Appendix F
Public Scoping Comments

Public Comments (continued)
How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?

I expect to live on the lake that has “clean” water quality . . . and expect the Corps to adopt working practices that also address and adjust appropriately for “Extreme Weather” conditions - floods, winds, drought., etc.

Unacceptable condition of “no water” caused by draw down for hydro. Photo is Table Rock Lake - White River - San Souci area before 1995 . . . Lake level below 900 MSL.

U.S. Drought Monitor

Current Corps (12/1/12) draw-down for Hyrdo to 906’ MSL seems unnecessary (with existing area drought conditions being “extreme”). New Master Plan should have “red flag” parameters so hydro and keeping the Mississippi open do not conflict with future depressed area economy if drought continues through next year. My suggestion . . . don’t go below 905’ with drought conditions.

Reminds me of the Corps mistake at Lake Lanier, GA a few years ago.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Living, playing and wildlife on-in-near clean water.

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

Better control of lake levels with regards for the folks who donate to the General Fund!

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

MP “control” needed/changed due to “Extreme Weather”.
Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:

There are two issues, that I believe need study.

Background: We’ve lived on the White River section on Cedar Branch, East of Turkey Mountain since we bought the property in 1995. Our small 6-slip dock was built in 1987. The shoreline gets direct and scouring waves from the prevailing SW winds that have approx 2 to 3 miles clear shot at the shoreline. I believe that Turkey Mountain also creates a venturie effect intensifying the winds. The waves with white caps slam at the shore. Coupled with the varying heights of the lake, the shoreline shows significant erosion.

1) I would like a special permit to stabilize the shoreline below 916’ MSL. It would 2 stone walls/levees. The stone on our shoreline a very unique, soft red sandstone. Many of the rocks have rounded edges that the wave action further erodes. I would need to use colored concrete with steel rods to secure the 2 foot walls. Eventually the earth will fill in behind as more gets washed down from rains and scouring action when lake levels are 920+. This would resolve our area, but the “issue to be studied” appears at the end.

Example of erosion: 4-12-08 Flood. 933.25’ MSL photo taken at Shell Knob bridge/Hwy 39.

9-18-08 photo showing 2 large oak trees that are dead. They were OK’d to be removed by the corps

9-18-08 The reason for these photos and the fact that our dock is not in the above picture was the winds from Hurricane Ike that came down Cedar Branch (North/South) and broke our shore anchors. The photo is taken looking to the SouthWest - and shows the direction of the prevailing winds. Turkey Mountain is on the right.

Photo to the right shows the base of one of the Oak trees. Over the years with the varying lake levels and scouring wave action from the prevailing winds, the soil has been removed around the roots so this older tree dies due to shoreline erosion from 30+ years. With extreme weather - winds, rain, etc. it will happen faster.
2.) (for us the second runoff issue has been resolved by an on-site inspection by a Ranger.) Here is the issue as I presented to the Corps:

6-11-12 Effects of 1” of rain. Looking West down Boat Dock Easement Road

Problem: 700’x 18’ asphalt county road “Edgewater Lane” (Up to 8.3° grade, top Is 1000’MSL) dumps into Mason Boat Dock Easement Road. Easement has had vegetation, holding ponds, curving roads, and 4”-tiling removed or caused to be inoperable.

Road concurrent with fall line of hillside - averaging 4° to 5° grade.

Why doesn’t the Corps when granting a new dock permit look at the issues created with the mandatory parking areas? While “runoff” is a DNR issue, it should be a consideration for a new easement/parking area is granted when it is superimposed on top of an existing dock road (1987). Road included a winding 6’ wide road having 2 holding ponds, 4” tiling, water run, whistles, riprap area and could handle a 5” rain without soil erosion. Corps was alerted to this. But we assumed there were no guidelines to the consequences.

Please examine Corps guidelines for new docks for parking location, terrain considerations regarding runoff, and with respect to existing dock access.

The issue to be studied in #1: Can the corps establish “sensitive shoreline areas” with with regards to wave action, soil composition, rock composition, debris accumulation, ground water run off in consideration of variable lake heights and prevailing winds ie eroding wave action?

Would the Corps allow the dock to have a special permit and create Corps recommendations to stabilize land along the exposed shoreline due to lower lake levels?
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE TABLE ROCK LAKE IN 20 YEARS? Preserved the way it is, with improvements in pollution, (air, water, land and noise).

WHAT ABOUT TABLE ROCK LAKE IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? 1. Quality and clarity of the water.
2. Preservation of the shoreline from residential and commercial development.

WHAT ONE THING THAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE LAKE? Implement a Master Plan, (with all other necessary documents), and follow it without compromising to Special Interest Groups.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE MASTER PLAN REVISION OR ABOUT ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE STUDIED:

1. Maintain or improve fish population.
2. Find ways to accommodate the inevitable growth of the lake without sacrificing aesthetics and safety.
3. When it becomes necessary, implement regulations regarding the number of boats on the lake, size of boats, speed of boats, etc.
4. Maintain COE ownership of land surrounding the lake.
5. Allocate money for education;
   - Seamanship
   - COE rules and regulations
   - Land usage
   - How to be good stewards of the area.
6. To enforce all existing and future rules and regulations equitably for all.
I have been a resident of table rock for approx. 16 years now and I do not own a dock. I came to the lake over thanksgiving only to find that a new dock has been place in the big indian arm out of the baxter area on the east side of the arm. It currently stretches accross the deep end of the channel which fisherman and residents use to reach the end of the arm. This creates a hazard for boats to navigate this arm and creates a nuisance for all who currently ski, fish and enjoy the area at a non reduced speed. If a no wake marker is placed at the end of the dock which im sure it will be, ther will be very little room to navigate. Please take a look at this location and see if there are any other small inlets the could have chosen instead of this major channel shut off. Thanks
Attached is comment sheet from meeting.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?  
SAME OPEN SHORELINE WITHOUT A SPREAD OF ROCKS
TO NEW OPEN AREAS

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?  WATER QUALITY

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?  PREVENT-
ELIMINATE PHOSPHATES FROM WATER

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
BROWN/RED ALGAE PROBLEM 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: M41RMP@usace.army.mil. Website: http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/parks/tablerock/mr/masterplan.html. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by December 14, 2012.
There are 4 things that I feel should be addressed in the revised Table Rock Lake Management Plan:

1. The size of the boats on this lake should be restricted. They create large wakes that are destructive to docks, dangerous to smaller boats which make up the majority of the boats on the lake, swimmers, and are designed to be on the ocean not small inland lakes. However, the big boats currently on the lake would need to be grandfathered.

2. There should be some restrictions on the loud boats on the lake with or without captaits choice. This is a nice peaceful lake except when the jocks think a loud boat is a he-man thing.

3. All septic systems near the lake should be inspected and if they are leaking into the lake they should be replaced or hooked up to a water treatment plant if available. I live on the lake and there are about 10 homes in our association that are still on septic systems which I’m sure are putting polluted water into the lake and could be hooked-up to our treatment plant. Several years ago we spent $50,000 to $75,000 to improve the quality of the treated water from our treatment plane that enters the lake.

4. We need to do what ever is necessary to keep this lake clean and free of pollutants. I don’t know the answer to these issues, but I’m sure there are some educated and smart people that could give us some answers.

It takes money to maintain the quality of the water in Table Rock Lake. Several years ago a sales tax item was put on the ballot but was rejected by the voters. I think we need to find someway to generate funds from the people that live near the lake, visit the lake area, or use the lake for boating, swimming and camping.
THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO THE MEETING ON TABLEROCK LAKE:
WE WANT---- BETTER WATER QUALITY, DO THIS BY REGULATING THE JAMES RIVER WATER FROM
SPRINGFIELD, AND WHITE RIVER WATER FROM N.W. ARK. BOATING DOES NOT EFFECT THE WATER
QUALITY.
NO MARINA TAKE LINE OR EXPANSION. WE WANT-- MORE RED LINE ZONING- PRIVATE DOCK OWNERSHIP (COMMUNITY DOCKS) WHY WOULD YOU NOT SUPPORT THE PUBLIC AND THEIR NEEDS.---AND NOT THE MARINA'S THAT SEEM TO HAVE A MONOPOLY ON SUCH, AND WANT TO CONTROLL EVEN MORE.
THANK YOU
Thanks for the meeting yesterday at the Chateau. Very informative.

A major concern we have, which was not noted on the card submitted yesterday, has to do with the high water levels that the lake has reached twice in the past few years. Our house did not have any flooding, but our yard received extensive damage due to the high water. Much of the topsoil is now gone and we have lots of dead trees.

We have contacted the Corp office and now have a permit to remove some of the dead trees and cleanup the vegetation on our property, we thank you for that. While we are unable to add more dirt to our yard, we’ve attempted to preserve what we do have.

So, our major concern is that the lake does not reach the high levels as is has in the previous years. Our hope is part of this master plan is to make provisions for the water level before is gets out of control.

Another concern is that we would ask that any monies derived from leases, permits, etc on Table Rock Lake be used at Table Rock Lake and not put into any general fund. If this were publicly known, we believe the mindset of the patronage would more favor Corp ideas.

The Corp should also be more visible. There are a LOT of permanent residents who reside around the lake. Maybe a once or twice yearly 'town meeting' with a Q&A time also scheduled; maybe discuss a progress report or what the Corp is lobbying for. If the Corp and the residents worked hand in hand, more would get done. Basically, the Corp needs to make the public more aware of what is going on.

Thanks again.
Please see the attachment. I sent it by E-mail but it looks somewhat better if read from the attachment.
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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 Years? I have been around this area all my 67 years of life, owning three homes in this area and feel the lake is being maintained well. My hope is to see a continued effort to keep the water quality as it is or even improved if possible. One of the ways this could be accomplished is by keeping a close watch on the quality of Springfield Missouri’s water treatment. I would also like to see the shores lines with fewer cedars, as they are the weed of the forest and will kill any other tree except another cedar close by. In another 20 years the banks will be covered with only cedars and we will no longer have the native trees along the shores of Table Rock Lake. If you need proof of this problem you need look no further than a short walk into the woods along the shore where you will find many dead oaks and other native tree with cedars choking them out.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Water quality and shore line protection but this does not mean rules that push people away for enjoying living close by. While I don’t want the shores showing too many boat docks I don’t feel we are even close to that point yet. I welcome controlling the size of boats upon our waters but I don’t have the answers as to how this can be accomplished. Controlling the size of slips is a good start, however it should be all slips not just the privately owned slips.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? One thing I see that would improve Table Rock Lake at this time is to improve and reopen Joe Bald Park as well as some of the others that have been closed. This would allow more visitors to enjoy the lake. I do understand most of the closed parks would need improvement in waste water treatment for the restrooms. It is also important to control the lake uses age so as not to overuse and pollute.

Additional Comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: At the meeting in Reed Springs High School you could see that the groups in control including the Army Corps were overwhelmed by the turn out. It was also clear that, while it would have been difficult to control, the people in the audience expected to have some interaction about what the possibility were in making the best plan for the area but were only given the chance to write short notes on sticky notes.

If the Army Corps is truly interested in knowing what the people want to see happen with Table Rock Lake or any other Corp run lake, how about putting one or two civilians on the planning board and given the common people a chance to have an input. This could also change the general public’s feelings that the Army Corp is going to do whatever they want without regard to the people’s wishes. This was one of the reasons for the large turnout in Reed Springs Missouri on November 28th. Something needs to be done to renew the confidence in the Corp in this area.
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 6:15 AM
To: CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL
Subject: Master Plan comments

I had the opportunity to be at the Reed's Springs Master plan meeting earlier this month. I appreciate the effort that is being made to keep all of us who live on the lake informed as you work on revising the master plan for Table rock lake and area.

There was one comment that that confused me during the presentation and I was wondering if you could clarify for me. During the presentation they were describing the different land classifications options. The comment that confused me was in relation to these classifications about the Cow Creek area. It was said, as an example, that due to the deep cove opportunities in Cow Creek there might be some timber management opportunities that could be considered as part of the plan.

