

Appendix A: Scoping Report

Lake Dardanelle

Shoreline Management Plan Update

Scoping Report

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



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List of Acronyms

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

AGFC Arkansas Game and Fish
Commission

CEQ Council on Environmental Quality

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

EA Environmental Assessment

EIS Environmental Impact Statement

EP Engineer Pamphlet

ER Engineer Regulation

FEMA Federal Emergency
Management Agency

MP Master Plan

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

OMP Operational Management Plan

P.L. Public Law

R1S Recreation One Stop

SMP Shoreline Management Plan

URL uniform resource locator

USACE United States Army Corps of
Engineers

1 Introduction

1.1 Overview

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Little Rock District is proposing to update the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The last public review and update was completed in 1995. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190), an Environmental Assessment (EA) of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared.

USACE completed an update to the Master Plan (MP) for the entire MKARNS Project, including Lake Dardanelle, in July 2023. The MP is the guidance document that describes how the resources of the lake will be managed and provides the vision for how the lake should look in the future. The MP revision set the stage for this update of the SMP, which is how the MP vision is implemented. The MP does not address the details of how and where shoreline use permits may be issued; the SMP addresses these implementation specifics.

The SMP is a comprehensive plan for managing the shoreline, including effects of human activities on the shoreline. Preparation of and periodic revisions of a SMP are required by federal regulations under Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 327.30. This section also outlines specific requirements for the SMP. The SMP regulates activities that may occur along the shoreline such as dock construction, access paths to docks, and vegetation management on the government lands. The SMP for Lake Dardanelle establishes policy and furnishes guidelines to achieve a balance between permitted private uses and resource protection on project lands and waters while maintaining the shoreline for general public use.

The current Lake Dardanelle SMP is 13 years old and with the recent update to the MP, it is important that the SMP be updated to reflect current conditions and management direction as described in the MP. Updates to the plan will include review of current management practices of the lake and will take advantage of current technologies.

USACE will conduct an environmental assessment (EA) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended), the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidelines (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and ER 200-2-2 Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The EA will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the SMP revisions.

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety.

1.2 Purpose and Need for Shoreline Management Plan

The purpose of the project is to review and update the Lake Dardanelle SMP. Updates to the SMP are needed for the following reasons:

- The recent update to the MP requires that the SMP also be updated to ensure both documents are cohesive.
- Visitation and resource demands continue to change.
- Recreational uses continue to change and grow.

- Use of new technology and maps for greater accuracy and efficiency.
- Respond to changing land uses.
- Balance resources with partner and stakeholder interests.
- Fiscal resources limit proper management of the current program.
- Sustainably manage the lake's resources for future generations.

1.3 Project Areas

The Lake Dardanelle project on the Arkansas River begins on the north edge of Dardanelle, Arkansas, at the Dardanelle Dam and spreads westward into Pope, Yell, Logan, Johnson, and Franklin counties. The project extends 50 miles upstream to the Ozark-Jeta Taylor Lock and Dam and was authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act and Flood Control Act of 1946. Lake Dardanelle was authorized for seven purposes: navigation, generation of hydroelectric power, recreational opportunities, fish and wildlife, storage to provide water supply, irrigation, and flood control. Flood control was deleted from the plan of development during the post authorization phase and irrigation and water supply have never been implemented. The project area encompasses about 56,875 acres of land and water, 34,150 acres of water at conservation pool, and 552 miles of shoreline at conservation.

The lake provides many recreational opportunities, along with fish and wildlife habitat. There are 34 public use areas around Lake Dardanelle. There are 11 areas on the lake presently operated by USACE and the others are leased to various entities. Three full-service marinas are owned and operated by commercial concessionaires. USACE lands around the lake also provide for other popular recreational activities, including hiking, hunting, swimming, and picnicking.

Revising the Lake Dardanelle SMP allows for public review of the existing SMP policies and for suggested changes or revisions to achieve a balance between permitted private uses and resource protection for general public use.

1.4 Purpose of this Report

The following report summarizes the public participation process for, and the public comments resulting from, the Lake Dardanelle SMP Update public scoping comment period held in February and March 2025. "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 SMP update, the scoping process served as an opportunity to get input from the public and agencies on the vision for the SMP update and the issues that the SMP should address where possible. This report provides the administrative record for the scoping process.

2 Scoping Process

2.1 Overview

In accordance with NEPA and ER 200-2-2, USACE initiated the environmental compliance and review process for the Lake Dardanelle SMP update project. An EA will be prepared to identify potential direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts related to implementation of the revised plan.

The required 30-day scoping comment period was held from February 4 to March 5, 2025. This report summarizes the scoping process conducted in late winter of 2025 for the proposed update of the SMP.

As part of the initial phase of the environmental process, a public scoping workshop was scheduled for February 18, 2025, to gather public comments on the SMP update process and issues that should be examined as part of the environmental analysis. Unfortunately, this workshop was cancelled due to inclement winter weather. The workshop was intended to provide the public another opportunity to ask questions and gather information about the current SMP and update process, in addition to the SMP update webpage.

The scoping process was used as an opportunity to gain input from the public and agencies about the vision for the SMP update and the issues that the SMP should address.

USACE published notice of the scoping comment period and workshop through an email blast, a direct mail postcard, press releases, flyers, and announcements on the Lake Dardanelle SMP Update webpage and the Little Rock District Facebook page. The postcard notice and email blast were sent to landowners adjacent to USACE-owned lands around the lake, shoreline use permit holders, marina owners, dock builders, Recreation One Stop (RIS) customers, local area fishing license holders, real estate companies, and other local stakeholders. Postcards were sent to those for whom only a postal address was available; all others received the email notice. Agency and tribal government coordination letters were sent to potentially interested agencies and tribal governments inviting their participation in the process.

2.2 Agency and Tribal Government Scoping

Agencies were invited to participate in the scoping process to provide input on the vision for the Lake Dardanelle SMP on issues that should be addressed through the EA. Letters (Attachment B) were sent on February 4, 2025, to 18 agencies and 8 tribal governments (Attachment A) providing notification of the upcoming scoping comment period and links to the project website where more information could be found.

2.3 Public Scoping

Public scoping is an important element in the process of determining the focus and content of a NEPA document. Scoping helps to identify the range of actions, alternatives, environmental effects, and mitigation measures to be analyzed in depth and helps eliminate from detailed study those issues that are not pertinent to the final decision. Scoping is an effective way to combine and address concerns of the public, agencies, and other stakeholders.

Notification of the scoping comment period and workshop were completed via several forms of media as described further in this section. A public scoping workshop was scheduled as described in Section 2.3.3.

2.3.1 Notification Database

USACE maintains a database of stakeholder groups interested in activities around Lake Dardanelle including marina owners, shoreline use permit holders, and dock builders. In addition, USACE developed a list of adjacent property owners based on the databases maintained by the county assessors of the surrounding counties. USACE also compiled a list of

parties who had made campground reservations through the R1S reservation system for camping visits at Lake Dardanelle during the 2024 camping season. Finally, USACE obtained the database of holders of fishing licenses purchased in Arkansas whose listed zip code is within seven miles of Lake Dardanelle. These combined databases included 4,807 email addresses and 19,058 postal addresses, to which notification was sent about the public scoping comment period and website information.

2.3.2 Public Notification Activities

Strategies to engage the public to participate in the SMP visioning and environmental review processes included (1) providing multiple ways to obtain information and submit comments making it easy to participate, (2) providing easy-to-understand information that helps people provide informed scoping comments, and (3) ensuring that stakeholders are aware of the planning process and understand how public input will be used.

