

Mountain Reservoirs Land Management Plan

Summary of Public Participation

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Overview

From May 2007 through June 2007, public participation was sought to assist the Chickamauga-Hiwassee Watershed Team in developing a Mountain Reservoirs Land Management Plan to identify specific future uses for TVA-managed land around nine mountain region reservoirs (Chatuge, Hiwassee, Blue Ridge, Nottely, Fontana, Ocoees 1, 2 & 3, and Apalachia Reservoirs).

Public Notification and Comment Opportunities

Notification of TVA's intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, requests for comments, and the public scoping meeting announcement appeared in the Federal Register on June 1, 2007. Notification of the land use planning review process was mailed to interested people and TVA held 14 briefing sessions with stakeholders groups, organizations and agencies. TVA hosted a public meeting in Blairsville, Georgia on June 21, 2007. A total of 83 participants attended the public meeting. During the public meeting, TVA personnel were available to answer questions and discuss land use allocations.

Additional Public Input

In addition to the public meeting, TVA advertised public participation opportunities through eleven local newspapers, and radio and television public service announcements on nine stations during June 2007.

Analysis

TVA received 473 comments from the public scoping effort in various formats - from completing electronic questionnaires on the TVA web site, questionnaires mailed to TVA, letters and e-mails. All public comments were compiled and analyzed to identify the range of issues and concerns that should be considered as part of the public scoping process. Each comment was categorized by major issue, and comments were sorted into themes by reservoir. This summary includes the potential environmental issues and themes identified from all the public comments received during the scoping process.

Summary

Overall Public Comment Themes:

Five predominant themes or general issues were identified from all of the comments provided: Land Planning and Policy, Recreation, Natural Resources, Compliance, and Reservoir Levels. Other comment areas included Power Delivery and Industrial Development as well as Appreciation for TVA land management practices.

Summary of Predominant Themes:

Land Planning and Policy

Comments related to loss of public lands, maintaining natural areas, future development, land use and other considerations for the current land planning effort.

Recreation

Comments related to the use of hiking and mountain biking trails and requests to build additional trails on public lands. Other comments regarding boating restrictions, off-road vehicle use, camping and available facilities were also provided.

Natural Resources

Comments related to all aspects of natural resource preservation and management including water quality and aquatic habitats, air quality, sedimentation and shoreline erosion, wildlife and forestry. Cultural resource compliance was also addressed.

Compliance

Comments requested TVA's attention to poor camping practices, houseboats and ATV use, boating restrictions, non-permitted boat docks and illegal waste dumps and littering.

Reservoir Levels

Many comments received related to low reservoir levels and their associated impacts.

Summary of Public Comments by Parcel:

Several parcel-specific comments were received during scoping and are listed in this report by reservoir. A majority of the parcel-specific comments can be accommodated within the existing allocations, such as Mountain Bike Trails, Hiking Trails and Natural Resource Conservation within Zone 4. On both Chatuge and Hiwassee there were several comments suggesting new Zone 6-Recreation areas for water access, trail expansion and ball fields. A parcel on Chatuge has also been identified for consideration as a Zone 5-Industrial and two parcels have been identified as potential sites for a new substation. Several

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comments on Nottely have called for expansion of the existing recreation facilities, such as Poteete Creek Campground, to accommodate the growing recreation demands on this reservoir.

Summary of Questionnaire Results

Respondents were asked to select from the nine reservoirs listed which reservoirs they use and their method of access to the reservoirs; private residential access, private commercial recreation access areas, via TVA or other agency managed areas. We also asked them to indicate the frequency of their participation from a list of recreation activities; select uses for public lands; and provide their opinion if there is currently enough, too much or an adequate amount or availability for the uses listed. And finally, the respondents were asked to identify for each reservoir if the amount of facilities available were meeting their current needs. The results provided in Part III of this report show a majority interest in no change, hiking and mountain biking trails and expansion or improvements at recreation areas.

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Part I:

Public Comments Identified by Issue

**Abbreviations for
Government Agencies and Stakeholder Groups**

BRMEMC	Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Corporation
GDNR	Georgia Department of Natural Resources
GHPD	Georgia Historic Preservation Division
GMRDC HPO	Georgia Mountains Regional Development Center – Historic Preservation Office
NCDA	North Carolina Department of Administration
NCDENR	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources
NCDEH	North Carolina Division of Environmental Health
NCDF	North Carolina Division of Forestry
NCDPR	North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation
NCDWQ	North Carolina Division of Water Quality
NCWRC	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
THC	Tennessee Historical Commission
EBCI	The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

General Comments (comments that are not reservoir specific)		
Appreciation		
General Non-motorized Recreation	I don't know what I would do without these lands. The joy I get from life is on public land enjoying parks. I personally enjoy mtn biking trails the most, but also enjoy all the activities offered in parks.	Individuals (3)
General Non-motorized Recreation	I think TVA does a fantastic job allocating certain land to certain users. Keep up the good work! Thanks!	Individuals (2)
Visual	Keep up the good work. Maintain the beauty of the TVA for those to share for years.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Thank you for all the nice trails you have allowed to be built on Raccoon Mtn. This was an under-utilized resource and since you have opened it to Mountain Bikers it is becoming a destination for bikers all over the south.	Individuals (4)
Land Policy and Planning		
Mountain Biking	Please incorporate mountain biking into your long term planning process. Mountain biking is a low impact activity that on properly designed trails has very little obvious impact.	Individuals (2)
Maintain Natural Areas	Stop the conversion of land to commercial, residential and industrial uses. We will need more open lands as the population increases and expands.	Individual
Generalized Non-motorized Recreation	Land Managers must continue to function and co-exist with Horse Back, Hiking, and Cycling. The TVA is a beautiful area for my family to visit and the Land Management which has taken place is a breathe of fresh air, which may serve as an example for other State and Federal Power Plant Conservation Projects.	Individuals (8)

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General Comments (comments that are not reservoir specific)		
Land Rights	I am concerned that the forest, national, and government managed areas will be used for other than original intent.	Individual
Natural Resources		
Archaeology	Will comment on the Draft EIS regarding archaeological and historic resources	NCDWQ
Potential Historic Properties	May affect properties potentially eligible for National Register of Historic Places	THC
Air Quality	Air quality must be improved through continued emissions reductions from TVA generating facilities and limited vehicular traffic in sensitive areas.	Individual
Air Quality	Consider potential impacts to air quality.	NCDWQ
Ecosystem Health	Address priorities and practices for sustainability of forest ecosystems. Promote healthy forest ecosystems and manage risks associated with wildfires, insects, diseases, invasive species, and other threats.	NCDF
Forest Resources	Use BMPs anywhere land use changes occur. Consider potential impacts to forest resources and natural vegetation. Consider potential impacts to water resources. Consider potential impacts to wetlands, prime agricultural lands, forest resources, wildlife, and natural vegetation.	NCDWQ NCOFF
Natural Resources Protection	Conservation, Preservation	Individual
Natural Resources Protection	Apply appropriate Silviculture practices and address how TVA will work with other groups and agencies to respond to wildfires and other issues. Protect Water quality.	NCDF
Natural Resources Protection	Consider potential impacts to wetlands, prime agricultural lands, public lands and scenic areas, archaeological or historic sites, air quality, noise levels, water resources, forest resources, wildlife, and natural vegetation.	NCDWQ
Water Quality	Opposed to impoundments on steep slopes because of possibility of failure and impacts to aquatic resources.	NCDENR NCDWQ
Water Quality	Water quality must be maintained by stopping or greatly curtailing residential and industrial development in reservoir watersheds.	Individual
Water Quality	Address priorities and practices for sustainability of forest ecosystems. Protect Water quality.	NCDF
Water Quality/Supply	Supports the development of a management plan that would protect water quality and quantity or our water resources. These mountain reservoirs, related watersheds and the proper management thereof plays a crucial role in providing safe and adequate drinking water to our region.	NCDEH
Water Quality/Supply	Determine water supply classification along each waterbody to determine acceptable land use policy.	NCDWQ
Wildfires	Promote healthy forest ecosystems and manage risks associated with wildfires and other threats. Address how TVA will work with other groups and agencies to respond to wildfires and other issues.	NCDF
Wildlife	TVA appears to me to have had a long standing good reputation for their management practices. Limited access to natural areas yet provision for unobtrusive access has kept wildlife areas in great shape - attractive to the public and yet the environment has remained stable for wild life, etc.	Individual
Compliance		
Enforcement	Signage and fines concerning littering. Maintenance and updating at TVA dam overlooks	Elected Official
Recreation		
Camping	Avid mountain biker and camper.	Individuals (2)
Wildlife	Avid hunter. Concerned about hunter access to TVA land and across TVA lands to access other public lands.	Individual
Economic Impacts	Mountain biking. It's a boon to the local economy, particularly when major events are held there.	Individuals (2)
Mountain Biking	Land managers can work with local and national mountain biking organizations to develop a trail system that is both fun and functional.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Mountain biking has been many times misunderstood and detractors may be misled or misinformed regarding environmental impact of MTB trails.	Individual