This Timber comment brings back a comment from the George Bush era where he tried to sell off some of the Mark Twain forest, including areas around the cow creek area to fund some of the federal projects that he had at that time. Of course this was blocked by our attorney general and was later dropped as an option.

Can you clarify this comment as it relates to the Cow creek area and what Timber Management means? I live on cow creek and work out of my home. Our families enjoy the lake and the Cow Creek area both for water play and fishing. Any projects that would ruin water quality, increase the traffic into the cove or destroy the beauty of the area would not be well accepted by myself and all those who live in Cow Creek.

Thank you in advance for your help with this issue. I am just not sure what timber management has to do with any of the master plan activities.

Thanks again
Second try at sending this Email.

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 8:44 AM
To: 'M4TRMP@usae.army.mil'
Subject: Table Rock Lake Mater Plan

My suggestion is to increase the number of boat ramps with a courtesy dock and re-open and improve the existing ones in order to reduce the need or demand for boat slips.
Comments on Master Plan Revision

I live on [redacted], which is at the end of [redacted]. Many local people use this road to launch or remove their boats since the next nearest point to do this is Baxter boat dock in Lampe or the old ramp in Viola. There has always been a problem since this is not an "official" boat launch. Some people want it closed and off limits. Some would like to use it to launch their fishing boats to go fishing for a couple of hours in the morning or evening before work without having to travel an extra 20 to 30 minutes each way to get to a launch. I have been in the area since 1990's and people have been using that road as a launch. New homes have been built in the last 5 to 7 yrs and that is when the controversy began.

Some people also use this for camping and partying all night. That is when it became a problem. The home owners along the shore get upset at the mess that is left and the noise. It is not the boat people that launch and leave, it is the people who do not have boats that camp and stay. Sometimes they are day campers, sometime night campers.

It would be nice to have this designated as a launch only area and a no swim area that way it would stop the partying and the mess and still allow the boaters to launch and go. Since I live away from the site and have a dock slip it really wouldn't matter to me if the road was closed off or not but I do think it is a good launch area for the fishermen to use.

Thank You for Your Time and Consideration,
Dana

I attended the Master Plan revision/Scoping session at Keeter Center in Branson last week on behalf of the city of Branson. Two figures were given regarding the economic impact associated with Table Rock Lake. I did not get those numbers written down in time but I believe one of the figures was 3 billion in revenues in Stone and Taney County?

Could I get a copy of the PPT that was used at that session, and/or the figures associated with economic impacts of Table Rock Lake? I am responsible for sharing the information with my supervisors who could not attend. Thank you.
Dana,

I am a 53 year old woman who has been enjoying Table Rock Lake since the age of 7. I own a condo, a boat slip and a boat. My biggest fear is that Table Rock will eventually become another Lake of the Ozarks. I support the way the corps of engineers has preserved the shoreline by prohibiting building too close to the water, and the tree cutting restrictions. I also support the limitations on docks. I would like to see a restriction on the length of boats allowed on the lake. There are many boats on the water that are too large for the lake, that are really more suited to being on the sea. The loud engines on some and the big wakes on most take away from the quaint feel of the lake.

I also worry about water pollution, but I know everyone does. We must keep the lake clean!!
To Whom it may concern:

Having seen what growth has done to the Lake of the Ozarks, I for one would not like to see much change to the Table Rock Master Plan. It is in my opinion the best managed Lake I know of and I would hate to see that change.

Sincerely,
I sent an email to your local office requesting a copy of the current master plan so I could make some intelligent comments on proposed changes to the plan and was told that the current plan is unavailable. Do I need to submit a freedom of information request to get a copy or what would I do to get one.
How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 Years: Continue to improve the water quality of the lake for both fishing and recreational use.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you: Lake Safety & Water Level Control.

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

With the lake levels as low as they are, the lake has shown the existence of stumps just below the water line, when the lake is at the 915 elevation. Many of the same areas receive boat and jet ski traffic (Pulling skiers & tubers) that the operators are not aware of how dangerous these areas can be. Can the Corp develop procedures to allow lake residents (with Corp approval) to contract the cutting off or pushing over these stumps to improve area safety? With leaving all the stumps at the bottom of the lake it still preserves fish habitat.

Require those groups who sponsor fishing tournaments to require the boats participating in the tournament to travel under some maximum allowed speed. Multiple groups of boats moving from one area to another or leaving / returning to docks at an excessive high rate of speed create a potential hazard to the participants and the public using the lake.

Thanks,
My family owns three lakefront lots adjacent to Joe Bald Park. The original owner of two of our lots had a dock as did one of the neighbors and they were anchored in front of our lots, but the docks were sold prior to our ownership. We have inquired about putting a dock in front of our property and have been told that docks are not allowed in the buffer zone. Since Joe Bald park hasn't been open to the public for over 15 years we would like to see the buffer zone restriction removed.

Thanks for your consideration,
December 4, 2012

To whom this may concern:

We were out of town for the meeting held on Nov 27th in Shell Knob, I am attaching a letter on our perspective on lake problems.

Thanks
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is to put new restrictions on
the distance from the docks that
we can put our no wake buoys.
(we realize this is a Water
Patrol issue). As a resort
owner, we feel somewhat
responsible for our customers
boats, which are continually
pounded with the large wakes in
our cove. We would like to see
the rule for buoys to be rewrote
to our keep boats, swimmers and
dock safe. If the rule was
changed to buoys being 200 feet
from the dock, it would
certainly help. When this rule
was made back in the 70's the
boats were much smaller and less
powerful. This change would
allow us to protect our
customers boats and pwc's.
Thanks.

Respectfully,
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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in response to the email from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the updates for Table Rock shoreline maintenance and regulations.

My husband & I purchased a small lakefront resort just south of Point 21 on the lake in November of 1999. In the years to follow the boats have become larger and larger and so have the waves that go with these large boats. Our most serious concern is the erosion of the shoreline on our beloved lake, caused in large part by the newest recreational water sport called wake surfing. This sport causes 2 or 3 foot waves...
that has eroded our shoreline and has surfaced boulders that were not on the shoreline when we purchased our resort. In the spring of 2008 we had flood waters that were much higher than normal. Along with the water being so much higher than usual, wake surfing was increasing in popularity. With the 3 foot waves that come with the wake surfing the our shoreline was severely eroded & our topsoil washed into the lake. We had to haul in soil to replace what we lost to erosion before we could replant grass. This happened a second time with the flood in 2011.

The large waves make it dangerous for our customers to swim off our swim deck. When incoming waves are 2 foot high, children and small adults are often thrown into the deck. Our new swim deck is 20 above the water and at times the waves wash across. We would like to see this water sport prohibited in small coves & kept in the main part of the lake, or prohibited completely. In order for this to be feasible, it would be necessary for the lake to have more water patrol available to enforce the water rules. I realize this would open a new can of worms.

Another suggestion we have
ack, it would certainly help. When this rule was made back in the 70s the boats by
Hello Ms. Coburn,

Please find the six Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessments that are attached. The forms have been completed by:

We sincerely appreciate you reviewing our statements.

Please reply confirming this emailed has been received.

Thank you for your time,

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Hello Ms. Coburn,

This is a copy of the email I sent on Dec. 14, 2012.

I just wanted to make sure you received it.

Thanks!
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and Environmental Assessment

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Maintain the clean water, continue to allow recreational use and enjoyment, develop enterprise zones whereby businesses could lease shoreline for economic development (similar to Branson Belle), continue dock development and lake access with common sense approach in respect to maintaining the beauty of the lake.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Maintain the clean water while continuing to allow economic growth.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Improve septic systems around the lake to maintain our clean water.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Table Rock Lake is the crown jewel of the Ozarks and we certainly want to maintain its pristine state for future generations to enjoy. Equally important we need to use a balancing act with the local economy and future development around the lake to be good economic partners with local business and governments who all depend on area revenue to survive. Also, the decision process to release water during a flood needs to be revised. A "common sense" approach to release water sooner would mitigate downstream destruction. The current shoreline management plan needs to continue until you have funds to "revive it."

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.
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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 can lease and individual homes can continue to use shoreline for development and enjoyment of clients’ property. Homeowners 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 & 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 form for generations to enjoy. Equally important is to use a common sense approach w/ local people as well as promote future development around the lake to be good economic partners w/ local business & government who all depend on area revenue to survive. Also, the release of water during a flood event should be reviewed & 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 1980-1993 levels as it has silted in due to water flowing from both ends. Permuting should not be shut down. 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, 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.
December 14, 2012

Planning & Environmental Division, Environmental Branch
Department of the Army-Little Rock District Corps of Engineers
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, Arkansas  72203-0867

Attention: Dana O. Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch:

Dear Planning & Environmental Division:

In response to the Army Corps of Engineers recent announcement that they are considering a revision the Table Rock Lake Master Plan and seeking input, we have the following suggestions.

Turkey Creek, located in Hollister and specifically adjacent to Business Hwy 65 and St. James Street as it goes through Hollister needs to be dredged at least to where it used to be in 1992-93

This silting seems to be the result of water flowing from both directions carrying debris and then this debris settles and drops into Turkey Creek. People used to canoe Turkey Creek and that is not possible now. There are actual islands and not much creek. This silting has made flooding of our buildings and businesses so much more likely and therefore has contributed to making renting commercial building space very difficult due to our location along the bank of Turkey Creek. Not only would it help our business, but dredging would be beneficial to the numerous businesses and homes along Turkey Creek.

The other suggestion to the Plan is that when it is raining and raining and raining, that the water be constantly let through the Dam instead of holding until water is about to go over the Dam and then releasing. We feel that if the water had been released constantly and consistently the whole time it was raining, the major flooding along Lake Taneycomo, as well as on down through Arkansas and down to the Gulf may not have been as bad as it was.
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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?

[Handwritten: A clean lake for everyone to enjoy - including dock development and lake access.]

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

[Handwritten: Clean water & economic growth.]

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

[Handwritten: Improve septic systems near the lake.]

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

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?
- Maintain clean water
- Septic systems improved

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
- Recreation and economic development
- Clean water
- Preserve natural beauty

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?
- Stricter littering laws
- Improve septic systems

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

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?  CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH, DOCK DEVELOPMENT, RECREATIONAL USE, ALL WHILE MAINTAINING WATER QUALITY.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?  KEEPING THE WATER QUALITY, AND ALLOWING MORE ECONOMIC GROWTH.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?  CLEARING OUT MORE UNDER WATER STANDING TREES, BUT LEAVING ENOUGH FOR FISH COVER.

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THE LAKE IS MEANT TO BE ENJOYED, AND ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS WILL STifle THAT.

DURING HEAVY RAINS, A COMMON-SENSE APPROACH TO THE RELEASING WATER SHOULD BE STUDIED AND IMPLEMENTED.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Keep it clear.
   clean water that can be enjoyed by future generations.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? The clarity of
   clean water.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Monitor all sump
   systems.

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I am a native of this area; use to fish
   the white river gin suckers by night, and
watched Table Rock being built. I do proud of
Table Rock Lake and the Ozarks area. We
must keep it clean and beautiful. We need
to do a better job of releasing water
   downstream in case of high water.
   to slow down stream debris.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? We approve of the limit on docks to community only with approved access and a parking lot. We like the greater presence of patrol to control drinking. The crackdown on old septic tanks is good, because without good water quality, anything we do will be in vain.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Most important is the safety of those using the lake and those living on it. We approve of no overnight camping or no camp fires on the Corps land.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? We would like to see Joe Bald park land maintained, staffed and approved for short term overnight camping. With fire pits and picnic tables, people cannot afford motel and restaurants for a lake vacation.

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Please keep working on noisy boats using Table Rock Lake. Also what about limiting earthfishing organization to only one tournament per year on Table Rock. Even with catch and release, tournaments have depleted fish populations.

