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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 11:33 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address:  
City, St, Zip: Roswell, GA 30076  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I found that the lower flows previously this year made it

Comments--->more

difficult to launch and retrieve boats from the launch ramps and harder to navigate the river. I am also concerned that the aquatic life is impacted by lower dissolved oxygen levels and reduced dilution of outflows. Please do not lower the flows.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 10:28 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Brooks Bollman on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4563 Sentinel Post Rd NW  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30327  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I am opposed to the reduction of water released from Lake Lanier into the Chattahoochee river.

I ask that you reject the state's request until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure flow and water quality to protect the Chattahoochee River.

A six month period is too long to "try out" an unknown and unnatural alteration to the Chattahoochee ecosystem.

Any reduction in flow must be monitored to determine if the flow volume dilutes the sewage and other contaminants being introduced downstream, and keeps the water quality at an acceptable level for drinking and marine animals.

Thank you for keeping the Chattahoochee water clean, Brooks Bollman

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 3:30 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sarah Bartlett on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1812 Marsh Trail Cir NE  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30328  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please reject the state's request to reduce the amount of water discharged from Lake Lanier, until permanent monitoring stations are established. I'm concerned that this move will lead to unsafe levels of waste downstream and other negative water quality issues. Thank you for your time.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 8:49 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Richard M. Bradford on 10/21/2008  
Affiliation: A concerned resident, taxpayer, conservationist & coldwater fish advocate

Address: 4110 Walton Way  
City, St, Zip: Roswell, GA 30076  
County: Fulton

Comments--->As a Federal agency you have access to a multitude of research data and sources that will certainly provide you with the support you need to deny the request of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division! If their priority is to protect the environment, it should be done on the basis of what is best for the majority.....and by majority I mean the majority of the environment, not people. The Chattahoochee River is a life-line for ecosystems from Forsyth/Gwinnett county to the Gulf of Mexico! Even a reference such as the Farmer's Almanac indicates a significant amount of rainfall for the coming year. This request is political in its agenda! It is to protect the property values \$\$\$\$\$\$ on Lake Lanier (I work in the real estate industry, so I see through the smoke and mirrors)! Do what is right and give the deer, raccoons, bears, ducks, geese, trout, bass, frogs, snakes, insects, and people of Georgia & Alabama the water they depend on to survive!

I did not do what I was suppose to do involving Buford Dam when I wasn't wearing a Personal Flotation Device and was cited. I paid the \$50 fee as I should have. If the Army Corp Of Engineers goal is to keep those on the river and its inhabitants safe, this should be reflected in its decision regarding water release volume! Water will continue to flow into Lake Lanier and in greater volume! Do not cater to the politically motivated, supported and in all probability MANAGED by those seeking to pad their own pockets or increase their property value at the cost of millions of lives! Each life should be respected and valued. Even if that life is lived under a rock ledge below the surface of a river..thats right, fish were given the gift of life and it should be valued as much or more than our own. We have a responsibility as humans to care for creatures who cannot take care of themselves (whether it is due to our presence/negligence or not).

I have faith you will do what is right.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Bradford  
The Orvis Company  
Upper Chattahoochee Chapter Trout Unlimited - Life Member  
Upper Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
Federation of Fly Fishers  
Coastal Conservation Association  
Ducks Unlimited Roswell Chapter

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 1:17 PM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Jennifer Victor on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2459 Pangborn Circle  
City, St, Zip: Decatur, GA 30033  
County: DeKalb

Comments--->Please reject the Georgia Environmental Protection

Comments--->Division's

request to reduce the amount of water released from Lake Lanier into the Chattahoochee River for half a year, beginning this November until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure flow and water quality to protect the Chattahoochee River.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 1:11 PM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Tracy Spencer on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6230 Mountainview Drive  
City, St, Zip: Columbus, GA 31904  
County: Muscogee

Comments--->Please DENY the request for a temporary drought contingency deviation/waiver of water management operations at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier. The mandated existing flow is critical to provide dilution for downstream pollution from every permitted discharge into the river.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 1:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Jamie Russell on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1416 Fisher Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30316  
County: Fulton

Comments--->While concerns over low water levels in Lake Lanier are understably we also need enough water in the river downstream of Atlanta to dilute treated sewage and maintain water quality. Please reject the state's request to reduce the amount of water released from Lake Lanier into the Chattahoochee River until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure flow and water quality to protect the Chattahoochee River

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 7:15 PM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Patti Ross on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 56 Laurel Drive NE  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30342  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I feel that UCR's position to not alter the water flow is reasonable.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 9:08 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Cynthia Patterson on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address:  
City, St, Zip:  
County: Cobb

Comments--->I am opposed to reducing the flow of the Chattahoochee River for half a year, beginning November 2008. There is currently no way to measure the targeted river flow in Atlanta to ensure that the river's health is protected. We need enough water in the river downstream of Atlanta to dilute treated sewage and maintain water quality.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 8:09 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Aleksandra Ostapenko on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Guest  
Address: Timoshenko str 13-a, ap 136  
City, St, Zip: Kiev, 01001  
County: Ukraine

Comments--->I come to the Lake Lanier very often as a guest of a couple who lives just next to the lake. I can see that situation is getting worse all the time. I observe dead shell fish on the shore. Natural wildlife is being killed! Lower water levels DOES affect wildlife and water quality downstream. Please take into account the fact that I just visit this area from time to time and I can tell the difference. It is really getting worse

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 11:07 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Steve Massell on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5800 Long Grove Drive  
City, St, Zip: Sandy Springs, GA 30328  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please reject the State's request to limit waterflow from

Comments--->Lake

Lanier to the Chattahoochee River, until such times as permanent water flow and quality measuring stations have been put in place. Prior to this, any restricted water flows will result in increased sewage particles flowing downstream. HELP PROTECT OUR RIVER

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 11:25 AM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Oria S Kunin on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 933 Gilbert St  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30316  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I am writing to encourage the rejection of the EPA's request to reduce the amount of water released from Lake Lanier into the Chattahoochee River until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure flow and water quality to protect the Chattahoochee River. There is currently no way to measure the targeted river flow in Atlanta to ensure that the river's health is protected. Please protect our river and be conscientious of those living down stream. Monitoring systems make good sense and are the only way to guarantee that the river water is healthy.  
Thank you for your consideration,  
Oria Kunin

While concerns over low water levels at Lake Lanier are understandable, we also need enough water in the river downstream of Atlanta to dilute treated sewage and maintain water quality.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 4:59 AM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Nancy Jo Kirk on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1585 Old 41 Highway  
City, St, Zip: Kennesaw, GA 30152  
County: Cobb

Comments--->Please reject the state's request to reduce the flow of

Comments--->water

from Lake Lanier until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure flow and water quality to protect the Chattahoochee River. Let us not make decisions out of blindness. The state must take the appropriate measures to understand the facts of the river's health before it does something that will potentially do more damage economically as well as environmentally.

Nancy Jo Kirk

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 10:02 AM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Costas Katechis on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: State Agency  
Address: 407 Barton rd Baker, fl  
City, St, Zip: Baker, Fl 32531  
County: Okaloosa

Comments--->Reducing flow from lake lanier would require reducing flow from Jim Woodruff Dam Which would potentially threaten the three federally listed mussels species and also increase the salinity of Apalachicola bay. Increase in Salinity allows the oyster drill to live in the bay which supports a multi million dollar fishery. The oyster drill will not live in brackish water and in very salty water prospers. This organism could wipe out this fishery if reduced flow is allowed. Also Lake lanier was designed to hold water for release not for recreation. The Army needs to look at the original agreement it had to build the damn and follow what was said when it built the damn. Recreation and aesthetics should not have precedents over fish and wildlife and/or Water quality. Atlanta should quite trying to make laws to take more water until it finds ways to conserve more water. There are many things atlanta could do to save water and keeping water from flowing down the river is not one of them.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 9:53 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by John on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9045 Ponderosa TRail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Diaz

Comments--->Although i would love more water in out lake, i do think the health of the river is vital so please don't slow the flow until we can monitor the effects on the lower river

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The Following Comments were submitted by Frank Gordon on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2730 Winthrope Way  
City, St, Zip: Lawrenceville, GA 30044  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->I am OPPOSED to reducing flow from Lake Lanier into the Chattahoochee River until adequate monitoring and testing of water quality and flow has been established. River flow is already at or near record lows, and to reduce it still further without being able to monitor the effects on the river's water quality is foolhardy.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 10:20 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Peter Fitzpatrick on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6105 Bluestone Rd, #413  
City, St, Zip: Sandy Springs, GA 30328  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Chattahoochee River Flows:

I am a kayaker who has paddled the Chattahoochee River weekly for 4 years. Current water flow has measurably changed the water quality already from years past: warmer, cloudier, extensive aquatic plant growth, area stagnation. I am very concerned that any further decrease in water flow will dangerously compromise the river making it unfit for public use.

While I am also concerned about Lake Lanier levels, the health of the Chattahoochee River must also be protected. This past summer saw unprecedented growth in public use of the river. This is a wonderful and powerful trend, and it would be a shame to destroy the public trust at this time.

Respectfully,

Peter Fitzpatrick  
404-317-6388

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 5:28 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Ronald J Ellington on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 189 Tuckaway Lane  
City, St, Zip: Clayton, Ga., 30525  
County: Rabun

Comments--->Sirs;

HAVING grown up in extreme South Georgia, within 20 miles of the Flint River, I have been concerned by the Atlanta Metro area's extreme greed for water and utter disdain for ANY river users downstream in the ACF system.

Atlanta's 40 years of rabid, uncontrolled growth and 'to hell with everybody else' attitude simply MUST NOT be allowed to be rewarded by decreasing flows out of Lake Lanier. The downstream interests such as the Appalchicola seafood industry have every bit as much right to that water, and indeed have been there far longer than Atlanta's self-inflicted need.

The metro area and the State of Georgia have never negotiated in good faith on these matters..and should not be allowed to decrease flows downstream.

I urge you in the strongest language NOT to lessen the down river flows to suit Atlanta's greed. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 10:14 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by David on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 409 Clifton Rd NE Apt B  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA, 30307  
County: Fulton

Comments--->We cannot knowingly neglect our downstream neighbors by compromise their water quality and the ability for thier water resources to assimillate wastewater and other discharge. Atlanta needs to optimize its current water resources first before hogging others'

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 4:47 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dave on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address:  
City, St, Zip: 30066  
County: Cobb

Comments--->Please reject the state's request to reduce flow in the  
Chattahoochee River until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure water flow  
and quality.

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The Following Comments were submitted by Winn Courts on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3185 Chateau Court  
City, St, Zip: 30305  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please reject the state's request until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure flow and water quality to protect the Chattahoochee River.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 9:47 AM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Richard Courts on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3185 Chateau Court  
City, St, Zip: 30305  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please reject the state's request until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure flow and water quality to protect the Chattahoochee River.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 9:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Lane Courts on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3185 Chateau Court  
City, St, Zip: 30305  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please reject the state's request until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure flow and water quality to protect the Chattahoochee River.

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The Following Comments were submitted by Beebe Courts on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: select one  
Address: 3185 Chateau Court  
City, St, Zip: 30305  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please reject the state's request until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure flow and water quality to protect the Chattahoochee River.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 3:08 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Michael Ziegler on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 340 thornberry ct,  
City, St, Zip: lawrenceville ga 30044  
County: Gwinnette

Comments--->Dear, corps of engineers

I am opposed to this proposed reduction in flow because there is currently no way to measure the targeted river flow in Atlanta to ensure that the river's health is protected.

While concerns over low water levels at Lake Lanier are understandable, we also need enough water in the river downstream of Atlanta to dilute treated sewage and maintain water quality.

Please, reject the state's request until permanent monitoring stations are in place to measure flow and water quality to protect the Chattahoochee River

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 11:49 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Michelle Clark on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 85 Brice Rd  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Lake Lanier is a vital and valuable resource that deserves preservation. The amount of silt created from the erosion of the shoreline has a negative impact on the quality of the water and wildlife of this lake. As a resident I am disturbed by the lack of action by the government to protect such a precious resource. I also believe that restoration of normal lake levels will improve the economic future of North Georgia. Thank you.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 12:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rush S. Clark on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7725 Bamby Rd  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->As a lakeside home owner, and I might add, serious water conservator, I have interest in maintenance of storage levels in Lake Lanier through the winter months (Nov 1 2008 to April 30 2009) to provide an improved base level going into next summer's normally drier months. Apparently water quality was not impacted adversely this year when flow was reduced between March and May. Thank you for your consideration. Rush Clark

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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 8:59 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Thomas Chorey on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8405 Jensen Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the flow in the Chattahoochee River at

Comments--->Peachtree

Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

This action is needed to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier. The EPD's modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

Thank you.

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**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by James Chinik on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Nongovernmental Organization  
Address: 6272 Windward Lane  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, Ga. 30542  
County: Hall County

Comments--->These comments are submitted on behalf of Lake Lanier  
Comments--->Sailing  
Club by its Commodore:

We have been deeply concerned over the rates of discharge from Lake Lanier since mid-2006 which have exacerbated the drought conditions and created an extreme hardship to the recreation industry surrounding the lake. We are entering another yearend crisis with the lack of rain during 4Q08 which promises greater hardship than experienced YE07. The current lake level is 5' lower than the comparable period last year and weather prospects call for emergency conservation measures. The boating industry is devastated by the inability to launch or retrieve boats. For boats in the water at marinas, shoaling conditions create considerable operating risks.

We have long argued with local Corps representatives over the excessive rates of withdrawal from this resource without much corrective action. In 2006, local expressed concerns were finally given Corps attention over the faulty calibration of the water management mechanisms which dumped out 2 additional feet of water from the lake. In 2007, we sought relief from the excessive discharge rates to no avail: From 10/16/07 to 11/3/07 the Corps released 1.7' vertical from the lake. During the next 19 days when there were intense water negotiations between Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, the Corps dropped water levels another 3.07'. Finally, the Corps relented and was able to reduce water level reductions between 11/23/07 to 12/12/07 only 0.97'. The central point is that variation in rates of discharge seemed to be related more to the dramatic politics of that period than any consistent policy. The Chattahoochee River was always running at full river flow in the Atlanta area to the detriment of the reserves retained in Lake Lanier. This data has been taken from the Corps Buford Dam daily statistics web site.

We recommend that the Corps institute a more conservative retention of water in the Lake Lanier reservoir in concert with the Georgia EPD recommendations in order to mitigate the current crisis to the extent possible. Certainly, the full river and downstream lakes support this direction as well.

Thank you for your consideration in this critical situation.

James Chinik  
Commodore, LLSC

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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:27 PM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Susan Cheshire on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 240 Spring Creek Road  
City, St, Zip: Roswell GA 30075  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please quit releasing so much water from Lake Lanier! WE  
Comments--->are  
in the drought, not south of here who have gotten all the rain from all the  
hurricanes/tropical depressions!!!

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The Following Comments were submitted by Jim Cherry on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9215 Hawks Cove Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please lower the amount of the Buford Dam / Lake Lanier

Comments--->water

releases to help this valuable resource catch up with the extreme conditions that Mother Nature has bestowed upon it the last couple of years. Ever since the hugh "mistake" release in 2007 and extreme drought conditions, the lake has struggled to recover.

There is way too much economic impact in the Lake Lanier area to contiue to draw down the levels below safe and usable levels. Please lower the amount of the releases.

Thank you!

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**From:** Robby C [cyclero@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 1:30 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

I live off Chestatee road in Gainesville and see the lake level every time we go to the grocery store. It is so low that we will have a serious (city water) supply condition to our home soon. It already has a brackish taste that affects my morning tea and I've noticed that strange toilet bowl deposits spawned by the supply water now appear in less than 2 days.

I do not understand the logic of maintaining a steady minimum water flow rate past the Buford dam that would NOT have occurred during drought conditions prior to 1955 when the lake was NOT there!! We have a serious problem that has a rational and fair solution. Until the lake is full again, adjust the discharge flow rate to mimic what would have naturally occurred from the feeder streams if the lake had never been created.

It is especially insulting when ALL the lakes downstream and fed by Lake Lanier are much fuller than Lanier. Also, not one person here thinks a (replaceable) local clam population in Florida is more important than the livelihood and economy of Gainesville businesses, lakefront property and Lanier's viability.

-Thanx-

Robert Chemerynski (retired)  
3437 Talking Leaves Trail  
Gainesville, GA 30506  
770-536-3613

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:28 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mike Chartrand on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3508 Lake Ridge Dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga  
County: USA

Comments--->I am a homeowner on Lake Lanier and enjoy the lake year round. However, in the past 2 years I have watched the lake go down to levels that make it unsafe for boating and thus destroying the economy in the Lake area that relies on Lake lanier for it's livleyhood. I would like to see a temporary drought deviation/waiver to release less water out of Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:43 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jim Chambers on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1455 Luke Ln  
City, St, Zip: Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->I am sending this to you to support the reduction of water flow during the winter months this season. This would help stabilize the water quality and quantity for the surrounding counties per the various studies I have reviewed.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 8:34 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bethany Chamberlain on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8460 woodland View Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Pls. reduce water to the necessary means to meet standards.  
We need the water in the lake. thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 9:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Edwin & Judith Carruth on  
10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 322 Indian Cove Drive  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, Georgia 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->It is not logical to continue to release more water than river flow from Lake Lanier for the long term. With increased flow released, people downstream grow to depend on water amounts that cannot be sustained for the long term. What will these people do when Lanier is depleted? Do not allow nor contribute to their dependency.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 12:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Claude Carpenter on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2426 Ballantrae Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support the GPD's letter to the Corp requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. With the extended drought in this area I believe the current water flow will continue to cause water shortages. This water flow should not adversely affect the flow of the Chattahoochee.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:31 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Allen Carlson on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6646 Gigi Drive  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->I fully support the the drought contingency deviation/waiver to hold additional waters in Lake Lanier. I urge the Corp of Engineers to give their approval.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 9:30 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brian Canty on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3663 Grandview Dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville Ga 30506  
County: Hall

Comments---->My parent have not be able to uses there dock for two years now because of the low water. When lake is at 1071 they have 15 ft of water under there dock. Brian Canty

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 9:26 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by brian canty on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3663 grandview dr  
City, St, Zip: gainesville, 30506  
County: hall

Comments--->What ever it takes to get the lake full. I am local real estate agent who business is down because of low waters. I have many sellers who can not sell there houses.and are going into foreclosure because of this. It is affecting house values. Also, there are many buyers who will not buy because they are not sure the corp can manage the lake correctly and are going to Ga power lakes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Canty Brian

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:59 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sam Campbell on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3655 Looper Lake Point  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the  
Comments--->Chattahoochee  
River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.  
This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day  
(MGD) to 420 MGD in order to keep sufficient water in Lake lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:12 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Roe Callaway on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2769 Wynelle Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->The economic impact on our area is devastating - those dependent upon Lake Lanier for jobs are hurting, property values have been devaluated, homes which were selling (inspite of the economy) are no longer selling. This is is a catastrophe that can be corrected without the expenditure of mega bucks. How? Close the dam gates- reduce the outflow, and Lake Lanier will return to normal levels.

All the talk about muscles down stream - I can show you the remains of at leasst a couple of thousand musciles that are readily viewable from my dock- shich by the way is 350 feet out from wwhere it normally floats, and the lake is 60 feet from the dock!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:46 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jim & Angi Cain on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 586 Shore Drive  
City, St, Zip: Dahlonega, GA 30533  
County: Lumpkin

Comments--->We have two homes on what used to be the lake. We have had  
Comments--->no  
use of the lake at our first home for two years and minimal this year. We desperately need  
water!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 11:43 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Cheryl Cagle on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9850 Kings Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Slow the flow of water from Lake Lnier!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:43 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lee Butts on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7885 Robin Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Georgia 30022  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am in total agreement with the continuation of reduced

Comments--->water

flow from Lake Lanier, not only during the proposed period, but reduced until the level of Lake Lanier can be kept at full pool during the summer months. Commercial businesses, property values, and livelihoods are being negatively impacted by the "stand on ceremony", bionic release of water every day, whether it is needed for priority one "flood control" or not.

The continuation of economic devastation in North Georgia by dropping the level of Lake Lanier will reduce tax collections, which may eliminate your Federal agency, and others.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 4:02 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mack D Butler on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1195 Spring Oak Way  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's request to the Corps to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

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# Comment Form

**1. Please select the affiliation that best represents your role/interest in the request for a temporary drought contingency deviation/waiver of water management operations at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier to reduce releases necessary to meet water quality standards at Atlanta, Chattahoochee River, Georgia.**

Local Resident

Other:

## II. Demographic Information

Name:

Jim Burwell

County: Forsyth

Address: 8375 Lake Hollow Dr

City, State Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506

## III. Issue Areas(Comments/Questions)

The lake area economy will continue to suffer if efforts are not undertaken to restore the lake to normal level.

Submit Comment

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Colonel Byron G. Jorns, District Commander  
Mobile District, USACE

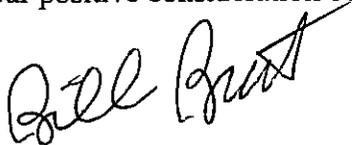
Dear Colonel Jorns,

My name is Bill Burt and I live on Lake Lanier in Dawson County, Georgia. The lake is now down over 17 feet and is 5 feet lower now than it was at this time last year. At the present rate it is dropping it is projected to break the record set in December, 2007 of over 20 feet.

Please help us by reducing the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between 11/1/08 and 4/30/09.

Thanks for your positive consideration of this request.

Bill Burt  
92 Chestate View Place  
Dawsonville GA 30534



## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 7:14 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by R. K. Burt on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3639 Lodgehaven Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am writing in support of the reduction in flow of the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree creek to 420mgd as proposed by the Lake Lanier Association. I am a lake shore resident and have sustained damage to my property as a result of the record low lake levels.

Respectfully submitted,

R.K. Burt

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Lee Burleson [lee.burleson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:38 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier Water Release

Dear Corps of Engineers,

Please help everyone by taking steps to reduce flow from Lake Lanier until the sever drought in North Georgia is over. The lake is near all time low and we need to do everything we can to protect the water source for Atlanta. If the drought continues this situation could become a huge disaster for the Atlanta metro area and areas down stream.

Please help us do everything possible to minimize outflow and try to rebuild this critical source of water.

Thanks

Lee Burleson  
3075 Dove Trail  
Cumming Ga 30041

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 7:31 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by David Burkhead on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 310 Tidwell Road  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta  
County: Forsythe

Comments--->I am support of water reducing as per the following The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.letter from the  
EPA:

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:55 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Burkhalter on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3338 Harbour Point Pkwy  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->The lake is down to historic lows and is affecting the many purposes for which it was built. That will soon include drinking water supply for the Atlanta area unless conservation efforts are instituted.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 2:16 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brenda K. Burke on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5328 Innisbrook Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->do it.....

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** JOHN BURGESS [johnburge@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier is in real trouble!

WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND A JUSTIFICATION TO DECREASE THE FLOW OF WATER FROM LAKE LANIER.

THIS DROUGHT IS COSTING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE A LOT OF MONEY - EQUITY IN THEIR HOMES IS REDUCED EVEN MORE BECAUSE OF THE LOW WATER, WATER-RELATED JOBS ARE DRAMATICALLY AFFECTED, PEOPLE ARE OUT OF WORK BUT CAN'T MOVE. THIS IS A VERY REAL 911 CRISIS AND WE DON'T SEE ANY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY.

HOW ABOUT A BAILOUT? WE DON'T NEED BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. WE NEED BILLIONS OF GALLONS! ALL IT TAKES IS TO REDUCE THE OUTFLOW TO A BARE MINIMUM WHICH WILL START TO RETURN MILLIONS TO OUR LAKE-BASED ECONOMY.

WE KNOW OUR HOME IS DEVALUED, OUR FRIENDS ARE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS, THAT NO ONE CAN MOVE AWAY BECAUSE OF THE DECREASING HOME VALUES (WE OWE MORE THAN WE CAN GET FOR OUR HOME ON THE LAKE WITH A DOCK ON THE MUD). WE KNOW YOU CAN REDUCE THE OUTFLOW WITHOUT ADVERSE EFFECTS DOWNSTREAM.