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Mountain Biking	Mountain bike trails with involvement with IMBA and SORBA.	Individuals (2)
Mountain Biking	Supports mountain biking	Individuals (8)
Multiple Use Trails	I know that hikers need trails for only their use but many hiking trails are not being utilized and are becoming over-grown. If some of these trails were opened to mountain-bike use it would not interfere with hikers and it would help keep the trails from being over-grown.	Individuals (2)
Multiple Use Trails	Would like to see day use of the area surrounding the dam area for more recreation, i.e. picnic areas with tables, nature trails, more boat ramps, hiking.	Individuals (2)
Recreation Facilities	TVA needs to address the need for canoe portages at all TVA dams	NCDPR
General Non-motorized Recreation	Camping and economic impact go hand and hand with mountain biking and thus generate broad support for the protection of public lands.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Please give priority to providing access to single track mountain bike trails.	Individual
Mountain Biking	I think it is worth pointing out the rewards that have been reaped when land managers work with mountain biking communities to preserve and create trail systems. Mountain biking is a quiet activity that has been shown to leave a similar environmental footprint to hiking (and no greater).	Individuals (2)
Mountain Biking	Mountain biking is quiet, low impact, and human powered. Mountain biking continues to grow in popularity every day.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Please allow for continued & expanded mountain bike access in TVA-managed public areas.	Individuals (2)
Mountain Biking	I would like to see as much property opened to mountain biking as possible. I've watched Raccoon Mountain transform from an under used area to a destination park, because of the building of mountain bike trails.	Individuals (5)
Trail Construction and Management	I think mountain biking has proven to be one of the most non-obtrusive recreational sports to our public land. I think we need to keep the trails we have, and hopefully add a few more.	Individuals (2)
Trail Construction and Management	The Chattanooga Southern Off Road Bicycling Association (SORBA) has donated thousands of volunteer hours each year for the past several years at Raccoon Mountain, land owned by the TVA. Mountain biking is a quiet activity that has been shown to leave a similar environmental footprint to hiking (and no greater). I would like to see the success of Raccoon Mountain be repeated on other TVA-managed land. The mountain biking community contains a vast potential resource for trail management that should be put to use on public land.	Individual
Trail Construction and Management	Mountain biking is quiet, low impact, and human powered. Mountain biking trails typically are maintained, to a great degree, by local clubs through volunteer efforts. Great emphasis is placed upon a minimal footprint in whatever area the trails may be in. Trails are constructed and maintained to insure environmental impact is at the lowest level possible. It is my wish that all trails be kept open and in good repair for the continued enjoyment of all who utilize them, with an eye towards expanding the trail systems on all TVA managed public lands. Mountain biking continues to grow in popularity every day. Thanks, Concerned Mountain Biker.	Individual
Trail Construction and Management	Built using International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) guidelines, the Raccoon mountain trails have demonstrated how such trails can be built in a durable and environmentally-sensitive manner.	Individuals (2)
Trail Construction and Management	I think a comprehensive TVA trail construction and management plan would have widespread public support.	Individual

Chatuge Reservoir		
Compliance		
Enforcement	Too many boats blaring loud music that disturbs residents. Loudness	Individual

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Chatuge Reservoir		
	ordinance needs to be enacted and enforced. Too few law enforcement patrols.	
Enforcement	All comments relate to Chatuge Woods Campsite-TVA/Towns County health issues with environmental implications. Remove underground primitively installed septic at one campsite. Remove illegal permanent storage facilities, boat docks, Astroturf, along water and at campsites (lease violations). Stop clear cutting to provide view at new & existing campsites.	Individuals (2)
Erosion	Comments relate to Chatuge Woods Campsite-TVA/Towns County health issues with environmental implications. Re-establish lake vegetative buffers to prevent erosion and run-off into the lake.	Individual
Enforcement	Enforce removal of all boats from shoreline during winter (lease violations). a) Never agree to lease any parcel if lessee cannot and will not enforce lease specifications, and TVA seriously consider lease withdrawals for non-compliance over a number of years proven dereliction of duties. b) Never issue a lease without proof, maps and drawings, and agreement between TVA and Lessee of improvements. Old paper trail at Chatuge Woods is not documented as to improvements.	Homeowners Association Representative
Land Policy and Planning		
Balanced Use	TVA lands are, first and foremost, important to our regional economic development. These lands need to be preserved, but likewise consideration needs to be given to the idea that these lands can be used for other than natural resource conservation without compromising the environmental stability of the land. We who have lived here all of our lives don't want to lose the beauty, the green space, or the water quality, but at the same time believe that a balance can be achieved without a loser having to be chosen on either side of the environment -vs.- development argument every time.	Individual
Commercial, Residential, and Industrial Development	Don't bow to pressure and money from developers that want to come in, make money, strip the land, pollute the reservoirs and then leave.	Individual
TVA Info sources	It is hard to read the maps provided on the website to get a good overall view of what is being asked. Hopefully it will become clearer when I attend the public meeting and can see a larger map.	Individuals (3)
Development	The less industrial the better	Individuals (3)
Industrial Development		
Commercial, Residential, and Industrial Development	Request to re-zone Tract #10 from Zone 4 to Zone 5 (Industrial)	BRMEMC
Commercial, Residential, and Industrial Development	Tract #10 is currently designated as Zone 4, natural resource conservation. Supports changing this allocation to Zone 5, Industrial Development	Elected Official
Natural Resources		
Potential Historic Properties	GHPD withholds comment until receiving Section 106 information pertaining to cultural resources	GHPD
Archaeological Resources	Further info necessary to formulate valid conclusions regarding archaeological resources	GMRDC HPO
Water Quality	Something has got to be done about the continued decline in the quality of the water. Too much development has already been done on the lake.	Individuals (3)
Erosion	The reckless development, clear cutting, and earthmoving on the steep ridgelines above Lake Chatuge is ruining the views and creating sedimentation and erosion issues. If any other lakefront TVA or USFS lands are transferred, including Parcel 105 that is surrounded by my property, restrictions should be imposed that greatly limit development.	Individual
Natural Resources Protection	Evaluate areas for timber harvest and other habitat manipulation to benefit wildlife, especially parcel 6 and 78 on Chatuge. Integrate recreation and wildlife and waterfowl enhancements.	NCWRC
Natural Resource Conservation	On mountain lakes that have already experienced growth and development (Blue Ridge, Nottely, Chatuge), to the extent possible (if not already	Individual

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	surpassed), a ratio of 60/40 (undeveloped/developed shoreline) should be maintained in order to preserve the integrity of natural resource values (habitat, recreation, etc.), water quality, and essence of what makes these lakes in our region unique.	
Water quality/Safety	There are too many multi-family docks being allowed to be built on this reservoir. As a result, there are far too many boats (large & small) being allowed access to the reservoir. The water quality & safety for all is being impacted in a negative manner.	Individual
Visual	Lake Chatuge already has an excessive amount of unsightly development and high traffic.	Individual
Water Quality	All comments relate to Chatuge Woods Campsite-TVA/Towns County health issues with environmental implications. Remove underground primitively installed septic at one campsite. TVA and Towns County Health Department and Commissioners (three successive!) have been advised (and provided photos) it is present and nothing has been done to remove it. Health Department evaluates the ability of existing septic disposal systems to handle sewage volume and to test for leakage of septic into Lake Chatuge shoreline.	Individuals (2)
Wildlife	Integrate recreation and wildlife and waterfowl enhancements.	NCWRC
Power Delivery		
Substation Site	Request for two acres of Parcels 52 or, as an alternative, 51 for substation site	BRMEMC
Recreation		
Recreation Facilities	All comments relate to Chatuge Woods Campsite-TVA/Towns County health issues with environmental implications. Reduce number of campsites to prevent further degradation of the land. Currently 2 new roads with additional campsites have been installed in 2006-2007.	Individuals (2)
Commercial, Residential, and Industrial Development	Selfishly I would simply like to see Lake Chatuge be more recreational friendly. Higher water for longer period of time, better water hazard markings, fishing berms and piers etc.	Individuals (3)
General Non-motorized Recreation	Request for Parcels 52, 77, and 78 for Recreational activities	Elected Official
Natural Resources Protection	Encourages new public access, especially Parcels 6, 88, and 96 on Chatuge.	NCWRC
Trail Construction and Management	Am an avid mountain biker who notes that bikers build and maintain many trails	Individuals (2)
Recreation Access	Improve public access, provide protection of riparian zones, and recommendation that lands remain zoned as Natural Resource Conservation areas. Also recommended a review of potential recreation uses on uncommitted lands be included in the EIS.	GADNR
Boating	Far too many boats (large & small) being allowed access to the reservoir.	Individual
Reservoir Levels		
Boating and Fishing	I realize the lake is low now because of our drought, but low lake levels have been the number one issue I have had, even after the alterations where made to levels a couple of years ago. Fishing & boating in particular becomes very difficult in the fall and too late in the spring.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	Simply would like to ask for a more recreational friendly lake for a longer time during the year. I realize the lake is low now because of our drought, but low lake levels have been the number one issue I have had, even after the alterations where made to levels a couple of years ago.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	Water levels are too low to enjoy year round use. Need to keep lake levels elevated higher and throughout the year.	Individual
Reservoir Levels/Safety	The lake should not be lowered so quickly during the summer months (drought years excluded). Due to the popularity of boating on this reservoir, the lake level should be kept as high as possible from safety and water quality point of view.	Individual
Reservoir Levels/Water	Due to the popularity of boating on this reservoir, the lake level should be	Individual

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Chatuge Reservoir		
Quality	kept as high as possible from safety and water quality point of view.	

Hiwassee Reservoir		
Land Policy and Planning		
Maintain Natural Areas	Leave land in its natural state. The land is subject to too much development already.	Individuals (4)
Commercial, Residential, and Industrial Development	TVA should continue to manage their lands and not be giving land away to private developers such as Little Cedar Mountain on Nickajack Reservoir.	Individual
Natural Resources		
Forestry	PLEASE REFRAIN FROM LOGGING AROUND LAKE HIWASSEE UNLESS IT IS SELECT CUTTING AND THE BEST FOR THE FOREST AND NOT FOR THE LOGGING COMPANY.	Individual
Wildlife	Evaluate areas for timber harvest and other habitat manipulation to benefit wildlife, especially parcel 10 on Hiwassee. Integrate recreation and wildlife and waterfowl enhancements.	NCWRC
Natural Resource Protection	Massive tree cutting should not be allowed near Hiwassee lake	Individual
Natural Resources Protection	Within the Hanging Dog Watershed are lands held in trust for EBCI. Your current operations negatively impact tribal aquatic habitat and species diversity in this area.	EBCI
Water Quality	KEEPING THE LAKE CLEAN FROM SEDIMENT AND OTHER POLLUTANTS SHOULD BE A HIGH PRIORITY	Individual
Reservoir Levels		
Reservoir Levels	I would like to see the lake level at Hiwassee stay up between May and September.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	You should be ashamed of the summer lake level at Hiwassee. There is no reason to drop the levels 10 feet before the fourth of July !!!!!	Individual
Reservoir Levels	Concerned about water releases, lake levels, impacts to fish and wildlife, and balancing water levels for kayakers and reservoir boaters.	Individuals (5)
Recreation		
Boating Restrictions	There are too many engine powered boats on the reservoir.	Individuals(2)
Reservoir Access	Encourages new public access, especially Parcel 10 on Hiwassee.	NCWRC
Trail Construction and Management	I love the trails at Hiwassee. And my all time favorite place to go to is Ocoee (and Chilhowee, to ride mountain bikes and to white water raft. These places are extremely well managed and maintained. What has been built there and the way the trails are maintained are nothing short of fantastic.	Individuals (2)
ATV	Need OHV	Individual
Mountain Biking	Mtn biking is a low impact recreational activity that brings money to the local economy and is, by an large, practiced by environmentally minded people.	Individuals (2)
Visual	More trails around the lake. This way they won't be TOO challenging and they will be beautiful.	Individuals (2)