2.3.2.1 Direct Mail Notification

On January 30, 2025, a total of 19,058 postcards were mailed to adjacent property owners, stakeholders, and holders of fishing licenses purchased in Arkansas whose listed zip code is within seven miles of Lake Dardanelle. The distribution of postcard recipients is illustrated in Figure 2-1 by zip code.

The postcard notification included information on the SMP revision process, the public scoping workshop location and date, how to provide comments, the comment period closing date, and the project website address. The direct mail postcard is included in Attachment C.

2.3.2.2 E-mail Notification

An e-mail blast was sent on February 4, 2025, to approximately 4,807 email addresses. These emails were sent to stakeholders and those listed on the R1S reservation list for whom valid email addresses were available. The information in the email blast was the same as the information on the postcard notification.

2.3.2.3 Project Website

A project website, <https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update/> was developed for the SMP update project. The site included information about Lake Dardanelle, the SMP update process, a copy of the existing SMP, interactive maps, a comment form, proposed timeline, and information regarding the scoping process. Information on the scoping process included how to submit comments and who to contact for more information. 203 individuals visited the project website between the dates of February 4 and March 5, 2025.

2.3.2.4 Other Notification Activities

To maximize the coverage of the outreach effort for the scoping period, a media release was sent to local media outlets using the Southwestern Division, Little Rock District, Lake Dardanelle media distribution list on February 3, 2025. The Little Rock District Public Affairs office also posted notifications of the scoping comment period, scheduled public workshop, and associated pertinent data on Facebook. The public workshop was cancelled due to inclement winter weather, and an additional news release and Facebook post regarding the cancellation were released on February 18, 2025. A flyer with information on the SMP update process was also

created and posted around the project. Copies of the press releases, Facebook posts, and flyer are located in Attachment C, and copies of the media coverage are located in Attachment H. In addition, a Lake Dardanelle SMP Update fact sheet was created, which described a SMP, detailed the project timeline, and provided information about Lake Dardanelle, itself. The fact sheet is included in Attachment D.

2.3.2.5 Website Statistics

The following lists the number of people who accessed the webpage during the scoping comment period. 203 people visited the Lake Dardanelle SMP Update webpage during the timeframe. A breakdown of the number of views for each page is listed below.

- Lake Dardanelle SMP Home Page: 33
- Interactive Map: 106
- Submit a Comment: 8
- Shoreline Documents: 56

2.3.3 Public Scoping Workshop

USACE scheduled a public workshop to gather input about how the SMP should be updated and the scope of the environmental analyses to be conducted. The workshop was scheduled in compliance with NEPA guidelines, and the location was selected to reflect an equitable geographic coverage. The location was within the project area and was accessible in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). On the morning scheduled, the workshop was cancelled in the interest of public safety due to already present and incoming inclement winter weather. Signage was posted on and around the Dardanelle Site Office to inform the public of the workshop cancellation. Four members of the public sent in inquiries via email about a possible re-schedule of the workshop and were promptly responded to.

Scheduled Public Workshop (Cancelled due to inclement winter weather)

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

USACE Russellville Site Office

1598 Lock and Dam Road

Russellville, Arkansas

2.4 Comments Received

The public scoping comment period was held from February 4 to March 5, 2025, which provided a 30-day comment period. All interested individuals were provided opportunities to submit comments on the public website comment form as well as via email, fax, or mail. The comment cards produced for the public workshop were designed to facilitate return of written comments either at the workshop or via mail later during the public comment period were kept at the Dardanelle Site Office for distribution. Editable comment forms were available on the Lake

Dardanelle SMP webpage and could be directly submitted upon completion. Email comments could be sent to a project-specific email address, which was included on the Lake Dardanelle SMP webpage as well as on all the notification materials distributed and comment cards.

In total, 15 comments (letters, emails, comment cards) from members of the public were received. Two comment submittals from agencies and two from tribal governments were received by the end of the comment period. Copies of all the public comments submitted during the comment period are included in Attachment F. Copies of agency and government submittals are included in Attachment G.

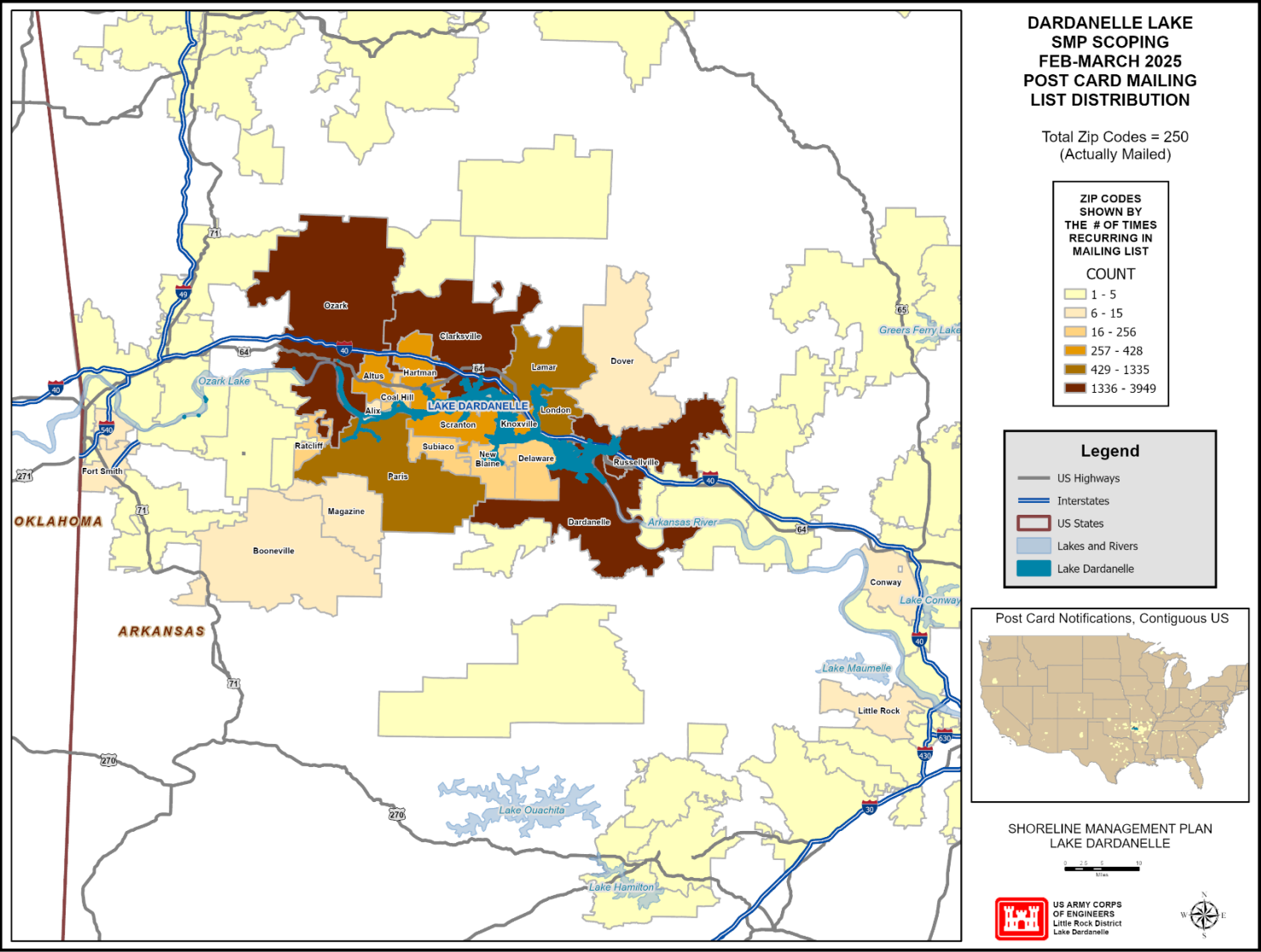


Figure 2-1. Distribution of Postcard Notification by Zip Code

3 Summary of Scoping Comments

3.1 Introduction

USACE accepted comments on the Lake Dardanelle SMP throughout the entirety of the scoping period from February 4 through March 5, 2025. Agencies, members of the public, and other interested parties submitted 19 letters, e-mails, and comment cards during this period. The summary table (Table 3-1) provides a tally of the topics discussed in the comments.

