for implementation of the shoreline management program. After the MP is revised, the Shoreline Management Plan would be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the MP when funding becomes available.

The current Table Rock Lake MP was developed over 30 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 2 million visitors annually by the year 2020; however, current visitation for recreational activities is already at 4 to 5.5 million visitors annually. 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 dated 15 November 1996 with incorporated Change 7 and Change 5, respectively; dated 30 January 2013 establish guidance for developing MPs and operational management plans (OMP) 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 and water management plan, resource objectives, and associated design and management concepts” (USACE 1996). EP 1130-2-550 specifies that MPs “in need of only minor revisions and modifications will be supplemented to include corrected drawings ... Supplements should be prepared as often as necessary to ensure that the MP continues to serve its intended purpose.”

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 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the Engineer Regulation (ER) 200-2-2 Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The EA will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the MP revisions.

### 1.2 Purpose and Need for Master Plan Revision

The purpose of the project is to review and revise the Table Rock Lake MP. The revision is intended to meet the following objectives:

- to establish a “vision” for the project including short-term (5 to 10 years) and long-term (30 to 50 years) perspectives;
- to bring the MP into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations;
- to update the plan format and maps to current technology standards;
- to identify usage trends and customer needs;
- to balance shoreline uses with natural resource management; and
- to identify potential partnerships.

The Table Rock Lake MP should be revised because it was last updated in 1976, and it is now out of date. Specifically, the revision is needed 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 MP format and technology requirements
- Current USACE policies and regulations, budget processes, business line performance measures, and priorities are not reflected accurately
- Customer uses, trends, and facility and service demands have changed significantly the past 30 years; for example, visitation has dramatically increased and the lake has attained national tourist destination status due to the proximity of the Branson, Missouri
- Commercial business demands have changed over the years
- Demand for shoreline development and resulting environmental and management issues have increased resulting in sustainability concerns
- Partners and stakeholders are increasingly more engaged with USACE and seek to leverage improvements and innovations to increase and sustain benefits provided by the lake
- Resource issues generated by off-project influences that affect the operational purposes of the lake have been identified and need to be addressed through the MP

## 1.3 Project Area

Table Rock Lake is a man-made reservoir located in southwest Missouri and portions of northwestern Arkansas along the White and James Rivers. The lake was formed between 1954 and 1958 by construction of a dam on the White River near Branson, MO. The lake is about 42,578 acres in size with 759 miles of shoreline. The conservation pool elevation of the lake is 915 feet above mean sea level. The lake provides many recreational opportunities, fish and wildlife habitat, and is a popular location for vacation and retirement homes (**Figure 1-1**).

Table Rock Lake was authorized for flood control (PL 77-228, PL 75-761), water supply (PL 85-500), fish and wildlife (PL 77-228, PL 85-624, PL 75-761), hydroelectric power (PL 77-228, PL 75-761), and recreation (PL 77-228, PL 75-761) purposes.. Table Rock lake is operated during flood periods in conjunction with other lakes in the basin to prevent damage along the White and lower Mississippi Rivers. It is a major unit in a comprehensive plan for the development and management of water resources in the White River basin in Missouri and Arkansas. In addition to the power generated at the Table Rock Lake dam, the regulated flow from the lake provides for increased output from the downstream Empire District Electric Company and the Bull Shoals power stations.



**Figure 1-1. Table Rock Lake**

Table Rock Dam is located at river mile 528.8 on the White River in Stone and Taney Counties in Missouri. Extending westerly along the White River to Beaver Dam at river mile 609.0, the lake is located in Taney, Stone, and Barry counties, Missouri, and in Boone and Carroll Counties, Arkansas.

Located in the Ozark Mountain region, near Branson, Missouri, Table Rock Lake is a popular vacation and retirement area. There are 15 marinas and many boat ramps located around the lake. Seventeen public campgrounds on USACE-owned land are managed by several different agencies and organizations. Known for its deep clear water, Table Rock Lake is also popular for its bass fishery. Other popular recreational activities include hiking, hunting, swimming, and picnicking.

## 1.4 Purpose of this Report

The following report summarizes the public participation process for, and the public comments resulting from, the Table Rock 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 review process for the Table Rock 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 November 28, 2012, and public scoping workshops were hosted on November 28, 29, and December 1, 2012 to receive public comments on the MP revision process and issues that should be examined as part of the environmental analysis. 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 asked to respond to three questions in addition to providing general comments about the plan and the environmental review. The specific questions included:

- How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
- What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?

USACE published notice of the scoping workshops in several regional and local papers through display ads and press releases and on the lake’s webpage. In addition, notice was provided to owners who abut USACE-owned lands around the lake, dock slip owners, and to those who had made reservations to camp at Table Rock Lake campgrounds in 2012. A notice about the MP revision was placed on the on-line reservation system, Recreation.gov, which alerted recreational users who were making reservations for the 2013 season. Notice was also provided to agencies and stakeholders. Several stakeholder groups announced the workshops in their newsletters. The 30-day comment period extended from November 14 to December 14, 2012.

### 2.2 Agency Scoping Workshop

Agencies were invited to participate in the scoping process and to provide input on the vision for the Table Rock Lake MP and on issues that should be addressed through the environmental assessment. An email blast was sent to 36 agency contacts and key stakeholder groups on November 9, 2012, notifying contacts of the upcoming agency scoping workshop and providing the three focus questions for early consideration. This was to allow the agency staff to come prepared with thoughts and ideas to the agency scoping workshop. Forty three formal agency notification letters were sent Wednesday November 15, 2012 to 33 agencies (Appendix B).

One agency scoping workshop was held as follows:

Time: Wednesday, November 28, 2012, 10:30 A.M.

Location: Keeter Center  
College of the Ozarks  
One Opportunity Avenue  
Point Lookout, MO 65726

Attendees: 29, representing the following 19 agencies and jurisdictions (sign-in sheet included in Appendix E)

- City of Beaver, Arkansas
- Arkansas Game and Fish
- Ozarks Water Watch
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- City of Branson, Missouri
- Barry County
- Missouri State Highway Patrol, Water Enforcement
- Missouri State Emergency Management Agency
- James River Basin Partnership
- Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition
- Kimberling City
- Table Rock Lake Water Quality, Inc.
- Ozark Rivers Heritage Foundation
- Missouri State Park
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Taney County Road and Bridge
- Congressman Billy Long

The agency workshop included a welcome presentation from USACE and a powerpoint presentation that provided an overview of the master planning process. Attendees were then asked to participate in a workshop format designed to elicit input on the three visioning questions listed in Section 2.1. Participants completed worksheets with the three questions and then identified the top priorities on a series of post-it

notes. The post-it notes were then grouped by question on large flip charts at each of three 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. This was followed by a question and answer session with responses and dialog led by the USACE staff present.

### 2.2.1 Agency Scoping Workshop Discussion

The comment cards and post-it notes of priorities collected at the agency scoping workshop represent the views of the individuals who attended the workshop. 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 three 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 Table Rock Lake in 20 years? (Number of responses)

- Clean water/water quality (14)
- Limited boat size (13)
- Noise control (8)

Question 2 – What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? (Number of responses)

- Clean water/water quality (17)
- Develop responsibly (6)
- Keep it beautiful (4)

Question 3 – What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? (Number of responses)

- Water quality (10)/Replace older septic systems (3)/Watershed filters (2)/Parking lot filters/ Control pollutants
- Safety (7)
- Hiking trails (3)/ Water trails (2)/ Recreation (3)

A complete list of the issues as identified through the “post-it” note exercise is found in Appendix G.

The topics addressed in the question and answer session that followed the workshop and round table discussion portion of the workshop included:

- Encouragement of focused stakeholder groups as part of this process to connect property and dock owners with USACE
- Reasons behind the timeline of Master Plan Updates
- Opportunities for community funding during the next stages of the project

- Alignment in planning with Beaver Lake, Bull Shoals, and other lakes along the White River system.
- Encouragement of collaboration between USACE and local organizations and governments to plan from a land management perspective

The agency scoping workshop notes including a transcript of the priority-ranking exercise are included in Appendix G.

## 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 public scoping workshops was completed via several forms of media as described further in this section. Three 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 Table Rock Lake. Other databases maintained by USACE include shoreline use permit holders and boat slip owners. In addition, USACE has access to databases of property owners that are maintained by the county assessors of surrounding counties. Using GIS, USACE developed a database that included those properties that abut the government-owned lands surrounding the lake. This database included approximately 10,000 names and addresses at the time of the scoping workshops. USACE also compiled a list of parties who had made campground reservations through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS) for camping trips during the 2012 season.

### 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 a scoping workshop 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 also sent to persons and organizations where email addresses were available. Newspaper display ads were placed in five local and regional papers, including the Springfield regional paper. Additionally, a project web page was developed to provide project information and pertinent information about the scoping workshops.

#### 2.3.2.1 Direct Mail Notification

On December 14, 2012, 19,100 postcards were mailed to adjacent property owners, private boat slip owners, stakeholders, and those listed on the NRRS reservation list without email addresses. Of these, 2,058 were classified as invalid addresses by the Post Office. Approximately 157 were corrected and resent. Another 137 postcards were sent to key stakeholders. Therefore, 17,336 postcards were delivered to interested parties providing notice of the scoping comment period and the public workshops.