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Blue Ridge Reservoir		
Reservoir Levels		
Reservoir Levels	If possible, it would make the lake more enjoyable if you could come up with a way of maintaining the elevation, similar to the way GA Power does at Lake Burton.	Individual
Reservoir Levels/Water quality	Concerns regarding water quality and economic impacts from low lake levels	Individual (2)
Reservoir Levels	Demand on lake blue ridge to provide downstream river levels is too great. It detracts from the natural beauty of the area and also affects boating safety.	Individuals (2)
Reservoir Levels	Concerned about water being released from Blue Ridge so rafters on the Ocoee will have water.	Individual
Reservoir Levels/Erosion	Lake levels are taken down too low in the winter. Consider how much less silt is washed into the lake with the reduced amount of exposed lake bed. Consider the improvement in the fish population with less silt.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	TVA policy states this is for flood control. 1991 flood in McCaysville, GA was considered a 100 year flood. Lake Blue Ridge increased 6 feet from that rain. This is not much when you consider the lake was probably down around 30 feet and the surface area of the lake was considerably smaller than if it were down only 12 feet. The current plan has the lake going down 17 feet in the winter.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	Lake levels should be maintained at near not necessarily full pool from may 15 thru labor day and you would stop 90% of your complaints. We need public, day use facilities such as picnicking, swimming beach, boat access, etc.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	The lake level is not kept high enough later into the year. I'm not sure this is environmental, but the lake's primary purpose should be recreation/power generation now.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	The water level in Blue Ridge Lake is NOT being maintained at the desired levels for safe recreational use and as determined by the recent lake "balancing" plan by the TVA. Since it's implementation, the TVA has not maintained the lake levels per the new guidelines.	Individuals (2)
Reservoir Levels	I do understand that there is a drought going on this year, however, you all continue to pull more water than comes in whether there is rain or not. I understand you sell the water to the outfitters which make me wonder why they are more important than those who live on the lake. We pay taxes to our county which isn't inexpensive. Maybe the lake should be managed by Corp of Engineers since apparently you all could care less about our enjoyment.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	I have serious concern over the dam repair on Lake Blue Ridge in 2010. I hope that every effort will be made by TVA if at all possible to have water in the lake by that summer.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	Lake Blue Ridge - Keep it fuller longer. All lakes in GA started with full pools this year except those managed by TVA.	Individual
Reservoir Levels/Balanced Use	Concerned about lake levels and related safety, recreation, and aesthetic issues, and erosion issues as well as concerned that rafters get too much water	Individuals (4)
Reservoir Levels environmental impacts	Concerned about water releases, lake levels, impacts to fish and wildlife, and balancing water levels for kayakers and reservoir boaters.	Individuals (4)
Reservoir Levels	Lake Blue Ridge needs to stay full longer during the recreational season.	Individuals (3)
Reservoir Levels	No water in lake when needed, docks on dry land in June! Boot them out. TVA shouldn't handle Georgia Reservoirs.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	TVA is not concerned with water or lake level management as much as it is concerned for its power generating and revenue potential.	Individual
Reservoir Levels/Balanced Use	Want balanced between rafter's needs and lake users.	Individual (3)
Land Policy and Planning		
New Development	The lake is becoming very crowded on week-ends because of the large	Individual

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	amount of development. Please do not open any additional TVA managed lands for development.	
Commercial Development	We hope the TVA continues to manage all of the land around Lake Blue Ridge that it currently controls. We would not be happy to see a large hotel or commercial business at Blue Ridge	Individual (2)
Visual	Development in the N. GA, TN & NC mountains is getting out of hand. We need TVA to protect our heritage and the beauty of the mountains.	Individual
Natural Resource Protection	Blue Ridge Lake is a beautiful reservoir that has been well-managed. Preserving what is left of uncommitted land should be a priority. Packing in more tourists would damage the natural resources that have, so far, been so well preserved.	Individual
Maintain natural Areas	Would like to see the area left as natural as possible. I hope the TVA will not give in to the developers who come in and build with no sensitivity to the people and wildlife in Blue Ridge. There is potential to stress the North Georgia ecosystem.	Individual
General Non-motorized Recreation	The recreational areas on TVA lands are some of my favorite places to be and I would like to see all of these areas remain as natural as possible to preserve the beauty of our area and to allow continued or expanded access to non motorized activities such as hiking, mountain biking, kayaking and canoeing. All of these activities are proven to have low impact on the lands and allow the public to enjoy this great natural resource.	Individual
Maintain Natural Areas	Would like to see the area left as natural as possible. I think the next 5 years will have developers pushing for more and more subdivisions and condos. I hope the TVA will not give in to the developers who come in and build with no sensitivity to the people and wildlife in Blue Ridge. With the big push of people coming from Florida and Southern Georgia there is potential to stress the North Georgia ecosystem. Do not over build to the point where the reason people came here in the first place is lost.	Individual
Preserve Remaining Resources	If more development is encouraged or allowed, the future of the natural beauty of this reservoir would be in jeopardy. There is tremendous pressure to bring in more tourists, but the reservoir is already plenty populated on any given day. Please keep preservation of what is left on Blue Ridge Lake a top priority when you make your decisions.	Individuals(2)
Land Rights	Want to rent adjacent TVA land. Want right of first refusal on adjacent TVA land if for sale.	Individual
Land Rights	Land near Charlie's Creek on Blue Ridge should be given more flexibility by adjacent landowners. We need to be able to cut down small scrubs and poison ivy and do some small landscaping.	Individual
Compliance		
ATV Impacts	Too much motorized access to trails and waterways! ATV's cause severe damage and should be restricted. Recreation ATV use and abuse of marked trails, unmarked and prohibited trails is destroying many trails and related areas. The severe damage done by ATV's is getting worse every year.	Individual
Enforcement	Some type of enforcement is needed or increase at the public areas as well as lake traffic.	Individual
Enforcement	TVA needs to enforce its rules prohibiting houseboats. Houseboats are ruining Blue Ridge Lake. They tie up all summer long on public lands, pay no taxes and essentially are non-permitted docks.	Individuals (2)
Houseboats	Houseboats are ruining Blue Ridge Lake. They string wires across some of the best coves in the lake and create a real hazard with the wires. What if a boat runs into one of the wires? They spoil the beauty of the area with trashy grills and broken down structures, not to mention creating a real hazard with the wires.	Individuals (2)
Houseboats	Opposed to houseboats for safety and aesthetic reasons.	Individual
Boating	Need more boating speed limit enforcement	Individual
Natural Resources		

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Blue Ridge Reservoir		
General	Hopes nothing will happen to No. 23.	Individual
Erosion	Soil erosion on banks of lake (erosion of the shoreline) - need corrective measures - land owners should have help	Individuals (5)
Erosion	TVA should endeavor to preserve the natural shorelines in the mountain reservoirs. They should also prohibit any additional runoff into the reservoirs due to additional development.	Individuals (2)
Archaeological Resources	Further info necessary to formulate valid conclusions regarding archaeological resources	GMRDC HPO
Natural Resource Conservation	On mountain lakes that have already experienced growth and development (Blue Ridge, Nottely, Chatuge), to the extent possible (if not already surpassed), a ratio of 60/40 (undeveloped/developed shoreline) should be maintained in order to preserve the integrity of natural resource values (habitat, recreation, etc.), water quality, and essence of what makes these lakes in our region unique.	Individual
Visual	There is "visual pollution" provided by the marina parking lot plainly visible from all surrounding points. A "green screen" of fast-growing, indigenous, evergreen trees (white pine or Virginia pine) at the perimeter of the parking lot would be a cost effective and dramatic improvement.	Individual
Water Quality	Clean water	Individual
Wildlife	The amount of motorized traffic on Lake Blue Ridge poses a distinct environmental hazard and disturbs wildlife and their habitats.	Individual
Wildlife	Wild animal protection	Individual
Recreation		
Reservoir Access	Blue Ridge lake should not expand its recreational areas due to already present overcrowding on the lake. The lake has plenty of access points. More trails for hiking and walking are needed but not more access points or other things that would increase lake traffic.	Individual
Reservoir Access	Improve public access, provide protection of riparian zones, and recommendation that lands remain zoned as Natural Resource Conservation areas. Also recommended a review of potential recreation uses on uncommitted lands be included in the EIS.	GADNR
Boating	Boat traffic and noise on the water are increasing every year, so it is clear that the available facilities for public use are being used. However, if more development is encouraged or allowed, the future of the natural beauty of this reservoir would be in jeopardy. There is tremendous pressure to bring in more tourists, but the reservoir is already plenty populated on any given day. Please keep preservation of what is left on Blue Ridge Lake a top priority when you make your decisions.	Individual
Public Facilities	Boat traffic and noise on the water are increasing every year, so it is clear that the available facilities for public use are being used.	Individuals (2)
Safety	The amount of motorized traffic on Lake Blue Ridge is outrageous. It poses a danger to anyone in the way of the excessive speeding and inconsiderate drivers of these crafts.	Individual
Recreation Facilities	Keep up the good, no GREAT work that's being done there at all of these facilities.	Individual
ATV	Hunters are generally good stewards of ATV trails, hunting access trails and trails should be open/accessible for legal hunting.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Avid mountain biker involved with building and maintaining trails	Individuals (2)
Boating/Water Quality	Too much boating and jet ski use. Fishing, water quality is impacted.	Individuals (4)
Boating	Ban jet skis	Individual
Camping	We stay at the local hotels when we have a big group, but also camp in smaller groups.	Individual
Informal Recreation	Any land that is currently committed to activities such as mountain biking, hiking, or primitive camping should remain. These are low impact activities that help us all to improve our relationship with nature. The more contact we have with the land management areas, the more we will respect them. In addition, mountain biking clubs in the Southeast are the primary stewards of	Individuals (2)

