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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? (Clean, pristine water where recreational use and enjoyment of lake sports are allowed for the benefit of the public as well as zones allowed whereby businesses, could lease and individuals have can continue to use shoreline for development and enjoyment of clients. Property owners can have lake access and docks.)

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? (Maintaining clean water while continuing to allow economic growth.)

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? (Enforce septic tank regulations and also monitor and prohibit any kind of discharge into the lake from any detrimental source.)

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: (Table Rock Lake is the “jewel” of the Ozarks and should be maintained in pristine for generations to enjoy. Equally important is to use a common sense approach with local people as well as promote future development around the lake to be good economic partners with local business and government who all depend on area revenue to survive. Also, the release of water during a flood event should be reviewed and revised to better control flooding instead of releasing all at once or shutting down all at once. Also, Turkey Creek in Hollister needs to be dredged maybe to 1992-1993 levels as it has silted in due to water flowing from both ends. Permits should not be shut down because you don’t have funds to “rewrite” a plan. The plan as it is needs to continue until you have funds to do something else.)

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

____________________
Clear clean water
____________________
Healthy fish
____________________
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What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

____________________
Fishing
____________________
Swimming
____________________
Safe boating
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What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?

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Limit boat size
____________________
Limit noise levels of engines
____________________
Ban Jet Ski
____________________

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

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STOP farmers from using poultry litter on fields in the watershed
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The COE & Fed Gov should purchase all property within FEMA's flood plain & return that property to its natural state
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MAINTAIN WATER ELEVATION TO PREVENT SPRING FLOODING
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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?

- Noise level of boats
- Speed of boats
- Size of boats

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?


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

- Change to ground rules to protect the shoreline from docks

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

- Permit # 7618 Zone RLDA 563
- Please consider reclassifying to a RLDA so that docks can be modified
- Please consider taking out the marina
- Long Creek NO Parking - #11 Homes

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
We would like to see a beautiful lake with good water quality; a fun place to play; but a safe place, perhaps limiting the size of large boats; limiting the number of boat docks; we would want the shoreline to be kept clean, enforcing the same standards that we now have.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
Water quality — helping homeowners that have septic problems get things corrected.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
Educating individuals — maybe offering incentives to replace septic systems and other run-off.

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We have seen an improvement in water since Springfield was made some changes to their discharge, but every little bit we all can help keep the lake the way we use it.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
I would like to see it stay the nice, clean lake that it is. I would like to see the improvements along the shore kept to a minimum. I enjoy that the lake is surrounded by lots of trees and not high rise buildings.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
Clean, Quiet, Friendly, & Small Boaters

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
Let owners mow grass along lakeshore. Don’t cut down trees, just mow grass.

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

1. Clean water
2. Limits for size of boats on Kings River
3. No "wake boats" on any river
4. Consider safety issues before US Army Corps approves large slips added to docks
5. Control the high and low water levels, when possible

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Clean water and more stable water levels

Continue water safety patrol

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

Limit size of boats, limit speed of boats, limit parts of Kings River access for large boats

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

1. No farm animal access to rivers
2. "Wake boats" erode the shore and damage docks
3. The largest dock slip added to Kings River Marina, on the south dock, blocks the view for boats turning around that river bend. It, the added dock, creates a hazard for skiers, tubers, and boaters.

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

is Today

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Water quality

and open space around lake

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

boating to area's

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

Limit additional boat docks, do not let it turn into another lake of the Ozarks

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Cleaner and less large boats

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Clean water and good fishing

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Better control of duck tanks - inspections can be important with follow-up of problems

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
The large and loud boats must be addressed. They add a danger to those in smaller boats. Take the shore to deeper depths. What my the safety is a high priority later, they have all left the lake in the future. We don't want their problems!

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? UNREALISTICALLY THE SAME WATER QUALITY AND Boating TRAFFIC AS 10 YEARS AGO — IN REALITY IMPROVED WATER QUALITY, PUBLIC ACCESS TO ALL OF THE LAKE, SPEED AND SOUND LIMITS, AND LIMITED AND CONTROLLED ROCK GROWTH.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? FISHING AND RECREATION

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? REOPEN THE 15 PUBLIC MARINAS TO FISHING — YOU CALL THEM PUBLIC BUT IN SPITE OF THE PUBLIC AGREEMENT CLOSED THEM TO FISHING — A POLITICAL DECISION.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: WHEN YOU ALLOW PRIVATE COMPANIES TO BUILD ROCKS ON PUBLIC LAND (COLONY FERRY) THEY NEED TO BE MANPOWERED FOR CLEAN-UP (SUPERVISION) — THERE NEEDS TO BE BETTER COMMUNICATION TO THE PUBLIC ON WHAT SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE — 1. BETTER AND MORE INFORMATIVE SIGNS FOR RECREATIONAL AREAS 2. PUT ALL RECREATIONAL CAMPING CATALOGS (WOODADES) 3. REOPEN JOE BAILLIE, GOOCH, FERRY, AND CREDIT

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

Very similar

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Clarity

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

More full service marinas

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

Invest in US Corp Park for boating, fishing & camping

Also investing in the upkeep of public boat ramps
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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?

—— My initial answer, though a selfish one, would be to say "just like it is". However, it is a beautiful recreation destination that increased access, for public, private and commercial purposes, should be allowed to meet an expected increasing future demand.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

—— Safe water being a given, access to pleasure boating and swimming activities via private and public docks is of the utmost importance to our family.

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

—— More boat accessible restaurants

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

—— Eliminate park entrance toll/check-in stations as they cause unnecessary congestion resulting in long lines to gain entrance into public areas. Private dock owners should be allowed more flexibility in making improvements and changes to their docks as they see fit where water quality or public safety are not compromised.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?  Good lake management with recreational features would be helpful. The lake is a key to keeping the economy of the lake but we also need to keep it clean.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?  Water quality and fishing.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?  Rather than launching ramps, why not take out the ramps and build a sturdy, permanent boat dock? The boat traffic would be minimal and it would allow for a good habitat for the lake. The lake would also be more accessible to the public.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? I would like to see a more clean shore line, free of dead timber and brush. Not being able to take dead trees and brush from shore line doesn't make any sense.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Being able to fish and boat.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? I would like to see the no wake area enforced. A lot of boaters don't go by idle speeds and they slow down to slow high wakes.

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I would like to see the people who come out to inspect be more friendly. I took property on the lake. I should have some respect.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Clean & quiet so people can enjoy its natural beauty. Few = of waste, that is entering the lake by area forms.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Keeping water levels as close to normal pool as possible. When you own maintain, pay taxes on a dock & boat you want to be able to get in & out of the slip. Also, keeping the lake natural. 3) Too many large boats in the west end of lake. 4) Low levels = washed out shore & docks + thin waves.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? With the technology of this time, being proactive with weather forecasts concerning lake levels. Levels are too extreme. Flooding increases, calves, drought causes other problems.

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Thank you for this opportunity to share my views.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
CLEAN WATER/SHORELINE MANAGEMENT POLICY THAT IS FULLY INTEGRATED INTO A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH MARINA OWNERS.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
WATER QUALITY IS PRIORITY PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CITIZENS TO ENJOY FLOATING, FISHING, AND ALL WATER ACTIVITIES IN A SAFE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
PROVIDE MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT DURING THE EXTREMELY HIGH WATER PERIODS WE NEED THE ABILITY TO KEEP THE SHORELINE (PRESERVE) ALLOWING EVERYONE TO ENJOY ITS NATURAL BEAUTY.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
THE MEETING I ATTENDED IN KEEDS SPRING WAS DISAPPOINTING. I UNDERSTAND THAT NO REAL FEEDBACK WAS GIVEN. POSITIVE NOTES WERE NOT THE WAY TO GO. WE NEED BETTER COMMUNICATION FROM ALL PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE FUTURE OF THE LAKE. CONCERNING DOCK PERMITS I ETC. I FEEL SLIP OWNERS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO LEASE THEIR SLIPS. IT WOULD BENEFIT THE OWNERS ON DOCKS IF THERE WAS MONEY INVOLVED NOT ONLY IN THE PURCHASE BUT ALSO THE OPTION TO LEASE SLIPS.

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WITH MORE SHORELINE VEGETATION PEOPLE NOT CUTTING
SO YOU CAN SEE SOME MANY HOUSES NATURAL JUST
IS TO NICE, (KEEP THE SHORELINE IN THE NATURAL
HANDS) WE CAN HELP HER SOME!

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? SEEING IT WILDLIFE NATURE GOOD TIMES FOR THE KIDS, FISHING, BOATING
HUNTING, BUT WATCHING PLANTS JUST THE FACE OF THE LAKE
OF WOOD

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? SMALLER BOATS & MORE

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

NEED MORE PEOPLE TO HELP PEOPLE THAT LIVE ON
THE LAKE WORK ON IT

WHEN PEOPLE SEE THE OTHER WAY PEOPLE HAVE TO HELP
IT'S OUR LAKE TOO

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Maintained in much the same manner as it is today. Place a limit on large motors as well as some restriction on the type of boats that can use the lake.

In most cases the lake is too narrow to allow for a boat built for speed. We don't need another lake of that Ozark's here!

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Recreation with that water quality.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Ensure water quality is maintained by those living near the lake maintain their proper waste disposal systems. Human waste especially.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: We think the Farm One building water storage ponds - how necessary is this or will this limit the amount of run off that finally gets to the lake.

Algae Monitoring in Specific Places.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
- a lake with
  - clean water
  - fewer bugs
  - less boat traffic
  - less erosion
  - more shoreline exposure

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
1. Water quality / clarity

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
Limit 'wake boats' that carry bugs into the lake, surfing on the lake, and damage docks.

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

1. Limit wake boats on the Kings River south of Kings River Marina.

2. The Kings River Marina is a safety hazard! It is too close to traffic! Remove it if possible.

3. Try to eliminate high water levels and low levels in drought if possible.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Continued protection in order to prevent over development of the shoreline. Resorts and condos should look like they belong in the Ozarks, not in New York City as they do between Indian Point and Paradise Point.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Clean water and preserving the pristine appearance of the lake, also stable consistent lake levels.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Keep the lake in tune with nature, by setting desirable levels to govern the amount noise produced by boats and watercraft on the lake.

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

Allowing club owners, like, attorney, oils, how oil to whom, their income, use for use by family and friends

No longer require private communities to maintain public ramps and access docks.

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

- Improved Water quality and keeping development from Shoreline
- No increase of open shoreline
- No large commercial developments coming in and taking down trees to put up buildings after building

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

The beauty of the lake to be maintained.

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

Restrict further lake docks especially in main channels

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

I don't know if anything can be done about lake level
without having a benefit in small boats when they park in
high water and have almost capsized in runabout
crash waves was mentioned by a person at Round
Side meeting - whatever that means needs to be explained.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? As pristine as possible.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Its natural beauty.

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

1. Reduce agricultural and city chemical and nutrient runoff into tributaries.

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

2. Twice yearly shoreline cleanup drives.

3. Additional underwater cover for fish.

4. Preserve as many non-commercialized areas around the lake as possible such as Piney creek and National forests.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? I WOULD LIKE THE WATER CLEAN & CLEAR. I'VE BEEN LIVING ON THE LAKE FOR 10 YEARS, FIRST UP THE RIVER AND NOW ON THE MAIN LAKE SOUTH EAST OF THE SHELL KNOB BRIDGE. I DON'T KNOW IF THE TWO FLOODS CAUSED IT, BUT I HAVE NOTICED THAT THE WATER IS NOT AS CLEAR AS IT USED TO BE.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE TO ME IS CLEAN WATER. I LOVE TO FISH AND WHEN I CATCH A SMALL MOUTH THAT MEANS THE WATER IS PRETTY GOOD. CLEAN WATER MAKES FOR GOOD FISHING!

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? RESTRICT THE SIZE OF BOATS AND REDUCE OR LIMIT THE SPEED FOR SAFETY OF THE SMALLER BOATS. I HAVE ALREADY BEEN THROWN OUT OF MY BOAT BECAUSE OF THE WAVE CAUSED BY LARGE BOATS. THE NOISE THAT SOME OF THE BOATS MAKE IS WAY TO LOUD. DURING THIS SUMMER THERE IS A BOAT THAT RUNS FROM CAMPBEL PONT TO THE SHELL KNOB BRIDGE AND YOU CAN HEAR IT ALL THE WAY. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE NOISE. LARGE BOATS ALSO MAKE A BIG WAKE THAT POUNDS THIS SMALL LAKE WHICH CAUSES PROBLEMS.