WE KNOW THAT OTHER MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN, INCLUDING MORE CONSERVATION AND ADDITIONAL RESERVOIRS.

WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW IS WHY NO ONE WITH AUTHORITY IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE A WONDERFUL RESOURCE!

NOW, NOT LATER WHEN IT'S TOO LATE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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John and Elizabeth Burgess  
6746 Gaines Ferry Road  
Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
770-965-8500  
johnburge@gmail.com

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:44 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by JOHN BURGESS on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6746 GAINES FERRY ROAD  
City, St, Zip: FLOWERY BRANCH, GA, 30542  
County: HALL

Comments--->WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND A JUSTIFICATION TO DECREASE THE FLOW  
Comments--->OF  
WATER FROM LAKE LANIER.

WE KNOW OUR HOME IS DEVALUED, OUR FRIENDS ARE GOING OUT OF BUSINESS, THAT NO ONE CAN MOVE AWAY BECAUSE OF THE DECREASING HOME VALUES (WE OWE MORE THAN WE CAN GET FOR OUR HOME ON THE LAKE WITH A DOCK ON THE MUD). THIS DROUGHT IS COSTING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE A LOT OF MONEY - EQUITY IN THEIR HOMES IS REDUCED EVEN MORE BECAUSE OF THE LOW WATER, WATER-RELATED JOBS ARE DRAMATICALLY AFFECTED, PEOPLE ARE OUT OF WORK BUT CAN'T MOVE, IT IS A VERY REAL 911 CRISIS AND WE DON'T SEE ANY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY. HOW ABOUT A BAILOUT? ALL IT TAKES IS TO REDUCE THE OUTFLOW TO A BARE MINIMUM WHICH WILL START TO RETURN MILLIONS TO OUR LAKE-BASED ECONOMY.

WE KNOW YOU CAN REDUCE THE OUTFLOW WITHOUT ADVERSE EFFECTS DOWNSTREAM. WE KNOW THAT OTHER MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN, INCLUDING MORE CONSERVATION AND ADDITIONAL RESERVOIRS. WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW IS WHY NO ONE WITH AUTHORITY IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PRESERVE A WONDERFUL RESOURCE! NOW, NOT LATER WHEN IT'S TOO LATE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

JOHN AND ELIZABETH BURGESS  
FLOWERY BRANCH, GA 30542

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 12:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sue Burger on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1625 Lakeside Trail  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; Our own community and it's economy are suffering. The businesses around the lake who depend on the lake traffic for their income and the people who own property surrounding the lake are especially suffering. I am paying property taxes for lake front property and I have a meadow instead of a lake to look at and enjoy. Due to this fact my property value has decreased substantially. During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool and management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought. Lake Lanier's full pool must be raised. The lake has become extremely dangerous and even if I could get my boat out, which I can't, I wouldn't because I would be taking extreme risks. Unless something changes immediately next summer will also be an extreme hardship for a great many of our own residents here in GA. never mind Florida.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 11:01 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lou Bunte on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Own second home on Lake Lanier  
Address: 200 Carriage Trace  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA 30068  
County: Cobb

Comments--->The Corps should change their policies during drought conditions to greatly reduce the water releases on the lake. Before the lake was built in the early 50's limited water was in the Chattahoochee when a drought existed. Everything downstream did not die. Dah!! The needs of people should be ahead of any species downstream. The Corps should get their policies updated to the 21st Century.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:05 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Marcia Bumbalough on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6026 Lake Lanier Hts. Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Buford, Ga. 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->The lake levels need better monitoring so as to

Comments--->maintain/grow

economic revenues as well as provide recreational uses of the lake and still provide necessary water for the metro area water supply. Much of this can be done by redcing by 13% the water flow in Peachtree Creek between November 2008 and April 2009.

All issues of water in Lake Lanier can be mitigated satisfactorily if all parties in interest get objective and think outside the box.

The needs and uses have changed since the lake began in 1957. Accept them and move forward positively and stop the negative thinking that it's "always been this way" i.e. so why change?

NOTHING stays constant and it's time priorities, purposes and practicality were reexamined. A good start will be by the Corps of Engineers accepting and implementing the 13% reduction in outflow to Peachtree Creek.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:33 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Teri Buffalo on 10/14/2008

Affiliation:  
Address: 5745 ELM TREE DRIVE  
City, St, Zip: BUFORD, GA 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->It is time to take action and reverse a federal order filed

Comments--->in

Florida by then Governor Jeb Bush under the "protected species act". While we in Ga. struggle about whether to wash clothes, take a shower, or run the dishwasher, those in neighboring states (Fl. Al) have no restrictions what so ever! It is not about recreation, or pollution dilution in the river or home values etc. but civil rights and abuse of power by the highest elected officials. it's a sin!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 9:07 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lloyd C. Buck on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9035 Prestige Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We have been in a state of draught for over two years now.  
While we ration our water Florida and Alabama continue to enjoy full water usage watering their yards and washing cars using our much needed drinking water.  
Please discontinue allowing our water to be used for anything other than what is necessary.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:32 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard J. Buchner on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 61 View Point Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I support the request by the GA EPD to reduce water releases from Lake Lanier this fall and winter. The health of the lake, the bio of the lake and the livelihood of the people in the area are threatened by the low levels of the lake. Every time it rains tons of sediment run off the exposed lake bed reducing water quality and filling the remaining lake channels. Many species of mussels and clams are suffering great losses.

The beds for spawning fish are all dry. Recreational use of the lake is all but gone as boat ramps close and docks lay grounded. Property values around the lake have dropped significantly and sales are greatly diminished.

Thank you , Dick Buchner

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 6:26 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Barbara Bryan on 10/19/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5411 Ashmoore Court  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->I'd like to add my voice to the request for the Corps of Engineers to hold back some water from Lake Lanier over the winter. The industry around the lake is really suffering and this may help give us a jump on next summer. There is still water in the lake to enjoy but the ramps are closed so you can't put your boat in the water, plus folks are scared about what's coming up from the depths. My husband and I are recreational boaters and we are fine, but we really feel for all the people who earn their living supporting folks like us.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 11:16 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Marene Bruner on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9130 Bay Pointe Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I would like to strongly recommend that the Corp., at worst, maintain the current lake level of Lanier and at best do everything in it's power to get the Lake back up to a level that insures the safety of boaters using the Lake. Also at it's present and proposed future level I, the county and surrounding business are suffering a terrific economic loses which can not go on much longer or the economy of the area will suffer even a greater downturn than it is already experiencing.  
Thank you. Marene Bruner / A very concerned citizen.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 7:53 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mary Ann Browning on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 121 Rosemont  
City, St, Zip: Peachtree City, GA 30269  
County: Fayette

Comments--->Please reduce the flow of water from Lake Sidney Lanier.

Comments--->Also,

instead of spending millions of dollars to build new dams and new reservoirs, please dredge the coves at lake Lanier to increase the water storage area. Please raise the "full pool" level to 1073 feet.

Thank you for considering these requests.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 8:51 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tommy Brock on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4750 Hwy. 52  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30507  
County: Hall

Comments---->We are running dry. Please keep the water here for consumption and bathing.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:48 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brent & Nancy Bristow on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 62 Lakepoint Drive  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Please grant the recent request by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division asking the Corps of Engineers to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

We pray that you will honor this requested action to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier - the modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

Our lake is continuing to drop and we need your support and help in conserving this precious resource.

Regards,  
Brent & Nancy Bristow

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 1:38 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Chris Briggs on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8625 Anchor on Lanier Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am submitting my agreement to the request that the Corps

Comments--->of

Engineers agree to reduce the flow from 485 MGD to 420 MGD. Not only do I have a home bordering the lake, but I also work with other homeowners who are faced with declining market values of their homes based, not only on the sagging economy, but on the drastic reduction of water from Lake Lanier as well. The scope of the effect the lingering drought is having on our area is far reaching, and anything that can be done to lessen the hardship felt by homeowners and businesses in the area needs to be very seriously considered and hopefully enacted without further delay.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 12:13 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gordon Brand on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 120 Poplar Trail  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I support reduced water releases during drought periods.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 11:24 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Debra Bradley on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4035 Baldrige Park Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please conform to the requests of the EPD and adopt the recommendations of releases to 650 cfs rather than 750 cfs as teh minimum flow at Peachtree Creek beginning November 1, 2008 and continuing through March 31, 2009. This action would add approximately 11.7 billion gallons of water to storage in Lake Lanier which is sorely needed due to the severe drought.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 7:12 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Thomas Braatz on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6720 Crestwood Penninsula  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->As a homeowner on Lake Lanier, I observe that the lake is continuing to decline. We are not gaining any water as the lake still declines. We need new direction in water management!!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:32 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Janey Boyles on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6250 Windjammer Point  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please do whatever you can to save our lake. We have two

Comments--->home

on the lake, one which is for sale and can't be sold because of the water levels. We have spent countless house moving docks and boats and working on the shoreline to protect the lake and our property. I have hundreds of picture of the damage being done to the lake just off Williams Circle in Cumming. I have talked to the Corp, several offices at the EPD, the City of Cumming and Georgia Power regarding the silt and damage caused by the silt in the Bald Ridge Acres neighbor. I did not accomplish anything. Everyone agrees there is a proble but will do nothing to stop it.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:43 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Charles H. Bowers on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2001 Watuga Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County: USA

Comments--->Please approve the temporary drought deviation plan to only release water that is absolutely necessary so that our beautiful lake can recover. Thank You.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Fred Baumann [fwbaumann@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 7:28 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Cc:** contact@cumminghome.com  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier Levels

**Attachments:** image001.jpg; image002.jpg; image003.jpg; image004.jpg



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image002.jpg (51 KB)



image003.jpg (57 KB)



image004.jpg (54 KB)

October 16, 2008

Colonel Byron G. Jorns, District Commander

Mobile District, USACE

Attn: CESAM-DE

P. O Box 2288

Mobile, AL 36628-0001

Dear Colonel Jorns:

I would ask that water outflow from Lake Lanier be restricted to the minimum amount until the lake levels are restored. Millions of people in the city of Atlanta depend on this water and the lake is being so severely damaged by erosion that its very existence is being threatened. The lake's ability to hold water is being rapidly compromised by silt infiltration and bank erosion. If this continues the eventual extinction of endangered species and the collapse of Atlanta's water resource is guaranteed. This issue is more than about a few boats and docks. The lake's ability to hold water and the long term survival of a city is at stake.

When the water levels are allowed to wildly fluctuate new banks are exposed. Without vegetation, severe erosion is taking place. (See pictures below.) This careless management of this vital resource will reduce the lake's life expectancy and jeopardize the people in the Atlanta Metropolitan area. When the lake loses its ability to hold water the endangered species in Florida and Alabama will also face extinction. We simply cannot do business as usual or utilize regulations that are obviously outdated and dangerous to the public health.

We can no longer allow lake levels to dramatically rise and fall for the sake of a few watts of power. Yes, I know Washington has put you in a budget crunch and the Corps has to depend on funds from power generation, but the lives, safety and health of the people depending on adequate water trump all other considerations. We must not allow rampant erosion. This can only be accomplished if the lake levels are stabilized and vegetation is allowed to grow on the exposed banks.

Sincerely,

Fred Baumann

fwbaumann@yahoo.com

Typical Erosion Pictures

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 4:44 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by matthew botsford on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6602 crestwood peninsula  
City, St, Zip: 30542  
County:

Comments--->the lake needs refilling

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 7:47 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by J. William Boone on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 98 Holly Drive  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30354  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Preservation of sufficient water resources to serve  
Comments--->community;  
not to waste precious resources unnecessarily by letting it flow downstream when the lake  
is so dangerously low.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 12:56 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lila j. Boohaker on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5335 Lake View Club  
City, St, Zip: Dunwoody, GA. 30338  
County: DeKalb, Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier is our only source of drinking water and it is sad. I've lived in Atlanta all my life and never have I seen it at such record lows. The lake is now a natural disaster and it will take forever to recuperate from this drought. Please please limit the flow from the lake until we get back on track.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 11:06 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Margaret Boles on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6279 White Oak Drive  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->With little rain in the Lake Lanier watershed, we must

Comments--->capture

and preserve as much water above Buford Dam as possible. Our waterfront property has no water to float our dock, only a 2 year growth of weeds and grass. Please release as little water as absolutely necessary to meet the needs at Atlanta on this temporary timetable.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Jim [jjboff@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 2:36 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** more water

I am writing in concert with the Lake Lanier Association, to request that you reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

Sincerely  
James J Boff

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 10:47 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Linda Blount on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4763 Creek Wood Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30507  
County: Hall

Comments---->Boating has become unsafe. We can't even get our boat out of the lake presently.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 3:21 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Harold Blatt on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2940 Ascot Lane  
City, St, Zip: Roswell, GA. 30076  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I believe its critical to the quality of life in Atlanta and for residents of Lanier that we maintain the water level at least at its current level. If the shortfall is increased it will have a material adverse effect on a us all.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:38 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Toby Blackwell on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3159 Dockside Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the  
Comments--->Chattahoochee  
River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.  
This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day  
(MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake  
Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:56 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Patrick Black on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3564 White Sands Way  
City, St, Zip: Suwanee, GA 30024  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Please heed the request of Georgia EPD and reduce the flow  
Comments--->of  
water out of lake Lanier from 11-1-08 until 4-30-08.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** BobBittinger@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 5:32 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Reduce the Water Release from Lake Lanier

Dear Col. Jorns:

PLEASE take whatever action is necessary to substantially reduce the amount of water being released from Lake Lanier. Our once beautiful lake is like a forlorn skeleton of it's previous self as greedy people in Alabama, Florida & Georgia too, waste the valuable water being needlessly dumped through Buford Dam. Please do whatever is necessary to reduce this flow.

Robert C. Bittinger  
LTC ,US Army (Ret)  
2519 Venture Circle  
Gainesville, Ga 30506

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**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 5:36 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert C. Bittinger, LTC USA  
(Ret) on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2519 Venture Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please take whatever action necessary to substantially reduce the dump of water from Lake Lanier. Our Lake is near death as people downstream waste it's resources. Please help save our once beautiful lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:09 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Stan Bernknopf on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6575 Julian Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support the request by The Georgia Environmental

Comments--->Protection

Division to have the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 4:17 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Nancy Berndsen on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2144 Stoney Point Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the  
Comments--->Chattahoochee  
River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.  
This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day  
(MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake  
Lanier. The economic and environmental impacts of the current lake levels are far  
reaching and need to be balanced so that none unjustly suffer.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 4:13 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Christine Bergstrom on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7660 Austin Harbor Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the  
Comments--->Chattahoochee  
River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:53 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by glynn bergeron on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3609 silver brook lane  
City, St, Zip: gainesville,ga 30506  
County: hall

Comments--->Sir--As a resident on the lake, the dropping water levels

Comments--->are

of concern to all of us. It is requested that the water release from the dam be temporarily reduced as per request of the letter sent by the EPD.As per their study, there was no adverse effect on water quality when reduction was implemented in 2008.

Hopefully,the winter rains and the temporary reduction will allow the lake to recover to some degree until the drought ends in the north.Please consider this and support the temporary reduction.

Thank you,

Glynn & Anne Bergeron

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:49 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by R Benson on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3308 Marina View Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->PLEASE reduce Lake Lanier's outflow-PLEASE

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:33 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Helen Benson on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2135 Pilgrim Mill Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming Georgia  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I would like to commend the Core of Engineers for their attempts to reduce the impact of the current drought on Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River. Keeping as much water in the lake as possible during this critical drought period until normal rainfall return is important for several reasons:

- 1) To provide an adequate water supply to millions of North Georgians who are already taking measures to reduce personal water use
  - 2) To provide the fish and other wild life a healthy habitat
  - 3) To make it possible for the lake to refill quickly when rains return and bring back the positive economic benefits that having more visitors brings to our region.
- Thanks so much for all you are now doing to preserve our water and any additional efforts will benefit us all!

Helen Benson

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:23 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gordon Benson on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2135 Pilgrim Mill Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I would like to see the Core of Engineers continue to take

Comments--->an

aggressive approach to managing the water held in Lake Lanier during this sustained drought situation. Once they got on board, it seems the situation has improved in terms of the lake levels not dropping as quickly. Had the same steps to reduce water flow been taken last year earlier, we would not be in as drastic shape as we are now. Keeping releases from Buford Dam to the absolute minimum is of vital importance to the lake and the north Georgia region.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:23 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ron Bell on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2080 Ridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->PLEASE reduce the water releases from Lake Lanier. Thank  
Comments--->you  
very much.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:43 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Pegi Bell on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2080 Ridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the  
Comments--->Chattahoochee  
River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta.

We have lived on Lake Lanier for over 12 years and cannot believe the impact that lowering the lake has had. Please do whatever possible to reduce the flow out of Lake Lanier. Your help is greatly appreciated.  
Thank you very much, Pegi Bell

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:34 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jeffrey W. Bell on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5801 Hidden Cove Road  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please approve the GA EPD request to reduce the minimum

Comments--->amount

of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. A similar reduction last winter had no adverse affects on water quality for Atlanta and we need to keep as much water in the lake as possible.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 10:02 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tom Becker on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5435 Young Deer Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We need to protect our water resources and ensure our home values around the lake. We should reduce the flow in drought conditions and raise the lake level next summer.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 10:28 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jonathan Beck on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6354 Chesla Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please do anything that you can to increase and maintain the lake levels. I had heard that there was consideration to raise the maximum level by 2 feet. I this is possible it would be great.

Thanks  
Jon Beck

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:29 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Barbara Bechler on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5310 Pine Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County:

Comments--->I agree with The Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Comments--->to

reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. We need added storage of water in Lake Lanier, and, especially since it has been shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when flow was reduced between March and May of 2008, I think it a wise action. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:30 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mark Beachler on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7350 Nichols Cove Dr  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support reducing the flows from Lake Lanier in order to conserve water in the lake during the drought.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:24 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard Beacham on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1050 Downing Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA 30068  
County: cobb

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 18, 2008 8:21 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by PAULETTE BAYER on 10/18/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 964 lakemont Dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville Georgia 30501  
County: HALL

Comments--->Lake Lanier needs water desperately. Two years ago I bought

Comments--->a

home on the Lake not instead of Lakefront, I have puddle frontage. I can walk across to the park on the other side. We pray for rain and you give it away.

What's wrong with this picture....we need to leave the rainwater in the Lake.

Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 9:55 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Baugus on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2880 Astoria Avenue  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Georgia 30040  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am in favor of a much-needed temporary drought contingency deviation/waiver of water management operations at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier to reduce the releases of outflow.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 9:55 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jill Baugus on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5485 Honeysuckle Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am in favor of a much-needed temporary drought contingency deviation/waiver of water management operations at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier to reduce the releases of outflow.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 10:29 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Anthony Barton on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3197 Arrowhead Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: HALL

Comments--->I support the US corps of engineer's request to slow the  
Comments--->flow  
of water from the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek perserving water levels in  
Atlanta.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 7:49 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Judy Bartholomew on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1057 Eulalia Road  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA. 30319  
County: fulton

Comments--->The low water level is "killing" property values! Where do the water regulators have their homes?

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 8:14 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by David Bartholomew on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6122 North Point Dr  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am concerned about the level of water in the lake. The  
Comments--->low  
water levels affect the ammount of visitors to the lake that many businesses in my area  
depend on.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 9:27 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Vivian Barksdal on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4108 Lakewood Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Lula, GA 30554  
County: Hall County

Comments--->Please consider reducing the flow of water out of Lake  
Comments--->Lanier  
in an effort to conserve the needed storage.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:26 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sam Barazzone on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6520 Yacht Club Road  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->I have 500 feet of shoreline and it has turned into a weed

Comments--->bed

with growth 6 feet high. Dead mussels litter the area. We need more water in the lake. The Corps has reduced the discharge amounts, but more help is needed. I know you can't control the wx., but you can surely reduce the discharge. Any help is appreciated.  
Thanks, Sam Barazzone

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:51 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by walt banasik on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 200 longview dr.  
City, St, Zip: dawsonville, ga. 30534  
County: dawsonville

Comments--->Slow the release or we will lose our drinking water and no more recreation on the lake.The Corp in their infinite wisdom (US Government) has put many businesses out of business and destroyed property values and the economy has destroyed the rest.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:35 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Pam Ball on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2222 Birch Hollow Trail  
City, St, Zip: Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->I am in favor of reducing the water flow from Lake Lanier by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

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*The Bailers*  
7760 Bold Springs Crossing  
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Colonel Byron G. Jorns, District Commander  
Mobile District, USACE  
Attn: CESAM-DE  
P. O Box 2288  
Mobile, AL 36628-0001

October 14, 2008

Dear Colonel Byron G. Jorns, District Commander:

As you know, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division is requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. This action is extremely vital to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier ---they have scientific evidence supporting that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008---so please please please approve and execute this plan to reduce the already significant, unprecedented damage to Lake Lanier.

This is short term action needed to protect the Lake and its vital water source. Long term, please only release from the Lake an amount less than or equal to what is coming in. The unprecedented extreme drought conditions we suffer from have not affected areas downstream of us-----only what comes in the lake should be let out. Please deploy this approach beginning next year.

Thanks for all your hard work and attention to this important matter

The Bailers

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:38 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Don Bailer on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7760 Boldsprings Crossing  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->As you know, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Comments--->is

requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. This action is extremely vital to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier ---they have scientific evidence supporting that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008—so please please please approve and execute this plan to reduce the already significant, unprecedented damage to Lake Lanier.

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** thebailers [thebailers@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:40 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** URGENT!! Reduction in outflow request from Lake Lanier

To Whom it may concern (Army COE):

As you know, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division is requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. This action is extremely vital to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier ---they have scientific evidence supporting that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008—so please please approve and execute this plan to reduce the already significant, unprecedented damage to Lake Lanier.

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Thanks for all your hard work and attention to this important matter

Don Bailer  
Cumming, GA

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 11:52 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ali Baba on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Native American Tribe  
Address: 9805 Kings Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA. 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Full pool water is good. Below full pool water is bad. Let us be good and bring to full pool.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:40 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by William U. Avirett on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7525 Breeze Overlook  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA, 30041  
County: USA

Comments--->An immediate emergency action needs to take place NOW to modify the flow policy during periods of drought like the one currently taking place. The irresponsible dumping of water out of Lake Lanier while downstream lakes are near full pool is in immediate need of attention. Please cut through the red tape and delays and STOP the unnecessary dumping of Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 7:08 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by rebecca atz on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3345 lakeshore drive  
City, St, Zip: cumming, ga. 30041  
County: forsythe

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River. it is a shame that people are more important than the mussels. I am not an expert but if we can go to the moon we can figure a way to move those mussels to a less dangerous environment where they will thrive. During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1 this is to allow for the amount of water needed when we are not receiving rain and to accommodate the summer recreation season. Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought because the water will not last if we do not manage it to the best of our abilities if the rain does not come back for a prolonged period. some type of management for the states that receive this water should be in place that is equal to the management used in Georgia. Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake because this is just common sense when the lake is having a problem even getting to 1071, at least we would be trying to reach a number of gallons that might actually give enough water for the city below.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 10:42 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Wayne Anselmo on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3540 Southlake Court  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->From an economic perspective, our water rates have risen because of the water restrictions currently in place. What is even more confusing is the fact that because many residents have restricted their water use, the water utilities have come up short, therefore having to charge customers more money because of the reduced income to the utility!

Amazing.