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Blue Ridge Reservoir		
	many parks and trail systems. For example, Raccoon Mountain (a TVA property) is maintained in large part by a local mountain biking club that donates thousands of volunteer hours each year. The activities mentioned above are imperative to our ongoing relationship and respect of nature.	
Trail Construction and Management	Mountain bikers, hikers and to some extent horse riders are good stewards and in the case of mountain biking have organizations willing to do trail development and maintenance. More trails need to be dedicated to these pastimes and time needs to be spent developing partnerships with these organizations to help preserve trails/access/land.	Individuals (3)

Nottely Reservoir		
Land Policy and Planning		
Maintain Natural Areas	No development. Keep it natural. Desire to keep property non-commercial for the enjoyment of families. The land around Nottely is great, please do not Develop land.	Individuals (3)
Land agreements	Several tracts and issues. Tract 27--Requesting USFS trade this to TVA and subsequently TVA give the property to the county. Tract 25--Similar to Tract 27. Tract 4--Currently leased to Union County, but requesting longer lease for additional camping. Portion of Tract 1--Unspecified request for public recreation use. BR-1 through BR5--Adjacent to TVA property. Youngcane Creek Development Property--Asking TVA to work with developers of adjacent property. Requesting TVA consider handicapped fishing access. Requesting TVA to work with Union County to trade land between USFS and TVA and subsequently make available to Union County. Tract 2 (Adjacent to west side of Nottely Dam)—Clean up and better patrol of the area.	Elected Official
Compliance		
Enforcement	Uncommitted land on Nottely is used as a dump. Also users of this area, campers and day users leave their trash behind.	Individual
Enforcement	There are several illegal private boat docks on Lake Nottely TVA land. Given that I followed the TVA rules and paid the application fee of \$200 for my dock permit and another \$200 when I changed the docks design, the fact that people are installing boat docks on TVA land dilutes my property value. There is one dock on on Parcel 18 of Nottely Tile Map b3, and another on Parcel 22, Nottely Map tile b3 as well.	Individual
Natural Resources		
Archaeological Resources	Further info necessary to formulate valid conclusions regarding archaeological resources	GMRDC HPO
Cultural Resources	GDHP withholds comment until receiving Section 106 information pertaining to cultural resources	GHPD
Erosion	Sediment erosion from the ATV/motorcycle/off-road vehicle usage on Davenport mountain is terrible.	Individual
Water Quality	Water level, water pollutants, highest and best use.	Individuals (2)
Natural Resource Conservation	On mountain lakes that have already experienced growth and development (Blue Ridge, Nottely, Chatuge), to the extent possible (if not already surpassed), a ratio of 60/40 (undeveloped/developed shoreline) should be maintained in order to preserve the integrity of natural resource values (habitat, recreation, etc.), water quality, and essence of what makes these lakes in our region unique.	Individual
Wildlife	Please limit hunting as much as possible. Areas designated for hunting are	Individual

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Nottely Reservoir		
	not multi-use during hunting season and put us all at risk. Biking and trail running are my primary activities and during hunting season, these areas are off limits.	
Recreation		
ATV Use	Prohibit all off-road vehicular access on TVA lands.	Individual
Off road vehicle use	Limiting motorized traffic will also keep the area pristine for years to come rather than leaving us to smell the fumes and step past oil and gas spills on the trails.	Individual
Camping	Prohibit all camping on TVA lands.	Individual
Reservoir Access	Improve public access, provide protection of riparian zones, and recommendation that lands remain zoned as Natural Resource Conservation areas. Also recommended a review of potential recreation uses on uncommitted lands be included in the EIS.	GADNR
Reservoir Levels		
Reservoir Levels	Water levels at Nottely too low in '07.	Individual
Reservoir Levels/Economic Impacts	PLEASE HELP US ENJOY THE INVESTMENTS THAT WE HAVE MADE IN OUR LAKE HOMES BY KEEPING WATER LEVELS UP IN THE SUMMER!!!	Individual
Reservoir Levels	I HAVE HAD A HOME ON LAKE NOTTLEY FOR 4 YEARS NOW. THIS SUMMER IS THE ABSOLUTE WORST EVER FOR WATER LEVELS. I AM CERTAIN THAT THIS LAKE IS THE FIRST DRAINED AND THE LAST FILLED. WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WATER LEVELS ARE EVENLY SPREAD ACROSS ALL TVA LAKES.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	Would love to have a higher water level until later in the year.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	Is there (going to be) a water treatment facility built on Lake Nottley? If so, does (will) this affect the draw down of the lake?	Individual

Fontana Reservoir		
Land Policy and Planning		
Maintain Public Lands	I am not happy with releasing TVA land for private development	Individual
Maintain Natural Areas	A highlight of the quality of life here in east Tennessee is the variety of water, trails, habitats and areas for recreation and wildlife. I feel strongly the reservoir waterfronts should be preserved for public use and that bird and other wildlife habitats should not be endangered.	Individual
Land Rights	Between TVA and the USFS private docks are basically prohibited on Fontana Lake, even when a property owner joins the 1720 contour. The management strip held by USFS between the 1710 and 1720 contour should not prohibit property owners from being able to have a dock on Fontana Lake.	Individual (2)
Generalized Non-motorized Recreation	Keep your eye on the goal of not disturbing nature. Activities like hiking and mountain biking are very low impact on nature. Motorized and camper activities, while popular, are higher negative impacts to nature, and spoil the experience for the rest of us.	Individual
Water Quality	Maintaining/improving water quality should be the focus of planning	Individual
Mountain Biking	Please include the ability to include better managed mountain bike trail systems to these areas.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Mtn. biking should be considered in all land management decisions.	Individuals (2)
Balanced Use	The facilities you have provide access for the average person and should be preserved so everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. While I mostly enjoy mountain biking and dual sport motorcycle riding, I strongly support hunters, boaters, hikers, etc. for mixed use in parks and on public lands. I find the trail setup at Tsali, horses on one set of trail while	Individual

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Fontana Reservoir		
	bikers use the others and alternating on different days a great solution so everyone can get outdoors. Planned correctly, a lot of people can make great use of these lands and they should be added to before they are lost to developers.	
Maintain Natural Areas	Less development with paved roads and the sort would be ideal to preserve the "natural" aspects of this land.	Individual
Reservoir Levels		
Reservoir Levels/Economic Impacts	Low lake levels are having a negative impact this spring/summer on local businesses around Fontana.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	I am very concerned about the lake levels this spring/summer at Fontana Reservoir, which are currently at nearly winter-time levels. I am completely aware the entire area is experiencing severe drought. I also know that Tennessee reservoirs levels are down some. But nothing to compare with Fontana. I would like to see less daily release of water so that Fontana has water closer to full pool and is thus able to better support boating, fishing, and other water activities.	Individuals (2)
Reservoir Levels	Issues are negatively affecting Fontana reservoir for recreation and environmental quality. First is poor water-level management. There is no sound reason behind the policy of drawing down Fontana to such low levels in winter. With large draw-downs, recreation is diminished and scenery degraded by barren shoreline.	Individuals (2)
Reservoir Levels/Aquatic Habitat	Lake levels that disturb fish reproduction.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	Water in Fontana Lake is being mismanaged. We haven't had a wet spring since 2003, and yet TVA continues to draw the lake down dramatically and unnecessarily in the winter causing tragically low water levels during the months when people want to enjoy the lake. Water levels should be maintained so that dry springs and summers do not cause the lake to be so low.	Individual (5)
Reservoir Levels	It seems very unfair to drop Fontana Lake during this summer drought period disproportionate to any other of the TVA managed lakes. We are so dependent and appreciative for its summer use to our family and we pump thousands of dollars yearly into Swain and Graham Counties. We have been grateful to TVA for its delaying the draw down until September in the past year or two. This year has been very difficult both due to rainfall shortage and seemingly reinstated early draw down policy.	Individual
Reservoir Levels	We are aware that this is an unusual summer with the drought. However, the TVA has continued to drain Fontana 6-12 inches a day even since it has started to rain. This is a terrible inconvenience to homeowners in Fontana Lake Estates (FLE), Houseboat owners, day users and the marinas. It's understandable that the lake is not full, but draining it to the low levels you are is proving terrible for the Swain county economy and lake users. You impact so many lives when you bring the lake so low.	Individual
Natural Resources		
Natural Resource Protection	Support continued public cleanup days at varied locations for litter along shore and floating.	Individual
Aquatic Habitat	Need signs and aggressive penalties for the introduction of unapproved species in any waters. Specifically spotted bass in Fontana. Because of this smallmouth bass are extinct in Chatuge. Do something before it happens at Fontana!!!	Individual
Water Quality	Avoid any industrial & silt runoff from new construction.	Individual
Erosion	Sediment and trash loads. Counties need stronger erosion control programs.	Individual
Compliance		
Enforcement	FONTANA: enforce the law concerning camp fires particularly near the homes at Fontana Lake estates. ie: reduce the potential for a fire	Individual
Enforcement	Need to enforce littering and fine folks on land and water! When walking	Individual