Thank you for the opportunity for our input.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? The lake should be as it is today and even more pristine. With regular scheduled algae blooms and anything else necessary to keep the beauty of the area.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? The water is what is most important to me. I have lived here 33 years and will live here for the rest of my life.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Control the growth of algae blooms and limit the size of boats allowed on the lake.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
- Pristine - Restrict more community/private docks - The Shoreline is already cluttered in some areas.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- Clean water

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
- Limit size of boats

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
- Great job this year
- Algae on docks needs to be controlled
- Control water levels - Good job this year.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? MORE GENRAL STORE (COMMERCIAL)
OUTLET-CASINO STATIONS HARDWARE STORES, PHARMACIES
MORE UP-SCALE HOMES TO INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES
MORE ATTENTION TO SOUTH SIDE: LIME, CARR LANE & SHELL KNOLL

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? BEAUTY OF WATER, FISHING
CONTROL OF ABANDONED TRAILERS & TRASH
Hazardous Solutions from Old Cars & Trucks

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? REMOVING TONS OF DRIFWOOD AT SHORELINE & CUTTING DEAD TREES & BRANCHES TO REMOVE MICE OR FROGS & FISH & INSECT - OWNERS OF LAKESHORE LAND NEED MORE PERMISSION TO CARE FOR ABOVE PROBLEMS

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
ABANDONED TRAILERS & OTHER SOURCE OF LEAKING SEPTIC TANKS
CAR WRECKS - GASOLINE & OIL
INCREASED CELL PHONE TOWERS - NO SERVICE IN LOW AREAS (I WOULD CONSIDER PLACING ANTENAS AT THIS COMMERCIAL PROJECT)
THINKING OF UNDERWATER AT VEHICLE/ROAD INTERSECTIONS
REMOVAL OF POTENTIAL METH PRODUCING SITES

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

I would like to see Table Rock Lake have a Master Plan that is more of a cooperative partnership arrangement with the visitors and land owner around the lake rather than an adversary position. The Corps of Engineers attitude is not highly revered and could improve which will induce more visitors to Table Rock Lake.

I would like to see Table Rock Lake as beautiful as it is today and complemented with more information about the geology of the area, who lived here before the settlers and water that is clear and clean.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

As a photographer the most important element of the Table Rock Lake is to maintain the beauty and being able to access all areas to be recorded digitally. To be more specific the water quality is the most important.

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

Restrict the size of large boats to lessen the size of the wakes

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

As the Table Rock Lake is a generator of hydropower electricity could a study be made to explore using the lake water as the heat and cooling source for heat pump usage that could supply heat and cooling for homes on the lake shore. This cooperative partnership could be an income source for the Corps as well as provide inexpensive heat and cooling source for home owners on the lake. This suggestion fits one of the main objectives of the master plan and that is to maximize the use of the resources of the lake.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
A Clean, Quite Lake with Multiple Recreational Opportunities

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

1. Clean Water
2. Tight Shoreline Management
3. Although Minor Control of Noise from Pumps
4. Bottom Enforcement of Regulations
5. Hiking Trails Along Shoreline

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

Control of Visual Impact of Pumps, As Seen from the Lake.

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

Clear Regulations and Opportunities for the Multiple Water Recreation Uses of the Lake
- Wading Area
- Fishing
- House Boating
- Swimming
- Personal Boating - Transport

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? 
- Certainly not like Lake of the Ozarks!
- Clean, clear water and serene surroundings.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- The quality of life: water quality and pleasant surroundings.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
- Restrict large cabin cruiser type boats. It's a safety & shoreline issue: (a) their wakes can swamp small pleasure & fishing boats (b) the damage these large wakes do to the shoreline. Restrict "straight" exhaust boats, the noise is level is terrific.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
- Do away with marinas "buffer" zones.
- Allow renting of privately owned slips.

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

I would like to see the lake no different than it is right now.
I don't want to see a lake of the Ozarks

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? the water quality and being able to find secluded areas

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? I don't think there is anything that any one could do to improve the lake

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?  The SAME NO MORE
Boats

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Not overcrowded like lake Ozarks

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

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? 
With the water as clear as it was 20 years ago.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
Being able to see the water every morning.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
Change the size (length) of Kentucky Bass that can be kept. They don't grow to 15 inches.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: 
I've never seen a Master Plan - so don't know what needs to be changed.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Preserved as it is today, with care given to the environment and the natural habitat for fish and animals.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Clean water, preserve for fish and animal life, quiet recreational lake, restrictions on shore line and water to prevent Table Rock from becoming polluted, overcrowded and overdeveloped like lake of the Ozarks.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Better management of lake levels.

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

There should be greater restrictions on boats, such as permitted size, speed and noise levels.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
* CLEANER WATER (SEPTIC SYSTEMS ON OLDER HOMES)
* ENHANCED FISHERIES
* "NO" SELLING CORPS OR FEDERAL LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
* SCENIC SHORELINES
* "NO" LAKE OF OZARKS OVER DEVELOPMENT OF SHORES
* FAMILY ATMOSPHERE
* FEDERAL LANDS AROUND CORP PROPERTY (HUNTING, HIKING)

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
* LIMIT MINIMUM FLOW TO STABILIZE LAKE LEVELS IN DROUGHT

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
WATER QUALITY COMING FROM JAMES RIVER DRAINAGE AREA
PHOSPHORUS CITIES

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? I am a lakefront property owner in Stone Co., so the future of TRL is of vital importance to me. I would like to see the quality of the lake and the shoreline improve, nature has not done a good job of maintaining the shoreline.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? The quality of the water, it is our duty and yours also, to keep and improve the water because in the future water will be even more important than it is today.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Install more mile markers, which would make it easier to navigate the lake. Control pollution and run-off into the lake.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Everything that everyone does on or around the lake has an effect on the lake, with water quality being the primary concern it will become clear as what is too much of a good thing, and limitations will need to be set forth to achieve the most important aspect of the lake, the water.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Clean water. Just like today or better. No high rise condos to block peoples view.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Clean water. Keep as natural as possible.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Allow a certain amount of cutting trees on Shore line that get under docks when high water occurs.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
Treat everyone the same as far as lake front property is concerned. Some seem to be able to cut trees to enhance their view & others are severely scolded or fined. Motoring on the shore is evident not all have the same rules.
We have had property since 1958 & we love the lake & try to follow all rules & regs. We want if there for our grandchildren & others to enjoy. For the most part you do a good job.

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- Like it is now
- Clearer Water
- Enforce rules
- Inspect all septic tanks
- Replace

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- Beauty
- Clean
- Quiet
- Safety
- Native Fish
- Safe boating

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
- Additions
- Gas and dock
- More Commercial
- Enforce fishing
- Reduce trash
- Enforce no cutting
- Some clear to the water
- We cannot
- Not fair or equal

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Do not try and sell off Mark Twain Forest Land.

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Cleaner than it is now and public accesses controlled and maintained by public groups like buttermilk springs org or Joe Bald community. Basically organize community parks and accesses maintained by local lake groups to take pressure off of Army Corp. Just give us some guidelines

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Keeping the lake limited to moderate boating (not another Lake of the Ozarks)

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

Better monitoring of lake quality and EPA enforcement maybe assisted by local agency's Fire, police, coastguard groups Etc. (But give them the education and the teeth to do so)

Additional Comments:

The largest problem as I see it is that whoever enforces the water quality laws have no teeth and are going about it totally wrong.

Example: The city of Springfield dumps sewage in the rivers then there is some kind of breakdown in the system and it dumps even more in. so we are told all we can do is fine less than copious amounts of money but that does not clean the water!! At the time of the infraction discovery there is absolutely no question about who is to blame. Can only come from one place, Springfield. At the point of discovery call a cleanup org or company and ship them in here now!! Start the cleanup and give the bill for doing so to the city of Springfield No fines for politicians or bureaucrats to pocket just solutions to water quality.

I don't want them to be guilty I want to do the right thing and fix it.

Comment #2 you told the media that you were disappointed at the response to the questions given at the Branson West meeting. You gave no criteria to the public in advance to prepare for the questions and then chastise them because they had no answers for you. Whose cheap ploy was this to make organizers look good at a meeting that they were not prepared for? I don't mind helping out but I do mind being made out a fool when I am trying to help.
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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
- Clean and clear water
- Good fishing conditions
- Develop sources of income for development

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- Fishing
- Boating

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
- Speed limit, fast boats, limited boat use, emphasis, static system
- More development to the west, use volunteers
- Limit and restrict tournament fishing

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
- Better publications, public relations
- The public feels that the U.S. Army is away from Corp
- Perhaps more lake management away from Corp
- This meeting was a good start to get input

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
- Clear water - continue use for hydro power
- Something for my grand kids to Enjoy.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- Paddle out in summer more than once a month. Also more regulation on neighbors around area. Cut down on debris that right down to shoreline. Lower erosion.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
- Limit boat size at this end of lake. More no wake zone.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?  Like it was in the 60's. A lake open to everyone with free use of campgrounds, boat loading facilities and pristine clear blue water.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Water quality. I know the Corps doesn't control the run-off from the large watershed area, but they have the facts and the access to the media. If the people knew the Corps wouldn't support the cleanup procedures. We have shown the Corps open sewage running directly into the lake and was told they could do nothing about it. This is an unacceptable attitude.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Free camping and boat loading and swimming areas. These facilities would not need to furnish showers and camper hookups. I am talking about an area where people could pitch tents, unload their boats and play in the lake like my family did until the existing master plan went into effect.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Every decision the Corps has made has been made a politically motivated few and denied use to the very people who pay for the lake. I think each commercial operator should have to provide and maintain a campground open to the people at no charge. This is the least they can do to pay back the Corps needs to understand they represent all of the people.

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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?

Fishing, boating, and lovely sights.

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

Restrict large boats and have speed laws and enforce no wake.

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Would like to see fish cribs around islands. Per hops could be done by clubs clean up crews where ever.

Was very disappointed with meeting on Oct 1st. Many people worked out early. Was handled poorly by consultant group.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?  
As well as it looks now with clean water, how do we remove driftwood after high water, can't bear it, it is a problem.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?  
Clean water, water sports, fishing - the future of the lake for my Grand kids.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?  
Reduce size of boats to 20', long boat where the down Fall of Lake Ozark.

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As the lake goes - so do property values.
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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Clean/with less fishing tournaments/less noise from e.g. boats. Do away with the length limit on bass & crappie & Pike. Mo. Dept. of Cons.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Fishing & Hunting.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Re-Activate Joe Bldg Park & Now it's a trash dump & Drug hangout & lease it to someone.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? With moved pumphouse, so we could walk to the lake without worrying about snakes.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? The beauty and clarity.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Make and clean the deep around the lake.

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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?  

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
Looking the same as in 2012, with improved control to try to keep water level around 915

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

To not be congested, like Lake of the Ozarks and to remain looking natural with most of shoreline not commercialized or filled with docks

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

Have whatever agencies involved in monitoring, etc., and also run-off from cattle farms, etc., in address.

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

- Limit the size of big boats
- Water cleaner & safer to swim in
- Submerged trees removed

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

- Being clean
- Fishing

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

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Is the current master plan, the one created over 30 years ago, available for review? Would like to see what is covered so that I can appropriately provide my input for the update.

Thanks.
You sent me a link that does not work, would you please review and resend when it is working

From: CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL [mailto:M4TRMP@usace.army.mil]
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 10:31 AM
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TABLE ROCK LAKE MASTER PLAN REVISION

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.

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

We want to hear from you!

Please attend a meeting or visit
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PUBLIC SCOPING WORKSHOPS

Wednesday, November 28, 2012
along the shorelines of Table Rock Lake. Your input will help define the Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision scheduled for public review in the summer of 2013.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to address some recent rules being enforced by the Corp in hopes they will be reviewed along with the master plan. My wife and I have owned a boat slip on Table Rock Lake for about 20 years. Over the years our boat length has increased from 17.5 ft to 29 ft. and by necessity so has our slip length. Years ago we had a V installed on the dock. This was to allow easier and safer docking of the boat. It also allowed safer ingress and egress by my family and guests. Yrs ago I obtained a larger boat (Cobalt 252). I then enlarged and lengthened the V on the dock again for easier docking, safer boarding and safer egress from the boat. Now we have a Cobalt 272 which is about 29 feet in length. There are 2 ways to enter and leave this boat. At the stern is a platform which one might be able to reach by stepping. However, if the boat is wet or the dock is damp both are slippery. The second way to enter and leave the boat is at the front from the side. The V shape at the front makes this easier and safer to enter the boat, leave the boat and cover the boat so one does not have to lean so far towards the boat. This part of the V also allows one to get to the rear of the boat as one can reach the boat for stability.

This V has been in place for several yrs. The dock has been inspected many times. Other issues brought to our attention have been corrected I believe. At no time was this ever addressed until recently when we were told that the V will need to be shortened considerably soon. We were told that this rule has been on the books for a long time and was now being enforced. Again this V has been there for years and been through many inspections.

