

## Appendix F

### Public Scoping Comments

Public Comments (continued)

# Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment

US Army Corps  
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Little Rock District

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

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? More enforcement of responsibility for wakes from boats that just get bigger every season.

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

More consideration for plans to update and replace older docks with new ones. Joe Spradling & Millard Andrews presented a plan to consolidate 2 older docks into one new dock and the plan was rejected even though it would free up shore line (use less than is now being occupied). No new parking space than is currently being used would be needed but our plan was still rejected. We like to think a face to face meeting with involved Corps personnel would give us an opportunity to show that our plan makes no changes except improvement in the environment and the 2 existing docks. (OVER)

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After all, a neighbor's dock whose permit expired about 2 years ago on a dock that had been virtually abandoned, broken loose, crashed into my dock and others was given an extension on his expired permit. This same dock was beached due to lack of "Dock Witcher" for over 30 days. Now the Corps is "working with him" to allow this said dock to be replaced.

It seems that those of us who have had good working relationships with Corps personnel and who followed the guidelines should receive more consideration on a minor variance to Corps. Standard regulations.

Please Reply



Dear Mr. Coburn,

The attached are letters for your review.

Our village is also feeling the pressure of improper shoreline use from visitors and residents.

Hopefully the village will contact you. If you feel we can work together, we have or file a "no significant impact" study mark for Indian Point Shorelines and has been given to the U.S. Corps Table Rock Office by the Ozark Mountain Nature Trail Association.

Also if you request, we have the support of Senator Roy Blunt, Congressman Billy Long and other officials to bring this project to completion as we did in 2004.

Please contact me anytime if you agree.

Sincerely,



November 17, 2012



This is an opportunity for the entire village.

The US Corps is reviewing its master plan for Table Rock Lake. Public meetings are being held Nov. 28, 2012 from 6 to 8:30 pm at the Reeds Spring High School. All zoning and shoreline management will be reviewed.

The Village has a responsibility and opportunity to attend this hearing.

Under today's plan a majority of our village residents (800) cannot access the shoreline except at the public dock. We will have over 1500 residents in 2015. Also visitors at non-dock accommodations have very limited access to the lake. There is only one public boat ramp for the entire village.

Today many residents and visitors access the lake mostly by trespassing over private property to get to the lake. This is a growing problem for many reasons. Hunters, unauthorized use of private docks, equipment damage, and unlawful acts are taking place.

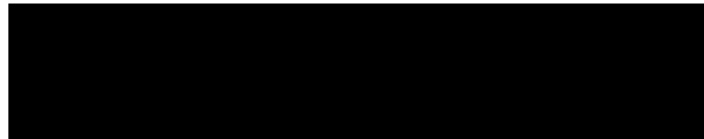
The Village can become pro active and benefit the community as well as meet the US Corps goals to protect our lake and shoreline.

A cooperative effort from some years past between the US Corps and our Village was started to build shoreline access trails and a community park. This then controlled the areas for public use and prevented the unbridled use of shoreline. We began the process by the Village patrolling the Jaques Point area. We significantly reduced drug use and unlawful acts. Our Village maintained the access road and removed trash. Divers, children, families and walkers became comfortable again because they had safe access to enjoy the shoreline. The village lost sight of this project.

A plan to connect the park to our trail system was in place. Also a plan to fill the gap to John the Diver Island was placed before the trustees and discussed in master plan hearings. The new breakwater walkway was a trail extension and allowed further use for controlled shoreline enjoyment.

There is a cost of any project of course. Funding for maintenance would be a Village issue paid for from increased tax revenues that would occur from business sales. Private monies and grants would also support the project.

The negative response of a few residents was carefully reviewed. A similar US Corps project at Lake Norfolk, where in the town took control of an unlawful area, resulted in no crime and improved the entire town quality of life. Projects by towns and US Corps for public use is common and very beneficial.



P.S. Any requests to the US Corps by the Village should be in writing and also ask for a meeting with the US Corps. The deadline is December 14, 2012.

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### Summary

Throughout the United States all lake and ocean shorelines have been slowly closed to the public. Complete water ways and lakes are now privately controlled with only token, if any, access. Governments, only when prompted by citizens reopen access points and in areas long closed down to the public this results in legal battles and taking of private property. The public has a right to its shorelines. On Indian Point access to the lake has been all but removed from the majority of the residents and visitors. The Village has a public dock that has services. There is a US Corps park that charges fees. There is a public ramp (one). The access at White Wing peninsula has been closed, Rock Lane and the Harbor are now private ramps, "Josies road" is closed, and Resorts are private and protected. With no trails or parking how does anyone in the village plan to enjoy our lake shoreline unless they control the access?

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Attn: Dana Coburn

Subject: Table Rock Lake Master Plan and Shoreline Management Plan

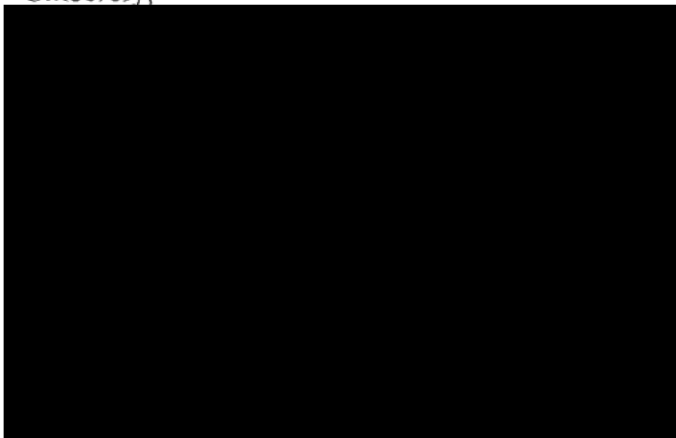
As a resident near the Cow Creek public ramp, I wish to advocate for the rezoning of the shoreline in the cove adjacent to the current Boy Scout Camp and the new public boat ramp at Cow Creek.

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 in 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.

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*\* Needs to include swimming area as swimmers now dangerous use the boat landing.*

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

Remain clean and beautiful with a great place for recreation including fishing

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Beauty, cleanliness & fishing

Beauty and peacefulness unlike Lake of the Ozarks

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

Stock lake with Stripers and Walleye

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

Septic systems should be monitored especially on incoming waterways

A study of the fishing population, so as to make it easier to catch fish. It seems like bass fishing is the only fishing.

Note! There needs to be a place for swimmers at Cow Creek as they now are dangerously using the landing.

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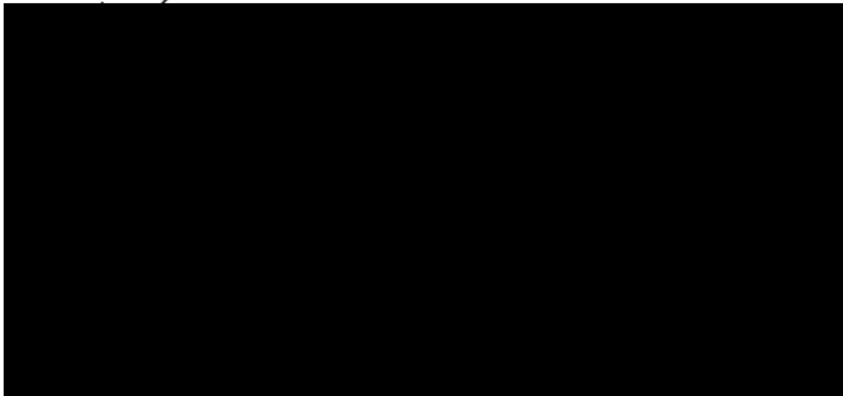
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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? FULL OF WATER  
WITH NO WATER POLLUTION, & CLEAR CLEAN WATER

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

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? GOOD SOLID MAINTENANCE  
WITH QUALIFY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

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DON'T KNOW ENOUGH TO MAKE COMMENTS

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How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years? clean water  
a nice shoreline fun place to be

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? clean water  
Boat dock a place my family want to be

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Do not put boat docks  
on top of each other. Big dock are allowed when  
they haven't sold lots. We have a big dock  
blocking 2 smaller docks. When water goes down

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:  
what can we do but be on Dry ground. look at  
length of walkway as long as dock. Please  
make sure dock or the width apart that the corp  
requires. Have every thing equal on dock owners  
people can move all way down to lake stairs,  
roads. Need to keep brush down for kids to walk  
safely without snake or brush. The driving to  
docks (4 wheeler everywhere) erosion of lake  
front  
front getting bad. Put no grass just mud.

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way to report misuse of lake front.



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December 13, 2012

Ms. Dana Coburn  
Chief, Environmental Branch  
Planning and Environment  
USACE Little Rock District  
PO Box 867  
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Dear Ms. Coburn,

Thank you for your leadership in regards to the Table Rock Lake Master Planning process and for the opportunity to provide feedback related to the mission of the Master Plan.

I wanted to relate to you that from the perspective of Bass Pro Shops, Tracker Marine and Big Cedar Lodge, we feel strongly that with changes in the use patterns, population density, and development around the lake that the current land classification categories need to be reevaluated and subsequently reclassified.

The Bass Pro Shop's Table Rock Lake properties of Big Cedar Lodge, Top of the Rock, Dogwood Canyon and the new Outdoor Academy are all designated as low density yet Big Cedar Lodge and Dogwood Canyon host thousands of guests from around the world each year. The reopening of the greatly expanded Top of the Rock complex, which will house restaurants, a world class natural history museum, golf courses, a destination cave and a unique public garden, will draw thousands of new tourists and visitors as will the new Outdoor Academy which is under construction. The Outdoor Academy has a mission to expose guests from all walks of life to the great outdoors, teach them outdoor skills and connect them to the land much like Aldo Leopold did decades ago. Major work will also be done at Dogwood Canyon that will continue to draw additional visitors to Table Rock Lake.



The current facilities, and the ones under construction, will create a world class nature/outdoor based tourist destination second to none in the United States and will have a significant economic impact on the Ozark Mountains and Table Rock Lake. This complex of facilities, which are geographically close to one another, will be a location where we can carry out a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities which align with the vision of the Corps of Engineers National Recreational Plan. These facilities will be locations to carry out the programs we develop under the joint partnership memorandum between Bass Pro Shops and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

We would like to respectfully request that in the new Master Plan, the public properties that we own be designated as high density recreation use. As you can see from the land classifications that we have provided for you on the above properties, they are all mostly low density recreation use. Specifically, these properties are Big Cedar Lodge, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor Academy, Bass Pro Shops Long Creek Marina, Wilderness Camping Area, Thunderhead Point, Paradise Point and The Cliffs at Long Creek.

We are working with the Corp of Engineers on our own master plan. Enclosed is a copy that was officially submitted a few months ago. The plan has undergone slight changes. We would love the opportunity to make a special presentation on our master plan to your Project Delivery team. The true impact of our current development on Table Rock Lake will be the great synergy of all of these facilities and the recreational impact it will bring to Table Rock Lake.

