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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The revised Master Plan updates Design Memorandum No. 17-E, Updated Master Plan for Development and Management of Table Rock Reservoir (USACE 1976). The Master Plan is the strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all project recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource project. The Master Plan guides the efficient and cost-effective management, development, and use of project lands. It is a vital tool for the responsible stewardship and sustainability of project resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

With the proposed Master Plan update, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being completed to evaluate existing conditions and potential impacts of proposed alternatives. The EA is prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR,1500–1517), and the Corps implementing regulation, Policy and Procedures for Implementing NEPA, Engineer Regulation (ER) 200-2-2 (1988).

2.0 PURPOSE AND NEED FOR ACTION

2.1 Purpose and Need

The Master Plan for Table Rock Lake was last approved in 1976; this was followed by multiple supplements over the last 37 years. During that time, public use patterns have changed significantly. Population growth in southeastern Missouri and northwestern Arkansas has increased by 14.4% from 2000 to 2012. Table Rock Lake receives constant pressure for both private shoreline and public recreation use. With public use at project facilities changing, reallocations of services at these facilities need to be addressed. Changes involving recreation area closures and improvements have occurred during the last four decades to meet the evolving demands of the public. In addition, cooperative agreements have occurred recently to operate and maintain facilities, lessening the financial burden on the tax payers.

The Master Plan guides and articulates Corps responsibilities pursuant to Federal laws to preserve, conserve, restore, maintain, manage, and develop the project lands, waters, and associated resources. The Master Plan is a dynamic operational document projecting what could and should happen over the life of the project and is flexible based upon changing conditions. The Master Plan deals in concepts, not in details, of design or administration. Detailed management and administration functions are addressed in the Operational Management Plan (OMP), which implement the concepts of the Master Plan into operational actions.

The Master Plan will be developed and kept current for Civil Works projects operated and maintained by the Corps and will include all land (fee, easements, or other interests) originally acquired for the projects and any subsequent land (fee, easements, or other interests) acquired to support the operations and authorized missions of the project.

The Master Plan is not intended to address the specifics of regional water quality, shoreline management, or water level management; these areas are covered in a project's shoreline management plan or water management plan. However, specific issues identified through the Master Plan revision process can still be communicated and coordinated with the appropriate internal Corps resource (i.e. Operations for shoreline management) or external resource agency (i.e. Missouri Department of Natural Resources for water quality) responsible for that specific area.

2.2 Project History

Table Rock Lake is a multiple purpose water resource development project primarily for flood management and hydropower generation. Additional purposes include providing water storage to supply a fish hatchery (Public Law 86-93 of 1959); recreation and fish and wildlife mitigation, to the extent that those additional purposes do not adversely affect flood control, power generation, or other authorized purposes of the project (Flood Control Act of 1944 as amended in 1946, 1954, 1962, 1965 and 1968 and the Water Resources Act of 1996). Table Rock Lake is a major component of a comprehensive plan for water resource development in the White River Basin of Missouri and Arkansas. Additional beneficial uses include increased power output of downstream power stations resulting from the regulated flow from the Table Rock Lake project.

The project is located in the scenic Ozark Mountain region of southwest Missouri and northwest Arkansas (Figure 2.1). The total area contained in the Table Rock project, including both land and water surface, consists of 62,207 acres. Of this total, 2,576 acres are in flowage easement (Note: a

small difference in acreage figures exist throughout this document due to using GIS/survey plats data which is more accurate and based on new technology versus the deed language which were done many years ago without the aid of technology). The region is characterized by narrow ridges between deeply cut valleys that are well wooded with deciduous trees and scattered pine and cedar. When the lake is at the top of the conservation pool, the water area comprises 42,560 acres and 742 miles of shoreline within fee. The shoreline is irregular with topography ranging from steep bluffs to gentle slopes.

Construction of Table Rock Dam was initiated in November 1954. The dam was completed in August 1958, and the powerhouse and switchyard were completed in June 1959. The lake was declared operational for public use in March 1960. Table 2.1 provides pertinent construction and operations data for this lake. There are 26 public use areas around Table Rock Lake. There are 12 parks on the lake presently managed by the Corps of Engineers. At the drafting of this final Master Plan, the Corps is planning for significant changes to park operations and/or closures because of constrained funding. Parks have been evaluated using an efficiency review process. Those parks chosen for closure for budgetary reasons may be offered for lease through standard leasing procedures, and if not leased, these parks may be reopened at such time as adequate funding becomes available. One park, Viney Creek, is temporarily closed. The U.S. Forest Service has one public use area (Big Bay) which they maintain and operate. One State Park (Table Rock State Park) is located on Table Rock Lake and it is operated by the Department of Natural Resources. Two Parks (Port of Kimberling and Long Creek) are operated by a commercial concessionaire. One Park (Beaver) is operated by the City of Beaver, Arkansas. There are eight other public use areas operated by the Corps around the lake. One of the eight is the Cow Creek public use area which the Corps operates the boat launch site, but the Boy Scouts maintain and operate the group camping area. A more detailed description of these parks can be found in Chapter 2 of the updated Master Plan.

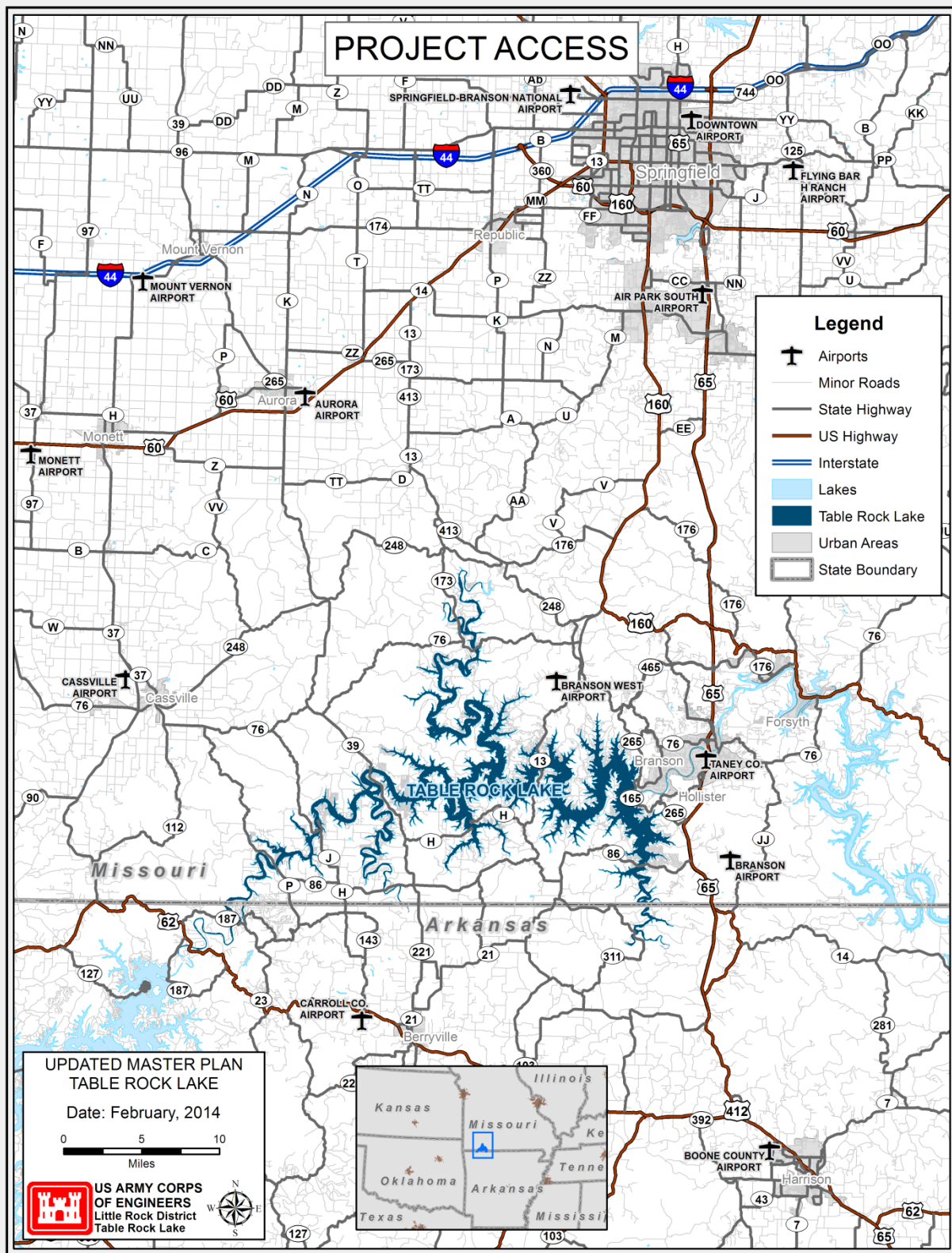


Figure 2.1 Table Rock Lake Map

Table 2.1 Pertinent Data of Table Rock Dam and Lake

PERTINENT DATA OF THE DAM AND LAKE	
<u>General Information</u>	
Purpose, Stream, States	FC, P (1) White River Missouri & Arkansas
Drainage area, square miles	4,020
Average annual rainfall over the drainage area, inches, approximately	45.4
<u>Dam</u>	
Length in feet	6,423
Height, feet above streambed	252
Top of dam elevation, feet above mean sea level	947
<u>Generators</u>	
Main units, number	4
Rated capacity each unit, kilowatts	50,000
Station service units, number	2
Rated capacity each unit, kilowatts	700
<u>Lake</u>	
Nominal bottom of power drawdown Elevation, feet above mean sea level	881
Area, acres	27,300
Nominal top of conservation pool Elevation, feet above mean sea level	915
Area, acres	42,644
Length of shoreline, miles	758
Nominal top of flood-control pool Elevation, feet above mean sea level	931
Area, acres	51,291
Length of shoreline, miles	927
<u>Five-Year frequency pool</u>	
Elevation, feet above mean sea level (flood pool)	921
Elevation, feet above mean sea level (drawdown)	902
<i>(1) FC – flood control, P – power</i>	

3.0 ALTERNATIVES

Alternatives evaluated in the Environmental Assessment are depicted in Figure 3.1 and Figure 3.2, which include the following eight alternatives: Alternative 1 (No Action); Selected Alternative (a hybrid of Alternative 2d and elements of the other proposed alternatives), Alternative 2 (Balanced Use); Alternative 2a (Slow Growth); Alternative 2b (Maintain High Density); Alternative 2c (No New High Density); Alternative 2d (No Vegetative Management Area) ; Alternative 3 (Conservative); and Alternative 4 (Extreme Development). For a more detailed map analysis of the Selected Alternative, refer to Appendix A of the Table Rock Master Plan, which contains topographic maps depicting land classification and flowage easement areas around the shoreline. A complete set of maps for each alternative is located in an appendix to this document.

During the initial EA development, the different alternatives were compared to the No Action Alternative, with a preferred alternative (Alternative 2) and other alternatives being provided for public review. Based on public comments received, the final EA compares all action alternatives to a modified version, based on public preferences, called the Selected Alternative.

<u>Alternative One (No Action)</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>% of Land</u>
Total land and Water	62,206.9	
Total Water	42,669.1	
Restricted Water	29.3	
Open Recreation Water	42,639.9	
Land	19,537.7	
High Density Recreation	1,984.2	10%
Low Density Recreation	7,796.8	40%
Environmentally Sensitive	4,639.4	24%
Project Operations	392.8	2%
Wildlife Management	232.4	1%
No Allocation	4,492.1	23%
Vegetative Management	0.0	0%

+/- Change is compared to above No Change

<u>Alternative Two (Balanced Use)</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>%of Land</u>	<u>+/- Acres</u>	<u>% +/- Change</u>
Total Land and Water	62,207.1			
Total Water	42,671.8			
Restricted Water	29.3			
Open Recreation Water	42,642.5			
Land	19,535.3			
High Density	1,986.6	10%	2.4	0%
Low Density	7,187.3	37%	-609.5	-3%
Environmentally Sensitive	6,877.4	35%	2238.0	11%
Project Operations	232.0	1%	-160.9	-1%
Wildlife Management	3,252.0	17%	3019.6	15%
Low Density Alone (No Veg Buffer)	5,183.6	27%	-2613.2	-13%
Low Density Vegetative Management Buffer	2,003.7	10%	2003.7	10%
Env Sens Alone (No Veg Buffer)	4,965.6	25%		
Env Sens Vegetative Management Buffer	1,911.7	10%		
Wildlife Management Alone (No Veg Buffer)	3,086.1	16%		
Wildlife Vegetative Management Buffer	165.9	1%		
Vegetative Management Buffer Total	4,081.3	21%		

Alternative Three (Conservative)

Total Land and Water	62,207.1			
Total Water	42,671.8			
Restricted Water	29.3			
Open Recreation Water	42,642.5			
Land	19,535.3			
High Density	1,906.6	10%	-77.6	0%
Ø Low Density	0.0	0%	-7796.8	-40%
Environmentally Sensitive	14,144.7	72%	9505.3	49%
Project Operations	232.0	1%	-160.9	-1%
Wildlife Management	3,252.0	17%	3019.6	15%

+/- Change is compared to above No Change

Alternative Four (Extreme Development)

Total Land and Water	62,207.1
Total Water	42,671.8
Restricted Water	29.3
Open Recreation Water	42,642.5

+/- Change is compared to above No Change

Land	19,535.3			
High Density	1,986.6	10%	2.4	0%
Low Density	14,064.7	72%	6267.9	32%
Ø Environmentally Sensitive	0.0	0%	-4639.4	-24%
Project Operations	232.0	1%	-160.9	-1%
Wildlife Management	3,252.0	17%	3019.6	15%
Low Density Alone (No Veg Buffer)	10,149.0	52%	2352.2	12%
Vegetative Management Buffer	3,915.7	20%	3915.7	20%

<u>Selected Alternative</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>%of Land</u>	<u>+/- Acres</u>	<u>% +/- Change</u>
Total Land and Water	62206.9			
Total Water	42671.8			
Restricted Water	29.3			
Open Recreation Water	42642.5			
Land	19535.1			
High Density	1926.7	10%	-57.5	0%
Low Density	7256.2	37%	-540.5	-3%
Environmentally Sensitive	6871.0	35%	2231.6	11%
Project Operations	232.0	1%	-160.9	-1%
Wildlife Management	3249.1	17%	3016.7	15%
Low Density Vegetative Management Buffer	0.0	0%		
Env Sens Vegetative Management Buffer	0.0	0%		
Wildlife Vegetative Management Buffer	0.0	0%		
Vegetative Management Buffer Total	0.0	0%		

<u>Alternative 2A: SLOW GROWTH</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>%of Land</u>	<u>+/-Acres From Alt2</u>	<u>% +/- Change From Alt 2</u>
Total Land and Water	62,207.1			
Total Water	42,671.8			
Restricted Water	29.3			
Open Recreation Water	42,642.5			
Land	19,535.3			
High Density	1,986.6	10%	0.0	0%
Low Density	7,419.9	38%	232.6	1%
Environmentally Sensitive	6,644.8	34%	-232.6	-1%
Project Operations	232.0	1%	0.00	0%
Wildlife Management	3,252.0	17%	0.00	0%
REQUESTED LOW DENSITY	232.6			
Low Density Alone (No Veg Buffer)	5,339.0	27%	155.4	1%
Vegetative Management Buffer	2,080.9	11%	77.2	0%
Env Sens Alone (No Veg Buffer)	4,810.3	25%	-155.4	
Env Sens Vegetative Management Buffer	1,834.5	9%	-77.2	
Wildlife Management Alone (No Veg Buffer)	3,086.1	16%		
Wildlife Vegetative Management Buffer	165.9	1%		
Vegetative Management Buffer Total	4,081.3	21%		

<u>Alternative 2B: MAINTAIN HIGH DENSITY</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>%of Land</u>	<u>+/-Acres From Alt2</u>	<u>% +/- Change From Alt 2</u>
Total Land and Water	62,207.1			
Total Water	42,671.8			
Restricted Water	29.3			
Open Recreation Water	42,642.5			
Land	19,535.3			

HISTORIC HIGH DENSITY 73.6

<u>Alternative 2C: NO NEW HIGH DENSITY</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>%of Land</u>	<u>+/-Acres From Alt2</u>	<u>% +/- Change From Alt 2</u>
Total Land and Water	62,207.1			
Total Water	42,671.8			
Restricted Water	29.3			
Open Recreation Water	42,642.5			
Land	19,535.3			

NEW HIGH DENSITY 95.2

<u>Alternative 2D: NO VEGETATION BUFFER</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>%of Land</u>	<u>+/-Acres From Alt2</u>	<u>% +/- Change From Alt 2</u>
Total Land and Water	62,207.1			
Total Water	42,671.8			
Restricted Water	29.3			
Open Recreation Water	42,642.5			
Land	19,535.3			

NO VEG BUFFER 4,081.3

Table 3.1 Change in Alternatives based on Land Classification.

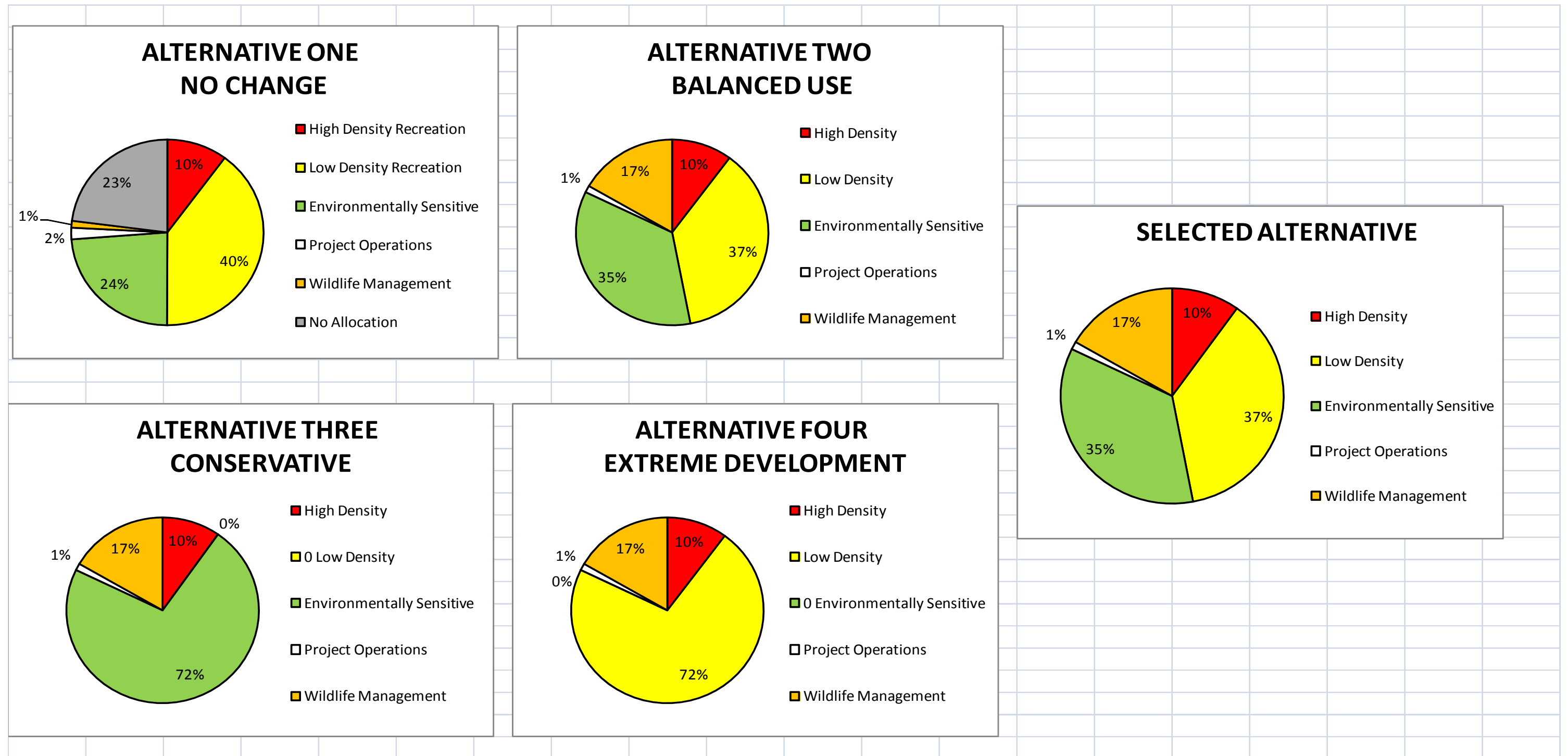


Figure 3.1 Pie Charts Displaying Percentage of Land Classifications for Each Alternative.