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My family has lived in the Turkey Creek Valley of Lake Taneycomo for three generations and experienced all of the floods. My grandparents looked expectantly to the building of Table Rock dam. All three generations of us were at the ground breaking ceremony with Dewey Short. The primary purpose of building Table Rock and other White River dams was for flood control. Recreation was a byproduct and the last objective of these projects. Flood control below Table Rock dam is what I would like to have input on.

All of the useable land in the Turkey Creek Valley is in jeopardy of flooding from Turkey Creek. The creek reaches the backwater of Lake Taneycomo at the Business Hwy 65 Turkey Creek Bridge, 700 feet above sea level. The geologic effect of abruptly stopping flowing water allows for sediment to drop from suspension. This is compounded during normal high and flooding water with much more sediment. In the last 20 years, the flooding has been exponentially exasperated by the extreme development in the upper Turkey Creek Valley with no thought of water retention. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been requested to help with this matter and the response was a refusal. This allowed continued blasting of rock mountain sides with expanded run-off and no retention. In high water conditions, the sediment also builds up below the Business Hwy 65 Bridge due to elevation of water and flow rates.

This principal is in place for every tributary of Lake Taneycomo affecting the valley property of said creeks. Actually, Lake Taneycomo impounded 99 years ago and is a “dead lake” rapidly filling with gravel and sediment. The halting of the dredging by Table Rock Asphalt Construction Company, resulted in increased sediment fill in Lake Taneycomo itself.

In my lifetime I have witnessed the floor of Turkey Creek rise by 10 feet or more in spots. Large islands have formed with Sycamore and Box elder trees on them. In the last 2 years a new island has formed with weeds on it. These islands highly impede the flow rate in high water. The massive filling of the flood plain of Lake Taneycomo from the railroad bridge to Roark Creek on the Branson side has impeded the flow rate, resulting in higher flood elevation up stream in the lake and its tributaries. The Turkey Creek Valley includes numerous residences and more than 50 businesses providing jobs for our community. The areas of Hollister on the National Register of Historic Places are encompassed in the Turkey Creek Valley.

A two-fold solution does not seem too complicated. Dredging of sediment and gravel would lower the level of Turkey Creek and increase flow rate. The material dredged would have an economic value, could be done with minimal cost and access to the Creek is available. The loss of a few softwood junk trees, sycamore and box elder, is not a drop in the bucket compared to the massive loss of hardwood trees in the upper valley development causing increased erosion. These hardwood trees include numerous species of Oaks, Hickory, Walnut and Cedars. The enforcement of existing laws of retention in the solid rock mountains of the upper Turkey Creek Valley water shed is vital to our future and the future of the area.
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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Continued Good Managed Retreat
Full All to Erosion - Corp Does Great at Present Time - Need More on Lake Commercial Agreements - (Boats, Restaurants, Retail) Accessible from Lake, Docks, Marina.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Good Shoreline Management
And Communication Between Owners and Corp - Good Quality Clean Water - Strive to be Best lake in Country - Better Maps for Access -

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? More Commercial Development
as Lake Access - Yearly, Corp input meetings maybe one or Two Times Yearly in Public - Regulate High Density Areas -

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
Is there going to be any public participation with Task Force type setting to communicate and discuss issues being considered during the study of development of "New Master Plan" -

I sincerely want to participate if possible volunteer my time to attend meetings and hope to help work on the new Plan. Developer Please Contact me, Madeleine Phone Additional Info.

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Dana

Please accept this as my request to be volunteer for helping assist in anyway during the development of the New Master Plan for Table Rock Lake.

I am hoping that there will be chance for you to work with a taskforce including the public during your development of the Master Plan -- I would believe that a task force would be able to help communicate between the Corp and The Public as well as help discern any issues.
I do not want to create any issues but help develop and have input during the process -- maybe the taskforce might become a liaison between the Corp and Public working together.

My qualifications to be interested participant include:

Over 40 year part-timer to the Shell Knob and Table Rock Area
Currently almost 2 year full-timer living and working in Shell Knob and surrounding areas

Own home, Lake home and part of 2 slips in 6 Slip Dock in Shell Knob

Own Two businesses River Runners Service Company
Shell Knob Car Wash

As of 8/1/12 -- Realtor -- C J R Tri Lakes

Please let me know how you are going to proceed with my request and if there will be some avenue for me to participate.

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What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Prevent Table Rock Lake from becoming another "Lake of the Ozarks." Protect and control commercialization. Maintain and protect fish and wildlife habitats. Also maintain waters to allow for family based water recreation.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Establish restrictions on boat sizes. Limits on "Cigarette" type boats. Establish and enforce noise ordinances on loud boats. Establish controls on operation of PWC's.

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Beautiful clean water, great fishing, well kept shoreline (free of dead trees still standing or fallen, wood, trash), safe boating, limit on speed of boats during day, limit on length of boat (faster & bigger the boats the more wear & tear on shoreline & boat docks) and good working relationship with the corp.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Clean water & great fish/wildlife habitat

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Let us keep the shoreline clean, so when the lake rises like it did when it crested at 934 that logs/branches/trash were not floating in the lake for weeks that hurt docks, boating, fishing, economic development. The Shell Knob area lost so much revenue that spring, along with the rest of the lake. Boat docks were totally surrounded with debris for weeks and you couldn’t even get your boat out, but really didn’t want to.

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What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Water Quality

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

More Reefs

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More built up

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Fishing or boating

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

Allow more boat docks or slips instead of having to take my boat in/out several times a day and the summer.

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

1. Improved safety
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   - Improved appearance.
   - Removal of hazards in the lake by removing trees in the water that are seen when the lake is low (like now!) but not visible when water is high.
   - Require "No Wake" zones within 100 feet of all docks.

What is most important?

- Visual appearance of dock area & dock pathways.
- Area should have a Major Clean-up & removal of dead trees & branches.
- Area should look like a national park & not the city dump.

What one thing could be done to improve the lake?

- Corp of Engineers could require "No Wake" zones within 100 ft. of docks.
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What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Keep the slips too

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

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in response to the email from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the updates for TableRock shoreline maintenance and regulations.

My husband & I purchased a small lakefront resort just south of Point 21 on the lake in November of 1999. In the years to follow the boats have become larger and larger and so have the waves that go with these large boats. Our most serious concern is the erosion of the shoreline on our beloved lake, caused in large part by the newest recreational water sport called wake surfing. This sport causes 2 or 3 foot waves that has eroded our shoreline and has surfaced boulders that were not on the shoreline when we purchased our resort. In the spring of 2008 we had flood waters that were much higher than normal. Along with the water being so much higher than usual, wake surfing was increasing in popularity. With the 3 foot waves that come with the “wake surfing” the our shoreline was severely eroded & our topsoil washed into the lake. We had to haul in soil to replace what we lost to erosion before we could replant grass. This happened a second time with the flood in 2011.

The large waves make it dangerous for our customers to swim off our swim deck. When incoming waves are 2 foot high, children and small adults are often thrown into the deck. Our new swim deck is 20” above the water and at times the waves wash across. We would like to see this water sport prohibited in small coves & kept in the main part of the lake, or prohibited completely. In order for this to be feasible, it would be necessary for the lake to have more water patrol available to enforce the water rules. I realize this would open a new “can of worms”.

Another suggestion we have is to put new restrictions on the distance from the docks that we can put our no wake buoys. (we realize this is a Water Patrol issue). As a resort owner, we feel somewhat responsible for our customers boats, which are continually pounded with the large wakes in our cove. We would like to see the rule for buoys to be rewrote to our keep boats, swimmers and dock safe. If the rule was changed to buoys being 200 feet from the dock, it would certainly help. When this rule was made back in the 70’s the boats were much smaller and less powerful. This change would allow us to protect our customers boats and pwe’s. Thanks.

Respectfully,
To: Anne Courrier, Chief
Environmental Branch
USACE Little Rock District
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Little Rock, AR 72203

Our family began vacationing at TRR in the middle 60's. It was a
wonderful experience. The water was
so clear we fished for trout jelly fish. You could live on the water for
hours and maybe see one or two
other boats. Your favorite fishing spots
were always available for you.

Sadly, that has all changed. The
influx of visitors has increased yearly.
The quality of the water has diminished.
I realize you cannot stop people
but believe you can implement changes
to improve lake conditions.

We have lived permanently at
TRL since the late 60's. We are fortunate
to have our own private dock which we
enjoy.
Share with a neighbor.

On many occasions we have seen people on our dock while boats run back and forth repeatedly, pulling wakeboards and tubes. They fail to pace out their motors and create large waves which weaken and damage our dock and boat lift. The waves make it almost impossible to enjoy swimming in front of your own property.

Some boaters fill large bladders with water which they pull behind their boat, creating larger waves for wakeboarders. I believe this practice should be against the law. The waves also create wash from the banks of the lake which affects the clarity of water.

I also believe there should be "No Wake" in many of the creeks and lakes.

We are located on Rock Creek in the upper portion of T.R.R., closer to Beaver Dam.

We do not have the large expanses of water prevalent in the Table Rock Dam area. Large boats are destructive to the terrain and to the property of homeowners. I realize you cannot turn back.
3. The hands of time, but believe changes are needed to protect our wonderful lake.

Business on the lake should be held to strict rules regarding sewage disposal.

New residents should have to comply with rules regarding septic systems.

You have a huge job ahead of you and we sincerely hope you are successful in your plan to keep TR Lake from becoming another God Lake. God bless the Ozarks.

Sincerely,
Dear U.S. Corps,

Please consider a small area east of tennis courts at Big Bear Park. It's less than 2 acres, my grandkids play ball this area. I also tie boat on bank when down there. I have been at park since 1974. I always made sure dock was packed up. I'm 70 yrs. old body is shot put in heart. I'm moving slow now if I can keep this small part moved I won't be able to go to water. Since I also served my country Navy Seabees 1955 to 1963 please let me move this small area.

Please Big Bear Park, Holliston MA.
to whom it may concern

my folks live on the lake; my boat & seadoos are on the dock by their home; i am appalled at
the corps and their self righteousness concerning certain things regarding " my " lake -------
-- after all, every spring, the corps reiterates that this lake " belongs " to the people,
yet everytime i turn around, the corps passes another rule prohibiting me from enjoying " my 
" lake -------
to wit:

you forced me to remove my grill from my dock; you told me it was a danger; yet at the same
time, you told me i could leave my grill on my boat; please, pray tell me the reasoning here
!! you would rather have my grill situated by my gas tank on my boat, and NOT on my swim
platform, surrounded by cement !! this past year, i was not allowed to cook brats or hot dogs
for my wife and kids on my dock; you deemed me unfit to regulate a hot surface on my dock;
unbelievable !!!

you told me i could retain my seadoo lifts when my dock was replaced, but i was not allowed
to retain the walkway between the seadoos !! again, where do we come up with these illogical
rules !! how would i be able to access my seadoos without being able to walk between them to
get on them !! unbelievable !!

you told me i was not allowed to have an ice machine on my dock; WHY NOT !!!!!! i was told it
would have a semblance of my living on the dock !! what does an ice machine have to do with " living " on the dock; us slip owners like to have cold drinks during the summer without
having to lug down heavy bags of ice; unbelievable !!

now to the state of the lake itself; the corps does a horrible job of mismanaging the lake
levels, year in, year out ---- this past year, you allowed too much water to drain from the
damn, causing the lake to plummet to dangerous low levels; i can name over 10 people who had
" beached " their boats due to levels that were not marked with buoys; this seems like
something the corps should be responsible for ---------

i have been told countless times over the years that tablerock lake was originally built to
stabilize water levels over 4 different lakes; i totally understand this; i have also been
told that the lake belongs to the people; this is 2012; the monies derived from tourism
regarding the lake, and the monies derived from condos, and restaurants, and retail outlets
on th lake, make me wonder if the corps is really in touch with the modern times;

get off your high horse, and return the lake to us who want to enjoy the lake for what it is;
a recreational wonderland !!

the corps has the worst reputation among lake i have ever witnessed in my 25 years of being
on the lake; it's time you reviewed your own selves, and start listening to those of us who
use it on a weekly basis -------
I called on Friday and was called back in reference to my dock and wanting a permit for a swim platform to be added to our dock #0006815 and was told since I was in a red zone and grandfathered in that we would not be permitted for one and I was wanting some more clarification on this please and if that would be something that will be changed once you are all done with this knew master plan? We have many elderly people in my dock that just like to set and watch the water and they are not able to do that very easy the way our dock is now and they where wanting a swim platform to just be able to partake in the scenery around our lovely lake.