The postcard notification included information on the MP revision process, the three public scoping workshops locations and dates, how to provide comments, and the comment period closing date. The direct mail postcard is included in Appendix C.

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

An invitation e-mail blast was sent on November 16, 2012, to approximately 5,453 email addresses. These emails were sent to adjacent property owners, private boat slip owners, stakeholders, and those listed on the NRRS reservation list for whom email addresses were available. Of those emails, approximately 200 were returned as undeliverable. The information in the email blast was the same as the information on the postcard notification. Emails were sent to persons who had made reservations at Table Rock Lake campgrounds through the NRRS in 2012.

### **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 Table Rock Lake and Springfield. 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 between November 13, 2012, and November 17, 2012. Ads were placed in different papers on different days of the week. 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 ran in the following papers and dates:

- Branson Taney County Times on November 14
- Branson Tri-Lakes Daily News on November 17
- Kimberling City Stone County Gazette on November 15
- Shell Knob Rattler on November 14
- Springfield News Leader on November 13

### **2.3.2.4 Project Website**

A project website, <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/TableRockMasterPlanUpdate.aspx>, was developed for the MP Revision project. The site included information about Table Rock 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, and who to contact for more information.

### **2.3.2.5 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 through the Arkansas Press Services, Inc., on November 7, 2012 (Appendix C). A follow-up press release was sent at the beginning of the week that the workshops were held November 26, 2012 (Appendix C).

In addition a notice about the Master Plan revision was put on the National Recreation Reservation Service system notifying people who wished to make camping reservations at Table Rock Lake for the 2013 season. The notice contained a link to the Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision website where further information

on the public comment period and the scoping workshops could be found. The notice was posted on the system between November 19 and December 14, 2012, which would have reached customers making reservations within the 180-day window for Memorial Day Weekend 2013.

Some stakeholder groups also posted notice of the MP Update and public scoping workshops in their newsletters that are distributed to members, such as the *Paper Buoy*, which is published electronically by the Ozark Rivers Heritage Foundation. These notification efforts occurred independently of the USACE-directed notifications.

### 2.3.3 Public Scoping Workshops

USACE hosted three public scoping 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 and were 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 on different days of the week, with two workshops in the early evening on weekdays and one workshop on a Saturday morning.

A total of 1,357 people signed in at the three public workshops. There were a number of additional attendees at each workshop who did not sign in. This was particularly true at the first workshop where the large crowd size resulted in many people not signing in. Estimates of the crowd size at the workshops are based on the known seating capacity of the each venue and a visual estimate of the filled to empty seats. Approximately 1,800 people attended the three workshops. Approximately 250 comment cards were returned at the public workshops at the end of each workshop. An additional 365 comments were received via letters, email, and mailed comment cards by the close of the public comment period.

#### **Workshop 1: Reeds Spring**

Wednesday, November 28, 2012

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Reeds Spring High School

20277 State Hwy 413

Reeds Spring, MO

*Attendees:* 532 signed in; however, based on the number of seats filled in the High School gym, attendance was approximately 800 to 850.

*Comments:* 75 comment cards or notes were returned at the workshop

#### **Workshop 2: Shell Knob**

Thursday, November 29, 2012

6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Shell Knob Elementary School

24400 State Hwy 39

Shell Knob, MO

*Attendees:* 498 signed in; approximately 520 people attended the workshop.

*Comments:* 84 comment cards or letters were returned at the workshop



**Figure 2-1. Registration Table at Reeds Spring Workshop**



**Figure 2-2. Workshop Attendance at Reeds Spring**

### **Workshop 3: Branson**

Saturday, December 1, 2012

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Advertised to be at:

Dewey Short Visitors Center  
4500 State Hwy 165  
Branson, MO

Moved to accommodate crowds to:

The Chateau  
415 N. State Highway 265  
Branson, MO

*Attendees:* 327 signed in; however, based on the known number of available seats, attendance was approximately 400 to 450.

*Comments:* 89 comment cards and notes were returned at the workshop.





**Figure 2-3. Workshop Attendance at Shell Knob**



**Figure 2-4. Workshop Attendance at Branson**

The third workshop, the Branson workshop, had to be moved to accommodate the crowds. Due to the short notice, an alternate location that was within sight of the Visitors Center, but which could accommodate five times as many people was booked. A press release was sent to the news media on Friday, November 30, 2012, to notify people of the change in location. Missouri Department of Transportation loaned USACE two variable message signs that notified the public of the change in location. One sign was placed on the highway just south of the Visitors Center and the other was placed on the highway north of the dam just before the driveway into the Chateau. People approaching the Visitors Center from the north would have to pass the Chateau before arriving at the Visitors Center and so this sign would have alerted them of the change before crossing the dam. Large poster board signs were also



posted in the Visitors Center parking lot and volunteers were stationed there to direct people to the alternate location. The workshop start time was delayed slightly to allow people time to find the alternate location. The registration staff did not note any concerns from the public about the change in location.

### **2.3.3.1 Public Scoping Workshop Format**

The purpose of the workshops was to conduct NEPA scoping workshops and to initiate public engagement for the revision of the Table Rock Lake MP. There were two primary sources of information exchange expected at the workshops. First, USACE provided an overview of the MP revision process and related regulatory activities. The second part of the workshop included public comment on issues and/or topics important to them regarding Table Rock Lake.

Each workshop was planned to include the first half hour for registration and a short open house where people would have the opportunity to view a series of boards on the MP revision process and discuss issues with USACE staff. For example, the Saturday workshop was advertised to begin at 10 am with a half hour open house and registration period and then the formal presentations were planned to begin at 10:30 am.

The workshop formally began with a welcome and introduction of the USACE management team. The welcome presentation set the stage for the MP revision process. This was followed by a powerpoint presentation on the need for the MP revision and an explanation of what the MP includes (Appendix D). Following this presentation, the workshop participants participated in a large group exercise where everyone was given the opportunity to provide input. Worksheets with the three questions were filled out and some people submitted them at the end of the workshop. Those who wished to participate noted their top priority information and issues for each question on post-it notes.

Due to the size of the audience, the workshop format was adjusted slightly from that described under the agency scoping workshop (Section 2.2). Rather than all audience members posting their own post-it notes on the large sheets at each of three stations around the room; people who wished to participate held up their completed post-its for USACE staff “runners” to collect and post at each station.

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 by question/station. Following the report out, audience members were thanked for their participation, reminded of the comment period dates. At the end of each workshop, people had an opportunity to informally discuss issues one-on-one with USACE staff and to clarify their understanding of the MP revision and environmental review processes.

Written comments were collected at each workshop in the form of the comment cards and the completed post-its and also were accepted by mail, fax, and e-mail after the workshops until the close of the comment period on December 14, 2012.

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

Each 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 Table Rock Lake, and the proposed schedule for the environmental review and MP revision process. 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 them after the public scoping workshop.

Several exhibit boards were developed and used during the public workshops. The boards provided information prior to the start of the formal workshop and in association with several large scale maps of the lake, provided a backdrop for the one-on-one question and answer period following the formal workshop. The boards included: How to Comment; Table Rock Lake Master Plan Environmental Assessment, which included a project overview and the three workshop questions; Why Revise the Master Plan?; Issues Potentially Evaluated in the Environmental Assessment; Workshop Agenda (this board was not used at the Branson workshop because the timeline shown was for the evening schedule); Master Plan (showing the relationship between the MP and other planning documents); and Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision Timeline. The exhibit boards are included in Appendix E.

## 2.4 Comments Received

The public scoping comment period was from November 14, 2012, to December 14, 2012, which provided a 30-day comment period. All interested people were provided opportunities to submit written comments at the three scoping workshops as well as the opportunity to submit comments via email, fax, or mail. The comment cards distributed at the public workshops were designed to facilitate return of written comments both at the public workshop and 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.

In total, approximately 615 comments letters, emails, or cards were received by the end of the public comment period. Copies of the comment cards returned at the workshops are included in Appendix F. The post-its with the top priority issues for each of the three questions that were collected at each workshop were transcribed by question and by workshop and are included in Appendix F as well. Copies of emails and comment cards and letters returned by fax or mail are included in Appendix F.

## Section 3

# Summary of Scoping Comments

### 3.1 Introduction

USACE accepted comments on the Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision throughout the entire scoping period from November 14, 2012 until December 14, 2012. Agencies, community groups, members of the public, elected officials, and other interested parties submitted 615 letters, e-mails, comment cards, and faxes during this period. Additionally, the post-it note activity resulted in approximately 400 responses (comments) for each of the three questions addressed during the workshops. 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 some 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 three questions:

- How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
- What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- What is one thing that could be done to improve 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 and G.

Table 3-1 provides a summary of the comments received during the scoping period and includes comments received during the post-it note exercise. 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 3.5. A number of comments were not related to the plan or the environmental review, and these are summarized in Section 3.6. The full text of all written comments submitted by members of the public or stakeholder organizations is provided in Appendix F. A transcription of the post-it notes collected during the workshop exercise is provided in Appendix F. Agency comments including the post-it note exercise transcript are provided in Appendix G.