3.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)

The No-Action alternative is defined as the Corps taking No Action and therefore not implementing an update to the Table Rock Master Plan. With this action, no new resource analysis and classification would occur, nor would a revision to project sites' inventory be completed. Operation and management of Table Rock would continue as outlined in the current Master Plan Update, which lists 1,984.2 acres as High Density recreation, 7,796.8 acres as Low Density recreation, 4,639.4 acres as Environmentally Sensitive areas, 392.8 acres as Project Operations, 232.4 acres as Wildlife Management, no acreage allotted for vegetative management, and 4,492.1 acres currently having no classification. High Density recreation refers to lands developed for intensive recreational activities for the visiting public including day use areas and/or campgrounds. These could include areas for concessions (marinas, commercial concessions, etc), and quasi-public development. Low Density recreation lands have minimal development or infrastructure that supports a passive public recreational use (e.g. primitive camping, fishing, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing, resorts, etc.). Environmentally Sensitive areas include those lands where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. Designation of these lands is not limited to just lands that are otherwise protected by laws such as the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act or applicable State statutes. These areas must be considered by management to ensure they are not adversely impacted. Typically, limited or no development of public use is allowed on these lands. No agricultural or grazing uses are permitted on these lands unless necessary for a specific resource management benefit, such as prairie restoration. These areas are typically distinct parcels located within another, and perhaps larger, land classification area. The project operations category includes those lands required for the dam, spillway, switchyard, levees, dikes, offices, maintenance facilities, and other areas that are used solely for the operation of the project. Wildlife Management lands are designated for stewardship of fish and wildlife resources. Vegetative management lands are designated for stewardship of forest, prairie, and other native vegetative cover.

3.2 Selected Alternative

The Selected Alternative, which is now the preferred alternative, contains elements of Alternatives 2 and Alternatives 2a through 2d, as described below. The Selected Alternative would result in land classifications of 1,926.7 acres of High Density lands, 7,254.7 acres of Low Density, 6,872.7 acres of Environmentally Sensitive, 3,249.1 acres of Wildlife Management and 232 acres of Project Operations lands. The increase in Environmentally Sensitive acreage is primarily due to reclassification of previously unclassified lands lying adjacent to US Forest Service lands. Some lands which were previously classified as Natural Area have been converted to Environmentally Sensitive Lands due to a terminology change in policy guidance. In response to the public's feedback to keep the lake natural and scenic, areas which fall within the definition above have been retained or converted to Environmentally Sensitive for preservation of the land and aesthetic purposes. Project Operations lands are proposed to decrease by 161 acres, representing land previously classified for appurtenant works. This acreage is no longer being used for project operations purposes, leaving a total of 232 acres for project operations. Wildlife Management acres are proposed to increase from 232 acres to 3,249.1 acres, due to a 1999 Forest Service land exchange wherein USACE obtained the Cow Creek area of the lake. These acreages are similar to those of the Balanced Use Alternative, but with a reduction of 59.9 acres of High Density Land classification, a 67.4 acre increase in the Low Density Recreation lands, a 4.7 acre decrease in Environmentally Sensitive lands, and a 2.9 acre decrease in Wildlife Management lands.

The Selected Alternative will remove the Vegetative Management Area requirements from all land classifications. The Corps determined that if all current policies were enforced approximately 66% of Table Rock Lake's shoreline would have an area that would exhibit the same environmental benefits as the Vegetative Management Area. In order to address comments received opposing the addition of more High Density classification areas, the Selected Alternative will convert areas to High Density which were only within existing lease areas and LDA classified as Low Density. This reclassification would create High Density areas at Still Waters, Indian Point Resorts, Big Cedar (including Big Cedar subsets) and Chateau at the Lake.

During the public review period, members of the public raised concerns over lands which were originally classified as Low Density Development in the 1976 Master Plan, but were reclassified by the PDT team as Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Landowners, who commented during the public review period, requesting their lands remain Low Density, were given consideration and a portion of the land will remain low density while the remaining lands will convert to ESA.

3.3 Balanced-Use (Alternative 2)

Alternative 2 allows for a 59.9 acre increase in High Density recreation over the Selected Alternative, totaling 1,986.6 acres. Low Density lands total 7,187.3 acres (67.4 acres less than the Selected Alternative), which consist of 5,183.6 acres of Low Density alone, and an additional 2,003.7 acres of Low Density lands requiring a vegetative management area. Environmentally Sensitive lands are proposed to increase by 2,238 acres from the existing acreage of 4,639.4 acres totaling 6,877.4 acres in ESA classification.

3.4 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

Alternative 2a, the Slow Growth Alternative, focuses on platted subdivisions with at least half of adjacent lots developed with homes. These areas were originally considered Environmentally Sensitive because they lacked the proper vegetation modification permits that residents could obtain under Low Density Classifications. Residents in these areas have been mowing into Corps fee-land boundaries without permits, so this reclassification under Low Density is designed to keep the residents in compliance with the shoreline management plan permitting process. There are 22 areas around the lake that fall in this category, and Low Density acreage will increase from 7,254.7 to 7,419.9—a 165.2 acre increase, while Environmentally Sensitive acreage will decrease from 6,872.7 to 6,644.8, which represents a 229.9 acre reduction in this land classification. Of the 7,419.9 acres of Low Density lands, 5,339 acres will be Low Density alone, and 2,080.9 will be Low Density with a Vegetative Management Area requirement.

3.5 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

Alternative 2b includes areas that would remain as High Density. Under this alternative, 73.6 acres of High Density lands would maintain as High Density (under Alternative 2, these 73.6 acres are under consideration to convert 33 acres to Low Density lands and 40.6 acres to Wildlife Management lands). These areas are under consideration to remain as High Density because, similar to the situation with partially closed USACE parks, if an interested entity, such as another federal agency, state/local agency, or city/township could partner with USACE to take over management of these areas, then they could be retained as High Density for future development. These areas include the James River Park (undeveloped campground), Swiss Villa, Christ in

Youth, Jellystone, Sunset Cove, and Kimberling Cove Resort.

3.6 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

The No New High Density alternative would include areas that would not convert from Low Density and Environmentally Sensitive areas to High Density. In Alternative 2, these areas are under consideration for conversion from Low Density/Environmentally Sensitive to High Density. This alternative would keep these areas as Low Density (94.2 acres) and Environmentally Sensitive (1 acre). The areas include Dogwood Canyon, Stone Croft Property, Paradise Point, Outdoor Academy, Kimberling City, Still Waters, and Big Cedar Resort, for a total of 95.2 acres.

3.7 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

This alternative is similar to the Selected Alternative, in that it would remove the Vegetative Management Area requirement from all land classifications, rather than the proposed Vegetative Management Area identified in Alternative 2.

3.7 Conservative (Alternative 3)

This alternative is the most conservative of the evaluated alternatives. High Density lands are reduced by 78 acres from the current classification of 1,984.2 acres, resulting in 1906.6 acres. All current Low Density lands are proposed to be reclassified to Environmentally Sensitive lands, which increases that acreage to 14,144.7, representing a 49% increase in this classification. Project operations lands and Wildlife Management lands remain the same acreages as noted in the preferred Selected Alternative.

3.8 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

This alternative would allow for much more development than all other evaluated alternatives, due to the 14,144.7 acres of Environmentally Sensitive lands of Alternative 3 being reclassified as Low Density lands. Of this total, 10,229 acres would have no vegetative management area requirement, while 3915.7 acres would require a vegetative management area. Project operations lands and Wildlife Management lands would retain the same acreage as in the Selected Alternative and Alternative 3.

4.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Project Setting

The project area is located in the heart of the Ozark Mountain region. Most of Table Rock Lake lies in southwestern Missouri with a very small portion of the lake in northwestern Arkansas. The waters of Table Rock Lake have become a playground for visitors from all over the nation. Table Rock Lake's water recreation and activities are as varied as the Ozark Mountain terrain that surrounds the lake.

With nearly 800 miles of shoreline, Table Rock's many coves and lake arms make boating and water recreation such as skiing, fishing, diving, and swimming especially popular. Four major

rivers, James River, White River, Kings River, and Long Creek, make up the lake's major tributaries. Commercial concessions like marinas and resorts are scattered throughout the lake and about 12 percent of the shoreline is made available for wet slip storage. Also scattered around the lake are public recreation areas that are known nationwide for camping.

Much of the shoreline has numerous subdivisions, as the Branson and Kimberling City areas of the lake are extremely developed. The predominant shoreline vegetation is an oak-hickory hard wood forest. Numerous limestone bluffs are found around the lake also, and red cedar is the principal evergreen and is dispersed throughout the region. The Cow Creek area, located on the south border and center of the lake, remains relatively undeveloped. The extent of Table Rock Lake and the structural features of the project also contribute to the tremendous attraction for a large amount of visitors to this area. The quality recreational and environmental resources of the project have greatly influenced the development of the entire region.

4.2 Climate, Physiography, Topography, Geology, and Soils

Climate change has become an area of concern due to the potential for effects on many aspects of the environment, especially those related to water resources. The United States Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) summarized information regarding climate change and its potential effects in regional assessments (<http://www.globalchange.gov/publications/reports/scientific-assessments/us-impacts>). In the Midwest, which extends from Minnesota to Missouri, extreme events such as heat waves, droughts, and heavy rainfall events were projected to occur more frequently. Should these events become significant to impact the operation of Table Rock Lake, the Master Plan and associated documents (i.e. Operations Management Plan and Shoreline Management Plan) will be reviewed and revised, if necessary.

Climate within the Table Rock Lake watershed is temperate, with summer extremes lasting for longer periods throughout northern Arkansas, and winter temperatures being more influential in the zone's northern reaches in Missouri. Temperature extremes may vary from winter lows around 0°Fahrenheit (F) in central Missouri to highs above 100 °F occurring from southern Arkansas to central Missouri during the summer months. Extreme temperatures may occur for short periods of time at any location within the watershed. Heavy rainfall events are common. Average annual rainfall over the watershed varies from 44 to 46 inches. Monthly rainfall varies from 2.5 inches in the winter months to about 5 inches in the spring. Average snowfall each year averages from 8 to 16 inches from south to north across the watershed. Snow packs are usually short lived and are not commonly a concern for flooding.

Table Rock Lake is on the southwest flank of the Ozark uplift, a structural and topographic high, which is often referred to as the Ozark Plateaus province. The plateau surfaces of this province are underlain by gently dipping, sedimentary bedrock. The highest ridges in the area surrounding the lake are a part of the Springfield Plateau, the middle level of the plateau province, which in this region rises to an elevation of about 1,400 feet. In this region the river and its tributaries have entrenched themselves about 700 feet below the plateau surface. As a result, the plateau has been deeply dissected by erosion and the original surface is present only as the tops of narrow steep ridges.

Bedrock strata exposed in the uplands bordering the lake are of Mississippian and Ordovician age.

The formations of Mississippian age underlie the plateau surface and most of the higher slopes of the basin and in most areas are well away from the lake and associated lake shore developments. Strata of the Jefferson City-Cotter Formation of Ordovician age underlie the lake and the adjoining slopes. This formation is predominantly dolomite but contains subordinate amounts of chert, quartzite, sandstone, and shale. Most of the strata are more or less argillaceous, and several have been silicified in various degrees. Chert occurs as nodules, and in thin beds along with sandstone or quartzite. Shale occurs as material along partings, and as thin seams along bedding planes.

The strata about the lake appear to be nearly horizontal, but are warped gently over a large area by the Osage-Verona anticline, the crest of which is aligned over the Kings River arm of the lake. Two major faults are in the lake area (figure 4-1). These are very old and there are no indications of recent movement along them. One, a part of the Shell Knob - Eagle Rock structure crosses Roaring River where it empties into the lake. It trends about N. 37 E., and is downthrown on the east. It has no effect on the strata beyond the immediate vicinity of the fault. The other, Lampe fault crosses under the Highway 13 White River Bridge. It trends N. 30 E., has a displacement of about 190 feet, and is downthrown on the east. Joints observed in rock along the lake are nearly vertical and do not carry through many beds. The strike of the most prominent set (primary) ranges from N. 5 E. to N. 10 W. A secondary, more poorly developed set intersects these at near right angles.

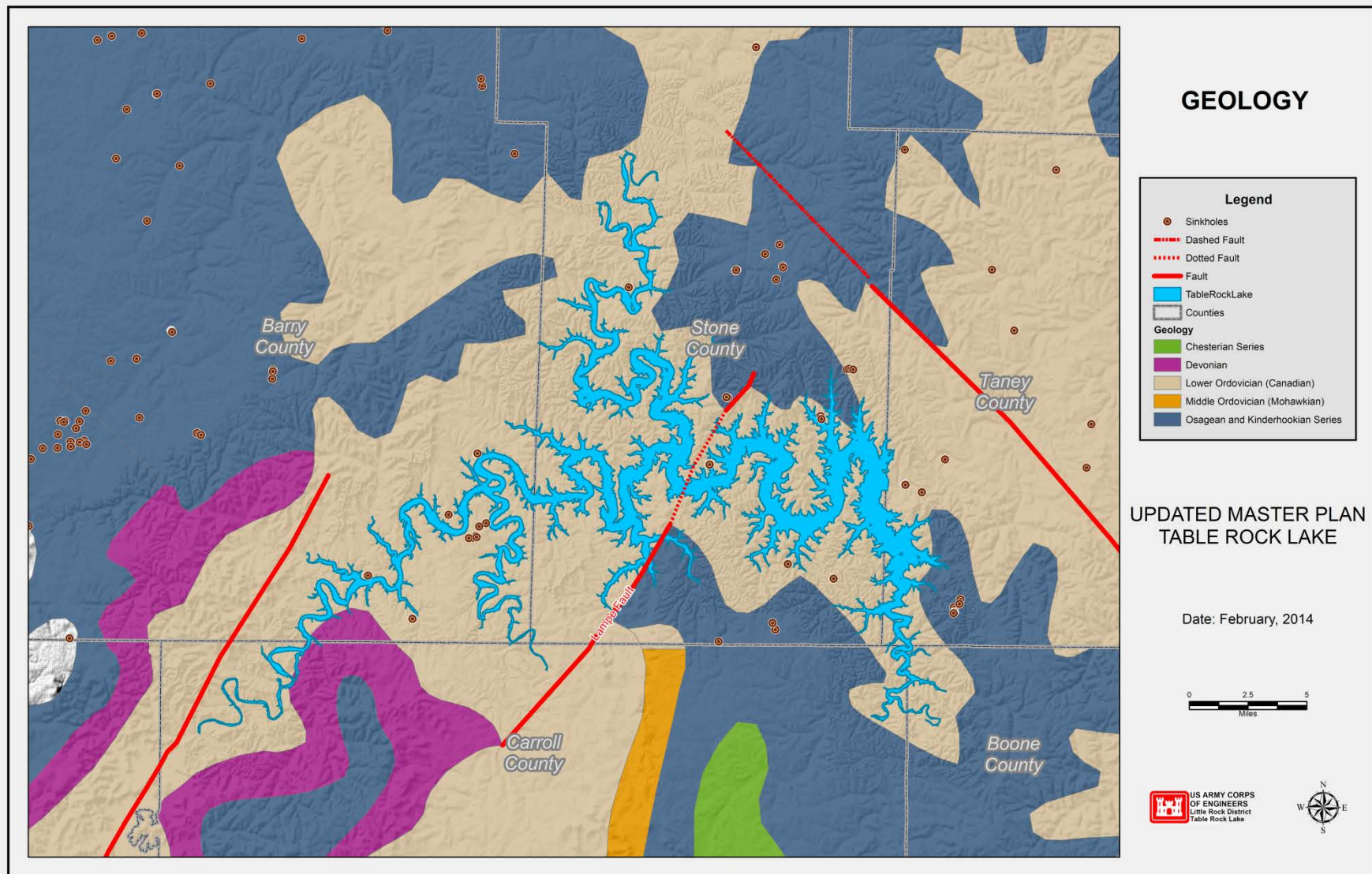


Figure 4.1 Geology and Fault Lines of Table Rock Lake

The region surrounding Table Rock Dam is subject to infrequent, mild, seismic shocks but not within recorded history are any shocks of sufficient intensity to damage structures or property. Although the bedrock of the region is soluble, most of the basin where it is underlain by the dolomites of the Jefferson City-Cotter Formation is characterized by surface drainage. This is indicated by the scarcity of important sinks, the absence of large areas without surface drainage, and a well developed stream system with normal well-branched tributaries. Two caves, Marvel Cave and Fairy Cave, are operated commercially in the region of the lake. Both caves are in the Boone Formation and extend into the Jefferson City-Cotter Formation. However, it should be noted that over most of the area in the Jefferson City-Cotter Formation is not favorable to the extensive development of caves, and those noted in the formation are small.

The most significant factor limiting the development of project land is topography. The typical ruggedness of this area hampers intensive development in many locations, and limits the number of sites containing appropriate slopes and adequately-sized areas of land desirable for the location of water access recreation facilities. Extensive alteration of landforms is not acceptable under Corps of Engineers guidelines.

The geology of the area imposes no unusual restraints on construction. However, ground water pollution is a potentially a problem because of the easy access of surface water into the water table and of the free interchange of water between rock formations. Soils around the lake, except in the flood plain, and terrace deposits along the streams, are principally residual material formed by decomposition of the dolomite beds. Generally, they are silty soil over clay subsoil, both containing chert fragments from sand size up to small boulders. The material is loose and friable near the surface but becomes harder and more compact with depth. Contacts of leached chert, disintegrated limestone, and plasticity also increase with depth. As much as 20 feet of residual soil has been encountered by borings, but at most places it is less than 8 feet thick and in some places it is entirely absent. Flood plain material consists of silt and sand over sandy, chert gravel at many places in stream channels. Most of the soils in the vicinity of the lake are low in fertility. Detailed soil survey information can be found through Natural Resources Conservation Service at: (<http://SoilDataMart.nrcs.usda.gov>).

The following four soils associations are found in and around the Table Rock Project area: Clarksville-Noark, Captina-Nixa, Caydon-Pembroke-Sogn, and the Caydon-Sogn. Most of the soils found in the Table Rock project do have characteristics which must be considered in development. The ability of soils to withstand intensive use should be investigated prior to initiation of construction. Trampling on these sites may cause soil compaction, resulting in increased surface runoff and accelerated erosion. Also, vegetative cover may be affected because of the reduction of air and water holding capacity of the soil. It should be noted, however, that soil compaction on use sites is not now a major problem because most of the soils are stony and resist compaction. Another factor in some areas is shoreline erosion resulting from wave action which may cause serious problems in maintenance and hamper development of water related facilities.

