



Northeastern Tributary Reservoirs Land Management Plan



TVA develops reservoir land management plans (land plans) to assess the use of 293,000 acres of public land around its reservoirs. Plans are developed with participation from public agencies and officials, private organizations, and individuals. The Plan will identify the most suitable and appropriate use for each parcel of TVA-managed public land along these reservoirs for the next 10 years. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be completed for the Northeastern Tributary Reservoirs Land Management Plan (NTRLMP) before a decision is made. The scope of the NTRLMP will include all of the TVA-managed public land, approximately 5,000 acres along seven tributary reservoirs: Beaver Creek, Boone, Clear Creek, Fort Patrick Henry, South Holston, Watauga, and Wilbur.

What is the Land Planning Process?

The reservoir land planning process is a systematic method of identifying and evaluating the most suitable use of public lands under TVA stewardship. It uses resource data, computer analysis, and public input to allocate land uses to the following land management zones:

- Non-TVA Shoreland (Flowage Easement)
- Sensitive Resource Management
- Industrial
- Shoreline Access
- TVA Project Operations
- Natural Resource Conservation
- Developed Recreation

The Reservoir Land Planning Process will not change the existing access rights of adjacent property owners for the use of TVA Land.

How Can the Public Be Involved in the Planning Process?

TVA invites comments from the public through the public scoping process. The purpose of public scoping is to gather information from a diversity of agencies, organizations, and individuals who are users of public land and water. This information helps the planning team identify key planning and environmental issues and concerns to be considered during planning.

TVA is interested in your thoughts and comments concerning the allocation of TVA-managed public lands for specific uses and what you think about the amount of land devoted to them. TVA is also interested in any concerns you may have on environmental issues or any other concerns about TVA-managed public lands on these seven reservoirs. To provide input to the NTRLMP you may attend a public open house May 20, 2008 or send TVA your comments via mail, email, or phone. For web based comments or comments for a specific parcel on a reservoir, please reference the parcel number on the draft maps located on the web at www.tva.com/environment/reports/ntrlmp. To be placed on the TVA mailing list for this project, call 1-866-601-4612 or email us at Northeastern_Tributary_Reservoirs@tva.gov. You may also send written comments to TVA, NEPA Services, 400 West Summit Hill Drive (WT 11D-K), Knoxville, TN 37902. For additional information please contact, Heather McGee at (256) 386-2561 or hlmcgee@tva.gov.

How Does TVA Use Public Input?

The information generated during public scoping will be compiled and analyzed. The planning team will use this input to help form reservoir land plan objectives and to guide allocations in developing a draft land plan. After public review of the draft plan and addressing public comments, a final plan will be submitted to the TVA Board for approval.

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