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

How would you like to see Table Rock in 20 years?	<p>A Lake With...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clean Water/Water Quality (241)</li> <li>▪ Shoreline and Water Maintenance (119)</li> <li>▪ Recreational Uses (111)</li> <li>▪ Limited Growth/Controlled Development (102)</li> <li>▪ No Changes (Same as Today/Preserved) (83)</li> <li>▪ Not Like Lake of the Ozarks (71)</li> <li>▪ Limited Boat Size/Speed/Noise (60)</li> <li>▪ More Patrol/Safety (58)</li> <li>▪ Natural Shoreline/Environment (55)</li> <li>▪ Improved Lake Level Management (47)</li> <li>▪ Fish/Wildlife Habitat (24)</li> <li>▪ Family Friendly (22)</li> <li>▪ Additional Development (19)</li> <li>▪ More Restaurants/Services on Lake (17)</li> <li>▪ Additional Operations Comments (9) (explained in Section 3.3)</li> <li>▪ Available to All Income Levels and Disabilities (8)</li> <li>▪ Better Community Education and Partnerships (3)</li> <li>▪ No Invasive Species (3)</li> <li>▪ Retained Mowing Permits (2)</li> <li>▪ Drinking Water Source (1)</li> </ul>
What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Recreation (304)</li> <li>▪ Clean Water/Water Quality (238)</li> <li>▪ Safety (67)</li> <li>▪ Fish/Wildlife Habitat (47)</li> <li>▪ Natural Shoreline/Environment (40)</li> <li>▪ Consistent Water Levels (29)</li> <li>▪ Access Availability (including Handicap Access) (27)</li> <li>▪ Quiet/Peacefulness (23)</li> <li>▪ Family Friendly (19)</li> <li>▪ Docks (Current/Additional) (17)</li> <li>▪ Limited/No Development (16)</li> <li>▪ Limited/No New Docks (16)</li> <li>▪ Restrictions on Boat Size/Noise (14)</li> <li>▪ Flood Control (8)</li> <li>▪ Shoreline, Dock, and Water Maintenance (4)</li> <li>▪ Economic Growth and Development (3)</li> <li>▪ Home/Property Values (2)</li> <li>▪ Controlled Access (2)</li> <li>▪ Available for Drinking Water Supply (1)</li> <li>▪ Reasonable Costs (1)</li> </ul>
What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Boat Size/Motor/Speed Restrictions (162)</li> <li>▪ Improve Water Quality/Ensure Clean Water (107)</li> <li>▪ Increase Access (including Handicap Accessibility) (69)</li> <li>▪ Improved Lake Level Management (40)</li> <li>▪ Additional Recreational Opportunities (46)</li> <li>▪ Erosion Control (48)</li> <li>▪ Allow Shoreline Clean-up by Homeowners (41)</li> <li>▪ Additional Water Patrol/Safety (28)</li> <li>▪ Establish Jet Ski/Wakeboard Use Areas (31)</li> <li>▪ Limit Docks (28)</li> <li>▪ Eliminate Buffer Zones (26)</li> <li>▪ Ease Vegetative Shoreline Restrictions (24)</li> <li>▪ Ease Dock Restrictions (23)</li> <li>▪ More Restaurants/Services on Lake (16)</li> <li>▪ Maintain Family Friendly Atmosphere (Restrict Drinking/Partying) (23)</li> <li>▪ Shoreline/Water Maintenance (18)</li> <li>▪ Operations Comments (19) (explained in Section 3.5)</li> <li>▪ Decrease Fishing Tournaments (18)</li> <li>▪ Limit Development (12)</li> <li>▪ Increase No-Wake Zones (15)</li> <li>▪ Additional Fish/Wildlife Habitat (14)</li> <li>▪ Lease Closed Parks (6)</li> <li>▪ Reopen Campsites (5)</li> <li>▪ Maintain Natural/Preserved (5)</li> <li>▪ Additional Controlled Development (5)</li> <li>▪ Fish Stocking (5)</li> <li>▪ Restrict Lake Access (3)</li> <li>▪ Maintain Buffer Zones (3)</li> <li>▪ Better Mile Markers (2)</li> <li>▪ Restrict Hunting (2)</li> <li>▪ Restrict Fishing During Spawning Season (1)</li> <li>▪ Minimize/Eliminate Invasive Species (1)</li> <li>▪ Drinking Water Supply Storage (1)</li> <li>▪ Additional Pumping stations (1)</li> </ul>

Additional Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limit Boat Size/Speed/Noise (44)</li> <li>▪ Clean Water (33)</li> <li>▪ Operations Comments (30) (explained in Section 3.6)</li> <li>▪ Increase/Repair Lake Access (22)</li> <li>▪ Lake Level Management (21)</li> <li>▪ Increase Docks (20)</li> <li>▪ General MP Process Suggestions (18) (explained in Section 3.6)</li> <li>▪ Allow Shoreline Maintenance by Shoreline Property Owners (13)</li> <li>▪ Increase Development (10)</li> <li>▪ Re-open/Redevelop Parks (10)</li> <li>▪ Additional Shoreline Maintenance by USACE (10)</li> <li>▪ Increase Fish/Wildlife Habitat (9)</li> <li>▪ Limit Development (9)</li> <li>▪ Limit Docks (8)</li> <li>▪ Increase Patrol/Safety (8)</li> <li>▪ Reduce Fish Tournaments (6)</li> <li>▪ Allow Slip Leasing (6)</li> <li>▪ Increase Lake Access Charges (5)</li> <li>▪ Eliminate Buffer Zones (5)</li> <li>▪ Eliminate Lake Access Charges (4)</li> <li>▪ Increase Restaurants/Services on Lake (3)</li> </ul>
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### 3.3 Comments Related to Question 1: How Would You Like to See Table Rock Lake in 20 Years?

The topic with the greatest response to Question 1 was water quality. Respondents indicated that they would like to see the water quality of Table Rock Lake at least as good as it is today, with many indicating that they would like to see water quality as good as it was shortly after impoundment. Water quality-based comments also included interest in enforcement of regulations regarding sewage and septic systems and issues related to upstream confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) such as poultry houses.

In addition to clean water, many respondents indicated a strong desire for clean shorelines and maintenance of the lake. Many indicated a desire to allow homeowners to clean dead trees, trash, and debris from the shorelines. There were also several comments regarding a desire for removal or cutting of dead trees in the lake, indicating that the trees pose dangers for boaters and swimmers.

Several respondents indicated a desire for no changes to the lake over the next 20 years. 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. A total of 240 respondents indicated a desire for preservation of the lake's shoreline (no changes, natural shoreline, limited growth and development). Similarly, 71 respondents indicated that they do not want to see Table Rock Lake become more similar to Lake of the Ozarks in 20 years. Most indicated that this correlates to a desire for clean water, uncluttered shorelines, and a family friendly atmosphere. Specifically, 22 responses indicated a desire for a family friendly atmosphere, free of uncontrolled partying. Similarly, 58 responses indicated that safety in the future, including increased patrolling of the lake, was an important issue.

There were 19 respondents that indicated they would like to see additional development around the lake in the future. In most cases these comments were based on a strong desire to serve the needs of the increasing population of visitors and homeowners on the lake, and most mentioned they would prefer to see this done while still maintaining environmental quality. Some responses indicated that they would like to see the area as a strong tourist destination in 20 years. For example, one respondent indicated a desire for increased tourism with residential harmony. There were also 17 responses indicating that individuals would like to see a greater number of restaurants and services along the shoreline accessible by boat.

Some respondents also expressed interest in having a lake that is accessible to all individuals, regardless of income or disabilities. Several respondents indicated a desire to have easy access to the lake for seniors and handicapped individuals, which would include installation of paved access areas for fishing and boating activities.

Improved lake level management was also a topic of strong interest among respondents. Individuals indicated that recent floods (in 2011) followed by periods of drought (in 2012) have caused extreme lake level fluctuations, affecting shoreline vegetation, public safety, and water quality. Most respondents indicated a desire for a consistent water level in the future.

Many respondents focused on the future of recreational activities on the lake. There were 111 responses regarding a desire for activities such as fishing, boating, swimming, and hiking. Respondents indicated a desire for their children and grandchildren to be able to enjoy the same activities they enjoy today. While a desire for access to boating activities in the future was a common topic, many commenters also encouraged restrictions on boat size, speed, and noise in the future. Most respondents indicated safety concerns and concerns about damage to docks and shorelines from large wakes caused by large and/or high speed boats.

There were 9 comments unrelated to the master plan, but related to overall operations of the lake. These comments included thoughts on better educational opportunities for visitors and homeowners and on establishing better relationships between USACE and property owners. One comment encouraged additional partnerships between USACE and organizations such as the Ozark Rivers Heritage Foundation. While these comments may not directly impact the Master Plan revision process, they are included in this report as they were viewed as important issues by respondents.

There were also a number of responses regarding specific areas of the lake. These responses are summarized below (each issue was only raised once).