4.3 Aquatic Environment

Hydrology and Groundwater. Three of the large springs of Missouri feed into Table Rock Lake. Reeds Spring is at the town of the same name in Stone County; Crystal Spring is one-half mile north of Cassville in Barry County; and Roaring River Spring is in Roaring River State Park 7

Miles south of Cassville. A great many unnamed springs, both permanent and intermittent, are in the lake area, and all appear to derive their water from higher ground. Information from wells and small springs in the area indicates that the water table under the higher part of that portion of the lake rim is probably near elevation 900. Many impermeable zones exist which create perched water tables, and many of the shallow wells obtain their water from perched ground water pools. However, because of solution widened joints and structures in the rock, an interchange of water occurs between the formations that underlie the area and leaky aquifers are common. Additionally, because of exposed fractured, weathered, permeable rock, percolation of surface water into the water table is common place.

Major tributaries to Table Rock Lake are the Kings River and Long Creek from the south and the James River from the north. The drainage is typically steep in the headwaters of the smaller streams and transitions to lesser slopes as they reach the main stem of the White River. These streams can be flashy with intense rainfall. The area is primarily wooded and rural with the exception of the Highway 65 corridor from Branson to Springfield. The percent of the basin which is impervious has increased with the rapid development of the area, but remains a small percentage of the overall watershed.

Water Quality. Table Rock Lake has been listed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) as an impaired waterbody in the 303(d) list portion of their biennial Integrated Surface Water Quality Report to the Environmental Protection Agency. The initial listing was due to excessive nutrient concentrations, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, in 2002. The listing has continued in each of MDNR's Integrated Reports, with the most recent listing in 2010. According to the Integrated Report, these excessive nutrient concentrations occur most frequently in the James River, Kings River and Long Creek arms of the lake. The upper portion of the White River is also listed as impaired for excessive chlorophyll and nitrogen. In the study by Jones, et. al. (2008), it was shown that Table Rock Lake was an oligotrophic lake based on the samples taken near Table Rock Dam, while various arms or branches of the lake such as the James River mouth or Long Creek area, where it receives water from these tributaries, shows tendencies toward being more eutrophic (*Information provided by Table Rock Lake Water Quality, Inc., citing the Jones et. al. 2008 report*). A Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) evaluation is scheduled for completion in 2016 by MDNR.

Lake fluctuations, associated with power production and flood control procedures, produce changes in the environment along the shoreline of the lake. Turbidity adversely affects Table Rock Lake short periods of time after heavy rains. During these periods of heavy runoff, urban areas and other parts of the terrain especially those that have had the protective vegetation removed, contribute silt and other suspended particles to the tributaries. Table Rock, like all other lakes of its size in the Ozark region, stratifies chemically and thermally in the late spring with stratification extending into late fall and early winter. This naturally occurring phenomenon causes portions of the lake below the thermocline to be unfit for fish habitat because of low concentrations of dissolved oxygen. This undesirable water, when discharged downstream may cause some problems in the tailwaters. To combat this problem, the dissolved oxygen content is monitored and liquid oxygen is added to the discharge waters as necessary. A highly productive trout fishery has been established in Lake Taneycomo by the Missouri Department of Conservation because of the available discharge of cold water from the dam.

Historically, Table Rock Lake experiences periods of up to five months (July-November) duration

when dissolved oxygen (DO) concentrations are less than 4 mg/L near the turbine intakes. Accordingly, turbine release DO levels have been low enough to cause concern for downstream aquatic life. During these low DO periods, the turbines at Table Rock have been operated at reduced capacity to aspirate air through the vacuum breaker system (i.e. ‘venting operation’).

Water releases are generally made for power generation except in the case of flood control operation. The Southwestern Power Administration (SWPA) markets power generated at this dam and other projects in the region. Four 50-mega-watt (MW) generating units provide approximately 495,000 mega-watt hours (MWh) annually. The typical peak flow for the hydro facility is 13,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). The maximum turbine discharge is 15,100 cfs.

The venting operation can improve release DO concentrations significantly, but the plant aerating is costly due to efficiency losses and loss of peaking capacity. In addition to using turbine venting to increase DO, Table Rock is utilizing an existing oxygen system where oxygen is injected into the penstocks. The oxygen storage and injection system at Table Rock was installed in 1973. Currently, oxygen is injected into the penstock through two, ¾-inch piezometer taps around the lower perimeter of the penstock. The oxygen for this system is supplied from a liquid oxygen storage and supply facility consisting of two 52-ton (11,000-gallons each) liquid oxygen storage tanks and a set of water-cooled evaporators capable of producing at least 4,430 standard cubic feet per minute (scfm) of gaseous oxygen.

During the low DO season, maximum generation is limited based on the Table Rock Operational Action Plan. The following is a quote out of the Table Rock Operational Action Plan for 2007 Low Dissolved Oxygen Season:

“Plan of Action: The operational objective is to sustain DO concentrations in the release at or above 6 mg/L as long as possible through use of the turbine venting systems improvements and to prevent DO concentrations from receding below 4 mg/L, if possible, through actions as outlined below. The plan to accomplish this consists of an oxygen monitoring program, improvements to the turbine venting systems, use of the oxygen injection system, and operational response actions scaled to the severity of DO depletions. Throughout the low DO season, all unit loadings by the powerhouse operator will take into consideration the turbine venting systems improvements to insure the release DO is as high as possible while meeting current electrical output requirements. When required generation combined with the use of the turbine venting systems improvements is insufficient to maintain DO concentrations at the first downstream monitor at or above 4 mg/L, then the use of the oxygen injection system and/or spillway releases will be used to maintain 4.0 mg/L in the downstream releases to the extent possible.”

In September 2010, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) released a report (“Table Rock Project Forebay Oxygen Diffuser System Report Update, September 29, 2010”) that presented an analysis of a ‘Forebay Oxygen Diffuser System’ at Table Rock Lake; this forebay oxygen diffuser system would work in conjunction with the existing venting operation and oxygen injection system to help alleviate the low DO concentrations Table Rock Lake experiences. It was decided at the time the new system was too costly to install, with operation and maintenance costs also very high; the existing plan of action (use of the venting operation plus the existing oxygen injection system) would attain the desired results needed during events of low DO concentrations.

Aquatic Resources. The impoundment of the White River and other tributary streams and rivers which form Table Rock Lake resulted in changes in the composition of the fish populations. Smallmouth bass was the principal game fish found in the White River prior to impoundment. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is the agency responsible for managing the fishery. Sport fish species currently found in Table Rock Lake include: largemouth bass, spotted bass, smallmouth bass, white bass, walleye, flathead catfish, channel catfish, white crappie, black crappie and paddlefish. Due to the quality and diversity of the fishery, Table Rock Lake serves as a national fishing destination, hosting hundreds of bass tournaments annually.

Table Rock Lake was first impounded in 1959. Since its impoundment, the native forests that were flooded in abundance have begun to degrade, thus reducing existing fish and forage habitat. In 2007, the Table Rock Lake National Fish Habitat Initiative (NFHI) began with the primary objective to improve fish habitat within Table Rock Lake. Water quality, along with monitoring the effectiveness and longevity of the structures are additional goals of this project. This project has developed a framework for a broader national habitat program (Casaletto-Water Watch 2012). Since 2007, over 2,000 fish habitat structures have been placed in Table Rock Lake. Structures include piles of hardwood and evergreen trees, stumps, and rocks.

The impoundment of Table Rock Lake caused environmental changes in the tailwater portion of the White River downstream from the dam. MDC realized that the cold water discharges from Table Rock Lake would necessitate a change in their fisheries management program for Lake Taneycomo, a 2,080 acre lake formed by the construction of Powersite Dam on the White River in Taney County, Missouri. Rainbow trout and brown trout were stocked in Lake Taneycomo to replace the warm-water fishery. This cold-water fishery is a success. However, because of various unfavorable environmental factors such as lack of suitable substrate, fluctuation of water temperatures and dissolved oxygen levels, and pulsation of current and water level, trout reproduction is very limited. Shepherd of the Hills trout hatchery has been established downstream from Table Rock Dam by the MDC. Public Law 86-93 provides that 27,000 acre-feet in the power drawdown storage, not to exceed 22 cubic feet per second, would be for the use of this hatchery. 700,000 rainbow and 10,000 brown trout from Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery and from hatcheries of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are stocked in Taneycomo annually. The trout fishery has flourished and is now Missouri's largest and most popular trout fishing destination. Fishing effort has increased from approximately 25,000 fishing trips in 1959 to 140,000 fishing trips in 2009.

Paddlefish and walleye have been introduced into Table Rock Lake to add diversity to the fishery. Natural reproduction of paddlefish in Table Rock Lake is considered minimal. MDC stocks approximately 7,500 paddlefish in the James River Arm each year. Walleye have been stocked by both Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) and MDC. MDC has stocked over 350,000 walleye in the James River Arm and these fish are now reproducing on their own (Bush 2012).

Wetland areas are relatively limited within Table Rock Lake and throughout the adjacent government property surrounding the lake. This is due to the steeply sloped terrain and thin, rocky soil layers overlying bedrock along the shoreline, which do not typically support wetland vegetation. The sparse wetland areas that occur within the lake surface area have mostly formed as mud flats within the upper reaches of the major tributaries to the lake. Additionally, a few coves on the lake have also established small wetland areas. This is due to sediment washing from streams and accumulating at the point where the stream bed enters the normal lake surface at the upper end of the cove. These areas can support emergent wetland vegetation at times depending

on seasonal flooding and the controlled lake elevation.

Within the State of Missouri, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) indicates approximately 12 acres of wetlands occurring within the lake surface area and in adjacent floodplains. The NWI maps also indicate wetlands in the Arkansas portion of the lake, but approximate acreages are not included. The majority of this wetland acreage is classified as palustrine scrub/shrub, either seasonally or temporarily flooded. Further, there are some areas mapped as palustrine forested occurring within wooded floodplain areas along the upper reaches of the James River, Kings River, and Long Creek.

4.4 Terrestrial Resources and Land Use

Vegetation. The area surrounding the lake is mostly forested. Trees and shrubs around the lakeshore include persimmon, honey locust, hawthorn, dogwood, redbud, coralberry, snowberry, sumac, and buttonbush. Frequent periods of inundation keep the thin strip of government owned lands around the lake in early stages of succession. Red cedar, the principal evergreen, is dispersed throughout the region and is found in many large, scattered groups. Ground covers consist of green briar, sedge, and native grasses.

In 1999 a large tract of land was exchanged between the Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Forest Service in the Cow Creek area. The Corps gained a block of land that is approximately 3,300 acres. Land cover types in this area consist mainly of a deciduous forest. Evergreens consist of shortleaf pine that was planted by the U.S. Forest Service along the ridge tops and red cedar in the side slope glades (See figure 4.2 Cow Creek Block Land Cover).

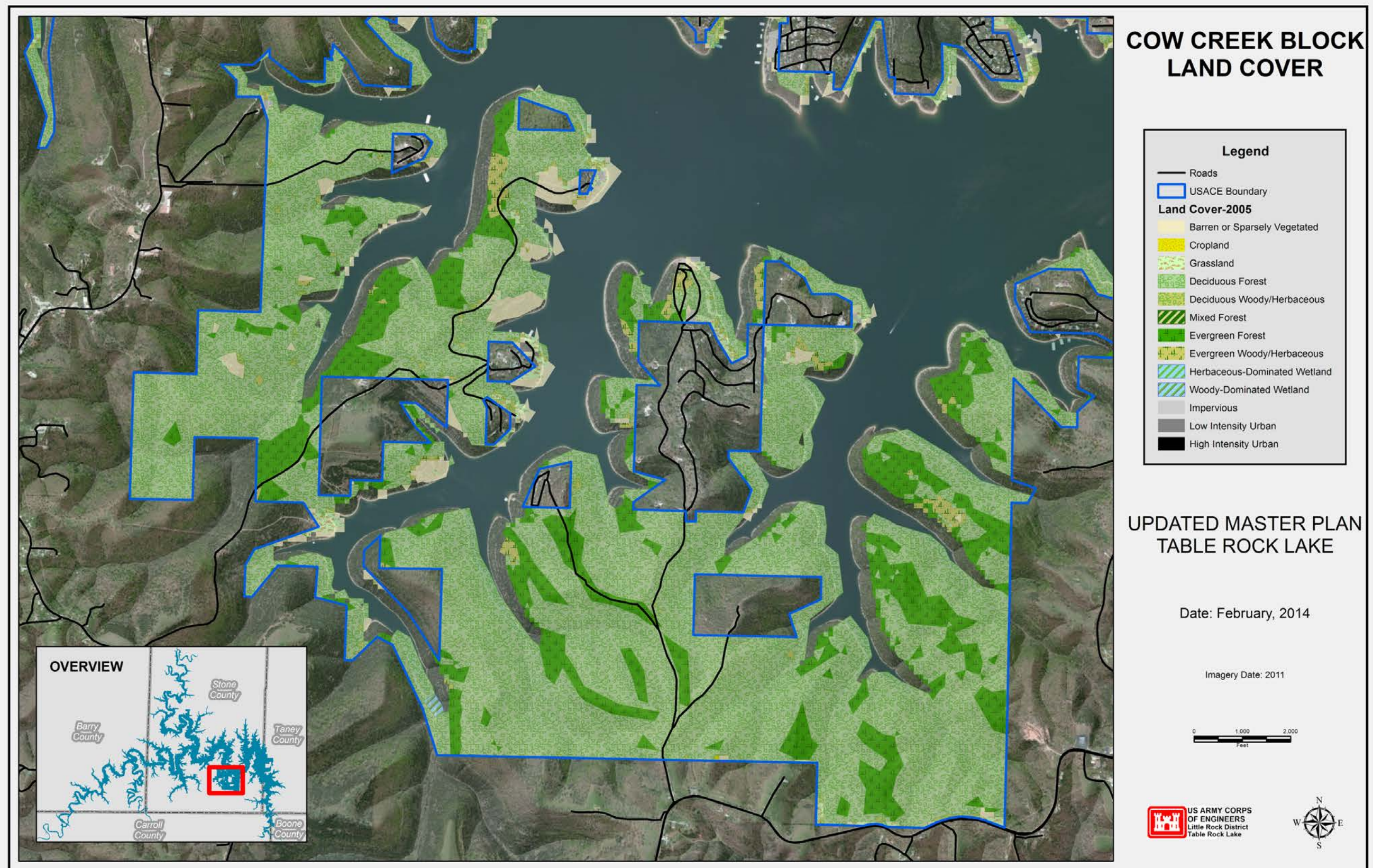


Figure 4.2 Cow Creek Block Land Cover

Wildlife. White-tailed deer and eastern wild turkey are common game animals found and hunted in the Table Rock Lake area. Black bear have become more common in the area over the past few years though Missouri has yet to demonstrate that the black bear population is large enough to sustain hunting.

The principal small game species found in the Table Rock Lake area in open upland areas include bobwhite quail, cottontail rabbit, and mourning dove. Gray and fox squirrels are common in upland wooded areas and are also popular for sportsmen. Habitat management that includes removal of exotic species and application of prescribed fire do much to benefit these populations.

The ringed-neck duck and lesser scaup are the predominant migratory waterfowl species visiting the Table Rock Lake area. Mallard ducks are also present; however, they are only transient visitors, as their characteristic feeding habits of obtaining food from shallow waters discourage them from obtaining food from the deep, clear waters of Table Rock Lake. Migratory geese common to the area are lesser snow geese and Canada geese of the Eastern Prairie Population. Giant Canada geese were introduced to the area by the MDC in 1971 and 1972 and have become established as a resident population. Resident giant Canada geese are in fact so numerous in several coves that their presence has become a nuisance. Several egg and nest destruction permits are issued every year to limit local reproduction. Ring-billed gulls are seen frequently around the Table Rock Lake area. Greater and lesser yellow legs are also seen during their peak migration in the spring and fall. Table Rock is also one of the few places in Missouri where visitors can see both the turkey vulture and the black vulture at the same time in the winter. Principal furbearing animals found in the Table Rock Lake area are mink, muskrat, beaver, and raccoon. In recent years, otters have become more prevalent around the lake.

Invasive Species. In accordance with Executive Order (EO) 13112, an invasive species means an alien species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health. Invasive species can be microbes, plants, or animals that are non-native to an ecosystem. In contrast, exotic species, as defined by EO 11987, include all plants and animals not naturally occurring, either presently or historically, in any ecosystem of the United States. Invasive species can take over and out-compete native species by consuming their food, taking over their territory, and altering the ecosystem in ways that harm native species. Invasive species can be accidentally transported or they can be deliberately introduced because they are thought to be helpful in some way. Invasive species cost local, state, and federal agencies billions of dollars every year. Table Rock Project is not protected from the spread of invasive species. Locally the project office works with its partners, MDC and United States Department of Agriculture, to help stop the spread of some of the Ozarks most unwanted species. These would include feral hogs (*Sus scrofa*), zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*), and the emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*). Project rangers post signage in all the recreation areas to communicate the dangers of spreading invasive species on project lands and waters. Rangers also place emerald ash borer traps on project lands to monitor any infestations of this species.

4.5 Threatened and Endangered Species

There are many species in the Ozarks that are considered either threatened or endangered. Species become imperiled for a variety of reasons including over-hunting, over fishing, and habitat loss as a result of human development and pollution; of these, habitat loss is the main contributor that imperils most species. A threatened species is one that is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future. An endangered species is one in danger of extinction throughout all or a

significant portion of its range. The bald eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, is common during the winter months around Table Rock Lake. In addition, several bald eagle nests are located around the lake. Although the bald eagle was delisted by USFWS in 2007 due to recovery of the species, both the Bald and Golden Eagles are still protected in accordance with the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Black vultures, a species of conservation concern, also nest in the Table Rock area. Transient populations of gray bats, a federally listed as endangered species, are documented near the Table Rock dam area. The following species listed in Table 4.1 are from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's federally classified status list of species and the Missouri Natural Heritage data set which have been reported on project lands. There are other threatened and endangered species that are known to be in the area.

Table 4.1 Threatened, Endangered, Protected and Species of Concern

Common Name	Scientific Name	Federal/State Status	State/Global Rank
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	*Protected under Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act	
Gray Bat	<i>Myotis grisescens</i>	E/E	S3/G3
Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	-	S3/G5
Bush's Poppy Mallow	<i>Callirhoe bushii</i>	-	S2/G3

P = Protected **E** = Endangered; **S2**: Imperiled: Imperiled in the state because of rarity or because of some factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extirpation from the nation or state (1,000 to 3,000). Species documentation is typically 6 to 20 occurrences or few remaining individuals (1,000 to 3,000). **S3**: Vulnerable: Vulnerable in the state either because rare and uncommon, or found only in a restricted range (even if abundant at some locations), or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation. Typically 21 to 100 occurrences or between 3,000 and 10,000 individuals; **G3**: Vulnerable: Vulnerable globally either because very rare and local throughout its range, found only in a restricted range (even if abundant at some locations), or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extinction or elimination. Typically 21 to 100 occurrences or between 3,000 and 10,000 individuals; **G5**: Secure: Common; widespread and abundant (although it may be rare in parts of its range, particularly on the periphery). Not vulnerable in most of its range. Species documentation is typically with considerably more than 100 occurrences and more than 10,000 individuals.

4.6 Archaeological and Historic Resources

Prehistoric. Evidence of human settlement in the Ozark region can be traced back about 14,000 years, coinciding with the end of the last ice age. Early Native Americans in the region were likely a mixture of hunter-gatherers, utilizing caves and bluffs seasonally for shelter near waterways. These nomadic tribes claimed territories, which they would use seasonally for hunting, fishing, and gathering. While the archeological record shows evidence of human settlement in the Ozarks, it is difficult to identify all tribes that made this region their home.