Also, from a homeowners point of view, the Army Corps of Engineers are adding to the reduction in resale value in lake front homes because of the 'mandate' imposed upon them to release certain amounts of water downstream. In other words, if I wanted to sell my home, not only will I lose value because of the current market conditions, but additionally because of the massive decrease in home value from the low water levels (in my case approximately \$100,000). This is absolutely ridiculous. If the Corps agree to compensate me for the difference, I would gladly take them up on it. Why should a homeowner have to pay the price for mismanagement of our resources? We need to get people that have some common sense and follow the intent of the law, not necessarily the letter of the law.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 3:16 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Denise F. Anglin on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9480 Cain Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please, please listen to the citizens and HELP us!! We are desperate and in trouble for no good reason at all. Aren't human beings and their livelihood more important than mussels? Please enact the following:

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 2:53 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Patricia A. Anderson on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 132 Bent Ridge Dr. N.  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, Georgia 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->We have been most unfortunate in the rain department for the past 3 years and the lake is getting lower and lower. Pretty soon drinking water is not going to be available for most of the areas surrounding Lake Lanier as well as the City of Atlanta. Stopping the flow of water from Lake Lanier to the Chatahoochee River from November to April would be helpful and is probably the only step that can be taken to preserve what water remains in the lake. Watering restrictions have helped some but more has to be done and done NOW.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:26 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by james amos on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address:  
City, St, Zip:  
County: forsyth

Comments--->Hi there, I think the flow should be decreased that is  
Comments--->coming  
out of lanier. We have to conserve our drinking water supply. James Amos

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 9:34 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tim Amidon on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9095 Bethel Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA, 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The recent request by the EPD to further limit the water releases from Lake Lanier. Its very simple. Drinking water for the people of the state should take priority over any other water use, including power generation or environmental protection for mussels. The drought is still in full effect. Please just use your common sense.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 7:16 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Alsup on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1905 Crescent Ridge  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I would like to see more water kept in Lake Lanier and the required water release reduced.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:50 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michael Allenbach on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1510 N. Morningside Dr. NE  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30306  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please reduce the high daily releases from Lake Lanier.

It seems ridiculous to drain Lake Lanier to "save" mussels and sturgeon.

Lake Lanier is only 50 years old. What did these mussels and sturgeon do before the lake was there. They managed for thousands and thousands of years with whatever flow resulted from normal rain fall. It should be no different now. These species survived just fine pre-Lake Lanier and they will survive just fine with reduces releases.

Second: The pool of water should be allowed to reach a level of 1071 or higher earlier in the year so that lake levels can be maintained at a higher level during periods of summer heat and drought.

Third: The economic impact of this body of water to GA is far more important than satisfying the selfish interests of those downstream that would use "environmental concerns" as a veil for their real interests.

Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 1:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gloria Allen on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4005 Treeline ct  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville , Ga. 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->The north Chattahoochee is dangerously low. the value of our property has gone down and taxes have gone up.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:01 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Scott Adams on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 57 Stonecliff Cove Dr.  
City, St, Zip: 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->The damage that has been done to our lake is unbelievable.

Comments--->No

water should be released to support mussels, sturgeons, etc.. Anything that can be done to reduce the release of water should be done.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 4:26 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michelle Adams on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2845 Pinetree Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Thank you in advance for considering the reduction in the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta from 485 million gallons a day to 420. This will ensure safe swimming again for our kids~!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:48 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Elaine Adams on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 124 Overlook Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of water flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by at least 13% during the months of November 1, 2008 until April 30, 2009; therefore leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 11:41 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Denise M. Abruscato on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3365 Lake Shore Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: USA

Comments--->It is a shame the ACOE and people responsible for extracting water from lake Lanier water disaster has made. The local residents are selling homes, moving boats to TN, SC, NC and FL because of the horribly dangerous conditions of our shallow lake. The safety issues presented to our lake users, water clarity, and property value decline of more than \$100K per home, will be reconciled for years to come. Even out of state residents no longer wish to visit or buy on Lake Lanier. The economic impact to property loss, individual and businesses tax revenue will be a loss for more than decades.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 8:51 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bob and Susan Abernathy on 10/19/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3311 Marina View Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->We ask that you reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This action would leave an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. This action would conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier. It is our understanding that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008. This appears to be a small action that could have positive results without disadvantaging other stakeholders.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dennis Abell on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3761 Bays Ferry Way  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA  
County: cobb

Comments--->The drainage required current to meet drought restrictions

Comments--->on

Lake Lanier does not address the simple fact that the reserve pool is low and without a deviation or waiver water supply for drinking for the Metro Atlanta is in danger and it has been demonstrated that reducing the out flow of water does not adversely affect the water quality at Peachtree Creek.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 7:36 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dede Cobb on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Real Estate Broker  
Address: 2520 Fleetwood Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I have been a Broker in the Cumming/Forsyth County area

Comments--->since

1983 and have sold a lot of lakefront homes in that time. I've seen the lake at very low levels in the past, but these last two years have been the worst. Since January of 2007, with the lake levels of Lanier so low, I've seen the market drop extensively and quickly. And home values and selling prices dropping accordingly. I would hope that the US Army Corps of Engineers would seriously consider the GA EPD's request for this reduction in water release. It is not a huge amount and is for a relatively short timeframe. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Dede Cobb, Broker, CRS, GRI & Licensed Real Estate Instructor

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:44 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Funk on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 425 Cameron Woods Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta GA 30022  
County: Fulton

Comments--->It is hard not to be cynical about a problem being addressed by State and national politicians, lawyers and government agencies. It appears that there is enough water to go around, but no one will figure it out until Lanier is dry.

The secret of success - "set your goals low" I'm not expecting much.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 12:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert&Margaret Durso on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2410 Fairview Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming,GA. 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments---> As residents Of Forsyth County & concerned members of the Lake Lanier Association, we urge you to comply with the Georgia DNR request to reduce the the water outflow from Lake Lanier to help mitigate additional negative effects on the lake & it's residents.  
Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:57 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Larry Fried on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 620 Brickleberry Court  
City, St, Zip: Roswell, GA 30075  
County: Fulton

Comments--->We live in Roswell, but have been going to the Lake Lanier Campground for the last 6 years, and have watched the lake going down. Please consider the request from the GA state department to reduce the flow from Nov1, 2008 to April 2009, so we can build up a little bit of our great Lake.

Larry Fried

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gary L. Freas on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5635 Truman Mtn. Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->1. Limit releases until lake is @ Full Pool, period!  
2. Raise lake level standard (2)feet to 1073.  
3. Make the Southern Power plants return water to Lanier Lanier during low water times, not send it down steam to Florida.  
4. Why has Florida done nothing to build reservoirs,conserve water or anything to help themselves in the last twenty years?????

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gary Freas on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5635 Truman Mtn. Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the water release per the recent request by  
Comments--->the  
EPD, so the we have a better chance of filling the lake by next year.

Thank you,

Gary Freas

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 3:51 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Steve Franklin on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4445 Highgrove Pointe  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30319  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please slow down the drainage!! Atlanta needs this water!  
This is harming many people and recreational activities that are part and parcel of Lake Lanier.

**Northcutt, Heather P SAM**

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**From:** John & Martha Fowler [mopf@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 1:56 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** From Martha Fowler

As a resident on Lake Lanier, I am very anxious over the problems with the drought and the depletion of our lake water to the south part of our state. Modernize your laws to meet the citizen's water needs and concerns north of Atlanta where recreation is a big part of the economic survival for the state besides the people who live on the lake. All over this country my friends call me and ask how is Lake Lanier? It is on the national news ,as you know, and people all over the country feel very sorry for us.

PLEASE HELP

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Thank you. Martha Fowler

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:17 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Terry C. Force on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3075 Simpson Park Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier provides drinking water, recreation, and flood control to much of Georgia and the residents of the surrounding region. It is a vital economic engine as well. The continuing low lake level has endangered all of these uses and has severely hurt the economy of those who rely, either directly or indirectly, on the lake. There is no common sense argument for placing the needs of an endangered species (particularly when it has been determined that they could survive at lower water levels) and the oyster industry over the needs of the residents of Georgia. In fact, common sense would dictate that if the river basin and lake are allowed to continue to be drawn down there eventually will be insufficient water levels for all residents, industries, and economies along the ACF basin. We are and have been for some time in a severe drought. It is crucial that everyone affected by the drought cooperate now and in the future to preserve a precious resource. To continue to ignore the inevitable will result in eventual devastation of a resource that is vital many.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:46 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tim Foltz on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3140 Rockport Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's request to the Corps to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:52 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ben Foltz on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3140 Rockport Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:26 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Eamonn Foley on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1930 Kemp Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming Georgia 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->As a concerned resident of Forsyth County I feel it is extremely important to capture as much water as possible as soon as possible until Lake Lanier can refill. The lake has such a huge impact recreationally and financially on the surrounding counties and with the financial turmoil that the country is in right now it would help the local counties out tremendously. Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 2:21 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lamar Fletcher on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Lake resident  
Address: 3418 Thunder Pt Dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please DO reduce the minimum flow again for several months.

Thank you.  
Lamar Fletcher

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:54 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Betty Fisher on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5262 Forest Cove Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Gainersville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->We are on a dry cove now for the 2nd year. My grandchildren cannot play and swim in the cove. The grass is now taller than me (5'4") in addition we are now experiencing Copper Head Snakes around our dock which has now been pushed out to the mouth of the lake in 3' of water. The wonderment of experiencing the first fish caught, the first jump in the water, having all 8 together swimming, playing, rafting at our dock in our cove has now gone. What are we doing?? Florida, Alabama, has water, everyone appears to have water except us.  
Where is the justice in this?????

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 6:57 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rodney Findley on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8380 Emerald Pointe Ln  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Request for a temporary drought contingency deviation/waiver

Comments--->of

water management operations at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier.

Help keep our lake full. It is very unattractive to visitors who come in and visit.

Consider alternatives to maintain lake volume (such as trunkline from Lake Guntersville in AL.) Lake Guntersville is filled by the Mississippi river and always maintains a high level even during periods with no rain.

thanks

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 12:58 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ken Fields on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5995 Lanier Heights Circle  
City, St, Zip: Buford, Georgia 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->We need the water in the lake. This check book is being mis-managed.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 5:59 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Katherine Ferrante on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 411 Herman Sosebee Rd  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I hereby request the Corps of Engineers to reduce the  
Comments--->minimum  
amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between  
November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009 in order to conserve storage in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:58 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Nicholas Ferrante on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4340 Edgemere Drive  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA 30062  
County: Cobb

Comments--->I own a home on Lake Lanier in Dawsonville for the last 21 years, the current state of the Lake requires aggressive management to undo the damage brought about by the drought and overall mis management of the lake level. I request that any and all actions are taken to preserve the lake levels for the many purposes it serves.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 10:25 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Alicia Felder on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 812 Myrtle Street NE  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30308  
County: Fulton

Comments--->support reduced flow from Buford Dam

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 7:14 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Charles R Feehan on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1225 Seale Drive  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, GA 30022  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please consider the following facts:

- Three million residents in north Georgia rely on Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River as their sole source of drinking water. As important, Lake Lanier receives approximately eight million visits per year resulting in an economic impact of \$5.5 billion.
- Water use in the metropolitan area is reasonable by any measure. The net amount of water withdrawn for water supply from Lake Lanier on the river downstream of the dam accounts for 1% of the flows a the Florida line in normal years, 2% in drought years.
- There is enough water in the ACF River Basin to meet all reasonable needs, if the reservoirs are managed properly.

The Corps must consider alternative operating plans to balance water supply needs and economic impact with downstream needs before adoption a new Water Control Plan. The new Water Control Plan must not simply replicate existing operations, which have unnecessarily drained Lake Lanier. Alternative operating plans must be developed that will manage our water resources much more efficiently. The Water Control Plan should be based on facts and sound science.

It is difficult to understand how metro Atlanta can suffer with water shortages given the relatively ow levels of water use compared to what passes throught the dam. Please act thoughtfully.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Ruth Faulkner [faulkner50@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:40 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** reduction of flow from Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek

Dear Sir:

As a homeowner on Lake Lanier I urge that you honor the request of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek by 13%.

We live under severe water restrictions. We need relief.

Thank you. Ruth Faulkner

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** lefastman@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 18, 2008 12:46 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

My husband and I moved here for our retirement years to enjoy the weather and the lake life about a year and a half ago. We made a significant investment in real estate. We are also doing our part with all of the economic impact each family such as ours has on a community, i.e. buying from local merchants, taxes on EVERYTHING, etc. etc. Since that time we have not been able to enjoy the lake and our boat like we had hoped, due to the drought and the core of engineers letting out too much water. Further, for the second year in a row, local businesses which depend on Lake Lanier to make a living are in dire straights. A number of them e.g. dock builders, marinas, boat sales, etc. are on the verge of bankruptcy or have already succumbed and are out of business.

We are also past the point of being annoyed with decision that favor mussels and other water creatures over human beings. The corps of engineers needs to do the right thing and continue to do so until the drought conditions are gone and Lake Lanier is more routinely at full pool. Your favorable consideration is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cathy Fast  
Gainesville, GA

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:49 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Charles H. Fash on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3627 T.W. Henderson Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->As the record drought in our region shows no signs of  
Comments--->abating,  
please consider favorably the request by the GA Environmental Protection Division to  
reduce the water releases from Lake Lanier between November  
2008 and the end of April, 2009. We may be facing at least another year of drought and  
the time to take this measure is now. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 2:51 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Aileen & Rich Fanning on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 23 Water Point  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the release of water form Lake Lanier from Nov. 08-May 09 if not permanently . We live on the lake and have felt the devastating effects of this extended drought for the last 18 months. Our property values our livelihood and the economy of the entire Lake Lanier area have suffered greatly.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** bfagan123@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:48 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

To whom it may concern-

I would like to write to request your help in leaving the water levels alone in Lake Lanier. We are down below 16 ft in the Chestate rive area.

Trees are sticking up out of the water and dangerous to boaters and recreation. Water levels are the lowest we have seen since we moved here 12 years ago.

Pleae do not drop the water levels any more this season to help get some more water back in the lake.

Best,

Tom Fagan

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 9:14 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Francoise Everett on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4407 Northside Pkwy, Apt. 106  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30327  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Support reduced flow from Buford Dam.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Maureen Etheridge on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6527 Lights Ferry Road  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->My home built in 1958 by my mother. I saw the lake rise to full pool over the years. It is truly depressing to see the lake as it is today, water shortage, etc. and paying the same property taxes as when able to enjoy the lake from my dock now sitting on land with no availability for boat. I just visited St.George Island and Appalachicola, Carrabelle, etc on October 1. There is no evidence of any shortage of water in their lakes, ponds on private property, etc. Why is the lake lowest it has been?

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 8:32 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by kimberlee estes on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1945 sweetgum trail  
City, St, Zip: cumming ga 30041  
County: forsyth

Comments--->Would like to see water dispensing lessened from Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:41 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Therese ERgle on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3930 Lakeside Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please allow the water flow to be reduced during November  
Comments--->thru  
April 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:34 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bill English on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 240 River Landing Dr  
City, St, Zip: Roswell , GA 30075  
County: Forsyth \$ Fulton

Comments--->I own property at Dogwood Pl , Gainesville , GA. Both are on the water. I have had no water at the dock for almost a year now. It is critical for the economy and the safety of all boaters that the water level remain at a safe level so I support the above request.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 3:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ronald Ellsworth on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1368 Pointview Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Suwanee, Ga 30024  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Please help us save our beloved Lake Lanier. It is no  
Comments--->longer  
a beautiful place to go anymore. I used to take some of my elderly freinds to the lake to  
enjoy the view....not anymore. Most of them are dying and most say that it appears as  
though the Corp is killing the lake just like age is killing them. It's so depressisng!

Regards,  
Ron Ellsworth

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 5:09 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sarah Ellis on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6510 Little Mill Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please honor the Environmental Protection Division's request to reduce the minimum flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek by 13% between Nov 1 & April 30th.

We have got to do something to help Lake Lanier! This is the minimum amount that you can do to help.

Thank you for your consideration.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 8:08 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Patrick Eggers on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2541 Gadsen Walk  
City, St, Zip: Duluth, GA, 30097  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->As a local resident and boat owner whose family enjoys everything Lake Lanier has to offer, I believe it is imperative that one simple thought should be at the forefront of every decision concerning releasing water from Lake Lanier.

If the Buford Dam was not there, how much water would be running down the Chattahoochee River. It is a very simple answer, exactly the amount running into the lake. That should be the guideline for releasing any water from the lake. If this line of thinking is put in place, once the lake is full, there will no longer be a need to discuss alternatives, problem solved.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 9:31 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Peter Edwards on 10/19/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3473 Maritime Glen  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville Georgia 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->

I fully support the EPD's request!

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

The EPD letter requests this action to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier and states that its modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:24 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by William Edwards on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address:  
City, St, Zip:  
County:

Comments--->I support the Georgia EDP recommendation to reduce flows  
Comments--->from  
the Buford Dam to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 18, 2008 11:11 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James Edwards on 10/18/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5759 Harbor North  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->As a homeowner on Lake Lanier, I know that it is important

Comments--->to

the economy of Hall County and the water supply of the Atlant Metro Area to maintain lake levels. Please support the 13% reduction tin minimum flow of the Chattahoochee River as outlined by thew Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:24 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by frededwards on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5575 williams shore dr  
City, St, Zip: cumming ga  
County: forysth

Comments--->Hold back more water to benefit Atlanta and to benefit th  
Comments--->lake  
owner and users.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:15 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by edwards on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8465 bullock lane  
City, St, Zip: gainesville, ga 30506  
County: forsyth

Comments--->Cureently, we have moved our dock way down the cove. We are generally in a deep water cove (25 feet) and have no water!. We have lived here 12 years and have never seen it this bad. We are paying taxes for lake property and we know that those are expensive, but have no lake!.

Any time the boat is taken out, we are dodging logs, limbs and ground in places that were very deep. We also have a concern for the visitors that are tubing, skiing etc, there will be injury due to the low levels.

Our quality of life and those around the lake are severely compromised!  
Please help us get the levels back up!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dawn Echols on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 336 Barker Rd  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->We support the Georgia EPD's request to hold more water in Lake Lanier. There are serious concerns about low storage of water for multiple reasons: environmental damage to Lake Lanier and its wildlife, damage to the homes and businesses that surround Lake Lanier, damage to metro-Atlant's water supply for human beings - especially drinking water, and sweeping effects on Georgia's economy. Finally, we are personally witnessing a major erosion effect directly caused by low water levels. This erosion effect is continuing to dump massive amounts of silt into Lake Lanier causing long-term damage to the Lake itself.



# Comment Form

1. Please select the affiliation that best represents your role/interest in the request for a temporary drought contingency deviation/waiver of water management operations at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier to reduce releases necessary to meet water quality standards at Atlanta, Chattahoochee River, Georgia.

select one

Other:

## II. Demographic Information

Name: *George Dyke* County: *Hall & Cobb County*

Address: *1545 Monroe Circle*  
City, State Zip: *Raineyville, GA 30045*

## III. Issue Areas(Comments/Questions)

*I recognize that we must take everyones needs into consideration, when discussing the Chattahoochee River basin. The lake Lanier has gotten so low that not only can't*

*we use our dock - soon we won't be able to launch a boat or even use the lake.*

*Please allow the lake level to come up so the lake will at least be usable. Lake Lanier at this current level is just a disappointment ~~and~~ frustration to me but it has also severely damaged the local economy.*

*Please take everyones needs into consideration and sort of split the difference until we escape this drought.*

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:07 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dusenberry on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3661 Cameron Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Continuing to release the water flow from Lake Lanier at the present level will be even more devastating to this area. All the surrounding counties have been very adversely affected by the significant drought that we have had during this past year. Areas below Atlanta have had sufficient rain and yet water has continued to flow at the same rate from the lake as before. The low lake levels have had a tremendous impact on the businesses surrounding the lake and have certainly reduced the values for the property owners. PLEASE consider the proposal to reduce the flow until the Spring of 2009 when hopefully the area will see additional rainfall and we will see a rise in the lake levels somewhere back to normal for that time of the year. This lake is a precious resource for the entire Southeast and it has been severely compromised by the drought and the continuous draining of the water.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Duran, Tammy [tduran@usatoday.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 11:25 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier Flow Reduction

As a home owner on Lake Lanier and a citizen of Georgia since birth, I highly recommend that you follow the request of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to reduce the flow of water out of Lake Lanier to 650 cfs through April 2009.

Thank you,

Tammy Duran

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:33 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lisa DuPont on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 782 Chestatee Circle  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Dawson County and a homeowner living on Lake Lanier whose family has been very adversely affected by the recent drought, I strongly urge you to favor the reduction of the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

This will reduce the flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier, which would go a long way to helping maintain the use and beauty of Lake Lanier. Again, I ask you to please vote in favor of this reduction.

Thank you,  
Lisa DuPont

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:32 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Allen DuPont on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 782 Chestatee Circle  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Dawson County and a homeowner living on Lake Lanier who has been very adversely affected by the recent drought, I strongly urge you to favor the reduction of the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

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Thank you,  
Allen DuPont

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:58 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kit Dunlap, President & CEO on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Nongovernmental Organization  
Address: Greater Hall Chamber / 230 E. E. Butler Pkwy /  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->The Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce (2600 business members)...unanimously supports GA EPD request to reduce flow of water from Chattahoochee from 485 million gallons a day to 420 million gallons a day (reduction of 13%)...from Nov 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 12:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Josh Duncan on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3765 T W Henderson Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->If you will raise the pool level once we have enough rain to do so I think the extra few feet above 1071 is much more water than the same number of feet (elevation) down in the low 1060's or 1050's. Because the drainage basin is small a larger amount stored would give more water when really needed and when little is coming in. I have seen the lake above full pool many times over the years and now that the encroachments have been handled there should be little reason not to store more water when it is available.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:44 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michael Dukes on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5452 Redbark Place  
City, St, Zip: Dunwoody Georgia 30338  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am a stakeholder in the water management policies of

Comments--->Buford

Dam by virtue of my property ownership of a home on Lake Lanier. I am one of the thousands of forgotten stakeholders in this issue. I purchased my home on Lake Lanier in June 2007, and have since watched my investment value plummet, and my operating expenses to maintain my investment skyrocket as a result of the record low lake levels facilitated by the water management operations of the ACE. The thousands of us who have watched our docks (\$30,000-\$50,000 each) collapse under their own weight as a result of the unheard of low water levels, as well as the values of our homes basically disintegrate to the point of being unsaleable-(\$100,000-\$1,000,000 each) believe that the ACE must deviate from its existing water management operations. We are all taxpaying American citizens who have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in value each, at a time in this economy where it is devastating. I urge you to take a step back from the bureaucracy that has plagued this process for years, and think to yourself.. How in the world does a water management policy which is driven by Outflows at Buford Dam, with little or no consideration of the level of natural Inflows from the Chattahoochee river basin, make any sense whatsoever. We cannot control the drought, we cannot control inflows, and in the absense of a lake or a dam, guess what- the lower Chatahoochee and Flint river basins would have lower flows, just like the rest of the upper basin- and that is called Nature.

We, the property owners of Lake Lanier, with hundreds of millions, if not billions, invested, urge the ACE to do the right thing, to give some consideration to Us- we're regular taxpaying Americans with plenty of financial troubles these days, without being ignored by our government and the ACE's incomprehensible water management policy impacting Lake Lanier.

Inflows should be the starting point of the Buford Dam policies, and if inflows are low due to lack of rain, then outflows should be as well. There is no reason we should feel the obligation to supplement lower basin flow levels above and beyond what naturally occurs above the river. A policy of doing so has seriously impacted many many individuals who feel at this point we have no voice, and have been betrayed by our own government policies.

I would be happy to have the opportunity to speak to anyone involved in the process, or perhaps display a few photos of the widespread destruction of personal property caused throughout the lake as a result of the policies in question- starting with my own.

Thank you for your consideration

Michael Y. Dukes  
678-637-4209  
Mailing address  
5452 Redbark Place  
Dunwoody, Georgia  
30338

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 4:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Duggan on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4656 Weatherford Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Due to the impact of our continuing drought in north  
Comments--->Georgia,  
it is essential that steps are taken to reduce the outflow of water from Lake Lanier. I  
support the recommendation of the Georgia EPD to reduce the flow of water from the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:14 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by WESLEY DUESENBERG on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 660 CHESTATEE CIR  
City, St, Zip: DAWSONVILLE, GA  
County: DAWSON

Comments--->WE SUPPORT THE GEORGIA EDP REQUEST FOR REDUCED RELEASES

Comments--->BASED

ON THEIR CONCLUSIONS FROM THEIR RECENT STUDY....