- More docks in the Kings River area
- Reopen USACE campground at the end of JJ in Stone County
- Open JB campground and add a marina
- Allow private docks in existing red line zones
- Tourist development in the Branson/dam area, but restrict development in the up-river areas of the lake
- Wake restrictions in Emerald Pointe

The issues identified during the priority ranking exercise (post-it notes) covered similar topics in a similar order to the comments received on the comment cards and in letters and emails. While water quality and clean water was most often noted as the top priority, there were also many who listed preservation of a natural environment as their number one priority on the post-it notes. Limiting boat speed, size, and noise were also frequently identified priorities. Similar to the trend in comment cards, many individuals expressed concerns related to better lake level management. There were a few responses to Question 1 received during the post-it note exercise that are not already listed in Table 3.1. These issues are listed below along with the number of comments received in parenthesis.

- Increased tourism (3)
- More like Lake of the Ozarks (2)
- No red zones in Campbell Point (1)
- Balance economics, recreation, and natural resources (1)
- Expand the Boy Scout Program (1)
- Allow second story docks (1)

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

The top response to Question 2 was recreation. These responses indicated that activities including, but not limited to, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, scuba diving, and kayaking were the most important aspect of Table Rock Lake. Many respondents indicated that although flood control and hydropower were important authorized uses for the lake, special attention should be given to recreation as an authorized use. Many of the respondents who indicated recreation is the most important aspect of the lake also expressed a desire for restrictions on boat size. Comments regarding boat size generally stated that the lake could no longer be enjoyed by small boats, swimmers, and/or non-motorized boats due to the large wakes caused by larger boats.

Issues related to water quality and clean water generated the second most number of responses. Many respondents indicated that poor water quality would result in a significant decrease in use of all other aspects of the lake including recreation and tourism. Responses regarding water quality included comments regarding 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 Master Plan, these responses indicate the importance of this topic to lake constituents. There may also be activities that USACE and the lake community could undertake outside of the bounds of the Master Plan revision process to address these concerns, including coordination and communication with other resource agencies that do have regulating authorities to manage identified concerns and issues with water quality on Table Rock Lake.

Several respondents indicated that the natural shorelines and/or natural environment of the lake are most important to them (40 responses). Similarly, 23 respondents indicated that they most enjoy the quiet and peacefulness of the lake. Most respondents who indicated that they enjoy the quiet aspect of the lake also indicated that they would like to see restrictions on boat noise based on a threshold decibel level.

Twenty-nine comments were received stating that consistent water levels are essential to enjoyment of the lake. Most commenters are unhappy with large fluctuations in water levels in recent years and many encouraged USACE to be proactive regarding stabilizing water levels with use of precipitation forecasting technologies. Commenters expressed that both extremely high and extremely low water levels directly affect recreation as well as shoreline and water quality.

Another frequent response regarding the most important aspect of Table Rock Lake was safety. Respondents indicated that proper marking of shallow areas, adequate no-wake zones, and consistent enforcement of water safety regulations by water patrol were the most important issues to them. Many indicated that the presence of water patrol allows the lake to remain family friendly; another important aspect of the lake to many respondents.

Similar to Question 1, many respondents indicated that lake access is the most important part of the lake. Comments regarding lake access included access to both private and public docks, boat launch areas, and trails. Many respondents stated that special attention should be given to allowing access to the lake for seniors and handicapped individuals through the use of paved access points.

Responses not directly related to the Master Plan revision included a desire for educational programs for children and adults regarding environmental issues. There were also comments asking for collaboration between USACE and local governments regarding minimizing water quality impacts on the lake.

There were a few responses regarding specific areas of the lake. These responses are summarized below (each issue was only raised by one individual):

- Keep the west end of the lake as quiet as it is now
- Access points for medical and fire emergencies
- Safety at Big Cedar Cove by making it a no-wake area

Issues identified during the priority-ranking exercise covered similar topics to those received on the comment cards. Recreation and water quality ranked as the most important aspects of Table Rock Lake. Additionally, there were many who identified stabilized lake levels as the most important feature. There were a few issues identified on Question 2 during the priority-ranking exercise that are not already listed in Table 3.1. These are listed below along with the number of comments received in parenthesis.

- Like Lake of the Ozarks (1)
- With private docks allowed in the red zone (1)
- With free access for veterans (1)

### 3.5 Comments Related to Question 3: What is One Thing That Could Be Done to Improve the Lake?

The most common response to Question 3 was thoughts related to limiting the size, noise, and speed of boats on the lake. Respondents stated that large boats impede enjoyment of the lake for swimmers, smaller boats, and fishermen. Additionally, many respondents stated that the wakes generated by large high speed boats (specifically wake-board boats and power boats) are causing significant damage to docks, shorelines, and smaller watercraft. Many comments on this topic noted that slow moving large boats such as house boats do not cause these problems; and therefore, should not be included in any new size restrictions. Some respondents suggested a complete ban of boats over 26 to 40 feet in length, while others suggested strict speed limits on all boats to address this issue. Additionally, many respondents indicated specific areas of the lake that could be exclusively used for activities such as wakeboarding and skiing, eliminating or reducing the issues caused by large wakes in smaller coves.



The second most frequent response was in regards to improving water quality in the lake. Respondents indicated that this could be accomplished through enforcing regulations on septic systems, sewer systems, and littering, as well as encouraging partnerships with communities to limit discharges into the lake. Several respondents indicated that they would like to see more frequent, mandatory water quality monitoring, with results posted for the public.

The issue that generated the third most frequent response was improvements to lake access. These comments included requests for additional boat launch areas, establishing hiking trails with direct access to the lake, paving access paths, and allowing steps on steep slopes to allow access for seniors and handicapped individuals. Many expressed thoughts that additional public lake access points would decrease the need for additional docks on the lake.

There were also a number of comments regarding lake level management. Most respondents indicated that fluctuations in lake levels are causing damaging effects on trees and vegetation along the shoreline, impeding recreational activities, and adversely affecting water quality. Many stated that high lake levels at flood stage result in debris getting into the water and building up along the shoreline which can be dangerous to boaters and other lake users. Additionally, many are concerned that extremely low lake levels impede the use of docks and boat ramps. Many respondents suggested a proactive approach to lake level management including the use of precipitation forecast technologies.

Shoreline management issues were reported by many respondents and ranged from allowing property owners the right to manage their shoreline to calling for greater enforcement of USACE guidelines on shoreline management. Additionally, a number of respondents indicated that they would like to see shoreline cedar trees designated as a noxious species that can be thinned from the shoreline. Many indicated that native trees should be planted in the place of removed cedars. Some respondents indicated that natural unmanaged shoreline may increase the number of poisonous snakes, putting children and pets at risk.

There were a number of responses related to development of both buildings and docks along the shoreline. Many of these were in regards to marina and high density buffer zones. Several respondents indicated that they would like to see the marina buffer zones eliminated to allow for more private docks (49). However, there were also a number of respondents that indicated that they would like to see the number of future docks on the lake limited (28). There were varying opinions on the placement of future docks. While some indicated that they would like to see docks in coves and off the main portion of the lake, others indicated a desire for pristine coves free of docks.

Recreation based comments included a number of topics. Some respondents indicated that they would like to see more swimming/public beach areas to replace the area lost to the visitor's center. There were also several responses stating that a shore diving area should be established for scuba divers, as well as several comments suggesting zoning an area of the lake for non-motorized watercraft where only kayaks, paddleboats, sailboats, and canoes might be allowed. Additionally, several comments were received regarding campgrounds. Many indicated that closed campgrounds need to be cleaned-up, reopened, or leased to deter dangerous and illegal behaviors at these locations. Some indicated that the parks should be returned to their natural state to allow for additional wildlife habitat.

There were a number of operations related comments that may not directly relate to the Master Plan revision. A summary of these comments is provided below to provide an overview of additional issues that are important to respondents.

- Provide educational programs related to the environment
- Establish more partnerships with surrounding communities and area water quality based organizations
- Provide increased USACE oversight of public marinas
- Hold annual public workshops hosted by USACE to discuss current lake issues
- Limit boat rentals and require boater education for renters
- Equal/consistent treatment and enforcement of regulations for both commercial and residential property owners
- Allow leasing options for slip owners
- Impose higher fines for abuse of lake
- Establish programs to identify pollution sources
- Move Kimberling City Waste Water Treatment Plant further from the lake
- Manage CAFO runoff
- Restrict fishing tournaments during spawning season
- Limit party circles of boats in coves
- Provide better access to emergency care from the lake
- Allow dock improvements with less regulation to allow accommodation of modern boating equipment
- Require encapsulation of foam docks
- Provide well maintained trash containers at all access locations
- Increase fish stocking
- Install new lights at Aunt's Creek area
- Maintain Campbell Point Boat Ramp

Additionally, there were a number of comments concerning specific areas of the lake. These comments are summarized below (each issue was only raised once):

- Establish additional no-wake zones in coves including the west end of Big Creek Cove

- Re-open Joe Bald Park
- Provide a courtesy dock near the dam to allow transportation to the Branson Landing area
- Establish no-wake areas in busy coves such as Big Cedar Cove
- Open Combs Ferry area for overnight houseboat parking. Also add hiking trails and day use swimming to this area.
- Reopen Old 86 Campground
- Raise power pool to 917 feet
- Provide a public access ramp above the mouth of Flat Creek to allow fishing access
- Allocate high density recreation classification to Big Cedar Lodge and Outdoor Academy areas
- Allow more docks for Sweetwater Beach subdivision in Golden, MO

Issues identified during the priority-ranking exercise (post-it note exercise) covered similar topics as those identified on the comment cards and in letters and emails. The issues identified most frequently were in regards to management of lake levels, water quality, and development. Similar to comments received outside the priority-ranking exercise, there were a few comments that requested additional development, but most concerns regarding development identified a desire to limit development along the shoreline. There were several responses related to water quality that included specific suggestions such as removal of old septic tanks, reducing urban and agricultural runoff, and setting up watershed management groups.