It should be noted that the combined numbers of comments listed in the following subsections and the summary table will be greater than the total number of comment submissions because some individuals discussed multiple topics in their submission.

This section contains a summary of comments received during the scoping period. The actual comments may be found in Attachments F and G.

3.2 Summary of Comments

All comments submitted by members of the public or stakeholder organizations were reviewed and categorized. The full text of each comment is included in Attachments F (public comments) and G (agency comments).

Table 3-1 provides a summary of the comments received during the scoping comment period. While this table does not include every comment received, it provides a general summary of the topics most frequently submitted during the comment period. A more detailed overview of comments follows in Sections 3.3 and 3.4.

The comment card did not ask any specific questions about Lake Dardanelle or the SMP, but rather directed participants to “*provide comments and suggestions about how you would like to see the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan updated.*”

Table 3-1. Summary of Comments Received

Comments and suggestions on items to update in the Lake Dardanelle SMP
▪ Specific Request (15) ▪ More Shoreline Erosion Protection (2) ▪ More Boat Docks/Zoning (3) ▪ Keep Lake the Way It Is (Natural/Preserved) (2) ▪ Improve/Maintain/Re-Open Recreation Areas (3) ▪ Campgrounds/Camping (1) ▪ Return unused impounded lands (2) ▪ More clearing/cutting/vegetation modification (2) ▪ Allocation changes for other than dock (1) ▪ No conditions on dock modification requests (1) ▪ Waiver process approvable at local level for shoreline requests (1) ▪ Reclassification of land (1) ▪ Cultural Resources protection and awareness (3) ▪ Additional Recreation Uses (1)

3.3 Summary of Comments on Items to Update in the SMP

The most frequent comments were requests for specific land classification or shoreline allocation (zoning) at a specific location on the lake (Table 3-1). There was a total of 15 requests for location-specific actions such as dock permits, vegetation modification, path permits, and regulation requests.

Beyond specific requests, two people recommended that erosion be studied, or measures be taken to help prevent it. Three respondents commented that they would like the ability to put in a boat dock near their residence, requiring changing of shoreline allocation and one requested an allocation change in order to get a permitted path. One of those requested a land classification change so that the allocation change could occur.

Two commented that they would like to see vegetation modification guidelines or all management practices to stay the same. Two others commented that they would like for practices that would allow for additional mowing with permits, allowing cutting outside of permit areas, and cutting of specific dead trees.

Two commentators inquired about the ability to re-acquire lands impounded during the creation of the project. One commented that they would like to see no conditions on dock modification requests, and one wanted a waiver process for shoreline permits available at the local project level.

Three people commented that they would like to see recreation areas continue to be well maintained and even improved with one specific to campsites. Another was interested in creating additional recreational activities. Three agencies commented on the protection of cultural resources and wanted to be notified of any potential impacts if they should arise.

3.4 Agency and Tribal Government Comments

Two agencies and two tribal governments submitted comments during the scoping period. The official agency and tribal government notification letters and emails are included in Attachment B. Agencies and tribal governments that commented during the comment period included:

- Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT), Program Management Division
- Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHHP)
- Choctaw Nation
- Delaware Nation

Agency comments provided during the scoping process discussed general topics to be considered during the update process. FEMA requested to continue to be informed throughout the update process and indicated their interest in reviewing a draft document before it goes out for final review and approval.

Agency comments are summarized in this section. The full text of the agency comments is available in Attachment G. Comments not covered in earlier sections or regarding specific areas of the lake include:

- ARDOT stated that due to the large amount of highway facilities that intersect with USACE managed lands in the Lake Dardanelle area, frequent cooperation between USACE and ARDOT is necessary for construction and maintenance activities on these facilities.
- AHHP informed that there are hundreds of precontact and historic archaeological sites along Dardanelle and the Arkansas River, and they look forward to consulting with USACE on the protection and avoidance of these sites as the focus of this plan becomes more clear.
- The Choctaw Nation said that the project lies within its area of historic interest. Their historic preservation department requests consultation under Section 106 for all undertakings at the lake. They also request to begin working on ARPA protections for cultural resources, as well as continuing cultural resources investigations to adequately survey the management area.
- The Delaware Nation said this area was not ancestral to the Delaware Nation and would defer to other federally recognized tribes on commentary for this plan.

4 Next Steps: SMP Update Process

The purpose of scoping is to provide an opportunity for agencies and the public to comment on the purpose and need, the range of alternatives proposed for analysis, and to help the project proponent identify issues that should be evaluated in the NEPA document. USACE also used the public scoping process as an opportunity to gain feedback from the public regarding the scope of the SMP updates.

USACE will continue to work closely with agencies and stakeholder groups to address issues identified through scoping as the draft SMP is developed and alternatives are evaluated. An EA will be prepared to evaluate potential impacts from proposed changes to the SMP. An environmental impact statement would be prepared only if significant environmental effects are identified during preparation of the EA that could result from proposed SMP updates. The draft SMP and EA will be made available for review and comment. It is anticipated that this public review would occur in Spring 2026.

Individual responses to scoping comments are not developed under the NEPA process; rather, the draft SMP update will address comments received in a global manner. The draft SMP and EA will be made available to the public and agencies for review and comment. USACE will incorporate the feedback and suggestions provided through the scoping comments into the draft SMP, where they are consistent with the purpose of an SMP and where possible under the planning mechanisms available to USACE.

During this scoping process, participants were asked to *“Please... provide your comments and suggestions on items to update in the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan (SMP).”* The gathered responses will help USACE develop potential alternatives for analysis in the EA. Alternatives might range from no action to an alternative that makes changes favorable to development and human uses or an alternative that proposes changes favorable to environmental protection and natural resource values. Issues related to changing shoreline allocations to add new docks, maintaining recreation areas, and cultural resource protection ranked highly among the concerns raised by agencies and the public. The draft SMP will review existing policies and regulations and will present a range of potential alternatives to the existing program.