PLEASE SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE WATER AFFECT THAT THIS IS HAVING ON OUR STATE AND THE OPPOROTUNITY TO AVERT A WATER CRISIS ON TOP OF ALL THAT IS GOING ON IN THE ECONOMY ETC.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 5:31 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Victor and Judy Dube on  
10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4480 Travis Drive  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, GA 30566  
County: Hall

Comments--->PLEASE HELP US SAVE LAKE LANIER!!!!!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 10:31 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bill Drury on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6806 South Bluff Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->As a lake property owner and resident, I am very concerned about the long term viability of Lake Lanier as a residential community area as well as a recreational attraction for the entire North Georgia region. Local retailers who depend on the lake are going out of business, lake property values are decreasing faster than those not on the lake, numerous lake accidents are occurring as a result of the low water levels, and metro Atlanta is struggling with an ever increasing water demand as the region continues to expand. Certainly there must be ways to further reduce the lake outflow that minimize downstream impact while improving and preserving the viability of the lake. Hopefully there are longer term options for additional sources of water for the region but in the meantime we need some short term fixes to provide some relief now. Please consider the current proposal to further reduce the outflow from the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 6:08 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mary Drummer on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9065 Old Keith Bridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We are doing all that we can at our house to conserve water.  
Please help out by reducing the flow.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 6:09 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Greg Drummer on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9065 Old Keith Bridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please slow the release of the water from Lake Lanier  
Comments--->because  
our cove is nearly bone dry. We rely on the lake for our source of water and recreation.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 11:35 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Chris Drake on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4620 Willowbrook Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30028  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:44 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Warren Doyle on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Not for profit sailing club  
Address: 816 Piedmont RD  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA, 30308  
County: USA

Comments--->Please save our lake please save our water.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 5:07 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Thomas Downs on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Homeowner  
Address: 8440 Lanier Dr  
City, St, Zip: Cumming Ga 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please keep water at higher levels as possible. Lower water conditions is destroying the local economy and crushing home values.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 12:30 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jim Dove on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5365 Azeilia Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please stop releasing so much water for other states. It brings down the property values and also recreational needs for Atlanta. Atlanta built the dam for flooding issues in the first place and not water needs for the people in other states that do not even have water restrictions on them.

Thank you

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 2:08 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James Dove on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 109 Laurel Ridge Drive  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, GA 30004  
County: Cherokee

Comments--->As an owner of property on Lake Lanier, my family was unable to use our lakehouse this year due to the water levels. WE HAVE NO WATER AT OUR DOCK! We purchased our house in Feb. 07 and had over 20ft. of water. We can't sell the house because there is NO WATER AT OUR DOCK! We also have a boat at Bald Ridge marina and can as of now, barely get it out of our slip because the docks have been moved so close together.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 1:00 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rachel Douglas on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Real Estate Broker  
Address: 620 Holyrood Way  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, GA 30022  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I have an entire neighborhood listed for sale on Lake Lanier. It consists of houses and lots. The drought has severely hurt our sales, ie my ability to make a living. It has also hurt the builders who built the houses. They have all gone out of business. Lake Lanier's useablility contributes and/or hurts the community because it effects jobs. If people can;t use the lake then they will not be buying gas,food,items at the marinas, and houses.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 9:31 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Peggy Donnenwirth on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4475 Dobbs Crossing  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA 30068  
County: Cobb

Comments--->The Chattahoochee River Has been at its highest all summer

Comments--->and

fall so far, even in the places that were in the past dry for the whole summer. The amount of water has been excessive. Please reduce this to be what it has always been. The state of the lake is a sad scene to all Georgians.  
Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:04 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kenneth DiPrima on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3367 Jean Marie Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the flow of the water from Lake Lanier to  
conserve the needed storage in the Lake

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:38 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Joe A Diaz on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2719 Inglewood Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga.30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the amount of water released. I presenly only have about three feet of water under my dock. Serious damage will occur to my dock if it is allowed to sit on the ground.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 4:06 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ray Debrincat on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3502 Lake Breeze Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506  
County:

Comments--->Plants and grass are dieing because we cannot water the  
Comments--->lawns  
and trees. Many businesses have had to close their doors because of the low lake levels.  
Many people have lost their jobs because of this. Many boat docks are on the dirt or have  
had to be moved out so far we cannot access them.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:26 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sam F. Dayton, Ph.D. on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2561 Bridgewater Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506-1857  
County: Hall

Comments--->Dear Madam/Sir: I am a resident of Hall County, GA and reside on Lake Sidney Lanier. I was appointed as a member of the original Technical Resource Group to the three-state study. A part of what we did was to assist in the development of a "Drought Management Plan" for the ACF watershed. One of our assumptions in that effort was that Lake Lanier was the key location for storage of basic drought-management water for the basin. That is as true today as it was at the beginning of the three-state study. Please assist all portions of the watershed area in continuing to store as much water as possible and equitable in Lake Lanier. Sam F Dayton

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 6:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Karen Day on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 210 Lake Somerset Crest  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA 30064  
County: Cobb

Comments--->I am in support of maintaining the Lake Lanier water level

Comments--->as

high as possible to maintain the water use for all that depend on it. The metro Atlanta area has made great efforts to conserve water. Please help by decreasing the out flow of the lake.

Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 1:23 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James Day on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 210 Lake Somerset Crest  
City, St, Zip: 30064  
County: Cobb

Comments--->Please be advised that I am for conserving all of our

Comments--->natural

resources and that includes the water of Lake Lanier. Since there is evidence that water release from Lanier and not effect downstream water quality, it should be done. Keeping water levels as high as they can be at Lanier should be all our efforts and we should be good stewards of this responsibility. There is so much that depends on this lake staying at the highest water level possible and anyone who doesn't see it that way should be called out and held responsible to the whole public. I am in definite support of maintaining a common sense approach to defending our needed water levels. Families depend on it .

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 10:15 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Hank Davis on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 989 Middle Fork Tr.  
City, St, Zip: Suwanee, GA. 30024  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Please reduce the flow of water from Buford Dam as requested by the Ga. EPD. The low lake level in Lake Lanier is devastating the local economy, lake home values and quality of life for all who work, live or play in this area. It is my understanding that water quality south of the dam will not be significantly degraded. Everything WE can do will help until nature gives us the rain we need. Thank You.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 9:07 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Sheila Davis on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3323 Indian Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I wholeheartedly support the request for the temporary  
Comments--->drought  
contingency deviation/waiver of water for Lake Lanier. We are in a desperate situation and  
need to take every precautionary step possible.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Shila Davis

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 4:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jud Davis on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3323 Indian Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: USA!

Comments--->Please reduce the flows through the dam at Lake Lanier. The Georgia EPD has determined that less water is needed to satisfy the needs of Atlanta. Please do not let out a drop more than is absolutely necessary. I grew up enjoying a full Lake Lanier nearly every summer of my life. I am praying that my children will enjoy the same. Thanks for your continued sharp eye on the withdrawals!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 4:18 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Alexander D. Davie on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3530 Still Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming Georgia 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->As a concerned citizen living on the Lake, I read and  
Comments--->reviewed  
the Georgia EPD letter including all the charts and graphs and wholeheartedly agree with  
them that the water flow past Peachtree Creek can safely be reduced with no resultant  
water quality degradation. Please reduce the flow to 650 cfs during the timeframe  
mentioned in the letter.  
Thank you

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 4:32 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Trey Davenport on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 195 Mountain View Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am commenting to condone the reduction of the minimum flow of water for Peachtree Creek. Lake Lanier is way too low and it is time to start increasing the volume in this reservoir.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** ldarrow@ups.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:50 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Request to hold water in Lake Lanier

As a resident on Lake Lanier, I am requesting that you hold the water level in lake! The low water level and water restrictions has negatively impacted the value of property and businesses dependent on lake activity. Please begin developing other sources for water supplies to the State of Georgia.

Sincerely,

Larry Darrow  
6360 Barberry Hill Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30506

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jennifer Daniell on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Nongovernmental Organization  
Address: 4000 Dekalb Technology Parkway Suite 400  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30340  
County: Dekalb

Comments--->I am a member of 2 sailig clubs on Lake Lanier and our turn out for races is down because people who like to keep there boat in dry storage can not put their boats in and out to race them as the ramps are not long enough. Many other friends who had wet slips had to take their boats out as not enough water. The low levels affected the non-profit I work for - Special Olympics Georgia as we have a fundraiser each year and the turnout this year was low only 24 boats. In the past we have had 30-40 boats come out to race.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 8:08 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jeff Daniel on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4062 Fincher Ddr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: hall

Comments--->I have a hard time seeing so many business and people suffer for the cause of keeping some endangered mussels alive. Perhaps the lake level should be raised by two or three feet to store more water for the purpose of keeping the level higher on average. In any case, I do believe in the event of DRAUGHT IN THE AREA WITH A DURATION AS LONG AS WE HAVE HAD, MINIMUM OUTFLOW SHOULD BE REDUCED TO A minimal level so all parties are are requirede to sacrafice equally during natural disasters like our draught.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 11:49 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Cathy S. Daniel on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 159 Cornfield Road  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville Ga. 30534  
County: USA

Comments--->With Lake Lanier at record lows we are experiencing drastic changes in lake front property. With the economy like it is and the chance that we are two years out for recovery, we need a break! I don't think anyone want's more than what is fair. We have to protect our investments and our business's.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:25 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dana on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 500 Northwinds Pkwy  
City, St, Zip: 30004  
County: Fisher

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the

Comments--->Chattahoochee

River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta. This will leave an additional amount of water in Lake Lanier which we love so much!

More water in the lake means less mosquitoes, more fish, more birds and other God's creatures.

Otherwise those will be extincted and die in horrible pain.

You would not like this to bother your contiousness, would you?

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 18, 2008 9:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Melanie and Brad Curtis on 10/18/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4180 Merritt Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We cannot continue to send Atlanta's drinking water past Buford Dam and out of reach !!! It not only puts our water supply at risk but the sinking water level is making it very dangerous to be in or around Lake Lanier !!! Please help us - we need to save Lake Lanier while we still can !!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:24 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rory Cunningham on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 390 Browns Pt  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, Ga 30534  
County: dawson

Comments--->I live on Lake Lanier. Please reduce the flow from Lake  
Comments--->Lanier  
as requested by the Georgia EPD. Lake Lanier is at a critical stage as much water as  
possible needs to be retained in Lake Lanier to allow for the lake to fill up as much as  
possible over the winter.

Thank You  
Rory Cunningham

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 8:23 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Julie Cruz on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7835 Kings Point Dr  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow

Comments--->in

the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

I am asking for this action to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier.

Modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:58 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kim Crumley on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2479 Athens Hwy  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30507  
County: Hall

Comments--->We need you to reduce the amount of water being taken out of Lake Lanier. Please reduce the releases from Buford Dam between now and April 30, 2009.

Thank you,

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 11:51 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rose Crook on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2255 Chickering Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I have recently visited North Florida and South Alabama and they have gotten a lot more rain than the Atlanta Area. We need to stop releasing huge amounts of water for areas that are not in the drought situation Atlanta is

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:17 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Albert L. Crittenden, Jr. on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 80 clearwater Drive  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, Georgia 30534  
County: Dawson-Lake House

Comments--->Request that the Corps reduce the flow from Lake Lanier by 13% from November 2008 through April, 2009. My dock has been on high ground since last fall and I have been unable to use the lake since. The water level is so low now that it is dangerous to venture out and I read that the marinas and businesses around the lake are suffering financially as well. I know we need rain, but I also believe that there are measures that can be taken in the meantime.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Wayne Crigler on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4086 Fincher Dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Gentlemen,

It is a proven fact the proposed flow levels will not harm the environment. Considering the importance of the reservoir to the people in Atlanta, and the surrounding counties, it seems an absolute necessity to keep Lake Lanier as full as possible for drinking water reserves.

I see no good reason to take more than the absolute minimum out of the lake. It worked before!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:59 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Janet Creel on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3450 Kates Way  
City, St, Zip: Duluth, GA 30097  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Please accept the request of the Georgia EPD's to hold more water in Lake Lanier by reducing the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. My father bought a lot on this lake in the early 60's and my family and I have many fond memories of this wonderful lake. My sister and I still own the lot near Buford Dam. We want to preserve this wonderful lake for our children and grandchildren as a way to pass their grandfathers legend on. Please help by returning Lake Lanier to her full grandiose nature.

Thank You,  
The Foster's, Creel's and Adams

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 18, 2008 8:48 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert Crall on 10/18/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2614 Ridgehurst Drive  
City, St, Zip: Buford, GA 30518  
County: Hall

Comments--->I support the Georgia Environmental Protection Division request to hold more water in Lake Lanier by reducing the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 10:31 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Charles F. Cox on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6670 Carlin Court  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Maintaining lake water levels in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 12:47 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard Courts on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3185 Chateau Court  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30305  
County: Fulton

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:45 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Carol and Bill Couch on  
10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: P.O. Box 761  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Georgia 30028  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->After traveling to south Georgia and to South Alabama and to Florida, I am at a total loss as to how we can still be letting so much water out of the lake when these areas in some parts have the rivers out of banks and most of the time the levels are at full pool, What is wrong with this picture?

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 3:23 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jack E. Costello on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2351 Stephens Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Dear Sir,

Please consider reducing the outflow from Buford Dam - Lake Lanier - to 420 MGD between 1 November 08 and 30 April 09. This will retain much needed water in Lake Lanier, as the downstream resevoirs are almost at full pool!

Sincerely,

Jack E. Costello

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 6:58 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by sherry cortesi on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 469 slew ave  
City, St, Zip: lawrenceville ga 30043  
County: gwinnett

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier ASAP.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 12:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Joel and Bonna Cornett on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3517 Lake Ridge Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->We are writing to beseech you to support the reduced water flows from Lake Lanier, as requested by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, in the Peachtree Creek area of the Chattahoochee River! Desperate times call for desperate measures! Thank you for considering our request.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 3:16 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Denise F. Anglin on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9480 Cain Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please, please listen to the citizens and HELP us!! We are desperate and in trouble for no good reason at all. Aren't human beings and their livelihood more important than mussels? Please enact the following:

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 11:41 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Denise M. Abruscato on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3365 Lake Shore Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: USA

Comments--->It is a shame the ACOE and people responsible for extracting water from lake Lanier water disaster has made. The local residents are selling homes, moving boats to TN, SC, NC and FL because of the horribly dangerous conditions of our shallow lake. The safety issues presented to our lake users, water clarity, and property value decline of more than \$100K per home, will be reconciled for years to come. Even out of state residents no longer wish to visit or buy on Lake Lanier. The economic impact to property loss, individual and businesses tax revenue will be a loss for more than decades.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 8:51 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bob and Susan Abernathy on 10/19/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3311 Marina View Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->We ask that you reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This action would leave an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. This action would conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier. It is our understanding that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008. This appears to be a small action that could have positive results without disadvantaging other stakeholders.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dennis Abell on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3761 Bays Ferry Way  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA  
County: cobb

Comments--->The drainage required current to meet drought restrictions

Comments--->on

Lake Lanier does not address the simple fact that the reserve pool is low and without a deviation or waiver water supply for drinking for the Metro Atlanta is in danger and it has been demonstrated that reducing the out flow of water does not adversely affect the water quality at Peachtree Creek.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:38 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Howell Copeland on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1105 Churchill Downs RD  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30319  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I strongly agree with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources letter of Oct 10, 2008 to the Corps of Engineers. I believe that granting this request it is vital to replenishing the capacity of water stored in Lake Lanier. We need to do all we can, not only to conserve water, but to implement programs that will enable more water to be stored in the lake. We are still in a severe drought and the lake levels are dropping daily. In the future, if we get back to a normal rain pattern I would suggest that the full pool level (1071 ) at the lake be raised and allow for more water to be stored in anticipation of the dry summer months.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 12:38 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mike Cooper on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9960 Misty Cove Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am concerned that because Lake Lanier is so far down when  
Comments--->it  
rains the water washes down the mud on the banks and is filling up the lake.

We need to keep Lanier at a much higher level and release the absolute minimum. In  
drought times what comes in is what goes out.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:09 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jeff Coombs on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 606 Woodland Circle  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->As a resident on the North side of the lake I would ask you

Comments--->to

please consider reducing the amount of flow out of the lake during the period November through May of 2009. The lake level and the rapidly decreasing amount of storage in the lake is clear for all to see and I believe we, you and us the water consumers, should do everything in our power to maintain storage as best we possibly can in our lake.

Thank you, Jeff Coombs

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:17 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Mary Ann Cook on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2291 Littlebrooke Lane  
City, St, Zip: Dunwoody GA 30338  
County: Dekalb

Comments--->I am writing in support of the EPD request to hold more  
Comments--->water  
in Lake Lanier. WE need to conserve our water supply.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:30 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mike Conway on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6249 Wilmington Way  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch Ga 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please approve reduced releases from Lake Lanier on the  
Comments--->basis  
of safety, quality of wildlife, economic impact on marinas, and to be sure of drinking  
water supply if the drought continues.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 6:14 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mark Condon on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6620 Turners Cove Rd  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Greetings,

I am writing to express my support for the request made by the Georgia EPD to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This would store an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier, and we certainly need to try to build the water level whenever possible.

Regards,

Mark Condon

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:41 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by E H Collins on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5635 Dusty Ridge Trail  
City, St, Zip: Buford, GA 30518  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please restrict the outflow from lake Lanier! We have done everything that was asked of us but still the lake is at the lowest ever for this time of year. This is due mostly to the whims of Government officials who refuse to hear our side of the story. The people who depend on the lake for their lives can not continue to bear up particularly in light of the economic depression!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 12:05 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Andrea Cohron on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3629 North River Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall County

Comments--->The astronomical amounts of water being released from Lake Lanier are affecting local businesses and property value. There are no adverse effects for the rivers which are receiving this water if the amounts released from Lanier are capped at a lower rate. Please help our businesses and properties, as these are tough enough economic times. I want to thank you in advance for listening to the people who are really seeing and feeling the detrimental effects for which this water shortage has been creating over the last 10-12 months.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 10:34 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by malcolm cohron on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3629 North River Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA  
County: hall

Comments--->We must retain the absolute most amount of water in Lake Lanier during this high drought period in our state history. Otherwise, this will further elongate the number of years to bring the water table up to the minimum levels for recreation for which the lake was primarily developed to serve.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 4:21 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by mike cobb on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5479 pine forest cir  
City, St, Zip: gainesville, ga 30504  
County: hall

Comments--->Please keep the water in Lake Lanier.  
Thank You

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:32 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ralph Gage on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5786 Hidden Cove Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: USA

Comments--->I think it is necessary to do everything possible to retain more water in lake Lanier. Due to draught conditions, poplation growth and other needs the lake is under a heavy demand and all avenues need to be explored to help fill the lake and less release at Buford would be a hugh help.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 10:34 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Hope Hunt on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3214 Rockport Court  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; during the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:51 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Thomas Humphreys on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 250 Pharr Rd 917  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta GA 30305  
County: Fulton

Comments--->need more water in lake....

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:34 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Judy Humphreys on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1990 Ridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga 30041  
County: Forsythe

Comments--->PLEASE reduce the flow of water from Lake Lanier. I am a realtor trying to sell homes on the lake and with no water it is impossible! Also my lake home I have just spent \$1000's to buy and remodel has no water and is worthless. If the core does not do something NOW the lake will never have a chance! There has been PLENTY of rain south of the Lake so why are we sending more to Ala, Fl and a small amount in Ga????? They all have yet to be under watering restrictions as we have. THIS HAS To BE RESOLVED to save Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 10:37 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Scott Hudson on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9760 Kings Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA. 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Dear ACOE: Federal officials MUST act logically and immediately to limit the minimum flow from Buford Dam by 13 - 15% during this prolonged drought and to provide a new and logical management plan for the lakes water levels in the times of severe and/or prolonged drought. Many local and people and officials down stream from Buford Dam cry loud and clear about their "right" and "needs" to the water supply from Lake Lanier. Their short sighted needs and wants will be in vein if the supply from Lanier is no longer available down stream due to the drought and excessive levels of water release from the dam. What will they do then? Yell and scream at us for not properly managing the water levels on Lanier! Oh the irony! Remeber the original mandate for Laneir and Buford Dam - flood control, reliable source of water for Atlanta and recreation!!!! Federal and State officials must act logically and reasonably to solve this problem and to properly redo the old management plan. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:38 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Linda Hudek on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2763 Merritt Drive  
City, St, Zip: Buford, GA 30518  
County: Hall

Comments--->Regarding the EPD letter to your office requesting reduced flow of water from Buford Dam/Lake Lanier, I absolute agree with any measures that could be taken to prevent further excessive outflow of water. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 2:38 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jerry Howell on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Industry/Commercial  
Address: 6338 Mitchell ST  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->Continous draning of Lake Lanier has severly affected the Marine industry to the point of non recovery. The lake is once again at some of the lowest levels in many years.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 5:06 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by mitch howell on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 185 antler trail  
City, St, Zip: alpharetta, ga 30005  
County: forsyth

Comments--->I strongly support the initiative to reduce the outflow  
Comments--->from  
lake lanier over the winter. We all have to work hard to restore the lake to its normal  
level. This will help tremendously and should be a high priority.

thanks  
mitch howell

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 5:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Don Houston on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5122 Stephens Rd  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, Ga, 30566  
County: Hall

Comments--->My wife and I bought property near lake Lanier three years

Comments--->ago

seeking a pleasant retirement. Now with the lake draw down we find that there has been imposed upon us a unnecessary burden on our retirement and the contentment that we thought would be afforded us. If the draw down of the lake continues, we, like many others, will take our pensions elsewhere.

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 10:27 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Joyce Hosking on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2538 Venture Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I'm very concerned about the low lake levels and want the  
Comments--->Corp  
to reduce the water releases to a minimum as long as the drought conditions exist.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dale Hopfer on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6070 Shadburn Ferry Rd  
City, St, Zip: Buford, Ga. 30518  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am requesting that the Corps approve the deviation and reduce the flow from Buford Dam as requested by the EPD, for the period Nov 1, 2008 through Apr 30, 2009. Water quality for all is a strong consideration, but safety is also the Corps responsibility. Boaters are seeing stumps appear in all areas. It will likely take a boating death to raise the awareness, the lake level is a serious safety issue. No one is making any effort to mark the obstructions, it's a tragedy just waiting to happen. Please consider safety when looking at these decisions to reduce flow.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 9:30 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bruce Hollinger on 10/19/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3402 Harbour Point Pkw  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier has suffered through at least two years of diminished rainfall with no end in sight. Everyone downstream shares the risk of putting Lake Lanier into a greater distressed state. No one knows how many more years we will have these drought conditions. The outflow should be reduced now while the lake condition can still be managed. If it becomes critical it will be too late for any actions to be effective.

Lake Lanier outflow should be managed today as if we are already in an emergency state of operations.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 10:41 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Constance Holcomb on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2451 Lansdowne Court  
City, St, Zip: Lawrenceville, GA 30044  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->I am joining the petition group to request at least a 13% reduction in released water beginning November 1, 2008 and extending at least to the end of April, 2009. I feel it is vitally important that Georgia first take care of its own citizens. This temporary reduction will not materially affect downstream concerns and will do much to improve water conditons for the immediate Atlanta area. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:23 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Andrea Hogberg on 10/13/2008  
Affiliation: Frequent visitor and environmental conservationist  
Address: 20 Raymond Avneue  
City, St, Zip: North Providence, RI 02911  
County:

Comments--->I think it is a disgrace what has been allowed to happen to this once beautiful lake. I have been a frequent visitor to this area for that past 5 years and I am horrified each time I return and find the water level dropping lower and lower. I can only imagine the irreparable damage that has been done to the fish and wildlife population as a result.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 11:13 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Suzanne Hogan on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: select one  
Address: 1115 E. Beechwood Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30327  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Support reduced flow from Buford Dam.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 1:06 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James Hixson on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 965 Timber lake Trl  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Gentlemen,

I am writing to try and help persuade you to use your influence to stop the excessive releases of water from Buford Dam / Lake Lanier.  
I was born in Atl., Ga. and saw the creation of Lake Lanier. It is a RESERVOIR to contain flood waters and to provide needed water in times of drought. The root word being Reserve!