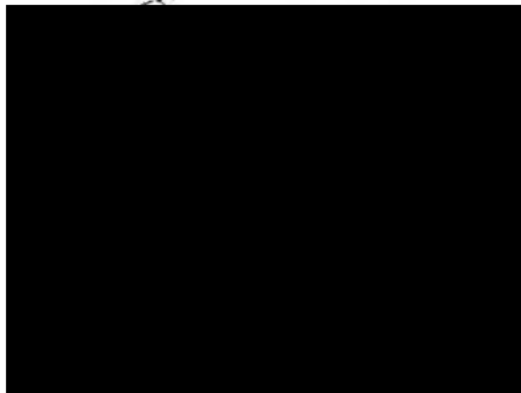
In a review of the land classification categories, we are fairly certain that high density recreation would be the land classification category that best fits the breadth and scope of these facilities/properties. We are somewhat puzzled that private boat docks are not allowed to be a part of this classification. However, we could be misinterpreting the land classification wording. We eagerly look forward to working with you on reclassification. Perhaps the

wording in the classifications can be reexamined and changes and/or additions to land classifications can be made.

Dana, best wishes as your team works through the master planning process. Please let us know if we can help you with facilities as you get to focus group stages and other community meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond on the master plan.

Sincerely,



May 4, 2010



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As you are aware, we are in the process of developing a long-range conceptual plan for Big Cedar Lodge, Big Cedar Wilderness Club and some adjacent Table Rock Lake properties that will improve the recreational opportunities and services for our guests and destination visitors.

This letter outlines the basic components of the plan with a short explanation of each project that we would like to implement. This conceptual plan is an accumulation of research, staff "brainstorm time", but most of all it is the voice of our guests as they give us feedback from customer cards, telephone feedback and personal visits with us.

Please also know that we want to work cooperatively with you on these projects. As you look at this master list of projects, you might find some of this would be a great partnership together. Whether we partner with any of these outlined projects...we do want to work with you to showcase this amazing part of the world...and to give our guests a world class experience on this amazing lake we call Table Rock.

We hope these projects can be done under the umbrella of the resort lease, but do stand ready to pursue the concessionaire lease should we all agree that this is an important next step.

We will be ready in 60 days to give you drawings that are more detailed and further information for our master plans. We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

The next few pages of this letter are divided into two sections. SECTION I is our most immediate priority list of projects and those that would fall into the short-range category.

SECTION II is our conceptual plan for the future.

We will be designing the specific elements for these projects soon. In regards to the long-range efforts, we would like to get some feedback from your team.

## **SECTION I**

### **Big Cedar Lodge**

#### ***Retail Sales at the Marina***

Our number one request for your consideration is to create the opportunity under our current lease contract to sell to the general public at Bent Hook Marina.

Our biggest public relations problem is refusing to sell gasoline, oil, groceries, outdoor gear or other amenities to the general public who are visiting Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge and affiliated facilities. The current policy is very confusing to our guests and to the general public. The inability to serve the general public is a serious matter for us. This issue is where the majority of our complaints come from and can be an issue on any given day.

Big Cedar Lodge Resort has become a destination for people all over the lake. We host many events at the resort, which draw a destination crowd. Destination type events include our Independence Day Fire Works extravaganza, many festivals and other events, and the daily visits to our restaurants.

We feel the lake travel patterns have radically changed since the origin of our original lease. Significantly more boat traffic is coming into Big Cedar Cove.

The Big Cedar Resort is a destination location. We feel that this destination status is not competing with other marinas in the area, as it brings them potential customers not only for amenities, but for lodging as well.

We would also like to stress that our location offers the general public another benefit not available from all nearby marina's, which is the year round service that we provide on the water. Guest and the general public can count on our facility to be open.

### ***Big Cedar Lodge Cruise Boats***

We would like to expand our cruise boat fleet from one to three boats. We envision these tour boats to have food and beverage offerings and be of a very unique and historic design. The new cruise boats would show case for our passengers the wildlife and water features of Table Rock Lake and the rich heritage of the area. We would plan a cruise to the new US Army Corp of Engineers Dewey Short Visitor's Center. This cruise would include a program related to the history and impact of reservoirs and a fish and wildlife component with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

We would offer a variety of cruise packages that would vary by the season and by program offerings. We would also look at a longer cruise to Dogwood Canyon that would return passengers to Big Cedar by Van. We do need to clarify if we need additional permits for the two additional cruise boats.

### ***Swim Beach***

Our Guests have been requesting a swim beach for many years. We would like to pursue this option in the near future. The Long-Range Planning Team has identified the space between the launch ramps as the ideal location. To create a very unique opportunity for our Big Cedar guests we would like to locate a mobile AirStream Camper next to the swim beach to serve refreshments.

## **Big Cedar Wilderness Club**

Attached with this letter is our site-map of our long-range amenity plan for the wilderness club guests. The plan is to create a very special outdoor recreational playground for our guests that will connect them to the shoreline and to the water and will set the stage for some nature/conservation messages at the outdoor amphitheater. The plan locates the outdoor recreational facilities, which are designated to be:

- 1) An educational kiosk focusing on Water Quality, The Table Rock Lake Fish Habitat initiative, The More Fish Campaign, The history of Table Rock Lake and Conservation messages from groups like the James River Basin Partnership. (N)
- 2) Outdoor Fire Pit and Amphitheater (I)
- 3) Swim Deck and lifeguard tower (L)
- 4) Restrooms (H)
- 5) Swimming Area (M)
- 6) Beach Volleyball (O)
- 7) Sand Beach (k)
- 8) Additional Docks for kayak, canoes and paddleboats (K)

### ***A Boat Dock and Launch Ramp at Outdoor Academy Property***

A boat dock and launch ramp area to access The Outdoor Academy Sporting activities from the water. As well as for guests staying on the property “to get to the water” to engage in activities like Waterfowl hunting. (The details to The Outdoor Academy Area are spelled out in Section II).

## SECTION II

(Long-Range Conceptual plans)

### *Recreational Vehicle and Wilderness Camping Area*

The goal for this facility is to be a “state of the art” green environmental friendly model for a Green Recreational Vehicle Park and Wilderness Camping Area. The campground design would focus on green and sustainable elements such as waste management, water conservation, RV pad design, and energy conservation.

We envision the conservation elements of this property to be a collaboration of Audubon International (Top of the Rock is an Audubon Signature golf course), The upper White River Basin Foundation, The James River Basin Partnership, The Missouri Department of Conservation, The Department of Natural Resources and Friends of Table Rock Lake.

The outdoor recreation facilities needed to accommodate the off road Camping and Recreational Vehicle guests would be as follows:

1) To establish a “state of the art” Green Boat Dock at the property. The green elements of the boat dock would include construction with recycled materials, the use of solar, posted “best practices” for boat owners for cleaning boats, energy conservation and the establishment of some unique fish habitat structures at the dock site.

We request a maximum slip boat dock permitted under the shoreline management plan for launching and storing the trailered boats while they are in residence and for dock fishing.

2) A swim beach area and adjacent shoreline outdoor recreation area that would accommodate volleyball, horseshoes and other outdoor recreational games.

3) Nature Trails along the shore and in the interior of the property to showcase the ecology of the shore, the glade and the Oak-Hickory climax forest and the plants and wildlife that live in each system. We would like to work at creating a very extensive Fish Habitat area at this property. As well as working with you on a vegetative management plan, that would allow us to take shoreline trees that have died and other trees to create fish habitat.

We would also want to cut the grasses and low growing plants and brush that have grown in this area as we would like this to return to an open recreation area which is designated in our vegetation management plan that we want to review with you.

### **Dogwood Canyon Nature Park**

#### ***Courtesy Docks at Cow Creek***

The docks at Cow Creek would be used to load and unload passengers on the Big Cedar Lodge/Wilderness Club Wildlife and Water Tour Cruise Boat for a Dogwood Canyon Adventure Experience plus docking space for recreational boaters to experience Dogwood Canyon Nature Park by water. The courtesy dock we need to accommodate a wide variety of boat sizes. The Wildlife and Water Tour cruise boat would focus on showcasing the Wildlife, Water, History, Conservation and the Lore of the Ozarks and Table Rock Lake and would radiate from Big Cedar Cove. The boat is described in more detail later in this document.

#### ***Boat Dock at Cow Creek***

We are requesting a **Boat Dock** with the maximum number of slips allowed under the Shoreline Management Plan adjacent to the courtesy docks. The *Boat Dock* would give the opportunity to Dogwood Canyon guests to not only enjoy an outdoor recreational experience at the Canyon and Dogwood Creek, but to also, enjoy water-based recreation at the lake. The *Boat Dock* would also be used as a launch for Kayak and Canoe wildlife and recreation excursions.

### **Paradise Point**

Paradise Point is a newly acquired property that will be included in our long-range conceptual plan. We are requesting a review of the current lease to understand the access and recreational allowances for this property. We also wish to discuss, recreational user needs in this area and the property designations in your shoreline map of this area. We would request a ranger visit to understand the full recreational use of this property.



## Thunderhead

Boaters and Anglers that have entered Big Cedar Cove, for years have requested a casual place to eat in a relaxing setting with a full view of the lake. We would like to honor their wishes by proposing a very uniquely designed rustic wilderness/Ozark Mountain designed *floating casual restaurant* with snack shack/ burgers/ hot dog and taco bar for Big Cedar Lodge guests and the general public. This would be a great place to tell the story of fresh water reservoirs, the lore of Devils Pools and interesting facts about the history of the Big Cedar Lodge Property. ...including the first conservationists on site...the Osage Indians.

We would also propose at this location a *Thunderhead Dock expansion* to incorporate more Rental Boats and courtesy positions for guests and Table Rock lake Fishing Guides.

We also want to enhance the fishing and recreational offerings at this property by adding a fish cleaning station, creating picnic areas and open shelters (None with plumbing or electricity) and open lawn recreational space for fire pits, volleyball and outdoor games.

As this property is a significant visual point at the mouth of Big Cedar Cove, we would like to establish a vegetation plan for the shore to include native flora and fauna that have an Ozark beauty to them. We would look at Dogwoods, redbuds and wildflowers in open spaces, but also look for plants at the shoreline that would enhance fish habitat and would survive water fluctuation.

We think this area would also be a great location for an outdoor interpretive trail that would connect to Devils Pool Bridge. This would be a great place to tell the story of fresh water reservoirs and the lore of Devils Pool.

## The Outdoor Academy Area

There will be different outdoor sporting elements in The Outdoor Academy Area including the *Bass Pro Shops/Red Head World Class shooting Arms Sporting Center, and Lodge*. This firearms facility will offer hands on shooting activities and promote the sport of shooting. The facility will offer shooting opportunities, host shooting clubs, and provide a venue for

promoting shooting sports and shooting safety. Shooting sports activities would include outdoor trap, skeet, sporting clays, archery and a general firing range. Field trails would also be held for bird hunting, dog training and upland game shooting and would include field activities of sporting clays, skeet and trap and archery.

The Outdoor Academy Area will inspire an outdoor, conservation and shooting sports ethic to the visiting guests. These conservation practices would be a high priority and would include the use of biodegradable clay targets and shot shells utilizing non-toxic materials, including steel, bismuth, and tungsten.

Facilities to enhance the Sporting Arms Center would be as follows:

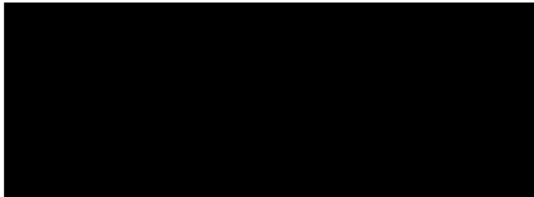
- 1) An interpretive trail designed to showcase the plants and wildlife of the area and strong conservation messages from outdoor legends like Teddy Roosevelt and John James Audubon.
- 2) An ATV trail with an educational message of safety and stewardship of the terrain.
- 3) A boat dock and launch ramp area to access the Outdoor Academy from the water and for lodge guests to get on the water to engage in outdoor activities like waterfowl hunting.
- 4) Fire pit and storytelling areas using the natural grade of this property.
- 5) Very significant wild flower gardens.