Prehistory is primarily divided into four periods: PaleoIndian (10,000-7,800 BC), Archaic (7,800-800 BC), Woodland (800-950 AD), and Mississippian (950-1600 AD). The PaleoIndian period marks the earliest evidence of habitations in the Ozark region. The emergence of the Archaic period witnesses an increase in populations and larger seasonal encampments on the bluffs along the White River, and its tributaries. The introduction of earthen pottery and the bow and arrow is generally recognized as the Woodland Period in the Ozarks. The Mississippian Culture emerges, flourishes, then declines in present-day. Mississippi River Valley and southeastern U.S. Burial mounds, domestic structures, agriculture, and more permanent settlements characterize this era. The Jenkins Cave, located near the head of Bull Creek, and Slow Drip Rockshelter in southern Stone County, contained evidence of a Mississippian component due to the presence of shell-tempered pottery and triangular arrow point. Oral and early written history and archeological

evidence suggest some tribes known to have lived or hunted in the Ozarks include the Osage, Caddo, and Quapaw.

Historic. Historically, Ozark country of southwestern Missouri and northwestern Arkansas had few, if any, white settlers before the Nineteenth Century. Henry Schoolcraft, the first traveler to document his excursions to the region, traveled this portion of the White and James Rivers in 1818 and 1819 while making a survey of lead mines in southwestern Missouri. The turbulent period of the Civil War was keenly felt in southwestern Missouri and northwestern Arkansas. Two of the major battles west of the Mississippi were fought in this part of the country; one in southwestern Missouri at Wilson's Creek and one in the northwestern corner of Arkansas, the Battle of Pea Ridge. The areas surrounding Table Rock have several historical sites that are significant on the local and regional level. None of these sites have National significance. However, when combined with others like them across the country they record the theme of the American way of life. Marvel Cave, which is located at Silver Dollar City, Missouri, the largest privately owned commercial tourist attraction in the Table Rock Lake area, is listed on the National Registry of natural landmarks.

In the southern portion of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs, AR, much of the rich cultural heritage lies along an area that was once traversed by Native American people during the Trail of Tears. The Bluff Shelter at Blue Springs, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a small shelter that has evidence of prehistoric occupation that dates as far back as 8,000 BC. The small town of Beaver, Arkansas has a rich historic significance. Beaver Park, which borders the little community of Beaver, was the home place of Squire Beaver, a legendary resident of the portion of the White River which is now the upper end of Table Rock Lake. Beaver Park is the only project property with any specific historical significance. The Beaver Bridge, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on Table Rock Lake property, survives as one of three wire cable suspension bridges left in Arkansas and as an outstanding example of Early Transportation Era (1903-1922) engineering. This entire portion of the Ozarks, however, represents a heritage of determined mountain dwellers who adapted to a rough way of life in order to survive. Examples of how dwellers of the Ozarks lived historically can be seen in some of the private tourist attractions within the Table Rock Lake region.

Previous Archaeological Investigations at Table Rock. The waterways are so important archeologically that the major physiographic regions of the state were subdivided by stream drainages to facilitate the survey and excavation of the archeological resources. A survey of the Table Rock Lake area was conducted under the supervision of Carl Chapman, University of Missouri, in 1951, with additional excavations and testing being conducted by Chapman from 1955 through 1959 during the construction phase of Table Rock Dam. At the conclusion of the work in 1959, 872 sites had been identified in and around Table Rock Lake. Subsequent studies include "Archaeological Assessments Report No. 49, Cultural Resources Survey at Selected Locations, Table Rock Lake, Missouri and Arkansas, 1986"; "Archaeological Assessments Report No. 167, Archeological Investigations at 3CR238, 1993".

Recorded Cultural Resources at Table Rock. Today, Table Rock fee land is home to 1,076 archeological sites made up of open camp sites, shelter and cave sites, rock cairns, and earthen mound sites. Less than one percent of the known sites within the lake area were investigated any further than documentation. However, Chapman concluded that a reasonable picture was obtained of the archaeological potential in the lake area.

4.7 Air Quality

Air quality in the Branson/Table Rock Lake area is generally good. There have been no violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by EPA. Air monitoring requirements are established by EPA and are dictated under their guidance and monitoring objectives. Monitoring sites are placed in areas believed to have higher concentration of pollutants, which generally consist of the state's larger metropolitan areas. These areas, called Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's) are defined by the larger population centers and surrounding counties. Based on these guidelines, the Branson MSA has one air quality monitoring site, with ozone the only constituent being monitored. The ozone concentration is consistently below the 75 parts per billion (ppb) established by EPA for this pollutant.

4.8 Socio-Economic Resources

There are five counties that surround Table Rock Lake, three in Missouri and two in Arkansas. Table 4.2 provides a comparative summary of population trends within those five counties that are adjacent to the project area. The total population of those counties in 2000 was 161,676, with the current (2012) population estimated at 185,007. The 2012 population represents a 14% increase since 2000. During the same time period the United States of America had population increase of 11.5%.

Table 4.2 Population Trends

	Population 2012	Population 2000	Percent Change (2000-2012)
Boone County, AR	37,327	33,948	10.0%
Carroll County, AR	27,610	25,357	8.9%
Barry County, MO	35,546	34,010	4.5%
Stone County, MO	31,568	28,658	10.2%
Taney County, MO	52,956	39,703	33.4%
Total	185,007	161,676	14.4%
Data from www.census.gov			

Table 4.3 portrays selected housing characteristics related to number of units, median value, vacancy rate and size of household. In 2010 there were a total of 99,524 housing units within the surrounding counties according to the 2010 U.S. Census. Approximately 73% of the housing units are owner occupied, with the average household size being approximately 2.4 people per unit.

As indicated in Table 4.3 the median value of owner-occupied housing in 2010 was \$121,340.

Table 4.3 Housing Characteristics, 2010

	Total Housing Units	Percent Owner Occupied	Median Value (owner occupied)	Average Household Size (owner occupied)
Boone County, AR	16,902	72.8	108,400	2.49
Carroll County, AR	13,691	71.8	118,200	2.35
Barry County, MO	17,591	75.6	102,700	2.54
Stone County, MO	20,735	78.1	141,300	2.40
Taney County, MO	30,605	67.3	136,100	2.39
Total	99,524	73.1	121,340	2.43
Data from www.census.gov				

Median household incomes from 2007-2011 were \$37,001 in the five counties surrounding Table Rock Lake according to the U.S. Census American Community Survey. Almost 17% of the population within those counties was considered to be below the poverty level in 2010 according to the 2010 U.S. Census (Table 4.4). The relative share of the population below the poverty level for the project area is lower than for the State of Arkansas (18.4%), but is higher than for the State of Missouri (14.3%). Around 83% of the population from the counties surrounding the lake have at least a high school diploma, and 16.1% have a bachelors degree or higher.

Table 4.4 Income and Education, 2007-2011

	Median Income	Persons Below Poverty Level (percent)	High School Graduates (percent)	Bachelors or Higher (percent)
Boone County, AR	37,327	15.8	84.7	14.2
Carroll County, AR	27,610	17.0	80.4	17.1
Barry County, MO	35,546	16.4	80.8	13.2
Stone County, MO	31,568	19.1	83.8	16.2
Taney County, MO	52,956	16.3	85.7	19.8
Total	37,001	16.9	83.1	16.1
Data from www.census.gov				

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 4% of the population within the project area consisted of demographic minority populations in 2010 as compared to 20% for the State of Arkansas and 16% for the State of Missouri (Table 4.5).

Table 4.5 Population by Race and Origin, 2010

	White	Black	Other	Hispanic or Latino Origin
Boone County, AR	96.4	0.6	3.0	2.0
Carroll County, AR	95.4	0.7	3.9	13.3
Barry County, MO	95.4	0.5	4.1	8.1
Stone County, MO	97.3	0.4	2.3	1.8
Taney County, MO	94.8	1.3	3.9	5.1
Total	95.9	0.7	3.4	6.1
Data from www.census.gov				

4.9 Recreation Resources

The recreational resource of the Table Rock Lake is considered to be of great importance to this Ozark Mountain region. The project offers many recreational activities such as swimming, SCUBA diving, boating, water skiing, fishing, picnicing, camping, as well as hiking and biking trails. There are 26 public use areas around Table Rock Lake. There are 12 parks on the lake presently managed by the Corps of Engineers. At the drafting of this final Master Plan, the Corps is planning for significant changes to park operations and/or closures because of constrained funding. Parks have been evaluated using an efficiency review process. Those parks chosen for closure for budgetary reasons may be offered for lease through standard leasing procedures, and if not leased, these parks may be reopened at such time as adequate funding becomes available. One park, Viney Creek, is temporarily closed. The U.S. Forest Service has one public use area (Big Bay) which they maintain and operate. One State Park (Table Rock State Park) is located on Table Rock Lake and it is operated by the Department of Natural Resources. Two Parks (Port of Kimberling and Long Creek) are operated by a commercial concessionaire. One Park (Beaver) is operated by the City of Beaver, Arkansas. There are eight other public use areas operated by the Corps around the lake. One of the eight is the Cow Creek public use area which the Corps operates the boat launch site, but the Boy Scouts maintain and operate the group camping area.

For a detailed description of the recreational resources as well as visitation data at Table Rock Lake see Chapter 2 of the Table Rock Revised Master Plan.

4.10 Health and Safety

Safety of project visitors and project staff are highest priority in daily project operations. Facilities and recreational areas are routinely evaluated to ensure sites are safe for visitor use. Project staff conducts numerous water safety programs and public announcements to educate children and project visitors about ways to be safe on the lake.

In coordination with the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP), water safety hazards and no wake zones are marked with buoys. Park Rangers provide visitor assistance and work with county law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety. MSHP provides water safety patrols on the lake as their budgets allow.

4.11 Aesthetics

Management objectives include maintaining scenic vistas while limiting impacts that would negatively affect aesthetics. Aesthetics is an important feature that enhances the recreational experience. The perimeter lands around Table Rock Lake provide a natural setting that is aesthetically pleasing as well as buffering the lake from development and negative impacts such as erosion and stormwater runoff. However, there are problems in maintaining these aesthetic qualities. Project resource staff is continually investigating trespasses that include activities such as timber cutting and land destruction by unauthorized off road vehicles. In addition, litter and illegal trash dumping both on project lands and project waters are continual problems. Vandalism within recreation areas also occurs frequently.

Other concerns that impact aesthetics are demands put upon project resources for uses such as road and utility line corridors. As Table Rock Lake continues to be surrounded by residential and commercial development, these demands are continually increasing. In many instances, these requests are in areas where the natural vegetation and landscape would be disturbed.

5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

The following table summarizes which resources are likely to be affected by implementation of a master plan update or a No Action alternative. Discussion of potential impacts will follow the table.

Table 5.1 Resources Likely Affected with Implementation of Alternatives

Resource Category	Alternative 1 (No Action)	Selected Alternative	Alternative 2, Balanced Use	Alternative 2a, Slow Growth	Alternative 2b, Maintain High Density	Alternative 2c, No New High Density	Alternative 2d, No Vegetative Management Area	Alternative 3 (Conservative)	Alternative 4 (Extreme Development)
Climate, Physiography, Topography, Geology and Soils	There will be impact, although not significant, to climate, physiography, topography and geology as a result of implementation of the No Action Alternative.	Impact is similar to Alternative 2d, although not significant, to climate, physiography, topography and geology as a result of implementation of the no vegetative management area alternative. The potential exists for an increased number of shoreline use permits issued as a result of implementation of this alternative and may result in small impacts, although not significant, to climate, physiography, topography, geology and soils.	The Balanced Use Alternative is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to climate, physiography, topography and geology.	There will be impact, although not significant, to climate, physiography, topography and geology as a result of implementation of the Slow Growth Alternative. Minor seasonal temperature variations may occur due to vegetation removal.	There will be some impact, although not significant, to climate, physiography, topography and geology as a result of implementation of the Maintain High Density Alternative.	There will be little to no impact to climate, physiography, topography and geology as a result of implementation of the No New High Density Alternative.	There will be impact, although not significant, to climate, physiography, topography and geology as a result of implementation of the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative. Minor seasonal temperature variations may occur due to potential vegetation removal due to private development.	The Conservative Alternative should have little to no impacts to climate, physiography, topography and geology.	The Extreme Development Alternative is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to climate, physiography, topography and geology.
Aquatic Environment	The hydrology and groundwater components of Table Rock Lake will not change from the existing condition due to the implementation of a No Action Alternative.	The potential impacts to the aquatic environment is similar to Alternative 2d in terms of hydrology and groundwater components of Table Rock Lake Water quality and aquatic resources may experience some negative benefits due to implementation of this alternative because of the potential for an increase in shoreline mowing permits issuance, with the proposed removal of designated Vegetative Management Area lands in the Low Density land classification.	The Balanced Use Alternative is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment.	The Slow Growth Alternative is similar to the Balanced Use Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. Minor negative impacts to water quality may occur due to soil disturbance and increased pesticide or herbicide use at private residence developments.	The hydrology and groundwater components of Table Rock Lake will not change significantly from the existing condition due to any potential impacts from the implementation of the Maintain High Density Alternative.	The No New High Density Alternative is similar to the Slow Growth Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. Minor negative impacts to water quality may occur due to soil disturbance and increased pesticide or herbicide use at private residence developments.	The hydrology and groundwater components of Table Rock Lake may potentially undergo minor negative impacts to water quality by implementing the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative do to potential increased private development and associated soil disturbance and possible pesticide or herbicide usage.	The Conservative Alternative little to no impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment	The Extreme Development Alternative is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment.

Resource Category	Alternative 1 (No Action)	Selected Alternative	Alternative 2, Balanced Use	Alternative 2a, Slow Growth	Alternative 2b, Maintain High Density	Alternative 2c, No New High Density	Alternative 2d, No Vegetative Management Area	Alternative 3 (Conservative)	Alternative 4 (Extreme Development)
Terrestrial Resources/Land Use	Under the No Action Alternative there is no Vegetative Management Area. Based on this, the potential exists for continual degradation of shoreline vegetation due to increased development and subsequent vegetation removal and mowing activities.	The Selected alternative is similar to the No Vegetative Management Area alternative in terms of impacts to terrestrial resources, but with potentially less impacts due to the small reduction of high density acreage and similar acreage increases in low density lands, which may result in slightly more vegetation retention around the shoreline of the lake.	Implementation of the balanced use alternative will have a positive impact on terrestrial resources as compared to the no action alternative. Due to an increase in environmentally sensitive, and wildlife management lands and addition of 4,081 acres in vegetative management area, this will have a positive benefit to the area.	Implementation of the Slow Growth Alternative will have a similar impact on terrestrial resources as the Balanced Use Alternative.	Implementation of the Maintain High Density Alternative will have a similar impact on terrestrial resources as the Slow Growth Alternative. Addition of 74 acres High Density will have little impact on terrestrial resources and land use.	Implementation of the No New High Density Alternative will have a similar impact on terrestrial resources as the Maintain High Density Alternative. Addition of 95 acres Low Density will have minimal impact on terrestrial resources and land use.	Implementation of the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative could have a negative impact on terrestrial resources and land use from not including 4,081 acres. This would potentially result in woody vegetation removal, which may alter wildlife habitat and movement patterns along the shoreline.	The Conservative Alternative will provide the greatest benefits to terrestrial resources of all the alternatives evaluated	The Extreme Development Alternative, will have the greatest negative impact on the lakeside terrestrial resources of all the alternatives evaluated.
Threatened & Endangered Species	The No Action Alternative will have no significant impact on the Gray Bat or the protected Bald Eagle. Bush's Poppy Mallow is also unlikely to be negatively impacted by the no action alternative.	The Selected alternative will be similar in impacts as the No Vegetative Management Area alternative by potentially having some minor impacts on listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern, such as the Bush's Poppy Mallow (Callirhoe bushii), and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area due to the removal of 2,004 acres of Vegetative Management Area in the Low Density land classification.	The Balanced Use Alternative will likely have little to no impacts on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern. Due to the increase in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands and Vegetative Management Area, there may be some positive benefits to any or all the listed species.	The Slow Growth Alternative may have some impacts, although not significant due the minor acreage increase of Low Density lands, on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern.	The Maintain High Density Alternative will likely have some impact, although not significant due to the low acreage amount, on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern.	The No New High Density Alternative will likely have little to no impacts on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern.	Implementation of the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative could have potential minor negative impact on Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern (Bush's Poppy Mallow) from not including 4,081 acres of Vegetative Management Area. This would potentially result in less woody vegetation and/or vegetation along the shoreline, which may alter potential habitat of these species.	The Conservative Alternative will likely have little to no impacts on any species listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern	The Extreme Development Alternative could have a significant impact on any species listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern, due to the fact that this alternative will allow development on 82% of available shoreline; there will be lakeside flora and fauna impacts due to vegetation removal and modification, which will impact game and non-game wildlife foraging and movement patterns.

Table 5.1 cont.

Resource Category	Alternative 1 (No Action)	Selected Alternative	Alternative 2, Balanced Use	Alternative 2a, Slow Growth	Alternative 2b, Maintain High Density	Alternative 2c, No New High Density	Alternative 2d, No Vegetative Management Area	Alternative 3 (Conservative)	Alternative 4 (Extreme Development)
Archaeological & Historic Resources	Under the No Action Alternative, the greatest potential for effects to cultural resources and historic properties would occur in the areas located as Low and High Density Recreation and the No Allocation classification.	The Selected Alternative is similar to the No Vegetative Management Alternative in terms of potential impacts to cultural resources along Table Rock Lake. Because of the elimination of the Vegetation Management Area and the fact that the majority of the lake’s cultural resources are concentrated along the shoreline, there lies the potential for impact to cultural resources sites due to increased erosion along the shoreline, specifically where minimal development has taken place.	Under the Balanced Use Alternative, the land classification would be very similar to the No Action Alternative, except for the stark increase in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage, which would avoid impact to sites.	Under the Slow Growth Alternative, the land classification would be similar to the Balanced Use Alternative, with no direct impacts to cultural resources expected.	The Maintain High Density Alternative may have some potential to impact cultural resource sites due to the maintenance of 74 acres of High Density land classification.	The No New High Density Alternative may have some an indirect positive impact on cultural resources due to keeping 95 acres in the Low Density and Environmentally Sensitive classifications.	The No Vegetative Management Area Alternative is likely to have some impact, although not significant, on cultural resources or historic sites. By not including the 50ft. Vegetative Management Area, there is a possibility for increased erosion along the shoreline, specifically where minimal or no development has taken place.	Under the Conservative Alternative, the amount of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management would increase by 9,449 and 3,020 acres, respectively. This alternative is very preservation oriented and would constitute the best opportunity to minimize any potential impacts to cultural resource sites or historic properties.	This Alternative would have the greatest increase in potential impacts on cultural resource sites and historic properties compared to all the alternatives due to the potential for development around the shoreline of the lake.
Air Quality	Under the No Action Alternative, the air quality around the lake will remain the same as currently exists. There could be an increase in vehicular exhaust emissions due to localized development, and associated construction equipment. No violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by the EPA are expected with this alternative.	Under the Selected Alternative, the air quality around the lake will not be significantly impacted, and will likely remain similar to the current air quality. There will likely be increases in mower exhaust emissions due to lack of a Vegetative management Area. No violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by EPA are expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative	Implementation of the Balanced Use Alternative would result in similar air quality impacts as noted in the No Action Alternative.	Implementation of the Slow Growth Alternative would result in insignificant air quality impacts due to conversion of an additional 232 acres to Low Density classified lands.	Implementation of the Maintain High Density Alternative would result in insignificant negative air quality impacts due to keeping 74 acres of High Density lands.	Implementation of the No New High Density Alternative would result in insignificant positive air quality impacts due to conversion of 95 acres from High Density lands to Low Density lands.	There will be little to no impact to air quality due to the implementation of the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative. No violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards are expected.	Implementation of the conservative alternative would result in less of an impact to existing air quality due to the reduction in lands classified for development around the lake shoreline.	Implementation of the Extreme Development Alternative would have the greatest impact to air quality of all the evaluated alternatives, due to the acreage reclassified as Low Density recreation.