## 3.6 Additional Comments

Most respondents used this space on the comment form to convey additional suggestions for improvements to Table Rock Lake. Comments contained in letters or emails that did not directly relate to Questions 1, 2, or 3 are also summarized in this section. Many commenters answered Question 3 with their primary concern for improving the lake and then added additional suggestions in the additional comment space at the end of the comment card.

Responses in this category were similar to those in Question 3, with most responses focusing on limitations on boat size, speed, and/or noise. There were also several responses regarding upkeep of water quality standards and reducing sewage and runoff into the lake.

Many respondents again indicated a desire to improve the shoreline along their property by removing dead trees, brush, trash, and debris. Additionally, there were several comments asking for additional low density zoning for docks along the shoreline. Similar to Question 3, however, there were also comments asking for limited or no future dock allowances. One respondent indicated that if new docks are allowed they should be spread throughout the lake because too many docks in one area cause congestion and safety issues especially for those swimming near docks. Many of the requests were in regards to specific areas and are listed in detail below. Comments not directly in response to Questions 1, 2, or 3 included the following issues:

- Relax dock restrictions in the red zone in the Campbell Point Area
- With the improved infrastructure of Kimberling City, Table Rock Lake can support additional commercial businesses and rental and resort facilities
- More designation of fish and wildlife areas such as the Thomas Hollow Area
- Better use of large islands for swimming and fishing areas
- Allow a commercial area to be designated for a casino in order to generate revenue for USACE
- Remove docks in the Big Indian Arm out of the Baxter Area on the east side of the arm due to safety hazards
- Do not allow timber management in Cow Creek
- Establish an official launch area on Nellie Lane in Lame, MO
- Allow no-wake buoys up to 200 feet from docks
- Allow for a larger boat dock at Anchor Point in Kimberling City
- Consider allowing docks in Cow Creek Cove
- Establish public fishing areas for those without access to a boat
- Allow a boat dock for Whitewater Subdivision in Shell Knob
- Red zone 126 does not have enough red line shore space for more docks in the cove
- Allow a boat dock in Blair Branch Subdivision on Cricket Creek Cove Area
- Rezone shoreline in the cove adjacent to the current boy scout camp and the new public boat ramp at Cow Creek (changed from high density to low density based on campground closure)
- Allow a boat dock for Woodridge Estates subdivision

There were also a few comments related to suggestions for the Master Plan revision process, these are summarized below.

- Maximize the actual formula of 1/3 space of coves, taking away the 20-slip requirement and approve to adjust the number of slips required to still stay in compliance with the formula.
- Hold focus group workshops with local property and business owners

As in previous questions, there were also a number of comments regarding general lake operations, which may not be directly related to the Master Plan revision. These comments are summarized below.

- Allow portable swim docks to be stored on private land when not in use
- Raise Big Creek Bridge above flood level

- Establish community and government partnerships with USACE to clean up the lake and shoreline
- Allow for PWC lifts that have already been approved by USACE
- Better attitude of USACE officials towards property owners
- Better highways to and from Shell Knob and the west end of the lake
- Eliminate new rules regarding pumps at fish cleaning stations
- More hiking, biking, and running trails funded through volunteer partnerships
- Require reflectors on buoys
- Require blue lights on the end of all docks
- Allocate water for minimum flow for Lake Taneycomo
- Prohibit boat engine exhaust above water level
- Allow some campgrounds to be open year-round and provide enclosed docks for year round fishing
- Consistency in USACE management
- Dock moratorium is putting companies and individuals out of business and is unacceptable
- Mark the gravel bar close to Point 7 due to boating hazards
- Turkey Creek in Hollister needs to be dredged
- Monitor issues with illegal campers across Flat Creek Bridge

### 3.7 Comments Related to Resource Categories and Potential Impacts

Comments (not including post-it note 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Water Quality (564)</li> <li>▪ Land Use (531)</li> <li>▪ Safety and Security (388)</li> <li>▪ Recreation (151)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parklands and Community Facilities (120)</li> <li>▪ Project Operations (114)</li> <li>▪ Noise and Vibration (45)</li> <li>▪ Historic and Cultural Resources (2)</li> </ul>

### 3.8 Agency Comments

Ten agencies submitted comments during the scoping period. These submissions are in addition to the comment cards that were completed at the workshop and may be considered to be the official agency comments. All of the comment cards completed at the workshop, the priorities exercise as noted on the post-it notes, and the official agency letters and emails are included in Appendix G. Eighteen comment cards were completed and submitted at the agency scoping workshop, although some agencies with multiple staff present submitted more than one comment card. Agencies that commented during the comment period included:

- Branson Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Ozark Rivers Heritage Foundation
- City of Branson
- Empire Electric
- Southwestern Power Administration
- USEPA Region 7
- Ozarks Water Watch
- City of Springfield
- City of Kimberling City
- Missouri Department of Conservation

Most of the topics covered 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:

- Improvements to access roadways and access to lake
- Improve areas prone to flooding, specifically Dale Ave, Graham Clark Rd, Clevenger Rd, and Happy Hollow Rd
- Beaver Park should be a high density, no-wake area
- Lake users should be made aware in the Master Plan that lake levels will fluctuate based on a variety of factors, including rainfall, flood control operations, and power demand
- Consider allowing Kimberling City to manage all shoreline within their municipal boundaries and allow the city the ability to manage the vegetation permits within their boundaries
- Provide sustained water intake for Shepard of the Hills Hatchery

- Address siltation at the dam
- Utilize current high density areas prior to establishing additional marinas
- Management of the lake should not affect hydroelectric power generation

As in previous questions, there were also a number of comments not related to the Master Plan Update regarding general lake operations which are summarized below.

- Continue the recreational study beyond the first phase
- Establishment of partnerships with watershed groups throughout the lake
- Complete a study on effects of removal of dangerous trees in the lake – especially around point 7
- Complete a study on the effects of 2-stroke motors on the lake
- Empire Electric requests to be included in any future lake level discussion related to the Master Plan

## 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 used the public workshops as an opportunity to also engage the public in developing the scope of the Master Plan revision.

#### 4.1 Next Steps

The three Questions and the workshop format 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 Master Plan. USACE will continue to work closely with agencies and stakeholder groups to address the issues identified through scoping as a draft Master Plan is developed and evaluated. At this time it is anticipated that an Environmental Assessment will be prepared to evaluate potential impacts from changes in the Master Plan. A draft Master Plan will be developed with further input from agencies, stakeholder groups, and the public. This draft Master Plan and an Environmental Assessment of potential impacts of proposed changes will be made available for review and comment. It is anticipated that this public review would occur in the summer of 2013.

Individual responses to comments provided during scoping are not developed; rather, the draft Master Plan revision that will be provided for review and comment will address comments received in a global manner. Where consistent with the purpose of a Master Plan and where possible under the planning mechanisms available for a Master Plan, 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 Table Rock Lake in 20 years?”* provides direction to USACE on the Master Plan vision and on issues of concern to lake users and stakeholders that should be evaluated through the NEPA process. Issues related to water quality, recreational uses, and public safety ranked highly among the concerns raised in response to this question. These resource categories will be addressed in the draft Master Plan revision and potential impacts to these resource categories will be evaluated in the NEPA document.

#### 4.3 Comments Related to Question 2

Question 2 *“What about Table Rock Lake is most 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 Master Plan revision and that should be evaluated in the NEPA document. Top concerns were related to recreation, water quality, lake access, and operational issues.