1. The thought of releasing water for the preservation of mussels is ludicrous! They were here in drought times before the dam was constructed and managed to survive. They will follow the water table just like fish. I don't see them flopping around and dying.
2. During rainy season the Corps should be mindful of when areas south of Atlanta are receiving rain and close the gates! Get the lake to full pool so if needed the water is available for everyone.
3. Make water restrictions equal all the way down stream. If residents of Ga. have to conserve and have ban on outdoor watering so should Ala. and Fla.
4. Allow the removal of any and all silt (about 4' in all coves)even if it means crossing corps property. This would increase holding capacity.
5. Raise the "Full Pool" level from 1071 to 1073
6. Be mindful of the damage that is caused to docks when the water level is as allowed to drop to these levels as well as the drop in property values of the "waterfront" homes around the lake.

Finally it is only in the last few years that the lake has been drawn down to these extreme levels. Why did this not happen before?

Atlanta needs this water. The lake is formed in Georgia. Not Alabama, Not Florida. If they require more water, they need to build their own reservoir!

Sincerely,  
Jim Hixson

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mary Hinshaw on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4492 Travis  
City, St, Zip: Oakwook, GA  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please do not release any more water. Consider the  
Comments--->reduction  
of releases now performed to allow the lake to remain at it's present levels.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 11:40 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by David & Carolyn Hinderliter on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2124 War Hill Park Rd  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville Ga. 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->We support the Georgia Environmental Divisions request for reduction of flow from Buford Dam and use 650 cfs rather than 750 cfs as the minimum flow at Peachtree Creek for the period of November 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009. This will leave 11.7 Billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier, and since water quality was not affected previously, we believe everything should be done to stabilize the lake and help it refill.

Thank you David & Carolyn Hinderliter

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:29 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jenni Hilton on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2865 Browne Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support the GEPD letter requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 12:28 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Karen C Hill on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6300 Woodlake Dr  
City, St, Zip: Buford, Ga, 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Raise full pool to 1073 ft above sea level. Releases must be managed properly especially during drought. Please consider the human race before releasing water for mussels and other endansgered species.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 4:17 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Stephen K Hill on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6300 Woodlake Dr  
City, St, Zip: Buford, Ga, 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Raise Lake Lanier's full pool level to 1073 ft above sea level. No water releases solely for mussels or endangered species especially in times of drought. During droughts, releases should be managed by minimizing water releases.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 9:57 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert Hill on 10/19/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7720 Appaloosa Tr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville Georgia 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I have a boat on the lake and live near the lake. I am very concerned about the water supply an the recreation as well. I am also in the fishing tackle and marine business and low lake levels affect business. Most of all I worry about the water supply to my well and surrounding cities.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 12:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by mal hill on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4606 lakeview lane  
City, St, Zip: gainesville, GA 30504  
County: hall

Comments--->the low water level has caused damage to our dock, frequent moving and repairs. we no longer use the lake for recreation much because of the navigation issues with shoals and tree stumps. safety for children swimming and just walking on the shoreline has been greatly reduced. lastly, the value of our investment in our home has been significantly reduced by the low water.

PLEASE ALLOW MORE WATER TO BE HELD IN LANIER. thanks.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:40 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Cliff Hill on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3054 Scenic Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->What ever we can do to keep as much water in Lake Sidney Lanier is necessary. The Lake level is down right dangerous. Two weeks ago I hit a tree stump where there should not have been a tree stump. I refuse to pull kids on skis or tubes because of the high risk toward injury out there now.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 9:07 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Anne Brodie Hill on 10/19/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7720 Appaloosa Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please agree to the temporary contingency deviation/waiver to reduce water releases from Buford Dam/Lake Lanier. We have a houseboat at Lake Lanier and are very worried about what will happen if Lake Lanier goes much lower. I also have a son who cannot put his boat in the Lake for recreation time with his children, because the corp has closed most of the ramps. At the ramps that are still open, the corps has not moved the docks to the water. This is a very dangerous situation when getting into the boat from the launch sight, due to the drop offs and deep mud at the ramp sites. Also, we witnessed the night-time drowning of two people whose pontoon boat ran into a formally submerged island when trying to come into our marina during a bad thunderstorm. Their deaths could have been avoided if Lake Lanier had not been allowed to get so low.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 6:37 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Allen and Jacquelyn Hill on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2105 Pilgrim Mill Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->As homeowners on Lake Lanier we support Georgia's request to hold more water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:58 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John H. Hicks on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6626 Yacht club Rd  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch  
County: Hall

Comments--->The lake needs to be fill back up. Without a reserve we run the risk of giving out of water. With the amount of rain that has fallen downstream there is no compelling reason why the discharged from the lakr cannot be reduced.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 10:16 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John H. Hicks on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6626 Yavht Club Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 305432  
County: Hall

Comments--->I SUPPORT Georgia E P D's request to hold more water in Lake Lanier, reduce downstream releases.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Adam Hicks on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3840 Jack Wilson Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall County

Comments--->I am a property owner on Lake Lanier...

The water releases are putting a great strain on the levels. Please slow the releases on the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2008 9:31 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kay Hibbard on 10/29/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3770 Old Path Crossing  
City, St, Zip: Suwanee, GA 30024  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River. During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1. Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought. Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:53 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James W Hesser on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2451 Basin Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce releases as much as possible due to the  
Comments--->ongoing  
drought.

Thank You

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:01 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Antoinette B. Herock on  
10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6210 Autumn Woods Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the amount of flow, our lake is suffering and  
the people that rely on the lake for their livelihood are suffering also.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:50 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Allen Hercules on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 828 Devonshire Place,  
City, St, Zip: Lawrenceville, GA 30044  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier ASAP.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2008 9:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kim Hembree on 10/29/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1185 Dixon Cir  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am a lake home owner & have been significantly impacted by the mismanagement of Lanier's water levels. It has been over a year since our dock & boats have been floating. Both of our boats were put into harms way by this drought. We've spent a huge amount of our savings trying to maintain & stabilize our boats & dock and our insurance has proven to be worthless in this arena. The exposed silt has been eroding away causing further damage. The entire scenario is completely ridiculous & unnecessary. Please consider the following:

- 1.) Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River
- 2.) During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1;
- 3.) Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought
- 4.) Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2008 3:47 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brian Heil on 10/23/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6086 Rockingham Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville  
County: HALL

Comments--->The amount of exposed shoreline due to the record low level

Comments--->of

Lake Lanier results in excessive erosion and silt deposition. I would think the environmental impact of this erosion should be taken into account when making lake level management decisions. I would surely hope that every effort to manage outflows to increase the Level of Lake Lanier would be made.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 4:58 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John H. Heath on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4930 Bagley Terrace Drive  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, Georgia 30004  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I understand that you need policy to follow so that

Comments--->employees

do not act in a cavalier manner when it comes to releasing water down stream. What I can not understand is why when on several occasions this year there was more rain to the South of us . .and in significant amounts, the corps found it necessary to release water from the lake the day of the rain or within a couple of days after. What gives there ? ? Don't you folks follow the weather?

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tonya Hazard on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5600 The Twelfth Fairway  
City, St, Zip: Suwanee, GA 30024  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier ASAP.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 1:09 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Larry Haysler on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2241 Glenridge Drive  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA 30062  
County: Cobb

Comments--->I have been boating at Lake Lanier for many years. I know

Comments--->the

Corp does not think that is important, but the metro area gets many tax dollars from this industry. Also Atlanta gets its drinking water from the basin. If enough water is not left in the lake everyone in Atlanta will suffer, including the wildlife around Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 11:46 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James R.Haynes ,Jr. on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9930 Kings Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville , Ga. ,30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments----> Please limit outflow to minimum amounts until basin has received sufficient rainfall to relieve drought

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:20 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Senator Lee Hawkins on  
10/16/2008

Affiliation: Elected Official  
Address: 304-A Coverdale Legislative Office Bld.  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, Ga. 30334  
County: Hall

Comments--->I support the discharge reduction of Lake Lanier so as to insure greater storage. Florida should rebuild the damn on the Chipola River to resume the water storage that they once provided.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:54 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dorothy Hartsfield on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6515 Bluewaters Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, Ga. 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->The lake is valuable to our wildlife and to our communities.  
Please respect this in considering the outflow of Lake Lanier. I also visit Florida and it  
is flooding there. Why add to their flood problem?

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 7:43 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kathy Hart on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9550 Lisa Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsythe

Comments--->I support the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's request to the Corps to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:04 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by GREG HARRINGTON on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4685 Kilmersdon Lane  
City, St, Zip: Suwanee, GA 30024  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am writing in support of RUDUCED outflows from Lake Lanier.

Greg Harrington

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 18, 2008 8:16 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jeani Harrell on 10/18/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4033 Skyline Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please consider reducing the amount of water this winter

Comments--->from

Lake Lanier. As a lake property owner, the lake needs to be allowed to fill up naturally with the winter runoff of rain and snow. To continue to deplete the lake is a not right for all the people who have invested in owning property around the lake. It is a virtual desert in the area in which I live. Some consideration needs to be given to us who have invested our retirement in our property. It is a shame that politicians care more about Florida than Georgia. Somebody needs to start acting like a citizen instead of a politician.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 4:51 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Cheryl Hardin on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3554 Montgomery Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->I support the proposal to reduce the minimum flow from Lake Lanier during the months from November through April. Further, I wish to recommend the following specific items be considered for immediate implementation: Lake Lanier should not be drawn for mussels and other species in the Appalachian River; during the rainy season, the corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 feet above sea level to 1073 feet, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake. Thank you for your consideration. Cheryl Hardin

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 10:05 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Eben Hardie on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 51 Lafayette Drive  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, Ga. 30309  
County: Fulton

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier ASAP.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:56 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jim and Nancy Hansard on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5943 Nachoochee Trail, Flowery Branch, GA  
City, St, Zip: 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->Folks we know in NW Florida find it comical that we continue to send water down stream as they have more than they need at present. We are all in favor of saving Lake Lanier's water. Let it fill up as it once was. The idea of supplying water for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River is a myth.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:43 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jean Hansard on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1101 River Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Cleveland, Ga 30528  
County: White

Comments--->I have been living on Lake Lanier since 1984 and I have

Comments--->never

seen it in such a bad condition. Not all due to the drought but also due to negligence when water was allowed to flow unchecked thru a so called faulty valve to dangerously low levels. I am currently staying at our other house on the Chattahoochee and watch as the river flows down and into the lake. Water in the river has not been near as low as I've seen it in the past but yet the lake level continues to drop. Second week in Sept. we went down to Panama City Beach and passed over the lakes/ivers on the way down. They were all brimming over or full while our lakes in North GA are down lower than ever before.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Darrell Hansard [darrellhansard@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2008 2:01 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Support EPD Request

Colonel Byron Jorns,

I am sending this to ask that you will take the advice of the Georgia EPD and reduce the flow of water from Lake Lanier beginning November 1st.

We desperately need to do all that we can to keep Lake Lanier from going any lower than what is absolutely necessary.

Thank you for your attention to this important request

Cherie Hansard

8990 C.A. Trail

Gainesville, GA 30041

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 10:13 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jeff Hanna on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4161 Warren Road  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, Ga. 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->To whom it may concern,

Please act upon the request by The Georgia Environmental Protection Division to reduce the minimum flow out of Lake Lanier to 420 MGD. As of today, Oct. 14, 2008, the level is about 4 feet lower than this same time last year. I remember being out on the lake then and seeing the tips of what must have been 30 or 40 foot (based on my depth readings at that location) pine trees starting to poke out of the water or eerily, just barely under the surface. We came within a foot of breaching the 1050 mark last December and could easily go under 1045 this year if something isn't done. As the lake continues to drop, there is less surface area to pull that water from so the loss will become more vertical than now for the same amount of outflow. Though I had heard that when the lake was filling up originally, all trees were topped that protruded out of the water at the 1035' level, this is clearly not the case in some areas and some around where my parents have a dock are close to 2 feet in diameter. You could actually stand on these things and from a distance it would look like you were walking on water as it was right at the surface level. The shocking thing is, you are still in deep, green water and far enough from shore that you would not suspect that it would be there. If someone was riding in a boat and hit this with any speed at all, it could be costly at best, and tragic at worst. I fear we will see (or of more concern, not see) more obstacles like this as we dip below the 1050' level. Also, those who have been keeping their docks pushed out so as to keep them floating are at some point going to have to go ahead and let them settle down in the mud as they no longer have the cable length to keep them anchored, or are constricted by ever encroaching surrounding docks. As my parents are located in a deep-water cove on the main lake, this could mean theirs will come to rest at a 45-degree angle or so. This would be a hazard to the structural integrity of the dock as well as a safety hazard.

Finally, if the level gets around that 1035' mark, my understanding is that water can't even enter the turbines at the dam. If that limits or prevents water from flowing out of the dam, then we've all lost. Namely, people who use the lake, municipalities that draw water from the lake (because their water intakes might not go down that far), power generation curtailed, and also those downstream that require a certain minimum amount of water for sewage treatment and other purposes.

Please carefully consider this request.

Sincerely,  
Jeff Hanna

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:57 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Terry Hampel on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4212 Terrace Ct  
City, St, Zip: Smyrna, GA 30082  
County: Cobb

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier ASAP.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 8:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Maureen Hallowell on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1180 Oakhaven Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Roswell,Ga 30075  
County: Fulton

Comments---> I am requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.  
I feel we are all doing our part to reduce usage in our homes and community to conserve our water in Lake Lanier. It is going to take a very long time to fill the Lake up again.  
Thank you, maureen hallowell

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:22 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by David Hall on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3653 Lodgehaven Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga.30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I'm writing to express my concern of the water flow from Lanier, please reduce the flow as to hold more water storage.

Also, bringing the level to 1073 would be a win/win.

David

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jack Haire on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4221 Tall Hickory Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am in support of the GA EPD request to leave more water in Lake Lanier in the upcoming winter months.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 1:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tom Haight on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4016 Donna Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: USA

Comments--->I certainly am in favor of slowing the release of waters out of Lake Lanier so that we might someday have a chance to have the lake at full pool again. If we don't have help from the Corps of Engineers, given the drought conditions & more demands to take water because of growth around Atlanta then I can't see much hope in ever having our lake back to what it once was.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 5:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Marilyn Haight on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4016 Donna Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: USA

Comments--->Given the state in which our lake is in now, 17 an a half  
Comments--->feet  
below full pool, I would certainly like to see a reduction of water released. It was  
devastating last year to see this lake as low as it was.  
This year without some help it may even be worse. We have lived here on the lake for 16  
years, will we ever have our lake back?

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 8:08 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Fran Habeeb on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3639 Lodgehaven Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->We need to do whatever we can to minimize the amount of  
Comments--->water  
leaving the lake. Any actions you can take would be very helpful. It's so disheartening  
to see the lake as it is today.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2008 1:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michael Habeeb on 10/23/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3639 Lodgehaven Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please Help Refill Lake Lanier. We are now over 18 feet  
Comments--->below  
full pool.

Please support the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's request to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

EPD modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

Best Regards,  
Michael Habeeb. 828-342-4745.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:26 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Gundlach on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8480 Bullock Ln  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier ASAP.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:52 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Gundlach on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8445 Jensen Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier ASAP.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:03 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by William R. Guilfoile Jr. on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3493 Marina Crest Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the flow out of Lake Lanier by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will leave an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Our community is experiencing significant issue with regard to our 3.2 Million Marina asset. At the current rate of flow and without rain the level of Lake Lanier will fall even lower than last year resulting in water quality issues as well as million of dollars in damage to lake shore assets.  
Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 9:14 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jyl Gryder on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 480 ABC Hickory Trail  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I think it is imperative that the USCOE reduce the amount of water released from Lake Lanier. The lake level of Lake Lanier is not only a North Georgia issue, but a US southeastern regional issue and since the Corp of Engineer manages the lake- it is upgraded to a Federal concern. It seems that the push to conserve water has gone to the back burner since the spring from all levels of government. A little rain came that has helped other areas of the state of Georgia- but little has come in the area of Lake Lanier to help its situation.

Please take into consideration the fact that many regions are supported by the lake:  
Local: Businesses that are supported from the use of Lake Lanier that have been next to non-operational due to the low lake levels.  
Southeastern Region of the United States: Not only are businesses linked with the water flow being released from the lake (hence the "Water War" law suit between GA, FL, and AL) this lake is the main water supply for the southeastern region and we must conserve as much as possible. Who is to say that we won't have another 4 years of drought? What is our contingency plan?

Plus, if those downstream did not see much difference when reduces earlier this year- why waste our supply?  
Thank you for your consideration.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 3:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jim and ETTY Griffin on  
10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address:  
City, St, Zip:  
County:

Comments--->My husband and I whole heartedly endorse this recommendation  
and we live at Peachtree Creek.

ETTY and Jim Griffin

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 7:15 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robin T. Grier on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3350 Shady Cove Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

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Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3350 Shady Cove Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce to the minimum the amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Don't destroy our lake, PLEASE!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 9:02 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tom Greenlee on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7300 Club Crest Drive  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->I firmly beleive that in the interest of preserving the quality of Lake Lanier and the water resources given by the lake, that the Corps of Engineers should do everything in it's power to reduce flows from the dam until the lake has reached a more normal level. We stand to be in a worse situation this year than last necessitating the qucik action from the Corps to address this situation. As a regular user of Lake Lanier for recreational purposes, I personally have not been able to enjoy the lake due to the extremely low water levels. And as a local Realtor with listings on the lake, I can personally attest to the difficulty in selling lake properties and the loss in value being felt above and beyond the typical losses due to our economy. If this low lake level situation continues, I beleive it will be even more difficult to overcome the stigma attached to the lake already that continues to worsen. This will affect property values all over the lake as well as the recreation draw that accounts for millions of dollars to our economy. Please take action now to reduce the flows and aggressively seek to restore Lake Lanier to normal levels.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 4:04 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Roy H Greene Jr on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8945 Knoll Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please do not draw down water for mussells and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River. During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1. Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 4:57 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Wendy Green on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9998 Kings Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the amount leaving Lake Lanier. Our lake has disappeared and it hurts our economy even more than the Wall St. bailout! Allow Lake Lanier to fill up as soon as possible!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:06 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by william gray on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2545 churchill dr.  
City, St, Zip: lawrenceville ga. 30044  
County: gwinnett

Comments--->please lower the flow rate from lake lanier. we need the  
Comments--->water  
and the current rate of flow does not make sense.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 4:17 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Paul D. Graves on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3188 Venue Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 3506  
County: Hall

Comments--->As a local resident on Lake Lanier, I am deeply concerned

Comments--->over

the past reduction in the lake level due to the amount of water released by the US Corps of Engineers during our severe drought conditions. Please consider the request by the Georgia EPD to reduce the release of water.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 4:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brian & Margaret Gracey on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 483 Propes Drive  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, GA 30566  
County: Hall

Comments--->We support Georgia EPD's recent request that the Corps reduce the min. flow in the Chattahoochee by 13% to conserve winter storage in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:29 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Garth Goodrich on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1404 Lakeshore Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->I support the Georgia EPD request to reduce the minimum  
Comments--->amount  
of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November  
1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 12:29 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Leon Goldstein on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2888 Sequoyah Dr  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, Ga. 30327  
County: Fulton

Comments--->My family have a house on Lake Lanier. We feel strongly

Comments--->that

the goal of the Corp of Engineers should be to maintain a highest level possible for recreation and water supply for the City of Atlanta. We are doing everything possible to conserve on water usage.

If the Corp was located in Atlanta instead of Mobile, I believe you would agree with me.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008 5:17 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Patricia Goeckel on 10/28/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5340 Point South Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, a. 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->To: Corp of Engineers

I know you are having a meeting to plan the water needs from Lake Lanier. I have attended many of these meetings previously but no meaningful action ever seems to result relative to better water management of the lake. We are in a crisis. Eight years of below normal rainfall and continuing escalating discharges from the lake. Where is the plan to add additional reservoirs or other sources of water. development is out of control yet I have not seen a plan to address the growth issues that affect the lake. The corp needs to develop a comprehensive plan to address the problem and present it to our politicians. This needs to be done now. Someone needs to provide the leadership before it is too late. In the interim the corp needs to develop a plan that maintains the lake level at a more even level. The upstream needs of the North Georgia residents need to be considered relative to the other uses. Most critical is that a water conservation plan be recommended for everyone who uses water from the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:18 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Yvonne Godwin on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4060 Etcetera Lane  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I urge you to honor the request of the EPD to hold more

Comments--->water

in Lake Lanier for the upcoming months going into fall and winter. The lake is almost at its lowest ever and can not hurt other counties or downstream by holding more water in our lake. Thanks for your attention in this most important matter.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 11:03 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Doug Gober on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6811 Lights Ferry Rd  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, Ga 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->We are still suffering from the excessive loss of water not only due to the record breaking draught we are experiencing, but as a result of the faulty gauge utilized last Summer by the Corp of Engineers to determine the lake level relative to the volume of released water. With the current level of the lake within 2 feet of record low levels it is extermemely dangerous to navigate, there has been a greater number of drownings due to dropoffs being so close to the shoreline, property values were plummeting prior to the current mortgage crisis, business owners of all types are suffering with inland services providers and retail businesses as well as the marinas and restaurants on the water. We as houseboat ownwers are vitually locked into our slips and can't get to our marina's gas/pumpout docks. We fear as a result of this that some owners maybe discarding waste water into the lake since they have few other options and no way to get to gas for their boats. The reduction in out flow from the lake downstream has had no adverse effect on the availability of water for those south of here, no interuptions in electric power generation and no impact to endangered species in the Florida coastal areas. In traveling many times south to Florida I have witnessed the exteremely high levels of water in all of the reservoirs that are fed downstream from Lanier with some of them literally out of the banks.

Having said all of this, I feel that not only maintaining the lower volumes of out flow from our lake is a necessity, but even further reductions should be made as well. Please consider this sincere request to save our lake, our residents and the business owners as we attempt to preserve the economic environment and the recreation that our lake provides to the state of Georgia.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 10:06 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Doug and Freida Gober on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: Aqualand Marina ZD Dock Slip-9  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, Ga  
County: Hall

Comments--->We have lived on Lake Lanier for over 15 years and have never seen it in the pitiful shape that it is in. Stop draining the water out ! Have you seen every stream and lake from Buford to Florida?? they are out of their banks. Check out Eufala !!! The error on part of the Corp of Engineers has caused many people to loose their businesses along the lake, and their error also caused property values to plummet. Was their paycheck affected by their error? And for the Marinas... we can't even access them!!! We are locked to the docks with our boats.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:50 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Terry Glude on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6733 Crestwood Peninsula  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please support a temporary contingency deviation/waiver of water management operations at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier to reduce releases necessary to meet water standards at Atlanta, Chattahoochee River, Georgia.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 06, 2008 12:03 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Terry Glawe on 11/6/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8110 Sagewood Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Our local needs and economy need to keep as much water in

Comments--->Lake

Lanier as possible. Please review your plans to lower the amount of water that is let out of the Dam. Not only for drinking water and 5.5 billion dollars Lake Lanier recreation but also the real estate market resales around the lake is extremely low due to the drought. Many people can not sell their house due to dry docks.