During the time I have had a boat slip and have been part owner of a dock, the Corp has stressed safety for the public which is good. However, some owner slip modifications can also be for safety. Our dock has many young children and these V modifications make it safer. We have elderly visitors and owners who need the V modification to be safe and to enjoy the lake.

Now I have a situation and asked for a variance which was denied. I was diagnosed with a CANCEROUS brain tumor 3 yrs ago. I have had 3 operations on my brain to resect this. I have had 2 courses of chemotherapy and am taking some now and I might need it for yrs to live. I have had 2 courses of radiation. Surgery, chemotherapy and radiation can have major side effects such as difficulty walking, increased chance of falling and weakness of the legs, arms and episodes of pain making it hard to BEND and do things. The V allows me to use my hands to reach the stern and to enter the boat at the bow. The state of Mo allows me to drive but it is much easier to get into and out of a car. Most of the time my wife will drive unless I am having a good day but she still will need to get me safely in and out of the boat. A fall where I hit my head could be catastrophic. I have offered to bring my medical records as well as note from my tumor doctor but was told not to do that.

I would respectively ask that my situation be reviewed soon as I must make the change soon or I WILL NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE AND RISK retribution. If my disability cannot be accommodated I will change my slip to be in compliance and accept the increased risks reluctantly. It would make sense to allow my requested changes and when I sell the slip require the owner to change it unless there is the question of a disability,
Is there some place on the web where I can read the current Table Rock Lake Master Plan??

Thanks for your help.
My opinion for what it's worth.
1) a decibel limit for boats along with a size limit would be a great topic for discussion as some boats are causing shoreline damage. Our lake hasn't the width to accommodate these water crafts.

2) Please don't add any more boat docks to our lake it is resembling Grand as it is.

3) Core take line should be revisited as it has no continuity as it stands. Picking a number be it 920 or whatever makes more sense.

Sent from my iPhone
To whom it may concern:

I have read that you are taking comments on a proposed new master plan for Tablerock Lake. I have a few comments even though I do not live in the near vicinity of the Lake. My background is one of being a past Ranger with the KC District at Pomona Lake in Kansas. I went to school in Emporia Kansas and majored in biology with emphasis in Aquatic Ecology. I served in the Army for 3 years as an aircraft mechanic with 18 months in Vietnam. I also worked on heavy lift helicopters for the Kansas National Guard in Topeka, Kansas. I spent 15 years as a fisheries biologist with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and I am now retired from government service.

I started fishing on Tablerock Lake with my dad back in the 50’s and moved to this area in the early 80’s. I spent quite a bit of time fishing Tablerock and Beaver Lake and noticed in the mid 90’s that algae was beginning to increase. Fortunately you have started to address this by having improved septic systems put in place and having municipal systems upgraded. As to future plans I would suggest several items that are imperative to protect the water quality of the lake. First I would vigorously enforce the shoreline habitat protection. I have noticed many violations over the years at both Beaver and Tablerock where the vegetation had been removed by the landowner to “improve” his/her vista of the lake. While I can understand wanting to enjoy this scenery it is never the less a violation that has taken place and needs to be enforced to the letter. We know that sedimentation is critical to water degradation and is a keadubg detrimental factor to the lesser water quality. One problem we had at Pomona was the quality of the boat docks and the number allowed. We were in the process of having many of the older, in need of repair docks, removed and I applaud the Corps for restricting the number placed on these reservoirs. Do not allow pressure on your permitting process to increase the number of individual docks and I encourage you to go further in the number of owners only allowed per dock. I mean that a dock should only be allowed if 10 or 20 landowners are incorporated into a single dock. That said I wish you to remember that the Lake and its waters belong to all taxpayers and citizens of this country and that adjacent landowners do not have any more rights to specifics when it comes to waters of the United States of America. The water entering the reservoir should leave in the same or better state of quality or else you and your agency have failed to protect a natural resource that is so precious to humans and in my thinking more so to the aquatic life that depends on it for survival.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,
I am thrilled to see that the Corp is being proactive in updating the master plan for Tablerock Lake. I whole heartedly agree with you established goals and objectives of the new master plan and would encourage you to revise the master plan at least every 10 years based on need as there are many changes on the horizon.

There are two areas that I believe need to be included in the master plan. 1) Water quality in the lake and 2) Campground updates.

Over the past 20 years, the water quality in Tablerock has gone down hill and has gotten to the point where it is no longer healthy to even be in the water in some area of the lake. Septic tanks continue to drain into the lake, run off from creeks and streams are carrying pollutants from surrounding areas and boating activities are still introducing more and more petroleum products into the water. If something is not done soon to control these situations as well as others, the lake will never recover and be a clear water lake as it once was. I hope this subject will on your agenda as it is a paramount concern for all who use the lake for recreational activities.

Secondly is the public Corp campgrounds. Due to recent flooding over the past several years, several of the campgrounds received serious damage and have not yet recovered. Old B6 comes to mind as it has been closed for some time now. The campgrounds need to be updated not only for the increased use from visitors but also from an equipment point of view. Camping rigs these days are much bigger than they once were. Not only in length but also in width considering that the majority of rigs these days are equipped with 1 to 5 slide-outs which required great width in camp sites. Motor homes are becoming more popular and consideration should be given to motor home maneuverability within the parks. Dump stations also need to be improved to provide more than 2 stations at a campground. At check out time, the lines get very long and we personally have had to wait up to 1 ½ hours to gain access to a dump station.

Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion via email. I hope my suggestions and comments don’t fall on deaf ears as we all need to do whatever we can to maintain the lake and protect it from further damage.
To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider allowing a dock to be put in at the cove by Cow Creek. There are many economic benefits to the area if this occurs. Adding more dock spaces to the southern shoreline of Table Rock Lake would foster future land sales, home construction, business development, and jobs. Adding more Red Zones along the shoreline benefits further economic development for residents, tradesmen, and business owners.
I've recently learned about the Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision initiative and want to applaud the Corps for taking time out to ask what can be done to improve the Table Rock Lake area. First, the new visitors center at Dewey Short is great. Unfortunately, as a scuba diver this took away a great place for divers. We certainly understand the need for safety and the reasons why scuba diving has been eliminated around the visitors center, but this was the only real place we could shore dive on the lake.

I live about 3 hours away from the lake and when scuba diving was allowed at Dewey Short I typically made a weekend trip monthly to the area to dive in the lake. I spent money on hotel rooms, in restaurants, and with the local dive centers along with taking in a show or two. Since shore diving has been all but eliminated, I have been to the area once. Divers are a close network of friends that I know many personally and who traditionally came from Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, Illinois, Oklahoma and in some cases as far north as Michigan and Ohio to dive in the lake. Since diving has been all but eliminated in the lake, this has been a huge topic of discussion amongst divers.

Over the years I have traveled to the lake frequently to dive at Dewey Short. Each and every time I would meet up with friends from all around the Midwest who were there to dive. We would typically meet up for dinner at the many local establishments and in general have a great time enjoying the lake and the attractions. Today, divers are not traveling to Table Rock simply because there is limited accessibility to shore dive. Historically, Dewey provided this. We are not asking for the Corps to change their mandate on no diving around Dewey Short and the Visitors Center. We divers would love for the Corps to consider establishing an area on the lake for divers. I know this may seem like a lot to ask and the payoff none existent. But, if you consider the many people that have traditionally traveled to the lake for the sole purpose of diving and spending money on hotel rooms and food the return on investment is there. I personally would love to see an area that had drive up access close to the lake, an area for divers to gear up, and a safe method of entering the water (steps). In addition, if the Corps would allow underwater training platforms and maybe even a underwater attraction such as a sunken boat or plane would be totally awesome. These types of things is what draws divers to various lakes and quarries. We will travel and we don't mind spending money on our passion. The Midwest has many great lakes and if Table Rock would consider working with the divers it would make Table Rock the Mecca of the Midwest for diving.

I appreciate your time and consideration.
Good evening. I have visited Table Rock Lake on many occasions in the last 16 years I have lived in the region. I have even camped on its shores and swam in the water. In July of last year, I decided to finally get SCUBA certified, and the thought diving in Table Rock was one of the reasons I decided to take the plunge. However, shortly after I was certified I found out that the most popular shore-diving spot on the lake was now off-limits to divers. As central a location that Table Rock Lake is in the region, it would be great if a new shore-accessible diving area was developed for SCUBA divers (certified AND students) to come enjoy.

Thank you.
I received a postcard in the mail.
I can't attend any of the scoping meetings. If you are keeping an email list please add me to
the list. Any chance any of the meetings will be recorded and available for playback from the
website? Thanks
My input would be you need to allow more boat docks and things to do around the lake I have owned a lot there for about 5 years. I have been going to lake of the ozarks because they offer so much more for the boater. It would be nice to have a choice of restaurants and bars to pull up to by boat. It would be nice to have a boat dock that you don't have to travel so far to get to. I am from Salina Kansas most of the people around here prefer the lake of the ozarks for that reason they would rather buy a house there than at table rock and have they say the ozarks is way more fun it would be nice for table rock to offer a lot more for adults and kids thank you.
Dear Dana Coburn,

I was wondering if there is a document available that simply compares the previous rules/plans and the proposed changes to the Table Rock Lake Master plan?

Thank you,
We have several elderly slip owners who find it very difficult to negotiate the shoreline between our parking and the dock.

How long of a gangway can we have attached to the dock?

How can we change the path to the dock to help the handicapped?

Why don't your inspectors check the distance between docks and the location of the docks?

Looking forward to your response
Hi,

I will not be able to attend the public meeting regarding the Table Rock lake master plan, but I would like to suggest improvements at the Dewey Short area that take into consideration the needs of the Scuba diving community. Such as easy access to the water and the placement of underwater attractions, such as sunken boats, etc.
How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? CLEANER SHORELINE

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? RESTRICT BOATS LARGER THAN 28'-30'. (EXISTING BOATS COULD BE GRANDFATHERED IN.)

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

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: PUT A WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN THE JAMES RIVER BEFORE IT GOES INTO THE LAKE. POINT SIGNS TO BE REFLECTIVE, FOR BETTER GUIDANCE AT NIGHT.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?  
I believe the lake should be maintained basically at the same level as it is today.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?  
The quality of the lake water is probably the most important because of the health of the fishing and also for the beauty of the lake.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?  
So many of the restrictions that have been imposed as to the access to the lake should be reevaluated and more liberal policies need to be implemented.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? [Clean water]

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? [No sewer waste in the lake]

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? [If parks are close, about that land given back to wildlife. I have seen @ parks that are already closed it is sad.]

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

Shorelines cleaned up from the flood debris. Before the floods the shore is where clean-leaf dead trees and weeds some of the trees to the lake where mowed. It was clean and said to newcomers, please enjoy our lake know the people say it is the dirtiest lake camping area.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

That you provide shore line for people to get to the lake. Paths and ramps are for families to swim and play. It doesn’t cost anything if people wants to mow at least. (Below)

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

Clean up. It looks like we don’t care. Allow the public to make some mowing choices. Make some fire pits for camping.

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

But no, you want to charge. If you would allow people to mow and burn the area stuff maybe we would have more people visit our beautiful lake. I know you have a area’s for wild life that should stay in the forest. This is a lake for families to have fun and play, they want to see wildlife, they will go to the zoo.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Much as it is now.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? The water quality and water safety are the most important issues.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Stop the erosion of the banks and shores from damage caused by wake boarding and wave surfing. The 2 to 3 ft waves are very destructive, especially in the coves.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Not only do the 2 to 3 ft waves created by the wake and surfing boats cause erosion problems, it damages the docks and boats in the dock slips. At the least, wake boarding and surf boarding should be banned from the coves. I am also afraid that someone might be thrown from their boat, or from their dock by these waves.

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

It is now with the main emphasis being to preserve the environment. Develop more low density recreation areas.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

1. Keep the lake as full as possible
2. Do not allow any more development around the lake. Keep the same amount of shoreline natural and untouched to preserve the beauty of the land and the lake.
3. Do not let it become another "Lake of the Ozarks."

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

Increase the amount of designated no wake areas in the coves to protect swimmers, canoes, rafts, small boats, and rocks. Supervise and simplify approval of no wake areas.

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

If global warming is going to reduce the amount of rainfall, studies and actions to promote water conservation should be made to keep the lake as full as possible.
How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? With a continued uninterrupted shoreline — that it remain natural — NOT like Lake of the Ozarks with an overabundance of docks and Floating business! (Stay Green!)  

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? The lake water needs to remain clean; we want to be able to continue to swim and eat fish from clean water.  

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? When old homes are sold off as individual residences — they should be mandated to place new septic systems — not be allowed to use old systems — any new building should be required to put in “NEW GREEN SYSTEMS.”  