Attachment A:
Agencies and Tribal Governments Notified of Scoping

Agency List

- Arkansas Department of Agriculture, Forestry
- Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
- Arkansas Department of Health
- Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism
- Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism
- Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation
- Arkansas Forestry Commission
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
- Arkansas Historic Preservation Program
- Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission
- Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
- Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department
- State Highway Department (District 4)
- State Highway Department (District 8)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
- U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6

Tribal Governments

- Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town
- Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
- Cherokee Nation
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Delaware Nation
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- Osage Nation
- Quapaw Nation

Attachment B

Agency and Tribal Government Notification

February 4, 2025

AGENCY NOTICE

SCOPING COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE LAKE DARDANELLE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE POPE, YELL, LOGAN, JOHNSON, AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES, ARKANSAS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is updating the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan, which was last updated in 1995 and last administratively reviewed in 2012. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190), an Environmental Assessment (EA) of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared. Your agency is invited to provide comments and input to assist USACE with the development of the Shoreline Management Plan and preparation of the associated EA under NEPA. In an effort to incorporate everyone's concerns, scoping comments are requested between February 4, 2025 – March 7, 2025. This input will help define the needed revisions to the draft plan and EA, which are scheduled for public review in 2026. To view existing documents and provide comments/suggestions for the Shoreline Management Plan update, we invite you to visit the following website:

<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update/>

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The purpose of the revisions is to bring the Shoreline Management Plan into compliance with current USACE policies and regulations, identify usage trends and customer needs, and balance recreational 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. The planning process will include 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.

Your agency has been identified by the USACE as one that may have an interest in this project. Updates to the Shoreline Management Plan may have important implications for surrounding residential communities, businesses, parks, and natural

areas. As a result, USACE is requesting your input and agency's expertise to assist in the development of the updated Shoreline Management Plan and the preparation of the Environmental Assessment as required by NEPA and the USACE Engineer Regulation ER 200-2-2 "Procedures for Implementing NEPA".

Comments may be submitted via mail, fax, or email with attention to: Lake Dardanelle MP Planner, Recreation and Natural Resources Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203; Fax: (501) 324-6230; Email: LakeDardanelleSMPUpdate@usace.army.mil. Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by March 7th, 2025.

If you have any technical questions regarding this invitation or documents, please contact Mr. Michael Love, Planner, at (501) 324-5632 or via email at Michael.P.Love@usace.army.mil. For any environmental resources questions or general concerns, please feel free to contact me at (918) 504-9824 or at Cecelia.marascalco@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Robert Morrow, PMP

Robert Morrow, PMP
Chief, Environmental Branch
Regional Planning and Environmental
Center

February 4, 2025

Natural Resources Management Section
Operations Division

Honorable Wilson Yargee, Town King
Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town
Attention: Ms. Robyn Fish
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Post Office Box 187
Wetumka, Oklahoma 74883

Dear Town King Wilson Yargee:

As per the requirements outlined in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the lead Federal agency must consider the effects of the proposed action on historic properties. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is the lead for this project for Section 106 compliance.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is updating the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan, which was last updated in 1995 and last administratively reviewed in 2012. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) an Environmental Assessments (EA) of potential impacts of the draft plan will also be prepared. Your government is invited to provide comments and input to assist USACE with development of the Shoreline Management Plan and the preparation of the associated EA under NEPA. In an effort to incorporate everyone's concerns, scoping comments are requested between February 4, 2025 – March 5, 2025. This input will help define the needed updates to the draft plan and EA, which are scheduled for public review in 2026. To view existing documents and provide comments/suggestions for the Shoreline Management Plan update, we invite you to visit the following website:

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Sincerely,

Allen D. Wilson
Tribal Liaison
USACE, Little Rock District

February 4, 2025

Natural Resources Management Section
Operations Division

Honorable Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
Attention: Jonathan M. Rohrer
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Post Office Box 487
Binger, Oklahoma 73009

Dear Chairman Bobby Gonzalez:

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Sincerely,

Allen D. Wilson
Tribal Liaison
USACE, Little Rock District

February 4, 2025

Natural Resources Management Section
Operations Division

Honorable Chuck Hoskin, Jr, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation
Attention: Ms. Elizabeth Toombs
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Post Office Box 948
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465

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Natural Resources Management Section
Operations Division

Honorable Garry Batton, Chief
The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Attention: Dr. Ian Thompson/Lindsey Bilyeu
Historic Preservation Department
Post Office Drawer 1210
Durant, Oklahoma 74701

Dear Chief Garry Batton:

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Natural Resources Management Section
Operations Division

Honorable Deborah Dotson, President
Delaware Nation
Attention: Ms. Carissa Speck
Director, Cultural Resources/106
Post Office Box 825
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

Dear President Deborah Dotson:

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Natural Resources Management Section
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Honorable David Hill, Principal Chief
The Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Attention: Mr. Robin Soweka, Jr.
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Post Office Box 580
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

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Operations Division

Honorable Geoffrey Standing Bear, Principal Chief
The Osage Nation
Attention: Dr. Andrea Hunter
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
627 Grandview Avenue
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056

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Honorable Wena Supernaw, Chair
Quapaw Nation
Attention: Ms. Billie Burtrum
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
Post Office Box 765
Quapaw, Oklahoma 74363-0765

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Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan Update



ATTEND THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Please drop in at any time during the following scheduled timeframe:

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Russellville Site Office

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Your input will help define the Lake Dardanelle SMP Update scheduled for draft public review in 2026.

Comments must be submitted by March 5th, 2025.

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Little Rock, AR 72203

We want to hear from You!

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Management Plan Update and
How to Comment!**



YOUR COMMENT IS IMPORTANT TO US!

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LAKE DARDANELLE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE SCOPING NOTIFICATION:

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"Scoping" is the process of determining the scope, focus, and content of SMP update documents. For a planning process such as the SMP update, the scoping process is used as an opportunity to gain input from the public and resource agencies about the vision for the SMP update and the issues that the SMP should address where possible.

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USACE SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR THE LAKE DARDANELLE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE PROCESS

Russellville, Ark. – The Army Corps of Engineers is hosting a Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) scoping workshop February 18 to share information about the update process and to collect public comments concerning shoreline activity around the lake. The SMP for Lake Dardanelle establishes policy and furnishes guidelines for the protection and preservation of the environmental characteristics of the shoreline while maintaining a balance between public and private shoreline uses. “Scoping” is the process of determining the scope, focus, and content of the shoreline management plan update documents.

The scoping workshop will be held February 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p. m., at the USACE Russellville Site Office, 1598 Lock and Dam Road, Russellville, Arkansas. Anyone interested in the future of shoreline activity use around Lake Dardanelle is invited to drop in anytime during the workshop. At the public workshop, an informational overview on the SMP update process will be provided and representatives from the Corps of Engineers will be available to answer questions from the public about the SMP and the update process.

Comments will be accepted during the in-person workshops. In addition, comments can be mailed to the Lake Dardanelle SMP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR

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Public Workshop for the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan Update cancelled due to inclement weather

RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District is cancelling the public workshop scheduled for tonight, Feb. 18, due to inclement weather. The workshop, which was intended to provide in person questions and answers along with gathering public input during the scoping period of the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan Update, will not be rescheduled.

Anyone interested in leaving a comment or asking a question regarding the scoping period can still provide their input by visiting the official website at <https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update/>.

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_____ *Please drop in at any time during the following scheduled timeframe.* _____



February 18, 2025
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Russellville Site Office
1598 Lock and Dam Road
Russellville, AR 72802

_____ *All facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities.* _____

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District, is updating the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The SMP for Lake Dardanelle establishes policy and furnishes guidelines for the protection and conservation of the desirable environmental characteristics of the shoreline while maintaining a balance between public and private shoreline use. Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Environmental Assessments of potential impacts of the draft plans will also be prepared.

We want to hear from you! Please attend the public workshop or visit the website for current information and to submit comments:

<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update/>

Attend the public workshop to learn the details of the SMP update process and provide comments to help guide future shoreline management at Lake Dardanelle. Staff will be available to answer questions.

Your input will help define the final Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan and Environmental Assessment scheduled for completion in early 2027.