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Fontana Reservoir		
	across dam you see lots of cigarette butts on the side of the road. This seems to be overlooked in lots of places.	
Enforcement	Next is waste and environmental destruction created by careless weekend lake campers on Fontana. Accessible ridges and flat areas on Fontana are overused and degraded by camping. Garbage covers these areas, including abandoned mattresses, couches, and tarps left strung in trees. Many campers stake out an area by leaving their tents and equipment on a piece of shoreline for the entire summer. This then becomes trash in winter. There needs to be a set-back from the water for camping, and enforcement against littering and abuse of the camping privileges on the lake.	Individual
New Highway Construction		
Highway Construction	We are thrilled that the "road to nowhere" is probably going to be dropped. For that road to be finished would be an environmental disaster.	Individual
Recreation		
Boating Safety	Should be weight/size limit on all mountain lakes. Outsiders are bringing boats that leave such a large wake it is dangerous to be in a small vessel.	Individual
Recreation Facilities	Port-a-johns would be nice.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Avid mountain biker involved with building and maintaining trails	Individuals (2)
Mountain Biking	I mostly enjoy mountain biking and dual sport motorcycle riding.	Individual
Mountain Biking	I am an avid mountain biker and enjoy trying the different trails available within a few hours drive from Knoxville - would love to have even more to choose from when I have a free day to go for an epic ride!	Individual
Multiple Biking	Supports mountain biking and other trail uses	Individual (22)
Mountain Biking	In general, the mountain bike trails provide that are currently in the TVA with access to a well developed, volunteer trail maintenance contingent.	Individuals (6)
Mountain Biking	More utilization by low impact mountain bike riders will increase support for TVA with the Federal representatives.	Individual
Build More Trails	I would like to see more mountain bike trails at all reservoirs, but Fontana is most accessible to me.	Individuals (2)
Trail Construction and Management	I would like to see more Bike/Hike specific trails.	Individual
Trail Construction and Management	Mountain biking trails should be expanded.	Private Company
Trail Construction and Management	I ride the mountain bike trails at Fontana. Please keep these trails open to mountain bikers and hikers.	Individuals (3)
Mtn Biking/Economic Impacts	Mountain bike riders are a diverse group from all social and economic backgrounds. They travel long distances SPECIFICALLY to mountain bike on particular trails and spend money in the communities to which they travel.	Individual
Mtn Biking/Economic Impacts	Regions that have "destination trails" for mountain biker's benefit from increase revenue as mountain bikers tend to spend money in these regions.	Individual
Mountain Biking	I think the TVA does better than most when our MTB needs are discussed and hope we can continue to use the TVA lands for riding and can have future opportunities to expand the riding in your system!	Individual
Mountain Biking	Mountain biking is a quiet, low-impact, human-powered activity. A growing scientific consensus has shown the environmental impacts of mountain biking to be similar to hiking and far less than other uses.	Individuals (2)
Mountain Biking	Mountain biking is an important use on their public lands. Several of these sites contain valuable trails that should remain open, while others have tremendous potential for future mountain biking opportunities	Individual
Multiple Use Trails	Volunteers are reluctant to spend time maintaining trails if they are also asked to donate money every time they hike/bike.	Individual
Trail Construction and Management	Riders and the clubs they belong to take "ownership" of the trails they are provided, ensuring regular maintenance and proper usage.	Individual
Visual	I ride Fontana (Tsali) and very much enjoy the scenic nature connection it provides. This is a very peaceful and soul mending location! Mountain biking is a quiet, low-impact, human-powered activity.	Individual

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Ocoee Reservoirs 1, 2, and 3		
Land Policy and Planning		
Low Impact Development	Protect the reservoirs and their watersheds in as many ways as possible that allow recreational use without high impact commercial development which restricts use and harms the natural appeal of the areas. All development should encourage our citizenry to utilize the TVA areas in a natural low impact manner that preserves these areas for all generations to come and does not allow these pristine areas to be slowly consumed with incremental development that results in their ultimate demise.	Individuals (2)
Commercial, Residential, and Industrial Development	Use for manufacturing/industrial purposes should be banned. Further residential development should be extremely limited.	Individuals (2)
Informal Recreation	I would like to see a variety of activities available for use on any public land, my favorites are horseback riding, mountain biking, canoeing, camping and birding.	Individual (3)
Balanced Use	The lands protected by TVA are a wonderful opportunity to provide outdoor recreation of all types for the residents of this area. I would hope that we continue to wisely develop our land in a manner that is open to the public but of a low impact nature.	Individual
Natural Resource Protection	Protect the reservoirs and their watersheds in as many ways as possible that allow recreational use without high impact commercial development which restricts use and harms the natural appeal of the areas.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Please keep Mountain Biking a top priority in future land planning.	Individuals (3)
Natural Resources		
Natural Resources Protection	Love to camp, hike, mountain bike, fish, and boat. Appreciate the use of TVA managed lands, their beauty, and natural treasures.	Individuals (2)
Camping Impacts to Shoreline	Ocoee1. I feel primitive camping is one of the most damaging activities to the shoreline. The amount of frequent use of these limited sites creates a visible scar. The island locations have been stripped of vegetation for the use of camping fires and constant traffic has left them with little to no soil. As a special use permit holder, cabin owner, I am held to certain standards to uphold the scenic beauty of the lake and minimize my environmental impact, the primitive campers however are not held to such standards.	Individual
Forestry	Controlled burns for the undergrowth and deadfall.	Individual
Wildlife	I am concerned about possible fragmentation of wildlife habitat by building new facilities.	Individual
Compliance		
Safety	I feel the facilities are well managed and cared for. Continue patrolling these sites for the safety of all using these wonderful sites and protect families from those who want to cause harm to others or our land.	Individual (2)
Reservoir Levels		
Reservoir Levels	Concerned about water releases, lake levels, impacts to fish and wildlife, and balancing water levels for kayakers and reservoir boaters.	Individual
New Highway Construction		
Highway Impacts on Access	I am concerned about TDOT's proposed corridor K project and it's potential effect on the Ocoee River Gorge. I am concerned, that as proposed, the project will negatively affect the area. Specifically, the construction of the highway through areas that are used by so many different user groups who enjoy outdoor recreation. Trail access (in fact the continued existence of many of the best trails in the region) is used by hikers, mountain bikers, hunters, horse riders, bird watchers. River access is enjoyed by kayakers, swimmers, fishermen.	Individual
Highway Impacts on Access	The construction of the highway through areas that are used by so many different user group (Ocoee River Gorge) who enjoy outdoor recreation. Trail access (in fact the continued existence of many of the best trails in the region) is used by hikers, mountain bikers, hunters, horse riders, bird watchers.	Individual

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Ocoee Reservoirs 1, 2, and 3		
Recreation		
Boating Restrictions	I would propose boating restrictions limiting the horse power, length, and speed of vessels. There also needs to be maximum capacity restriction for Ocoee 1.	Individual
Boating safety	Ocoee 1 has seen an explosion of boating traffic over the last 10-20 years. . I would propose boating restrictions limiting the horse power, length, and speed of vessels. There also needs to be maximum capacity restriction for Ocoee 1. I feel if this is not done, we will see more and more accidents, and shoreline erosion.	Individual
Camping	The mountain biking and tent camping opportunities around the mountain reservoirs are some of the best in the country and should be maintained as such.	Individual (3)
Camping	Need more tent camping around Tanasi area with sites that are more secluded. I'd prefer more primitive camping areas.	Individual
Raccoon Mountain	Raccoon Mountain. The mountain bike trails are awesome and there is so much excitement in the community about these trails. We all hope the trail system expands.	Individuals (2)
Raccoon Mountain	TVA needs to continue their close work with SORBA in creating MTB trails on public land, Raccoon Mtn being the prime example of collaboration between organizations in providing wonderful recreational opportunities and respecting the environment	Individual
Mountain Biking	Avid mountain biker involved with building and maintaining trails	Individuals (8)
Mountain Biking	I'm heading to the trails at TSALI N.C. this weekend from South Florida and my all time favorite place to go to is Ocoee and Chilhowee to ride mountain bikes.	Individual
Multiple Use Trails	I would like to see the areas used for minimally intrusive sports and recreation, especially all types of cycling, and walking/running/hiking. IMBA has techniques that work to minimize the impact of my sport on the environment.	Individuals (2)
Mountain Biking	Mountain biking and whitewater kayaking. Continued development of access for these two sports and camping/accommodations to support them is encouraged.	Individual
Economic Impacts	Please keep mountain bike trails in consideration when revising future plans for use of the land. Each year friends and I travel from Middle TN to every trail and campsite available along The Ocoees, Hiwassee, Apalachia, Blue Ridge, and Fontana reservoirs. We buy food, gas, and supplies from the small nearby towns. It's a state treasure and a beneficial, yet under-considered tourism goldmine. Bringing tourism dollars to Chattanooga, Ducktown, Cleveland, Murphy NC, Andrews NC, and many other towns along the gorge.	Individual
Economic Impacts	The biking community is growing in both numbers and tax impact. Nearly 40% of all Americans ride bikes. They provide an extremely compelling economic force with a mean annual household income of greater than \$60,000. A full 25% of all cyclists demonstrate annual household incomes over \$80,000. Bicycling is an industry of over \$5.5 billion annually. In 2003 consumers bought more than 18.5 million bicycles. That's a full 3.7 million more than all of the cars and trucks sold in the U.S. in the same year.	Individual
Economic Impacts	Mountain biking is a growing sport. People come from all over the country to ride in this area and allowing more land to be used for mountain biking results in significant economic to surrounding communities.	Individual (2)
Informal Recreation	I certainly appreciate the access to such wonderful land, enabling my favorite activities of climbing, mtn biking, and kayaking to occur.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Mountain biking and whitewater kayaking are excellent fits for the properties you manage. Continued development of access for these two sports and camping/accommodations to support them are encouraged.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Please continue to build more mountain bike trails.	Individuals (16)
Mountain Biking	Please note that many mountain bikers use TVA lands.	Individual

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Ocoee Reservoirs 1, 2, and 3		
Mountain Biking	The use of TVA land is much appreciated especially for mountain biking. All of mtn bikers I know respect and care for the land as if it were our own.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Please open up more land to Sorba for the development of more mountain biking/hiking trails on TVA managed public land.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Would like to see the Tsali trail system expanded.	Individual
Mountain Biking	We are in need of preserving the current mountain biking trails located near the Olympic White Water Center near the Ocoee river as well as adding new trails in this area.	Individual
Appreciation	And my all time favorite place to go to is Ocoee (and Chilhowee, to ride mountain bikes and to white water raft. These places are extremely well managed and maintained. What has been built there and the way the trails are maintained are nothing short of fantastic.	Individual
Appreciation	The mountain biking and tent camping opportunities around the mountain reservoirs are some of the best in the country and should be maintained as such.	Individual
Appreciation	Everywhere I have ridden my mtn. bike, the TVA officials are always friendly and helpful	Individual (3)
Mountain Biking	The lands protected by TVA are a wonderful opportunity to provide outdoor recreation of all types for the residents of this area. Mountain biking and hiking are two good examples of this type of development for the public.	Individual
Mountain Biking	Just the hope that you will continue to allow access to mountain bike trails	Individuals (4)
Mountain Biking	Mountain biking is a growing sport with very little impact on the natural terrain and the trails are maintained by SORBA and concerned cyclists.	Individual (2)
Building Trail Standards	All multiple use trails should be designed using strict guidelines to make them sustainable. Most public agencies don't follow these rules so they are not providing quality trails for users.	Individual (2)
Trail Construction and Management	The mountain biking community will build and maintain the trails and locate them in cooperation with TVA in a manner to minimize damage to the locale.	Individual