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:  
1) Limit boat sizes (pleasure boats on lake) — impose more boating regulations — speed limits (We don’t want another Lake of the Ozarks!)  
2) Increase the level of the water, where the dam automatically shuts off — we need more consistent water levels for our existing boat docks.  
3) Enforce fines for littering on lake — all docks should be mandated to have new filtration — NO foam!  
4) Most important — Clean & Natural Table Rock Lake!!!  

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

- Continued aesthetic features
- Water quality
- Control of contamination from up-stream cities and towns
- Septic tank use around shoreline

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

- Fishing, Boating, Recreation
- Would like more restrictions on boat size
- Large boat create safety issue

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

- Better water level control - especially during spawning period

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

- I feel that over the years - the lake management has been good and would be disappointed to see shoreline permits expanded for more boat docks - this could create another Lake Ozark problem
- The shoreline, great shoreline aesthetic features which I would hate to see changed with more dock areas.
- Continue monitoring boat dock maintenance.

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

A solar power facility utilized fully: electrical generation in particular to benefit this area—recreation, fishing, speed boat venues, boating tours, etc. With a minimal service requirement for solar power production. The 700-foot wide impact area is a great natural asset.

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

Keep the water clear.

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The above questions are rather superficial. What needs to be looked at is how to manage a growing population in a positive way that will accommodate retirees, families, vacationers, and businesses. I suggest you will need extensive studies along with natural studies. These may include: encourage businesses, marinas, docks, etc., but in controlled areas. The use of boats should be limited to areas that can properly handle them. A very large lake requires large structures to support recreational activities. The lake is too large for the size of the lake. Perhaps the lake could support six acres & waterfront lots, separate of course, to allow secretion. I would like to see small folks accepted here rather than a lot of bureaucracy rules that promote headaches.
I also disagree with those who are here and want to restrict others' ability to come here and enjoy the area. Some restrictions are necessary to keep the area usable and natural, but a light hand that prefers guidance and encouragement over restrictions and punishment will create a better final product over the decades.

PS. There will always be weeds.
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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?

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

IT SHOULD BE CLEAN. LIMN ON THE SHORES AND IN THE WATER. I LOVE THE KIDS. I THINK A LAKE CAN ADD VALUE WITH THE NATURAL NEEDS OF THE LAKE.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

ITS BEAUTY - LOOK AT IT FROM A DISTANCE AT THE BEACH. I HEAR THE LAKE ALSO HITS GREAT "PARKS" FOR THE AREA.

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

AN EDUCATIONAL PUSH TO TEACH PUBLIC AND RESIDENTS WHY THE GROWTH OF VEGETATION AND TREES SHOULD BE PROTECTED TO KEEP WATER QUALITY.

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

FIRST - WE WOULD LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT - WE ALSO KNEW YOU CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE BUT THERE ARE NATURAL RULES WHICH SHOULD BE FOLLOWED. THERE SHOULD BE A WAY TO COMPROMISE ON BOAT SIZES AND SPEED ON THE LAKE - WE WERE STARTED ON 1/4 OF JULY AT 11PM BY A VERY LATE + FAST BOAT AFTER 5PM. THE USE FACILITIES AROUND AND ON THE LAKE SHOULD BE CONSISTENTLY ENFORCEABLE.

Thank you!

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

- Improved water quality
- Less cutting on Corps shore line
- No more docks or dry docks
- Smaller boats & motors (boats must sit dock slip)
- Noise is a problem: big motors & ski do-s
- Ski do-Behavior

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

- Water quality & level

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

- Get the drunks, strippers, drug users & party people out, especially at the cliffs. Children especially should not have to see that.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? No more docks. How today. We don’t need or want this lake to be like lake of the Ozarks. This will become that if we don’t do something to manage the type and quantity of users. More at the lakes would be made “No Ski Areas” so that the docks don’t keep getting pulled by the same boats every year.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Clean water with quiet coves.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Improve the fishing, limit the size and horsepower of boats on the lake.

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

| The Shell Knob area is distinct in character — quiet water, undeveloped and abundant wildlife. The residents and visitors to this area want to keep that quiet side of the lake feeling.
| Keep the Shell Knob area, the quiet side of the lake.
| Slow growth, limit boat size — water issues.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

| The peace and quiet.
| We enjoy on the Shell Knob area.
| Water quality is a major factor for fisherman and swimmers.

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

| Limit boat sizes on the smaller channels like we have on Kings River White River confluence.

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

| Keep government land as is — Small Resorts in our area are not over utilized — You can rent a boat slip or rent on all major holidays — Not seeing congestion.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
- More commercial docks to help lower cost of rentals
- Limits placed on speed of water
- Break up waters placed in covers with shallow docks

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- The lake is kept affordable to the surrounding people and lake users
- Private docks should be treated just like the commercial docks

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
- Put limits on the size of boat wakes to safety

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
- Costs to users
- The 37 supplements to the 1976 M.P. these cannot be very costly to users/dock owners and we
- Trying to maintain lake levels and try to reduce large swings in levels

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

Similiar to what it is now:

Continue to maintain cleaner water

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Boating and fishing

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

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

1. Work with counties to enforce strict laws regarding septic tanks to keep water clean and safe
2. Make it easier to remove dead trees and logs from shorelines before they float when flooding and become a hazard to boaters
3. Allow poured concrete steps on steep areas leading to boat docks so the safety of dock owners and guests, especially the handicapped

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
- Clean, clear, smooth (no big waves from big boats)
- Camping, Fishing, boating, for families. Not a party lake for college kids.
- Clear shorelines, no clear cutting of trees, clean up of dead wood.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- I am concerned about the spread of Zebra Mussels. I know there has been awareness advertising to try to prevent the spread of these Zebra Mussels. I feel like Table Rock is one of the few lakes that they have not taken over. Can we do more to prevent them in Table Rock Lake?

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
- Keep the lake beautiful. Limit or do not allow the large, multi-unit (using) condos.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
- I would like to see boats inspected before they are allowed to launch at Table Rock (for Zebra Mussels).
- I would like to see washing stations where high pressure washing of boats before they launch would be required.
- Make it a crime to put a boat with Zebra Mussels in a lake that does not have them.
- Work to find a way to get Zebra Mussels out of lakes that have them now.

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

- Cleaned up for sure. Take any inactive recreation areas and turn them into wildlife sanctuaries, don't develop them.
- We do need more fish and wildlife sanctuaries. Shoreline management plans need more regulations and restrictions, and people need to follow through with them. The best way to put this is preserve the lake's habitat.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

- Cleaning up the water, I have lived here 25 years. On the lake, it is only 53 years old and good for the lake's quality to diminish. Why it needs cleaned up, preserving the land, more building restrictions.

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

- Restrict building.

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

- While maximizing the use of the resources of the lake, make sure it is regulated to preserve the lake.
- Spend more time identifying and protecting cultural and natural resources.
- Make sure the general public on the lake and around the shoreline to preserve the lake.

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I cannot attend any of the three plan revision meetings, is there any other way for me to be informed of proposed changes?
Hello,

I have been coming to Table Rock Lake since the mid-1960's. My wife and I now own property on the lake and two boat slips. Will build in retirement, about 3 years from now.

While much growth has occurred around and on the lake, what continues to attract me and my family is the fact that Table Rock is still a reasonably quite and natural lake environment. The shoreline has remained largely unspoiled, the water quality good, and boat traffic manageable, even on busy summer weekends.

We do not want to see the character of the lake change for the worse - significantly more lakefront building, more boat traffic, more strain on water quality.

The primary control to all of this is dock zoning. The original plan of about 10% of the total shoreline zoned for docks is all that it should be. We ask that in the Master Plan Revision, Dock Zoning be limited to what it currently is - NO expansion in Dock Zoning.

Recreational lake use can be supported by good public launch ramp facilities. Perhaps more of these are required.

And perhaps an additional one or two public marinas.

But NO EXPANSION TO RESIDENTIAL/COMMUNITY DOCK ZONING.

My other request is that the Corps be funded such that it can properly staff to enforce the current rules and regulations. There are too many people that take advantage of the Corps lack of staffing and violate the rules designed to protect the shoreline and government lands around the lake.

Thank you for allowing input to this process.
Dana,
I am primarily concerned about the water quality and feel no new septic tanks should be allowed close to the lake. In addition, I don't want to see Table Rock become another Lake of the Ozarks, so crack down on the size and the speed of boats, please, as well as the number of docks.
Thank you.
I read the article in the paper about the meetings for vision casting for Table Rock Lake. Since I may not be able to attend one of those meetings, I would like to put my thoughts on paper and forward them on to you. I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE Table Rock Lake and my main concern is KEEPING IT THE QUIET LAKE that it has been. By that I mean, no more boat docks on the lake and not allowing big hotels to be built on the lake or any kind of “speed boat racing”. When I go to Lake of the Ozarks, it is a nightmare. It has become known as the “party lake” through out the state...meaning lots of alcohol and late night parties in the coves and on the boats. It is noisy from morning til night. By comparison, Table Rock has been a quiet lake, more for families and children. I have lived here for 40 years and raised my children here...with many wonderful memories on Table Rock. The only way to make it better is to have more hiking/biking trails beside the nice one that now exists starting at the marina. We could use another swimming place in addition to “Moonshine beach” plus some hot dog stands along the way for when the kids get hungry.

Our top priority has to be to keep it CLEAN, both below and above the surface. We must watch out for run off from developments that rape the land and then sit undeveloped because of lack of funs. Pollution from septic tanks has to stop. No more dumping into the streams that lead to the lake. We have to watch out for algae growth. 40 years ago, you could see to the bottom of the lake; not today. Pollution is gradual...what kind of plan can we develop to stop it?

My other concern is for downstream. In the last ten years we have had TWO “50 year floods”. That doesn’t bode well for the future. Can we raise the capacities for the spillways, or walls on the dam itself so it can hold back more water in those flood years? Properties that were always “safe” before, have now been declared in a “flood plane”. Do you know how expensive flood insurance is? Or how devastating to have everything you own destroyed by water? Or how much EVERYONE’S insurance in that zip code goes up when flooding happens? If we are doing a 50 year plan, I think we need to plan for the “WORSE CASE SCENARIO” and no longer hope for the best case. Mother Nature has a fever and we need to help her get well, while preparing for some major hits.
Priorities for the lake:
1. Improve water quality ie no more septic tanks unless of quality. Encourage/require all the towns around the lake to put in septic systems and require hook-up. No fertilizer use around the lake. No phosphate containing dishwasher or laundry detergents to be sold in the stores around the lake.
2. Size limits on boats and on number of docks--rigidly enforced. ie no permit, no dock or boat.
3. Speed limits on the lake using the water patrol to enforce with significant fines up to and including seizure of the boat.
4. Any additional measures needed to prevent Table Rock from becoming another Lake of the Ozarks.

Thank you,
I would really like to see the lake stay as a family fun lake, where you can ski, fish. And just enjoy boating in general.
Dana,

Is there going to be any live streaming or recording of the Public Scope Meetings?

I represent an organization that owns a large piece of property on the lake and am very interested in the meeting. Unfortunately, we are in Colorado and cannot make it to the meetings as we just received the postcard announcement today.

I also have several questions about the nature and severity of the proposed changes. Is it possible to talk for just even 5 or 10 minutes?
The buyers of the home that you are selling will not incur any issues with the transfer of the boat slip(s) registered to the seller. The Table Rock Project Office will continue to manage its existing permits while we implement a moratorium on Shoreline Management activities beginning 1 December. The moratorium only include new requests for additions/modifications to docks, new docks, new vegetative management (mowing permits), etc. If your seller is currently mowing on public property without a permit they need to request a site inspection that would allow this activity before 1 December or the new owner will not be able to continue to maintain (mow) this area as the Table Rock Project Office will not issue any new vegetative management permits after 1 December 2012 until the moratorium is lifted. Should you have additional questions please contact Chief Ranger, [Name]

---Original Message-----
From: [Name]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 8:29 AM
To: [Name]
Cc: [Name]
Subject: FW: Suspending Shoreline Activity Requests
Importance: High

Hi guys. Could you have someone respond to this and cc me please.

Thanks,

---Original Message-----
From: [Name]
Sent: Sunday, November 25, 2012 7:45 AM
To: [Name]
Subject: Suspending Shoreline Activity Requests
Importance: High
I am presently purchasing a home with a boat slip closing on Dec 14th. Will buyers incur issues when applying for the application permitting the exchange of the boat slip registered to the seller? If so, will time allow for completion of a request for a permit exchange prior to Dec 1? Please advice as soon as possible.

Thank you,
My husband and I saw the article in the Springfield News Leader this morning.