Secondly I also ahve another question and I don’t know if this needs to go to you or someone else. Is there something that could be done about one of the owners on my dock that doesn’t pay his dues or money for his portion of the dock? Can a fine be assessed and if he doesn’t pay his slip be taken from him? They do not ever use them and many have asked to purchase them from him but he will not reply or help with his portion of the up keep and dues for permits or electricity or things.

Thank you
A few comments on revision: I am 78 and in 20 years I will be 98. I would like to see some changes now. Mainly, water level should not go below 9'10 so we could have fishing in the Flat Creek area year around. I have a slip in a dock on Flat Creek by the bridge and can't get my boat off the slip and can't even fish off the dock. Would also like to have clean water which means Springfield won't be able to dump their sewage in the lake anymore. Other than these two complaints, I think the Corps has done a great job. Roger H. Goetz
See below

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 4:38 PM
To: CESWL-PA SWL
Subject: Tablerock Lake Management

We would like to see a limit on the size of boats on the lake. The wake from large boats can be quite dangerous and also destructive to docks and the shoreline.

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Caveats: NONE
i am emailing you my views as we were unable to attend any of your meetings.

overall i think the corps does a good job of keeping the lake beautiful for all to enjoy and would not want to see that change in the future.

my two concerns that i would like to see addressed are as follows;

1) that only the owner of a slip can moor their boat in that slip, alot of families now a days share a vacation house and all come down at diffrent times to enjoy the lake with their boats----or people that live on the lake have family come down for a visit with their boat we are not susposta let any boats but the one that is registered in that slip to me this is a silly rule ----especially since no one adheres to it or the fact that you do not have to have a boat to buy a slip

2)the subject of vacation rentals who own a private two stall dock--we should be able to let the people who are renting our home use the dock JUST LIKE RESORT OWNERS DO!!!!!!!! we pay taxes --just like resort owners,, we are considered comirical property and pay comerial real estate taxes --just like resort owners do!!! we have bunines licences --just like resort owners do!!!1 we would be willing to pay any fees to the corps ---just like the resorts do

when your rules were set up over 20 years ago there were no such thing as vacation home rentals, but now this is a valaid way people spend their vacation and it seems that the lake would look nicer if people could put thier boat in a stall rather then putting it up on the lake shore
My wife and I are in our early fifties and have enjoyed Table Rock Lake since we were young kids. We live in Springfield, Missouri but have a cabin on the lake near Baxter that we visit every chance we get, year round. The issues that are important to us are as follows:

1. Water Quality - more can be done in the area about residential and commercial run-off, sewer systems and septic tanks.
2. Noise - from loud boats.
3. New home construction - the design and layout of many homes to not blend in well with the natural surroundings.
4. Silt - Many of the coves that we have visited for years are filling with silt.
5. Too many docks! Most community docks in our area have not been full for years!

Thanks for your consideration,

P Please Consider the Environment

before printing this Email
Hi,

My suggestions on the Master Plan:

1. Water Quality

2. Put a limit on the number and size of boat docks.

3. Limit on Boat Size and Speed.

4. More shoreline clean-up.

5. Improve fish habitat.

6. Make sure large new developments like Indian Ridge have financial backing to complete the project.

7. Better marking of lake hazardous area. There is a gravel bar close to Point 7 that is not marked and is very hazardous when the lake is low.

Best Regards,
Attn: Dana Coburn

It is time for the Master Plan to be updated and all things considered.

The docks can become too large for their area and too over populated.

I own a slip in a 12 slip dock in the cove behind the island off Highway 39 in Shell Knob. There are two docks on the highway 39 side of this cove and many surrounding the strip that belongs to Twin Rivers. A lot of the slip owners have bought up land in the area with the plan to petition the corp to enlarge the two docks. Please do not do that....a 24 slip dock is way to large for this small area and the cove is not suited for the large boats they want to house on the docks. They are also wanting 30 foot slips. There is no room in the small parking area now during the busy times of the year. It is my understanding they were submitting this in advance of Dec 1 so they could get it rushed thru.

There should be a size restriction on areas like this and also on the length of slips. When the water is low as it has been in the past few years both docks have suffered damage and if they are bigger and longer then they will just be a threat to each other as both docks have been hit by high winds and had cables break in the past. They have come very close to colliding in past storms.

So please do a good job on the revised Master Plan and leave room to take all areas in to consideration.

It should be more that a profit making scheme for those few.

Thank you.
Dear Sir:

You have done an outstanding job of managing this facility for over 50 years. Keep up the good work. Don't let commercial interests override your good management practices.

The impoundment was not created to further commercial interests, as you well know. Keep it pristine clean and it will be a jewel forever. Resist encroachment. Resist over crowding. Restrict access. You have allowed ample commercial docks. Therefore, I suggest that you restrict the number of private docks. This will maintain the aesthetics of the shoreline. This will also allow you to control pollution points on the lake.

I know you will be under a great deal of pressure from commercial and political sources, but this lake does not belong to the nearby commercial interests, nor even those who own land near the lake. It belongs to the American public to enjoy and should be protected for generations to come. If you need my testimony, I will be more than happy to appear.
To Whom It May Concern;

Here are some of the revisions that I feel need to be considered on the new Master Plan:

(1) Marinas and resorts should adhere to the same guidelines as private and community docks.
   (A) Encapsulate their docks
   (B) Limit satellite docks

(2) Protect water quality.
   (A) Monitor effluent
   (B) Limit number and size of tournaments

(3) Water run off.
   (A) Work more closely with county planning and zoning to monitor developers

(4) Keep and maintain existing campgrounds.
   (A) National park lands should not be sold to private entities

(5) Limit size of boats and the wake they generate so that the lake can be utilized for everyone's pleasure.

Let me say that I have lived here for thirty years and although I have seen the lake change I have to say that I feel comfortable with the way the corps has monitored the lake. However, that does not mean that we can ignore the repercussions of growth and not look at better ways to manage it.
I was disappointed in the public meeting that was held at Reeds Spring High School. The turn-out was fantastic - that should tell you that you have a lot of tax payers who are concerned with the lake and how their money is being spent to maintain it. The format of the meeting left a lot to be desired. We expected to get some solid information from you and then perhaps to have an open question and answer period. We did not expect to write on sticky notes and have them put on large sheets of papers hanging on the walls, where they could not be seen or read from our seats. It was like first grade. Everyone that I spoke with after the meeting was very disappointed. We hope that that meeting was not an example of how the master plan will be dealt with.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my feelings.
Dear Dana Coburn-

Thank you for your professional presentation in Shell Knob last week. The importance of your new Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision and Assessment was further demonstrated by the Corps meeting the "folks".

I've attached my completion of your form you provided at the meeting. I hope you receive this email. If you could email me back a "got it" . . . that will be appreciated.

Thanks for the consideration.
How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? Less crowded, cleaner, water quality, better control of lake levels.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? We use the lake for recreation and fishing.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Better control of lake levels. The flooding did a lot of damage in 2011 and the drought since then has caused a lot of problems too.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
The lake levels should be kept as close to 915 as possible. They should not be generating electricity when the lake gets below 915. Also, they should generate or retain if there is a good chance of a flooding rain to keep the lake from getting too high. Be proactive instead of reactive. Letting the lake get to 935 in 2011 was irresponsible. Generating when the lake is low (910) is also irresponsible.

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.
Thank you for being diligent in preparing for the future of Table Rock Lake and the surrounding area. The lake itself has had a dynamic positive impact to our area. There are many existing systems that are successful and working well. There are other regulations in place that prohibit positive, managed growth. This time set aside to review is imperative for Table Rock Lakes Master Plan for the future.

The presence of Table Rock Lake and its provision for the opportunity for Water Recreational activities has a positive impact on the entire infrastructure/success of businesses in the Lakes Region. Table Rock Lake supports not only fishermen but large numbers of people & families that enjoy water recreational activities. This supports and increases the demand for hotel accommodations, resorts, campgrounds, condominiums, restaurants, shopping, boat rental, increased profits related to fuel needed. . . the list goes on.

Due to the specific location of Table Rock Lake and its proximity to a major vacation destination, Branson, it is not surprising that there is a high % of repeated & increased visits throughout the year. This naturally lends, to a lake lover, the desire to own lake property. Many use as a 2nd home initially and plan on making it their future retirement residence. It is imperative that systems are in place to support this positive impact, interest and lifestyle. It is also important to meet the needs of the specific shore locations so that the lakeside lifestyle can be realized with ease. Without the proper / reasonable systems in place the entire plan and progress dissipates. .

The current challenge is that the system/restrictions in place cripple this prospective plan. There is a barrage of unrealistic requirements that has a negative impact on the lake area as a whole. It defies the fulfillment of the desire to own lake property and boat slips and stifles the demand and values of the real estate itself. Everyone should take time to be informed and to consider... "What is the future for Table Rock Lake and the Property and Businesses in the surrounding area?"

Note the following specific concerns needing modification to maximize use patterns.

The Current Red Line Zoning Areas.
Table Rock Lake has many fingers creating fabulous coves with a large range of sizes. Small Cove areas should be able to have red line zoning that suites that specific space. Modification should be made because the current requirement for the # of 20 boat slips required in a dock prohibits the max. potential of these smaller locations and discriminates against the property owners intent for a private boat slip. This maximum use of the opportunity must be available to residences in more locations. Consider this: Dock approval is figured with a 1/3 cove restriction. The size of the dock and # of slips is made based on the cove space available. If the space allows for an amount under 20 slips than the adjusted size and # of slips should be determined to fit that specific area and approval granted. This would allow for docks with less then 20 slips.

The current restrictions force many lake side property owners to either trailer the boat, (many residential/rental areas restricting the parking of trailers creating additional problems) or consider the option of leasing space in a marina. This option may or may not be desirable or convenient. A lease option forces a person to invest in a space they will never realize ownership to. This scenario is not reasonable to many of those desiring to own a lake home.
The current limit of 2 slips per property owner creates additional challenges to those owning more than 2 types of water vessels.
In addition there is the challenge of having the length restriction on slips (30') with the exception of a Marina slip.
This would be better served if based on the actual space in that specific location where there would be opportunity for larger or smaller vessels rather than trying to have everyone conform to a specific boat length formula.

The Marinas on Table Rock Lake are wonderful. They are providing and supporting many demands. There are certain obvious conditions that would & should apply to service / manage this type of facility. The inconsistency is to set more restrictive requirements for other docks. For instance, the required space that the Marina's are required to have between docks is much less than other docks. i.e. 40' - 45' approved for Marina Docks and a min. of 100' for private docks is required for the amount of space between docks.
This space approved for a Marina dock placement space should certainly be sufficient for all docks.
Docks of every kind should follow a consistent reasonable set of guidelines based on the space that is available in the specific area and the services provided.
The Buffer Areas around the Marina's/Parks have to be considered. Very puzzling is the involvement of Government in a non-government business. The Marina's are privately owned and operated. All of the profits/revenue goes to their Marina business. The Parks and the Marina businesses do not own the land that is buffered. The Buffer areas push out other opportunities around the Marina's and Parks. Why is this happening?
Take Kimberling City, Mo. for example. Due to the expanse of property that is affected by the Marina and the Park Buffer Areas much of this area is choked out for red line zoning approval. This stifles the potential for much needed improvements and future growth opportunities. Kimberling City straddles the highly traveled highway 13 that, at a minimum, connects Springfield Mo. Arkansas and Branson, Mo.
It is considered to be a main vein and has not been able to support the past demands let alone the future demands and opportunities.
Please do not blatantly disregard but rather become aware of the challenges and make the modifications needed.
Review and adjustments to Buffer Areas and approval for much needed red line zoning is a move in the right direction!!