Table 5.1 cont.

Resource Category	Alternative 1 (No Action)	Selected Alternative	Alternative 2, Balanced Use	Alternative 2a, Slow Growth	Alternative 2b, Maintain High Density	Alternative 2c, No New High Density	Alternative 2d, No Vegetative Management Area	Alternative 3 (Conservative)	Alternative 4 (Extreme Development)
Socio-economics	The No Action Alternative will likely have very little impact on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Table Rock Lake, and even less impact on the counties within the lake’s Zone of Influence. Any changes in the socio-economic conditions of the Table Rock area would likely be the result of outside influences, and not those created by the No Action alternative.	With an absence of a Vegetative Management Area under the Selected Alternative, the socio-economic situation of Table Rock Lake would be positively impacted due to the perception of more potential lake accessibility by adjacent landowners, with economic impacts similar to those noted in the Balanced Use Alternative	The Balanced Use Alternative will likely have an impact on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Table Rock Lake, but much less of an impact on the counties within the lake’s Zone of Influence. Population would likely grow due to the increased High Density acreage and the adjustment to the Low Density acreage to the developed areas of the lake.	Implementation of the Slow Growth Alternative would result in similar socioeconomic impacts as Alternative 2. A conversion of an additional 232 acres to Low Density lands will increase opportunity for development and recreation.	Implementation of the Maintain High Density Alternative would result in similar socioeconomic impacts as Alternative 2. Maintaining 74 acres of High Density lands will increase opportunity for recreation.	Implementation of the No New High Density Alternative would result in similar socioeconomic impacts as Alternative 2. Keeping 95 of Low Density and Environmentally Sensitive lands may decrease opportunity for public recreation.	There will be little to no impact to the socioeconomics of the area due to the implementation of the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative.	Alternative 3 will likely have an impact on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Table Rock Lake, but much less of an impact on the counties within the lake’s Zone of Influence. Population may stay the same or decrease due to the decrease in High Density and reclassification of Low Density lands.	The Extreme Development Alternative will likely have similar impacts on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Table Rock Lake to that of Alternative 2 although at much greater rate. The economy of the area would most likely grow due to the increased recreational and developed areas around the lake.
Recreation Resources	Provision of recreational facilities and services would continue at Table Rock Lake without an update to the Table Rock Lake Master Plan. However, the plan by which the Resource Manager and staff operate would not accurately reflect the current status of project facilities. Lands with no classification would remain as unclassified lands.	This Selected Alternative should not negatively impact recreational opportunities on the lake. Not having the Vegetative Management Areas along the lake has the potential to be beneficial to those property homeowners adjacent to Corps land by potentially allowing an increase in shoreline use. The minor changes in lands classifications should have little to no impact on recreational activities.	The Balanced Use Alternative will help achieve a balanced public use of the lake while sustaining the natural, cultural, and socio-economic resources of the area. All lands would have a land classifications.	Implementation of the Slow Growth Alternative would result in similar recreational impacts as Alternative 2. A conversion of an additional 232 acres to Low Density lands will increase opportunity for shoreline development and recreation.	Implementation of the Maintain High Density Alternative would result in potentially more commercial development within these areas. In keeping these areas classified as High Density, the Corps could partner with others for future development.	The No New High Density Alternative would result in potential negative impacts on recreation resources because it restricts the visiting publics' area on which to recreate on a large scale.	This alternative should not impact recreational opportunities on the lake. The could be potential benefit to homeowners adjacent to the lake by allowing an increase in shoreline use.	The Conservative alternative will have some recreation impact as opportunities will be reduced such as private boat docks and vegetative modification permits due to an increase in environmentally sensitive classifications that does not allow most types of development.	Under Alternative 4, areas around Table Rock will experience and increase in opportunities for commercial growth, but because of water quality degradation, this growth may decrease the quality of the recreating experience. The potential for overdevelopment poses a possibility for an increase in boating-related incidents, fatalities, and an increase in boat traffic.

Table 5.1 cont.

Resource Category	Alternative 1 (No Action)	Selected Alternative	Alternative 2, Balanced Use	Alternative 2a, Slow Growth	Alternative 2b, Maintain High Density	Alternative 2c, No New High Density	Alternative 2d, No Vegetative Management Area	Alternative 3 (Conservative)	Alternative 4 (Extreme Development)
Health & Safety	The No Action Alternative would have no vegetative management area which could potentially impact water quality. Continued development may lead to increased water traffic and primary body contact, with the potential for increased accidents and water quality degradation.	The implementation of the Selected Alternative will not generally have an impact on health and safety issues on the lake, with the possible exception of water quality impacts from increased runoff of herbicides, pesticides, and phosphorus from watershed activities surrounding the lake. This will also lead to a reduced risk of pest encounters due to increased vegetation removal.	The increased recreational opportunities, balanced with conservation of natural environment could lead to better health, both mental and physical, of visiting populations. The Balanced Use Alternative would continue to see some degree of boat congestion, especially in high use areas; water related incidents would continue to be an issue under this alternative. The increase in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management areas could result in an increase in human exposure to insects and wildlife.	Implementation of the Slow Growth Alternative would create a potential for additional boat docks due to conversion of an additional 232 acres to Low Density lands. This could potentially result in increased boat congestion and water related incidents.	Implementation of the Maintain High Density Alternative would result in similar impacts as the Slow Growth Alternative, due to keeping 74 acres as High Density lands, with associated development, increased water traffic and primary contact recreation.	Implementation of the No New High Density Alternative would have potential positive impacts to health and safety issues due to keeping 95 acres Low Density and Environmentally Sensitive lands, which may result in a reduction in water traffic and primary contact recreation.	There will be little to no impact to health and safety issues of the area due to the implementation of the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative, with the possible exception of minor water quality impacts from potential increased herbicide and pesticide use.	Under the Conservative Alternative, access to Table Rock Lake would be limited and there lies the potential for a significant decrease in water-based recreational opportunities. However, land-based recreational opportunities, such as hiking, hunting, and wildlife observation could be seen.	The Extreme Development Alternative would most likely require the implementation of a range of mitigation measures to ensure a safe environment, such as slow zones, creation of boating activity use zones, or one-way directional travel restrictions. Recreational boating experiences and boater satisfaction may be negatively impacted. Other similar impacts from the No Action Alternative could also be observed with this alternative.

Table 5.1 cont.

Resource Category	Alternative 1 (No Action)	Selected Alternative	Alternative 2, Balanced Use	Alternative 2a, Slow Growth	Alternative 2b, Maintain High Density	Alternative 2c, No New High Density	Alternative 2d, No Vegetative Management Area	Alternative 3 (Conservative)	Alternative 4 (Extreme Development)
Aesthetics	Under the No Action Alternative the visual character of the landscape would slowly suffer due to continued development.	Implementation of this alternative would be similar to Alternative 2d in regard to having negative aesthetic impacts due to the removal of the Vegetative Management Area classification. This action could result in an increasing number of private developments and associated infrastructure. Additional vegetation removal and mowing permits, as well as boat docks, would likely result. Fragmentation of previously uninterrupted natural, wooded shoreline would impact the viewscape of lake users. However, the change from Low Density to Environmentally Sensitive classification in the backs of coves and the conversion of the majority of islands to Environmentally Sensitive lands will preserve the natural appearance of these areas.	The wide panorama of Table Rock Lake and the nearby shore would continue to convey a sense of enormity to the lake, but the high dock density would eliminate the sense of relatively pristine shoreline. The 50ft. Vegetative Management Area requirement would provide for some development screening and could enhance the viewscales of those recreating on the lake.	Implementation of the Slow Growth Alternative would result in similar aesthetic impacts as Alternative 2. A 232 acre increase in Low Density lands may have a potential boat dock increase, but an increase in the Vegetative management area lands of Alternative 2 would help screen new private development from a lake view.	Implementation of the Maintain High Density Alternative would result in similar impacts as Slow Growth Alternative. Though keeping 74 acres as High Density lands, with associated development, is proposed, this development is confined to specific areas with previously established viewscales.	Implementation of the No New High Density Alternative would mirror the aesthetic impacts of the slow growth alternative, but to a lesser degree because of keeping 95 acres in Low Density and Environmentally Sensitive lands is proposed.	Implementation of the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative would potentially have the greatest aesthetic impact of the Alternative 2 variations due to not having any Vegetative Management Area lands. This could result in increased private developments, including access roads, utility corridors, increased vegetation removal permits, boat docks and fragmentation of previously natural wooded shoreline segments.	Alternative 3 would minimize all activities which disturb the scenic beauty and or aesthetics of the lake.	The development of additional homes and docks in this viewshed would eliminate the unspoiled and untamed aesthetic of this landscape. The Extreme Development Alternative would visually compete with and detract from the boulders, bluffs, and mature forest flora that currently dominate the view.

Table 5.1 cont.

5.1 Climate, Physiography, Topography, Geology, and Soils

5.1.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)

There will be impact, although not significant, to climate, physiography, topography and geology as a result of implementation of the No Action alternative. Soil erosion would persist due to development being allowed under this alternative. Approximately 50% of available acreage (19,537.7 acres) around the lake is currently classified as high and Low Density recreation (10% and 40%, respectively). High Density acreage would allow development of intense recreational activities including campgrounds, parks, marinas, resorts and other public development infrastructure. This development requires soil disturbance, vegetation removal and transforming pervious surfaces to impervious areas. This promotes erosion during construction activities and increased runoff velocity after development is completed. The remaining pervious surfaces around these developed areas will become more impervious due to increased foot traffic from recreational activity. Of the activities associated with Low Density land classification—primitive camping, fishing, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing and shoreline use permits—the use permits will typically have the greatest impacts on soil disturbance due to potential vegetation removal and transforming pervious surfaces to impervious. Under the No Action alternative there is no land classification for vegetative management, which potentially could result in vegetative removal and mowing down to the water's edge, further enhancing the potential for soil erosion.

5.1.2 Selected Alternative

The Selected Alternative is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to climate, physiography, topography and geology. There will be little to no impact to the existing conditions regarding these features. This alternative is also similar to Alternative 2d, in that it will remove the requirement of a Vegetative Management Area from the remainder of the shoreline acreage of the lake. In Alternative 2, there are 4,081.3 acres of available acreage with a vegetative Management Area requirement. There are small modifications in acreage of land classifications from Alternative 2, with high density lands being reduced by 59.9 acres from 1986.6 to 1926.7 acres. Low density lands increased by 67.4 acres from 7187.3 to 7254.7 acres. Environmentally Sensitive lands decreased by 4.7 acres, from 6877.4 to 6872.7, and the Wildlife Management acreage decreased by 2.9 acres, from 3252 to 3249.1.

5.1.3 Balanced Use (Alternative 2)

The Balanced Use alternative is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to climate, physiography, topography and geology. There will be little to no impact to the existing conditions regarding these features. High Density Recreation acreage will be similar to the No Action Alternative (1,984.2 acres), and the Low Density recreation acreage has been reduced by 609.5 acres to 7,187.3 acres. Of this total, 4,081.3 acres would be required to have a Vegetative Management Area, which would provide storm water velocity reduction and act as a filtering mechanism. This would help reduce erosion and sediment deposition in the lake.

5.1.4 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

Impacts from Alternative 2a will be similar as the No Action Alternative for climate, physiography, topography, geology and soils from implementation of this alternative. There are 22 platted areas around the lake that have at least half of the plots previously developed. This

alternative would allow the development of the remaining plots in these areas. Similar to Alternative 1, this development requires soil disturbance, vegetation removal and transforming pervious surfaces to impervious areas. This promotes erosion during construction activities and increased runoff velocity after development is completed. The remaining pervious surfaces around these developed areas will become more impervious due to increased foot traffic from recreational activity. Of the activities associated with Low Density land classification—primitive camping, fishing, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing and shoreline use permits—the use permits will typically have the greatest impacts on soil disturbance due to potential vegetation removal and transforming pervious surfaces to impervious. The total acreage increase in Low Density development classification is 232.6 acres, which represents about 1% of total lands available.

5.1.5 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

Impacts from Alternative 2b will be similar as the No Action Alternative for climate, physiography, topography, geology and soils from implementation of this alternative. This alternative would maintain a total of 73.6 acres in the High Density classification instead of conversion in the Alternative 2 to Low Density (33 acres) and Wildlife Management (40.6 acres). These areas include James River Park (an undeveloped campground), Swiss Villa, Christ in Youth, JellyStone, Sunset Cove, and Kimberling Cove Resort.

5.1.6 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

This alternative takes a total of 95.2 acres, classified in Alternative 2 as High Density Recreation, and keeps it classified as either Low Density (94.2 acres) or Environmentally Sensitive (1 acre). The areas include Dogwood Canyon, Stone Croft Property, Paradise Point, The Outdoor academy, Kimberling City, Still Waters, and Big Cedar Resort. The potential limits to increased development in these areas still classified as Low Density would result in some impact, although not significant, to climate, physiography, topography, geology and soils from implementation of this alternative.

5.1.7 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

Alternative 2d is similar to Alternative 2, but would remove the requirement of a Vegetative Management Area from the remainder of the shoreline acreage of the lake. In Alternative 2, there are 4,081.3 acres of available acreage with a Vegetative Management Area requirement. The potential increased number of shoreline use permits issued as a result of implementation of this alternative would result in impact, although not significant, to climate, physiography, topography, geology and soils. The potential exists for an increased number of shoreline use permits issued as a result of implementation of this alternative and may result in small impacts, although not significant, to climate, physiography, topography, geology and soils.

5.1.8 Conservative (Alternative 3)

Alternative 3 is the most conservative alternative and should have little to no impact to climate, physiography, topography and geology. High Density recreation acreage decreases to 1,906.6 acres, the Low Density recreation acreage has been reclassified to an Environmentally Sensitive classification for a total of 14,144.7 acres, representing 72% of available acreage around the lake. Typically, limited or no development for public use is allowed on Environmentally Sensitive classified lands. This classification is for those land areas where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. No agricultural or grazing uses are permitted on these lands unless necessary for a specific resource management benefit, such as prairie restoration. With these restrictions on a majority of the shoreline acreage, obvious benefits to reduced erosion and sedimentation would result from the implementation of this alternative.

5.1.9 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

Alternative 4 is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to climate, physiography, topography and geology. There will be impact to the existing conditions regarding these features. High Density recreation acreage goes to 1,986.6 acres, representing 10% of the lake shore acreage, the Low Density recreation classification has been increased to a total of 14,064.7 acres, representing 72% of available acreage around the lake. While 3915.7 acres of the Low Density recreation lands will require a Vegetative Management Area, the potential development of 82% of the shoreline in this alternative could have significant detrimental effects due to increased erosion and lake sedimentation due to vegetation removal and conversion of land from a pervious condition to an impervious condition due to development. Increased storm water velocity and surface scour is an additional by-product of development

5.2 Aquatic Environment

5.2.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)

The hydrology and groundwater components of Table Rock Lake will not change from the existing condition due to the implementation of a No Action alternative.

Lake fluctuations, associated with power production and flood control procedures, produce changes in the environment along the shoreline of the lake. Turbidity adversely affects Table Rock Lake short periods of time after heavy rains. During these periods of heavy runoff, urban areas and other parts of the terrain especially those that have had the protective vegetation removed, contribute silt and other suspended particles to the tributaries. While implementation of the No Action alternative is relatively independent of the existing watershed drainage on the lake water quality, continued development around the lake shoreline will exacerbate water quality issues due to potential increased erosion, localized increases in turbidity and increased sedimentation in the lake following storm events.

Wetland areas are relatively limited within Table Rock Lake and throughout the adjacent government property surrounding the lake and will not undergo any significant change from existing conditions due to implementation of the No Action alternative.

The aquatic resources will not undergo a significant change from the existing condition due to implementation of the No Action alternative. Fishing is a major recreation component of Table Rock Lake, having regional and nation-wide popularity. Sport fish species currently found in the lake include largemouth bass, spotted bass, smallmouth bass, white bass, walleye, flathead catfish, channel catfish, white crappie, black crappie and paddlefish. Due to the quality and diversity of the fishery, Table Rock Lake serves as a national fishing destination, hosting hundreds of bass tournaments annually. Implementation of the No Action alternative, however, will allow continued development around the shoreline, and with no vegetative management area requirement, vegetation removal down to water's edge from development will impact shoreline stability, remove fish habitat provided by overhanging vegetation, tree trunks and roots at water's edge, and exacerbate storm water erosion and sedimentation. During the spring spawning season this sedimentation has the potential to disrupt spawning activity and productivity in the coves and lake arms where spawning commonly occurs.

5.2.2 Selected Alternative

The Selected Alternative is similar to the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The hydrology and groundwater conditions will be similar due to the watershed drainage and existing geology of the area being the controlling factors affecting these components. This alternative will remove the Vegetative Management Area requirements from all land classifications. The Corps determined that if all current policies were enforced, approximately 66% of Table Rock Lake's shoreline would have an area that would exhibit the same environmental benefits as the Vegetative Management Area. Water quality and aquatic resources, however, may experience some negative benefits due to implementation of this alternative because of the potential for an increase in shoreline mowing permits issuance. While grass cover does effectively improve water infiltration and removes sediments from storm water runoff, there is increased potential for water quality impacts due to increased herbicide/pesticide runoff in these mowed areas. The small acreage decrease in high density lands and similar acreage increase in low density lands may provide small improvements in hydrology due to some shoreline vegetation remaining in some low density areas. There will be little to no change in the wetland status from the existing condition due to implementation of this alternative.

5.2.3 Balanced Use (Alternative 2)

The Balanced Use Alternative is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The hydrology and groundwater conditions will be similar due to the watershed drainage and existing geology of the area being the controlling factors affecting these components. Water quality and aquatic resources, however, may receive positive benefits due to implementation of this alternative. While the High Density recreation acres are similar to the No Action Alternative, there is a reduction of 609.5 acres from the Low Density recreation classification, and a significant increase in Environmentally Sensitive acreage, from 4,639.4 acres to 6,877.4 acres—a gain of 2,238 acres. These land reclassifications will serve to limit development on these lands, thereby reducing impacts to ground disturbance and subsequent increased erosion. In addition, positive impacts will be achieved by having a required Vegetative Management Area on 4,081.3 acres of the projects' lands (Low Density, Environmentally Sensitive, and Wildlife Management). These factors will reduce erosion sedimentation and pollutants scoured from reduced impervious surfaces, with additional benefits of retention of more shoreline vegetation, better fishery habitat, and improved spawning conditions due to the decrease of turbidity and sediment deposition.

5.2.4 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

The Slow Growth Alternative is similar to the Balanced Use Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The hydrology and groundwater conditions will be similar due to the watershed drainage and existing geology of the area being the controlling factors affecting these components. Water quality and aquatic resources, however, may receive similar positive benefits due to implementation of this alternative, with only 1% of Environmentally Sensitive lands being reclassified as Low Density recreation. Positive impacts could be achieved by having a required vegetative management area on 2,080.9 acres of the Low Density recreation lands, which is a 77.2 acre increase over the Balanced Use Alternative. These factors will reduce erosion sedimentation and pollutants scoured from reduced impervious surfaces, with additional benefits of retention of more shoreline vegetation, better fishery habitat, and improved spawning conditions due to the decrease of turbidity and sediment deposition. There will be little to no change in the wetland status from the existing condition due to implementation of the Slow Growth Alternative.