## 4.4 Comments Related to Question 3

Question 3 *“What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?”* helps USACE identify the top priorities for action, whether through the Master Plan revision or other means. Not all of the items identified in the responses to this question may be addressed through the mechanism of the Master Plan. Some issues may be better addressed through a subsequent update of the Shoreline Management Plan, which is planned to occur as funding becomes available. Other issues may be undertaken through other initiatives. For example, managing the 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 Game and Fish Commission
- Arkansas Department of Health
- Barry County
- Beaver, Arkansas
- Boone County
- Branson
- Branson West
- Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
- Carroll County
- Missouri Department of Natural Resources
  - Main Office
  - Ozarks District of the Division of State Parks
  - Southwest Regional Office
  - Table Rock Lake State Park
- Empire Electric
- Hollister, City of
- James River Basin Partnership
- Kimberling City
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  - Main Office
  - Fish Hatchery
  - Southwest Regional Fisheries
- Missouri State Emergency Management Agency
- Missouri State Hwy Patrol
- Missouri State Historic Preservation Office
- Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition

- National Park Service, Midwest Region
- Ozark Rivers Heritage Foundation
- Ozarks Water Watch
- Stone County
- Southwestern Power Resources Association
- Southwestern Power Administration
- Table Rock Lake Water Quality, Inc.
- Taney County
- US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- US Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- US Fish and Wildlife, Columbia Ecological Services Field Office
- US Forest Service, Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs
- Village of Indian Point
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## Organizations

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| ▪ Alpine Lodge                           | ▪ Brushy Creek Resort               |
| ▪ Antler's Resort                        | ▪ Caboose Junction Resort           |
| ▪ Artilla Cove Resort                    | ▪ Calm Waters Resort                |
| ▪ Bar M Resort & Campground              | ▪ Camp Table Rock                   |
| ▪ Bavarian Village Resort                | ▪ Campbell Point Marina             |
| ▪ Baxter Boat Dock                       | ▪ Cape Fair Chamber of Commerce     |
| ▪ Beaver Fire Station                    | ▪ Cape Fair Marina                  |
| ▪ Beaver Park                            | ▪ Cedar Hollow Resort               |
| ▪ Big "M" Marina                         | ▪ Cedar Resort                      |
| ▪ Big Cedar Lodge                        | ▪ Cedar Wood Resort                 |
| ▪ Big Creek Resort                       | ▪ Cedardell Resort                  |
| ▪ Bittersweet Resort (Turnagain Point)   | ▪ Celebration Cove Resort           |
| ▪ Boulder Point Resort                   | ▪ Chalets on Table Rock Lake Resort |
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| ▪ Bridgeport Resort                      | ▪ Clearwater Cove Young Life Camp   |
|  | ▪ Cove Resort                       |

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- Cricket Creek Marina
- Crow's Nest Resort
- Devil's Dive Resort
- Double Oak Resort
- Ducks Unlimited
- Eagle Rock Marina
- Edgewater Villa Resort
- Emerald Point Dry Storage
- Fair Haven Cove
- Fin and Feather Resort
- Fish Hatchery – Missouri Department of Conservation
- Fish Hook Resort
- Fish 'N Fun Resort
- Fisherman's Haven Resort
- Flat Creek Inn
- Forsyth Chamber of Commerce
- Four Seasons Resort
- Gobbler's Mountain Resort
- Green Cocoon Resort
- Green Valley Resort
- Happy Days Resort
- Happy Hollow Resort
- Happy Valley Lodge
- The Harbor
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- Harper's Valley Resort
- Hickory Hollow Resort
- Hideaway Marina
- Hide-Away Resort
- Holiday Hideaway Resort
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- Hollister Area Chamber of Commerce
- Indian Creek Inn
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- Indian Point Marina
- Indian Point Resorts
- Indian Trails Resort
- Kanakuk Kamps
- Kanakuk Klassic
- Kats Picker's Paradise Resort
- Kids Across America
- Kimberling Inn
- Kimberling Oaks Resort
- Kings Cove Resort
- Kings Harbor Resort
- Kings River Marina
- Lakeside Resort
- Lazy Lee's Resort
- Lighthouse Lodge
- Lone Pine Resort
- Long Creek Marina
- Lunker Landing Resort
- The Majestic at Table Rock
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- Murphy's Cottages
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- Schooner Creek Resort
- Shell Knob Chamber of Commerce
- Shore Acres Resort
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- Sleepy Hollow Resort
- State Park Marina
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- Twin Oaks Resort
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- Whispering Woods Resort
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- White Wing Resort
- Wishwood Resort

## Appendix B

### Agency Invitation Letters



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November 14, 2012

Planning and Environmental Division  
Environmental Branch

Ms. Teresa Marks  
Director  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
5301 Northshore Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118

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Planning and Environmental Division  
Environmental Branch

Mr. Mike Knoedl  
Director  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
2 Natural Resources Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205

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Planning and Environmental Division  
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Mr. Thomas Jones  
Environmental Health Program Specialist  
Arkansas Department of Health  
4815 West Markham Street  
Little Rock, AR 72205

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Planning and Environmental Division  
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Ms. Cherry Warren  
Presiding Commissioner  
Barry County  
700 Main Street  
Cassville, MO 65615

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Planning and Environmental Division  
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Ms. Mary Hill  
Mayor  
City of Beaver, Arkansas  
P.O. Box 15  
Beaver, AR 72613

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Boone County Judge  
100 North Main Street  
Harrison, AR 72601

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Mayor  
City of Branson, MO  
100 West Maddux Street  
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Planning and Environmental Division  
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Mr. John Rhodes  
Mayor  
City of Branson-West, MO  
P.O. Box 2229  
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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 487  
Binger, OK 73009

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Honorable Sam Barr  
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210 West Church Street  
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Ms. Sara Parker Pauley  
Director  
Missouri Department of Natural Resource  
101 Riverside Drive  
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Director  
Ozarks District of the Division of State Parks  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 951  
Lebanon, MO 65536

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Ms. Cindy Davies  
Director  
Southwest Regional Office  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
2040 West Woodland  
Springfield, MO 65897

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Natural Resource Manager  
Table Rock State Park  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
5272 State HWY 165  
Branson, MO 65616

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Planning and Environmental Division  
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Mr. Tom Snyder  
Powerhouse Manager  
Empire Electric  
215 West Main Street  
Branson, MO 65616

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Director of Commercial Operations  
Empire Electric  
215 West Main Street  
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Mayor  
City of Hollister, MO  
P.O. Box 638  
Hollister, MO 65673

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Executive Director  
James River Basin Partnership  
901 South National  
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Mayor  
Kimberling City, MO  
P.O. Box 370  
Kimberling City, MO 65686

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Southwest Regional Fisheries  
Missouri Department of Conservation  
P.O. Box 180  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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610 Hatchery Road  
Branson, MO 65616

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Executive Director  
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P.O. Box 2132  
Ozark, MO 65721

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Missouri Department of Conservation  
P.O. Box 180  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Mr. James Civiello  
Southwest Division Hatchery Manager  
Missouri Department of Conservation  
483 Hatchery Road  
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Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Planning and Environmental Division  
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Ms. Sheila Thomas  
Executive Director  
Ozark Rivers Heritage Foundation  
4500 State HWY 165  
Branson, MO 65616

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Executive Director  
Ozarks Water Watch  
P.O. Box 636  
Kimberling City, MO 65686

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Mr. Ted Coombes  
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Southwestern Power Resources Administration  
P.O. Box 471827  
Tulsa, OK 74147-1827

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Mr. Jon Worthington  
Administrator  
Southwestern Power Administration  
One West Third Street  
Tulsa, OK 74103-3519

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One West Third Street  
Tulsa, OK 74103-3519

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Executive Director  
Table Rock Lake Water Quality Inc.  
P.O. Box 606  
Kimberling City, MO 65686

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Commissioner  
Taney County, MO  
P.O. Box 1086  
Forsyth, MO 65653

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Area Resources Soil Scientist  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
USDA  
1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 212  
St. Louis, MO 63141

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Ms. Loretta Sutton  
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW (MS 2342)  
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance  
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P.O. Box 25007  
Denver, CO 80225-0007

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Columbia Ecological Services Field Office  
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Columbia, MO 65203-0007

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320 North Main Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65806

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U.S. EPA, Region 7  
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Lenexa, KS 66219

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Jeffrey.S.Farquhar@usace.army.mil

## **TABLE ROCK MASTER PLAN REVISIONS REQUIRE TEMPORARY HALT TO SHORELINE MANAGEMENT REQUESTS**

Branson, Mo. -- The Army Corps of Engineers' Table Rock Project Office will suspend shoreline activity requests beginning Dec. 1 to establish a baseline of the lake for officials to use while revising its 36-year-old master plan.

Shoreline activity request will not be accepted during the master plan revision and all zoning and shoreline management regulations will remain in effect until the plan is complete.

Three public workshops will be held to inform the public about the process used to update Table Rock's master plan.

The workshops will be held from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at Reed Springs High School in Kimberling City, Mo., and Thursday, Nov. 29 at Shell Knob Elementary School in Shell Knob, Mo. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Dewey Short Visitor Center outside Branson, Mo.

The Corps' master plans are used to guide all use and development of a project's federal public lands and waters for environmental stewardship and recreation related purposes, throughout its life.

**--MORE--**

Most of Little Rock District's master plans were completed in the 1970's, with supplements added through the years to document change for that specific time.

At the public meeting, representatives from the Corps of Engineers and its contractors will present a background on the master plan revision process to include explaining the difference between a master plan and a shoreline management plan. Anyone with any interest in the future management of Table Rock Lake is encouraged to attend.

The public's input may be provided at the workshops or during the public comment period. The comment period will be Nov. 14 through Dec. 14. Comments can be mailed to: Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, ATTN: Dana Coburn, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. Or, you can email your comments to [M4TRMP@usace.army.mil](mailto:M4TRMP@usace.army.mil).