Jim, the above project list is our Conceptual Plan for the Bass Pro Shops/Big Cedar lodge properties. I do want to relate a couple of items in closing.

Table Rock lake is a public facility and we believe that Big Cedar Lodge and Bass Pro Shops with our investment in Better Fishing, Clean Water and Green initiatives match the outdoor recreational interests of the US Army Corp of Engineers. We want to work closely with you to make sure we have as a core value in all of the properties a conservation component and opportunities for our guests to learn conservation principles and to be good stewards of our lakes, streams, watersheds and forests. We will also be

teaching them the great opportunities of the outdoors to participate in boating, fishing, hunting and watchable wildlife. We will want to radiate some of the messages in our properties that you will be focused on in your new visitor's center. We also want to make sure these projects are grounded in sustainability as we build the structures...and of course, we want to get them to experience the majestic beauty of the Ozark Mountains.

Thanks for the Great Leadership that your team provides to Table Rock Lake. We look forward to working with you on this plan.



US Army Corp of Engineers – Little Rock District

Enclosure

## Coburn, Dana O SWL

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Subject: Table Rock Lake. Master Plan

ATTN: Dana Coburn

Knowing that tourist visitation to Table Rock has so greatly exceeded the current Master Plan, we have these comments for your consideration as you develop a revision.

As homeowners for the past 20 years we have certainly lived, first hand, the increased tourism and the problems that have come with it. Granted, for some entities, the tourism is a profitable situation. Our concern is for #1: the quality of the lake (water), #2: the surrounding wildlife areas, and #3: the safety of

all who live close to the lake, as well as those who visit.

The beauty and serenity of Table Rock Lake is what drew us to the area so many years ago. Since then, several of our family members have also purchased homesites along the lake. We all realize that it is a privilege to own property and boat docks on the lake. We also have suffered much distress because of the increased boating traffic on the lake. Those of us who pay real estate and personal property taxes to Taney County would hope Table Rock Lake be preserved for the next 20 years and more.

Water quality is a major concern. Increased boating traffic diminishes water quality. Tourists show little respect for boating rules and regulations. The availability of "rental boats" adds to the problem. To preserve the quality of the lake water we would suggest several EPA "testings" be performed each year at multiple areas of the lake. This would determine bacterial levels of which the public should be made aware. Water quality is also affected by the increased development along the lake. Hard surface run-off from parking lots, driveways, etc., will eventually make its way to the lake, thus adding pollutants to the lake water. There is also concern regarding proper waste water treatment from septic systems and/or sewage treatment systems. Limiting over-development and additional boat docks would be ways to help preserve the water quality. If adverse testing results are found, steps could be taken to correct the problem.

Good water quality is a must to maintain the ecological balance for fish and other water fowl, as well as securing the future of Table Rock Lake.

Wildlife areas are also important. With so much increased boat traffic on the lake, we fear that habitats are being infringed upon. The noise levels of boat motors, jet skis, and the like, are of course a distress to the homeowners along the lake... but we feel that the wildlife are also affected by the noise. The natural habitat and the many species found in the area have made Table Rock Lake the desired attraction that it is today.

Safety on and around the lake is also of concern to us. Over the past several years, we have felt it necessary to phone Water Patrol because we witness many

violations on the lake. Either most boaters (and many are rental boaters) are ignorant of the safety rules of the lake or they simply choose to ignore them. We are aware that Water Patrol has limited resources to adequately monitor the lake. We would ask that all businesses who rent boats advise their clients about the rules and regulations of responsible boating. We would like to have greater flexibility in adding additional 'no wake' buoys and the placement of such, relative to either the shoreline or floating docks. Wakeboarding has become a

popular water sport. The 'wake' that the boat throws damages the shoreline and also has caused damage to boat docks. We spend a good deal of money every year, repairing the docks because of the waves created by many boaters. There is a need for a greater number of 'no wake' buoys in cove areas where either the cove is narrow or has several boat docks within. There is also a need to have permission for a 'no wake' buoy to be placed farther out into the water. Since most

boaters drive right up to the buoys, and many times skiers will even go inside the buoys, the current distance provided for placement of the buoy does little to protect the shoreline or the boat dock.

These concerns and comments are shared by six families who own separate parcels of property along the lake. We appreciate your invitation to share our concerns with you.

Thank you,

**Coburn, Dana O SWL**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 7:28 PM  
**To:** CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL  
**Subject:** Table Rock Lake Master Plan assessment  
**Attachments:** Scan0007.pdf

## Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Little Rock District

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.

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FULL POOL, PEACEFUL & RELAXING.

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PEACEFUL, CLEAN WATERS, FAMILY RECREATION

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? MORE WATER PATROL TO  
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From: [REDACTED]  
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To: CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL  
Subject: Table Rock Lake Master Plan

### 1. How would I like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?

I would like to see the lake continue much in the same manner it has in the past 50 years. I would like managed growth, positive managed development and a continued focus on flood control, power generation and maybe more consideration for recreation. I believe community docks and remote service docks along with marinas are serving the public very well. Private docks don't need to be expanded so as to protect our beautiful shoreline. I think that was a great decision to convert to the community 20 stall dock program and to limit the size of those docks to slips under 30 feet.

Since the boom of the 1990's and the slowing of the economy I don't believe there will be a need for more marinas. Marinas are well spaced and seem to be holding there own. Continue to allow managed growth in concessionaire leased areas and if the public need increases perhaps allow expansion of lease areas to meet those needs. Additionally, allow for new community docks in zoned areas. Additional zoning for docks needs to be well planned but certainly in this economic climate we need to help maintain recreational opportunities or we will cripple the economy here.

### 2. What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Obviously clean water since Table Rock Lake is the lifeblood of the Tri-Lakes region as it relates to recreation and tourism. However, you must balance the economic factors as well as the environmental ones so we have a balance of each. Without tourism you will not have the resources to protect the lake. This is a situation where you scratch my back, I scratch your back. Honestly the money that has come into this region for environmental concerns has only been made possible because of the high importance of recreation in this region. If it weren't important it wouldn't get any attention or any money. That is a fact and if you discount the value of recreation then certainly we wouldn't need an updated Master Plan. If you stifle managed growth everyone suffers which is why I am adamantly opposed to the way this moratorium has been handled.

Three weeks of public notices before closing down the lake entirely on December 1st was ludicrous. You created a fire storm that didn't have to happen and now because the public doesn't know any better they are trying to push issues which have more to do with shoreline management than the master plan.

I also feel that economically you couldn't have picked a worse time to shut down the lake. The government is borrowing 46 cents for every dollar they are spending but yet you want the funds to complete a master plan and who knows when that funding will be available or how long the lake will be shut down as a result. The demand for more slips has declined in the last several years and yet everything needs to be shut down in order for GPS to be used to map the lake and mark the uses?

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

The lake is beautiful, this region is a great place to visit, an even better place to live and we love serving the people who come here to reconnect with their families and leave their hectic lives behind. I love the lake just the way it is but to stop growth is to become stagnant.



The one thing that can be done to improve the lake....the Corps needs to step into the real world and work with their concessionaire partners and look to the future with leaders from the regions and decide together what is good for the lake in the future. Your concessionaires have huge investments in their leased areas. We are not in favor of anything that is bad for the lake. We don't expand on the hope that they will come we build on a demand basis. To make a request very far into the future is nearly impossible. Our crystal ball isn't any better than yours. We might make a request knowing that the need may be 2 or more years in the future not necessarily now. The process is so lengthy we have to put it out there sooner rather than later in hopes to ever get it approved. Instead of acting like you are working against us work with us. Our goals are the same but at least with us you gain the common sense of what it is like to operate and live within your means. We do it every day!!!! Stop spending money that the government doesn't have to spend!

Additional comments:

The Corps has closed so many recreational areas on Table Rock Lake and other lakes as well, I can't imagine that any more need to be constructed. The Corps has spent millions on the recreational areas on Table Rock to now hand them over to the Ozarks Heritage Foundation. I think this was a wise decision because the corps always spent more then was ever taken in at every park they ever had here. It would be foolish for the government or the Corps to spend more millions constructing more recreation facilities to just hand them off someday. Your fee structures are obsolete, you are forced to pay prevailing wage even in an area where the work can be done more reasonably. Over \$800 a sq ft is outrageous for a bathroom or shower house. The Corps should not be competing against small businesses anymore than the State should.

Take care of the assets you have the investments you have already made on the shores and in the water of Table Rock Lake. If more parks are ever needed in the future let private enterprise or the foundation put them in. You need to be better stewards of tax payer money.

Sincerely

## Coburn, Dana O SWL

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From: [REDACTED]  
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To: CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL  
Subject: Master Plan

Master Plan Table Rock  
What one improvement should be done?

Better management of water storage

This translates into keeping the lake level within certain parameters using criteria relating to watershed precipitation.

A formula would be established whereby water discharge/usage (for power or drinking water) would be based not only on storage levels but long-range forecasts. It is irresponsible for a U.S. Government entity to totally ignore heavy rain or drought forecasts issued by another Government agency. Somehow limit the change of lake level by no more than ten feet during any 12 month period. This would be a goal for the Corps to adopt, thinking outside the box. Obviously one can not predict rainfall and there are several scenarios when the lake would be down 20 feet, you would want to allow a 20 foot increase. But in the reverse, when the lake is ten feet down, take steps to keep it falling by no more than an additional ten feet during the next 12 months. If your response is: Congress will have to change our mission. Then so be it. Lake users should be your customers and ask us annually what kind of a job you are doing. And yes other entities who "own certain amounts of lake water" should also weigh in on what action to take.

What could be done to improve the lake? Base water usage/discharge management, keeping the level more consistent without wild swings in elevation.

While water quality is an issue, it is outside the jurisdiction of the Corps in most cases.

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2012 9:19 PM  
To: CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL  
Subject: Master Plan Revision Email Address

My wife and I are raising our family "on the lake" in the Shell Knob area and have lived here for eleven years. We both work away from the lake area and do not have a vested interest in any commercial activities related to Table Rock.

We would like to see a slight increase in the utilization of high density recreational areas as some of these parks have been idled in the recent past. The camping areas and parks are in beautiful settings, but road access to many of these in our area were probably not known to potential tourists. Some of the under-utilized areas could be opened up to restricted commercial development.

We feel that it is important to continue allowing most of the lake to be designated for multiple resource management and keeping environmental sensitive areas to a minimum. It is a man made lake after all, so the ecosystem has already been significantly altered. Vegetative management should be allowed to continue with reasonable restrictions. Almost everyone loves the natural look of our shoreline and it should be kept that way.

We do feel that private dock access has been a little too restrictive at times. The private owners that border government property in our area are mostly elderly and/or handicapped and the terrain is challenging in many areas, so we would like to see more allowances for easy dock access (pathways, stairs, walkways, motorized access, etc...). We think that it would be reasonable to have a slip size restriction on new private floating facilities (30' ?). Larger boats can be kept at marinas. The required minimum distance between private docks should be kept as is or increased for new facilities. The current level of shoreline zoning for private docks is adequate in our area of the lake.