We are very pleased that a "Master Plan" is in works. We certainly do not want to see Table Rock Lake having the same issues Lake of the Ozarks has with too many docks and poor water condition.

We built a house just up the hill from Big Cedar in 2011. Although it was an expensive septic, we were pleased that building codes are strict and extreme caution is used. We have a boat docked at State Park Marina. Some of our concerns are the large size of boats on the lake. These large boats create a ridiculously LARGE wake and travel too fast. Speed boats do the same and travel at dangerous speeds. I have also noticed that when filling the boat with gas the attendants allow the gas to spill over when full. I have actually had them tell me that was normal and no need for concern. I realize its a small amount, but if you consider how many boats get filled during the summer, that can add up. Lastly, I feel there are boating accidents that could be prevented if State Park and other facilities who rent boats would do a more thorough job of giving directions to boat renters. It is a common problem to see pontoon rental boats pulling a tuber and pull directly in the path of other boats, or, a pontoon filled to the brim pulling directly in front of a boat pulling a skier. It never fails, the side reads: State Park Marina,

Here are our concerns in short:

Oversize large boats with twin engines
Speed boats
Speed in general
Large wakes
Gasoline spillage while filling up
Rental boaters lack of boating knowledge

Sent from my iPad
Continue to focus on Table Rock as a public fishery. Support additional habitat enhancement, bush piles for example.

Maintain a buffer zone around shoreline, no new development within this buffer zone to protect scenery for future generations.

Great project!!!
Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts about how Table Rock Lake should look in 20 years. Our family has been on the same point (Cow Creek off point 6 marker) for 48 years. Our kids have enjoyed a life of lake memories for the past 28 and 26 years. My husband’s family still owns one of the few wood docks on the lake and we are part owners in a dock close by. My husband and my first boat was a used 16 ft. 1975 Cobalt. We took a plunge and purchased a used 1994 19 foot Cobalt quit a few years ago. Like many families, the lake is more than just a part of our life, it’s in our blood!

We have seen changes to Table Rock Lake mostly in recent history, many of those changes make us think of Lake of the Ozarks. Our biggest concern is for the large boat traffic and the speed in which they go. I see our shore line being washed away and eroded by the extremely large wakes. More and more trash is washed up every weekend. Will it be not too long before we have to install concrete wake protection as many of the Marina’s have had to do? Our dock gets jostled and the large dock entering our small cove has had boats swamped by the wakes while tied in their slip. The cigarette boats that go racing up and down our cove is not only dangerous, but unpleasant to listen to.

Our next concern is for the party cove that has been set up at the back of Cow Creek. Many times we have counted over 100 boats. Will it take a fatal accident from the drunk boat drivers to have something done about the “Party Cove”. It wasn’t too many years ago, we could ski, wake board and pull children on inflatable toys. With the amount and size of boats, it is impossible to do that for most of the day. Also, our 19 foot boat is no longer large enough to compete with the wakes. It is becoming more and more difficult to enjoy the lake as a family. As the grossly large boats go up and down the cove, we have to shut our engine down just so we are not thrown around the boat (have you seen the youtube video of the people on Lake of the Ozarks (LOTSO) being thrown around their boat? Here is a link if you have not http://youtu.be/DPqgl_pJr5g ). Water Patrol is no longer able to control this reckless activity. Is this what Table Rock will look like in 20 years?

I have one more concern to add. Because of the size of the boats on the lake, we have purchased a 23 foot boat. While I understand the need to restrict docks, we needed to raise our roof and extend our dock to accommodate for the extra 4 feet of length and 6 inches of height. We were denied both requests. Because we have been on the lake so long, we came under the "grandfathered clause". We need to enjoy the lake, and that meant we had to purchase a bigger boat just so we are not swamped. This lake used to look like a family playground. Now it looks like a mini LOTSO with all the huge community docks and boats. Why not allow dock owners to improve and enlarge their docks so we can at least keep up with the dangerously large boats. There is a reason why all the LOTSO boaters/partiers are coming to Table Rock Lake - there are no restrictions on their monster boats and the water is clean.

I believe everyone has a right to fun and recreation, but where does one person’s irresponsible activity that they deem fun, infringe on other’s safety and fun.

I admire and commend you for addressing this - I believe it is well overdue.

Thank you,
November 26, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

For the past ten years, we have owned lake view property in Shell Knob, Missouri, which includes a boat dock in the cove off Point 21. Although we are unable to attend the meetings regarding the master plan revision for Table Rock Lake, we would like to voice our concerns.

In the past few years, we have become increasingly concerned about two issues. First, the number of boats pulling wakeboarders has been on the rise. The huge waves thrown by these boats in our small cove have caused extensive damage to many boat docks, ours included. Just last summer, we were forced to repair floatation devices under our swim dock. One of the floats had been completely displaced; two others were unseated and needed to be secured. Twice, we have had to repair the gangway when it was wrenched from our dock. We fear our efforts will be in vain, however. As soon as the wakeboarders begin again next summer, the damage will most certainly reoccur. The boats pulling skiers and water tubes do not exact damage because their wakes are so much smaller. We never had these issues when we first bought our dock.

The second issue also concerns recreational boaters who set up “party flotillas” in our cove. These are a concern for two reasons - they are a safety hazard, and they often involve inappropriate activity. Often, the flotillas form just around the bend at the far end of the cove. They are not readily visible until it is almost too late to avoid them. Their position on the lake also obstructs the center of the navigable waters at the end of the cove, meaning that anyone not part of the flotilla does not have easy access beyond the flotilla. Further, the inappropriate activity may be a direct result of the location of the flotillas. Because they are sort of “hidden away,” people on the flotillas abandon common sense and propriety. Some of them completely disrobe, drink heavily, and accost other boaters. The first time this happened, we had our young grandchildren on board.

We love Table Rock Lake and the recreational opportunities it affords to residents and visitors alike, but we who own docks on the lake would appreciate safeguards to enable us to maintain our property and ensure a certain level of consideration to all users.

Thank you for the opportunity to give input on this important issue.
We moved to this area in 1979 and started taking our family to Table Rock lake for water sports, boating, fishing and just relaxing.

In 2000 we bought a house on the lake and our family enjoys being there as much as we can. We have noticed changes that we would like to address.

1. Yes it is true we do not want our lake to turn into Lake of the Ozarks. Something can be done about speed limits/oversized boats.

2. We are at Long Creek and our water quality is good but we do notice a difference on other parts of the lake. Be absolute bulldogs on water quality especially leaking septic systems.

3. Offer more open on the lake for game preservation, camping and hiking.

Thank you,
TO: Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Planning Branch
USACE

I have been fishing Table Rock since the mid 1960's, shortly after it had filled up. I have had few complaints over the years but this summer, while night fishing out of Aunts Creek, we discovered that the ramp pole lamp, even when working, was so dim that it put out very little light to load our boat by. Then, sometime in July, the light went out and two months later it had never had a new lamp bulb put in. I had reported the outage to the attendant at the guard shack but it did no good. For the safety and convenience of us old fishermen, could new lights be installed at Aunts Creek Public Use Areas' boat ramp & parking facilities?

Thank you very much.
I have been a home owner on Table Rock for 6 years and chose this lake for its relative private setting, clear water and good fishing. I hate to think we would ever see this lake get to the condition that Lake of The Ozarks is currently in. Please keep our shorelines as pristine as possible and still accommodate the future needs of the population. I also would like to see more emphasis on fish habitat creation such as brush piles, shoreline log lay-downs etc. I have no objection to large boats, fast boats or PWC if the laws we currently have are enforced. I am a sportsman and want to keep Table Rock unique as it is today.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to voice my opinion since I will not be able to attend any of the meetings.
I am in Albuquerque, NM and unable to attend the meetings scheduled for November 28th & 29 and December 1. Please send me the results of these meetings. Thank You
Dear Dana -

I read the article in yesterday's Springfield News-Leader with great interest. We greatly appreciate your willingness to entertain input from people, like us, who avail ourselves of the lake's amenities on a regular basis.

Our primary concern is with the ability we do not currently have to take substantial hikes on public lands around the lake. Some of the trails that do exist in the area are lovely, but development and noise around the lake itself are increasingly reducing its value as a natural resource for those of us who would like to use it for renewal and health enhancement. Evidence is fairly clear that noise, crowding, and pollution can have a substantial effect on people's quality of life, physical, and psychological health (many scientific study citations available on request). Keeping Table Rock Lake a place of "resort" from such unhealthy variables for all of the public (not just landowners) seems to me to be the main priority for using lands in the broader public's interest. Like a public library, everyone should be able to enjoy the most important goods available at Table Rock Lake. And the important goods, in this case, are the lake's "resort" qualities—lack of noise, crowding, and pollution. I hope that future plans will keep opportunities for healthy resort (especially good hiking trails, safe and quiet water sports, and other healthy recreational affordances) in mind during all deliberations about the future use of this wonderful natural resource.

Best regards,
Planners:

I received a notice of the meetings, but unfortunately will not be able to attend any of them. One item that, if I read the current code, limits the number of permitted, individually owned boat slips on the lake to two per individual or two per "family unit". Is this the correct interpretation? If I read this correctly, two individuals could own rights to two slips each (or four, total), but a married couple, together, could only own two (or one each). Has there ever been consideration given to allowing more per "family unit" or simply allowing all adults equal opportunity to own slips? The current language seems a little unfair and punishes married people. Please let me know if I am reading this wrong.

Please consider changing this language. Please call if you have a question about my request.

Thank you,
Hi,

I'm not able to attend one of the Master Plan meetings but wanted to express my ideas.

I love to take my children and Grandchildren fishing. I have been fishing Table Rock since May of 1974 and am now a fulltime, lake-front resident and am able to fish more frequently than in the past.

Having seen the changes on Table Rock over 38 years I wanted to comment on the unwelcome increase in the numbers and size of enormous boats and their destructive wakes... Everyone, self-included, enjoys water sports but this is getting out of control.

Of particular concern is the increase in the numbers of so-called "Wake-boats" that generate outsized wakes that regularly wash over the bow, gunwales and transom of my Bass boat which is not some tiny little jon boat but a sizeable 21' foot, fiberglass hull. If these wakes are washing gallons and gallons of water into and over the sides my boat I can only imagine how they are affecting others who fish out of smaller craft.

What is so disturbing about these "Wake-boats" is I have only recently learned they generate these huge wakes by pumping hundreds of gallons of ballast (lake water) into specifically designed tanks and bladders situated around the boat to force it to ride lower in the water while under operation. Some boat's manufacturers brag on their websites about being able to pump 1800 lbs of ballast into the hull.

A fisherman can be clear across the main lake from someone operating one of these ballast-pumping Wake Boats and still get hit with water suddenly coming over the gunwales, bow or transom. Yes, those "Wake-boat" owners have the same right to use and enjoy the lake as anyone but those wakes are unacceptable especially since they are deliberately seeking to generate the largest wake possible for their sole enjoyment while negatively impacting anyone/everyone else within range.

The other concern is the growth of the numbers and size of exceptionally large/long boats that are completely unnecessary to safely operate and navigate Table Rock's waters. How big is too big? Start thinking about placing a Grandfathered hull length limit on Table Rock before the Lake becomes another unsafe Lake of the Ozarks. We already are enduring loud,
open exhausts from the multiple engined "Cigarette" type offshore boats that are migrating to Table Rock so let's put a limit on them NOW!

Thank you.
I live on Table Rock lake in a lakefront property near Schooner Bay in the city of Kimberling City. The lakefront below my home is called "Park" property. In what way will the proposed changes to the lake usage plan affect my access to the lake?

When will the draft plan be available online for review?
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Thanks for your consideration.
HOW WOULD I LIKE TO SEE TABLE ROCK IN 20 YEARS?

Much like it is now, clean, a vacation destination. More docks to attract tourists and allow them to enjoy the lake.

WHAT ABOUT TABLE ROCK IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

My customers, their families and employees. Putting a HALT on new projects on the lake will likely put many of them out of business. I do not want to see good people suffer hard times in a hard economy, losing vehicles, houses, and possibly starving due to this HALT. I like the quality of the lake water and its surroundings, but with no more shoreline construction than is already allowed, I am not sure what a complete HALT will do except completely shut down some of these Dock Builders leaving them with no way to provide for their families.

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE TABLE ROCK LAKE?

Allow more docks on the lake for tourist income, and not putting a HALT on new construction. Let the lake and its residents prosper. You have many very good Dock Builders, if they cannot provide an income for themselves they will be forced to relocate, leaving the territory open for “shady” Dock Builders that will not provide the quality residents receive now.