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## **CORPS ISSUES REMINDER OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS FOR TABLE ROCK MASTER PLAN REVISIONS**

Branson, Mo. -- The Army Corps of Engineers is reminding interested persons that it will hold three public workshops Nov. 28-29 and Dec. 1 in Reeds Spring, Shell Knob and Branson to discuss the update process and seek input on the Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision. All interested persons are invited.

The workshops will be held from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at Reeds Spring High School in Reeds Spring, Mo., and Thursday, Nov. 29 at Shell Knob Elementary School in Shell Knob, Mo. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Dewey Short Visitor Center outside Branson, Mo.

The Corps' master plans are used to guide all use and development of a project's federal public lands and waters for environmental stewardship and recreation related purposes, throughout its life.

At the public workshops, representatives from the Corps of Engineers and its contractors will present a background on the master plan revision process to include explaining the difference between a master plan and a shoreline management plan. Participants would then break into small groups to encourage greater interaction and input. Anyone with any interest in the future management of Table Rock Lake is encouraged to attend and participate.

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## **CORPS ISSUES REMINDER...**

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The public's input may also be provided at the workshops or during the public comment period. The comment period is Nov. 14 through Dec. 14. 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 [M4TRMP@usace.army.mil](mailto:M4TRMP@usace.army.mil).

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## TABLE ROCK MASTER PLAN REVISION WEB PAGE ADDRESS CHANGED

Little Rock, Ark. -- The Army Corps of Engineers' Little Rock District website address for the Table Rock Master Plan Revision changed Dec. 5 when its website was updated.

The district's homepage remained [www.swl.usace.army.mil](http://www.swl.usace.army.mil), however, the Table Rock Master Plan Revision page and all other bookmarked pages will need to be deleted and the new pages saved.

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Recreation information can be found on the Internet at [www.swl.usace.army.mil](http://www.swl.usace.army.mil), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/littlerockusace](http://www.facebook.com/littlerockusace), and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/#!/usacelittlerock>.

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## Veterans honored

Cub Scouts Matthew Huffman, front, and Carter Letterman prepare to present the flag at the Reeds Spring Elementary School Veterans Day assembly Nov. 9.

## Students honor local veterans

Reeds Spring Middle School students Hannah Pennington and Austin Bradfield led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance during the school's Veterans Day Assembly which honored local veterans on Nov. 9.



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the religious, non-religious, commercial, horse-drawn and marching band divisions. There will also be special awards for single-unit vehicles. Deadline to submit entry forms is Wednesday, November 21 at 4:30 p.m.

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**SAT., NOV. 17**

**Free throw contest:** Branson Sports Club is hosting the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free-Throw Contest for children 8-13. The program is free of charge to all participants. Winner advance through local, district, state and regional contests to reach the finals in Springfield, Mass. For more information, email [bransonsportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:bransonsportsclub@gmail.com), [hoopshoot@elks.com](mailto:hoopshoot@elks.com) or visit [elks.org/hoopshoot](http://elks.org/hoopshoot).

**Painting exhibit:** The White River Painting Exhibit and sale will take place in Edwards Art Gallery through Dec. 14 at College of the Ozarks. For more information, call 417-690-2603.

**THURS., NOV. 22**

**Turkey Trot:** Ozarks Running Club is hosting its inaugural Branson Turkey Trot Thanksgiving morning starting at 8 a.m. at Branson Landing.

Participants of the 5K run/walk are asked to bring two canned food items to benefit Christian Action Ministries.

Proceeds from registrations will benefit Ozark Mountain Family YMCA. Registration is \$30 for adults, \$15 for children 10-14 and children 9 and under are free of charge.

To register, visit [branson-turkeytrot.com](http://branson-turkeytrot.com).

**Thanksgiving dinner:** Jesus Was Homeless is hosting its 5th Annual Love Your Neighbor Thanksgiving Dinner at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Parish Center. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Free coats and care bags will be given out during the event. For more information or a ride to the dinner, call 417-335-9915.

**SAT., NOV. 24**

**Support small businesses:** Nov. 24 is recognized nationwide as Small Business Saturday. Last year, over 100 million people came together to support small business in their local communities across the country.

**SUN., NOV. 25**

**Toy Drive:** Clay Cooper's Country Music Express is hosting an area appreciation and toy drive Nov. 25 through Dec. 1. Guests from Taney and Stone counties, as well as other nearby counties, may bring an unwrapped toy valued at a minimum of \$10 and see the show for free. The toy drive will benefit Love In the Name of Christ. For more information, visit [claycoopertheatre.com](http://claycoopertheatre.com) or call 417-332-2529.

**SAT., NOV. 30**

**Tour of Homes:** 12th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes, hosted by Neighbors and Friends of Table Rock Lake, is set for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. A hospitality room at Kimberling Area Library will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the homes will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and all proceeds from the event will benefit charities in Stone and Taney counties. For more information, visit [hometour.nftrl.org](http://hometour.nftrl.org).

**SAT., DEC. 1**

Christmas sale: Tantone

Industries will host its 2nd Annual Christmas Shopping Extravaganza from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, contact Kim Connell at 417-334-7447 or email [kconnell@tantone.org](mailto:kconnell@tantone.org).

**Golf cart parade:** A golf cart Christmas parade will be held in Clearwater Acres at 7 p.m. The carts will parade through the subdivision and money collected through entry fees will be donated to the Wounded Warriors Project. The community is invited to view the parade. For more information, call 417-779-7910.

**Christmas parade:** Kimberling City will host its annual Christmas parade at 10 a.m. The theme is Up on the Roof Top. The parade begins on the north side of the Kimberling Area Library parking lot and will end at the Harter House parking lot after winding through the Kimberling City Shopping Center.

**Christmas parade:** Forsyth Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Christmas parade at 2 p.m. The parade travels along U.S. 160 through the city.

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car for as long as possible. "I want to be independent for as long as I can," said Diane Spitaliere, 58, a retired government worker in Alexandria, Va.

Male drivers younger than age 44 are still slightly more numerous than women of the same age, but that's only because young men outnumber young women in the general population, the study said. There now are 105 boys born each year for every 100 girls in the U.S. Women outnumber men later in life because they live longer — an average of 80 years for women, compared with about 75 years for men.

### Shifting interests

Rising Internet usage may be part of the reason for the decline in the share of young drivers, especially young men, Sivak said. A previous study by the



Diane Spitaliere with her dog, Izzie, and other women drivers have passed men on the nation's roads. Spitaliere, 58, a retired government worker from Alexandria, Va., says: "I want to be in my own car for as long as possible. I want to be independent for as long as I can." AP FILE PHOTO

transportation institute young adults.

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P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203

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*Written comments regarding scoping for the Master Plan revision  
must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted  
by December 14, 2012.*

**The newborn  
giraffe stands next  
to Pammy J, left,  
who was born in  
September, at  
Dickerson Park  
Zoo on Monday.**

VALERIE  
MOSLEY/NEWS-LEADER



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*Join us as we scope the*

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**From:** Coburn, Dana O SWL <Dana.O.Coburn@usace.army.mil>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2012 10:41 AM  
**Subject:** Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision--Please Save the Date for Agency Scoping workshop, 28 November 2012 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Caveats: NONE

-----TABLE ROCK LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION-----

All,

The Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, plans to revise the Table Rock 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.

We will be hosting an agency scoping workshop the morning of Wednesday, November 28, 2012 from 10AM to Noon at the Keeter Center located on the campus of College of the Ozarks. I invite you to save the date and please plan on attending.

To frame what our discussion will be about, I ask that you think about three questions (see below) and how your agency would respond to these three questions. Please be prepared to discuss your response at our workshop.

Three questions we would like to ask to help us focus on concerns and issues around the lake:

How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?  
What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?  
What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?

AGENCY SCOPING WORKSHOP  
Wednesday, November 28, 2012

10:00AM to 12:00PM

Keeter Center, College of the Ozarks

1 Opportunity Avenue  
Point Lookout, MO 65726  
Phone 417-239-1900  
Fax 417-335-8140  
[www.keetercenter.edu](http://www.keetercenter.edu)

Please note that we will be accepting scoping comments from November 14, 2012 through December 14, 2012.

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A formal agency coordination letter will be sent to your agency offices within the next couple of weeks.

Thank you,  
Dana Coburn

***Dana O. Coburn***

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## Appendix D

# Scoping Workshop Materials

Scoping Fact Sheet  
Comment Card  
Powerpoint Presentation

# Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision

For More Information  
Visit Our Website at:  
<http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/parks/tablerock/trmasterplan.htm>

The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is revising the Table Rock 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 Table Rock Lake.

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

This is your opportunity to let USACE 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 Table Rock Lake

Table Rock Lake is a man-made lake or reservoir located in southwest Missouri and portions of northwestern Arkansas and was formed in 1958 by construction of a dam on the White River near Branson, MO. The lake is about 43,000 acres in size with over 745 miles of shoreline. The lake provides many recreational opportunities, fish and wildlife habitat, and is a popular location for year-round, vacation, and retirement homes.

During high water events and flood periods, Table Rock Lake is operated in conjunction with other lakes in the basin to prevent 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 Shoreline Management Plan would be revised to be consistent with the goals identified in the Master Plan when funding becomes available.