Apalachia Reservoir		
Recreation		
Trail Construction and Management	Land adjacent to Warriors Path Park could be used to expand bike trails already in the area. Cost/upkeep would be minimal.	Individual

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Part II:

Public Comments Identified by Reservoir and Parcel

Chatuge Reservoir		
Parcel	Suggested Land Use	Comment
4	Zone 3-Sensitive Resource Management	The water quality of the lake is getting worse each year and larger amounts of land need to be set aside for nature with non-human disturbance. You don't want this lake to end up like the super polluted lakes in the Atlantic area.
6	Zone 3-Sensitive Resource Management	The water quality of the lake is getting worse each year and larger amounts of land need to be set aside for nature with non-human disturbance. You don't want this lake to end up like the super polluted lakes in the Atlantic area.
6	Zone 6-Recreation	This property is in close proximity to the existing Chatuge Shores Golf Course. It would be beneficial to zone this property as recreational so that it could one day be used to develop complementary services / offerings immediately adjacent to the golf course facilities.
10	Zone 3-Sensitive Resource Management	The water quality of the lake is getting worse each year and larger amounts of land need to be set aside for nature with non-human disturbance. You don't want this lake to end up like the super polluted lakes in the Atlantic area.
10	Zone 5-Industrial	for the purposes of accommodating manufacturing clients interested in the Clay-Towns Regional Industrial Park located nearby reserve access to the reservoir for the Clay-Towns County Industrial/Technology Park for companies requiring such access
13	Zone 6-Recreation, Campground Compliance Issues	TVA/Towns County health issues with environmental implications. Remove underground primitively installed septic at one campsite. Remove illegal permanent storage facilities, boat docks, Astroturf, along water and at campsites (lease violations). Stop clear cutting to provide view at new & existing campsites.
13	Zone 6-Recreation, Campground Compliance Issues	TVA/Towns County health issues with environmental implications. Re-establish lake vegetative buffers to prevent erosion and run-off into the lake.
13	Zone 6-Recreation, Campground Compliance Issues	Enforce removal of all boats from shoreline during winter (lease violations). a) Never agree to lease any parcel if lessee cannot and will not enforce lease specifications, and TVA seriously consider lease withdrawals for non-compliance over a number of years proven dereliction of duties. b) Never issue a lease without proof, maps and drawings, and agreement between TVA and Lessee of improvements. Old paper trail at Chatuge Woods is not documented as to improvements.
18	Zone 6-Fishing piers and picnic areas	This is a small parcel and is currently being used to fish off the shoreline and picnic. A fishing pier and additional picnic tables would be wonderful.

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Chatuge Reservoir		
Parcel	Suggested Land Use	Comment
51 or 52	Zone 2-New substation	BRMEMC requests that two acres of land from 52 (or 51 as an alternate site) be made available for the construction of a new substation.
52	Zone 6 – Recreation	City of Hiwassee has made a formal request to use this parcel as a city park to be made available to the general public for public recreation, green way buffers and water access.
52	Zone 6 – recreation	GADNR commented parcel 52 should be a potential site to provide deepwater boat access. In addition, general comments regarding Blue Ridge, Chatuge and Nottely included improving public access, provide protection of riparian zones, & a recommendation that lands remain zoned as Natural Resource Conservation areas. GADNR also recommended a review of potential recreation uses on uncommitted lands be included in the EIS.
52 77 78	Zone 6 – Recreation	Towns County has made a formal request to use these parcels for recreational activities including fishing piers, boat ramps, beach and swimming areas, lakeside and interior camping areas, marina, bike and nature trails, ball fields, photography trails, etc.
73	Nature, art and natural history museum, fresh water aquarium and walking trails	We have a great number of migrating birds and we have no arts center or wildlife rescue center

Hiwassee Reservoir		
Parcel	Suggested Land Use	Comment
10	Zone 6-Recreation (Swimming Beach)	Lake access with swimming beach needed.
29	N/A	USFS land joining parcel 29 is actually DOT – it is now a flea market.
39	Zone 6-Recreation	Passive and active recreation including ball fields, gymnasium, trails, etc.
39	Zone 6-Recreation	Structured and non-structured recreation, baseball, trails, etc.
34, 54, 59	Zone 6-Recreation	Portion of this parcel be changed to recreation zoning to accommodate future recreation needs.
53, 57, 58	Zone 6-Recreation	Continued access for river walk & trailheads.

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Blue Ridge		
3	Zone 4-Natural Resource Conservation	This currently only serves as a neglected roadside park. It should be protected.
15	Zone 4-Natural Resource Conservation	Preserve the natural areas and avoid further development which could adversely impact the environment and destroy the beautiful surroundings The current map shows the Blue Ridge Recreation Area as "recreation" however, the US Forest Service has completely decommissioned this recreation area and it is no longer open to the public. The map should either be changed to reflect this closing or this area should again be opened for much needed public use.
16	Zone 4-Natural Resource Conservation	Any changes might interfere with the existing boat ramp access and natural beauty.
23	Zone 4-Natural Resource Conservation	Area is already over-developed with homes from a subdivision Preserve the natural areas and avoid further development which could adversely impact the environment and destroy the beautiful surroundings
29	Zone 4-Natural Resource Conservation	Area is already over-developed with homes from a subdivision
30	Zone 4-Natural Resource Conservation	Preserve the natural areas and avoid further development which could adversely impact the environment and destroy the beautiful surroundings Any changes might interfere with the existing boat ramp access and natural beauty.
30	Zone 4-Natural Resource Conservation	Preserve the natural areas and avoid further development which could adversely impact the environment and destroy the beautiful surroundings

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Nottely		
Parcel	Suggested Land Use	Comment
1	Zone 6-Recreation (Public)	Portion of Tract 1--Unspecified request for public recreation use.
4	Zone 6-Recreation (Expansion)	Poteete Park is too small to accommodate increasing population. Beach area is not satisfactory, needs more parking.
4	Zone 6-Recreation (Expansion)	Tract 4--Currently leased to Union County, but requesting longer lease for additional camping.
25	Change in Ownership	Tract 25--Similar to Tract 27.
27	Change in Ownership	Tract 27--Requesting USFS trade this to TVA and subsequently TVA give the property to the county.

Fontana		
Parcel	Suggested Land Use	Comment
General / Tanasi Area	Zone 4-Natural Resource Conservation (Informal Recreation)	Mountain bike and Horse riding

Ocoee Reservoirs 1, 2, and 3		
Parcel	Suggested Land Use	Comment
22	Zone 4- Natural Resource Conservation (Informal/Dispersed Recreation-Primitive Camping Areas)	There needs to be improved control of primitive camping. At present, primitive camping is permitted in all non designated areas. This has lead to degradation along many areas of highly visible shoreline. If primitive camping could be restricted to specified areas within some of the lakes' sloughs this could improve the scenic beauty and environmental impact of these activities.

Apalachia		
Parcel	Suggested Land Use	Comment
4, 5,6	Zone 4-Natural Resource Conservation (Informal Recreation)	Mountain Bike Trails

Part III:

Questionnaire Results

I. General Land Use

A total of 430 questionnaires were received both online and by mail. Some respondents provided information on just one reservoir while many provided information on more than one reservoir. Because information was provided on a range from one to all reservoirs the totals for the different columns vary based on the number of respondents providing information on each reservoir.

A. Reservoir Access

Fifty percent of the respondents who specified use of a particular reservoir indicated they access the reservoirs using areas managed by public agencies, such as TVA, USFS, the state, and the county.

Reservoir	I do not use this reservoir	Private Residential Access	Private/Commercial Areas (Marinas, Campgrounds, etc.)	Areas Managed by Public Agencies (TVA, USFS, State, County)	I do not know
Apalachia	150	2	19	135	17
Blue Ridge	112	2	27	165	7
Chatuge	151	14	21	114	20
Fontana	67	8	48	221	7
Hiwassee	86	8	39	193	13
Nottely	188	18	11	87	13
Ocoees	61	1	29	246	15
TOTAL	815	83	194	1161	92

B. Activity Frequency

The activities with the most frequent participation on the mountain reservoirs are mountain biking on dirt trails, sightseeing and viewing natural scenery, swimming in lakes and streams (including beach use), hiking on dirt trails, motorized boating, non-motorized/paddle-craft boating, biking on paved trails, and walking on paved trails. The second-highest ranking activities are developed camping, primitive camping, and bank fishing.

Activity	Never	1 Time	2 - 5 Times	6 - 10 Times	11 or More Times
Walking (paved trail)	96	47	89	31	51

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Activity	Never	1 Time	2 - 5 Times	6 - 10 Times	11 or More Times
Hiking (dirt trail)	50	24	143	47	81
Birding	221	21	33	6	14
Sightseeing/Viewing Natural Scenery	43	19	108	54	96
Picnicking/Family Gathering	84	45	112	40	31
Boating (motorized)	168	23	29	19	75
Boating (non-motorized/paddle-craft)	118	38	70	32	58
Swimming in lakes & Streams/Beach Use	84	32	93	35	86
Bank Fishing	181	26	57	16	25
Developed Camping	133	43	98	17	20
Primitive Camping (undeveloped)	153	43	75	20	12
Bicycling (paved trails)	129	44	67	20	54
Mountain Biking (dirt trails)	67	7	61	51	199
Hunting	262	6	12	6	5
Horseback Riding	272	9	8	0	4
Other					
Off-Roading	0	0	0	1	1
Scuba Diving	0	0	1	0	0
Rock Climbing	0	0	0	0	1
Disc Golf	0	0	0	0	1
Geocaching	0	0	1	0	0

C. Allocation of Public Land

A large number of respondents indicated a preference for more land being allocated to the following uses: mountain bike trails (80%), preserve natural areas/open space (65%), dirt hiking trails (51%), greenways and paved trails (45%), forest management and habitat improvement (43%), stream and river access sites (35%), wildlife observation and photography areas (33%), water trails (31%), undeveloped or primitive camping areas (31%), recreation day-use areas (27%), and museum and nature centers (26%). A large number of respondents indicated that there is currently too much land devoted to industry and light manufacturing (49%).