5.2.5 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

The Maintain High Density alternative includes the areas noted below that would remain as High Density lands, however, due to the minor acreage involved, would result in insignificant impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The areas of James River Park (an undeveloped campground), Swiss Villa, Christ in Youth, JellyStone, Sunset Cove and Kimberling Cove Resort, cumulatively total 73.6 acres. In Alternative 2 these areas are under consideration for conversion from High Density to Low Density because they currently do not support the definition of High Density recreation. However, similar to partially closed Corps parks, if an interested entity, such as another federal agency, state/local agency, or city/township, could partner with the Corps to take over management of these areas, the Corps could keep them classified as High Density for future development.

5.2.5 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

The No New High Density Alternative includes areas that would not convert from Low Density/Environmentally Sensitive to High Density. In Alternative 2, these areas are under consideration for conversion from Low Density to High Density because they support the definition of High Density recreation. It is expected that development will take place adjacent to Corps property that will support recreation facilities for public use. These areas include Dogwood Canyon, Stone Croft Property, Paradise Point, Outdoor Academy, Kimberling City, Still Waters and Big Cedar Resort. Due to the limited acreage involved (95 acres), potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment, as well as water quality, should be minimal due to this proposed change.

5.2.6 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

The No Vegetative Management Area Alternative is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The hydrology and groundwater conditions will be similar due to the watershed drainage and existing geology of the area being the controlling factors affecting these components. Water quality and aquatic resources, however, may receive some negative impacts due to implementation of this alternative, with the proposed removal of 4,081.3 acres of designated Vegetative Management Area lands, which enhances the potential for issuance of shoreline mowing permits. While grass cover does effectively improve water infiltration and removes sediments from storm water runoff, there is increased potential for water quality impacts due to increased herbicide/pesticide usage in these mowed lands.

5.2.8 Conservative (Alternative 3)

The Conservative Alternative is will have little to no impacts in terms of the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The hydrology and groundwater conditions will be similar due to the watershed drainage and existing geology of the area being the controlling factors affecting these components. Water quality and aquatic resources, however, may receive positive benefits due to implementation of this alternative. While the High Density recreation acres are similar to the No Action Alternative, the 7,796.8 acres of Low Density recreation lands have been reclassified as Environmentally Sensitive lands, representing 72% of available lakeshore area (14,144.7 acres of Environmentally Sensitive). Typically, limited or no development for public use is allowed on Environmentally Sensitive classified lands. This classification is for those land areas where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. No agricultural or grazing uses are permitted on these lands unless necessary for a specific resource

management benefit, such as prairie restoration. With these restrictions on a majority of the shoreline acreage, obvious benefits to reduced erosion and sedimentation would result from the implementation of this alternative, which will benefit water quality, as well as fishery habitat and productivity. There will be little to no change in the wetland status from the existing condition due to implementation of the conservative alternative.

5.2.9 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

The Extreme Development Alternative is similar to the No Action Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the hydrology and groundwater components of the aquatic environment. The hydrology and groundwater conditions will be similar due to the watershed drainage and existing geology of the area being the controlling factors affecting these components. Water quality and aquatic resources, however, will likely be negatively impacted from implementation of this alternative. While the High Density recreation acreage is similar to the No Action Alternative (1,986.6 acres), representing 10% of the lake shore acreage, the Low Density recreation classification has been increased to a total of 14,064.7 acres, representing 72% of available acreage around the lake. While 3915.7 acres of the Low Density recreation lands will require a vegetative management area, the potential development of 82% of the shoreline in this alternative could have significant detrimental effects due to increased erosion and lake sedimentation due to vegetation removal and conversion of land from a pervious condition to an impervious condition due to development. Increased storm water velocity and surface scour is an additional by-product of development.

This will degrade water quality due to flushing of pollutants from developed areas, and the increase in sedimentation and turbidity will have a negative effect on fishery habitat and productivity. There will be little to no change in the wetland status from the existing condition due to implementation of the extreme development alternative. Most of the wetlands have been identified in the upper reaches of the major tributary streams, therefore shoreline development will have little impact to this resource.

5.3 Terrestrial Resources and Land Use

5.3.1 No Action (Alternative 1)

Under the No Action Alternative, High Density recreation land classification will be at 1,984.2 acres (10% of total available area), Low Density recreation lands will be 7,796.8 acres (40%), Environmentally Sensitive lands include 4,639.4 acres (24%), classified Wildlife Management lands total 232 acres (1%), while 4,492.1 acres have no current classification, representing 23% of the available shoreline acreage. There is no vegetative management area under the No Action Alternative. Based on this, the potential exists for continual degradation of shoreline vegetation due to increased development and subsequent vegetation removal and mowing activities. Unclassified lands are potentially developable, resulting in 74% of the shoreline acreage subject to increased or new development. This will result in negative impacts to wildlife due to potential removal of trees and understory vegetation, thereby altering food sources and migratory patterns of both birds and mammal species.

5.3.2 Selected Alternative

The Selected alternative is similar to the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative in terms of impacts to terrestrial resources, but with potentially less impacts due to the small reduction of high density acreage and similar acreage increases in low density lands, which may result in slightly more vegetation retention around the shoreline of the lake. Still, the elimination of the Vegetative

Management Area of 2,003.7 acres in the Low Density land classification will have some negative impacts to terrestrial resources (both plant and animal), as well as potential land uses. This action would potentially result in woody vegetation removal, with grass replacement, which would alter wildlife habitat, movement patterns, and feeding activity along the shoreline environment.

5.3.3 Balanced Use (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Balanced Use Alternative will have a positive impact on terrestrial resources as compared to the No Action alternative. There is a 609.5 acre reduction in Low Density recreation land classification (7,187.3 acres), an 11% increase in Environmentally Sensitive lands classification (6,877.4 total acres) and an increase in Wildlife Management lands from 232.4 acres to 3,252 acres, which results in 17% of available acreage classified as Wildlife Management lands. This increase in this area is largely the result of a land swap with the US Forest Service wherein the Cow Creek area lands were obtained. The increases in lands classified in these three areas will serve as additional protection for lakeside vegetation and preservation of habitat for wildlife and migratory bird species. An additional benefit to terrestrial resources is due to the 4,081.3 acres of Low Density, Environmentally Sensitive, and Wildlife Management lands requiring a Vegetative Management Area, which provides a buffer of natural vegetation to remain along the shoreline for this designated acreage.

5.3.4 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

The Slow Growth alternative is similar to the Balanced Use Alternative in terms of potential impacts to the terrestrial resources and land use patterns. A proposed increase in Low Density lands of 232.6 acres, representing 1% of available acreage, will likely have an insignificant impact. In spite of this increase in Low Density lands, there is a small increase of 77.2 acres in Vegetative Management Area lands, which will provide limited benefits to wildlife habitat and movement patterns.

5.3.5 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

The Maintain High Density alternative includes the areas noted below that would remain as High Density lands. However, due to the small acreage involved as these lands have already been ‘disturbed’ in the past, this alternative would result in insignificant impacts to terrestrial resources and land use patterns. Low Density lands would not gain 33 acres and nor would there be a 40.6 acre increase Wildlife Management (73.6 acre total). The areas involved include James River Park (an undeveloped campground), Swiss Villa, Christ in Youth, JellyStone, Sunset Cove and Kimberling Cove Resort.

5.3.6 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

The No New High Density alternative includes areas that would not convert from Low Density/Environmentally Sensitive to High Density. In Alternative 2, these areas are under consideration for conversion from Low Density to High Density because they support the definition of High Density recreation. It is expected that development will take place adjacent to Corps property that will support recreation facilities for public use. These areas include Dogwood Canyon, Stone Croft, Paradise Point, Outdoor Academy, Kimberling City, Still Waters and Big Cedar Resort. Due to the limited acreage involved (95.2 acres), potential impacts to the terrestrial resources and land use should be minimal due to this proposed change. There will be some minor benefits incurred regarding wildlife habit and movement corridors by keeping this acreage as Low Density (94.2 acres) and Environmentally Sensitive (1 acre) lands.

5.3.7 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

The No Vegetative Management Area alternative is similar to the Selected Alternative in terms of retaining similar High and Low Density land acreages, and the elimination of the Vegetative Management Area on 4,081.3 acres, which will have some negative impacts to terrestrial resources

(both plant and animal), as well as potential land uses. This action would potentially result in woody vegetation removal, with grass replacement, which would alter wildlife habitat, movement patterns, and feeding activity along the shoreline environment.

5.3.8 Conservative (Alternative 3)

Alternative 3, the Conservative Alternative, will provide the greatest benefits to terrestrial resources of all the alternatives evaluated. The reclassification of all Low Density recreation lands to Environmentally Sensitive lands, totaling 14,144.7 acres (72% of total available acreage), will offer more protection to lakeshore vegetation and habitat protection for the lakeside terrestrial game and non-game fauna. An additional 3,252 acres are classified as Wildlife Management, and this 17% results in 87% of total available acreage around the shoreline being classified in categories that are beneficial to the preservation of shoreline terrestrial resources. Under this alternative, 10% of available acreage remains classified as High Density recreation.

5.3.9 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

Alternative 4, the Extreme Development Alternative, will have the greatest negative impact on the lakeside terrestrial resources of all the alternatives evaluated. While the High Density recreation acreage is similar to the No Action Alternative (1,984.2 acres), representing 10% of the lake shore acreage, the Low Density recreation classification has been increased to a total of 14,064.7 acres, representing 72% of available acreage around the lake. While 3915.7 acres of the Low Density recreation lands will require a vegetative management area, the potential development of 82% of the shoreline in this alternative could have significant detrimental effects due to vegetation removal during development and through issuance of shoreline use permits. Wildlife habitat and behavior will be impacted due to the removal of movement and shelter corridors and destruction of nesting, perching and food sources.

5.4 Threatened and Endangered Species

5.4.1 No Action (Alternative 1)

Of the species listed in Table 4.5 of Section 4.0, AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, only the Gray Bat, *Myotis grisescens*, is listed as Threatened or Endangered. This species has been observed at times around the dam area of Table Rock Lake. Since this bat roosts in nearby caves during the summer and hibernates in caves during the winter, the No Action alternative will have no significant impact on this species. The Bald Eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*, was removed from the Threatened listing in 2007 by the USFWS, but it still remains a protected species. While there have been reports of nesting in some locations around the lake perimeter, there is only one recorded nesting site by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), located just above the Arkansas border in the Kings River arm of the lake. This location is in a rural area with no road access, and is highly unlikely to be impacted by any evaluated alternative. The state species of concern, the Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*, is a year-round resident species, but nests in old buildings or on the ground away from human activity, and will be likely not be significantly impacted by any alternative evaluated. The other species of state concern, Bush's Poppy Mallow, *Callirhoe bushii*, has also been documented at one location by MDC, in the vicinity of the Bald Eagle documentation in the upper Kings River lake arm in a remote, relatively inaccessible area. This plant is unlikely to be negatively impacted by any evaluated alternative.

5.4.2 Selected Alternative

The Selected Alternative will be similar in impacts as the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative by potentially having some minor impacts on listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern, such as the Bush's Poppy Mallow (*Callirhoe bushii*), and

possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area due to the removal of 2,003.7 acres of Vegetative Management Area in the Low Density land classification. Possible future nesting sites of the federally protected Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and the Black vulture, may also be impacted by this action. There were sites classified as Low Density, but upon receipt of an updated T&E species list (including the State's Species of Concern), these sites have been converted to ESA lands.

If a new discovery of species or species habitat (T&E or State Species of Concern) is discovered in High Density or Low Density land classifications post implementation of this Final Master Plan, this will be reviewed on a case by case basis and could go through a supplement process.

5.4.3 Balanced Use (Alternative 2)

The Balanced Use alternative will likely have little to no impacts on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern based on the documentation and justification noted in the No Action alternative. Due to the increase of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage from the No Action lands classifications, there may be potential positive benefits to any or all the listed species, and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area.

5.4.4 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

Similar to Alternative 2, the Slow Growth alternative will likely have little to no impacts on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern based on the documentation and justification noted in the No Action alternative. Due to the conversion of 232.6 acres of Environmentally Sensitive acreage to Low Density acreage classification, there may be potential minor negative impacts to any or all the listed species, and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area.

5.4.5 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

The Maintain High Density Alternative will likely have some impacts, although not significant due to the low acreage amount, on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or State Species of Concern based on the documentation and justification noted in the No Action alternative. Due to the maintenance of 73.6 acres (33 acres from Low Density, 40.6 acres from Wildlife Management) to High Density recreation lands classification, there may be potential minor negative impacts to any or all the listed species, and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area.

5.4.6 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

The No New High Density alternative will likely have little to no impacts on any listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern based on the documentation and justification noted in the No Action alternative. Due to keeping 95.2 acres in Low Density (94.2 acres) and Environmentally Sensitive (1 acre) land classification, there may be potential minor positive benefits to any or all the listed species, and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area.

5.4.7 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

The No Vegetative Management Area Alternative may have some potential minor impacts on listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern, such as the Bush's Poppy Mallow (*Callirhoe bushii*), and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area due to the removal of 4,081.3 acres of Vegetative Management Area. Possible future nesting sites of the federally protected Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) and the Black vulture, may also be impacted by this action.

5.4.8 Conservative (Alternative 3)

The Conservative (Alternative 3) alternative will likely have little to no impacts on any species listed as Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern based on the documentation and justification noted in the No Action alternative. Due to the significant increase of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage from the No Action land classifications, there may be potential positive benefits to any or all the listed species, and possibly other yet undiscovered species that may exist in the area.

5.4.9 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

The Extreme Development alternative could have a significant impact on any species listed Threatened, Endangered, Protected, or Species of State Concern based on the documentation and justification noted in the No Action alternative. Due to the fact that this alternative will allow development on 82% of available shoreline, there will be lakeside flora and fauna impacts due to vegetation removal and modification, which will impact game and non-game wildlife foraging and movement patterns. This alternative may have negative impact on species like the Black Vulture, which depends primarily on wildlife for its food source.

5.5 Archaeological and Historic Resources

5.5.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)

Under the No-Action Alternative there would be no change in the current Master Plan land classifications as designated under the 1976 MP. Under this alternative, the greatest potential for effects to cultural resources and historic properties would occur in the areas located as Low and High Density Recreation and those lands with no classification. Due to land acquisitions by the Corps, subsequent to the updating of the 1976 Master Plan, approximately 23% of Corps managed property has no land classification. Cultural Resources under the No Action Alternative would be at risk of disturbance in areas that would allow for intensive development. Any new ground disturbing activities on USACE lands would require a permit to be issued prior to commencement of the activity. Cultural Resource sites within Low Density classification areas could potentially undergo the most severe impact due to the fact that activities such as boat dock construction and shoreline use permits require a degree of ground disturbance which pose a threat to intact cultural deposits. Through the site review process prior to issuance of a permit, unknown sites would be identified, and known sites would be evaluated for their significance and eligibility for the National Register, pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Cultural Resource sites within Low Density classification areas could potentially undergo the most severe impact due to the fact that activities such as boat dock constructions and shoreline use permits require a degree of ground disturbance which pose a threat to intact cultural deposits.

5.5.2 Selected Alternative

The Selected Alternative is similar to the No Vegetative Management Alternative in terms of potential impacts to cultural resources along Table Rock Lake. Because of the elimination of the Vegetation Management Area and the fact that the majority of the lake's cultural resources are concentrated along the shoreline, there lies the potential for impact to cultural resources sites due to increased erosion along the shoreline, specifically where minimal development has taken place. These areas usually have the potential for intact cultural resources because they have not suffered the disturbance of developed areas.

If a significant cultural resource site is discovered in High Density or Low Density land classifications post implementation of the Final Master Plan, these sites will be reviewed on a case

by case basis and could go through a supplement process.

5.5.2 Balanced Use (Alternative 2)

Under the Balanced Use Alternative, the land classification would be very similar to the No Action Alternative, except for the increase in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage. With the implementation of a Vegetative Management Area, there would essentially be less potential for ground disturbing activities along the shoreline to impact cultural resources. In areas which were previously Low Density recreation land with no permits, no houses, and undeveloped lots, these areas were changed to Environmentally Sensitive in effort to preserve the scenic, historical, archaeological, scientific, water quality, or ecological value of the overall project.

Wildlife Management areas, which consists of lands acquired by the Corps through the 1999 U.S. Forest Service Exchange, poses a great benefit for the stewardship of cultural resources. Environmentally Sensitive areas will increase by approximately 2,200 acres and occur in areas where significant natural or cultural resources have been identified. These Environmentally Sensitive areas will allow for limited or no development of public use. This designation informs the Corps that within this designation lie natural or cultural resources that are deemed significant and therefore must be considered by management to ensure they are not adversely impacted.

5.5.3 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

Under the Slow Growth alternative, 22 areas around the lake would be reclassified from Environmentally Sensitive to Low Density, except in areas which contain cultural resource sites. This means that no cultural resource sites will be impacted directly due to the reclassification. Since these areas are located in platted subdivisions, it is assumed no cultural or historical resource sites will be impacted. Alternative 2a will mirror the Balanced Use Alternative.

5.5.4 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

Under the Maintain High Density alternative there is some potential to impact cultural resource sites because maintenance of High Density lands allows for potentially more development. There is approximately 74 acres which will be affected. Since these areas were already classified as High Density, this alternative should have low impact cultural sites, but it cannot be ruled out. In addition, this alternative would hinder preservation by keeping these areas High Density.

5.5.5 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

The No New High Density Alternative has the potential cause an indirect positive impact to cultural resources. The lands total 95 acres that would remain as Low Density or Environmentally Sensitive lands. Although this alternative may not have impacts to cultural resources on USACE property, it has the potential to positively impact cultural resources on adjacent lands, due to the fact that potentially less intensive development would occur on these lands.

5.5.6 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

Alternative 2d is likely to have some impact, although not significant, on cultural resource sites. By removing this 50 ft Vegetative Management Area in all areas, there exists the possibility for increased erosion along the shoreline, specifically where minimal development has taken place. These areas usually have the potential for intact cultural resources because they have not suffered the disturbance of developed areas.

5.5.8 Conservative (Alternative 3)

Under Alternative 3, the amount of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management would increase by 9,505 and 3,020 acres, respectively. This alternative is very preservation-oriented and would constitute the best opportunity to minimize any potential impacts to cultural resource sites and historic properties. High Density recreation would be similar as the No-Action Alternative, and the Low Density recreation classification would decrease in acreage by 40% and that area would be reclassified as Environmentally Sensitive. This would minimize the amount of development, and subsequently minimize adverse effects to cultural resources, that could be performed on lands adjacent to Table Rock Lake.

5.5.9 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

Under Alternative 4, Environmentally Sensitive classifications will be removed, bringing the total acreage down to zero.. This Alternative would have the greatest increase in potential impacts on cultural resource sites and historic properties compared to all the alternatives. Under Alternative 4 the Environmentally Sensitive classifications lands would become Low Density recreation and could promote the development of lands adjacent to the lake. The Wildlife Management classification areas, which are designated for stewardship of wildlife resources, remain the same as the Balanced Use Alternative and will constitute minimal effects to cultural resources.

5.6 Socio-Economic Resources

5.6.1 No Action (Alternative 1)

The No Action Alternative will likely have very little impact on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Table Rock Lake, and even less impact on the counties within the lake's Zone of Influence. Population growth and the demographic makeup of the population would most likely remain similar to the current rates and percentages the area experiences now. Housing units and their values would not be affected if the No Action alternative was implemented. Any changes in the socio-economic conditions of the Table Rock area would likely be the result of outside influences, and not those created by the No Action alternative.