Development of the revised Master Plan will include consideration of:

- Regional and ecosystem needs
- Project resource capabilities and suitability for various purposes
- Public interests and desires

The Table Rock Lake Master Plan Update main objectives are:

- To maximize use of 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
- To attract maximum participation by the general public and local government in project development management.



## Why Update the Table Rock Lake Master Plan?

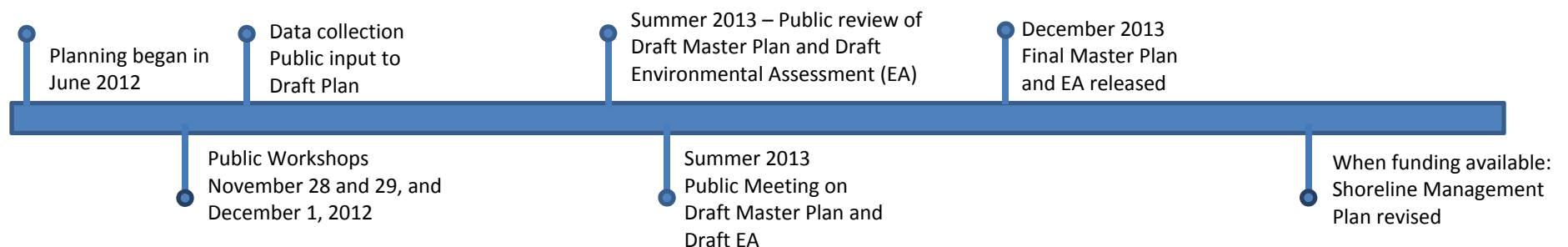
The current Table Rock Lake Master Plan was developed over 30 years ago and original estimates of future population and land use do not align with current demographics. For example, the current Master Plan estimated that the lake would see approximately 2 million visitors annually by the year 2020; however, current visitation is already at 4 to 5.5 million visitors annually for recreational activities. 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 for project operations 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 their 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 low density activities by the visiting public. New private floating facilities may be permitted in these areas in accordance with the lake 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 update to the Shoreline Management Plan, which implements the Master Plan and provides the policies under which shoreline use permits may be issued for boat docks and/or shoreline vegetation modification.

## Project Timeline



## Table Rock 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 Table Rock 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 later to USACE at the addresses below.*

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

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

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

**How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# Table Rock Lake Master Plan Update



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# Master Plan Update Vision Statement

To balance the public use of the lake while sustaining the natural, cultural, and socio-economic resources of the area.



# We Want Your Input

- **This is your opportunity to let USACE know how you would like the lake to be managed in the future!**
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# Table Rock Lake Operation

- Flood Control
- Hydroelectric Power
- Water Storage
- Fish and Wildlife
- Recreation



# Overview

- 759 miles of shoreline
- 14 Developed Parks
- 13 Campgrounds with 800 campsites
- 100 adjacent resorts
- 15 public marinas
- Popular location for vacation and retirement homes
- Adjacent to Mark Twain National Forest



# Tourism and Economy

- The region draws tourists from throughout the Midwest and around the country
  - Approximately 5 million visitors annually
  - \$56.2 Million in visitor spending within 30 miles of Table Rock Lake
  - Recreation in Stone and Taney County is a \$3 billion industry





# 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 1976.
- Update will allow USACE to address and prepare for:
  - Current and projected trends in visitation and facility and service demands
  - Current and projected needs for commercial services
  - Current USACE policies/regulations
  - New and updated technology and maps
  - Land use management development demands
  - Partner and stakeholder needs
  - Resource issues generated by off-project influences

# The Master Plan does...

- 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:
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  - Wildlife Management
  - Future/Inactive Recreation Areas
  - Vegetative Management

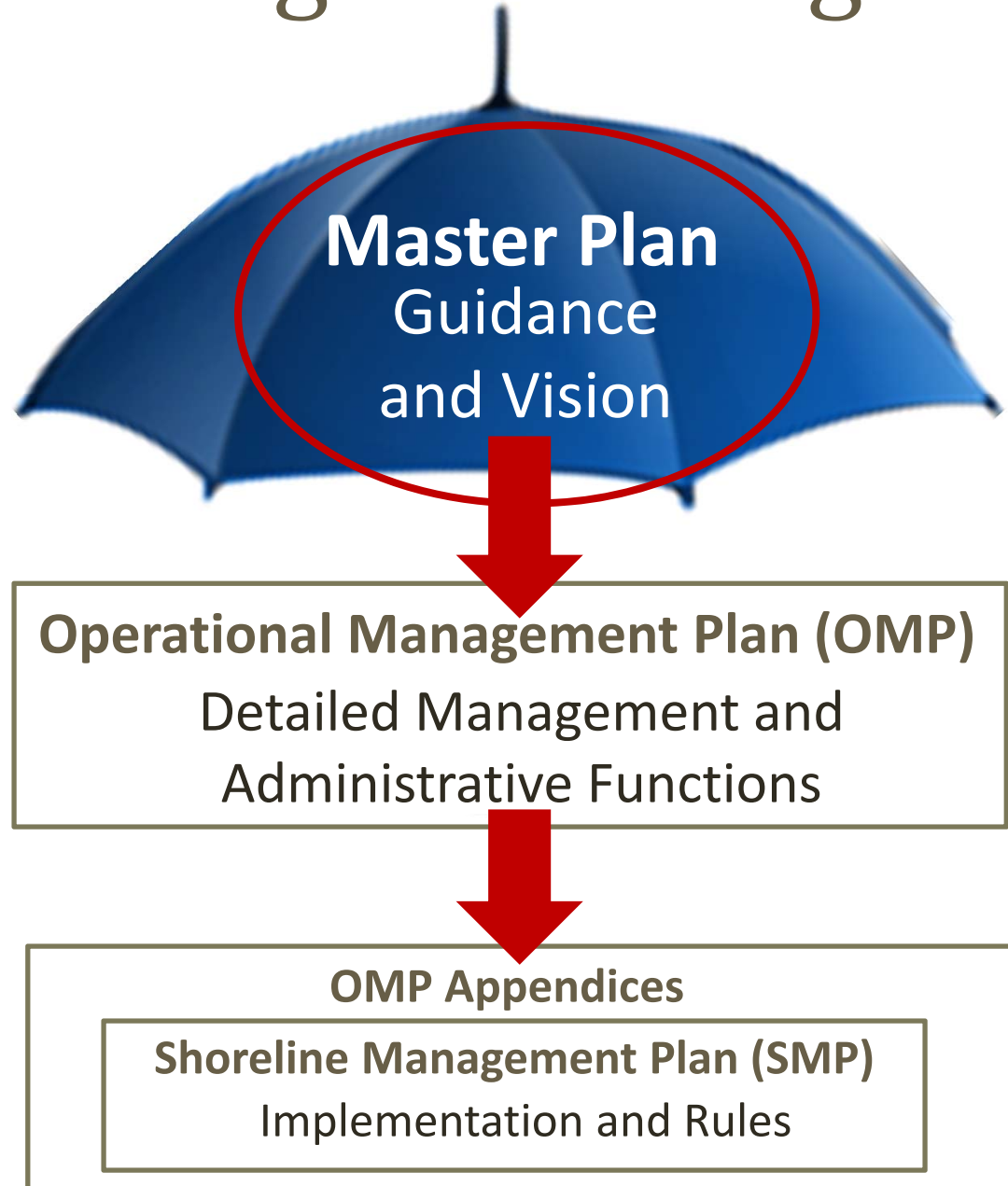


# Land Classification

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



# Planning and Management



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# Questions and Answers

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## Appendix E

### Workshop Exhibit Boards

# How to Comment

Comments are due by December 14, 2012

Please return your comment sheet in the comment box  
by the registration table tonight.

OR

Mail, email, or fax comments to:

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# Table Rock Lake Master Plan Environmental Assessment

The Little Rock District is proposing to update the Table Rock 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!**

Your feedback tonight will help shape the vision for Table Rock Lake in the future.

We need your help to identify:

How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?

What about Table Rock Lake is the most important to you?

What is the one thing that could be done to improve the lake?



# Why Revise the Master Plan?

- The current Plan was developed in 1976.
- Visitation and facility and service demands are greater than predicted.
- Table Rock Lake is now a national tourist destination
- Commercial services needs continue to grow
- To be current with USACE policies/regulations
- Use new technology and maps for greater accuracy and efficiency
- Respond to land use management and development needs
- Meet partner and stakeholder needs
- Leverage scarce resources with partners and stakeholders
- 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 Control
- Water Quality

Please comment on these or other issues that should be considered in the Environmental Assessment.



# Workshop Agenda

Time	Activity
6:00-6:30PM	Registration and Open House
6:30-7:15PM	Introductions and Overview of the Workshop and Master Plan
7:15-7:45PM	Group Discussions and Decisions on Top Issues for Meeting Attendees
7:45-8:00PM	Presentation of Top Issues
8:00-8:30PM	Final Summary Questions and Answers
8:30PM	Workshop Evaluation





## **Operational Management Plan (OMP)**

Detailed Management and Administrative  
Functions



### **OMP Appendices**

#### **Shoreline Management Plan (SMP)**

Implementation and Rules



# Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision Timeline