Restrictions to water surface usage should be kept to a minimum with almost all areas designated open recreation. The shoreline is obviously rocky (and not "natural" to begin with) and I have seen little evidence of damage from boat wakes. In my opinion, far more shoreline damage (mainly vegetative) is caused by lake level changes than other factors.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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## Coburn, Dana O SWL

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**From:** Coburn, Dana O SWL  
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2012 9:35 AM  
**To:** CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL  
**Subject:** FW: Master Plan Request (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Attachments:** Dana Coburn letter 12.13.12.pdf; BCL 5 year plan.pdf

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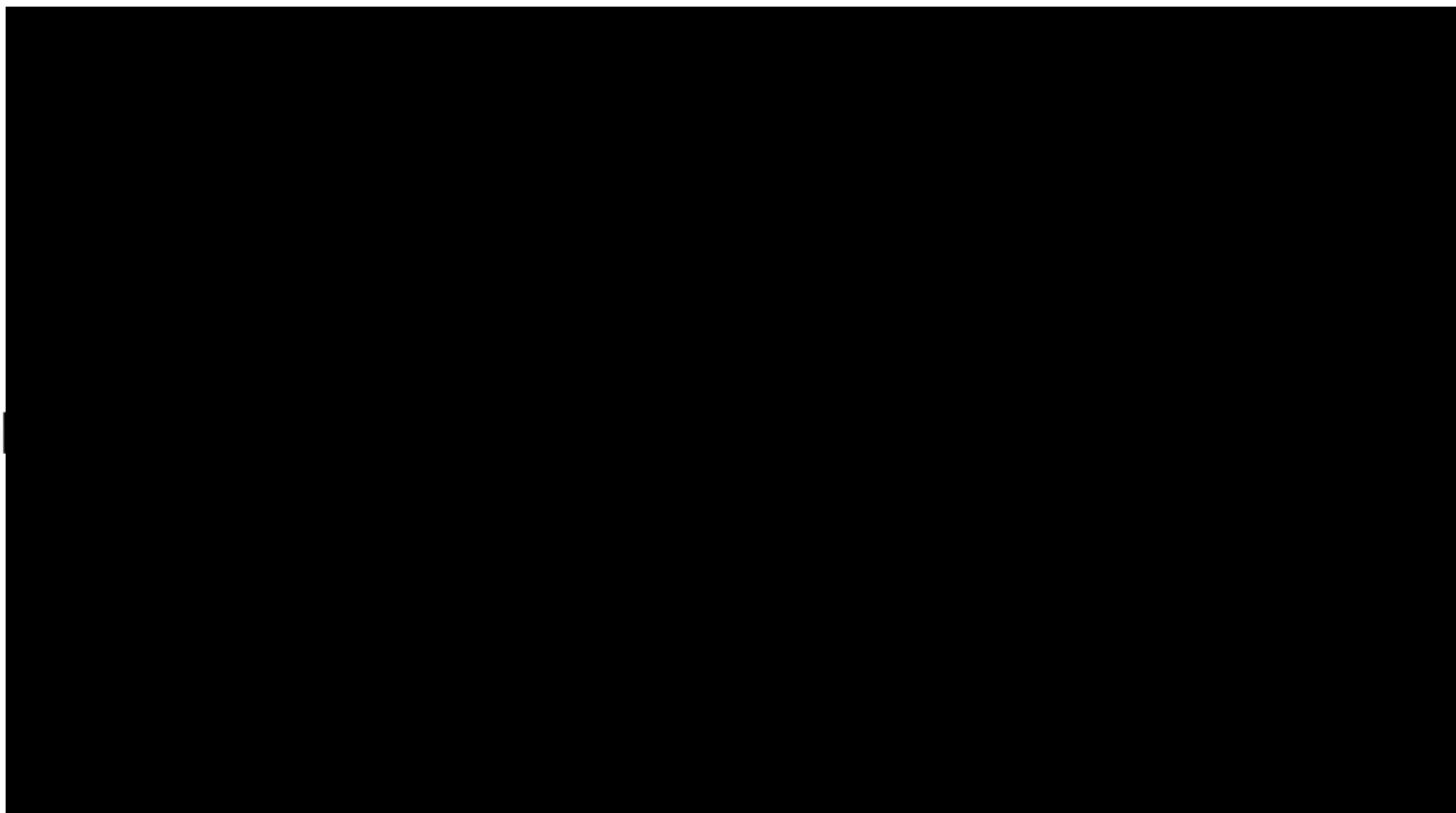
**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 13, 2012 4:58 PM  
**To:** Coburn, Dana O SWL  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Master Plan Request

Hello Dana,

Attached, please find the signed letter and 5 year plan as discussed with Martin MacDonald. The originals will be sent FedEx overnight to you. If you need anything further, please let me know. Thank you very much for your help.

Regards,

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December 13, 2012

Ms. Dana Coburn  
Chief, Environmental Branch  
Planning and Environment  
USACE Little Rock District  
PO Box 867  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Ms. Coburn,

Thank you for your leadership in regards to the Table Rock Lake Master Planning process and for the opportunity to provide feedback related to the mission of the Master Plan.

I wanted to relate to you that from the perspective of Bass Pro Shops, Tracker Marine and Big Cedar Lodge, we feel strongly that with changes in the use patterns, population density, and development around the lake that the current land classification categories need to be reevaluated and subsequently reclassified.

The Bass Pro Shop's Table Rock Lake properties of Big Cedar Lodge, Top of the Rock, Dogwood Canyon and the new Outdoor Academy are all designated as low density yet Big Cedar Lodge and Dogwood Canyon host thousands of guests from around the world each year. The reopening of the greatly expanded Top of the Rock complex, which will house restaurants, a world class natural history museum, golf courses, a destination cave and a unique public garden, will draw thousands of new tourists and visitors as will the new Outdoor Academy which is under construction. The Outdoor Academy has a mission to expose guests from all walks of life to the great outdoors, teach them outdoor skills and connect them to the land much like Aldo Leopold did decades ago. Major work will also be done at Dogwood Canyon that will continue to draw additional visitors to Table Rock Lake.



The current facilities, and the ones under construction, will create a world class nature/outdoor based tourist destination second to none in the United States and will have a significant economic impact on the Ozark Mountains and Table Rock Lake. This complex of facilities, which are geographically close to one another, will be a location where we can carry out a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities which align with the vision of the Corps of Engineers National Recreational Plan. These facilities will be locations to carry out the programs we develop under the joint partnership memorandum between Bass Pro Shops and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

We would like to respectfully request that in the new Master Plan, the public properties that we own be designated as high density recreation use. As you can see from the land classifications that we have provided for you on the above properties, they are all mostly low density recreation use. Specifically, these properties are Big Cedar Lodge, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor Academy, Bass Pro Shops Long Creek Marina, Wilderness Camping Area, Thunderhead Point, Paradise Point and The Cliffs at Long Creek.

We are working with the Corp of Engineers on our own master plan. Enclosed is a copy that was officially submitted a few months ago. The plan has undergone slight changes. We would love the opportunity to make a special presentation on our master plan to your Project Delivery team. The true impact of our current development on Table Rock Lake will be the great synergy of all of these facilities and the recreational impact it will bring to Table Rock Lake.

In a review of the land classification categories, we are fairly certain that high density recreation would be the land classification category that best fits the breadth and scope of these facilities/properties. We are somewhat puzzled that private boat docks are not allowed to be a part of this classification. However, we could be misinterpreting the land classification wording. We eagerly look forward to working with you on reclassification. Perhaps the

wording in the classifications can be reexamined and changes and/or additions to land classifications can be made.

Dana, best wishes as your team works through the master planning process. Please let us know if we can help you with facilities as you get to focus group stages and other community meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond on the master plan.

Sincerely,



May 4, 2010



US Army Corp of Engineers  
Table Rock Lake  
4600 State Highway 165  
Branson, MO 65616



As you are aware, we are in the process of developing a long-range conceptual plan for Big Cedar Lodge, Big Cedar Wilderness Club and some adjacent Table Rock Lake properties that will improve the recreational opportunities and services for our guests and destination visitors.

This letter outlines the basic components of the plan with a short explanation of each project that we would like to implement. This conceptual plan is an accumulation of research, staff "brainstorm time", but most of all it is the voice of our guests as they give us feedback from customer cards, telephone feedback and personal visits with us.

Please also know that we want to work cooperatively with you on these projects. As you look at this master list of projects, you might find some of this would be a great partnership together. Whether we partner with any of these outlined projects...we do want to work with you to showcase this amazing part of the world...and to give our guests a world class experience on this amazing lake we call Table Rock.

We hope these projects can be done under the umbrella of the resort lease, but do stand ready to pursue the concessionaire lease should we all agree that this is an important next step.

We will be ready in 60 days to give you drawings that are more detailed and further information for our master plans. We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

The next few pages of this letter are divided into two sections. SECTION I is our most immediate priority list of projects and those that would fall into the short-range category.

SECTION II is our conceptual plan for the future.

We will be designing the specific elements for these projects soon. In regards to the long-range efforts, we would like to get some feedback from your team.

## **SECTION I**

### **Big Cedar Lodge**

#### ***Retail Sales at the Marina***

Our number one request for your consideration is to create the opportunity under our current lease contract to sell to the general public at Bent Hook Marina.

Our biggest public relations problem is refusing to sell gasoline, oil, groceries, outdoor gear or other amenities to the general public who are visiting Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge and affiliated facilities. The current policy is very confusing to our guests and to the general public. The inability to serve the general public is a serious matter for us. This issue is where the majority of our complaints come from and can be an issue on any given day.

Big Cedar Lodge Resort has become a destination for people all over the lake. We host many events at the resort, which draw a destination crowd. Destination type events include our Independence Day Fire Works extravaganza, many festivals and other events, and the daily visits to our restaurants.

We feel the lake travel patterns have radically changed since the origin of our original lease. Significantly more boat traffic is coming into Big Cedar Cove.

The Big Cedar Resort is a destination location. We feel that this destination status is not competing with other marinas in the area, as it brings them potential customers not only for amenities, but for lodging as well.

We would also like to stress that our location offers the general public another benefit not available from all nearby marina's, which is the year round service that we provide on the water. Guest and the general public can count on our facility to be open.

### ***Big Cedar Lodge Cruise Boats***

We would like to expand our cruise boat fleet from one to three boats. We envision these tour boats to have food and beverage offerings and be of a very unique and historic design. The new cruise boats would show case for our passengers the wildlife and water features of Table Rock Lake and the rich heritage of the area. We would plan a cruise to the new US Army Corp of Engineers Dewey Short Visitor's Center. This cruise would include a program related to the history and impact of reservoirs and a fish and wildlife component with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

We would offer a variety of cruise packages that would vary by the season and by program offerings. We would also look at a longer cruise to Dogwood Canyon that would return passengers to Big Cedar by Van. We do need to clarify if we need additional permits for the two additional cruise boats.

### ***Swim Beach***

Our Guests have been requesting a swim beach for many years. We would like to pursue this option in the near future. The Long-Range Planning Team has identified the space between the launch ramps as the ideal location. To create a very unique opportunity for our Big Cedar guests we would like to locate a mobile AirStream Camper next to the swim beach to serve refreshments.