Another concern is the protection of the water itself. The real violators to water quality are obvious. These areas should continue to have a high level of concentration and monitoring. The most obvious...concentrated and continued efforts requiring clean up of tributaries feeding into Table Rock Lake and protection against toxins & waste dumping into the water.
Proper disposals for public services surrounding the Lake should continue to be monitored and upgraded.

There is a misconception that recreational usage is violating the water quality. The reality is, there is little actual negative impact.
Proper manufacturing standards for water vessels are regulated. Individuals are more inclined to honor the laws regarding pollution than ever before. There has been much public awareness and most want to protect not violate the water quality. The people enjoying the lake want to enjoy it for generations to come.

Last but not least is the demand for a lake side community developer to have boat registrations in advance prior to the dock being approved and built. This entire process is completely unreasonable and defeats the ability of both the developer and the prospective property owner to move forward. There are NO assurances of the approval and placement of the dock(s). As a result the lake side lifestyle is challenged by the lack of confidence on either party that all the advance requirements will be fulfilled timely. This kills the
opportunity to realize the basis of the Lake Side Community Life Style and success of current & future Table Rock Lake Properties.

Allowances for upgrades to existing docks should be encouraged.

It is an unrealistic expectation that all Boat Slip Owners attend a meeting in person. Technology is readily available to accommodate exposure to everyone, where they are.

To summarize:
1- ELIMINATE THE MARINA/PARK BUFFER AREAS.
2 ADJUSTING AND MAKING EQUAL/CONSISTENT THE PRIVATE DOCK REQUIREMENTS TO THOSE FOR MARINA’S & RESORTS
3- APPROVE TO INCREASE THE RED LINE ZONING FOR LOW IMPACT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
4- MAXIMIZING THE ACTUAL FORMULA OF 1/3 SPACE OF COVES. TAKING AWAY THE 20 SLIP REQUIREMENT AND APPROVE TO ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF SLIPS REQUIRED THAT STAYS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FORMULA. THIS ALLOWS FOR DOCK APPROVAL WITH LESS THAN 20 SLIPS FOR SMALLER BUT SUFFICIENT COVES.
5- CHANGING THE CURRENT GUIDELINES AND CREATE NEW GUIDELINES FOR DOCK APPROVAL OF PRIVATE DOCKS, SLIP OWNERS, AND DEVELOPERS. THIS ALLOWS FOR GUIDELINES THAT ARE REASONABLE, ACHIEVABLE AND EASIER TO MANAGE. WITH THIS CHANGE, BOTH DEVELOPERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT A BOAT DOCK WILL BE APPROVED, BUILT AND INSTALLED!

Trusting that the awareness of the current challenges and the suggestions will be discussed & considered.
Looking forward to the changes & results for Table Rock Lakes future! Table
Comments. Thanks and have a good day.
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? As the most pristine lake in the nation.
A place where people want to live, work, retire and vacation.
Balancing the interest of property Owners, Vacationers, Commercial - Business Owners and Fishermen. With all who use the lake and it’s facilities. Keeping in mind that Property Owners and Business Owners are most often the ones who maintain the lake.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Water quality. The ACOE should work to minimize pollution of the lake from whatever sources, towns, businesses and individuals.
Requires coordination with other governmental agencies. Some sort of intergovernmental agreements.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? In cooperation with the State of Missouri control the number and size of boats on the lake. However pollution should be the number one priority.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:
The ACOE should work to improve their working relationship with property Owners around the lake. Keep in mind the ACOE are caretakers of the lake that belongs to the citizens of the nation.
Being mindful the lake along with Branson is the economical engine engine for the area. What happens with the lake impacts lots of people. The ACOE should what ever possible to contribute to the orderly/managed growth of the area.
I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion in the development of a new master plan. thank you.

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: MLEKMP@uscg.mil, Website: http://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/protect/Environmental.html. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by December 14, 2012.
Here is my take on this matter:
I borrowed some of this text, deleted some and added some. Please read and consider my side of the story.
I fully understand and preach that the rules that are in place now. That is what keeps the lake so beautiful. We certainly don't want here what Lake of the Ozarks has.

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The current limit of 2 slips per property owner creates additional challenges to those owning more than 2 types of water vessels. We have a ski boat and two PWC's and would really like to have a pontoon boat as well. But, because of the two slip limit as it stands now it just won't happen.

In addition there is the challenge of having the length restriction on slips (30') with the exception of a Marina slip. What am I supposed to do with two PWC's. They are 10' long each and fit side by side perfectly in a slip but as it seems as it is now I have to trailer them each night and each visit. I am the type of person that won't leave any vessel in the water. Besides, I don't understand the logic of why you care what size boat goes into a slip. I paid for a slip, so what if I am going to keep a 15' boat in it even if it is a 30' slip. Most likely that was the only slip available close to my cabin.

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Let's be honest here......you know what's going on...names of friends with boats volunteer to put their name on the list even though they have no intention of actually buying the slip. It's just a matter of getting around the rules.

Allowances for upgrades to existing docks should be encouraged. I wanted to add a platform to my slip to sit a table or lawn chairs on but in order to conform to the current rules it would have cost a fortune to have drawings made up and signed off by a licensed architect. Getting the doc association and neighboring slip owners would have been the easy part. Actually, I still agree with neighbor approval and doc assoc. approval.

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Coburn, Dana O SWL

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, December 05, 2012 7:39 PM
To: CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL
Subject: Table Rock Lake Master Plan

Attention Dana Coburn, Chief,

Environmental Branch, Planning & Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District

PO Box 867

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I own a Lake home in the Pinnacle Shores development just 2 miles south of the Kimberling City Bridge. I was recently informed that you are open to receiving comments regarding issues in and around Table Rock Lake.

What I would like to see changed

1. Boat owners should not be required to attend meetings in person. I work in Wichita Kansas and drive down to our lake home a couple of weekends per month, but highly unlikely I could attend a meeting in person, email, or conference call should be sufficient for boat owners unable to attend meetings in person.

2. Requiring a new development to have registered boat owners for slips prior to a dock permit being issued does not make sense. When I was looking to purchase a home in Pinnacle Shores, it was a brand new development with room for 100 homes, but only had 3 model homes at the time and only one dock with 2 slips. A prospective lot/home buyer seeing only 2 slips for 100 homes would be very concerned that there would be enough slips for those who might make a substantial investment in buying and building a home. Who would want to take a chance and build a $600,000 home and then discover there was no slip for your boat? However, if the developer was allowed a dock permit for 40 initial slips for the 100 lot development, that would give a prospective buyer some peace of mind that they would have the opportunity to own a slip when they purchased a home. On the other hand, if a developer obtained a permit for 40 slips and the slips were not sold within 48 months, the developer should have to make a case as to why the un-purchased slips should remain available or forfeit a permit for the unsold slips.

3. We noticed, after the recent floods of the last couple of years a large amount of pollution and debris coming in to the lake from the tributaries (in particular around the Shell Knob area), it was disgusting and dangerous. Steps should be taken to minimize and control such pollution and debris from future large rainfall and flooding.

4. Allow better access for persons of limited mobility to private and community docks. Requiring natural material and a winding 3 ft. wide path to a dock prevents access for all boat owners and guests, makes for dangerous travel by foot when the "natural" mulch material is damp, and results in a tremendous amount of soil erosion in to the lake during period of rain. A brown colored asphalt path suitable for driving a golf cart type vehicle on all the
way down to the dock ramp, would allow for access to those persons with limited mobility, limit the possibility of injury from slipping on wet mulch, would limit soil erosion from rain or snow fall and would blend in as well as the natural mulch material (and would not end up floating in the lake after a rain).

5. More citations issued to reckless PWC operators.

6. Space between private community docks at 45’ (same as marina’s). There is no need to take up more shoreline, just to push the docks further apart.

What I do not what to see changed

I would not want to see every foot of shoreline lined up with docks like Grand Lake in Oklahoma. THAT LOOKS TERRIBLE. We love the beauty of Table Rock Lake and would not want it to be cluttered up with docks everywhere the eye could see.

Thank you of your time and attention to these important issues.
Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental

Let me start by saying the web site, http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/parks/tablerock/trmasterplan.htm was not available today when I tried to access.

Anyway on with the issue at hand. My first comment is that I'm glad this is finally occurring. It is so long overdue that you are 20 years behind before you even begin. You have a very difficult task ahead of you and I wish you well.

As you've mentioned in your initial communication, the population and visitor usage of the project has increase well beyond initial projections. As such, the shore usage is well behind the need. At a minimum, you must consider the relaxation of the marina and private dock permits that are allowed. Obviously, this will require a revamping of the zoning which is currently outdated. Major consideration should be given to the planned communities (subdivisions, townhome and condo complexes). Justification for this position has to do with the minimum standards that are required to build and maintain these complexes. Those standards will and can be made to include docks that are specifically used for those communities. This will ensure that maintenance and up keep will be ongoing and thus the shoreline astetics of the lake will be maintained.

Anyone in opposition to additional docks doesn't understand the financial picture that supports our government and ultimately the Corp of Engineers. As I'm sure you know, it's all about the money to the people at the top.

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Someone must be held responsible and accountable for getting this completed. Using a lack of funding as an excuse is just that, an excuse. Everyone should stop thinking like the government and start thinking like a business person. Find a way to convince those above that the funding is critical for the safety of the public and the well being of the project. It also will result in increased funds for the government and the Corp.
Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments regarding my comments.

Sincerely
Sorry,

I hit the send button before I spell checked. Here's a better copy.

Thanks

Dana Coburn, Chief, Environmental Branch, Planning and Environmental

Let me start by saying the web site, http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/parks/tablerock/trmasterplan.htm was not available today when I tried to access.

Anyway on with the issue at hand. My first comment is that I'm glad this is finally occurring. It is so long overdue that you are 20 years behind before you even begin. You have a very difficult task ahead of you and I wish you well.

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[Redacted]
Dear Dana Coburn-

I had emailed you on Dec 4 my comments on your 3 questions. I am attaching 2 more pages with regards to "Issues to be studied".

Once again, thank you for your consideration
After going to the meeting at Reeds Spring HS and listening to a few locals and gathering my ideas, I have come up with some ideas and comments.

1) Whatever is done to the lake and what ever direction the corps is going to go with the revision, it is paramount that fishing, boating and recreation be protected. Being a avid fisherman and 32 year resident of Stone County, fishing is my life and I do not want decisions made that will affect the opportunity to fish.

2) Props to the corps for not allowing any new boat docks on the lake for a year. Boat docks are nice and they provide some jobs, but I do not want the lake to look like Lake of the Ozarks. No more 20 stall docks and/or dock houses on the lake.

3) I live on the Upper James River and one thing that is a bit of a nuisance is the fact that from the Y Bridge to the Cape Fair Marina, there is really no public fishing access. The stretch of the river is very important of the economy of the state due to the White Bass run in the spring and paddlefish (grabbing) season. I would like to see the corps obtain land and build a public access ramp above the mouth of Flat Creek. I think this would allow anglers such as my self more access to the lake and a better opportunity to fish the upper end of the lake.

4) Adding brush piles to the lake has had a dramatic impact on the size and numbers of fish in the lake. Just last Sunday, Dec 2nd I caught a 15" crappie above the Virgin Bluff and have also caught various other species such as LMB and SMB that are in the 5-6 lb. range. I think that the Corps of Engineers and the MO Dept of Conservation should continue to line the banks with brush piles and various other structures. I enjoy fishing these "fish attracters" and I am sure that tourists love fishing them as well.