Sincerely,  
Terry Glawe  
Realtor

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 6:47 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert Gladd on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6285 Lakeview Drive  
City, St, Zip: Buford, GA 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->• PLEASE reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

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- Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River, especially when the lake is already below zone 1 for a couple of reasons. The lake is NOT taking water away from them that they wouldn't have received from Mother Nature. Secondly, it has not been proven that the water levels are exclusively to blame for their population drop. Other alternatives should be researched to help save the endangered species.
- During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1;
- Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought;
- Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake. This one is a no brainer. A very cost effective and quick way to build our water supply.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 7:07 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Reg & Mary Girdharry on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3440 Banks Mountain  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->We are in favor of reducing any water flows out of Lake Lanier. Not only is the lake a "working" lake to control water down stream but it is a significant economic draw to North Georgia. The recreational use of the lake is nearing zero. The excess release of water has had a personal impact on the value of our home on the lake also. Any slowing of water release will be of great value for all of us. Thanks for your consideration. Reg & Mary Jo Girdharry

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:43 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brandon Gibbs on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8950 Fields Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I share the same concerns as all other homeowners on the shores of Lake Lanier. Those include maintaining property values, water safety, water cleanliness, and maintaining a viable investment vehicle in the States tourism and business development that the Lake provide. Having said that, we all understand that the primary intent is to provide water to the Atlanta residents and businesses and we respect that. To that degree, I support any initiatives that will meet those objectives. I do draw the line when the aforementioned goals are second to lobbyist on the side of endangered species - or so they say. I believe some very viable options (on both sides) have been discussed and I see no reason why a mutual agreement can't be achieved soon. Let's spend our litigation dollars on something far more important than this silly debate that has gone on far too long.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:36 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John W. Gibbs on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2569 Bridgewater Cir  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am in support of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's request to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

Lake Lanier is in severe drought condition and this request should be accepted to help protect the Lake and it users.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 8:10 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dr. Tim Giannoni on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: Home: 1415 N Riverside Circle NE  
City, St, Zip: Sandy Springs, GA 30328  
County: Hall/Fulton

Comments--->As owners of property on Lake Lanier and residents living on the Chatahochee in Sandy Springs, we understand the value of both the Lake and resulting river system. Likewise, we recognize the fine work and commitment of the Corp. of Eng. to preserve this community asset for its recreational and metro Atlanta water resource value. My wife and I strongly support the proposed plan to decrease the outflow of water during the fall/winter season and feel confident the Corp. has assessed both the cost/benefit impact of said decision on the Lake and downstream.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:49 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James Geist on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5840 Charleston Lane  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->To mandate water releases from Lake Lanier without regard

Comments--->for

the lake level or the amount of water coming into the lake is like drive a semi truck on cruise control without regard for traffic or road conditions. The water release should be limited based on the level of the

lake and the current and projected inflows. The minimum releases should be drastically reduces to protect the lake from the shore erosion and diminished economic effects of allowing the lake to fall below 1060.

When the lake level reaches 1060 the amount of water released should be limited to the amount of water coming into the lake. If the lake were not here, that is exactly how much water would be available. If there were determined to be a need for a greater amount of reserve then I would recommend raising the full pool level to 1073 or even 1075 AND building additional reservoirs in Georgia below Atlanta, in Alabama and in Florida.

These regions should provide reserves for themselves and not demand that all of there need be provide from a very very small watershed. It isn't reasonable and it is not sustainable. Lake Lanier and its water shed are not large enough. This year is a great example. If there were additional reserves below Atlanta, in Alabama and in Florida the relevantly heavy rains in that area could have been stored and there would be little or no need to draw water from Lanier except for Atlanta. Instead all that water was simply moved out of the system and we continue to draw down on the inadequate supply from this watershed. It is not reasonable and not sustainable.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 7:05 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dallas Gay on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3238 Dunlap Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->1. Mussels in Fla should receive no more water than if no dams had ever been built.

2. It is doubtful that the drought can continued to be blamed for the low level of Lake Lanier and it should be allowed to fill up by next summer.

It is a dangerous lake when it is this low.

3. We should not have large discharges to maintain water quality below Atlanta because Atlanta does not have adequate water treatment.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:37 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mary Garner on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4885 Chestatee Heights Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support the action to reduce the flows from Lake Sidney Lanier. The lake level has been reduced far below the level where it is safe.

In addition, the jobs of many people who service homes around the lake and lake communities have been lost so that the low lake level is damaging the economy of NorthEast Georgia area.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:34 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mary E. Garner on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4885 Chestatee Heights Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The Lake Lanier community needs for water retention is in a desprate estate. Jobs are being lost and businesses having to close. Anything that can be done to reduce water flows from what remains of the lake is very critical to our community.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:50 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Conrad Garabelis on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5315 Hidden Hall Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30040  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We have been sending water to Florida and they have the most rainfall these past summer. In the meantime, we can not even water our plants much more enjoy the other things we do in the summer. What do we need to do to reduce the amount we are sending down the river? We need water here badly.  
Thanks for your consideration

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 10:17 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Russ Garabelis on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4770 Weathervane Drive  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, GA 30022  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I think it's important that we try to conserve as much water as we can. Please keep the water where we need it most.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 1:42 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jay Hutchison on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4905 Ivy Ridge Drive #302  
City, St, Zip: Smyrna, GA 30080  
County: Cobb

Comments--->Lake Lanier needs more water. The lake, its residents, the surrounding community on economies are suffering terribly as a result of depleted pool levels.

I believe that there needs to be more balance between the guidelines and motives set forth in legislation for outflows, and the realities of the actual inflow volumes to the lake.

Further, when Fay came through, it would have been ideal to nearly shut the dam entirely, as there was enough runoff to fill the river downstream.  
With inflows over 10,000 or 20,000 CFS, the lake would fill in no time.  
The idea of more flexibility on outflows in order to retain more water in the lake needs to be addressed.

And what about the three or four feet you let out by mistake in one night a few years ago?

Please fill up the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:58 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Morris on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 22 Lakewood Drive  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30354  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I am concerned due to loss of jobs on my street due to lake levels not to exclude property values and wildlife disruptions. Traveling to Florida fequently and seeing the Flint and other rivers fuller than I have ever seen them makes me realize we need and can rewrite the books, use common sense and make everyone happy.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 2:07 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Arthur Morgan on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6455 Saddlebridge Court  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30040  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->You fellows need to slow the water flow out of Lake Lanier.

The only logic that makes sense to me is that Outflow should equal inflow not only over the short term but long term as well. In a drought situation you should regulate the water flow the same as if the damn did not exist.

We all know that it is not the mussels but the oyster business that is at stake. Water sports is a big business too and equally as important. It would appear to me that the area where the water falls and is collected should get first consideration. As it also appears we get very little if any consideration.

If you think that I do not have reason to be concerned listen to this. I attended the congressional hearing in Gainesville, Georgia in the last year or so. It a\was also attended by both Senators Isakson and Chambliss and Congressman Deal and Gov. Perdue among others. After the trip from Cumming I needed to find the bathroom. As I was standing at the Urnal a tall Bridadier-General joined me. I do not recall his name but you should be able to identify him. He said he was going to Iraqs in a short time. I asked if he might be the man who made decisions regarding the water in lake Lanier. I wondered why we were not allowed to keep more of it in the lake and for use in Forsyth County. His answer was not in the least settling when he said simply: " the man who owns the Pool makes the rule."

I do not know if his answer was an attempt to be humorous or not. My reaction was I am wasting my time talking to you.

In my opinion Lake Lanier is a disaster!

Sincerely,

Arthur Morgan

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:41 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Patrick T. Morgan on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1093 Antioch Drive  
City, St, Zip: 30319  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow

Comments--->in

the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. I understand Georgia EPD states that its modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008. We need to do whatever we possibly can to store as much water in Lake Lanier as possible so it will be available in time of need. Filling Lake Lanier and keeping it full except in the event of catastrophic drought should be everyone's top priority.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:33 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard & Sharon Moore on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2235 Huntingdon Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier is vital to the residents of Hall County, and the reduced lake levels have created serious economic stress for our residents, over and above the general recession being felt all over our country. Many businesses in the Hall County area rely upon Lake Lanier visitors for the majority of their income. With lake levels so low, visitors are going elsewhere. The lake was once a joy to visit for recreational purposes, and now it is too dangerous for even the most experienced boaters to enjoy. This is all in addition to the fact that we depend upon our lake for our supply of clean drinking water. Watering restrictions have caused significant financial losses for homeowners and businesses alike.

Please reduce the mandatory water releases from Lake Lanier, as proposed. Give our lake a chance to recover and give our community a chance to survive!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 8:56 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Barbara Mooney on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4057 Sandy Creek Cove  
City, St, Zip: Buford, GA 30519  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please lower the flow of water down stream to the minimum

Comments--->flow

that will maintain our streams. Extra water going down is not good we need to build up our lake to full pool.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 1:59 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Carolyn Mixon on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3560 Fleming Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->In the effort to increase water levels on our properties and enhance the real estate market on Lake Lanier please do consider releasing less water from the lake. This will help the real estate crisis that we are experiencing now which will certainly help our economy. Thank you for your consideration with this concern.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert Misita on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1740 Dogwood Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Georgia 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please consider reducing the flow out of Lake Lanier. It is doing harm beyond any expectations to our surrounding economy. Reducing the flow plays a major role in our chances to recover and conserves needed storage in Lake Lanier. Modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008. Please consider reducing the flow. thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:51 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Thomas H. Minnich on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2603 Bridgewater Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the water going downstream from Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 12:57 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tony Millwood on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4839 Propes Drive  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, GA 30566  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier should NOT be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008 5:20 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Craig Miller on 10/28/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3870 Adams Road  
City, St, Zip: Cummming, GA 30041  
County:

Comments--->Please consider reducing the the outflow over the winter.

Comments--->We

live on the lake and the water level is so low it has become too dangerous to travel the lake for fishing with out fear of hitting something just under the water. Our cove used to be filled with wildlife, and anything we can do to bring them back and return their habitat would be good for the environment.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:42 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Teri Miller on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5363 Point south Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Keeping water in Lake Lanier. It is necessary to keep as  
Comments--->much  
water in the lake as possible during this extended period of drought.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 11:14 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rick Miller & family on  
10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6196 Lakeside Drive  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce flow from Lake Lanier as requested. The Total  
poor management of the lakes resources last year got us into this mess and  
using common sense to manage the flow from Lake Lanier in the future will  
hopefully allow us to fill the lake and prevent this from happening again.

Rick Miller

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:32 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by mark milburn on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3330 canon bay  
City, St, Zip: cumming, ga 30041  
County: forsyth

Comments--->Please stop the release of water from Lake Lanier. The water of Lake Lanier is being mismanaged and squandered.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 4:25 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jeff Messerschmidt on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Concerned Citizen  
Address: 523 Austin Bridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Douglasville, Georgia 30134  
County: Paulding

Comments--->Please reduce releases from Buford Dam/Lake Lanier During these drought years. Also the long term release program needs to be reconsidered to reflect concerns regarding past excessive release policy.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 12:33 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jeff Messerschmidt on 10/15/2008  
Affiliation: Concerned Citizen  
Address: 523 Austin Bridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Douglasville, Georgia 30134  
County: Paulding

Comments---->Please use common sense and reduce water releases at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier during these drought years. Thank You, Jeff Messerschmidt

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 2:30 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by juan mendizabal on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2727 lake vista dr  
City, St, Zip: buford GA 30519  
County: gwinnett

Comments--->please stop draning the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 8:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Linda Mende on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1815 Habersham Trace  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Keep the water in Lake Lanier...Don't let it out...we need  
Comments--->it  
to get back to safe levels.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 8:56 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Philip H. Mees on 10/13/2008  
Affiliation: Water Professional, Waste Water, Class I, over 30 years!  
Address: 822 Liberty Church Road  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Given - The Lake Lanier watershed is too small to provide resources for all downstream users! There is no basis in science to require the specified releases for dilution! The severe drought in the Lanier basin continues! Unnecessary releases will jeopardize water quality and quantity in north Georgia! The people of north Georgia must come before other species, endangered or not!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 3:21 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Clifton A. Medlock, on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3790 Pacific Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Austell, GA 30106  
County: Cobb

Comments--->Please release less water from Lake Lanier. For years I have planned & saved to retire to my place on the lake. Now I can but there is no water under my dock. I have always had about 12 feet under it but for the last 2 years I have had none. We have owned a place on Lanier since 1961 & now we can't use it. I am paying dock & shoreline usage permits that are useless. I can't sell & go to another lake because no one would want to be on a dried up lake. You have ruined our lake with your lack of water management skills.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 5:37 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by william mc manus on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5775 lakeshore drive  
City, St, Zip: buford,ga. 30518  
County: hall

Comments--->I support reduced releases

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:43 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bob McLeod on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 27 Toto Creek Dr, E.  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 11:27 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lloyd McLain on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5485 N Hillbrooke Trace  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, GA 30005  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please hold more water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 1:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rose McKenna on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5715 Cherokee Trace  
City, St, Zip: Cumming GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please lower water releases to help save Lake Lanier. Thanks.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 1:07 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Victoria McKenna on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7565 Breeze Bay Rd  
City, St, Zip: Cumming GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We wholeheartedly support the Georgia EPDs request to  
Comments--->release  
less water from Lake Lanier. Please, please, please help SAVE Lake Lanier. Thank You.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 7:38 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Debra McKee on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3713 Galdway Dr  
City, St, Zip: Snellville, GA 30039  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Is there some underlying reason why the lake is being "drained"? Is there something wrong with the dam?

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 1:03 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Daniel McKee on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3713 Galdway Drive  
City, St, Zip: Snellville, GA 30039  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Please reduce the outflow of water from Lake Lanier in order to preserve our water supply. This should be done until such time our rainfall increases enough to maintain sufficient levels in the lake. As you are aware the lake is the main water source for my county. We are all conserving significantly and watch the lake levels drop faster than we can conserve. Gwinnett county has reduced consumption even while increasing its population and decreasing gpcd.

Thank you,

Dan McKee

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:33 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jim McKean on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 846 Teton Ave  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta,GA 30312  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I am asking that you reduce flow on Lake Lanier so that we  
Comments--->can  
get the Lake back up to a resonable level so that we can all benefit. If you continue to  
drain Lake Lanier we will all lose, all 3 states will not have any water.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:07 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lynnette McIntire on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1270 Buford Dam Way  
City, St, Zip: Cumming GA 30041  
County: Forsyth County

Comments--->I am writing to reduce the amount of water released from

Comments--->Lake

Lanier. My reasons are: 1) protection of the original purpose of the lake which was as a public recreation area 2)protect the environmental ecosystem of the lake, which has been adversely affected by the water level reductions 3)provide a balance between the water needs below the dam and the water quality and water needs above the dam 4)protect property values in the Cumming area and along the shoreline of Lake Lanier 5) recognize the critical drought situation that requires extraordinary action.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 10:07 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James McCoy on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Nongovernmental Organization  
Address: 212 Kelly Mill Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30040  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->On behalf of the Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce and our 1,200 members, I urge you to grant the request of the Georgia Environment Protection Division. The health of our economy depends on sufficient water levels of Lake Lanier, and as the EPD has analyzed, reduced flows will not adversely affect water quality or threaten water intakes below Buford Dam. On the other hand, this reduction alone would add approximately 11.7 billion gallons of water storage to Lake Lanier, which would help to preserve this resource and our region's livelihood.

James McCoy  
President & CEO  
Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:49 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John McCarthy on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5340 Bay Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am very distressed that in a time of crisis we are not acting to address a very critical issue with Lake Lanier. To temporarily reduce outflows for a short period (November 1, '08 to April 1, '09) of time to stem the tide of ever diminishing water levels, seems only logical. Does logic still have a place in our lifetime? I would hope so.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 7:20 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Angela Mastrogiovanni on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Industry/Commercial  
Address: 7510 Country Walk Court  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30028  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Dear Army Corp of Engineers,

Please accept my support of the Georgia EPD's request to hold more water in Lake Lanier.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to you, requesting that you reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

This action will conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier and EPD modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

Mother Nature can only do so much, to provide more water to Lake Lanier. Please do your part to contribute to bringing the lake's water level back up. If the power of change lies in a position higher than yours, please forward the people's requests to that power.

We all want to see Lake Lanier and it's surrounding residential and commercial aspects flourish once again. Thank you for hearing us.

Sincerely,  
Angela Mastrogiovanni

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rick Marton on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7382 Heard Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga., 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Plz stop draining Lake Lanier. It makes it dangerous for boaters, costing owners and marina's piles of money because of damage docks and lost revenue. There is a huge number of people around the lake that need the lake for their water supply.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 7:40 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Judy Martin on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3580 Hope Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->As a Lake Lanier homeowner, I concur with the below recommendations.

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River.

During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1.

Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 4:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by George C.Marson on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6500 Gaines Ferry Rd., C-3  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: HALL

Comments--->It is apparent that residents of the Atlanta metro area are indeed the only people that are on water restrictions in the whole of the State of GA....Lakes and rivers elsewhere are full, and yet we are still sending them our precious water. Aside from the restrictions, the economy has(is) suffering. Yes, the drought has affected all of us but certainly should not have to the extent it has to Lake Lanier. Continued drainage at the current rate will be absolute disaster come spring. Please do something now to prevent it!!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 9:32 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dane Marshall on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3820 Adams Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I have been watching the water level of Lake Lanier drop to its lowest level ever. As I read the rationale for letting water out of the lake, I have been confused by the lack of one important point. The argument is that more water is needed downstream but IF the lake had never been built, the amount of water going downstream would be much less than the amount of water that is released from the lake. There were times during the drought that the Corps was releasing more water than the amount coming in. it seems to me that it would be reasonable to require that, in times of a drought, the minimum release of water from the lake should be the same as the amount coming into the lake. My family has owned property on Lake Lanier since the early 60's. The current low water level is distressing to say the least. I have not been able to dock and use my boat for the past two summers. Please reduce the flow of water out of the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:07 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by William Marsh on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6512 Old Shadburn Ferry Rd  
City, St, Zip: Buford, GA 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->From the soldiers on the front line:

There should be no more water flowing out of Lanier than flows naturally into the lake to maintain the 1071' level (or 1073', if a better cushion were considered for seasonal fluctuations). Lake Lanier has an important function in flood control, power production (however minimal- it is "green")and recreation that protects and supports American dreams. Becoming a free-for-all drinking fountain and hose bib for the masses was never an intended purpose.

If the plan of the universe, God Almighty if you please, does not provide the rainwater needed to keep up with the excesses of the City of Atlanta and surrounding Metro areas; then, who are we to argue that the plan is wrong. Atlanta needs an alternative water source, plain and simple.

Minimize the outflow immediately. Wean Atlanta until the stream outflow is equal to the stream inflows. Simple laws of conservation, or unit operations for you engineers out there.

Enough is Enough,

Bill & Trudy Marsh

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:29 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mark Marlowe on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3667 Silver Brook Ln  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier is a valuable resource for Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. It is at the head of water flow to the Gulf of Mexico through the above mentioned states. I hope that the Corp. of Engineers can balance the requirements for water flow below the Lake Lanier Dam with the future need for water in the three states. The current drought could last a long time and it would be shortsighted to waste most of Lake Lanier's water for any unneeded demands.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 7:20 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bruce Margol on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 310 Fredericks Cove  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville,Ga,03534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Why are we destroying the Georgia basin to save other states and eco systems that would would suffer anyway in a drought situation. Pump water cross country where they are flooded and need relief to the parts of the country that are dry and need the water, it is done with fuel & gas but I guess not enough dollars in water. There are many logical solutions to this situation but the government seems to pick the illogical ones.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 5:08 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Peter Mansolillo on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1970 Ridge Rd  
City, St, Zip: Cumming , ga 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please , we are in a severe drought , yet people are  
Comments--->watering  
the lawns & streets with sprinklers, its time for an enforcable ban.  
& with all the storms in florida, why are we still letting water out ata record pace.  
thanks

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 12:19 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Alexander Malenky on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6396 Nichols Rd  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA  
County: Hall

Comments--->the drought is killing the plants and the now exposed roots

Comments--->of

the vegetation that was under water. Trees are falling and habitat of fish is disturbed,  
not to mention the property values.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 9:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Valeria Maier on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 510 Sycamore Street  
City, St, Zip: Decatur, GA 30030-1956  
County: Hall and DeKalb

Comments--->Lake Lanier is a vital resource for drinking water, recreation, and dispersal of treated wastewater. A determination needs to be made as to how much water needs to be released to protect downstream water quality, and outflows should be reduced to the minimum necessary until the lake refills to healthier levels.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 12, 2008 8:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard Madden on 10/12/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8290 Bennett Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->As a resident of North Georgia we have watched our lawns and now our trees die due to the extended drought. Our family and neighbors have significantly cut back water usage over the past year due to mandatory water restrictions while residents in Alabama and Florida who benefit from the Buford Dam water releases have no water restrictions whatsoever. Please reduce the amount of water being released until rainfall returns to normal.

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October 13, 2008

Colonel Byron G. Jorns, District Commander  
Mobile District, USACE  
Attn: CESAM-DE  
P.O. Box 2288  
Mobile, AL 36628-0001

Re: Lake Lanier

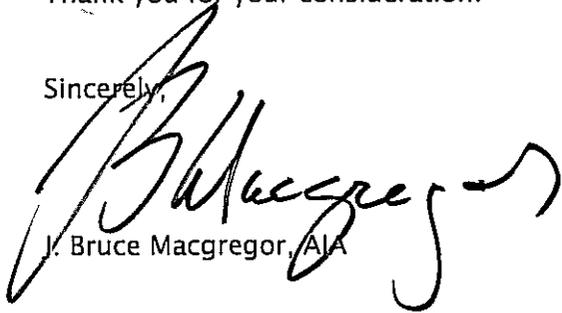
Dear Colonel:

As a concerned resident of Atlanta, I am requesting that the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

I am also a property owner on Lake Lanier and have witnessed the extremely low lake level. Should this drought continue, I believe the health and economic welfare of metropolitan Atlanta is at risk. By my guesstimate, I believe that approx. 30 - 40% of the lake has been drained and the drought is not over.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



J. Bruce Macgregor, AIA

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:17 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Marty Lyons on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3360 Shady Cove Road,  
City, St, Zip: Cumming GA 30041  
County: Fosyth

Comments--->I believe that less water should be released from Lake  
Comments--->Lanier  
to make the lake safer and as insurance if the draught continues.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:11 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Harry Lynch on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 68 Lake Terrace Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Reduction of releases from Lake Lanier as a help in reducing the concentration of pollutants allowing more recovery from the drought over the winter. Thanks for your consideration. God Bless, Harry & Beverly Lynch

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:58 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by C. L. Luker on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8395 Lynn Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum flow of water from Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:05 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mike Luker on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8395 Lynn Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce releases from Lake Lanier per the request.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 12:31 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Harvey Ludlam on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9065 Walnut Cove Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Recreational use of Lake Lanier almost has come to a

Comments--->complete

halt due to low water levels. Ramps are unusable thus restricting use of the lake to thousands of boaters. Docks are getting damaged and boating is extremely dangerous due to the low water levels. The economic impact is immense to the area as marinas, restaurants, bait shops, real estate, gas stations, boat repair services, etc are all suffering from the low use of the lake due to water levels. Please reduce the release of water to maintain some semblance of a lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 10:00 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Paul Lucas on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3575 Monroe Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA. 30506  
County: HALL

Comments--->I support this change.

Paul Lucas

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:50 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Amy Looby on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5760 Quail Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier ASAP.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:50 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Heather Looby on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8480 Bullock Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier ASAP.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:37 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Teresa Longo on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5420 Pine Forest Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Will you please hold more water in Lake Lanier. This is

Comments--->just

nuts seeing the lake dwindle down. How are you going to manage all the imploded docks on the lake? What about all the clams being stranded on our shores?

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 8:46 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Nelson Logan on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1735 Juliette Lane  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30040  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The Water Management Plan for Lake Lanier needs to be

Comments--->modified

to provide for the current drought that we are experiencing and any future droughts. I understand the need for "downstream" water and wildlife concerns must enter into the equation, but if there were no lake lanier, the "downstream" would feel the effects of the drought as much as the Lanier basin communities. Thus, I think that when we are in drought, the water release should be restricted more and more as the drought gets worse and worse.

Thank you for listening and acting to improve the Water Management Plan for Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:28 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by George Lipscomb on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: select one  
Address: 2285 Valley Brook Way  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30319  
County: DeKalb

Comments--->Please reduce the amount of water being released from Lake Lanier. Drinking water for the Atlanta metro area will be more available and business related to recreational use of the lake will benefit.