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### **Big Cedar Wilderness Club**

Attached with this letter is our site-map of our long-range amenity plan for the wilderness club guests. The plan is to create a very special outdoor recreational playground for our guests that will connect them to the shoreline and to the water and will set the stage for some nature/conservation messages at the outdoor amphitheater. The plan locates the outdoor recreational facilities, which are designated to be:

- 1) An educational kiosk focusing on Water Quality, The Table Rock Lake Fish Habitat initiative, The More Fish Campaign, The history of Table Rock Lake and Conservation messages from groups like the James River Basin Partnership. (N)
- 2) Outdoor Fire Pit and Amphitheater (I)
- 3) Swim Deck and lifeguard tower (L)
- 4) Restrooms (H)
- 5) Swimming Area (M)
- 6) Beach Volleyball (O)
- 7) Sand Beach (k)
- 8) Additional Docks for kayak, canoes and paddleboats (K)

### ***A Boat Dock and Launch Ramp at Outdoor Academy Property***

A boat dock and launch ramp area to access The Outdoor Academy Sporting activities from the water. As well as for guests staying on the property “to get to the water” to engage in activities like Waterfowl hunting. (The details to The Outdoor Academy Area are spelled out in Section II).

## **SECTION II**

(Long-Range Conceptual plans)

### ***Recreational Vehicle and Wilderness Camping Area***

The goal for this facility is to be a “state of the art” green environmental friendly model for a Green Recreational Vehicle Park and Wilderness Camping Area. The campground design would focus on green and sustainable elements such as waste management, water conservation, RV pad design, and energy conservation.

We envision the conservation elements of this property to be a collaboration of Audubon International (Top of the Rock is an Audubon Signature golf course), The upper White River Basin Foundation, The James River Basin Partnership, The Missouri Department of Conservation, The Department of Natural Resources and Friends of Table Rock Lake.

The outdoor recreation facilities needed to accommodate the off road Camping and Recreational Vehicle guests would be as follows:

1) To establish a “state of the art” Green Boat Dock at the property. The green elements of the boat dock would include construction with recycled materials, the use of solar, posted “best practices” for boat owners for cleaning boats, energy conservation and the establishment of some unique fish habitat structures at the dock site.

We request a maximum slip boat dock permitted under the shoreline management plan for launching and storing the trailered boats while they are in residence and for dock fishing.

2) A swim beach area and adjacent shoreline outdoor recreation area that would accommodate volleyball, horseshoes and other outdoor recreational games.

3) Nature Trails along the shore and in the interior of the property to showcase the ecology of the shore, the glade and the Oak-Hickory climax forest and the plants and wildlife that live in each system. We would like to work at creating a very extensive Fish Habitat area at this property. As well as working with you on a vegetative management plan, that would allow us to take shoreline trees that have died and other trees to create fish habitat.

We would also want to cut the grasses and low growing plants and brush that have grown in this area as we would like this to return to an open recreation area which is designated in our vegetation management plan that we want to review with you.

### **Dogwood Canyon Nature Park**

#### ***Courtesy Docks at Cow Creek***

The docks at Cow Creek would be used to load and unload passengers on the Big Cedar Lodge/Wilderness Club Wildlife and Water Tour Cruise Boat for a Dogwood Canyon Adventure Experience plus docking space for recreational boaters to experience Dogwood Canyon Nature Park by water. The courtesy dock we need to accommodate a wide variety of boat sizes. The Wildlife and Water Tour cruise boat would focus on showcasing the Wildlife, Water, History, Conservation and the Lore of the Ozarks and Table Rock Lake and would radiate from Big Cedar Cove. The boat is described in more detail later in this document.

#### ***Boat Dock at Cow Creek***

We are requesting a **Boat Dock** with the maximum number of slips allowed under the Shoreline Management Plan adjacent to the courtesy docks. The *Boat Dock* would give the opportunity to Dogwood Canyon guests to not only enjoy an outdoor recreational experience at the Canyon and Dogwood Creek, but to also, enjoy water-based recreation at the lake. The *Boat Dock* would also be used as a launch for Kayak and Canoe wildlife and recreation excursions.

### **Paradise Point**

Paradise Point is a newly acquired property that will be included in our long-range conceptual plan. We are requesting a review of the current lease to understand the access and recreational allowances for this property. We also wish to discuss, recreational user needs in this area and the property designations in your shoreline map of this area. We would request a ranger visit to understand the full recreational use of this property.



### Thunderhead

Boaters and Anglers that have entered Big Cedar Cove, for years have requested a casual place to eat in a relaxing setting with a full view of the lake. We would like to honor their wishes by proposing a very uniquely designed rustic wilderness/Ozark Mountain designed *floating casual restaurant* with snack shack/ burgers/ hot dog and taco bar for Big Cedar Lodge guests and the general public. This would be a great place to tell the story of fresh water reservoirs, the lore of Devils Pools and interesting facts about the history of the Big Cedar Lodge Property. ...including the first conservationists on site...the Osage Indians.

We would also propose at this location a *Thunderhead Dock expansion* to incorporate more Rental Boats and courtesy positions for guests and Table Rock lake Fishing Guides.

We also want to enhance the fishing and recreational offerings at this property by adding a fish cleaning station, creating picnic areas and open shelters (None with plumbing or electricity) and open lawn recreational space for fire pits, volleyball and outdoor games.

As this property is a significant visual point at the mouth of Big Cedar Cove, we would like to establish a vegetation plan for the shore to include native flora and fauna that have an Ozark beauty to them. We would look at Dogwoods, redbuds and wildflowers in open spaces, but also look for plants at the shoreline that would enhance fish habitat and would survive water fluctuation.

We think this area would also be a great location for an outdoor interpretive trail that would connect to Devils Pool Bridge. This would be a great place to tell the story of fresh water reservoirs and the lore of Devils Pool.

### The Outdoor Academy Area

There will be different outdoor sporting elements in The Outdoor Academy Area including the *Bass Pro Shops/Red Head World Class shooting Arms Sporting Center, and Lodge*. This firearms facility will offer hands on shooting activities and promote the sport of shooting. The facility will offer shooting opportunities, host shooting clubs, and provide a venue for

promoting shooting sports and shooting safety. Shooting sports activities would include outdoor trap, skeet, sporting clays, archery and a general firing range. Field trails would also be held for bird hunting, dog training and upland game shooting and would include field activities of sporting clays, skeet and trap and archery.

The Outdoor Academy Area will inspire an outdoor, conservation and shooting sports ethic to the visiting guests. These conservation practices would be a high priority and would include the use of biodegradable clay targets and shot shells utilizing non-toxic materials, including steel, bismuth, and tungsten.

Facilities to enhance the Sporting Arms Center would be as follows:

- 1) An interpretive trail designed to showcase the plants and wildlife of the area and strong conservation messages from outdoor legends like Teddy Roosevelt and John James Audubon.
- 2) An ATV trail with an educational message of safety and stewardship of the terrain.
- 3) A boat dock and launch ramp area to access the Outdoor Academy from the water and for lodge guests to get on the water to engage in outdoor activities like waterfowl hunting.
- 4) Fire pit and storytelling areas using the natural grade of this property.
- 5) Very significant wild flower gardens.

Jim, the above project list is our Conceptual Plan for the Bass Pro Shops/Big Cedar lodge properties. I do want to relate a couple of items in closing.

Table Rock lake is a public facility and we believe that Big Cedar Lodge and Bass Pro Shops with our investment in Better Fishing, Clean Water and Green initiatives match the outdoor recreational interests of the US Army Corp of Engineers. We want to work closely with you to make sure we have as a core value in all of the properties a conservation component and opportunities for our guests to learn conservation principles and to be good stewards of our lakes, streams, watersheds and forests. We will also be

teaching them the great opportunities of the outdoors to participate in boating, fishing, hunting and watchable wildlife. We will want to radiate some of the messages in our properties that you will be focused on in your new visitor's center. We also want to make sure these projects are grounded in sustainability as we build the structures...and of course, we want to get them to experience the majestic beauty of the Ozark Mountains.

Thanks for the Great Leadership that your team provides to Table Rock Lake. We look forward to working with you on this plan.



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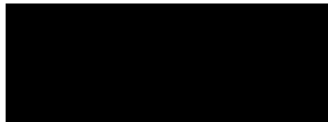
Enclosure

**Coburn, Dana O SWL**

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**Subject:** Table Rock Lake Master Plan Comments  
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attached is the comment card from Schooner Bay Landing Condominium Association in Kimberling City.





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

Water quality would be better than it is today due to improved sewage treatment in Springfield and communities and private residents along the lakeshore. Point source soil erosion is controlled at unpaved roads leading to resorts, parking areas and boat launches along the lakeshore by requiring gravel, outlet ditching, rolling dips and riprap within the corp take area. Partnerships with communities such as Kimberling City, create Pedestrian/bicycle friendly development along lakeshore.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Clean, clear water.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Reduce point source soil erosion pollution by requiring unpaved roads/parking lots/boat launches next to the lake to be graveled, outlet ditching, rolling dips and riprap

Additional comments or issues to be studied:

Resort/commercial permittees and residential permittees have different rules for lake shore vegetation management. We would like for the rules to be the same for vegetation management, regardless of the type of permit.

There are some docks that are obviously not used/abandoned. These should be dismantled and removed from the lake.

**Coburn, Dana O SWL**

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 12:52 PM  
To: CESWL-TR Master Plan SWL  
Subject: TRLMP Revision and Environmental Assessment

Attn: Dana Coburn  
Chief  
Environmental Branch  
Planning and Environmental  
USACE  
Little Rock District  
P O Box 867  
Little Rock AR 72203

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

Still generating power.  
Good fishing.  
Boating.  
Swimming ok.  
Better access to restaurants on lake via boat (need boat dock parking).

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Recreation such as boating and fishing as well as the power generation.

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake?  
Manage poultry litter better. (mainly from Arkansas)

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

Reduce storm water run off with more "check dams" in streams feeding into the lake.  
Fix additional failing septic tanks.  
Eliminate Marina Buffer Zones.  
Allow more 12-20 stall docks.  
Charge more for the Corps five year inspection on dock renewal permit so that Corps is not losing money.  
Do not allow for water from Table Rock Lake to be pumped to other Cities and States.  
Table Rock Lake is a driving factor for the Economy in the Branson area. Many people move here because of the lake.

Thank you for allowing us to comment.

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Attn: Dana Coburn

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:

[REDACTED]

We sincerely appreciate you reviewing our statements.

Please reply confirming this emailed has been received.

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]

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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 "rewrite."

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

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

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

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: Table Rock Lake is the "jewel" of the Ozarks and should be maintained in pristine for generations to enjoy. Equally important is to use a common sense approach 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 1992-1993 levels as it has silted in due to water flowing from both ends. Permitting should not be shut down

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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:

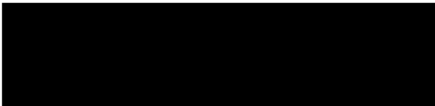

Dear Planning & Environmental Division:

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?

A clean lake for everyone to enjoy -  
including dock development & lake access.

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Clean water & economic growth -

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

Improve Septic Systems near the lake

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

We need to ensure that the lake is  
maintained so that it can be enjoyed many  
years to come. We need to also allow the  
lake to benefit the local area financially -  
as many local businesses depend on it  
to survive.  
Also flood water should be released sooner to  
prevent downstream destruction.

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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 & 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.

Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied: THE LAKE IS MEANT TO BE ENJOYED, AND ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS WILL STATE 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 a clear, clean water that can be enjoyed by future generations.