5) I am completely against allowing a company to have water rights to the lake. I know that the water could be beneficial, however, if a company is getting water from the lake, it is possible that it would put more restrictions and regulations on the lake that could have adverse effects on the fishing and access to the lake.

Bottom line, protect fishing, boating and swimming in the lake. Protect the water quality, but do not do so as to sacrifice the recreational opportunities found here is Southwest Missouri.

Thank you for your time,

Concerned, careful, and active citizen
Coburn, Dana O SWL

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 07, 2012 2:36 PM
To: CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL, susan
Subject: Master Plan
Attachments: input master plan

I had trouble mailing so please open the attachment to view our input on the master plan. thank you
We have lake front property and a boat dock on Table Rock Lake. We attended the meeting and wanted to give our input on the lake master plan.

We live in the cove of point 21. This is a very popular ski cove and at the end of the cove they have named it party cove. We get a lot of boat traffic.

We have found that the wake board boats that fill their ballis with water make huge waves that damage the shore line and our boat dock. The boats go extremely slow so people can "surf" the wave, they come right next to the buoys in our cove and cast huge waves. My parents place is across the cove from us. They own a lot of land and we are watching their shore line is erode terribly, they are only allowed one buoy for both of their docks and own land all the way down across from Fish-N-Fun. I believe this type of recreation should not be allowed on the lake or they should be only allowed in the main channel going down the middle. We are not against having wake boarders and skiers as they go fast enough not to do as much shore erosion and dock movement.

We should also limit the size of boats allowed on this lake, due to their waves. We do not want this lake to turn into a Lake of the Ozarks.

We are also not in favor of new restaurants on the water.

We are very concerned about the water quality of the lake.

Thank you for taking our input into consideration as you draw up the plan.

Sincerely,
To whom this may concern:

Thank you for allowing us to add input into the decisions made that will affect this beautiful lake.

I live in Wichita, KS so it is a five hour drive for us to visit this lake. We have had a house lakeside for almost to years. I can tell you that it is worth the drive. We like the fact that we can find an isolated cove with no boat docks and it feels like we are the only ones on the water. We like the fact that we are not rocked off the water by 30 foot plus boats. We don’t like the trend of people putting loud speakers on their boat. We usually don’t like the music and it is rude and un-neighborly. We like to listen to our own music when parked on the water and are very cognisent of other people around us. We like the tranquility and peacefulness that Table Rock has to offer. I know that there will be change and growth. I believe you are asking if we want rapid change and growth or slow change and growth. I am advocating slow change and growth. Actually, no change and growth to be truthful. When Table Rock Lake takes on the attributes of Lake of the Ozarks, we will no longer be driving from Wichita, KS to southern MO.

Notice, I am not addressing any specific issues. I feel that you do understand my position on growth and development.
Clearly, your data shows much greater recreational use than anticipated in previous planning documents.

The primary objective for management of the shoreline including lake levels in Table Rock should be for recreational use.

Flood control and hydropower production should be secondary objectives.

This may not be in alignment with past USCOE management objectives, but it certainly should be for future management of Table Rock.

I trust the revised management plan will reflect the current reality of high recreational demand and anticipate of even greater demand in the future.

I look forward to reviewing the draft plan when it becomes available.

Kind Regards,
Hello Dana,

I did make last Saturday's meeting at the Chateau and had plans to submit my comments via the posted website. However, for some reason I'm not able to access it...can you please shoot me a link?

Thank you,
Attention Dana Coburn, Chief,
Environmental Branch, Planning & Environmental, USACE, Little Rock District
PO Box 867
Little Rock, Ar. 72203

Fax # is: 501*-324-5605

email: M4TRMP@usace.army.mil <mailto:M4TRMP@usace.army.mil>
(note: case sensitive)

1. ELIMINATE THE MARINE/PARK BUFFER AREAS.

2. ADJUSTING AND MAKING EQUAL/CONSISTENT THE PRIVATE DOCK REQUIREMENTS TO THOSE FOR MARINA'S & RESORTS

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Dana Coburn:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Tablerock Master Plan. I was pleased to be able to talk to you and other representatives at the Reed Springs HS event.

As was presented, clean water is the primary concern of the Master Plan and Shoreline Management. My concern is the Kimberling City Waste Treatment Plant which is very close to the lake. As I understand it is several feet above the lake capacity line, but only by several feet. Treated water is released into the lake.

I have had the opportunity to tour the facility and talk to DNR officials about the operation of the plant. It seems to be well managed and monitored; however, its location makes it a poor location.

During the 2011 flood, the treatment plant did not flood, however, the road that the trucks use to remove waste materials did flood. With the 2012 tornado, the waste treatment plant sustained minor damage from this F1 tornado. If either of these events in the past 2 years were more severe, what would the risk have been to the lake?

To have a waste treatment plant so close to the lake is adding risk to potential damage to the lake. I have been told that Kimberling City does not have the funds to move the facility, but maybe with a joint effort the Corps and the City can find the will and the means to move the facility.

Again, thanks for the opportunity to comment. If I can provide additional information, please feel free to contact me.
I live on point seven of Table Rock Lake so of course I am concerned about the health and welfare of our beautiful natural resource. I am not sure about what type of input you are seeking but in our little neck of the woods, I have noticed two things that concern me. First, in our area, there is a consistently smelly waste treatment plant, and a septic tank which occasionally spews into the air like a hose. These things makes me worry about the cleanliness and health of our lake. Secondly, there is a certain type of boat which I have heard called both a cigar boat and a cigarette boat, which travels at a high rate of speed and is extremely loud. They race by our house and can be heard for miles in both directions. I believe their high rate of speed is dangerous to other watercraft and their noise pollution is a public nuisance and inconsiderate of others. Thank you for your attention and consideration.
Dear Dana Coburn,

Hi, this letter comes from

...We are writing you now for a very important reason.

On Feb 20, 20 years ago, after seeing Branson, Mo. four times on the TV show "Coon Skin Cap," back on Dec 7th, 1991, we bought a 1-acre lake front property about 11 miles south of Branson, Mo.

Our property is located in what is called the Blair Branch Subdivision, located in or on the Cricket...
CREEK COVE AREA ON TABLE ROCK LAKE LOT # 15

Garin: For the past 19 years we have tried each year since we own our land to get a permit for a floating boat dock for our property, which we have a little over 221' on Table Rock Lake. Our land is zoned for a duplex.

Our 43 year old son & 35 year old daughter plan on building a duplex one day. They plan on keeping an apartment for the family & renting out the other apartment.
Legal title of Northwest: Parcel D

Our land is on the parcel at our lakefront aerie.

For a "dock" appeal to the failure of getting a permit for a "dock".

We've cut back on where we stand outing (very important) so please could you write us back at the lakefront aerie, please?

When the log cabin built within the year deck.
COUNTY ARKANSAS

(1) No. 1. Please write back on this issue.

We know that there will be no dock permits given out for the next 48/1 year.

(2) We would if you can 42 besides please write us back on our letter of our issue

question) if your can may be your our office can keep us or add our letter on file for future

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Question: do you or your office

we know anything about.

We would love to know.

SO please don't forget to

with many thanks and love
November 25, 2012

Army Corps of engineers, little Rock District
P.O. box 867
Little Rock, Ark. 72203
Attention: Dana Coburn

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to make the following comments concerning the scoping of the Table Rock Lake master plan revision project.

1.

As stated in the current plan, the Table Rock Dam project was authorized by a public law according plans contained in other congressional documents. In order to understand the original legislative purpose and intent for which the project was being approved, those documents should be provided for public review, either electronically, or in person at corps offices. Reviewing this original information should be within the scope of the master plan revision plans in order to prevent regulatory creep.

2.

It is clear from Table Rock Lake design plans, and the current master plan, that maintenance and public access requirements were intended to be met by the large area by the Dam and the other 24 or so designated public use areas and the state park. 16 U.S.C. 460d authorizes the Corps to construct and operate recreational facilities (parks) at it’s projects, but most certainly does not authorize the Corps to operate the Table Rock project as a park. It would seem that current law specifies that new parks be developed and maintained by non federal entities under a mandatory 50% construction cost share.

3.

I believe there is a well established right of an adjoining land owner to go from his property to the navigable waters of the US and moor his boat next to his property. Since 3050 acres were claimed in the riverbed, there is no doubt that the waters of the project were considered navigable. Absent a designation that project waters are no longer navigable, and there exists a prohibition against public use of the average 100 foot strip of government land along the shore line, this right must remain.

4.

In a prior case against the Corps( United States v. Richardson, 204 F.2d 552 (1953)) petitioners alleged that the Corps had a “Field Practice” of taking more land then was authorized in order to create land for purely recreational use. Concerning this practice
General Sturgis, former Chief of the Corps, admitted to a congressional subcommittee that "it would have been very embarrassing to have justified his [the secretary’s] certification of public need for all this particular taking.


It is absolutely clear from this case, that no one in 1957 believed that the Corps was authorized to take property from unwilling sellers for purely recreational use. On this point, it is believed that the Corps plan for the acquisition of real estate for the Table Rock Lake project stated that because of the dual purposes (electricity generation for the production of nitrates and recreation) the take line established for electricity generation should be and was extended inland 200 horizontal feet. It should be within the scope of the master plan revision to investigate and correct past errors.

5.

The regulation used to establish the current shoreline use permit system originally applied only to public works projects where the land surrounding the project was entirely owned by the government. A case study of land use for recreation etc. by the Coastal Zone Resources Corp, D.25.25 concluded that virtually all of the land lying contiguous to the 936 isoline (top of the flood control pool) is held by the private sector. This study certainly indicates that the current Corps regulatory scheme may not be appropriate. However, were the Corps to implement similar standards and safe guards (standardized administrative appeals process etc.) used in it’s navigable waters permitting system, any harm would be inconsequential.

6.

Preparation of the current shoreline management plan was obviously not guided by the current master plan and is clearly not consistent with it. The master plan establishes designated areas (zones color coded red) allocated for recreation high-intensity use by the visiting public. This zoning classification includes areas for parks, and marinas and presumably, large community type docks. Only private docks are allowed in the areas allocated for recreation low density (zones color coded yellow) classified areas. Therefore, the shoreline management plan’s inconsistent zoning scheme and community docks only policy should be considered as arbitrary and capricious from the start.

7.

It seems pretty well settled that the government cannot demand, as a condition for issuing a private dock permit to an adjoining land owner, that the land owner must allow public access across his property, unless and until the government provides just compensation. Further, the requirement that an adjoining land owner must construct a dock larger than is needed for his own equipment is contrary to the Corps own regulations concerning private shoreline use. Corps personnel and documents often say that every member of the
public has the opportunity to own a boat dock or slip on Table Rock Lake and that there is no private property on the shoreline of the Lake. The problem with this position is that the 100 or so feet of Corps property along the shoreline is completely surrounded by private property. Once again, if the government wants to guarantee a slip owners right to access his slip, it must pay for it.

Sincerely:
I do appreciate all that the Corp has done to preserve the beauty of nature of Table Rock Lake. I really would like to see a limit on new docks on the lake. The letter I am enclosing is not asking for a new dock, only to have this six slip dock status changed from commercial to community. And again a dock has been at this above location since 1978. This is a copy of a letter submitted to the Branson Office and explains in detail my concern and request when the new SMP is considered.

Any considerations to my above appeal would be greatly appreciated.
July 26, 2012

Little Rock District Corps of Engineers
4600 State Highway 165
Branson, Mo 65616

RE: Dock Lease DACW03-1-03-1073; Quail Cove Resort; Table Rock Lake - Conversion Program

I am appealing the zoning restrictions of the lease area where the above dock is located, more specifically the marina buffer area for this dock. This dock is located on a very small lease area in the buffer zone and is the only area this request affects. I understand it is grandfathered in as a “commercial dock.” I am requesting the lease zoning for this six slip dock be changed to “community dock.” I have been a resort dock owner on Table Rock Lake since 1980 and have always complied with any Corp request and always passed dock inspections, etc.