Comments must be submitted by March 5, 2025 to:
Lake Dardanelle SMP Planner, Natural Resources Section
USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203
Fax: (501) 324-6230, Email: LakeDardanelleSMPUpdate@usace.army.mil

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking public input on the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan. Public comment for the draft SMP will be held between Feb. 4, 2025, and March 5, 2025.

USACE will hold a public scoping workshop from 5 p.m. to 7 p. m., Feb. 18, 2025, at the Little Rock District's Russellville Site Office located at 1598 Lock and Dam Road, Russellville, Arkansas. The SMP for Lake Dardanelle establishes policy and furnishes guidelines for the protection and preservation of the environmental characteristics of the shoreline while maintaining a balance between public and private shoreline uses. "Scoping" is the process of determining the scope, focus and content of the shoreline management plan update documents.

Anyone interested in the future of shoreline activity use around Lake Dardanelle is invited to drop in anytime during the workshop. USACE personnel will be on hand to answer questions and provide an informational overview of the shoreline management plan update process.

Comments will be accepted during the in-person workshop. Comments can also be mailed to the Lake Dardanelle SMP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203 or e-mailed to LakeDardanelleSMPUpdate@usace.army.mil before March 5, 2025.

For an on-line fillable comment card and to learn more about the Lake Dardanelle SMP update visit our website at: <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/.../Lake-Dardanelle-SMP.../>.



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Little Rock District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers's Post



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has canceled the public scoping workshop for the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan because of inclement weather.

The meeting, which was intended to gather public input during the scoping period of the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Update, will not be rescheduled.

USACE will still accept comments via mail or online until March 5, 2025. Comments can be mailed to Lake Dardanelle SMP Planner, Natural Resources Management Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203, or emailed to LakeDardanelleSMPUpdate@usace.army.mil before March 5, 2025.

For an online fillable comment card and more information about the Lake Dardanelle SMP update, visit <http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/.../Lake-Dardanelle-SMP.../>.



Attachment D
Scoping Materials

Fact Sheet, Comment Card

Lake Dardanelle

Shoreline Management Plan Update

The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Little Rock District, is updating the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The SMP for Lake Dardanelle **establishes policy** and **furnishes guidelines** for the protection and preservation of the environmental characteristics of the shoreline while **maintaining a balance between public and private shoreline uses**.

The planning process will include an analysis of potential effects on the natural and social environment, including fish and wildlife, recreational opportunities, economics, land use, cultural and historic resources, aesthetics, and public health and safety.



About Lake Dardanelle

The Lake Dardanelle project on the Arkansas River begins on the north edge of Dardanelle, Arkansas, at the Dardanelle Dam and spreads westward into Pope, Yell, Logan, Johnson, and Franklin counties. Two miles wide in places, it reaches 50 miles upstream to the Ozark-Jeta Taylor Lock and Dam and was authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act and Flood Control Act of 1946. The total area contained in the Dardanelle project, including both land and water surface, consists of 56,875 acres and comprises 424 miles

of shoreline. The lake provides many recreational opportunities, along with fish and wildlife habitat.

What is a Shoreline Management Plan?

The Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan is the required USACE approval document (**ER 1130-2-406**) that protects and manages the shorelines of all Civil Works water resource development projects under Corps jurisdiction in a manner which will promote the safe and healthful use of these shorelines by the public while maintaining environmental safeguards to ensure a quality resource for use by the public.

The Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan main objectives are to manage and protect the shoreline, to establish and maintain acceptable fish and wildlife habitat, aesthetic quality, and natural environment conditions, and to promote the safe and healthful use of the lake and shoreline for recreational purposes.

- The original Lake Dardanelle SMP (also known as the Lakeshore Management Plan) was approved in July 1973.
- This plan was reviewed, updated, and approved by the Southwestern Division Engineer in November 1975.
- The plan was updated again in June 1981 followed by four supplements. Three of the supplements added to the amount of shoreline allocated for the placement of private floating facilities and the other updated the Minimum Construction and Maintenance Requirements for Private Floating Facilities.
- Revision of 36 CFR 327.30 in 1990 required the Little Rock District to convert its currently approved lakeshore management plans to shoreline management plans. The [District's](#) draft operating policy for shoreline management was made available for public review and comment and was implemented in September 1992.
- In 1995, an update was conducted to recommend changes in shoreline allocations at various locations around the lake. A public workshop was held at The Russellville Site Office in August 1995 to notify the public of the Shoreline Management Plan review. 38



For More Information Visit Our Website at:

<https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update/>



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- rezoning requests were evaluated resulting in the approval of 27 requests. The plan was approved in December 1995.
- In 2006, an administrative update was completed. At that time, no allocation was reviewed or changed.

- The last review of the Shoreline Management Plan was completed in 2012 and was another administrative update.
- ⇒ *This is your opportunity to let USACE know how you would like the shoreline to be managed for the future.*

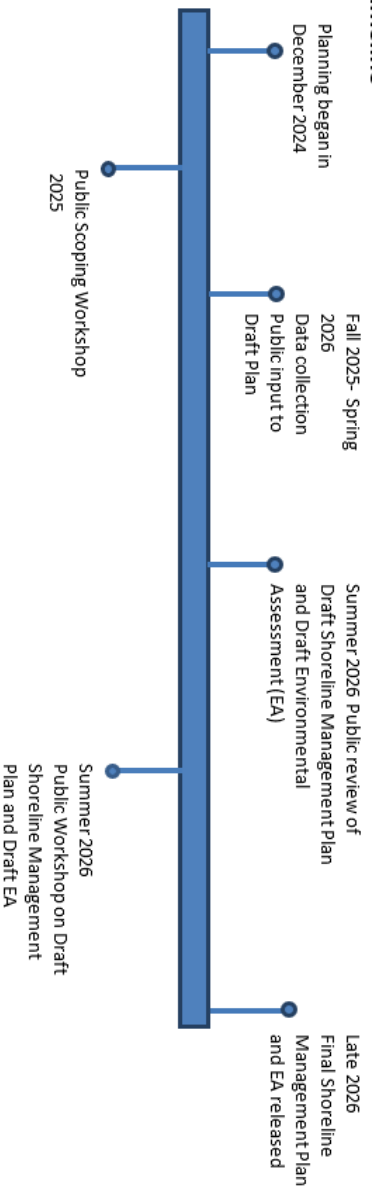
SMP Shoreline Allocations

On Lake Dardanelle, shoreline may be allocated into one of these categories:

- ***Limited Development Areas**—Areas where boat docks and other shoreline use activities are permitted.
- ***Public Recreation Areas**—Area adjacent to or within parks which restricts the issuance of shoreline use permits.
- ***Protected Shoreline Areas**—Areas designated to protect aesthetic, environmental, and fish and wildlife values. No shoreline permits for floating or fixed recreation facilities are allowed in these areas.
- **Protected-Natural Areas**—Areas designated to allow for natural areas interspersed among limited development areas and to allow for land management practices on large tracts of land.
- **Protected-Scenic Areas**—Areas of shoreline that necessitated protection from disturbance to preserve their unique aesthetic quality.
- **Protected-Navigation Channel**—Areas designated to protect the navigation channel and associated bank stabilization structures from obstructions.
- ***Prohibited Access Areas**—Areas immediately upstream from the dam where private docks and shoreline uses are prohibited for safety and security reasons.

*=These four shoreline allocations are designated by 36 CFR 327.30 and ER 1130-2-406. The other allocations are optional and not required by regulation.