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

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? Monitor 'cell septic systems.

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

I am a native of this area; use to float the White River gig suckers at night, and watched Table Rock being built. I'm proud of Table Rock Lake and the Dravos area. We must keep it clean & beautiful. We need to do a better job of releasing water downstream in case of high water. To save downstream vegetation.

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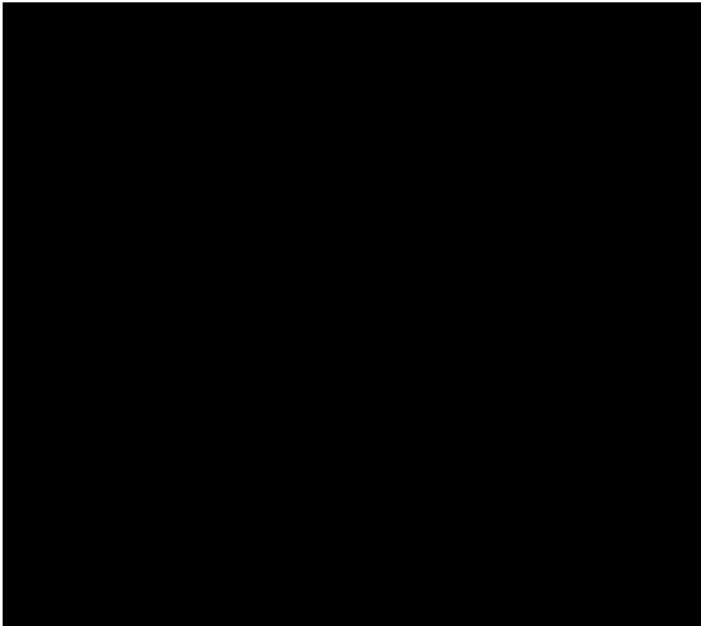
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Ms. Coburn,

Attached are the Department of Conservations comments that were requested at the Public Meeting on November 28, 2012 regarding the Table Rock Lake Master Plan revision. A hard copy will follow for you, this is the only copy others will receive unless you request a hard copy.

Please let me know if you have any questions,



**Coburn, Dana O SWL**

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Please accept the attached letter offering my input for the Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment.

Thank you.

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Re: Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment.

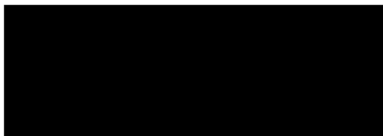
I would like to offer some input regarding the Master Plan for Table Rock Lake and, eventually, the Shoreline Management Plan. My full-time home is a lakefront property in the Lampe/Baxter area. I enjoy the use of Table Rock Lake on a daily basis, and I very much care about the future of the lake, which I strongly believe is dependent upon the lake's water quality.

First, I'd like to offer some relevant points, which follow.

- In March of 2012, Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, said the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be one of many partners developing a national water trail system as part of the America's Great Outdoor Initiative . She stated, "The Corps will actively participate, working with many local partners, to connect people to the water resources..... The National Water Trails System will recognize and promote local efforts at a national level."
- The number one concern of citizens about Table Rock Lake's future seems to be related to water quality.
- The lake's water quality is the result of activities, primarily human, in and surrounding the lake and the rivers within its watershed.
- Most all of the negative forces resulting from those activities can be mitigated given sufficient stewardship effort and investment by the visitors, residents, businesses and municipalities within the watershed.
- Since Table Rock Lake is not currently utilized as a source of public drinking water, the public's support for those efforts is largely dependent upon their perception of the lake as a quality recreational community resource.
- Table Rock Lake is primarily perceived to be dominated by motorboat users, along with some use by swimmers not related to motorboat activity.
- Paddling, including kayak, canoe, and paddleboard paddling, is one of the very fastest growing outdoor recreational activities in America, as is non-motorized watercraft related fishing.
- Table Rock Lake is not to any significant degree perceived to be paddler friendly. In fact, many area paddlers perceive Table Rock Lake to be generally unfriendly to paddlers, with most public access areas being dominated by motorboats.
- Paddlers, perhaps even moreso than other user groups, are typically dedicated to water quality stewardship efforts.

With those points in mind, my input to the updating of the Master Plan for Table Rock Lake is that considerably more effort be made by USACE to accomodate paddlers, thereby increasing the lake's use and enjoyment by that rapidly growing user group, in addition to current user groups.

Respectfully submitted,



**Coburn, Dana O SWL**

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**Question # 1: How would you like to see Table Rock Lake in 20 years?**

I would like to see the lake as a model of a vibrant economic engine for the region, having said that, the lake itself will not look vastly different than today. The foreseeable/plannable for the future will hold a slow growth in the lake visitations and activities. The pressures that were at the door steps "prerecession" have subsided. The economy and even the boating public's tendencies have changed dramatically. Vacations are shorter, gasoline prices will continue to limit running time causing people to float or anchor up instead of moving all over the lake but if we don't move forward and press for opportunities to improve and expand the recreation capabilities of the lake we have wasted that use as a resource for the region.

**Question #2: What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?**

The availability and diversity of recreation with an assortment of recreational opportunities on the water as well as on the shores of Table Rock Lake. It's heartwarming to fly over the lake and visualize all the people with families and friends enjoying all the varieties of activities. It's inspiring to see businesses and their employees working as hard as they can to see that those people have the most enjoyable time possible. This "Revision" needs to nurture further this theme to better allow the public to experience all we have to offer. If the public did not like what they were experiencing here there are many opportunities for them to go elsewhere or do other things but of course they do not, and that tells us they enjoy what we have to offer here. As with most human beings they want just a little more so this "Revision" needs to improve the conditions for growth of recreation and the tourism industry in the region so they may supply that diversity of opportunities.

**Question #3: What is the one thing that could be done to improve the lake?**

Utilize the lake as the economic resource it is. The lake is the economic engine of this region like corn is to regions in Illinois & Iowa. Its renewable but must be monitored, managed and utilized. Corn allows us to do many different things with it from food to energy to products used in medical fields. That one resource has many different and important uses. So does the lake. This resource allows us to produce power, control floods, provide drinking water and be the economic engine of this region. Flood control and power generation and drinking water (to a lesser degree) have major structures, policies and allocations that allow and cultivate those uses of the resource. Recreation in all its forms on the lake need to be at a higher consideration in the new master plan. The Corps of Engineers needs to work with local business stakeholders and develop guidelines, to improve the recreation and thus the economics of the area and have that be a larger player in the Mission of the Master Plan.

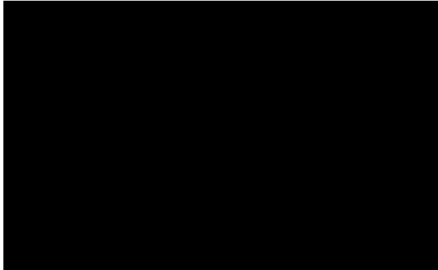
**Additional comments on the Master Plan Revision or about issues that should be studied:**

Let me start by saying I did not include water quality in any points to the 3 "Posed" questions put before us. It seems senseless since existing laws, science, initiatives, programs; common sense and enforcement surrounding water quality will guide and shape all potential uses of the resource. If anyone is so naïve that they don't believe that water quality is interlaced to all proposals or answers in the preceding questionnaire they have not thought deep enough or studied the dynamics and thus wasted the opportunity to address and improve the plan to optimize the resource. Also Table Rock Lake will "Never" even closely resemble Lake of the Ozarks due to the policies, management and even location. Those who would attempt to describe Table Rock as being or becoming close to Lake of the Ozarks have not seen the data nor experienced the true differences or understand the dynamics of that lake. While the Shoreline Management Plan itself is not part of the process the essence of it is. As part of the Master Plan provisions and policies must be developed to require the Shoreline Management Plan. Campgrounds must be set up to be self-funding and self-supportive.

Coburn, Dana O SWL

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IN 20 YRS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE TABLE ROCK LAKE WITH CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN SHORELINES

IMPORTANT? I LIKE TO FISH, BOAT AND SWIM IN THE LAKE BUT AS I GET OLDER MY MOST COMMON ACTIVITY IS WALKING NEAR THE WATER, GETTING MY EXERCISE WHILE I ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW.

ONE THING TO IMPROVE THE LAKE.? INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO KEEP POLLUTION FROM SPOILING THE WATER QUALITY OF OUR LAKE.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS....THE CORPS DOES NOT HAVE THE FINANCES OR THE MANPOWER TO CLEAN UP THE MESSSES LEFT BY THE RECENT DAMAGE CAUSED BY ICE STORMS, WIND STORMS AND TORNADOES. YET THEY PENALIZE HOMEOWNERS AND CONDO ASSOCIATIONS IF THEY CUT DOWN A TREE WITHOUT PERMISSION. STILL THEY ALLOW OWNERS OF RV RESORTS AND HOTELS, ETC. TO TREAT THE CORPS PROPERTY AS THEIR OWN. I'D LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED PICNIC AREAS FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY BUT I DON'T LIKE THE FAVORITISM SHOWN BY THE CORPS.

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

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

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

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

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In 20 years I would like to see that Table Rock Lake has sustained steady growth in lake area visitors, recreational activities, and increased lodging facilities surrounding the lake shores so that everyone can enjoy all that the lake has to offer.

Enjoying a clean lake with my friends and family that either live here or come to visit is very important to me as well as having the option to own a boat slip. Slip ownership encourages people to take ownership of the lake because of the vested interest as a lake home owner, slip owner, and boater. This has a positive impact on the cleanliness of our lake.

Reallocation and zoning of Table Rock Lake will improve the lake environment as well as provide a positive economic impact on the residential community. I feel the Corp needs to open new or unused recreational areas that are currently closed or unused and partner with organizations or companies capable of maintaining and operating these facilities efficiently and environmentally friendly.

The topography of most of the land surrounding the lake has changed minimally since 1975. What has changed is the fact that the topography is no longer a challenge due to the availability of our current resources, knowledge, and equipment capable of building structures on this land. If we can no longer control growth with the topography, we need to research opportunities that will require people to build into the land and environment. Natural colored siding, docks with colored tin, rain gardens, and using recycled materials that are environmentally friendly would allow growth while controlling the visual affects around the lake environment.

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December 11, 2012

RE: Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment Comments

Dana,

I really appreciate your returning my call last week. When I discovered the web site address in all of the meeting notices wouldn't work, I knew your people would be hurrying around to get a revised address and then try to get the word out to the thousands of people who may want to visit that site before sending in their comments. I gave the new address to a few hundred of our property owners in my monthly newsletter so maybe that helped.

I have talked to several people and their feelings are mostly the same as the ones expressed at the public meetings. They say they just want "clean water and a pretty lake" with as few restrictions as possible. Obviously "clean" and "pretty" mean different things to different people. That is understandable given the size of TRL and the big diversity of land use, i.e. from state and/or federal forest land to agricultural to residential (primary and second homes) to commercial.

First, I want to try to explain this situation as best I can. When the CORPS develops a Master Plan or revises one as in this case, I assume (and hope) such a plan is intended to not be cut in stone but rather be dynamic in nature, allowing for changes depending upon trends in actual and/or planned land use, the general economy and the several pockets of sub-economies. I'm not familiar with how the federal government does things but common sense would dictate such long range plans be developed the way cities do their 20-year Comprehensive Plans which are general guidelines subject to revision. I've helped develop such long-range comprehensive plans for cities from scratch and also helped to revise them and have chaired a city Planning and Zoning Committee and other related functions that dealt with operating within Comprehensive Plans and revising them as necessary. Given the conditions at and around TRL this seems the best approach for all concerned.