I have owned the Quail Cove Resort and dock lease # above since 1994. This resort was formerly known as Stan and Del’s Resort with dock lease # DACW03-1-83-400. The dock lease # was DACW03-1-93-597 and in 2003 changed to the above lease #. There has been a dock in this location since 1978. I am past retirement age and would like very much to retire and sell Quail Cove Resort and keep the dock as located. It is only a six slip dock and I have contacted the closest Marina - Campbell Point Marina - and the owner of the Marina is no way interested in obtaining it as a “satellite dock.” I have used two slips for personal use as resort owner and would like to continue to do so. I have a buyer interested in the Resort property who would want two of the slips and I know that the other two slips could be sold to individuals if the resort were closed.

I was told by you that we gave up our once in a lifetime right to change from commercial to community when we upgraded by selling the old six slip wooden dock and by replacing with a new six slip dock in 1994. I was never advised that I relinquished any one time right to change designation from commercial to community dock status. I was never provided any documentation on this subject; I do not ever recall that this was explained to me or have I seen any documentation that we were made aware of this before the sale of the old dock. The enclosed copy of the bill of sale dated 7/30/98, transferring ownership of the old wooden dock states the permit was not part of the sale. You will notice the bill of sale states the lease number was used only to identify the structure. The older wooden dock was sold by me and my deceased husband, without a permit and the new owner had secured the needed permit.

My home is located on the property adjacent to the dock. Loss of the right for the dock location would be taking away personal property that I purchased, maintained, and paid personal property taxes on annually. It would greatly reduce the value of my property. The resort is currently in operation but my hope is to have the option of closing and retiring at this present location with the dock converting to a “community dock” and obtaining two slips at said dock for my personal use and selling the other four slips.

Shoreline Management Plan for Table Rock Lake, Section 4-03 paragraph (2) (b) states “construction of replacement docks or relocation of docking facilities with restricted limited development areas will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

I am well past retirement age and needing to retire for my health. I will appreciate any consideration you can give me with this request, for a conversion for this dock lease. I appreciate your time and our discussion last Monday.

Respectfully,
It is hard to briefly express all the positive thoughts that I have related to Table Rock Lake and its prominent effect on our community.

I live in a house with a breathtaking view of the lake and those who use it for recreation, enjoyment, and improvement of the quality of life. It is a remarkable important constant part of my family’s home life.

The lake is a constant driver of visitation and economic activity. In tourism terms, it is an “independent me-to” attraction. An independent attraction is one, which by definition would drive a substantial amount of visitors to travel 4 hours to enjoy it if it sat by itself. The Branson area has three such independent attractions, Table Rock Lake, Silver Dollar City, and the theater industry. The intrinsic benefit of Table Rock Lake is that it is insulated from many outside pressures that would negatively affect a private commercial independent attraction over time.

The Ozark Mountain Legacy initiative identified the importance of actively and relentlessly protecting and enhancing our natural environment. It also identified the importance of fun and family fun. The lake was prominent in this community discussion and initiative. I have attached the Legacy document for your review.

Positively, the present Congress and Administration have shown a substantial willingness to support tourism. One example is the creation of the public-private Corporation for Travel Promotion established by Congress. This support atmosphere is key as changes are made to COE Lakes

Corps of Engineers is doing well:

1. The local COE has a good understanding of the needs and dynamics of the nearby community. They have acknowledged the importance of tourism. They have done their best within substantial existing guidelines and limitations to be an asset to the Ozark Mountain visitor and resident.
2. The local COE has an unwavering commitment to the structural integrity and safety of the dam and its facilities. It appears that they are using thoughtful long term planning to extend the useful life of the infrastructure.

3. The local COE does a good job of applying many broad regulations and policies to a lake that is uniquely utilized by the Ozark Mountain visitor and resident.

4. The local COE has been forward thinking in its communication for future budget limitations and increased utilization.

5. The local COE has kept water quality and the importance of water quality top of mind for the community through its actions and communications.

6. The local COE has been mature enough to react appropriately publicly when the COE goals do not match the local public need.

I reviewed the recent COE Recreation Strategic Plan of April 2011 as well as the Shoreline Management Plan. I applaud the COE for recognizing that there will need to be future changes. I was struck by the power of the phrase "linking people to water." That is an easily explainable, memorable guide to action. This, in conjunction with the concept of balancing environmental sustainability with lake access helps to set criteria for actions.

Below are my thoughts as well as suggested strategy.

1. The local COE should review and develop a more comprehensive and creative local communication plan in cooperation with other government agencies. Input from recent flood and water management events should be reviewed to begin this process.

2. I would create or enhance the position of volunteer coordinator. Work with the community and our visitor base on specific projects that result in lake benefit and decreased costs.

3. Strengthen the relationship between Table Rock Lake and Fort Leonard Wood (and other military installations in the Ozark Mountain visitor base area) to encourage utilization of the lake and surrounding facilities by military personnel and veterans. Do this in partnership with local tourism businesses.
4. Some development areas do not logically complement the land properly with their size and location. Small tweaks can make utilization better. Trails should be added. Where the land allows designated accessways should be created that would satisfy increased population and demand for lake recreation. The ground rules from 50 years ago do not apply today in many cases. Those logical adjustments should be made.

5. The dry storage model of today does not work financially. It is designed to accommodate large numbers of boats with very little market to make the concept successful. It must be changed in scope.

I suggest the following strategy based on my experience and the documents that I reviewed.

It is apparent that as the U.S. population increases, the balancing act between environmental sustainability and the public's desire for lake access will continue to become a larger and larger issue. This issue is exacerbated by the continued limits of funding. It is also apparent that, in general, a set of consistent standards, rules, regulations and policies are applied to a set of over 400 lakes that act very differently economically, environmentally, and functionally. The system is not ideal to be able to maximize and enhance the effect of each lakes needs. In this case, consistency creates inefficiency because the needs are not consistent. The flexibility that is given today is not extensive enough and not encouraged enough to make any real national substantial change. (I can give you examples where changes need to be made today that would be helpful).

Table Rock Lake has all of the elements that make it a good candidate to become a beta test lake for a creative way of embracing change. The goal would be for Table Rock Lake to become the National example of success in creative public-private partnerships in decision-making and facilities.

Create an advisory group made up of private business and government representatives who are interested in the lake, local COE leaders, and district COE leaders.

Give them real authority to be creative in ideas and discussions.

Give them three purposes;
Ask them to **design the relationship between the lake and the stakeholders** if they began with a blank sheet of paper.

Combine Shoreline Management and Recreation Planning into one area and integrate the two into a cohesive program to “Link people to water.” This would require a philosophic change that Shoreline Management enhances Recreation and is a form of Recreation planning. (I can give you examples of how I think this integration could work if you would like).

**Develop new suggested ways to generate revenues from the lake that could be used to support the programs, projects and missions of the lake.**

Then;

**Apply the current practical realities** to the resulting priorities, ideas, and discussions.

**Develop a five year plan that implements the best and most important changes and ideas. Bring flexibility closer to the local level for implementation.**

Evaluate and distribute the results to other lakes for possible implementation.

A wise saying...“If you embrace change, you can control it. If you resist change, eventually, it will control you.”

I believe this process takes advantage of a great opportunity to effect positive change for a long time.

**I very much appreciate you asking for input.** I will be happy to discuss at the meeting and as you have need.
How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?  As is except more docks allowed.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Dock space

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Re-zoning so more dock are allowed - a slip dock should be allowed.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: A walking path around lake. Some paths for jogging. No timely fashion!
Army Corps of Engineers
Little Rock District
P. O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

Attn: Dana Coburn

Subject: Table Rock Lake Master Plan and Shoreline Management Plan

As a resident near the Cow Creek public ramp, I wish to advocate for the rezoning of the shoreline in the cove adjacent to the current Boy Scout Camp and the new public boat ramp at Cow Creek.

The campground at Cow Creek was closed years ago, along with several others, due to reduced activity and increased cost of repair and upkeep. The current shoreline zoning is based upon the usage in the 1970s when the campground was entirely used and managed by the Corps with a positive cash flow. It is time to formally admit that this property will never be reclaimed for this previous use as a Corps of Engineers Campground. Once this logical decision is made, the rezoning can proceed. The Boy Scout Council in Springfield, Missouri has a long term plan for an aquatics adventure program exclusively for older scouts, including plans for the accompanying property improvements at the camp to support the program, some of which are already proceeding (i.e. shower and bathroom improvements completed, structures have been reroofed, and a planned expansion of the picnic pavilion with an outdoor BBQ kitchen, awaiting Corps approval.)

Changing the use from “High Density” to Low Density” and rezoning of this area will allow for the procurement of dock permits for both the Boy Scout Camp and the Wood Ridge Estates and Cow Creek area residents currently requesting approval for boat slips.

The addition of a community dock with boat slips in the Cow Creek cove will increase the local property values, aid is lot and home sales, and foster new housing construction. All of which provides jobs, not just for dock builders, but for tradesmen and retailers as well. Approval of the rezoning is a big step toward economic development in the local area and likely will have minimal adverse impact on the lake or the cove itself.

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

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What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?
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Re: Table Rock Lake Master Plan

My opinion and primary concerns needing to be addressed.

1. Water quality resulting from shore line construction and sewage treatment surrounding the lake.
2. Limiting the size of boats allowed on the lake. The larger and faster they get the “common” man’s fishing and recreation activities become subject to high risk.
3. Reduce the number of bass tournaments allowed on the lake. Participants, by their own admission, admit that a minimum of fifty percent of the fish they catch die before or shortly after release.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinions.
TO: Ms. Dana Coburn

My comments regarding the US Army Corps TRL revision of the Master Plan:

How I hope Table Rock Lake will develop in 20 years

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Importance of Table Rock Lake to the area

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One thing that could be done to improve Table Rock Lake

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Comments

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What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? Boating safety, clean water, good fishing.

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Sincerely,
Chief Dana Coburn,

I was notified of your meeting in Shell Knob on Thursday, 29 Nov 12. I am currently deployed with the military but would like to email my comments.

I currently own property in Shell Knob, located across highway 39 from Pizza Hut with approximately 900ft of lakefront property in the cove (Map 13 of 63, Plate 11, Sec. 15, approx. lat/lon of property is N 36.37.5, W 95.77.1).

According to old plates, the property is currently zoned for no docks. The property is located in prime location for a commercial business or residential with access to the lake via a Courtesy or Residential dock permit.

Visitors and residents of the Shell Knob community are restricted due to current zoning plans. In order for the community to continue to grow and be a beneficial factor to the Corps of Engineers Table Rock Lake Master Plan, continued input and expansion of the current limits need to be considered.

For the betterment of the Shell Knob community and with the current projection of visitors to be 40 to 50 million annually for recreational activities, expansion for economic development in this area would be highly beneficial.

I welcome any questions or comments you may have for me concerning this subject.

V/r,
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE TABLE ROCK LAKE IN 20 YEARS? The Top Recreation Lake in the U.S. All Forms of Recreation in Harmony)

WHAT ABOUT TABLE ROCK LAKE IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU? Fishing & Water Recreation with Pristine look!!

WHAT IS ONE THING THAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE LAKE? It’s a GREAT Bass Lake, BUT variety is a key for a GREAT destination fishing lake. #1 would be a GREAT Walleye population more would come for Walleye fishing than BASS.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON THE MASTER PLAN REVISION OR ABOUT ISSUES THAT SHOULD BE STUDIED:
1ST: Better variety fish population
2nd: Boater Recreation improvements & safety
To reach above or any improvement for the lake, you need better & stronger bond between the local TRAVEL industry & corp. (meetings, votes, etc) Local travel industry is the driving force for this lake. Control & Restrictions are a must but too many will drive people away. Water purity, levels etc. are obvious for any successful lake.
Here are my suggestions for Table Rock Lake

#1. More in tune with nature than it is now

#2 The natural beauty and tranquility

#3 Enforce all applicable rules and regulations

   NOISE - exhaust and stereo equipment
   Residential and commercial sewage systems
   Residential and commercial chemical use
   Boat wakes

#4 PWCs used to be a major annoyance but now it is the new breed of wake board boat with ridiculous stereo systems and huge wakes (sometimes augmented by ballast tanks). Enjoying the lake in very small craft is almost a thing of the past except in winter months.
How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?