It seems the release amount is set without regard to rainfall downriver from Atlanta. It seems the flow could be reduced as rainfall in the basin occurs as it did during recent hurricanes.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:53 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Scott Lippman on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3500 Montvale Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->PLEASE hold more water in Lake Lanier. The negative effect  
Comments--->of  
this situation is further reaching than anyone can imagine.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 12:07 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kim Lingle on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6479 Samson Road  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->I believe it is imperative to protect the water levels in

Comments--->Lake

Lanier for many reasons. The drought in Georgia continues with no obvious end in sight. Continuing to drain water from the lake as though we are not in a serious drought situation does not make sense. The extremely low water levels impact the economics of the area for both companies and individuals. (Not only has the recent mortgage crisis impacted the value of my home, but the fact that I no longer own lake property has caused my values to plummet! Technically, the county should re-evaluate the values of properties in the area. I believe values should be adjusted downward, meaning lower tax income for the county.) Marinas, boat repair/upkeep companies, recreational companies, local resorts, fishing companies, local Mom and Pop stores, etc. have all been negatively impacted by the low water levels. Safety is also a huge concern for those who continue to boat on the lake. Obstacles never before seen are now exposed or, more dangerously, only partially exposed causing the potential for dangerous boating accidents (boats and PWCs). Lastly, and most importantly, we need to preserve this very important Atlanta area water source. We cannot predict when rainfall will return to "normal" levels. We need to do a better job planning for and protecting against the unexpected severe drought. I implore you to PLEASE REDUCE the amount of water being pulled/drained from Lake Lanier!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:36 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Larry Levin on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3719 Wavespray Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I feel that the Corp. needs to be more proactive in  
Comments--->protecting  
our lake. Thanks.  
Larry Levin

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2008 9:06 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Thomas F. Letsch on 10/23/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6712 Horse Shoe Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Dear Sir/Madam:

My husband and I (Eileen F. Letsch) own property and docks in both Hall County and Forsyth County on Lake Lanier. One property is a house and the other is an empty lot, both on Lake Lanier. We reside full time in Martin County, Florida and spend about 3 months per year in Georgia. We will retire to Georgia within a year or so.

We cannot understand why the Corps. is draining water from Lake Lanier into Florida. Florida has not stopped raining since June 2008 and they are draining Lake Okeechobee because the levels are too high. Yet in Georgia, I cannot water my landscaping and Lake Lanier looks terrible. I have a considerable investment in Georgia, i.e.:real estate, docks and boat and cannot understand the logic of continuing to drain Lake Lanier when Lake Okeechobee is being drained with too much water.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:18 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Scott Leonard on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2225 Nix Bridge Rd  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I fully support the Georgia Environmental Protection

Comments--->Division

request to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 6:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by sheila leibovic on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: select one  
Address: 12828 marlboro st  
City, St, Zip: los angeles, ca 90049  
County:

Comments--->We wholeheartedly support Georgia EPD's request to hold more water in Lake Lanier. This is essential and will not cause any harm to the environment or any species.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Willard E. Lee on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 122 Jennifer Lane  
City, St, Zip: Lilburn, GA 30047  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->While I understand the need for water downstream (whether I totally agree with it or not), we should be reducing water releases from the dam as water coming into the lake from its watershed is reduced due to drought. Normal releases during a drought should be lowered based on some ratio of how much the inflow to the lake has been reduced from normal.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 12:29 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Elizabeth Lauster on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3970 Sundown Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Georgia EPD letter to Corps to reduce flow to 420 MGD in winter: As a resident of Hall County and a homeowner with lakefront property on Lake Lanier, I am in support of this proposition. The status of our beautiful lake is pathetic at this time and we need to do all we can to build it back up to the level it should be at during the Spring and Summer months. Right now, it is so low, that is very dangerous to even just drive a boat, especially on the North end of the lake where I live. Please approve this recommendation!

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Lauster

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:01 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Darryl Lanier on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 160 Hialeah  
City, St, Zip: Roswell, GA 3007  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Folks,

Please reduce the flow through Buford Dam to increase the lake level to preserve our water supply and return the lake to previous levels, to provide for safe recreational activity and protect property values.

While visiting Lake Lanier recently I noticed that there were large quantities of freshwater mussels open and dead on the shore. Surely this must also be taken into consideration.

I understand that it may possibly be harmful to the lower Chattahoochee wildlife however Franklin County Florida has less than 20,000 residents and Atlanta has two point five million.

Any further questions please feel free to contact me:

Darryl Lanier  
404-218-0077  
dlanier@mindspring.com

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 2:29 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lanier Technical College Foundation on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Nongovernmental Organization  
Address: 2990 Landrum Education Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30566  
County: Hall and Forsyth

Comments--->The Lanier Technical College Foundation is a non-profit organization that offers financial support to students attending Lanier Tech campuses on both east and west sides of Lake Lanier. We also solicit and provide financial and in-kind support to the college to help begin new career programs. While our strategic plan included beginning a Marine Systems Technology program, the Lake Lanier Marinas who were our major start-up supporters of this program have to back out. The severe drought conditions on Lake Lanier have trickled down to become severe financial conditions for the boating industry. Therefore the college expansion into this career field of training has also been stopped indefinitely.

Anything you can do to slow the release of water from Buford Dam of Lake Lanier and allow the lake level to stop dropping and recoup its drastic decline is needed.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Carol Spires, Executive Director  
Lanier Technical College Foundation, Inc.  
Institutional Advancement Office  
2990 Landrum Education Drive  
Oakwood, GA 30566  
ph: 770-531-6396  
fax: 770-531-2720  
cspires@laniertech.edu  
www.laniertech.edu

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Joel Lanham on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6230 Browns Bridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Georgia 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier is over 17 feet low already and it is effecting the quality of life for everyone on the lake and the many businesses that depend on the lake. It is already at historic levels for this time of year and is going to take a long time to refill even if the local rainfall returned to normal levels. We are in the 3rd fall of our drought with no end in sight. We need some relief to the amount of water being released downstream. I am asking the corp to reduce the amount of water being released until we can see what is going to happen over the winter. Thank You

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 12:19 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Alyssa Lane on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3687 Jewell Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please increase the water level of Lake Lanier by decreasing the amount of water released at the dam.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:39 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Fred Landers on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5065 Falcon Chase Lane  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, Ga 30342  
County: Fulton

Comments--->It would make sense that since Lake Laniers power generation is archaic and downstream navigation is minimal that the main use for and that the primary use is now fow water needs of the metro area. Therefore to release more water than comes into its watershed area is counterproductive and threatens the quality of human life in the metro area during periods of extreme drought

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Carole Lampley on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8605 Anchor on Lanier Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am requesting that the Army Corp of Engineers approve the request by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. As a homeowner on Lake Lanier, I have seen the lake level drop daily and see no end in the near future to the continued drought in the area. Unless immediate steps are taken by the Corp of Engineers to decrease the daily withdrawals from Lake Lanier, I am worried that lake will not recover in the foreseeable future even with a return of normal rainfall. Thank you for your consideration.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:33 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Don Lampley on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8605 Anchor on Lanier Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Seriously consider the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's letter to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. Adequate water supplies and the real beauty of Lake Lanier have not been seen in over two years.

The EPD letter requests this action to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier and states that its modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:47 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John LaMay on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2590 Cove Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please consider the Georgia EPD's request for reduced  
Comments--->releases  
from Buford Dam to achieve a min of 650 cfs at Peachtree Creek from 11/1/08-4/30/09.

Based on the prolonged drought conditions for the region creating the inability to replenish the drinking water for the states most populated areas, we feel the flows need to be reduced. Per the Georgia EPD, reduced flows will not have an impact on down stream water quality. Allowing more storage now will decrease the risk of any future drinking water crisis. We are already dealing with some of the most difficult problems we have to face in our lifetime with the gas shortage and the current economic crisis; we don't want or need a drinking water shortage to become the next crisis.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 4:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lori Lake on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3515 Greystone Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I have clients that can't sell their homes due to The  
Comments--->drought  
and so much water being released from the lake....Some areas where the lake used to be  
look like moonscape now...

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:16 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gary LaClair on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6025 Carriage Dr  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30028  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River;

During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1;

Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought;

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:53 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Glenn LaBoda on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4990 Whitewater Dr  
City, St, Zip: Norcross, GA 30092  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->It seems obvious to me that in times of drought water flow through the entire river system should be metered in a way that reflects the reduced input to the watershed. After all, if there were no dams the Chattahoochie would be a trickle and salt water would have reached Bainbridge.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 8:07 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Judith Kump on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Federal Agency  
Address: 9200 Lan Mar Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We, at Port Royale Marina, believe that our environment is being destroyed at Lake Lanier and every wildlife living on the lake is in grave danger, from lack of water and nesting areas.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008 4:42 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ross Kuhl on 10/28/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2560 Maple Creek Ct.  
City, St, Zip: 30078  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->The reduction is necessary since the drought appears not to abate. The very small amount of adjustment is welcomed but why have you waited to this late date to start making more adjustments. There are way to many laws and organizations pulling the strings of the Corps. management of the ACF.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 7:36 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Stephen Kruse on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3896 High Green Place  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, Ga. 30068  
County: Cobb

Comments--->PLEASE reduce the releases of water from Lake Lanier

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 11:17 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kent Krogh on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3323 Marina View Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lowering of the Lake has already cost me hundreds of dollars to prevent my boat slip from extensive damage. Need higher water levels to insure safe boating for my family.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 12:26 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ginny Kreutzer on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5570 Ashmoore Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, Ga. 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->We desperately need a temporary drought contingency deviation/waiver of water management operations at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier to reduce releases necessary to meet water quality standards of Atlanta, Chattahoochee River, Georgia. The residents are living a "hardship" in order to conserve water. We could use a little assistance to make the impact of our efforts even more noticeable. Thank you in advance for consideration in this matter. Ginny Kreutzer

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 9:20 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Stan & Barbara Kovacic on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3626 Lodgehaven Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier is Atlanta's prime recreation area and water source and therefore extremely important for our economy. As the lake recedes to cover muscles in Florida, our marine life suffers the consequences as evidenced by the numerous empty shells on the dry banks. The lake has not recovered in two years and the trend may continue for years to come. The Corps needs to restrict flow of water downstream and let the lake come to full pool during the rainy spring season. And restrict the flow of water downstream, especially when they are getting rain and we are not! It also stands to reason that if we are in a severe drought up here, then downstream also suffers the effects of drought, just as though there was no dam up here. We feel it would help to raise the full pool level of the lake, since drought conditions may well continue or happen again. Please revise the Water Control Manual and save Lake Lanier!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:32 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gene Korzeniewski on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1813 Watuga Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please consider the request to reduce flow during the fall /  
winter period. Thank you for your consideration.  
Gene

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Diane Korzeniewski on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1813 Watuga Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the flow from Lake Lanier. We should all  
Comments--->share  
in conservation, not just Hall/Forsyth and Gwinnett. We cannot continue to put our lake  
in peril. We depend on it for water, and the business of recreation.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Rick Kononen [RKononen@firstcherokeestate.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:49 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

Please reduce the amount of water being released from Lake Lanier. Our drinking water is at stake. Thanks for any consideration on this matter. Sincerely,

Rick Kononen

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Patsy Kononen [pkononen@alltel.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 10:14 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier on a permanent basis. Georgia's drinking water supply needs to be given top priority. We appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Patsy Kononen

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:41 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard Koenig on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4210 Etcetera Lane  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We support thr following:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:47 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mark Kirves on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3661 Davis Bridge Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please, Please, Please do anything that you can, to help keep water in Lake Lanier, please reduce the minimum amount flow in the Chattahoochee river basin, and allow the lake a chance to rise. From what I have heard all of the other lakes that are supplied by the Chattahoochee are at or near full pool, so perhaps they can spare a little water for Lanier. Thank you, Mark

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 4:48 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Anne L. Kirk on 10/19/2008  
Affiliation: Forsyth County Landowner of 4 lots on Lake Lanier  
Address: 2944 Greenrock Trail  
City, St, Zip: Doraville, GA 30340  
County: DeKalb County, home address

Comments--->Please help us preserve our beautiful lake by releasing as little water as possible! We are using much less water at home in order to keep our water supply safer, but can do so much less than you can.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 18, 2008 12:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by deirdre e kirk on 10/18/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9235 four mile creek rd  
City, St, Zip: gainesville gz. 30506  
County: forsyth

Comments--->I look out on the lake every day. Something must soon be done, the Army Corp must consider a new plan for this great lake which is quickly disappearing.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James M. Kingery on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1168 Byrnwyck Way  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30319  
County: Dekalb

Comments--->Request to reduce flow from Buford Dam/Lanier to the  
Chattahoochee River:

As an avid boater, I am very familiar with the communities surrounding Lake Lanier and the devastating impact to the local economy as a result of water releases from the lake. Marina's are losing revenue, boat yard employees out of work, boat repair, property value, local food and provision suppliers, restaraunts and so on throughout the eco chain.

If release rates can be reduced without substantial negative impact downstream, they should be to avoid further destruction of the local economies. Additionally, most boats on the lake cannot be "hailed" leading to vessels in poor repair and further degredation of the entire community. The once thriving economy is now on it's knees bracing for years of tough times. Maintaining current lake levels does keep some traffic on the lake and this should be on of the elements considered in a macro review of the overall lake and release situation.

Please call to discuss or for additional feedback - 404 313 4471.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** jim@eking.tv  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 12:37 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

**Attachments:** image001.jpg



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Dear Sir,

I live on Lake Lanier. We have a tree that is just off of our point that is in the middle of the lake in 50 ft of water. It is a major danger to anyone boating here. It is closer than I remembered from last year. We could have hit it and done major damage... or even caused serious injury, or loss of life.

There is another tree in the middle of the lake just east of use that is in deep water.

What can be done to eliminate these obstacles???

Jim king

770-531-1244

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:08 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Troy King on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4925 Fox Run Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am support of reducing the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

I understand that the modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

Thank you for this consideration,  
Troy King

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:36 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sharon King on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3366 Harbour Point Parkway  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments---->Please stop draining Lake Lanier

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 11:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mary Jo Kilman on 10/20/2008

Affiliation:  
Address: 2940 Ascot Lane  
City, St, Zip: Roswell, GA  
County: Fulton

Comments--->We purchased a lot on Lake Lanier two years ago and have not been able to continue with building a home due to the unsettled issues with lake levels. Owning a home there today is less than appealing....boating there is simply too dangerous with the low lake levels Please consider protecting the environment as well as investments in lake front property thank you joey kilman

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jordan Kiel on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1634 Richwood Drive NE  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30319  
County: DeKalb

Comments--->Please reduce this amount and keep the water in GA!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 8:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jan Kidd on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 79 New Brunswick Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Suwanee, Ga. 30024  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 8:29 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by David Kidd on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2133 Millgate Lane  
City, St, Zip: Buford, Ga. 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:00 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Peter Kiang on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3758 Harbour Landing Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier water level is too low, so please reduce the outflow whenever possible. Thanks.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kevin on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3033 Greenfield drive  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, Ga. 30068-3214  
County: cobb

Comments--->I am a Atlanta native, i have used the Lake since inception.  
my Father use to take us fishing up there. Even as boy scouts we have camped along the  
banks. This is the worst i have seen it since 78. Please retain more water to help prevent  
this condition from degradation further.  
Thank you Kj

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 9:18 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Janet Kettyle on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3583 Lakeview Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County: Hall

Comments---->Please do not release any more water from Lake Sidney Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 9:20 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gregg Kettle on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3585 Ridge Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County:

Comments--->Help keep our water in the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 11:44 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brad Kern on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3838 Starboard Point  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville,GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please consider releasing less water from lake lanier until

Comments--->we

get adequate rain fall, and able to replenish our water resources. We the people are doing our best to preserve our water resources, and would like the U.S. Army Corp. to do the same. In addition, please consider raising the "full pool" level to something more than 1071 to help assist against drought conditions in the future.

Thank you for listening and taking comments.

Respectfully,

Brad and Jenny Kern

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 7:14 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kenneth on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6010 Robbs drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041-4662  
County: McAvoy

Comments--->We are a retired couple. We chose to live on Lake Lanier to be able to see our 10 Grandchildren enjoy themselves while we are in our "GOLDEN YEAR". Needless to say they have no reason to visit us when they can't enjoy the Lake at the same time. The quality of life we worked for all our lives is not what we spend all these years working for.

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for ANY reason. Especially for Mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River.

Raise Lake Lanier's to full pool (1071 to 1073) thereby adding enough water for us to enjoy the Lake. We realize this would be an addition 26 Billion gallons.

During the Rainy season....like immediately.....make certain the Lake reached full pool by May 1st.

Place mandates that in drought conditions like we've seen the last two years the amount of water taken out is automatically set in place.

Work hard to have the pipeline from the Tennessee River put in place to use in emergency situations only.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the above.

Ken and Alice McAvoy + our 10 Grandchildren

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:08 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gina Kendrick on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3865 Corinth Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Hall

Comments---->WE ABSOLUTELY MUST KEEP MORE WATER IN LAKE LANIER. I HAVE LIVED ON THIS LAKE FOR OVER 20 YEARS & THE LACK OF WATER IS AFFECTING NOT ONLY OUR RECREATION BUT OUR ECONOMY AS WELL. AS A REALTOR, THIS LAKE ISSUE IS A MAJOR PROBLEM.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 9:22 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Joe Keith on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4056 Vinings Mill Trail  
City, St, Zip: Smyrna, GA 30080  
County: Cobb

Comments--->Please approve this waiver and hold more water in Lake Lanier.  
Please also consider raising the nominal full pool level to provide better drought  
protection in the future. thanks!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 2:49 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Leslie Kane on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4592 Lakeview Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, ga 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->We have been an land owner on Lake Lanier for several years and would like to build and become a full time resident. However, the lake levels in Lanier are at dangerous lows where we cannot even use the lake for any type of activity due to the dangerous conditions. Our property values have decreased dramatically and we now have 60 feet of beachfront that should not be visible. The business's in the area are hurting financially and the economic state of Hall County and the parks system is at an all time low...When I drive to Alabama and see how HIGH the levels are in their lakes I wonder why it is necessary to reduce our levels as dramatically as been done. Please consider not reducing our levels during a drastic drought period for the next several months. I know that our community has been using 25% less water and we have been banned from watering etc for over a year. Thanking you in advance, leslie Kane

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Ileana Jowell [Dav3@alltel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 1:03 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** PLEASE DECREASE THE FLOW OF LAKE LANIER INTO ATLANTA!

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 8:00 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brad Jordan on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5618 Kegs Circle  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, GA 30566  
County: Hall

Comments--->Our lake level has been down for too long and it is time to take some action to reduce the flow of water. How long must this go on? I endorse and support this drought contingency deviation waiver and the countless people I've talked to in the past month all agree.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 9:15 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by jennifer jones on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3542 Morning Creek Ct  
City, St, Zip: Suwanee,GA 30024  
County: gwinnett

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 10:08 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Polly Jones on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3176 Alenes Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->This seems like a reasonable idea. Please consider this request.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lance Jones on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 121 Stonecliff Cove  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, Georgia 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I am writing to agree with the letter that the Georgia Environmental Agency sent you inreference to reducing the outflow of the lake between November 08 and April 09. In another comment the loss in water in the lake has dramatically reduced the value of my property and all other home owners on the lake, please do what you can to hold lake levels.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 10:54 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Chuck Jonaitis on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5740 Charleston Bay Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->You need to do whatever you need to do to preserve our water.  
I have watched the levels drop and even with conservation something needs to be done to assure we have drinking water for our use.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 4:05 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Johnson Family on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4340 Green Hill Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am all for slowing the flow of water out of Lake

Comments--->Lanier....I

think the Corps idea to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009 is a terrific idea and hope it happens. I also think we need to really evaluate how much is let down stream into Florida and Alabama....they have been getting far more rain they we have and they are no longer in drought conditions, so I feel maybe letting up there as well may be a good idea...if just for awhile to help Lake Lanier get back to some better levels!  
Thanks!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 5:40 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gary Johnson on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7860 Scenic Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please look around Florida and Alabama and see the rainfall that they have received this year that is greater than the rainfall that was received over the Lanier basin. We still have no recovered from the mistake that the Corp made two years ago when it released four (4) feet of water by (using your Officers terms) a mistake. If the Corp was a private company then those employees who made this (mistake) would have lost their employment with the company. Instead, your Officer Jack Taylor makes fun of people with disabilities and laughs off the question of the four feet. It is time to restore the four feet of water to our lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:21 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Paul Michael Iuvone on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2674 River Oak Dr  
City, St, Zip: Decatur, GA, 30033  
County: DeKalb

Comments---->Please reduce flow through Buford Dam to conserve water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:20 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James Inglis on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4719 Green River Court  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, Georgia, 30068  
County: Cobb

Comments--->I urge the Army Corps accept the recommendation to lower the flow out of Lake Lanier by 13% during the period Nov. 01 through Apr. 30. The lake is already lower than it was last year at this time. Action needs to be taken now to protect Atlanta's water source and to prevent further economic damage to homeowners and businesses that depend on Lake Lanier's health.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 4:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ted Hyatt on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5681 Stillwater Ct  
City, St, Zip: Stone Mountain, GA 30087  
County: Dekalb

Comments--->In support of the GA. EPD request, a reduction in outflow

Comments--->from

Buford Dam/ Lake Lanier is greatly needed to increase current elevations.  
This will serve to both enhance recreational use of Lake Lanier, and to preserve the  
valuable resource of water for all Atlanta area residents and businesses.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 11:45 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Margaret Hutchison on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3831 Courtyard Dr, also houseboat on Lake Lanier  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, Ga 30339  
County: Cobb/Hall

Comments---->Dear Sirs:

It is very difficult to understand just why keeping the water in Lake Lanier is even an issue. As you know, Lake Lanier is the water source for Atlanta as well as provides many jobs in these difficult times. It seems that since you erred last year by releasing water, requests for holding present water in the lake is a reasonable request.

You mistake has contributed to our present situation. Are mussels more important than human lives and multiple livelihoods? We need the common sense approach here please.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 7:37 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by JJ Hutchison on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1463 Pebble Creek Rd  
City, St, Zip: Marietta GA 30067  
County: Cobb

Comments--->I have fished the lower river hundreds of times in the past

Comments--->25

years. I

live adjacent to the park. I conserve water and have always disliked sprinkler systems. I hate to see the minimum flow reduced, but it looks to me like the way to go for now.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 11:44 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Margaret Hutchison on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3831 Courtyard Dr  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, Ga 30339  
County: Cobb/Hall

Comments--->Dear Sirs:

It is very difficult to understand just why keeping the water in Lake Lanier is even an issue. As you know, Lake Lanier is the water source for Atlanta as well as provides many jobs in these difficult times. It seems that since you erred last year by releasing water, requests for holding present water in the lake is a reasonable request.