We were told for years that when Bull Shoals and TRL were first being planned in the '30's and '40's, the original priorities were only two...flood control and the generation and distribution of electrical power. In the November meeting I attended at the Chateau, the speaker listed two or three other priorities including water-oriented recreation but I believe if that priority exists today, it was added much later if at all. That really doesn't matter now because society has added water recreation to TRL due to the birth and growth of sport fishing, fishing boats and pleasure crafts so those uses must be recognized and dealt with to the satisfaction of all concerned. The new uses that affect TRL and the new uses that TRL affects include the growth in water recreation (boating, fishing and related water oriented activities), primary and second home development, tourism, transportation (new ground, rail and air access) and the increased mobility and leisure time desires of Americans. To complicate matters, the land use in the area encompassing TRL itself and the public and private land surrounding it is not only quite large but is also extremely diverse, making it impractical or impossible to control under a "one set of rules fits all" basis.

TRL, being typical of a lake in a chain of highland reservoirs, has, in its upper reaches, its "river" arms with mixed use including public forest land, agricultural land and scattered residential that may have grown into "lake communities" that support primary and secondary lake homes with relatively heavy fishing activity. Most of these areas are near a public marina/campground, many of which were wisely built shortly after the lake formed. These areas usually include services such as a gas station, convenience store, café, private and/or community docks, etc. Further down these river arms, areas such as Shell Knob and Lampe developed, partly due to state highways with bridges over the lake providing better access from the north and south. Shell Knob has attracted a number of primary and second home owners from Kansas, Oklahoma and other areas due to its highway access from the west and north and the fact that many retired people and vacationers prefer this "quiet" side of the lake. Further down, as the lake widens, at about the 12 mile marker, with good highway and bridge access from the north and south, the Kimberling City area has developed with primary and second homes, resorts, commercial and considerable marina/dock development accommodating many larger boats. This begins the "lower", more developed end of the lake which, together with Branson West, and Reeds Spring provides more commercial development and a K-12 school district making them more appropriate for younger working families with children. This brings us to the "Dam Area". This lower 12 miles of the lake has the most water recreation use. South from the dam, the first few miles of the Long Creek Arm, have commercial, marina and residential development along the easterly bank due to good access from Hgwy. 265. The south side of the lower lake has much less development due to having poorer road access and being farther from commercial and tourist areas.

The north side of the lake from the dam to Kimberling City has the most development on the lake due to proximity to the Springfield population, east - west road access and commercial services. Four miles west of the Branson theater/attraction district on highway 76, the Village of Indian Point is located on a TRL peninsula, at mile marker 3. It has a combination of resort, commercial and primary and second home development. With twenty eight resorts totaling over 1,000 rooms plus a Corps campground, six restaurants, three stores, two public marinas and private docks the

Village of 700 residents accommodates up to several thousand tourists daily. This makes it the largest resort area on the lake. Visitors staying at this area of the lake typically participate equally in both lake and Branson activities. Indian Point is adjacent to Silver Dollar City, an internationally acclaimed theme park with annual attendance over 2 million. It is just four miles west of the Branson theater and attraction district.

Branson, with a population over 10,000, is the largest city contiguous to the lake and is among the top 15 destination tourist areas in the U.S. The area has a full range of facilities and services including a major hospital (soon to be two), 52 theaters with over 100 live shows daily, over 20,000 guest rooms, 200 restaurants, shopping centers, a major convention center, two airports, 2 colleges, several high quality golf courses, and is contiguous to both TRL and Lake Taneycomo which offer water sports as well as both warm and cold water angling. Branson is the "driver" of the area's economic engine, attracting approximately 8 million visitors annually, providing thousands of diversified jobs for residents of both Missouri and Arkansas and producing an annual economy well over \$1½ Billion. The Branson/Lakes Area Convention And Visitors Bureau (CVB) coordinates an annual marketing budget exceeding \$8Million. Over a million dollars of that annual amount is used to directly market the beauty and water-oriented attributes of TRL using nation-wide TV, public relations, social media and other sources. In addition, the CVB works aggressively to attract and sponsor the highest level of professional fishing tournaments, wakeboarding, swimming and other water-oriented competitions to TRL. These activities also generate additional TV shows seen nationally several times each year which attracts even more lake visitors. The Branson/lake tourism business provides facilities and services for both residents and visitors that create a "quality of life" that far exceeds that which is normally found in such a low populated area. For all of these reasons, this area is also growing as a retirement destination. Two things make this area so desirable...its' unique blend of "neon and nature" and its people.


The Corps, being a part of the federal government, does suffer from a public relations standpoint. This was evident in the three public scoping meetings recently held. Just being a part of our federal government these days brings out animosity from many citizens. To some people, the Corps comes across as "we own the lake and we make all the rules". At the other extreme, many people feel "the people own the lake and the Corps works for us". I'm convinced this relationship could be greatly improved with compromise and better communication from both sides.

We each tend to focus on our own areas of responsibility so much that it's often hard to take time to see and understand the big picture. Whether we recognize it or not, this area is operating as a giant public-private partnership consisting of several key players and entities. The Corps is one of the important players in this partnership. Other equally important "partners" are the full and part time residents, those who attract visitors here, those who build and operate the facilities and services that people want and require, and all of us who provide the Ozark friendliness and hospitality that keep our visitors coming back.

I've been visiting and fishing the White River area since before Bull Shoals, Table Rock and Beaver were started so I've seen the development of the lakes and the shoreline use and the surrounding private and public property over a long period of time. I think both the Corps and the private sector have, on balance, done a great job of managing the growth in as orderly a manner as possible.

In summary, I can think of several things the Corps could consider doing that would not harm the lake but would create good will among the public. The following are examples. The master plan could be revised taking into account various "zones" of the lake as previously outlined above. These areas of varying use and intensity have developed over the life of the lake and seem to be what the people want. If the trends in each zone evolve to something different over the next several years, provide a way for that to happen. If the Corps has a problem with future private docks, allow for "community docks" and let them be located and accessed conveniently for those who will use them. Consider more access points to the lake so the public can more conveniently go to the lake without having to trespass through private property. If more launch ramps are needed in certain areas, build them. People do not feel it is right to have to pay a launch fee to use a ramp that was built and paid for 50 years ago. Some of the Corps' administrative procedures could be improved. For instance, there are apparently some inconsistencies regarding the \$4.00 daily boat launch fee. The Corps sign going into the public marina near our resort on Indian Point reads "Area Use Fee Required" "Day - Use Fee \$4.00" instead of "Boat Launch Fee \$4.00. Also, there is no information on the sign stating "seniors half price". We have sent our guests there to eat at the floating café or buy bait, etc. and many have turned around and come back thinking they had to pay \$4.00 just to go into the area to buy a can of worms. If an incorporated city on the lake wants to improve and maintain a small park on Corps property for residents and visitors to access the lake, they should be allowed to do so and required to maintain it to Corps standards. If a small increased minimum flow from TRL dam would greatly enhance the coldwater trout fishery in Taneycomo and such flow could be provided by simply raising the "normal" TRL level by two feet (which I was told would be the amount of water required to supply the minimum flow annually) thus not reducing any water supply for power generation, we should consider doing it. I was told the only things that might be hurt are a few Corps picnic tables. Volunteers would probably move or replace them. If a Corps area daily use fee is not required in one area such a fee should not be required in another similar area. The revised Master Plan should provide for a process of application, review and approval similar to a city's planning and zoning process and it shouldn't take an unreasonable time to process such requests. The Corps should be mindful that unexpected new policies and requirements such as the one-year moratorium can be very harmful to people and the economy. I don't know the particulars of this but to prevent dock construction for a year, without warning, could cost hundreds or thousands of jobs and cause employers, suppliers and developers to go out of business. That is harsh.

Well, there you are. I wanted to try to put this whole situation in prospective and show how a "partnership" of all concerned could lead to improvements and peace among all concerned. I fell in love with the White River area of the Ozarks the first time I saw it in the '40's and love it even more today. I have experience in some of the areas outlined above and would be more than willing to sit with you and help in any way I can to perpetuate the wonder and magic that is this corner of the Ozarks. Thank you.



## Table Rock Lake Master Plan Revision and Environmental Assessment



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Little Rock District

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

Like it is today. Not covered with  
boat docks and marina's.  
Clean water  
I'm selfish. No more visitors. (not really)  
but kind of!

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you?

Water Quality!! Clean and Clean  
Nitrogen in water from upstream runoff  
from fertilized pastures. Turning water  
green + mossy.

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

Consistent lake level would  
be so nice!!

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

Marina's extending too far out from  
shoreline.  
Kings River Marina takes up too much of  
channel when you include the no wake  
area.  
shoreline  
Mowing + Tree trimming should be altered  
within season. Case by case basis.

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, UNPOLLUTED WATER  
WITH GOOD ACCESS FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY THE LAKE + THE OZARK  
MOUNTAINS

THE DEMOCRATS + OBAMA HAVE ALREADY RUINED CONSTRUCTION, BANKING  
+ MORTGAGE INDUSTRIES --- PLEASE DON'T RUIN THE VALUE  
OF OUR PROPERTY TOO!!

What about Table Rock Lake is most important to you? HYDROELECTRIC POWER +  
BOATING / WATER SPORTS / TOURING THE LAKE WITH FRIENDS +  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

WE WANT TO ENJOY THE LAKE -- NOT FILL OUT A LOT OF RED TAPE PAPERWORK

What is one thing that could be done to improve the lake? ALLOW MORE BOAT DOCKS +  
ALLOW A NARROW 3-4 FOOT PATH TO BE CLEARED TO GET TO EACH  
PERSON'S DOCK.

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

TOO MUCH RED TAPE + TOO MANY REGULATIONS ALREADY!  
MAKE THE PERMITS EASIER TO OBTAIN. WE WANT TO PROVIDE  
EASY ACCESS TO OUR HOMEOWNERS + VACATIONERS TO WELL CONSTRUCTED  
BOAT DOCKS

THIS LAKE IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE USA. -- NOT THE BUREAUCRATS!  
OUR TAX DOLLARS PAY OUR EMPLOYEES -- YOU! -- THE CORPS EMPLOYEES --  
WORK FOR US -- SO WE SHOULD MAKE THE RULES NOT THE GOVERNMENT!  
WE DON'T WANT THE GOVERNMENT TO RUIN TABLE ROCK AREA REAL ESTATE.