Project Timeline





**Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan
Update and Environmental Assessment
Comment Form**



Please use this form to provide comments and suggestions about how you would like to see the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan updated; or provide comments on the issues that should be studied before a decision is made on Shoreline Management Plan updates. Feel free to take an extra form to provide to friends or neighbors. Comments must be submitted by March 5, 2025, to USACE at the addresses below.

(Optional Information)

Name/Organization: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

We want your input during this update process. Please use this form to provide your comments and suggestions on items to update in the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). Please be as specific as possible.

Comments may be submitted via mail, email, or fax with attention to: Lake Dardanelle SMP Planner, Recreation and Natural Resources Section, USACE, Little Rock District, P.O. Box 867, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Fax: (501) 324-6230, **Email:** LakeDardanelleSMPUpdate@usace.army.mil

Website: <https://www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update/>

Written comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, faxed, or otherwise submitted by March 5, 2025.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

AUTHORITY: ER 1130-2-406, and the laws and regulations referenced therein.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S): To provide a means for the maximum practicable public participation in Shoreline Management Plan formulation, preparation and subsequent revisions, through the use of public meetings, group workshops, open houses or other public involvement.

ROUTINE USE(S): Information you provide will be available for public review or may be disclosed to members of the Department of Defense or other Government agencies who have a need for the information in performance of their official duties, and where use of such information is compatible with the purpose for which the information is collected.

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to furnish the requested information may prevent the Agency from being able to direct meeting notices or provide additional information to commenters.

Postage Required

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District
ATTN: Lake Dardanelle SMP Planner
Recreation and Natural Resources Section
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

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Attachment E
Scoping Workshop Exhibit Boards

Welcome

to the

Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan Update Workshop

At the workshop you can:

- Learn about the current Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) and speak with Lake Dardanelle personnel
- Provide comments on the current SMP and how or if you would like to see it updated

Provide comments by:

- Completing a comment form
- Sending an email, letter, or fax to USACE

Find the current SMP and more information at:



We want to hear from you!



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Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan Environmental Assessment

Environmental Assessment

- The US Army Corps of Engineers will prepare a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental and social effects of potential SMP updates

Your input is important!

- Your input will help define the draft Lake Dardanelle SMP and EA scheduled for completion in Summer 2026.

Please let us know:

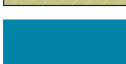
- Your comments and suggestions on items to update in the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan (SMP)
- Your opinion of the current shoreline management plan including: zoning, dock permits, vegetation permits, etc.

Why Revise the Shoreline Management Plan?





DESCRIPTION OF MASTER PLAN LAND AND WATER CLASSIFICATIONS

	HIGH DENSITY RECREATION --Lands intended to be developed or are currently developed for intensive recreational activities for the visiting public including day use areas and/or campgrounds. --These could include areas for commercial concessions (marinas, comprehensive resorts, etc.), and quasi-public development. --No new future public requests for shoreline use permits will be granted based upon guidance received to keep private/community use separated from commercial use activities.
	LOW DENSITY RECREATION --Lands with minimal development or infrastructure that support passive public recreational use (e.g. primitive camping, fishing, hunting, trails, wildlife viewing, etc.). --Low Density Recreation lands may contain Limited Development Areas within the context of the Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) (Note: Distribution of shoreline areas to Limited Development status requires revision of the Dardanelle SMP).
	FUTURE/INACTIVE RECREATION AREAS --Lands intended for recreation, but which were never developed or have been closed.
	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA --Lands designated for stewardship of fish and wildlife resources.
	ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVE AREA --Areas where scientific, ecological, cultural or aesthetic features have been identified. --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, however public use which does not adversely impact these lands (fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, photography, etc) is allowed. --No agricultural, grazing, or mowing for residential/commercial uses are permitted on these lands unless necessary for a specific resource management benefit, such as prairie restoration. --There are public utilities (i.e. power lines, roads, etc.) that may be found in ESA land classifications; this can be taken into account under the "limited development for public use" in ESA. --Future right-of-ways for public utilities in ESA will be considered and reviewed on a case by case basis.
	PROJECT OPERATIONS --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.
	RESTRICTED (WATER) --Water areas restricted for project operations, safety, and security purposes.
	FISH AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY (WATER) --Annual or seasonal restrictions on areas to protect fish and wildlife species during periods of migrations, resting, feeding, nesting, and/or spawning.
	OPEN RECREATION (WATER) --Those waters available for year-round or seasonal water-based recreational use.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN SHORELINE ALLOCATIONS

	LIMITED DEVELOPMENT AREAS (LDA) --Limited Development Areas are those areas in which private facilities and/or activities may be allowed consistent with Title 36 327.30. --Modification of vegetation by individuals may be allowed only following the issuance of a permit in accordance with Title 36 327.30. --Potential low and high water conditions and underwater topography should be carefully evaluated before shoreline is allocated as Limited Development Area.
	PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS/PARK BUFFER AREAS --Public Recreation Areas are those areas designated for commercial concessionaire facilities, Federal, state or other similar public use. No private shoreline use facilities and/or activities will be permitted within or near designated or developed public recreation areas. The term "near" depends on the terrain, road system, and other local conditions, so actual distances must be established on a case by case basis in each project Shoreline Management Plan. No modification of land forms or vegetation by private individuals or groups of individuals is permitted in public recreation areas.
	PROTECTED- NATURAL (Not represented with a color on map) --Protected Shoreline Areas are those areas designated to maintain or restore aesthetic, fish and wildlife, cultural, or other environmental values. --Shoreline may also be so designated to prevent development in areas that are subject to excessive siltation, erosion, rapid dewatering, or exposure to high wind, wave, or current action and/or in areas in which development would interfere with navigation. --No Shoreline Use Permits for floating or fixed recreation facilities will be allowed in protected areas. --Some modification of vegetation by private individuals, such as clearing a narrow meandering path to the water, or limited mowing, may be allowed only following the issuance of a permit if the resource manager determines that the activity will not adversely impact the environment or physical characteristics for which the area was designated as protected. In making this determination the effect on water quality will also be considered. --This shoreline area was designated to allow for natural areas interspersed among limited development areas. Areas designated natural are also protected because of land management practices for large tracts of land. Vegetative modification permits can be issued in this allocation.
	PROTECTED-SCENIC --After consideration of the effects on the environmental and physical characteristics of an area, it was determined that these specific reaches of the shoreline necessitated protection from disturbance to preserve their unique aesthetic quality. No vegetation modification, excluding a six foot wide meandering pathway is allowed in these aesthetically rich and ecologically important areas. Activities requiring a real estate instrument or regulatory permit must be reviewed, and approved only if the aesthetic qualities will not be degraded by the requested activity.
	PROTECTED- NAVIGATION CHANNEL --This shoreline area has been so designated to protect the navigation channel and associated bank stabilization structures from obstructions. Vegetation modification is allowed after consideration of the effects on the environmental and physical characteristics of the area.
	PROHIBITED AREAS --Prohibited Access Areas are those in which public access is not allowed or is restricted for health, safety or security reasons. These could include hazardous areas near dams, spillways, hydro-electric power stations, work areas, water intake structures, etc. --No shoreline use permits will be issued in Prohibited Access Area.

Attachment F
Public Scoping Comments

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Design idea
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 12:36:40 PM

Several years ago, at Michigan's Indian Lake State Park, the eroding shoreline (a result of mowing to the water's edge, unrestricted foot traffic and heavy wave action) was threatening a row a favorite shoreline campsites. Bioengineered, timber crib walls were constructed with stair access every few campsites. A rock toe protects the lower cribs. (see photos)

This shoreline also suffers from heavy ice push every spring (hence the perpendicular timbers) and the cribs have held up very well. Planted to woody shrubs they should hold up to heavy wave action from boats and wind on Lake Dardanelle with no problem. Notice that the once steep, undercut bank toe has filled with sand creating a gentle approach which reduces wave energy. The rock toe has helped collect and hold sand brought in by waves.