I know my answers are extremely one sided but I fear for the wellbeing of my customers and what this HALT will mean to them. As a supplier we have many customers outside this area, not saying we will not feel this as well, but for many of these guys this is where they live and make their money, spend their money, where their kids go to school. The effects of this will be felt throughout the communities in this area. Times are tough enough, why make them tougher?
December 29, 2012

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

Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision

(Comments via Internet)

You have requested comments reference your work on a revision of the use plan for our lake. My wife and I are retired, have two slips on a dock located at Little North Indian Creek arm of Table Rock Lake.

First, let us thank you for the existing Master Plan work, and the controls you currently have in place. Having shoreline that still exists in a natural state is a benefit to all who use the lake. Visitors always comment on the beauty of that feature, which thankfully, still exists. We ask that any revisions to the existing plan continue to protect large areas of the shoreline to avoid having docks in all areas, and the loss of beauty one experiences at Lake of the Ozarks.

Our use of the lake consists of boating and fishing. We are not of a water ski, or jet ski age. Our boats are an 18 foot Stratos bass boat, and a 19 foot Princecraft aluminum deck boat. Our lake experience, and comments, are based on use of those two boats on Table Rock.
Large houseboats do not seem to be a problem, either with wake, wave, or shoreline damage. They are slow, and do not seem to have a hull design that makes large waves. For that we are thankful. We cannot say the same for some of the larger V-bottom type cruisers that seem to be increasing in number on the lake. After having water actually come into my bass boat several years ago, from a wave made by a large boat, I asked a COE staffer about boat size restrictions. At that time I was told size of vessel was not a concern of the Corps. Given the damage to shoreline, docks, and dangers to small, normal size boats, that surprised me then, and it still seems to not make sense. The use of smaller boats for what I understand is called "wake boarding" also creates very large waves, with resulting danger to fishing boats, and stress to dock anchors, cables and platforms.

Thus, we ask you to consider size, and weight restrictions on boats, usage activities such as wake boarding, along with possible activity area limits that would put the larger waves on the main lake and out of the coves. Along with protection for the vast majority of lake boaters from waves, you might also consider speed restrictions to assist with safety.

We thank you for your work on this project.

Sincerely,
As a senior citizen my wife and I have enjoyed the Indian Point Campground for many yrs. We hope that the site would continue for many years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to this.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your new master plan for Table Rock Lake.

I, and my family, travel to and stay in the Shell Knob area of Table Rock Lake. We plan to purchase a house somewhere in that area and move there full time in the future. We tried to find a public place on the lake where we could fish. The only place we could find was on a Forest Service property with about fifty feet of rocky shoreline with brush growing out in the water making it difficult to fish from the bank. We drove to Corps of Engineers managed boat launches and camp sites, but there were no fishing areas and fishing was prohibited from the boat launch and dock areas.

We don't own a boat, and may never be able to afford one, but that seems to be the only way that you can fish on Table Rock Lake. When we move to the area, we may not be able to afford shoreline property either. There are just no public areas from which to fish without a boat. Please, please, please consider some form of public fishing facilities on this lake!
I own a house and 2 boat slips in the Big M area. I have been coming to tablerock from Kansas for over 25 yrs. My biggest concern is with the public marinas. In the past 10 years there has been a huge increase in the number of boats over 30 feet that do nothing but consume gas and create a huge wake that is pounding my boat slip to death. There is no reason to have a boat this large on this size of lake other than the ones that are made to slowly cruise and sleep in. THERE MUST BE A LIMIT ON THE SIZE OF SLIP THAT CAN BE ALLOWED ON TABLEROCK (30FT OR LESS) and must include the public marinas. We are seeing an overflow from lake of the ozarks as these huge boats continue to move in and 99% are being housed at the public marinas. If they do not have a place to keep these boats, they will not keep coming to tablerock. It is rapidly approaching a lake of the ozarks situation where a ski boat and fishing boat will not be able to navigate during the day due to the huge wake and rough water. I love this lake and do not want to see it become DANGEROUS to the average family ski boat or fishing boat because of extremely rough water. As far as new slips go, I do not care if they are limited to only new developers in areas that do not impede boat flow. As far as vegetation permits, there is nothing wrong with the current system. Allow those who had been allowed to clear (grandfather) to keep that area clear, and inform new developers of current laws.

PLEASE ADDRESS THE ISSUE ON THESE HUGE BOATS (OTHER THAN HOUSEBOATS) THAT ARE RUINING OUR LAKE. MARINA OWNERS MUST BE LIMITES IN SLIP SIZE TO STOP THIS TREND. Thank you for your time.
My wife and I have owned a lake home for 9 years on the shores of Table Rock and have boated on the lake for 30 plus years. We cannot attend any of the three meeting, but wanted to add our comments.

Our biggest concerns for the future of the lake are these:

1. Water quality - including concerns about algae growth and invasive species like zebra mussels. Partner with small subdivisions to assist them with sewer concerns.

2. Water levels - we would like to see new laws that allow the Corps more flexibility in adjusting lake levels in a proactive way and not so much reactive. These laws should allow use of weather forecast science to keep the lake levels more consistent than some of the recent years. The high water levels effect recreation and the debris becomes a hazard to boaters.

3. Development should continue to be watched closely and the number of docks permitted should be limited. The Corps has done a pretty good job of moving us toward multi-slip docks and this is a good thing. Commercial docks should not be allowed to be built without encapsulated foam. What is required for the individual docks owners should also be required of commercial docks. The current exception does not make sense for water quality.

4. Something must be done to move Wake Board boats to areas without docks. These boats are designed to throw four and five feet wakes. These boats come within a short distance of docks and are damaging the docks. We are constantly having to have our dock welded from this beating they are taking. The no wake bouys do not extend out far enough to do any good. When the lake is low and your dock is moved closer to the bouy - the distance is even less. We had numerous Kanakuk camp boats spending eight hours a day driving back and forth in front of our dock two years ago. I believe the Water Patrol was finally able to find a more suitable place for them to operate, but we still have private wake board boats that are not being controlled and the growth of the sport will only add to the problem. The Corps needs to address this issue in cooperation with the Water Patrol.

We are very fortunate to have one of the prettiest lakes in the country right here. We have many friends from other states that just love Table Rock and what it offers. Lets keep it that way.

Thanks for your work.
I don't know what the longterm plan for Table Rock Lake in Missouri said but maybe it wasn't all wrong. As a 50 year resident/visitor/user to Table Rock I have seen the lake deteriorate from a leisurely boating and fishing paradise to a dangerous, huge boat speedway. It is not as bad as Lake of the Ozarks probably only because it is not as wide in many places but it is nearly impossible to find a quiet area to ski or fish without being swamped by big waves during the week. It is totally impossible on a week-end. I only go to the quieter parts of the lake and would never venture near Kimberling City area. You are beaten to death by boat wake from big power boats. You literally are taking your life in your own hands. That being said, the only way to control that is to restrict the size of boats. The high gas prices and slow economy have not hurt the boat business based on the increase in boaters.
I would hope that there could be restrictions on building so the waters do not become polluted like other lakes. The current septic tanks need to be inspected to make sure there are not leaks. Development near the lake edges needs to be stopped. Lake front access is always the most desirable but there is NO way to prevent septic from getting into the water so a sewage system is the only answer and it isn't failsafe. Personally, I don't think we need to add hiking trails (I am a hiker) and other things to attract more tourists. We have plenty of tourists and that only brings more environmental damage.....look at Branson and the scenic devastation with all the highways being built. Nature, left alone, should be the attraction. Don't let development in the name of progress destroy our peace and quiet of the Ozarks.

Sincerely,
I agree that the lake quality and preservation is an important subject, however the problem most close to my personal interest is the control that the Corps has over the use of my slip. The rule that says that no one can use the slip except me is an infringement on my private property rights. The Corps let the business community write the rules and they put this in to ensure that they had sufficient business renting slips. That might have made sense 36 years ago, but now they have a waiting list for space. This is a rule long past its time and needs to be changed.
I have noticed that some inboard boats have optional above water exhaust. When these boats (with large engines) run wide-open, then the noise pollution is over powering to the point of eye damage for others on the water or shore line. Can something be done to STOP this pollution? Thanks

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Thank you for giving me notice of the meeting!

I live in California, own at Table Rock Lake. Got your notice of the meetings today.

It’s November 28! Tonight is the first meeting.

Great notice!

Who was in charge of the mailings? Or, maybe this was intended to have no one show up?
Table Rock Lake in 20 years:

* Beautiful & Pristine with high water quality

Most important:

* Water quality & aquatic life
* Safety - set some reasonable limit on travel speed (day & night).
* Stronger limits on building docks. Marina's like Cape Fair would be nicer & we wouldn't need all of the private docks around the lake.

One change to improve the lake

* Improve & maintain the water quality and aquatic life

Additional Comments:

* 30 mph at night is too high & not often enforced
* high performance boats & jet skis running 70 mph or higher on the lake create safety issues
* water level was too low for most of the summer/fall/currently. This creates hazards for those using the lake.
* better marking of shallow areas

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"In dreams there are no impossibilities." Janos Arany
Thank you for holding the meeting at Reeds Spring High School last night. My wife and I attended and were amazed at the turn out. We would like to congratulate the staff for their management of such a big crowd. In an answer to your questions I have attached the below information via word.

Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment

Attn: Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental

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I sat in on your planning meeting at Reeds Spring High School for the Table Rock Lake planning process.

Actions I would like to see considered in the plan are:

- Control of invasive species
- Nearshore pollution controls
- Upstream pollution feeding into the lake controlled
- Habitat and wildlife protection and restoration
- Ongoing educational programs
- A system for monitoring all quality controls
- Routine evaluation of objectives and level of achievement (disseminate results to stakeholders)
- Routine systematic communication with stakeholders (online newsletter)
- Create partnerships with key groups focused on quality control issues
- Accountability for all users
- As numbers of users of the lake increase how will access be controlled?

Table Rock Lake is a substantial recreational draw for tourist to our area. The hospitality and tourism industry at and around the lake are keenly interested in the long term development of management features for the lake.

Thank you for considering my inputs.
Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.
Is there now or will there possibly be in the future any circumstance under which a landowner can be granted some type of limited access through the adjoining corps line in order to launch a boat without fear of breaking the law?

Thank you,
Would be nice to allow smaller docks for landowners of record. For example if a land owner holds 25 or more acres on the lake would have permit rights for smaller personal dock.

Another consideration is permitting seasonal or temporary loading docks.

Thanks!
Main concern is the sludge from the Springfield Sewer System, and the septic tanks in the area leaking into the lake. I think you'll need some kind of a water purifier at the mouth of the James River if you expect to have pure water. At intervals, Springfield just lets the city's waste bypass their facility to "work on it", and all their raw sewage is let loose into the James.

Put a speed limit on the power boats, and a size limit on the house boats, and cruisers. The lake should be for beauty and pleasure, not a place to show off how cool you are. Limit the business and housing developments. Let us have a pristine lake that can be enjoyed by both fisherman in a dingy, and surfers, too. It is not safe to have speeders pull someone on ski's. I think a portion of the lake should be set aside for canoes and small boats for fishing; much as Smithville lake. I'm certain that would cause a lot of complaining; but the lake is not only for just cruising around. A lot of locals, as well as tourists, enjoy fishing without heavy waves washing their small boats ashore.

Good luck.
The plans that have been in place seem to have been adequate. Keeping with the beauty and cleanliness of the lake. Adding more docks would only create another Lake of the Ozarks. Lately we have noticed more boats that are high output motors and large size. In areas where it is narrow it has looked like a freeway and there are some boaters that do not realize there are smaller boats around them causing havoc on the lake. The idea is to have waterways that are safe for everyone and continue the peacefulness of Table Rock, the beautiful shoreline and beauty all around. The Kimberling City and James River arm areas are getting more and more like the Lake of Ozarks. Residents have commented that they feel there are way too many boats that tie together to party coming into the area. This may be something that cannot really be controlled, but with your jurisdiction maybe there is some way for control. If there are many more docks allowed this may really upset the ecology of the lake waters and the cleanliness of the lake. We are tired of picking up after the week enders are here leaving trash along side the shore and along the roadways. It just seems to be getting worse. How can that be controlled? This area has been so beautiful for many years and it seems to be heading to the likeness of 'big city' playground. Nature and beauty of the lake is going by the wayside.

As far as existing docks making them better for owners to add swimming platforms it may be ok. The existing owners, community or resort, know how much they love the lake, to be in the water and enjoy the peacefulness of swimming in clean water or just floating. They really is not adding any problems because they probably have been using the lake in that manner. Although for safer use of water off a dock with 10 or more slips there may be more people using it at one time. With a swim dock there is less of a chance someone could accidentally fall in that is not a swimmer. Or it is just a gathering place. The people of resort docks or community dock and private docks are not the ones who leave trash or a mess or beer cans and other waste, as these are the ones who respect the lake and its beauty. The problem is the visitors coming for a week end who just do not seem to care. Accommodating requests by existing dock owners may be something that could be addressed.