Land Use	Too Much Land	About Right Amount	Need More Land	No Opinion
Industry/light manufacturing	206	97	7	59
Preserve natural areas/open space	4	113	247	15
Forest management/habitat	8	154	182	24

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Land Use	Too Much Land	About Right Amount	Need More Land	No Opinion
improvement				
Wildlife observation/photography areas	0	178	141	53
Horseback riding trails	62	163	42	98
Mountain bike trails	12	47	324	22
Hiking trails (dirt)	2	132	228	23
Greenways and paved trails	24	128	191	33
Stream/river access sites	6	184	146	41
Water trails	0	145	132	87
Hunting areas	79	145	33	110
Fishing berms or piers	22	177	48	117
Undeveloped or primitive camping areas	15	164	132	54
Recreation day-use areas (swimming areas, picnic areas)	14	203	113	42
Year-round boat ramps	17	217	49	83
Developed campgrounds	25	194	94	54
Commercial marinas	78	184	15	79
Overnight lodging (cabins, cottages, resort lodges)	43	189	83	56
Museums/nature centers	15	173	108	70
Visitor centers/overlooks	10	217	84	53
Other (please specify)				
Off-Road Trails	1		2	
Ball fields			1	
Rockclimbing			1	
Disc Golf			1	

II. Reservoir & Facility Specific Information

CHATUGE RESERVOIR

The suggestions for Chatuge include more short-term sites at Clay County Park, Gibson Cove, and Chatuge Woods campgrounds; a better take-out at the Hiwassee River Access; clean-up at Chatuge Woods; better management at Towns County Campground; more mountain bike trails; and the addition of a skeet/target shooting range.

Facility Type	Meeting my needs	Facility needs improvement	Additional facility needed	Do not use facility
Picnic facilities	13	1	3	6

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Facility Type	Meeting my needs	Facility needs improvement	Additional facility needed	Do not use facility
Trails	5	3	9	6
Swimming beach	13	2	2	6
RV camping (in campground)	8	2	1	12
Tent camping	9	3	2	9
Marina facilities	16	1	0	6
Stream/river access	9	4	2	8
Fishing berms or piers	10	3	3	7
Boat ramps	17	1	1	4
Other (please specify)				
Ball fields	0	0	1	0

Facility Type	Name/Location	Parcel	Suggested Improvements
Campground	Clay County Park	5	More short-term sites
Hiwassee River Access/Kayak take-out	Shallowford Bridge River Access		Need better take-out. Current take-out is dangerous.
Campground	Chatuge Woods Campground	13	Needs to be cleaned up
Public campground	Clay County Park and Gibson Cove	5	More turnover of campsites
Campground	Chatuge Woods Campground	13	Remove primitively installed septic, reduce number of campsites
Towns County Campground			Better management by users—trash and unsightly camping facilities, no disturbance of 25' buffer
Campground	Chatuge Woods Campground		

Activity	Facility or Amenity Needed
better fishing and boating environment	more and better water hazard markings
mountain bike trails	more trails
biking/ general use trails	more trails
skeet shooting/target shooting	skeet shooting/target shooting range
jet ski use	restrict activity

HIWASSEE RESERVOIR

The suggestions for Hiwassee include lake access with a swimming beach, fishing piers, overlooks, walking trails, interpretive areas, pavilions, disc golf, and mountain bike trails. Off-road trails were suggested as a needed amenity.

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Facility Type	Meeting my needs	Facility needs improvement	Additional facility needed	Do not use facility
Picnic facilities	18	3	2	1
Trails	6	1	18	0
Swimming beach	14	3	3	4
RV camping (in campground)	5	3	1	15
Tent camping	11	3	6	6
Marina facilities	9	3	1	11
Stream/river access	11	6	4	3
Fishing berms or piers	7	3	3	11
Boat ramps	9	5	2	8
Other (please specify)				
Off-road	0	0	1	0

Facility Type	Name/Location	Parcel	Suggested Improvements
Swimming beach		10	Lake access with swimming beach
	Hiwassee river put-ins and takeouts		more parking, better restrooms
Fishing		20, 27	Add fishing pier or overlook area
9 ft trail		43	walk up Hiwassee river to depot in Murphy
Completion of river walk			walking trails

Activity	Facility or Amenity Needed
off-road trails	Trails
mountain biking	series of short mountain bike trails
frisbee golf	frisbee golf course
mountain biking	
scenic overlook, interpretive areas, overlook pavilion/bridge	
walking or hiking	riverwalk continuation

BLUE RIDGE RESERVOIR

The suggested improvements and facilities or amenities needed on Blue Ridge include more single track trails for mountain biking, resort lodge and restaurants, and overall public access with more swimming areas, hiking, trails, picnic areas, fishing piers and camping. Improvements and facilities or amenities needed include better beaches, more covered picnic areas, a playground, and refurbishing and extending the boat ramp at Morganton Point and tent camping at Charlie's Creek.

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Facility Type	Meeting my needs	Facility needs improvement	Additional facility needed	Do not use facility
Picnic facilities	18	1	7	13
Trails	14	5	17	5
Swimming beach	19	3	5	10
RV camping (in campground)	7	1	3	24
Tent camping	15	1	6	16
Marina facilities	19	1	6	10
Stream/river access	26	1	5	7
Fishing berms or piers	14	4	1	17
Boat ramps	20	1	6	10
Other (please specify)				

Facility Type	Name/Location	Parcel	Suggested Improvements
Fishing berms or piers	None exist		Need some
Marina	Blue Ridge Marina		Additional rock
all	any		More mountain bike trails
Swimming beach	Morganton Point		Better beach, more and better covered picnic areas (groups and individual), playground
Tent camping			Add tent camping at Charlie's Creek
Swimming, boat launch, beach, picnic, day use facilities	Blue Ridge		
Boat launch ramp	Morganton Point	37	Refurbish and extend boat ramp

Activity	Facility or Amenity Needed
mountain biking/hiking/horse trails	more trails
mountain biking	single track mountain bike trails
biking	paved trails
lodging and eating	resort lodge and restaurants
flatwater kayaking, non-motorized boating	personal watercraft banned
mountain biking	more trails
mountain bike trails, multi-use trails	
restocking fish	restocking fish

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Activity	Facility or Amenity Needed
public day use and camping	overall public access, swimming areas, hiking trails, picnic areas, fishing pier, camping, RV camping
sand beach at Morgantan	

NOTTELY RESERVOIR

The suggestions for Nottely include additional garbage cans for secondary trails, pavilions, swimming beaches, parking, dirt hiking trails, trail heads with bathrooms, hiking trails and mountain biking trails.

Facility Type	Meeting my needs	Facility needs improvement	Additional facility needed	Do not use facility
Picnic facilities	15	0	3	1
Trails	7	3	7	1
Swimming beach	5	1	4	7
RV camping (in campground)	5	0	3	11
Tent camping	6	0	2	11
Marina facilities	12	0	2	5
Stream/river access	13	1	2	3
Fishing berms or piers	10	0	3	6
Boat ramps	13	2	1	3
Other (please specify)				

Facility Type	Name/Location	Parcel	Suggested Improvements
Nottely river below dam			Add garbage cans to secondary trails, manage river better for trout or small-mouth bass
Recreation area	Poteete Creek	4	Additional pavilions, better swimming beaches, more parking
Recreation area	Poteete Creek	4	Additional pavilions, better swimming beaches, more parking
Recreation area	Poteete Creek	4	Dirt hiking trails need improvement

Activity	Facility or Amenity Needed
bike trails	trail heads with bathrooms
hiking trails	hiking trails
trout or smallmouth bass fishing, mountain biking/hiking exclusive trails (without ATV/ORV access)	area similar to Tsali or Tanasi mountain biking

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FONTANA RESERVOIR

The suggestions for Fontana include more mountain bike trails, hiking trails, picnic areas with tables and grills, beach area for swimming, wildlife observation area, tent camping, bike wash station, water slide and trampoline, disc golf and private docks. Respondents also indicated a need for additional swimming beaches, tent camping, stream and river access and fishing berms or piers. Improvements and facilities or amenities needed include more trails with no horseback riding, campground dump station, better maintenance and restoration of the second set of bathrooms and showers at Tsali as well as a year-round floating dock at the Lemon Grass Tsali boat ramp. Many of these comments were directed at public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service, such as the Tsali Mountain Bike Trails.

Facility Type	Meeting my needs	Facility needs improvement	Additional facility needed	Do not use facility
Picnic facilities	44	11	6	11
Trails	19	10	48	0
Swimming beach	31	6	14	24
RV camping (in campground)	14	4	3	51
Tent camping	33	12	16	13
Marina facilities	30	2	1	40
Stream/river access	43	9	10	12
Fishing berms or piers	22	3	9	40
Boat ramps	29	3	6	35
Other (please specify)				
Disc Golf	0	0	1	0

Facility Type	Name/Location	Parcel	Suggested Improvements
Boat dock	Prince @ Panther Creek		Control houseboats
Marina	Greasy Branch		Additional dock spaces for fueling, etc.
Mountain bike trails	Tsali		Need more miles for the number of people.
Bike trails	Fontana/Tsali		Restore 2nd set of bathrooms/showers
Trails	Fontana/Ocoee		More mountain bike trails
Mountain bike trails	Tsali		More mountain bike trails
Mountain bike trails	Fontana		More trails
Trails	Tsali Mountain Biking Trails		Trails should be extended
Mountain bike trails	Fontana		Bike trails for beginners

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Facility Type	Name/Location	Parcel	Suggested Improvements
Power plant	Fontana		More picnic areas with tables and grills, beach area for swimming, wildlife observation area
Lemon Grass Tsali boat ramp			Need floating dock year round to get boats in and out of water
Tsali trails	Fontana		Additional trails, no horseback riding
Multi-use trails	wherever available		Expand trail network system available for hiking and biking
Campground and mountain bike trails	Tsali		Campground needs dump station, trail maintenance
Mountain biking, horseback riding	Tsali		New trails
Boat launch	Lemmon's Branch		Ramp needs to be extended
Mountain Biking Trails	Tsali		Reroute trails so they don't hold water, at least one mountain bike only trail