Clean and clear. Cleaner shoreline. Steal docks, no wood docks.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Stable water levels. Big boats to be held liable for their wake damage they cause when they drive right by the boat docks.

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

Debris kept out of the lake by allowing people to clean up their shorelines.
Fax # is: 501*-324-5605

email: M4TRMP@usace.army.mil
(note: case sensitive)

Thank you in advance for joining in with your voice. We trust it will be loud enough to be heard and changes will be made.

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Docks of every kind should follow a consistent reasonable set of guidelines based on the space that is available in the specific area and the services provided. The Buffer Areas around the Marina's/Parks have to be considered. Very puzzling is the involvement of Government in a non-government business. The Marina's are privately owned and operated. All of the profits/revenue goes to their Marina business. The Parks and the Marina businesses do not own the land that is buffered. The Buffer areas push out other opportunities around the Marina's and Parks. Why is this happening?

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To summarize:
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3- APPROVE TO INCREASE THE RED LINE ZONING FOR LOW IMPACT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY
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Question #2

Having something to do beside boat ride and fish. I like to do both but would be nice if there where more recreational opportunity's on the lake.

Question #3

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How would I like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? I’d like to see Table Rock at 915 feet above sea level, clean, without large boats, and a shore line free of dead trees.

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I am a concerned rv'er/camper from Oklahoma. I camp at Table Rock several times each year. I received this email in past month and wanted to ask what is going on?? The info link you provided has been taken down. Thanks,
Ms Coburn,

Please consider my input below as you revise the subject master plan. I am responding as an individual living full time in a Table Rock Lake front home located in a large subdivision between mile marker 9 and 10 on the James River Arm. I am currently serving as a Stone County executive board member for Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N. Please contact me by email if you have questions regarding the input below. Thanks.

Input:

- Improving the lake’s water quality is one of the most important issues to address in the master plan. The plan should not only address those things that you can control, but actively support watershed management that directly impacts the lake water quality. The plan should call for collaboration with local, county and state governments to educate developers, businesses and owners on proper erosion control methods, minimizing storm water impact, effective operation of liquid waste treatment facilities (including septic systems) and why these are important to the lake water quality. Provide support to household waste collection and disposal activities for the lake’s watershed communities/developments - this could be in the form of educational material, promotional events, etc. Note: most near lake communities do not have access to a household hazardous waste collection and disposal facility - wonder how much of that type of waste ends up in the lake’s watershed and/or in the lake?

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The CORP has done a good job of regulating the lake to be where it is at today. If it is not already a poster child of what can be accomplished, it should be. Going forward, the CORP will have to increase its problem-solving capabilities to deal with the increasing constraints and expectations. This will require even more thinking.

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The apparent approach being taken by the CORP is to identify the WHATS (3 questions, consultants, revise Master Plan)—an appropriate, necessary step, but only the first of many. The real work will come in HOW this will be implemented. Will the policies serve the Master Plan or will the Master Plan serve the policies? How does one insure the policies serve the Master Plan?

Thanks for listening. I am willing to help.
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I know water quality should be top priority. But I also feel enough is enough and the shorelines that are left should be maintained in there natural state. I also think clearing of shoreline vegetation should be curtailed.
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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?

Good water quality, more clean parks, lease vacant parks instead of selling to a developer, lake pool raised to normal pool once raised, keep level consistent, more public use areas on lake including Kimberling City to create more tourism for local income, the ability to remove tree stumps near docks and waterways, for the Corps to have clear guidelines and objectives so they are consistent on all aspects of the lake and shoreline.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Tourism and work (income) for the community without threatening or damaging the lake.

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

To keep lake level near normal pool year around for tourism and community income.

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Remove the dock permits moratorium so that the dock business stay open. Permit clean vegetation near shorelines for a better view of the lake.

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Question #1 the lakes' shore lines are good, but would like to have the fallen trees removed so that we see natural stone, caves, and forest areas.
Question #2 clear healthy water, clean shorelines clear of debris and trash.
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We write this e-mail as members of the Anchor Point Condominium Owners Association (APCOA) Kimberling City MO. , Kimberling Inn Resort and Conference Center.

Dana,

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1 - More motor/transformer noise

2 - Substantial sewer odor

3 - Unsightly view of the sewer water treatment and all the related equipment required to treat the water.
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From your point of view is there anything that can be done via the Corps of Engineers to help in these issues (Location - Odor - Noise - View)?

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Due to the specific location of Table Rock Lake and its proximity to a major vacation destination, Branson, it is not surprising that there is a high % of repeated & increased visits throughout the year. This naturally lends, to a lake lover, the desire to own lake property. Many use as a 2nd home initially and plan on making it their future retirement residence. It is imperative that systems are in place to support this positive impact, interest and lifestyle. It is also important to meet the needs of the specific shore locations so that the lakeside lifestyle can be realized with ease. Without the proper / reasonable systems in place the entire plan and progress dissipates...
The current challenge is that the system/restrictions in place cripple this prospective plan. There is a barrage of unrealistic requirements that has a negative impact on the lake area as a whole. It defies the fulfillment of the desire to own lake property and boat slips and stifles the demand and values of the real estate itself.

Everyone should take time to be informed and to consider.... "What is the future for Table Rock Lake and the Property and Businesses in the surrounding area?"

Note the following specific concerns needing modification to maximize use patterns.

The Current Red Line Zoning Areas.

Table Rock Lake has many fingers creating fabulous coves with a large range of sizes. Small Cove areas should be able to have red line zoning that suites that specific space

Modification should be made because the current requirement for the # of 20 boat slips required in a dock prohibits the max. potential of these smaller locations and discriminates against the property owners intent for a private boat slip. This maximum use of the opportunity must be available to residences in more locations. Consider this: Dock approval is figured with a 1/3 cove restriction. The size of the dock and # of slips is made based on the cove space available. If the space allows for an amount under 20 slips than the adjusted size and # of slips should be determined to fit that specific area and approval granted. This would allow for docks with less than 20 slips.

The current restrictions force many lake side property owners to either trailer the boat, (many residential/rental areas restricting the parking of trailers creating additional problems) or consider the option of leasing space in a marina. This option may or may not be desirable or convenient. A lease option forces a person to invest in a space they will never realize ownership to. This scenario is not reasonable to many of those desiring to own a lake home.

The current limit of 2 slips per property owner creates additional challenges to those owning more than 2 types of water vessels.

In addition there is the challenge of having the length restriction on slips (30’’) with the exception of a Marina slip.

This would be better served if based on the actual space in that specific location where there would be opportunity for larger or smaller vessels rather than trying to have everyone conform to a specific boat length formula.

The Marinas on Table Rock Lake are wonderful. They are providing and supporting many demands. There are certain obvious conditions that would & should apply to service / manage this type of facility. The inconsistency is to set more restrictive requirements for other docks. For instance, the required space that the Marina’s are required to have between docks is much
less than other docks. ie. 40'-45' approved for Marina Docks and a min. of 100' for private docks is required for the amount of space between docks.

This space approved for a Marina dock placement space should certainly be sufficient for all docks.

Docks of every kind should follow a consistent reasonable set of guidelines based on the space that is available in the specific area and the services provided.

The Buffer Areas around the Marina's/Parks have to be considered. Very puzzling is the involvement of Government in a non-government business. The Marina's are privately owned and operated. All of the profits/revenue goes to their Marina Business. The Parks and the Marina businesses do not own the land that is buffered. The Buffer areas push out other opportunities around the Marina's and Parks. Why is this happening?

Take Kimberling City, Mo. for example. Due to the expanse of property that is affected by the Marina and the Park Buffer Areas much of this area is choked out for red line zoning approval. This stifles the potential for much needed improvements and future growth opportunities. Kimberling City straddles the highly traveled highway 13 that, at a minimum, connects Springfield Mo. Arkansas and Branson, Mo.

It is considered to be a main vein and has not been able to support the past demands let alone the future demands and opportunities.

Please do not blatantly disregard but rather become aware of the challenges and make the modifications needed.

Review and adjustments to Buffer Areas and approval for much needed red line zoning is a move in the right direction!!

Another concern is the protection of the water itself. The real violators to water quality are obvious. These areas should continue to have a high level of concentration and monitoring. The most obvious..concentrated and continued efforts requiring clean up of tributaries feeding into Table Rock Lake and protection against toxins & waste dumping into the water.

Proper disposals for public services surrounding the Lake should continue to be monitored and upgraded.

There is a misconception that recreational usage is violating the water quality. The reality is, there is little actual negative impact.

Proper manufacturing standards for water vessels are regulated. Individuals are more inclined to honor the laws regarding pollution than ever before. There has been much public awareness and most want to protect not violate the water quality. The people enjoying the lake want to enjoy it for generations to come.

Last but not least is the demand for a lake side community developer to have boat registrations in advance prior to the dock being approved and built. This entire process is completely unreasonable and defeats the ability of both the developer and the prospective property owner to move forward. There are NO assurances of the approval and placement of the
dock(s). As a result the lake side lifestyle is challenged by the lack of confidence on either party that all the advance requirements will be fulfilled timely. This kills the opportunity to realize the basis of the Lake Side Community Life Style and success of current & future Table Rock Lake Properties.

Allowances for upgrades to existing docks should be encouraged.

It is an unrealistic expectation that all Boat Slip Owners attend a meeting in person. Technology is readily available to accommodate exposure to everyone, where they are.

To summarize:

1- ELIMINATE THE MARINA/PARK BUFFER AREAS.

2- ADJUSTING AND MAKING EQUAL/CONSISTENT THE PRIVATE DOCK REQUIREMENTS TO THOSE FOR MARINA’S & RESORTS

3- APPROVE TO INCREASE THE RED LINE ZONING FOR LOW IMPACT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

4- MAXIMIZING THE ACTUAL FORMULA OF 1/3 SPACE OF COVES. TAKING AWAY THE 20 SLIP REQUIREMENT AND APPROVE TO ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF SLIPS REQUIRED THAT STAYS IN COMPLIANCE WITH FORMULA. THIS ALLOWS FOR DOCK APPROVAL WITH LESS THAN 20 SLIPS FOR SMALLER BUT SUFFICIENT COVES.

5- CHANGING THE CURRENT GUIDELINES AND CREATE NEW GUIDELINES FOR DOCK APPROVAL OF PRIVATE DOCKS, SLIP OWNERS, AND DEVELOPERS. THIS ALLOWS FOR GUIDELINES THAT ARE REASONABLE, ACHIEVABLE AND EASIER TO MANAGE. WITH THIS CHANGE, BOTH DEVELOPERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS CAN HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT A BOAT DOCK WILL BE APPROVED, BUILT AND INSTALLED!

Trusting that the awareness of the current challenges and the suggestions will be discussed & considered.

Looking forward to the changes & results for Table Rock Lakes future!
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? A clean lake which was sensibly managed for development and growth. The natural beauty of the lake was preserved with common sense with easy access to the lake.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? A wonderful place to live and raise a family. A strong economy surrounding the lake.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Common sense control of the lake, not 100% controlled by the government.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: How to complete a master plan of the lake without shutting down shoreline management and forcing many businesses to close and people to lose their employment. Explain and answer questions about the master plan.

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/irmasterplan.htm. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by December 14, 2012.
I commend the USACE for implementing the moratorium on Table Rock Lake activity and re-evaluating the master plan. I have been visiting TRL for the past 20 years and over that time have seen a steady and recently alarming increase in lake use and shoreline construction. At the current rate of development, especially over the past few years, TRL will evolve into another Lake of the Ozarks.

Thanks for making the hard, and probably unpopular decision.