Also, is some cases where slips are at the 20' length taking into consideration people are getting boats that are 22 or 24, such as pontoons they may need to add to the length of the slips. To help accommodate the protection of their boats. Even in a small cove area, maybe they should be allowed to change the entrance to the slip to accommodate longer slips. I am not sure how this would be able to be done but it is just a suggestion. As far as issuing new permits it may be wise to allow them in very remote areas that are not already filled with docks every other mile marker.

Our bottom line is to try to keep this lake as pristine and clean and shoreline as grand as it is now. Don't allow it to change from this. It is more and more evident that when we do shoreline cleanup each year it looks like more and more people are abusing the lake and using it as a dump for tires and old parts from cars or just plain trash. Selling more state land would only increase the likelihood of ruining the lake.

Thanks for including residents in your decision making process. We are the ones who really care about the Table Rock Lake and also work to keep it beautiful.

Last but not least....PLEASE do not let it get like the Lake of the Ozarks with thousands of big big boats with very large or several motors on them spending time on the lake drinking
and tie together for large parties. Not to mention they do not know how to drive a boat on the lake, acting like they are the only ones on the lake.

Our compliments to the Corp for the great job they have been doing at Table Rock Lake for so many years.

Sincerely,
Attached FYI.
ATTEN: Dana Coburn, Chief,
Environmental Branch,
Planning & Environmental

A recent article in the Springfield News-Leader requested my input on the future of Table Rock Lake in connection with a planned up-date of the USACE’s “Master Plan” for the lake. You, as the USACE Project Manager, requested a response to the following three questions:

1) How do I see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? It is a given that there will be a tremendous influx of people (baby boomers) moving to this area in the next 20 years. That will bring more pressure on the lake in terms of water quality, boating, fishing, private & commercial docks and safety.

2) What’s most important to me about Table Rock? Water Quality! There have been countless studies and reports made from various “partnerships” about pollution issues. A lot of venom has been directed at private residences with failing septic tanks and lateral lines. However, not much has been said about municipalities, resorts, and other commercial facilities. There appear to be several government agencies who have jurisdiction over pollution but nothing seems to get done. I have seen little enforcement action and virtually no severe penalties that flow from the violations.

3) What is one thing that should be done to improve the lake? Enforce existing laws and regulations.

My wife and I moved here 23 years ago and we live on a bluff adjoining the “Corps Line” just South of Peach Orchard Cove, in Cape Fair. We also have a slip on a 12 stall dock in the cove and we have been avid boaters. It is our perception that there has been a declining inter-action between Corps Rangers and everyday people. The Rangers appear to be primarily involved as supervisors and managers with the commercial interests and the contract people employed by the Corps. In our view there is less enforcement of “clear cutting” on Corps land and the old, unencapsulated, styrofoam flotation that still remains on private and commercial docks. We realize that water pollution, control of no-wake zones and the prolific explosion of otter populations are the primary responsibilities of other agencies. BUT, if positive action is not being taken by them, it is a Corps lake after all and ultimately a Corps responsibility.

Some friends and I planned to attend your meeting at the Reeds Spring High School last night but were turned away because of the humongous turn out. We suspect that the large turn out was due to negative feelings about the Corps in our area. Frankly, it has been this way for the past 23 years and it has gotten worse and certainly not better.

Sincerely,
Thank you for reading these comments:

I wish to encourage the Corps to maintain a healthy, vibrant, ecologically sound water system. Many factors have to be weighed when making such a long-term plan. Future growth rates are often difficult to predict but I believe growth in this area will continue to put pressure on the quality of our watershed. I would encourage the Corps to seek the input of demographers and ecologists when developing a plan that may alter the relatively clean conditions of Table Rock Lake. Managing intense developments that can lead to water quality issues will be important in the years to come. Education of people residing in the watershed area will become even more important as our growth continues. Please incorporate programs for education into the master plan.

Good luck with all the difficult work and as I usually tell people, "Follow the science".

Sincerely,
I regret that my husband and I will not be able to make your meetings on the revision plan. Our main concerns are that five years ago we bought a house at Eagle Rock, Mo. We drive over five hours and drive right through the Lake of the Ozarks to get to Table Rock as the lake of the Ozarks is in our minds just a pool of crap. So developed and not attractive at all. The crowds are unreal and we love Table rock but am concerned about the amount of traffic that it has picked up in the last couple of years. We would like to see the lake stay a clean lake and some how have more contoll on developing as wall to wall houses will not work for very long. We do our part to keep the lake clean and also maybe cutting out some of the trees in the coves? I know they are good for fishing but there are so many. Glad you are updating as I am sure that not much is the same as when the lake was created. I want my grandkids to get to enjoy it.
I think this counts as a Master Plan comment... I'll let you make the call.

Thanks!

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 11:00 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Vegetation permit (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks Becky. I know you are very busy with the meetings and everything associated with them, but I thought I would make one suggestion and ask how you think I should proceed with submitting it.

First, I heard several disgruntled people last night...not sure what they expected but bad press is not good for this process.

Anyway, here's what I would suggest:
Create a Citizens Advocacy Group. About eight or ten people in the area that would represent "the masses". A couple of the reps would be local businesses, a couple would be lakeside residents, a couple would be from various organizations, i.e. Fishing Clubs, Shoreline Cleanup and Clean Water Group, etc. This group would be established to "stay in the loop" and be the primary contact for citizens with concerns as well as to assist in communications. The primary purpose of such a group would be simply to alleviate the fears and concerns of the citizenry that their interests are being considered in this process. I believe that the meetings being held are a great first step, but it is extremely hard to keep everyone informed as this process proceeds.

That's it and thanks again for your help and for listening.
I will get you name on the list for a renewal of your mowing permit. A park ranger will be contacting you in the coming weeks to set up an appointment to meet at your property for the inspection.

It has been so encouraging to see and hear so much concern for the lake, and it was very nice to get to speak with you last night. We'll be getting everyone's contact information entered in, but in the mean time, check out our website periodically. We anticipate having a copy of the 1976 plan on the website in the coming week.

http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/parks/tablerock/trimasterplan.htm

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 10:34 AM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Vegetation permit

Hi Rebecca. After the meeting last night and then speaking with you latter, I decided to check my Vegetation Permit and yes, it did expired in Sept.

So, please let this email be my request and application for renewal.

I appreciate you taking the time to discuss this with me after the meeting. I can appreciate the task ahead of your team in this process. It is one thing to establish an operating plan for today. It's entirely different making a plan that keeps a focus on what it should look like in 20 years.

I did sign up for email notifications of this process. I truly believe that the more information that the local people are provided will alleviate a lot of fear and mistrust in this process.

Thanks again,
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE

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Dear Dana Coburn: First let me introduce myself. My name is [Redacted] and I am the Founder and CEO of TRACETS. TRACETS is an acronym for Table Area Conscience Effort Toward Stocking. Incorporated in February of 2001 our mission statement is "Lake Preservation through Restoration and Education". We have 1.4 miles of highway adopted that includes scenic view that overlooks Taneycomo side of Table Rock Dam. The first year we picked up over 100 bags of trash and consistently 30 to 40 each year. We donated a thousand dollars to each Branson and Blue Eye high school with the agreement fishing would be introduced into their school activities. We have also participated in the annual shoreline cleanup every first saturday in April and are currently working on picking up trash that is left at the end of public access roads. We try to utilize community service individuals to keep our cost down due to recession. We organized a bass tournament in which we gave out trash bags and gave away two nights three day stay at Big Cedar Lodge for heavy trash bag. Also gave cash to 1st and 2nd heavy stringer and big bass. It was fun for all and a good cause. I am currently working with Greg Ohler and Ozarks Rivers Heritage on installing a state of the art Handicap Fishing Facility located on the observation loop road. Submitted blue prints and engineers did a depth study in front of the handicap rail that is in place already. Also submitted a proposal for portable floating restrooms called S.S.Relief. With 40 to 50 million people using the lake we need to be very concerned about our water quality along with the litter. I also would like to propose a full time crew on the lake picking up trash. The 745 miles of shoreline needs major help especially in our high traffic areas. Table Rock Lake is a major resource and we need to treat it that way. Enough about TRACETS. My first guide trip was out of Viola boat dock in 1978 for Ralph Johnston. In later years I guided out of Campbell Point, Baxter, Big M, Eagle Rock, Hwy 13, Indian Point, State Park, Big Cedar and Long Creek. I am still licensed by USCG since May of 86. Have had the blessing to be on Table Rock Lake alot and have a great passion for it. This is a great event in my opinion and hopefully fantastic results are in the making. I have focused my guide service toward fishing with the handicap and underpriveleaged free of charge. Due to the recession and lack of donations it has been a challenge to keep my promise to continue my dreams to Table Rock Lake. Would feel very blessed and fortunate to be able to continue my love and passion. Thank you for your time!
Dana
Master Plan
I have spent two years trying to get a community boat ramp in Shady meadows on the Kings river.
I called your office and was told I had to go to Berry County commissioners for approval. Howard and Wayne approved the ramp but said they would have to file directly with your office for permit. I would like this approval before the start of the master plan. Things to improve would be the amount of time it takes to get somethings done. Please let me know.
Thank you.
Since the last Shoreline Master Plan Revision, the U.S. Forest Service has acquired lands that abut Table Rock Lake’s shoreline. Some of that shoreline had been red-lined for boat dock zoning. Has any thought been given to revising the Master Plan to make adjustments for red-lined areas that have been lost due to the Forest Service land acquisitions?
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.

How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
- Good water quality
- Improve watershed
- Protect wildlife
- Don't want to see it turn into a lake of the Ozarks
- Stabilize lake levels if possible

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- Amazing views & Keeping shoreline clean
- Restrict size of boats allowed so water becomes more enjoyable

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
- Remove stumps, logs, branches, and other debris
- Plant native vegetation
- Improve water quality by better treatment

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

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, fax with attention to Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, Fax: (501) 324-5605, Email: M4TRMP@usace.army.mil, Website: http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/parks/tablerock/trmasterplan.htm. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by December 14, 2012.
The message is ready to be sent with the following file or link attachments:

questionnaire.pdf

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Dear Chief Coburn:

I see you are soliciting thoughts on the future of Table Rock Lake. We have docked a boat at Table Rock for about 20 years.

Obviously, summer weekends are overly busy. I don't know what could or should be done about that. My concern is the size of the wake put out by boats. Our boat has been swamped by boats that were not that big and were not going that fast. So, my suggestion is to limit the size of the wake.

I would be thrilled to see the size of the boat and the size of the motors limited; but limiting the size of the wash is essential for safety.

Thank you for this opportunity to make a suggestion.

Sincerely,
Dear Chief Coburn:

I am pleased to see you are asking for comments regarding the future of Table Rock Lake. My family has owned lake front property there since 1992 between the dam and Long Creek Bridge. In that time, the lake has gotten busier and busier on weekends; we try not to go out in a boat on Saturdays or Sundays until the evening.

Apart from crazy boaters and those drinking, the most dangerous and frightening change is the wake put out by some boats. Some of the boats look like ocean-going vessels and are entirely too much boat for our lake. But, if they don't go too fast, they are fine. I would like to see a motor limit, though. I remember the 32' cabin cruiser at Lake of the Ozarks that sunk and the woman drowned.

The dangerous problem comes when these boats put out a large wash. We have been swamped - just sitting, fishing, and swamped a handful of times. That is dangerous.

Because the other boats get bigger and bigger, one is forced to get a bigger boat as defense for safety and comfort. That just feeds the cycle and it limits the pleasure of a boat to those with money.

So, I hope you will institute a wake policy. And, I would really like to see a size limit on either, or both, boat size and motor size.

Sincerely,
Re: Table Rock Lake comments

My history: Lake front property owner
I fish southwest Missouri. Even though I own property on Table Rock, I trailer my boat to Pomme and Stockton to catch fish. No fish, comparatively, in Table Rock. So, number 1, I would like to see more fish in Table Rock.