5.6.2 Selected Alternative

The Selected Alternative would have similar socio-economic impacts as those noted in Alternative 2d. Due to fewer High Density acres, but keeping Low Density and Environmentally Sensitive areas, the economy in the area may decline due to the decreased opportunity for public recreation the acreage provides.

5.6.3 Balanced Use (Alternative 2)

The Balanced Use Alternative will likely have an impact on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Table Rock Lake, but much less of an impact on the counties within the lake's Zone of Influence. Population would likely grow in the adjacent counties due to the increased High Density acreage and adjustment to the Low Density acreage to developed areas of the lake, although the demographic makeup of the population would likely be unaffected. Total housing units would likely increase due to the increased availability of recreation at the lake, but it is unclear how housing values would change, if at all. The economy of the area would most likely grow due to the increased recreational areas which would increase the availability of jobs in the surrounding counties.

5.6.4 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

Alternative 2a, also considered the Slow Growth alternative, would likely result in a similar socio-economic situation as Alternative 2. Due to the increase in Low Density acreage the economy in the area would grow due to the increased opportunity for recreation.

5.6.5 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

Alternative 2b would likely result in a similar socio-economic situation as Alternative 2. Due to maintaining the High Density acreage the economy in the area would grow due to the increased opportunity for recreation the acreage provides.

5.6.6 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

Alternative 2c would likely result in a similar socio-economic situation as Alternative 2. Due to the no new High Density acreage, but keeping Low Density and Environmentally Sensitive areas, the economy in the area may decline due to the decreased opportunity for public recreation the acreage provides.

5.6.7 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

It is possible that with an absence of a Vegetative Management Area, the socio-economic situation of Table Rock Lake would be positively impacted due to the perception of more potential lake accessibility by adjacent landowners, with economic impacts similar to those noted in Alternative 2.

5.6.8 Conservative (Alternative 3)

Alternative 3 will likely have an impact on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Table Rock Lake, but much less of an impact on the counties within the lake's Zone of Influence. Population would likely stay the same or decrease in the adjacent counties due to the decreased High Density acreage and the reclassification of Low Density although the demographic makeup of the population would likely be unaffected. Some of the indirect impacts from this alternative will be a reduction in tax revenue to local counties, essentially reducing their economic development, due to the fact that the Corps will be granting no more permits which allow expansion or new development. Total housing units would likely stay the same due to the decreased availability of recreation at the lake resulting in minimal new development, but it is unclear how property values would change, if at all. It is unclear how the other facets of socio-economics would change.

5.6.9 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

Alternative 4 will likely have similar impacts on the socio-economic situation in the counties surrounding Table Rock Lake to that of Alternative 2 although much greater. Population would likely grow in the adjacent counties due to the increased High and Low Density acreage although the demographic makeup of the population would likely be unaffected. Total housing units would likely increase due to the increased availability of recreation at the lake, but it is unclear how property values would change, if at all. The economy of the area would most likely grow due to the increased recreational areas which would increase the availability of jobs in the surrounding counties.

5.7 Recreation Resources

5.7.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)

Provision of recreational facilities and services would continue at Table Rock Lake without an update to the Table Rock Lake Master Plan. However, the plan by which the Resource Manager and staff operate would not accurately reflect the current status of project facilities. Nor would there be additional measures in place, such as trail corridors and additional land use designations, to better accommodate recreational needs while protecting the natural resources. Currently, there are several boat docks outside of the zoning area and the implementation of the Master Plan would reclassify many of those locations and would allow for future re-zoning during the update to the shoreline management plan. Currently, all Corps managed land along Table Rock Lake does not have land classifications. For example, Federal lands adjacent to flowage easements, as well as lands exchanged with the U.S. Forest Service, were not classified when the Master Plan was updated in 1976.

5.7.2 Selected Alternative

This Selected Alternative should not negatively impact recreational opportunities on the lake. Not having the Vegetative Management Areas along the lake has the potential to be beneficial to those property owners adjacent to Corps land by allowing an increase in shoreline use. The minor changes in lands classifications should have little to no impact on recreational activities.

5.7.3 Balanced Use (Alternative 2)

Under the Balanced Use Alternative, all lands will now be classified. This update in classification will help achieve a balanced public use of the lake while sustaining the natural, cultural, and socio-economic resources of the area. Under Alternative 2, Corps parks will be allowed to ‘modernize’ and update facilities which will enhance opportunities on the lake. This proposed action will also improve recreation in Wildlife Management classification lands and will allow for more commercial and private recreational opportunities. This increase in Wildlife Management and Environmentally Sensitive classified lands action will also assist in forging partnerships between public and private entities for recreational and wildlife conservation opportunities. The Vegetative Management Area classification could lead to improved water quality by use of a 50ft. riparian buffer area where native grasses and shrubs re-grow, and allow for other potential beneficial vegetative management initiatives.

5.7.4 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

Alternative 2a will not deviate significantly from the Balanced Use Alternative. The 22 areas which have been reclassified to Low Density recreation from Environmentally Sensitive lands will allow for the potential to have private boat docks for fishing and lake access, as well as the potential to develop nature trails and wildlife viewing areas, thus increasing recreational traffic along Table Rock and its adjacent lands.

5.7.5 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

The Maintain High Density Classification will maintain areas in High Density. This action has the potential to positively impact recreation resources because the new land classification will allow more commercial development within these areas. In keeping these areas classified as High Density, the Corps could partner with others for future development.

5.7.6 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

This alternative has the potential to have a negative impact on recreation resources because it is restricting the visiting publics’ areas on which to recreate on a large scale, such as destination

resorts, marinas, and large scale commercial operations. This alternative would keep 95.2 acres classified as Low Density or Environmentally Sensitive instead of conversion to High Density.

5.7.7 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

Alternative 2d should not negatively impact recreational opportunities on the lake. Not having the Vegetative Management Areas along the lake has the potential to be beneficial to those property owners adjacent to Corps land by allowing an increase in shoreline use.

5.7.8 Conservative (Alternative 3)

Under the Conservative Alternative, some recreation opportunities will be reduced such as private boat docks and vegetative modification permits due to an increase in Environmentally Sensitive classifications that does not allow most types of development. This alternative will also limit commercial opportunities, for example no further growth at marinas because no expansion outside of the existing High Density classification. Although it minimizes potential for development, it will improve land-based recreational opportunities such as hunting, hiking, bird watching. This alternative also has the ability to improve views along the lake since it will allow for native flora and fauna to thrive.

5.7.9 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

Under Alternative 4, areas around Table Rock will experience and increase in opportunities for commercial growth, but because of water quality degradation, this growth may decrease the quality of the recreating experience. Lake management feels that an increase in traffic due to growth in development would be a disadvantage for people that hope to embrace the aesthetic value of the lake. This increase in traffic along the water could also pose a recreational user conflict. Although this alternative is considered extreme development, there will be a vegetative management area consisting of approximately 50 ft around the lake. The overdevelopment posed in Alternative 4 has the potential to mirror Lake of the Ozarks in regards to the high number of boating-related accidents, fatalities and boating traffic.

5.8 Air Quality

5.8.1 No Action (Alternative 1)

Under the No Action alternative, the air quality around the lake will remain the same as currently exists. There will likely be increases in vehicular exhaust emissions due to localized development, and the associated construction equipment and traffic in the area. No violations of the current National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) established by EPA are expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.8.2 Selected Alternative

Under the Selected Alternative, the air quality around the lake will not be significantly impacted, and will likely remain similar to the current air quality. There will likely be increases in mower exhaust emissions due to lack of a Vegetative Management Area. No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA are expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.8.3 Balanced Use (Alternative 2)

Implementation of the Balanced Use Alternative would result in similar air quality impacts as noted in the No Action Alternative. Since this alternative provides lands that allow continued shore line development, local vehicular exhaust emissions would increase based on development and increased lake usage activities. No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA are expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.8.4 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

Mirroring the Balanced Use, the Slow Growth Alternative would result in similar air quality impacts as noted in the No Action Alternative. This alternative would reclassify lands to Low Density, from Environmentally Sensitive, due to the creation of subdivision development, thus local vehicular exhaust emissions would increase based on development and increased lake usage activities. No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA are expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.8.5 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

Under the Maintain High Density alternative, the air quality around the lake will remain the same as currently exists. There will likely be slight increase in vehicular exhaust emissions due to the 74 acre maintenance in High Density classification, possibly resulting in some increase in recreation-related traffic within these areas. No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA are expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.8.6 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

Under the No New High Density alternative, the air quality around the lake will remain basically the same as currently exists. There will likely be a slight decrease in vehicular exhaust emissions due to keeping 95.2 acres in Low Density and Environmentally classifications. This alternative limits commercial development (i.e. no new High Density lands) and could have a positive impact on air quality due to the potential for less public use areas (i.e. less vehicular traffic). No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA are expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.8.7 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

Under the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative, the air quality around the lake will not be significantly impacted, and will likely remain similar to the current air quality. There will likely be increases in mower exhaust emissions due to lack of a Vegetative Management Area. No violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA are expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.8.8 Conservative (Alternative 3)

Implementation of the Conservative alternative would result in less of an impact to existing air quality due to the reduction in lands classified for development around the Table Rock Lake shoreline. Since the majority of the available acreage is classified as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management lands (89% of total available acreage), this would result in much less vehicular traffic, construction equipment usage, and mower exhaust emissions on these lands.

5.8.9 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

Implementation of the Extreme Development Alternative would have the greatest impact to air quality of all the evaluated alternatives, due to the acreage reclassified as Low Density recreation. When combined with the classified High Density recreation lands, a total of 82% of all available shoreline acreage is classified for development. Exhaust emissions will increase under this alternative due to land development and lake use activities. However, no violations of the current NAAQS established by EPA are expected as a result of the implementation of this alternative.

5.9 Health & Safety

5.9.1 No Action (Alternative 1)

Safety of project visitors and project staff are highest priority in daily project operations. Facilities and recreational areas are routinely evaluated to ensure sites are safe for visitor use. Project staff conducts numerous water safety programs and public announcements to educate children and project visitors about ways to be safe on the lake. In coordination with the Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP), water safety hazards and no wake zones are marked with buoys. Park Rangers provide visitor assistance and work with county law enforcement agencies to ensure public safety. MSHP provides water safety patrols on the lake as their budgets allow. Water quality on Table Rock is tested for pH and dissolved oxygen levels, nutrients, turbidity, and presence of fecal coliform bacteria is tested by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

The No Action Alternative does not have the Vegetation Management Area; this action could potentially decrease the water quality. There would be continued heavy traffic of watercraft along the water, which leads to an increase in congestion. The lake could experience increased user conflict, for example, boats vs. personal watercrafts. Under the No Action Alternative, populations who recreate at the lake could be exposed to health risks associated with water quality, such as *E. coli* and potential hazardous run off.

5.9.2 Selected Alternative

The implementation of the Selected Alternative will not generally have an impact on health and safety issues on the lake, with the possible exception of water quality impacts from increased runoff of herbicides, pesticides, and phosphorus from watershed activities surrounding the lake. This will also lead to a reduced risk of pest encounters due to increased vegetation removal. Potential additional mowing and vegetation removal permits could be issued if this alternative is implemented.

5.9.3 Balanced Use (Alternative 2)

The increased recreational opportunities, balanced with conservation of natural environment could lead to better health, both mental and physical, of the visiting population. This alternative could continue to see some degree of traffic congestion on the water, especially in high use areas; thus water related incidents would be an issue under this alternative. The increase in Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management Areas could increase exposure to insects and animals, which might pose a threat to the public.

5.9.4 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

Similar to the impacts in Alternative 2, the Slow Growth Alternative could also create a potential for additional boat docks being built due to the reclassification of 232.6 acres of Environmentally Sensitive lands to Low Density recreation lands. This alternative would potentially result in a small increase of traffic congestion on the water, thus water related incidents could become an issue under this alternative.

5.9.5 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

The implementation of the Maintain High Density Alternative would have the potential to create similar health and safety concerns as noted in the Slow Growth Alternative, due to the potential creation of more water based recreation facilities from the 73.6 acre maintenance in High Density recreation lands. This could also potentially have water quality impacts due to an increase in petroleum contaminants and visitor activities on the lake.

5.9.6 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

Implementation of the No New High Density Alternative would keep 95.2 acres as Low Density recreation or Environmentally Sensitive classification, potentially reducing health and safety concerns. This action may result in a slight decrease of crowding associated with commercial concession areas, and a small reduction of vehicular congestion in these areas. A reduction in development of public facilities and private resorts would likely reduce the number of watercraft and people on the lake, thereby lessening accident possibilities and water quality degradation.

5.9.7 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

The implementation of the No Vegetative Management Area Alternative will not generally have an impact on health and safety issues on the lake, with the possible exception of water quality impacts from increased runoff of herbicides, pesticides, and phosphorus from watershed activities surrounding the lake. Potential additional mowing and vegetation removal permits could be issued if this alternative is implemented.

5.9.8 Conservative (Alternative 3)

This alternative limits access to Table Rock Lake, potentially causing a significant decrease in water-based recreational opportunities. Although water-based activities may be impacted, an increase in land-based recreation opportunities such as hiking, hunting and wildlife observation could be observed. There could also be some partnership opportunities with conservation-based organizations within the region. The decrease in rate of development could also have positive impacts on water quality by reducing runoff from the shoreline.

5.9.9 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

The Extreme Development Alternative would most likely require the implementation of a range of mitigation measures to ensure a safe environment, such as slow zones, creation of boating activity use zones, vessel restrictions, or one-way directional travel restrictions. Such restrictions would require increased law enforcement resources. The implementation of mitigation measures intended to promote boating safety such as slow zones may degrade the boating experience. Further, the increase in recreational opportunities could lead to better health of general population or could expose general population to health risks associated with water quality, for example E. coli and increased runoff from watershed activities surrounding the lake.

5.10 Aesthetics

5.10.1 No-Action (Alternative 1)

Aesthetics is an important feature that enhances the recreational experience. Lands around Table Rock Lake provide a natural setting that is aesthetically pleasing as well as buffering the lake from development and negative impacts such as erosion and runoff. However, the Corps' goal is to ensure that the lake retains its beautiful views, while evaluating the need for recreational development around Table Rock Lake.

Under the No-Action Alternative the visual character of the landscape would slowly suffer due to continued development. Dock development would eliminate the unspoiled and untamed aesthetic of this landscape. Road and utility line corridors also impact aesthetics and visual resources at Table Rock. Since the lake is surrounded by residential and commercial development, these demands are continually increasing. In many instances, these requests are in areas where the

natural vegetation and landscape would be disturbed.

5.10.2 Selected Alternative

Implementation of this alternative would be similar to Alternative 2d in regard to having negative aesthetic impacts due to the removal of 4,081.3 acres of lands from the Vegetative Management Area classification. This action could result in an increasing number of private developments and associated infrastructure. Additional vegetation removal and mowing permits, as well as boat docks, would likely result. Fragmentation of previously uninterrupted natural, wooded shoreline would impact the viewscape of lake users. However, the change from Low Density to Environmentally Sensitive classification in the backs of coves and the conversion of the majority of islands to Environmentally Sensitive lands will preserve the natural appearance of these areas.

5.10.3 Balanced Use (Alternative 2)

The wide panorama of Table Rock Lake and the nearby shore conveys a sense of enormity to the lake, but the potential increase in dock density would continue to eliminate the sense of relatively pristine shoreline. The 50 foot Vegetative Management Area required would somewhat screen the houses, but the docks would still be very visible. The Vegetative Management Areas along the shoreline would enhance the viewscape of the people recreating on the lake, while potentially impeding the view of the lake from the shore. Under this action, adjacent property owners could work with Corps staff to determine the appropriate vegetation management measures for their specific site within the Vegetation Management Area.

5.10.4 Slow Growth (Alternative 2a)

Implementation of this alternative would be similar in regards to aesthetics as the Balanced Use Alternative. A 232.6 acre increase in Low Density lands would have the potential for additional boat dock construction.

5.10.5 Maintain High Density (Alternative 2b)

While the Maintain High Density Alternative proposes a 73.6 acre maintenance in High Density lands, the aesthetic impacts will likely be similar to those noted in the Slow Growth Alternative. High Density recreation lands are typically more confined to specific areas, as opposed to Low Density developments, and most High Density areas have already established a viewscape visible to people recreating on the lake. The Alternative 2 Vegetative Management Area lands are retained in this alternative, which enhances the view of an aesthetically pleasing natural, wooded shoreline.

5.10.6 No New High Density (Alternative 2c)

The implementation of this alternative would also mirror the impacts on aesthetics as discussed in the Slow Growth Alternative, but to a lesser degree due to the fact that only 95.2 acres are proposed to be kept Low Density Recreation and Environmentally Sensitive lands. There would be some potential for additional private residence and boat dock construction, but the Vegetative Management Area lands of Alternative 2 would remain in this alternative. The reduced acreage available for High Density Recreation development may result in a small reduction in watercraft on the lake at any given time, thereby enhancing the visitor recreational experience.

5.10.7 No Vegetative Management Area (Alternative 2d)

Implementation of this alternative could potentially have the greatest negative aesthetic impacts of all the Alternative 2 variations by removing 4,081.3 acres of lands from the Vegetative Management Area classification. This action could result in an increasing number of private developments and associated infrastructure. Additional vegetation removal and mowing permits,

as well as boat docks, would likely result. Fragmentation of previously uninterrupted natural, wooded shoreline would impact the viewscape of lake users.

5.10.8 Conservative (Alternative 3)

Alternative 3 would minimize all activities which disturb the scenic beauty and aesthetics of the lake. This alternative would be the most aesthetically pleasing for those recreating along the lake, but could potentially be a hindrance to property owners and their viewshed of the lake. The user experience in areas such as Corps parks would still be relatively peaceful at most times, with the aesthetic of domesticated nature. However, some of the more developed and heavily used parks could experience annual wear and deterioration of acreage and existing facilities.

5.10.9 Extreme Development (Alternative 4)

The development of additional homes and docks in this viewshed would eliminate the unspoiled and untamed aesthetic of this landscape. The Extreme Development Alternative would visually compete with and detract from the boulders, bluffs, and flora that currently dominate the view. The visual character of the viewscape would be more developed under this alternative. Some of the coves would be slightly more active, becoming areas where people congregate to stay out of the higher trafficked areas. The 50 foot Vegetative Management Area required would somewhat screen the houses, but the docks would still be visible. The Vegetative Management Areas along the shoreline would enhance the viewsapes of the people recreating on the lake, while potentially impeding the view of the lake from the shore. Under this action, property owners could work with Corps staff to determine the appropriate vegetation management measures for their specific site within the Vegetation Management Area.

5.11 Cumulative Impacts

Cumulative impacts would result from the incremental impact of the Selected Alternative added to those of other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable future actions in the local area. The Master Plan for Table Rock Lake was last approved in 1976; this was followed by multiple supplements over the last 37 years. Since the conception of the 1976 Master Plan, development and public use patterns have changed significantly, due in part to the population explosions experienced in Southwestern Missouri and Northwestern Arkansas. Table Rock Lake receives constant pressure for both private shoreline and public recreation use. With public use at project facilities changing, reallocations of services at these facilities need to be addressed to meet the evolving demands of the public. A transformation at Table Rock Lake has occurred since the 1976 Master Plan, from cooperative agreements to park closures.