Activity	Facility or Amenity Needed
non-motorized boating	powerboat exclusion zones
mountain bike trails	maintenance, new bike trails
mountain bike trails	more mountain bike trails and bike greenways
mountain biking	more trails
more access for private owners	private docks
public toilets	floating toilets in select locations for kayakers/boaters
tent camping	40 sites with 2 showers and 2 toilets
more access to mountain bike trails	additional campsites
	biking trails
more mountain biking	mountain bike trails
mountain biking	trails on north side of Fontana dam open to mountain biking
mountain biking	more mountain bike trails
bike wash	bike wash at trail head
tour power plant again	
sand beach for swimming	water slide and water trampolines at beach
mountain biking	
disc golf	disc baskets and tee pads

OCOEE RESERVOIRS 1, 2, AND 3

The suggestions for the Ocoees include mountain bike trails; partnership opportunities for trail building; primitive campgrounds; bike wash stations; restrooms and campgrounds with parking, boat piers, garbage cans, restrooms and specified tent areas. The respondents also indicated a need for RV camping, tent camping, and stream and river access. Improvements and facilities or amenities needed include more

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picnic areas at the Whitewater Center, additional mountain bike trails, a restroom for rafters and kayakers at Goforth Creek and off-road Trails. Many of these comments were directed at public land managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

Facility Type	Meeting my needs	Facility needs improvement	Additional facility needed	Do not use facility
Picnic facilities	87	8	5	15
Trails	38	11	68	1
Swimming beach	65	6	6	34
RV camping (in campground)	24	1	14	72
Tent camping	55	9	36	13
Marina facilities	32	3	2	69
Stream/river access	68	10	19	13
Fishing berms or piers	39	3	7	57
Boat ramps	43	3	4	59
Other (please specify)				
Off-Road Trails	0	0	1	0

Facility Type	Name/Location	Parcel	Suggested Improvements
Mountain bike trails	Throughout Ocoees		More trails
Mountain bike trails	Ocoee		More trails
Campground	Thunderrock		More sites
Trails, Stream/River Access, Tent Camping	Ocoee 2 and 3	Tiles A3, A4, B4, & B5	Need more trails, campsites and access for nonmotorized recreation
Picnicking	Whitewater Center/Hwy 64 area		Need more picnic areas
Ocoee	Aska Road Trails		Additional mountain bike trails.
Mountain bike trails			New trail systems on new parcels, primitive camping, bike wash stations
Trails	Ocoee		More trails
Marina	Ocoee Inn and Marina	Ocoee 1 A1:4	Marina is too big for the lake
Stream/river access	Commercial takeout / private takout at Ocoees		Additional restrooms
Restroom and parking	Goforth Creek		Needs restroom for rafters and kayakers

Activity	Facility or Amenity Needed
mountain bike trails	more access to mountain bike trails

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Activity	Facility or Amenity Needed
mountain biking	beginner mountain bike trail
allow clubs to add trails for public use	
allow clubs to add trails for public use	
allow clubs to add trails for public use	
mountain biking	more trails
off-road trails	Trails
boatable flows at higher water levels	more water
camping	designated campgrounds that have parking, boat piers, garbage cans, restrooms, specified tent areas
paved trails or paths for bikes along road	
mountain biking	
more trails for mountain bikers	

APALACHIA RESERVOIR

There were few suggestions for Appalachia. There was one suggestion for trail and boat ramp improvement, one suggestion each for a new trail and an RV Campground, and suggestions to accommodate road cycling and mountain biking.

Facility Type	Meeting my needs	Facility needs improvement	Additional facility needed	Do not use facility
Picnic facilities	8	0	0	0
Trails	5	1	1	1
Swimming beach	6	0	0	2
RV camping (in campground)	1	0	1	6
Tent camping	6	0	0	2
Marina facilities	1	0	0	7
Stream/river access	6	0	1	1
Fishing berms or piers	2	0	0	6
Boat ramps	5	1	0	3
Other (please specify)				

Activity	Facility or Amenity Needed
road cycling	wider roads or bike lanes for road cycling
mountain biking	

OTHER/RACCOON MOUNTAIN

The following comments are beyond the geographic scope of the nine mountain reservoirs.

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Facility Type	Name/Location	Parcel	Suggested Improvements
Primitive or developed camping	Raccoon Mountain Reservation		Convert Laurel Point to camping facilities
Mountain bike trails	Raccoon Mountain Reservation		More trails

What is your vision for TVA-Managed Public Lands on the Mountain Reservoirs?

Your opinions on how TVA manages your public lands are important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and return it by June 30, 2007. If you prefer to complete the questionnaire online, it is available on TVA's website at <http://www.tva.gov/environment/reports/mtnres/>. Your input is a valuable part of the planning process. Thank you for your comments.

TVA is developing a Land Management Plan to guide land use and resource management decisions concerning TVA-managed public lands located along nine TVA mountain reservoirs: Apalachia, Blue Ridge, Chatuge, Fontana, Hiwassee, Nottely and Ocoee 1 (Parksville), Ocoee 2 and Ocoee 3. The Plan will identify the most suitable and appropriate use for each parcel of TVA-managed public land along these reservoirs for the next ten years.

Uncommitted Land: Blue Ridge, Chatuge, Hiwassee & Nottely

Four of the mountain reservoirs have parcels of TVA-managed public land that are not committed to a long-term use (uncommitted land). TVA invites input on how this land should be managed to achieve an appropriate mix of recreation, conservation, and industry objectives that produce multiple public benefits.

Committed Land: Apalachia, Fontana & Ocoees (1, 2 & 3)

All of the TVA-managed public land on these five reservoirs is committed to a long-term use (committed land), because it is 1) managed under existing agreements, 2) shoreline fronting U. S. Forest Service Property or 3) dam reservation property. While the use on committed land will not change, TVA welcomes input such as improvements compatible with the existing use to better accommodate public needs. Please note that Ocoee 1, Ocoee 2 and Ocoee 3 include Parksville and Ocoee River areas and will be referred to as the Ocoees.

Part I-General Questions

1. What is the Zip Code of your primary residence? _____
(Zip Code)

If you have a second home, please also give the Zip Code of your second residence. _____
(Zip Code)

2. What is the primary way you gain access to each reservoir? (Check only one for each reservoir)

Reservoir	I do not use this reservoir	Private Residential Access	Private/Commercial Areas (Marinas, Campgrounds, etc.)	Areas Managed by Public Agencies (TVA, USFS, State, County)	I do not know
Apalachia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blue Ridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chatuge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fontana	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiwassee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ocoees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. In the past 12 months, please indicate how frequently you participate in the following activities on or near the mountain reservoirs: (Check only one for each activity)

Activity	Never	1 Time	2 - 5 Times	6 - 10 Times	11 or More Times
Walking (paved trail)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hiking (dirt trail)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Birding	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Sightseeing/Viewing natural scenery	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Picnicking/Family Gathering	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Boating (motorized)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Boating (non-motorized/paddle-craft)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Swimming in lakes & streams/beach use	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Bank fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Developed Camping	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Primitive Camping (undeveloped)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Bicycling (paved trails)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Mountain Biking (dirt trails)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Horseback riding	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

4. TVA is interested in you preference concerning the allocation of public land for specific uses. How do you feel about the amount of public land devoted to these uses? (Check only one for each activity)

Land Use	Too Much Land	About Right Amount	Need More Land	No Opinion
Industry/light manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preserve natural areas/open space	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest management/habitat improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildlife observation/photography areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseback riding trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain bike trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking trails (dirt)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greenways and paved trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stream/river access sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing berms or piers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Undeveloped or primitive camping areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation day-use areas (swimming areas, picnic areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Year-round boat ramps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developed campgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial marinas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overnight lodging (cabins, cottages, resort lodges)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Museums/nature centers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Visitor centers/overlooks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part II. Reservoir Specific Questions

For Questions 5-9, please select one mountain reservoir for which you will focus your answers. You may complete additional Part II sheet(s) if you would like to comment on other reservoir(s). If you do not wish to provide input on a specific reservoir you may skip to Part III, questions 10 & 11.

5. Please indicate below which reservoir you are providing information on: (Circle only one reservoir)
 Apalachia Blue Ridge Chatuge Fontana Hiwassee Nottely Ocoees

6. If answering for Blue Ridge, Chatuge, Hiwassee or Nottely Reservoirs, refer to the maps provided to see the current uses of uncommitted lands. Are there any parcels that should be changed to a different use? (Uncommitted parcels are crosshatched on the maps)
 (Check one) ___ Yes ___ No ___ No opinion

If yes, please indicate the uncommitted parcel number and your desired land use (you may refer back to question 4 for a list of land uses that may occur on TVA-managed public land)

Parcel No.	Desired Land Use	Why?

7. Below is a list of developed recreation facilities available on both TVA-managed and other public lands. Please rank the facilities on this reservoir according to your needs. (Check only one for each facility type)

Facility Type	Meeting my needs	Facility needs improvements	Additional facility(s) needed	Do not use facility
Picnic facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming beach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RV camping (in a campground)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tent camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marina facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stream/river access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing berms or piers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Boat ramps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. If you feel that a particular facility needs improvements please indicate below the location and improvement needed. Please use the maps provided to indicate a specific parcel number, if a name is not known.

Facility Type	Name/Location (if Known)	Parcel No. (if known)	Suggested Improvement(s)

9. Are there other activities you would like to see on this reservoir, but the facility or amenities are not available?
 Yes _____ No _____
 What activity? _____
 What facility or amenity is needed? _____

Part III. Open-ended questions

10. Please list any environmental issues regarding the management of lands on the mountain reservoirs (be reservoir specific, if possible) that should be addressed during this planning process.

11. Do you have any other comments concerning TVA-managed public land on the mountain reservoirs?

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PROVIDE TVA WITH
YOUR VISION FOR THE MOUNTAIN RESERVOIRS!**

Please return this form to the following address:

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Return by **June 30, 2007** to have your comments included.

If you would like your name to be added either to the TVA mailing list or TVA e-mailing list to receive more information about the Mountain Reservoirs Land Management Plan please fill in your name and address or e-mail address below.

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

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