Shrubs provide shade for nearshore aquatic insects and fish and also habitat for song birds. However, if water levels fluctuate for flood control or power generation, choosing shrubs that can withstand periods of both drought and inundation may be the challenge.

[REDACTED]
Senior Water Resource Educator
Michigan State University Extension

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Comment on the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan Update
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025 11:21:40 AM

Reclassification of Land and Shoreline Allocation for Sunset Drive

1. Recognition of Sunset Drive (Formerly County Road 400)
 - The road right-of-way that was returned to acreage is now private property. The updated Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) should formally acknowledge that County Road 400 is now Sunset Drive (private road) to prevent any discrepancies in land use references.
2. Land Reclassification to Low Density Recreation (Yellow)
 - The shoreline and area adjacent to Sunset Drive should be reclassified as Low Density Recreation (Yellow) under the *Description of Master Plan Land and Water Classifications*.
 - This designation aligns with the passive public recreational uses that the area supports, such as fishing, trails, wildlife viewing, and limited shoreline development.
3. Shoreline Reallocation to Limited Development Areas (Red)
 - The shoreline along the entire length of Sunset Drive should be reallocated as Limited Development Areas (LDA, marked Red) under the *Description of Current Shoreline Management Plan Shoreline Allocations*.
 - This reallocation would allow property owners along Sunset Drive to apply for and receive permits for boat docks, consistent with other LDA-designated areas around Lake Dardanelle.

Stormwater Erosion Study and Mitigation

4. Erosion and Stormwater Management Study
 - Stormwater runoff from the mountainside is significantly eroding an area near the midpoint of Sunset Drive.
 - A hydrological and erosion impact study should be conducted to assess the risks and determine potential mitigation measures, such as riprap installation, to stabilize the shoreline and prevent further damage.

Request for Inclusion in the Public Review Process

5. Consideration in the Upcoming SMP Public Workshops
 - The recognition of Sunset Drive, reclassification of shoreline use, and erosion control needs should be included as specific discussion topics in the upcoming public workshops in early 2025 to ensure proper evaluation and stakeholder input

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lake Dardanelle SMP
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 2:01:24 PM

I find it ironic that you call it a "SHORELINE Management Plan" and invite my comments. Through inheritance from my parents I have title to three separate tracts remaining from and adjoining land purchased by the USACE from my parents in connection with development of the Lake Dardanelle dam project. In only one can you see the Lake Dardanelle's shoreline. The most remote portion purchased by the USACE from my parents is over a mile (I would estimate closer to two miles) from the nearest actual shoreline, at its highest water level, of Lake Dardanelle. It would be my comment that rather than expend resources on shoreline management, the USACE should see what it can do to correct the land grab it carried out that was not needed to complete the navigation project. My memory is of the disruption it created in my parents life, essentially taking away their livelihood. Can the USACE do anything to correct that?

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lake Dardanelle SMP
Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 4:42:31 PM

Lake Dardanelle USACE,

My input/concerns related to the upcoming Lake Dardanelle SMP update are below.

1. Keep the existing 200ft Vegetation Modification Permit. **Also current distance listed in the Table Rock Lake SMP updated in 2020.**
2. Keep all **fire safety verbiage for vegetation modifications and leave fire permits** in current SMP. No legitimate reason to remove this verbiage and safety permit. Fire safety is too important to remove. These should also be nonrevocable.
3. Dock Modifications... There should be no conditions on when/if a resident can submit a dock modification request. Regardless of how far their property line is from their dock site, 200ft etc. Within reason, dock owners should be able to make commonsense modifications whenever they feel it's necessary or warranted. **Currently there are no conditions in the Table Rock SMP updated in 2020.**
4. There needs to be a legitimate waiver/exception process that can be approved at a local level. Currently it is the direction of the governing Little Rock USACE office to deny all waivers/exceptions. This is done under the false pretense of it being "equal treatment for all" if there are no exceptions granted. However, we all know no document is perfect and no body of water or shoreline is the same. **Dock owners should not have to jump through hoops to be given commonsense, and common decency decisions.**

If you would like any clarification on anything mentioned above, please give me a call.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Public Comment
Date: Friday, February 14, 2025 3:47:10 PM
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I, [REDACTED], wish to make a public comment in regards to the: The USACE will host a public meeting to collect public comments regarding the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan Update. The meeting will be on February 18, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the USACE Russellville Site Office, 1598 Lock and Dam Road, Russellville, Ark. 72801.

My property is located on Shoal Bay, near New Blaine, Arkansas in Logan County. My Legal Description here:

A PART OF THE NW¼ SW¼ OF SECTION 3, T-7-N, R-23-W, IN LOGAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS AND AS SHOWN AS TRACT 2 ON SURVEY BY CORNERSTONE LAND SURVEYING ON 4-7-2022, FOR KIMBERLY GREEN, JOB# 22-283:

COMMENCING AT A FOUND CORPS OF ENGINEERS MONUMENT FOR THE SW CORNER OF THE SW¼ SW¼, THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE THEREOF N 01°54'48" E 318.32 FEET TO A FOUND CORPS OF ENGINEERS MONUMENT AND N 01°32'52" E 481.79 FEET TO A FOUND CORPS OF ENGINEERS MONUMENT, THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST LINE N 01°30'46" E 818.74 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN FOR THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID NW¼ SW¼ N 01°30'46" E 279.29 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN, THENCE S 88°23'52" E 490.07 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN ON THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TAKE LINE, THENCE ALONG SAID TAKE LINE S 24°01'26" E 15.82 FEET TO A CORPS MARKER AND S 24°00'49" E 293.91 FEET TO A SET IRON PIN, THENCE LEAVING SAID TAKE LINE N 88°23'52" W 623.54 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 3.57 ACRES MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS OR RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD.

I wished to have this zoned to allow for a boat dock on my property on the bay. This property does not have a current 911 address. My current mailing address is [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. My cell number is [REDACTED]. This property is owned by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lake Dardanelle inquiry
Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 2:11:56 AM

LakeDardanelleSMPUpdate@usace.army.mil

I received a postcard from the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan Update. I own property on the Little Piney River that runs into the lake.

Unfortunately, the instructions were rather poor as to what I'm supposed to comment on. There is no legend to your archive map. What do all the color codings mean? Are these existing conditions are planned conditions what is being shown on the map? What kind of comments are you looking for? Where is North on the map, where is the nuclear power plant?

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] with property ownership in Johnson County AR.

Email: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan Update
Date: Sunday, March 2, 2025 7:11:35 PM

Hello,

We did not make the public workshop in February 2025 due to the snowstorm. We submitted comments through the website as provided on the card that was mailed to us.

I did not receive a response, so I am submitting it through the email account listed on the website.

As homeowners on [REDACTED], we wanted to share our concerns/submit our suggestion regarding the status of the land near the shoreline.

We would like the area marked B09-01 to be listed as LDA, limited development area, so that we can keep our current access to put in kayaks/canoes. We do not want, nor plan on ever putting in a dock or other floating accessory. Furthermore, we fully support and adhere to the existing guidelines marked as environmental sensitive area, our small path down to the shoreline cannot be seen from the water and will always stay that way. Thank you for your time, appreciate y'all.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Meeting on Lake Dardanelle
Date: Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:57:04 PM

Thank you for the notice of Lake Dardanelle: I live on the lake [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. We have about 100-200 yards of trees which are a danger for power outages, block the view for all the homes on the highway, nobody takes care of the area in the last 4 years.