Two main themes came out of the scoping process, which was a cumulative exercise involving private and public entities, and local, state and federal agencies—improved water quality and responsible development (i.e. smart development). Past watershed and development activities have resulted in Table Rock Lake being listed in 2002 on MDNR's impaired waterbody list (303d) for excessive nutrients. While it is noted that the majority of the source of this impairment is due to activities within a 4,020 square mile watershed, unregulated or poorly regulated shoreline development exacerbates water quality degradation. Existing conditions at the lake allow for some degree of development on 50% of available acreage, with an additional 23% of acreage having no specific land classification. Currently there is no land classified for vegetative management, i.e., no Vegetative Management Area requirements, and while the Selected Alternative does not change that situation, it should be noted that reclassification of lands under this alternative will enhance water quality by restricting Low Density recreation

development, increasing the amount of Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management acreage, thereby retaining more of the natural shoreline vegetation. Approximately 66% of the linear shoreline should have a natural vegetated shoreline due to these land reclassifications. Collaboration and coordination with state and federal resource agencies, as well as local agencies and watershed groups, is necessary to monitor, evaluate and remediate aging infrastructure, failing septic systems around the shoreline, and potential water quality impacts. Coordination with these entities could also evaluate and promote watershed enhancement programs that would serve to institute stream bank stabilization, land improvement and conservation programs, and implementation of best management practices to reduce watershed runoff and erosion.

Responsible development will enhance the maintenance and/or improvement in water quality through use of best management practices during construction such as silt barriers, selective vegetation removal, use of detention basins, using pervious surface parking areas, implementation of rain gardens where practicable, and other water retention and conservation measures. Implementation of the Selected Alternative will promote a more responsible development process by delineating areas where and what type of development is allowed. The classification of additional lands as Environmentally Sensitive and Wildlife Management areas will serve to enhance the water quality of the lake. Improvements in water quality will result in a corresponding improvement in aquatic life habitat and productivity, and , in conjunction with other control mechanisms, result in a better recreational experience for lake visitors. As management of Table Rock Lake ensues, the Corps will continue to coordinate with Federal, State, and local agencies to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential impacts.

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Compliance with Federal Acts and Executive Orders are summarized in the following table.

Act/Executive Order	Status	Compliance
Wetlands (EO 11990)	No effect	C
Prime/Unique Farmlands	N/A	N/A
Floodplain Management (EO 11988)	N/A	N/A
Clean Water Act		
Section 404	No effect	N/A
Section 401	No effect	N/A
NPDES	No effect	N/A
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act	No effect	C
Endangered Species Act	No effect	C
National Historic Preservation Act	No effect	C
Environmental Justice (EO 12898)	No effect	C
Clean Air Act	No effect	C
Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA)	N/A	N/A
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)	N/A	N/A
Wild and Scenic Rivers Act	N/A	N/A
Rivers and Harbors Act	N/A	N/A
N/A—not applicable C--Compliant		

Table 6: Federal Act/Executive Order Compliance

6.1 Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

The Corps is required to coordinate with the USFWS and MDNR under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (FWCA) (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 USC 661 et. seq.). Coordination was initiated with a scoping notice; no concerns were raised. Review of the Environmental Assessment is pending; no concerns are anticipated.

6.2 Endangered Species Act

The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires the determination of possible effects on or degradation of habitat critical to Federally-listed endangered or threatened species. Implementation of an updated Master Plan would not affect threatened or endangered species. Individual requests for use of project lands would be evaluated to ensure compliance with this Act.

6.3 Environmental Justice

Executive Order 12898, *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations*, requires Federal agencies to promote “nondiscrimination in Federal programs substantially affecting human health and environment”. In response to this directive, Federal Agencies must identify and address

disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations. The final step in the environmental justice evaluation process is to evaluate the impact of the project on the population and to ascertain whether target populations are affected more adversely than other residents.

Implementing the proposed Master Plan Update would not disproportionately affect minority or low-income populations.

6.4 Cultural Resource Requirement

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires the Corps to identify historic properties affected by the proposed action and to evaluate the eligibility of those properties for the National Register of Historic Places. Section 110 of the Act requires the Corps to assume responsibility for the preservation of historic properties in its ownership. The Act also requires Federal agencies to provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment on undertakings through the process outlined in the Council's regulations (36 CFR 800).

There would be no affect to cultural resources with implementation of an updated Master Plan. Individual requests for use of project lands would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to ensure compliance with this act.

7.0 Scoping and Public Concern

a. Introduction

No single agency has complete oversight of stewardship activities on the public lands and waters surrounding Table Rock Lake. Responsibility for natural resource and recreation management falls to several agencies that own or have jurisdiction over these public lands and waters.

Increasingly, competition for the use of these lands and waters and their natural resources can create conflicts and concerns among stakeholders. The need to coordinate a cooperative approach to protect and sustain these resources is compelling. Many opportunities exist to increase the effectiveness of Federal programs through collaboration among agencies and to facilitate the process of partnering between government and non-government agencies. To sustain healthy and productive public lands and water with the most efficient approach requires individuals and organizations to recognize their unique ability to contribute to commonly held goals. The key to progress is building on the strengths of each sector, achieving goals collectively that could not be reasonably achieved individually. Given the inter-jurisdictional nature of Table Rock Lake, partnering opportunities exist and can promote the leveraging of limited financial and human resources. Partnering and identification of innovative approaches to deliver justified levels of service defuse polarization among interest groups, and lead to a common understanding and appreciation of individual roles, priorities, and responsibilities.

To the extent practical, this Master Plan and a proactive approach to partnering will position Table Rock Lake to aggressively leverage project financial capability and human resources in order to identify and satisfy customer expectations, project and sustain natural and cultural resources and recreational infrastructure, and programmatically bring Corps management efforts and outputs up to a justified level of service.

Public involvement and extensive coordination within the Corps of Engineers and with other affected agencies and organizations is a critical feature required in developing or revising a Project Master Plan.

Agency and public involvement and coordination have been a key element in every phase of the Table Rock Lake Master Plan revision.

b. Scoping

One agency and three public scoping workshops were held in late November and early December 2012 with over 2,000 people in attendance. To prepare for the scoping workshops, the Corps contracted with CDM-Smith. An after action Memorandum for Record (MFR) is included in Appendix A Part 1, Summary of Public Comments that details the preparation and work prior to, during, and after the public scoping workshops held in the fall of 2012. From the scoping process, a Scoping Report was finalized on 4 February 2013. The report summarizes the public participation process for, and the public comments resulting from, the Table Rock Lake MP Revision public scoping workshops and comment period. “Scoping” is the process of determining the scope, focus, and content of a NEPA document. Scoping workshops are a useful

tool to obtain information from the public and governmental agencies. For a planning process such as the MP revision, the scoping process was also used as an opportunity to get input from the public and agencies about the vision for the MP update and the issues that the MP should address where possible. The Scoping Report is located in Appendix A Part 1, Summary of Public Comments.

c. Focus Groups

The PDT made the decision to work with focus groups during the scoping process, in part due to the high interest in the Master Plan revision process from other agencies and the public. The focus groups were formed in response to the top three concerns heard from the public during the scoping process: Water Quality, Safety, and Recreation.

The initial focus group meetings were held on the 8th and 9th of May 2013 at the Dewey Short Visitors Center Theater. An informal icebreaker session was held the evening of Tuesday, May 7th, 2013 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM also at the Dewey Short Visitors Center. The icebreaker session provided the opportunity for all three focus groups to meet together, share ideas, and talk with the Corps Master Plan PDT on an informal basis. Ground rules and expectations for the focus group meetings were set during this time.

A second recreation focus group meeting was held on the 29th of May 2013 because of the three focus groups, this was the largest group member-wise and they requested more time to talk about issues related to recreation for consideration in the MP.

A ‘cross talk’ focus group meeting, which included team leaders chosen from each of the three focus groups, was held on the 5th of June 2013. The idea behind this meeting was to allow all three focus groups to hear from each other on feedback and comments given to that point on the preliminary draft master plan.

A final focus group meeting was held the 26th of June 2013 to allow the PDT to discuss with the focus groups on how their feedback and comments were included into the draft MP.

d. Draft Master Plan/Draft Environmental Assessment.

The Draft Master Plan/Draft Environmental Assessment was released to the public on July 26, 2013. A public review period was held from July 26 through August 30, 2013.

Similar to the Scoping workshops, a contract with CDM-Smith was established to help with facilitation of the draft Master Plan/Draft EA release. Comparable workshop support documentation was developed, such as post card notification, comment cards, News articles, News Releases, Fact sheets, and posterboards.

Public workshops were held the week of August 12; in total, four public workshops were held around Table Rock Lake including at the Dewey Short Visitors’ Center (twice), Kimberling City, and Shell Knob. The workshops were scheduled during the day and evening hours to accommodate public attendance. A short movie (10-minute video) was shown to attendees that provided background information about Table Rock Lake and the Master Plan revision process.

The video briefly described the 8 alternatives that were formulated during the process. Attendees were then free to move on to an adjoining room where maps were available to look at and Corps representatives were on hand to ask questions and discuss key issues. Copies of the draft Master Plan/draft EA, fact sheet, comment card, and video are available on the Table Rock Master Plan website, <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/TableRockMasterPlanUpdate.aspx>

During the draft release, over 1,200 attendees participated in the public workshops held around the Branson/Table Rock Lake area. Post public review period, the Corps received a total of 878 comments (Comment cards, Fax, Letters, Email, Oral comments). The overwhelming comment received was the subject of the Vegetative Management Area. The majority of the public were opposed to the new land classification. However, the Corps believes that the intent of this classification remains valid and would encourage further development of this concept in cooperation with other agencies and civic groups in the area.

e. Final Master Plan/Final EA.

The Final Master Plan will be completed by February 2014. The revision process experienced a delay due to the Government shutdown in October 2013.

A series of workshops will be held by mid-March 2014 to unveil the final Master Plan and answer any questions the public may have about the plan.

A similar public workshop format will be used for the Final Master Plan unveiling.

8.0 Conclusions

The Master Plan for Table Rock Lake was last approved in 1976; this was followed by multiple supplements over the last 37 years. During this time, public use patterns have changed significantly, and with population growth in southeastern Missouri and northwestern Arkansas increasing tremendously, Table Rock Lake receives constant pressure for both private shoreline use and public recreation use. With public use at project facilities changing, reallocations of services at these facilities need to be addressed. Changes involving recreation area closures and improvements have occurred during the last four decades to meet the evolving demands of the public. In addition, cooperative agreements have occurred recently to operate and maintain facilities, lessening the financial burden on the tax payers.

The Master Plan is not intended to address the specifics of regional water quality, shoreline management, or water level management; these areas are covered in a project's shoreline management plan or water management plan. However, specific issues identified through the Master Plan revision process can still be communicated and coordinated with the appropriate internal Corps resource (i.e. Operations for shoreline management) or external resource agency (i.e. Missouri Department of Natural Resources for water quality) responsible for that specific area. To facilitate this action, the current Master Plan development evaluated nine alternatives (five of which are subsets of alternative 2) relative to their potential impacts on the land and water resources of Table Rock Lake.

These alternatives spanned the gamut of increased shoreline protection to increased shoreline development and the potential effects on the human, terrestrial, and aquatic environment from their implementation. A no action alternative looked at leaving the lake as it currently exists in terms of developable areas and protected areas. Of the 19,539 acres of available land around the lake, 50% of this is classified as high and low density recreation (10% high), with potential future development occurring. While 24% of available acreage is classified as environmentally sensitive lands, 23% of land currently has no classification. This discrepancy is addressed in the action alternatives' evaluations.

The action alternatives included an extreme development alternative, a conservative alternative, and a balanced use alternative. The extreme development alternative (Alternative 4) shifted the majority of the available shoreline acreage toward future development, with 10% classified as high density recreation and 72% classified as low density recreation. Potential effects from this will be increased vegetation removal and increased soil erosion due to construction and conversion of pervious surfaces to impervious—this being detrimental to water quality and terrestrial and aquatic wildlife species. Extreme development will also result in more boats on the lake, increased health and safety issues, aesthetic impacts, and impaired recreational experiences for many visitors. The conservative alternative (Alternative 3) reduces the developable lands to the 10% high density recreation, while converting the low density lands to an environmentally sensitive classification. This action would preserve shoreline vegetation, reduce stormwater runoff quantity and velocity, resulting in less in-lake sedimentation and turbidity, and improve water quality. This action, while improving health and safety issues, aesthetics, terrestrial and aquatic wildlife habitat, may have potential

economic impacts due to the restrictions on shoreline development. Alternative 2 provides for limited future development by keeping the 10% high density recreation land classification, but reclassifying 37% of available acreage for low density recreation. Environmentally sensitive lands will comprise 35% of available acreage, with an additional 17% classified as wildlife management acreage. This balance seeks to address all components of lake usage, including enhancing the growth and recreation potential, while protecting and preserving terrestrial and aquatic resources. The Selected Alternative is similar in impacts to Alternative 2d with no Vegetative Management Area and minor modifications to the High Density Recreation and Low Density Recreation land classifications from Alternative 2. A detailed description of the modifications is located in Chapter 5 of the Master Plan.

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Appendix A: Public Comments

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Appendix B: Local, State & Federal Agency Coordination Letters

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Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
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Planning and Environmental Division
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Honorable James Norton
Boone County Judge
100 North Main Street
Harrison, AR 72601

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Ms. Raeanne Presley
Mayor
City of Branson, MO
100 West Maddux Street
Branson, MO 65616

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Planning and Environmental Division
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Mr. John Rhodes
Mayor
City of Branson-West, MO
P.O. Box 2229
Branson West, MO 65737

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Mr. Robert Cast
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 487
Binger, OK 73009

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Carroll County Judge
210 West Church Street
Berryville, AR 72616

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Director
Missouri Department of Natural Resource
101 Riverside Drive
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65101

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Ozarks District of the Division of State Parks
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
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Director
Southwest Regional Office
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
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Mr. Carl Bonnell
Natural Resource Manager
Table Rock State Park
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
5272 State HWY 165
Branson, MO 65616

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Powerhouse Manager
Empire Electric
215 West Main Street
Branson, MO 65616

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Director of Commercial Operations
Empire Electric
215 West Main Street
Branson, MO 65616

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Mr. David Tate
Mayor
City of Hollister, MO
P.O. Box 638
Hollister, MO 65673

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Executive Director
James River Basin Partnership
901 South National
Springfield, MO 65897

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Kimberling City, MO
P.O. Box 370
Kimberling City, MO 65686

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Southwest Regional Fisheries
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Captain Juan Villanueva
Troop D Commander
Missouri State Highway Patrol
3131 East Kearny Streer
Springfield, MO 65803

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Ms. Holly Neil
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Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition
P.O. Box 2132
Ozark, MO 65721

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

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Mr. James Civiello
Southwest Division Hatchery Manager
Missouri Department of Conservation
483 Hatchery Road
Branson, MO 65616

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Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Mr. Chip Mason
President
Ozark River Heritage Foundation
100 Corporate Place
Branson, MO 65616

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Executive Director
Ozark Rivers Heritage Foundation
4500 State HWY 165
Branson, MO 65616

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

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Mr. Ted Coombes
Executive Director
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P.O. Box 471827
Tulsa, OK 74147-1827

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

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P.O. Box 606
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Ms. Loretta Sutton
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW (MS 2342)
Washington, D.C. 20240

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Mr. Robert Stewart
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
U.S. Department of the Interior
P.O. Box 25007
Denver, CO 80225-0007

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Planning and Environmental Division
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Mr. Charlie Scott
Field Supervisor
Columbia Ecological Services Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
101 Park Deville Drive, Suite A
Columbia, MO 65203-0007

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Mr. Mike Kromrey
Executive Director
Watershed Committee of the Ozarks
320 North Main Avenue
Springfield, MO 65806

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Regional Director
U.S. EPA, Region 7
11201 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, KS 66219

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Regional Executive, South Central Area
USGS
4200 New Haven Road
Columbia, MO 65201

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Part 2 Draft Release Agency Letters



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July 26, 2013

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

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2 Natural Resources Drive
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Ms. Candace Adams
Area Coordinator, SEMA
149 Park Central Square #538
Springfield, MO 65806

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

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Mayor
City of Beaver, Arkansas
P.O. Box 15
Beaver, AR 72613

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Boone County Judge
100 North Main Street
Harrison, AR 72601

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Mayor
City of Branson, MO
100 West Maddux Street
Branson, MO 65616

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Mayor
City of Branson-West, MO
P.O. Box 2229
Branson West, MO 65737

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Mr. Robert Cast
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 487
Binger, OK 73009

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Honorable Sam Barr
Carroll County Judge
210 West Church Street
Berryville, AR 72616

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Director
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Jefferson City, MO 65101

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Ozarks District of the Division of State Parks
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 951
Lebanon, MO 65536

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

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

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Powerhouse Manager
Empire Electric
215 West Main Street
Branson, MO 65616

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Empire Electric
215 West Main Street
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Mr. David Tate
Mayor
City of Hollister, MO
P.O. Box 638
Hollister, MO 65673

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Executive Director
James River Basin Partnership
901 South National
Springfield, MO 65897

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Mayor
Kimberling City, MO
P.O. Box 370
Kimberling City, MO 65686

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Jefferson City, MO 65102

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610 Hatchery Road
Branson, MO 65616

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Springfield, MO 65803

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Ms. Holly Neill
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Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition
P.O. Box 2132
Ozark, MO 65721

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

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4500 State HWY 165
Branson, MO 65616

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

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

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

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

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Forsyth, MO 65653

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

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

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Field Supervisor
Columbia Ecological Services Field Office
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
101 Park Deville Drive, Suite A
Columbia, MO 65203-0007

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Mr. Mike Kromrey
Executive Director
Watershed Committee of the Ozarks
320 North Main Avenue
Springfield, MO 65806

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Environmental Services Division/NEPA Program
U.S. EPA, Region 7
11201 Renner Blvd.
Lenexa, KS 66219

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Mr. Max Ethridge
Regional Executive, South Central Area
USGS
4200 New Haven Road
Columbia, MO 65201

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Ms. Cherry Warren
Presiding Commissioner
Barry County
700 Main Street
Cassville, MO 65615

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Mr. Martin MacDonald
Bass Pro Shops
2500 East Kearney
Springfield, MO 65898

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Missouri Department of Conservation
2630 N. Mayfair Ave.
Springfield, MO 65803

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Taney County Road and Bridge
139 David Street
Forsyth, MO 65653

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Mr. Ken Shirley
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
201 East 5th
Mountain Home, AR 72653

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

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Jefferson City, MO 65102

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3131 E. Kearney
Springfield, MO 65803

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Ms. Loretta Bishop
City of Branson
616 W. Pacific
Branson, MO 65616

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610 Hatchery Road
Branson, MO 65616

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Sincerely,

Dana O. Coburn
Chief, Environmental Branch



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July 26, 2013

Planning and Environmental Division
Environmental Branch

Mr. Brandon Williams
Western Taney County
139 David St.
Forsyth, MO 65653

Dear Mr. Williams,

The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is revising the Table Rock Lake Master Plan, which was last updated in 1976. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-90), an Environmental Assessment (EA) of potential impacts of the draft plan has also been prepared. Your agency is invited to review and comment on the draft Master Plan and the draft EA. The draft documents may be found at: <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/TableRockMasterPlanUpdate.aspx>. Comments are requested by August 30, 2013.

The Master Plan guides the management of government-owned and leased lands around the lake. Decisions about land use classifications in the Master Plan may affect future management of natural resources and recreational opportunities. Input from the agencies and the general public will help define the needed revisions to the draft plan, which is scheduled for completion in December 2013. Additionally, this update of the Master Plan will set the stage for a later update of the Shoreline Management Plan, which is the document that regulates shoreline uses.

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

Your agency has been identified by the USACE as one that may have an interest in this project. The land classifications established through the Master Plan may have important implications for surrounding residential communities, businesses, parks, and natural areas. The planning process has included an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety. The potential effects of several alternatives are described in the draft EA.

USACE is planning to hold a series of public open houses August 14 through 17, 2013 in



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Appendix C Alternative Maps