Safety concerns:
Boats have gotten bigger and bigger. My little fishing boat is way out-gunned there. For safety, a wake limit should be instituted at a minimum. Optimally, a boat and motor limit should be instituted.
I would like to be able to mow the grass and up keep the water front/ shore line. This rule is not enforced equally across the lake some places get to mow to the waters edge and others of us get threatened/ fined if we try to beautify our waterfront. Instead you make us have this all natural grown up unkept look in residential areas. I understand in nonresidential areas leave the shore line alone and I am not saying build or improve the shore line other than to mow the grass and trim a few trees. This makes the areas look presentable/nice from the water and from the land/road.

thank you
We could use more boat docks around the Sweetwater Beach subdivision in Golden, MO. That would be just upstream or South from the Kings River access off of RA road in Golden, MO. It has not been allowed due to the Kings River access boat launch is still considered a park. That park has been closed for over 12 years. There are a lot of home owners who would like their own slip. Parking space would not be a problem.
Coburn, Dana O SWL  

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 10:50 AM  
To: CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL  
Subject: Master Plan Revision

I am writing this email to request that you review the decision of the Table Rock Lake Project Manager to reduce the property contained in our lease (Easement [Redacted]) of government property adjacent to Table Rock Lake near Branson, Mo. Our not-for-profit corporation CBMC (Clevenger Branch Membership Corporation) took over operation of Big Bear Resort from a commercial company in 1998. We continue to operate the resort in the same manner as the commercial company except that we are non-profit. We use any “profit” we realize from operation of the resort to improve the resort and surrounding government property. In 2001, we signed a lease with the Corps to continue to maintain the areas of government property adjacent to the lake and our resort in the same manner as has been previously done by the commercial company, with the Corps’ cooperation, since approximately 1970. That lease was extended for a period of five years in 2006. After the Corps having agreed to lease these areas to the commercial company for more than 30 years and to then take away half of the area simply because we are not commercial is, I feel, discriminatory against us as a not-for-profit corporation.

The members of our corporation have invested heavily in improvements and maintenance of the government property under our lease. We have invested approximately $20,000 in a rail fence to control access of ATVs and other motorized off-road vehicles, even more money building recreational facilities on the property, maintaining it, keeping it free of trash (providing trash cans and disposal), and providing policing and security for the areas. All of this has, and is, being done at no expense to the government or the taxpayers. If the local Corps officials would just take the time to visit these areas on any weekend in the summer, especially on a holiday weekend, they will find these areas being heavily used by the public, including many handicapped individuals and a large number of veterans. These folks are using the areas for group gatherings, picnicking, ball games, kite flying, model airplane flying, and games of all sorts. The availability of these recreational areas is especially important to the public on holiday weekends when the recreational areas maintained by the Corps at taxpayer expense are often at maximum usage.

To remove these recreational areas from our lease and care and allow it to return to brush is not only a disservice to the public, which heavily uses these areas, but also will be a big fire hazard to the adjacent property owners who have invested a great deal of money in their property with the reasonable expectation that those adjacent recreation areas would continue to be maintained as they have been for more than 30 years. The area on the west side of the resort was removed from our lease by the Corps ten years ago and we invite you to visit to see what a public hazard it has become. Since it is no longer a part of our lease, we are unable to police it or keep it clean and the Corps apparently doesn’t have the staff to police it. As a result it has become not only a fire hazard but a haven for illegal drug activity. You would be hard pressed to find any group more supportive of good water quality for Table Rock than the members of CBMC. After all, we are here because of the lake and we care very much for the overall health of the lake. We firmly believe the public’s use of the recreational facilities provided at our resort are NOT detrimental to the lake or its water quality. We would challenge anyone to provide evidence to the contrary.

CBMC respectfully requests that property owners be allowed to mow and maintain property to the water’s edge. We have been good stewards of this government property for more than
thirty years, making it available at our members’ expense, free of charge to the public. We ask for the opportunity to continue to do so.

Sincerely,
Dear Corps of Engineers Staff:

There are a number of items that the Corp needs to implement that cost the corp and hence the taxpayer little or nothing to implement and are necessary for good lake management. Some will cost the residents some money but the savings and protection of investment will be well worth it. Here are some items that need immediate attention:

1. The issue of wake reduction is not just for shoreline sensitive areas but the entire lake. Boats should be restricted in size, speed and size of wake produced for safety and enjoyment of the lake and this should be implemented post haste. The Lake of the Ozarks is a mess due to large boats, high speed boats and those with huge wakes. Limit boat size now for the good of all. THE ENTIRE LAKE SHOULD BE A REDUCED WAKE AREA.

2. Dock owners should be allowed to concrete the ramps for the ramp access to docks. This would reduce siltation into the lake as the wheels would not be running back and forth on the lake bed stirring up sediment. Regularly traveled access routes also should be allowed to be concreted and or stepped to stop erosion that then ends up in the lake. Now is a good time to do this as the lake level is low and the cost would be minimal to dock owners.

3. Regular and frequent e. Coli checks should be made to assure that sewage runoff is spotted and the homeowners required to make changes for eliminating or reducing their runoff into the lake. This should be coordinated with DNR and immediate action should be taken to aggressively stop raw untreated sewage from entering the watershed. Old septic systems should be removed immediately. There are a lot of low cost treatment methods available and they should be implemented post haste.

4. Every lot sold within 5,000 feet of the lake shoreline should have a water detention system installed to slow water runoff into the lake. The detention should be sized to detain the appropriate amount of water runoff increase due to roads, drives and roof area. All developments should be required to have water detention designed into the development. This should be implemented immediately to save the watershed area of the lake. All cities (incorporated or unincorporated) in the water shed should be pressed for similar rules to detain water and sedimentation for the good of the lake.

5. All docks should be required to be inspected to make sure they are safe. There were two children electrocuted this summer at the Lake of the Ozarks due to improper dock wiring that could and should have been discovered by an inspection. This is a simple matter and before permits are renewed there should be a safety inspection.

6. Give thought as to how all the areas near the lake could reuse gray water for lawns and golf courses as a means of reducing the nitrates that are fed into the lake.

7. Help all lake users rid the lake of invasive series of water life like the zebra mussels and other life not beneficial to lake health.

8. Protect the fish population by managing the fishing times and periods. This has been shown to be best for all fishing based on spawning, migration and other factors.
How would you like to see Table Rock in 20 years?

If it stays the same as now, I'm OK. Thinking mainly about shoreline development and water quality.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Water quality

What one thing about Table Rock Lake could be done to improve the lake?

Water quality

Really, I don't want more rules and regulations - that is too much government.
Coburn, Dana O SWL

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, December 01, 2012 12:11 PM
To: CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Master Plan Comments
Attachments: [Redacted] Master Plan Comments_001.jpg

Dana,

Thanks for your help with this, I mentioned on the comment card and will again here, offer my participation if needed on a public committee to help with the plan. I have a long history at Table Rock Lake, 1st as a vacationer at State Park Marina in my youth from 1965 to 1984. Then as a Springfield resident as a weekender from 1985 to 2006, and now as a Condo owner at Point I and Dock Master of 8217 from 2007 to present.

Please let me know if I can help in any way. I would come to the table with an open mind and with ideas that should resonate with the majority of the population.

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

- RETAIN GREEN SPACE WE HAVE, RETAIN & IMPROVE PROTECT WATER QUALITY.
- ADD ACCESS LIKE NIGHTSHINE BEACH, ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL DOCK, ADDITIONS FOR SERVICES (INCLUDING BOAT NEEDS, DINE IN AND PROVISIONS)

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

- THE HEALTH OF THE SHORE, CLEAR CLEAN WATER

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

- CAREFULLY PLAN DOCK EXPANSION WITH EYE TOWARDS SHORELINE NEEDS, LOOK AT KEEPING SOME Coves THAT HAVE NO DOCKS OR FEW DOCKS AVAILABLE FOR REC, BOAT COYING

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

- REVIEW ENFORCING BOAT WAVE RESPONSIBILITY WITH EDUCATION AND TICKETING, IF NEEDED.
- KEEP SLIP SIZES AT A MAX OF 12X30 TO KEEP LARGER BOATS AT MARINAS (FOR PUMP OUT AND ANY OTHER REASONS)
- LOOK AT REVIEWING OLD WOOD DOCKS TO BRING UP TO MINIMUM 10X24? SIZE AND UP TO ELECTRICAL CODES

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, fax with attention to Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, Fax: (501) 324-5605, Email: M4TRMP@usace.army.mil, Website: http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/parks/tablerock/trmasterplan.htm. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by December 14, 2012.
Hi there-
I bought property a few years back in Shell Knob in the Whitewater subdivision on Tablerock lake. I own 1 of the 15 lots offered there.

Anyway, after purchasing the land, I found out that we were not allowed to have a future community boat dock. I was shocked because the next cove over literally has 6 to 8 small docks on it. We were told that we were too close to Campbell Point boat dock and are in a red zone. Is the Army Corp of Engineers considering to rezone the lake? I was told this was done back in the early 80s and is expensive. Is this the plan? If so, is there hope for us in the Whitewater subdivision in Shell Knob to perhaps have a community boat dock?

Also any updates online or do we have to wait until summer of 2013? Maybe you can refer me to a site I can check back at in the future.

Please advise.
I think this is an address for email but not sure, so running this test to see if it goes through.
Attention: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Table Rock Lake

To Whom It May Concern:

We are submitting this formal request for a shoreline inspection of our property for the purposes of installing a boat dock. Our 25 acre property is located in the town of Golden, Missouri, in the Southeast section of Barry County, approximately three miles due south of Shell Knob. It is the same property scheduled to be utilized for the Carroll Electric power station crossing.

We very much appreciate your consideration.

For assistance in locating the property more precisely, the Legal description is as follows:

EXHIBIT “A”
Tract 036-001R1
A tract of land, 100 feet in width, located EXCLUSIVELY in and being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 25 West, Barry County, Missouri, the center line of which is described as follows:
Commencing at the West Quarter corner of said Section 36; thence North 02°23’31” East along the West line thereof a distance of 326.50 feet; thence South 87°36’29” East along Grantor’s South property line a distance of 30.43 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence North 03°01’16” East a distance of 270.47 feet to a point designated as and hereinafter referred to as Point “A”; thence North 88°38’00” East a distance of 421.37 feet to a point designated and hereinafter referred to as Point “B”; thence North 26°31’53” East a distance of 755.74 feet, more or less to a point on the North line of said Quarter, Quarter Section, containing approximately 139,089 square feet or 3.19 acres, more or less, EXCEPTING THEREFROM any part of said described 100 foot tract not in and being a part of said Quarter, Quarter Section.
It is further stipulated and agreed that the outer boundaries of the above-described 100-foot tract of land shall be lengthened or shortened as necessary to begin and end on Grantor’s property lines as does said centerline.
Also the additional rights to install down guys and anchors within that part of a circle with its center at said Point “A”, and extending in a Northerly direction a distance of 75 feet.
Also the additional rights to install down guys and anchors within that part of a circle with its center at said Point “B”, and extending in a Southwesterly, Southerly, Southeasterly and Easterly direction a distance of 75 feet.
ALSO:
Tract 036-003R2
The West 74.00 feet of the South 978.60 feet (1008.16 feet per deed) of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 22 North, Range 25 West, Barry County, Missouri, containing approximately 72,356 square feet or 1.66 acres, more or less.

Please feel free to contact us via email, telephone or U.S. mail.
Thank you,
Dear Dana

I wanted to let you know that I and my neighbor attended the meeting in Reed Spring about the TBR master plan. I was pleased with the turn out and that we were allowed to comment, so thank you.

I do have a concern, however, that the way the presentation was made it would have biased the crowd to vote for their biggest concerns. Several of the leaders that presented on their interactions with focus groups noted the top concerns. One was always water quality. I too and a proponent of making sure our water is clean but for me that is a given. What else would we vote for, bad water??? I thought the presentation was biased in a way that would always lead the public to put down a certain response.

If you wanted everyone’s opinion, you would not have led a discussion that already listed what the priorities would be. It is analogous to saying, "how many babies is it ok to drop in a hospital nursery?"
The lake traffic has increased dramatically in the last ten years. I live on Aunts Creek and the size, speed and noise level of the boats had gotten hard to believe. The boats create extremely large wakes, which damage both the shoreline and docks. A speed limit and noise enforcement would help significantly. I feel a lake use fee should be implemented and the funds used for additional enforcement.
To Whom It May Concern,

I, [redacted], am responding on behalf of my parents, [redacted], who live at [redacted] with regards to the Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revisions. My parents own property in the Crystal Beach subdivision at [redacted].

I would like the Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, to consider changes that would allow for zoning of additional docks (community or individual) specifically designed for personal watercraft (waverunners) due to the limited number of docks/slips already imposed on the lake. Since these specific docks would be smaller in design, they could still be placed within existing coves or, in cases where the cove space is limited, placed in the main channel on a restricted basis as approved by the Army Corps of Engineers zoning. If a permanent type dock is not an option, would the Corp consider temporary or shoreline drive up type docks for personal watercraft based on a seasonal schedule (i.e. May through September). After the season, these temporary docks would have to be removed from the shoreline. In our case, we purchased a home on the lake and were restricted to one slip. I would think that it would be possible for lake property owners to have the option to have up to two slips in any combination (one slip for a boat and one for personal watercraft, or two for personal watercraft, at two for two boats, etc.).

I appreciate The Army Corps of Engineers in advance for their consideration of my proposal.

Sincerely,