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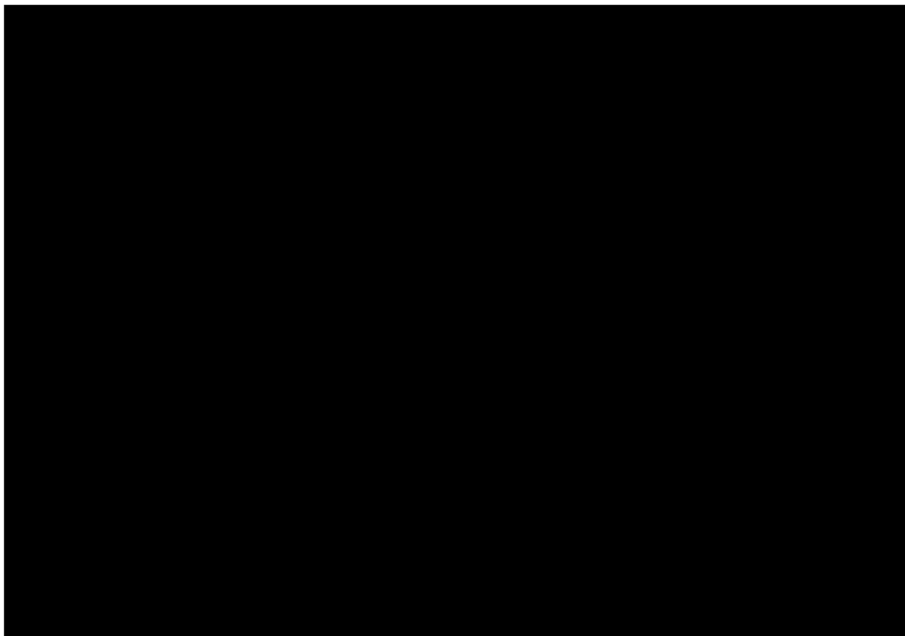
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Dana:

Please find attached comments regarding the master plan update from the Table Rock Lake Marina Association.

Thanks,





DECEMBER 14, 2012

MY NAME IS [REDACTED] I HAVE BEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE TABLE ROCK LAKE MARINA ASSOCIATION FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS. I AM IN MY NINTH YEAR OF MANAGING THE PORT OF KIMBERLING MARINA. MY FAMILY OWNS PORT OF KIMBERLING MARINA & RESORT, AND I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SOME ASPECT OF THE BUSINESS ALL OF MY LIFE. MY FAMILY AND I RESIDE IN A HOME ON THE LAKE. I WRITE THIS LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE MARINA OWNERS ASSOCIATION, THE MEMBERS OF WHICH, LIKE ME, ARE BOTH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ON TABLE ROCK LAKE. ALL OF US ARE ACUTELY AWARE OF OUR DEPENDENCE ON THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE LAKE FOR EVERYTHING FROM OUR HOME VALUES TO OUR SOURCE OF INCOME. WE AGREE THAT UPDATING THE MASTER PLAN IS A WORTHWHILE AND NECESSARY ENDEAVOR THAT WILL AID THE CORPS WITH THE DIFFICULT — BUT ESSENTIAL — DUTY OF DETERMINING THE FUTURE OF DEVELOPMENT ON AND AROUND TABLE ROCK LAKE. THE ASSOCIATION TRUSTS THAT THE CORPS WILL DRAFT THE NEW MASTER PLAN IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL BY BALANCING THE WELFARE OF THE LAKE WITH THAT OF THE LOCAL ECONOMY. WE WILL ALL BENEFIT FROM (1) PRESERVING TABLE ROCK LAKE'S WATER QUALITY THROUGH THE USE OF VEGETATIVE BUFFERS AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT, AND (2) FOSTERING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH IN TERMS OF LAND USE AND DENSITY ON THE WATER.

THE FACT THAT THE LAKE HOLDS SOME OF THE CLEANEST WATER IN THE MIDWEST IS THE PRIMARY REASON FOR THE GROWTH AND POPULARITY THE LAKE AREA HAS EXPERIENCED. MANY GROUPS HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO CLEAN UP ACTIVITIES ON THE LAKE: THE EPA IS REDUCING EMISSIONS ON THE WATER BY REQUIRING NEW MARINE ENGINES TO BE CATALYZED, THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS MOVED FROM METAL BARREL FLOATATION TO BEADED STYROFOAM AND FINALLY TO ENCAPSULATED FLOATATION FOR BOAT DOCKS, EVEN MARINAS HAVE RAISED THE BAR BY VOLUNTARILY CREATING A CLEAN MARINA PROGRAM. ALTHOUGH THESE EFFORTS ARE HELPFUL, THEY ULTIMATELY IMPACT WATER QUALITY FAR LESS THAN THE CHEMICALS USED ON LAWNS AND FARMS IN THE WATERSHED, IMPROPERLY MANAGED WASTE TREATMENT PLANTS AND

Baxter Boat Dock  
Big Cedar Lodge  
Big M Marina  
Campbell Point Marina  
Cape Fair Boat Dock  
Chateau on the Lake  
Cricket Creek Marina  
Eagle Rock Marina  
Gage's Long Creek  
Indian Point Marina  
Kings River Marina  
Port of Kimberling  
Table Rock Marina  
State Park Marina  
The Harbor



FAILED SEPTIC SYSTEMS ON THE SHORES OF TABLE ROCK AND RUNOFF FROM LAND UPSTREAM. THE ASSOCIATION ASKS THE CORPS TO INTEGRATE MECHANISMS IN NEW MASTER PLAN TO CLEAN UP THE WATERSHED AND CONTROL RUNOFF, FOR INSTANCE, SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GROUPS WHO CREATE NATURAL FILTERS TO CLEAN THE WATER ENTERING TABLE ROCK LAKE, AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO IDENTIFY AND REQUIRE THE USE OF ALTERNATIVES TO HARMFUL CHEMICALS FOR FARMING AND LAWN CARE IN WATERSHED AREAS.

RESPONSIBLY MANAGING DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAKE AREA GOES HAND-IN-HAND WITH PRESERVING WATER QUALITY AND PROMOTING SUSTAINED ECONOMIC SUCCESS FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE LAKE. IT SEEMS LOGICAL TO US THAT MARINAS BE ZONED AS HIGH DENSITY RECREATION AREAS, AND COMMUNITY DOCKS/PRIVATE DOCK AREAS SHOULD BE ZONED AS LOW DENSITY RECREATION AREAS. THE AREAS SURROUNDING EXISTING MARINAS AND PARKS WILL LIKELY PRESENT THE GREATEST CLASSIFICATION CHALLENGE. WHEN PRESENTED WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPROVE OR DENY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A PARTICULAR ZONE, THE ASSOCIATION ASKS THE CORPS TO CONSIDER CENTRALIZING COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE NEGATIVE ECOLOGICAL IMPACT OF USERS ON THE WATERWAY. MARINAS HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN, AND ARE REQUIRED BY OUR LEASES WITH THE CORPS, TO PROMOTE THE SAFE USE OF PROPERTY, PROVIDE SECURE ENVIRONMENTS, AND PROTECT BOTH PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH SUPERIOR MAINTENANCE OF FLOATING DOCKS AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES. MARINAS ARE, BY THE LAWS OF BUSINESS AND THE TERMS OF OUR LEASES, AGENTS OF RESPONSIBLE GROWTH. THE ASSOCIATION ASKS THAT THE CORPS UTILIZE EXISTING HIGH DENSITY RECREATION AREAS BEFORE PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AREAS BY EXPANDING EXISTING MARINAS TO CAPACITY WITHIN THEIR LEASED AREAS BEFORE DEVELOPING NEW MARINAS. FURTHERMORE, PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT OF DOCKS AROUND MARINAS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE LIMITED WITHIN THE MARINA BUFFER AREAS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COMMUNITY REMOTE SERVICE DOCKS. THIS LIMITATION PROTECTS AGAINST OVERDEVELOPMENT, WHILE REQUIRING THE SAME STANDARDS OF CARE AS EXPECTED OF MARINAS, WITHOUT FORCING RESIDENTS TO MOOR THEIR BOATS AT A MARINA. AGAIN, DEVELOPMENT CAN BE CONTROLLED WITH MINIMAL NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT OR THE ECONOMY BY UTILIZING CURRENT HIGH-DENSITY AREAS AND THE ALREADY-ESTABLISHED RULES AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE FOR MARINAS. COMBINE THESE FACTORS WITH THE BUSINESS-SENSE REALITY THAT MARINAS CANNOT EXPAND UNLESS THEY REASONABLY EXPECT TO RENT ALL OF THE SLIPS UPON CONSTRUCTION, AND WE CAN PREVENT THE SCENARIO WE HAVE ALL SEEN WHERE DEVELOPERS INSTALL DOCKS IN THE HOPES OF SELLING LAND.

IN TERMS OF DENSITY ON THE LAKE, WE ALL AGREE THAT WE DO NOT WANT OUR

LAKE TO EVER RESEMBLE THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS. SIMPLE MATH SHOWS THAT WE ARE STILL A LONG WAY FROM THE 1972 PROJECTIONS OF OPTIMUM USAGE SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL MASTER PLAN. ACCORDING TO DATA CONTRIBUTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, TABLE ROCK LAKE HAS NOT YET MET THE OPTIMUM NUMBER OF BOATS ON THE LAKE PER DAY (18,526). OUR DATA SHOWS A MAXIMUM USE OF 30% OF OUR STORED BOATS AT PEAK TIMES AND A NORMALIZED RATE OF 15% ON TYPICAL IN-SEASON WEEKEND DAYS. WITH APPROXIMATELY 18,000 SLIPS ON TABLE ROCK LAKE, THAT MEANS A MAXIMUM OF 5,400 BOATS ARE ON THE WATER AT PEAK TIMES (NOT INCLUDING BOATS TRAIERED AND LAUNCHED ON A DAILY BASIS). THE ASSOCIATION HAS REVIEWED THE LAKE CUMBERLAND MASTER PLAN UPDATE OF 2011 AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT PRESENTS A SENSIBLE APPROACH TO MANAGING LAKE USE. THAT PLAN WAS DRAFTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE THEORY THAT OVERCROWDING TENDS TO EXERT A SELF-REGULATING FORCE. WHEN OVERCROWDING IMPACTS USER'S EXPERIENCE, THEY SEEK LESS CROWDED AREAS. BECAUSE OF THE DATA AND PAST MASTER PLAN, WE BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE AN EFFORT TO RETAIN EXISTING ZONING FOR COMMUNITY DOCKS AND MARINAS IN BOTH EXISTING HIGH DENSITY AND LOW DENSITY ZONING.

IN TERMS OF THE USE OF THE LAKE ITSELF, RECREATION HAS BECOME THE DOMINANT USE OF THE LAKE, BUT THE ORIGINAL MASTER PLAN HAS NO PROVISIONS FOR OPERATING OF THE LAKE WITH RECREATION IN MIND. THE ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES A NEED FOR THE NEW MASTER PLAN TO INCLUDE A RECREATION POOL WHICH WOULD FOCUS ON KEEPING THE LAKE LEVEL BETWEEN 920 FEET AND 905 FEET DURING THE RECREATIONAL SEASON (MAY 1-SEPTEMBER 30). THESE LEVELS PROMOTE SAFER BOATING SINCE LOWER WATER LEVELS OFTEN LEAD TO UNDERWATER HAZARDS AND HIGHER INCIDENTS OF ACCIDENTS.

THE DRAFTING OF A NEW MASTER PLAN PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENSURE THAT ZONING REFLECTS THE CURRENT USE OF THE LAKE AND FOSTERS RESPONSIBLE, MANAGED GROWTH, ALONG WITH A CHANCE TO IMPLEMENT OTHER NEEDED REGULATIONS, ALL OF WHICH WILL PRESERVE THE WATER QUALITY AND SUSTAIN THE ECONOMY OF THE AREA. THE ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS YOUR EFFORTS TO UPDATE THE PLAN. WE ASK THE CORPS TO FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN PROTECTING THE ECOLOGY OF THE AREA AND PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL KEEP LAKE-LIFE ALIVE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

SINCERELY,