Clearing out the trees and opening up lake access for kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, jet skis, boats, and other water activities, which can lift revenue for the city, or the Army Corps, lower taxes, all kinds of ideas I would like to explore.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
CEO/Founder Smart Community Technologies
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: LAKE DARDANELLE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE SCOPING NOTIFICATION
Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 3:33:36 PM

Will any of this affect above lock and Damn 13?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

On Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 10:57:05 AM CST, CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update
<lakedardanellesmpupdate@usace.army.mil> wrote:

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Subject: New Public Comment for the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Update Team
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Comments or Questions

Thank you for cancelling the meeting due to weather. We desired to attend, but live three hours away. I would like to be notified please, if there is a meeting to replace the one that was cancelled. Our family land taken 60 +_ years ago has never been developed. Is there a possibility of it being returned?

Optional Information

Name	[REDACTED]
Affiliation	Landowner
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail	[REDACTED]

Ref Id: 1Xc2XrKhu0Wg117lbSwg6A

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [CPSWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Subject: New Public Comment for the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Update Team
Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025 10:53:19 AM

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Comments or Questions
I live near Norris Reservoir (ca 34,000 acres) in East Tennessee. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) developed the project in 1933. Originally, about 122,000 acres were purchased above the reservoir full pool (1020'). In the late 40s and early 50s approximately 57,000 acres was sold at public auction. Rights for water access varies, but numerous large developments have been built over the years. The reservoir is now a cluttered mess of private docks between tracts of public land. Adjacent owners who have access rights have overstepped their rights and cleared much of the vegetation. Boating down the reservoir is like driving through a subdivision. TVA has dropped the ball on enforcement. I would hate to see this kind of development. We always admired the Corps for enforcing their rules, unlike TVA.

Optional Information

Name	
Affiliation	Lake User
Address	
Phone	
E-Mail	

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From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Subject: New Re-Scoping Public Comment from the Beaver Lake Land Acquisition Study
Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 9:54:02 PM

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Comments or Questions

Our contact with the shoreline of Lake Dardanelle has been several RV stays at the campgrounds on Old Post Road. It's a lovely park - staying there is a highlight of our annual RV trips from Alabama to Colorado and back. The park is the quietest, most relaxing place we stay. Please keep it as is, or improve it.

Optional Information

Name	[REDACTED]
Affiliation	Lake User
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail	[REDACTED]

Ref Id: NQcr5TdoCESe5ejiLZXUQw

From: noreply@dma.mil
To: [CESWL-Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update](#)
Subject: New Public Comment for the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Update Team
Date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025 8:02:55 AM

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Comments or Questions	Hello. I have a house on the lake on Thompson Bay. There is a large stretch on the one side where no boat docks are allowed. I am hopeful that we could get some variance on this or open is up so that I could get a dock in front of my house. I also think it would be great if in some situations the 200 feet mowing could allow for some variance. Also allowing for removal of dead trees in front of ones house would also be great. This is just a wish list in case any of these items are being considered. Thanks. [REDACTED]
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Optional Information

Name	[REDACTED]
Affiliation	Landowner
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone	[REDACTED]
E-Mail	[REDACTED]

Ref Id: nBo_p2TVkkCD4fakhRsowg

Attachment G
Agency and Tribal Government
Scoping Comments



ARDOT.gov | Jared D. Wiley, P.E., Director

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT DIVISION
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February 28, 2025

Lake Dardanelle SMP Planner
Recreation and Natural Resources Section
USACE, Little Rock District
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203

Re: Lake Dardanelle Shoreline
Management Plan Review

Dear Lake Dardanelle SMP Planner:

Reference is made to the update for the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan. Due to the large amount of highway facilities that intersect with USACE managed lands within the Lake Dardanelle area, frequent cooperation between ARDOT and the USACE is necessary for construction and maintenance activities on these facilities.

Please note that all utility facilities crossing or installed on highway right of way must comply with the Arkansas State Highway Commission's Utility Accommodation Policy (Policy) and future adjustments must be made at no expense to the Department. The Policy is available on the Department's website at: <https://www.ardot.gov/divisions/right-of-way/utility-permits/>

Should the need arise, please contact our District 4 Permit Officer at (479) 484-5306 and our District 8 Permit Officer at (479) 968-2286 at for any necessary permitting information.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in the review process.

Sincerely,

Daniel Siskowski
Division Engineer
Program Management

c: Assistant Chief Engineers
Environmental
Right of Way
Roadway
Districts 4 & 8



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor
Shea Lewis
Secretary

March 05, 2025

Mr. Robert Morrow, PMP
Chief, Environmental Branch
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United States Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District
P.O. Box 867
Little Rock, AR 72203-0867

RE: Multiple Counties: Lake Dardanelle
Section 106 Review: COE
Proposed Undertaking: Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan
COE Project Number: SWL-2023-00317
AHPP Tracking Number: 113347

Dear Mr. Morrow:

The staff of the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program (AHPP) has reviewed the scoping letter for the Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan. As you likely already know, there are hundreds of precontact and historic archeological sites along and near Lake Dardanelle and the Arkansas River. As the focus of this management plan becomes more clear, we look forward to consulting with you on the protection and avoidance of these sites.

The AHPP looks forward to receiving the draft management plan in the future for a more comprehensive review.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this scoping letter. Please refer to the AHPP Tracking Number listed above in all correspondence. If you have any questions, please call Jessica Cogburn of my staff at 501-324-9357 or email jessica.cogburn@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,
Jessica
Cogburn
for

 Digitally signed by Jessica
Cogburn
Date: 2025.03.05
09:45:03 -06'00'

Scott Kaufman
State Historic Preservation Officer and Director, AHPP

cc: Dr. Melissa Zabecki, Arkansas Archeological Survey

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From: Madison D. Currie <mcurrie@choctawnation.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 4, 2025 4:32 PM
To: Wilson, Allen D CIV USARMY CESWL (USA) <Allen.D.Wilson@usace.army.mil>
Cc: Lindsey Bilyeu <lbilyeu@choctawnation.com>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan

Halito Allen,

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma thanks you for the correspondence regarding the above referenced project. This project lies within our area of historic interest. The Choctaw Nation Historic Preservation Department requests consultation under Section 106 for all undertakings at the Lake. We also request to begin working on ARPA protections for cultural resources, as well as continuing cultural resources investigations to adequately survey the management area.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Yakohe,

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From: Carissa Speck <cspeck@delawarenation-nsn.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 6, 2025 9:51 AM
To: Wilson, Allen D CIV USARMY CESWL (USA) <Allen.D.Wilson@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] RE: Dardanelle Shoreline Master Plan Update.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Master Plan. This area was not ancestral to Delaware Nation, although we do have historical ties to parts of Arkansas, we will defer to other federally recognized tribes on commentary for this plan.

Wanishi,

Carissa Speck, M.A.
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[Delaware Nation](#)
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Attachment H

Media Coverage

Corps of Engineers seeks public input on Lake Dardanelle Shoreline Management Plan

February 3, 2025 by River Valley Democrat-Gazette



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For an on-line fillable comment card and to learn more about the Lake Dardanelle SMP update visit our website at: www.swl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning/Lake-Dardanelle-SMP-Update/.

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