Your mistake has contributed to our present situation. Are mussels more important than human lives and multiple livelihoods? We need the common sense approach here please.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 7:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ronald Hutchinson Family on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6411 Point Twenty two  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->We strongly support the The Georgia EPD request of 10/10/08 for reduced flows from Lake Lanier. Our investment in lake property is at stake as well as the quality of life we expected when we moved her five tears ago.  
Thanks for your attention.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:38 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Angela Drew-Morris on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: select one  
Address: 204 Lakewood Drive  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Please allow as much water to remain in the lake as is feasible. Maintain the minimal outflow at the dam. If our rainfall continues next year to be below normal we will imperil not only the lake but those who depend upon it, both here and downstream. Let us act with some common sense and let it out sparingly.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 2:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Larry F. Preiss on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3637 Lodgehave Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->

PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE REGARDING LAKE LANIER

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 3:35 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brenda Preiss on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3637 Lodgehaven Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments---->PLEASE REDUCE RELEASES FROM LAKE LANIER. The dry clay banks are evaporating all moisture making it harder for the lake to refill. There is no reason during this extreme drought to let out record levels of lake water when Atlanta and all areas south have had 3 times more rain.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:17 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kevin Powell on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1492 Hadaway Trail  
City, St, Zip: lawrenceville, Ga 30043  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier ASAP.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:52 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Leonard Powell on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 36 Sunrise Ct  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I support the reduction of water release from Lake Lanier.  
Continuing to drain the lake during this drought seems totally irresponsible to me.  
Continued water release with little or no replenishment source leads to an ultimate dry  
lakebed that benefits no one, upstream, downstream, or otherwise. Leonard & Kathy Powell

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 6:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Linda Poston on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4125 Etcetera Lane  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Georgia 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We have lived on Lake Lanier for 12 years and our home on

Comments--->the

lake is our investment for our retirement and has been a wonderful place for our children and grandchildren. The water has never left our cove until this year and it is now bone dry. (BR-5 Turdle Cove near the Girl Scout Camp). We do not have a waterfront lot at this time and it greatly affects our income for our retirement. PLEASE CHANGE THE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT IS RELEASED SO THAT OUR LAKE CAN FILL BACK UP. AFTER IT FILLS UP, MY REQUEST WOULD BE THAT THE CORPS MANAGEMENT WOULD ONLY RELEASE THE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT ACTUALLY COMES IN FROM UPSTREAM TO FLOW DOWN STREAM. IF WE DID NOT HAVE THE WATERSHED, THAT WOULD BE THE NATURAL FLOW ANYWAY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF OUR REQUEST.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 9:11 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Joyce Pope on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: Lot #269 3572 Water Front Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Requesting the reduction of flow of water OUT of Lake Lanier

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2008 9:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ronald Plumlee on 10/23/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6119 Old Federal Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->It will be interesting to see how everyone downstream reacts when the drought continues, and the lake drops into the 1,035 range. What, if anything, is the State of Alabama doing, or what have they done, to help the situation? Have they built any dams? Imposed strict conservation standards? Looked at ways to redirect any of their own vast water resources? Does it not rain in Alabama?

The only certainty is that if outflows from Lake Lanier are not reduced in times of drought, it is a simple matter of time before we will all suffer the consequences. How can it be justified to drop the lake level every single day for months on end with no rain in sight? It certainly does appear that no one person or entity is actually in charge of anything but finger pointing and pontification. Net result: 20 years of arguments.

Pathetic. If it were a business being managed, everyone remotely connected to water control in Lake Lanier would be summarily fired (along with three so-called governors). Give some high school class this project for 90 days....we all might learn something. Too bad nobody can take a little leadership when the lake does come up and actually quit talking and start doing by going 1073 for full pool, a complete no brainer that will, like all else, be talked to death but not acted upon. Have a nice day.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 4:22 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Betty Piper on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6713 Crestwood Peninsula  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the water flow between November and April. Our community is in a state of dire need and the recent two weeks of our economy have made that much worse. Our boat has been out of the water for a year now. Our marina and the next marina suffer lost revenue. There are so many slips up on dry land. Please hear our cry. Blessings, betty

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 4:51 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Linda J. Pine on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 663 Royer Ct  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30342  
County: Fulton

Comments---> I agree that water conservation is critical to Georgia. As

Comments---> an

Atlanta resident,I would be willing to conserve water in order to help maintain the Lake Lanier levels at a higher level. I suggest and agree that the amount of water being released from Lake Lanier should be reduced in order to maintain higher lake levels.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 18, 2008 4:14 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Linda Pine on 10/18/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5974 Grant Ford Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I agree with the proposal to diminish the flow out of Lake Lanier during this time of extreme drought in an attempt to maintain the lake levels at a higher level. Thanks you

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:25 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by David Pierce on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3331 Chestatee Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30501  
County: hall

Comments---->Please

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 8:37 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Andrew Piccolo on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2360 Donnie Lee Dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA  
County: USA

Comments--->I am greatly in favor of a temporary drought contingency

Comments--->waver

of water management operations at Lake Lanier. This drought has hit the local economy, the environment and the reservoir extremely hard these last couple years. It is unconscionable to continue to let water out of the lake at the same volumes now as we do when we have normal rainfall. I believe outflows should largely reflect inflows as they once did before there was a lake here at all. In fact one of the goals building the lake was to be able to stop the yearly flooding of the Apalachicola Bay area. Somehow that has turned into us maintaining an artificially high river level when there is no inflow upstream to support it. The water management policies and procedures need to be updated to reflect the current reality and to have policies that make sense for times of extreme drought.

Andy Piccolo

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:53 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Phillips on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6355 Spring Lake Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->The recreational use of Lake Lanier has been severely

Comments--->impacted

by the current unsubstantiated release of precious water resources.

Businesses and recreational activities are operating at an all time low due to the low levels of water.

Atlanta has continued to operate outside the law and has paid daily fines so that it can continue to break the law in illegal discharges into the river forcing the draining of the lake to clean up the problem in the river. This should not be allowed to happen since the industries, residents and recreational users at or around the lake are severely impacted with no relief.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:24 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Joseph Petkosh on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9120 Ivy Shaw Landing  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA. 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments---> I am requesting the Corps of Engineers to reduce the  
Comments---> minimum  
amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between  
November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons  
a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in  
Lake Lanier.

I urge you to consider the EPD letter that requests this action to conserve needed storage  
in Lake Lanier. The letter states that its modeling has shown that water quality at  
Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May  
2008.

Thank you for your time on this very important matter, Joseph Petkosh

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 5:42 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by William Perkins on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2000 Felton Place  
City, St, Zip: Buford, Ga. 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Lake lanier is a disaster area. Any lake reliant business is gone or in distress. The drinking water source will be the next crisis. Take a good look. DISASTER

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:14 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by James O. Perkins on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5533 Mainsail Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please temporarily deviate from your normal releases, to a level at 420 mgd. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 4:16 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Justo A. Perez on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3471 Westhampton Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please consider this request very seriously for a temporary drought contingency/waiver of water management operations at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier to reduce releases to meet water quality standards at Atlanta, Chattahoochee River, Georgia. Thank-you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:45 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Adam Pendleton on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5940 Wills Orchard Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30040  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Based on the information provided by The Georgia

Comments--->Environmental

Protection Division, we request that the Army Corps of Engineers reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

Because modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008, we feel that this change is warranted and necessary.

As a property owner in the area, and because my livelihood is directly effected by the survival of the lake community and commerce, we request this change.

Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 6:25 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
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The Following Comments were submitted by Fred Pember on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 600 Woodland Circle  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I am writing in support of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division request to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2008 10:33 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brent Pearson on 10/23/2008

Affiliation: Industry/Commercial  
Address: Port Royale Marina, 9200 Lan Mar Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Regarding the request of the GA EPD to reduce flow from Lake Lanier for a period of time this winter, if water quality were not adversely affected, we as Marina owners and operators on Lake Lanier are 110% supportive of ANY measures to reduce outflow from Lanier in this critical period. We have all made it through last winter at about 1050, and are prepared for that level again. However, if it falls much below 1050, then that is "unknown" territory for us and it becomes much less clear what to do, how to react, how much money it will take to mitigate that lower level, how many customers we will lose, etc.

With the current severe economic issues and uncertainty, frozen credit, and falling water levels we have a "perfect storm" which will surely cause bankruptcy or "fire sale" of at least one, perhaps two or more marinas on Lanier this winter. That will cost jobs, customers, and of course wipe out the owners, who have spent their career developing marina property to provide greater public use and access of Lake Lanier.

The Corps can't do much to mitigate economic and credit conditions, but if there is anything they can do to help control the water level, then they should absolutely exercise that control and try to keep the low level from falling below about 1048-1050 this winter.

Thank you,  
Brent Pearson  
Port Royale Marina

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:59 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sandra Pasek on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6669 Grand Marina Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->It is imperative for the economy that the Lake Lanier levels rize to avoid the continued economic downturn. The lake provides much more than recreation. Please help!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 9:08 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dennis Paschedag on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7005 Lighthouse Pointe  
City, St, Zip: Cumming GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Dear Sirs:

As a resident on the shores of Lake Lanier in Forsyth County, I'm very concerned about the following issues:

1. Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River;
2. During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1;
3. Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought;
4. Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

We need and value your support of the above.

The Paschedag Family  
Cumming, GA

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 7:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by kathy Parker on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6334 lights ferry road  
City, St, Zip: flowery branch, ga 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->I feel the reduction in the release of water from Lake

Comments--->Lanier

will not only be beneficial to the lake but also, the people who rely on the lake for income. I fully support the reduction that is being proposed.

Sincerely,

Kathy Parker  
Land Owner in Hall County

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 10:16 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert Parker on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3675 Jewell Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->This is to respectfully request that the Corps of Engineers

Comments--->do

whatever it can to please help protect Lake Lanier. What has happened with the lake level is terrible and anything you can do to help it recover faster would be greatly appreciated by all.

Thanks!

Robert Parker

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 6:37 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jenny Papevies on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1158 Byrnwyck CT  
City, St, Zip: 30319  
County: dekalb

Comments--->Dear Government,

Please let Florida and Alabama worry about their own water issues....maybe build their own Lake Lanier.

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River;

Because it was a mistake by the Corp that Lake Lanier is so low and has never recovered, I think during the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1;

Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought;

Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

The full pool should definitely be raised. If the Corp can keep the level of the lake consistent when it is low, then it certainly can do it when it is at full pool.

I have been a property owner on the lake for 25 years. We really NEVER had any long term problems during that time. We had the same head of the Corp managing that lake for most of those years. It has only been since he left a few years ago, that the Corp has totally been mismanaged.

Why should our lake suffer due to your mismanagement of our lake?

Jenny Papevies



STEVE & EILEEN PANKOW

Dear Sir:

10/15/08

I am in agreement with the Ga. Environmental Protection Division's proposal to reduce the amount of flow by at least 13%.

Many people/companies<sup>r</sup> have been negatively affected by the low lake levels. This is just one more reason why we should all work together to keep levels as steady as

possible until Mother Nature  
co-operates.

Thank you—  
Eileen Pankow



Mrs Steven Pankow  
9195 Mainsail Dr  
Gainesville GA 30506-6329

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 8:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Steve Pankow on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9195 Mainsail Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We are demanding that this action is taken to protect this  
valuanle resource and protect this important economic entity of the people!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:10 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dave Pankow on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9015 Bethel Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: FORSYTH

Comments--->Please stop releasing water and let the Lake come back to  
Comments--->its  
normal fill.

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Dear Colonel,

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Please consider concerning the water in Lake Lanier until it is full pool. It is so low now and going into the winter months is due to drop more. We would appreciate your support by reducing the outflow until the levels come back.

Sincerely

Josie Pankow

(a resident on Lake Lanier)

9015 Bethel Rd

Lawrenceville GA

30506

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 4:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gary Palmer on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3171 Winding lake Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia, 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce water releases from Lake Lanier

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 11:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Deborah padowitz on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 648 Lula Garrett rd  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, Ga.30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Please allow the lake to hold more water!!!!We cannot boat safely, swim clean, or sell lake property for what it is worth.Thank you

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 6:28 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tony Owens on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7820 Mill Cover Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->PLEASE reduce the minimum amount of flow in the

Comments--->Chattahoochee

River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. In addition, Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

Thank you,  
Concerned resident - Tony Owens

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 2:14 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Margaret Ottley on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3504 Paces Ferry Cir  
City, St, Zip: Smyrna Ga 30080  
County: Cobb

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:56 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rob Ottley on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 583 Briarmeade Dr  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA 30064  
County: Cobb

Comments--->We support the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's request to the Corps of Engineers to REDUCE the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River in Atlanta, thereby leaving additional water in Lake Lanier. This action is desperately needed to conserve critical water storage in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:00 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by james ottley on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4136 Orchard Lake Court  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, Ga 30339  
County: cobb

Comments--->Please reduce flow from Lanier so Atlanta will have enough drinking water in this time of drought.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 8:28 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brian Otte on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3523 Point View Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->If testing of reduced flows has shown no adverse water

Comments--->quality

downstream why not continue with the reduced flows? Obviously, if Lake Lanier did not exist much less water could have been provided during these previous periods.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 9:00 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Oliaro on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3454 Westhampton Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please agree to the EPDs request for less outflow from Lake Lanier. It seems silly to continue to draw the Lake down for no apparent benefit.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:54 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John ODonnell on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 224 Parc View Ln  
City, St, Zip: Woodstock, GA 30188  
County: Cherokee

Comments--->I believe that the reduction of water release is warranted

Comments--->as

long as the water quality in the down stream Chattahoochee River is not impacted to preserve the level of Lake Lanier and any further level reduction of the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:43 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michael O'Byrne on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4635 Enota Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->My wife and I bought a house on Lake Lanier in 2005 when we moved up from Florida after three hurricanes hit our house. When we bought, the lake was at full pool. We didn't know that the lake level could vary greatly as we had never experienced this anywhere before. In 2006, the rapidly dropping lake caught us unaware and we were landlocked.

Eventually, the level dropped so much that our boathouse crushed our boat. Welcome to Georgia! We have since learned how to move our boathouse but we are running out of lake to move it to. It is too late to pull the boat because we don't have deep enough water to get it to a marina.

I have a request and a suggestion. I request that you reduce the flow out of Lake Lanier to the minimum consistent with the requirements you must meet by law. These are hard times for all of us and I don't want anyone to suffer so that I can protect recreational property, but please understand that we have worked hard to afford these things. My suggestion is that you allow, even encourage, the sculpting of the shorelines around Lake Lanier while the levels are so low. If I could level the area under my dock the lower lake level wouldn't be such an issue because my boathouse would sit level instead of at a precarious angle. If you offered an open season on dock area leveling people would see this as an investment in the return to full pool and maybe you'd have a bit less heat. It would also provide work for some of the folks in the construction industry. Everyone would have to arrange for the dirt to be carted away, and it would increase the Lake's capacity too - just in case we ever get back to full pool. It's a thought.

Thank you for listening. Please reduce the flow before we can walk directly to Gainesville from Forsyth County.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Charles Nugent on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1850 Bernice Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

I strongly encourage you to endorse this and make it happen. I recently had the chance to fly over Lake Lanier in a bi-plane and was horrified by the condition. In April of 2006, the lake was as full as I've ever seen it, yet a little over 2 years later we have a catastrophe on our hands.  
Slow the flow - save the lake!!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:13 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by NTeal on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address:  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30028  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->PLEASE decrease the amount of water being released from Lake Lanier!

DRAMATICLY lower water levels have led to dead shell fish all over the shores of the dock area. The docks are SO dry that it will require THOUSANDS of dollars of repair work if/when the water comes back, and they are absolutely worthless in the mean time. There are tens of millions of dollars of recreation dollars (and associated jobs) that are lost due to this man-made, exacerbation of a natural problem.

I STRONGLY support the reduction of water leaving Lake Lanier. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 5:37 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sue Nosach on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7711 Dogwood Way  
City, St, Zip: Murrayville, GA 30564  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please do not forget the people who "actually" live on what was once beautiful Lake Lanier. Our home prices are dropping with the lake levels-maybe never to rise again, to say nothing of the millions of dollars being lost to all of the businesses and folks around the lake who have previously made their living through visitors to the lake. I find it incomprehensible that the "most visited man-made lake in the entire SE USA" would be allowed to drop to these lows. Forget the mussels-SAVE THE PEOPLE!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:47 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michael Nosach on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7711 Dogwood Way  
City, St, Zip: Murrayville, GA 30564  
County: Hall

Comments--->We support the request to reduce the water flow from the dam to 420 as long as it meets the water quality standards. We can't continue to release significantly more water than flows in to Lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 1:38 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Patrick Norton on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8145 Rocky Ridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am in favor of the reduction of water releases from Lake Lanier, which will help the local economy a great deal. Much of the economy around the lake has been negatively impacted as result of falling lake levels. Realistically the only long term help for the lake is rain, but if the economy around the lake becomes more devastated, it will be very hard to repair. Many of the reasons for releasing so much water seems to be the result of rules made many years ago based on assumptions rather than scientific fact. The fact is that survival of the communities around the lake area is as important as the survival of the creatures and communities down stream. A more reasonable balance needs to be made.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patrick Norton

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 9:14 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kathy Norton on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2245 Chickering Ct  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier is not only the water source for the City of Atlanta, it is the "plan b" for all the communities, industries down stream. To NOT keep the water levels up in the lake is to endanger the whole ecosystem down stream as well. Regularly releasing more water down stream than is being accumulated in the lake is short sighted. Keeping our lake level up protects all of us by holding an adequate reserve for all concerned.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:28 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Chris Norton on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2230 Flat Stone Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the outflow of water from Lake Lanier. The downstream areas have received significant amounts of rainfall, but the Lanier watershed area has not received as much. By reducing the outflow, it will allow Lake Lanier to recover adequately. If the flow is not reduced, then the Lake could reach extremely low levels, which would dramatically decrease the ability to use the lake for recreation, and also adversely affect it's usage for drinking water.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:49 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jeff Norris on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8975 Vanns Tavern Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: USA

Comments--->It seems pretty obvious, the reduction in flow has proven  
Comments--->not  
to cause harm down stream so there seems no reason not to reduce the flow.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 1:49 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James E Norman on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6551 Tahiti Way  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please leave as much water as possible stored in Lake Lanier for the people of north Georgia, and especially metro Atlanta. The area is not blessed with large natural water supplies. We are careful with our water. We care about the needs of people downstream, but we have no other viable alternatives in the intermediate future. I believe the environmental concerns are best served by not disrupting the natural variation of water amounts going downstream any more than necessary -- wet cycles should lead to more water and dry cycles should lead to less water. It's a natural process that serves a purpose. Thanks, Jimmy

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:50 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Neil H. Nix on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4149 Country Manor Court  
City, St, Zip: Woodstock, GA 30188  
County: Cobb

Comments--->I am strongly in favor of the proposed changes to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 11:29 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard Nicosia on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3865 Mantle Ridge Dr  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I would like to add my voice to the following list of

Comments--->concerns

about Lake Lanier:

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 8:34 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mark Newcome on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3623 Sunset Point drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I support The Georgia Environmental Protection Division position to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 9:37 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ginny Nestor on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7344 Ivy Circle  
City, St, Zip: Murrayville, GA 30564  
County: Hall

Comments--->The lake is not safe and the corp should be ashamed at how much damage has been done because of the low lake levels.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 3:50 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Becky Nelson on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5506 Waterwood Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Our lake is completely gone and it would really be nice to  
Comments--->get  
it back! Please stop the release of our lake to others or at least, slow it down. All  
over this area, there is no more lake and it is so sad!  
Thank you

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** NALLASSOC@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 9:04 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Buford Dam policy

Dear USACE representative,

I ask that the corps make every effort to curtail water discharges at Buford Dam to an absolute minimum. If the Georgia EPD has determined that 420MGPD is adequate to preserve water quality, then please reduce discharges accordingly.

I realize that the corps is forced to comply with demands from many parties. What seems perplexing to me is how and why those downstream can expect artificially inflated river flows to be created by draining Lake Lanier. Common sense and riparian law should entitle downstream water users to no greater flow than would have occurred had Buford Dam never been constructed. This is particularly troublesome in light of the fact that the Lanier watershed has not received the abundant rainfall that has blessed the downstream watershed during 2008.

As this historic drought is forecast to continue and downstream reservoirs are full, PLEASE preserve the little amount of water that is left in the reservoir at the top of the river system. Once that water is released, it cannot be recovered. Millions of citizens depend upon this resource for drinking water, fire protection, etc.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew M. Nall  
1921 Walton Woods Circle  
Tucker, GA 30084  
404-403-7229

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Muth on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8785 Lakeside Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I don't understand why the Core continues to release water downstream when the downstream water sheds are full and the resource that is feeding these reservoirs is continuing to be depleted due to politics. It seems that it would make more sense in times of drought to reduce the amount of water discharge and conserve the prime resource compared to continually drain and endanger the primary source. The economical impact on "Lake Sydney Lanier" area is catastrophic. Ramp closures, loss in tourism, marina closures. Likewise has anyone asked the question of what do we do when we have run out of water and there is not any to send down stream? There does no seem to be any effort to conserve the water in "Lake Sydney Lanier" due to the drought conditions only because the Core is required to release so many gallons a day. Where does common senses fit into this equation? Is the public interest really at hand or is this issue merely political? It seems that the Core is more interested in satisfying the needs of Florida and Alabama whose reservoirs are at full pool then the local economy that supports the lake. The Core is focused on these needs of the other states, but what about the needs of the local area? One of the best solutions so far introduced is to run a 100 mile pipeline from the Mississippi river basin to replenish Lake Sydney Lanier. Cost is a big issue but the longer we wait for a solution the more the cost will become. With the rapid growth of the Northern Atlanta Metropolitan area I can only see the situation getting worst unless we take action today. Like other lakes in Georgia at full pool, with proper management "Lake Sydney Lanier" should also be at its winter full pool and capable of filling all the needs it was built for. The problem is poor management, a drought, and lack of compromise, and a growing population. The key is for all to compromise from everyone. Why does it have to be so political???

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:16 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Pamela Murdoch on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 165 Ketton Crossing  
City, St, Zip: Johns Creek, GA 30097  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Lakes fed downstream by the Chattahooche river are full.  
There is no need to release additional water downstream. Releases should be constrained to allow Lake Lanier to recover to its original levels particularly since North Georgia is still experiencing drought conditions.  
Particularly as the faulty gauge allow excessive amounts of water to be released at the begining of the current drought period.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 7:56 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Will Mullis on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8895 Knoll Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I'm writing to implore the Corps to follow the Ga EPD's recommendation to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 9:33 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Linda J. Mulkey on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4007 Hill Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->We have owned a home on Lake Lanier for 12 years. We are

Comments--->very

upset at the loss of so much water from the Lake and the negative effect that it has had on our property value. Our taxes and insurance keep going up, but not our property value. We bought this home for an investment for our retirement and we planned on using the increased value to finance our retirement living expenses. Well, this certainly isn't happening when the Corp let's out more water than they should. The lakes and rivers that we are supporting are all full and the people in Alabama and Florida freely use our water to maintain lawns, nursery businesses, wash cars, etc and we can't even water our gardens and we lost all of the plants that we had planted in our garden. I just returned from Florida and their lakes and rivers are full. We don't think that it is fair for the people that have invested their hard earned money to purchase a home on Lake Lanier to have their homes devalued due to water being so freely given to others. There should never be more water flowing out, than there is coming in. Most all of the docks are on ground as well as their boats, thus eliminating all water sports that are usually enjoyed by all. Why do we have to send our water to Florida and Alabama??

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 8:17 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sonya Muenchen on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4004 Yarrow Bluff  
City, St, Zip: Norcross, GA 30092  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Please keep more water in Lake Lanier

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Muenchen on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5750 Clinchfield Trail  
City, St, Zip: Norcross, Ga 30092  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->WE whole heartedly support the reducing of the amount of

Comments--->water

draining from lake lanier. Why do we have to reduce lake lanier when it resides in the drought area of Georgia. The draining of the lake has cost the state and businesses millions of dollars in jobs, and revenues, and taxes.

If we would inforce the existing water restrictions we can definitely reduce the amount of draining without risking health or shortages.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Jeanne Motley [jmotley@pinestate.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:04 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier water storage

Mobile office, Corps of Engineers

Hold more water in Lake Lanier!

I am writing to seek your support of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's request that the Corps of Engineers reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009, thus reducing the flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD.

We must conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier, and this action will result in an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water. Additionally, the EPD's modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

I am a Fulton County, Georgia resident who is conserving water during this drought. I am also a property owner in Hall County, Georgia.

Thank you for your concern for this important matter.

Jeanne Motley

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:56 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brian Moscovitz on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1145 Avondale Ave SE  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA. 30312  
County: Fulton

Comments--->We need more conservation!! and planning for future water needs of metro Atlanta.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:42 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sue Ransom on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3308 Wilkerson Dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->We MUST start keeping some water in this lake! It is saddening to think someone cannot stop this ridiculous reasoning to send water down the 'Hooch for nothing but sewage and mussels.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:35 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rahn on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1555 Green Forest Trail  
City, St, Zip: Cumming Ga. 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We are in agreement with the EPD letter that is requesting that the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between Nov. 1 2008 and April 30 2009. Thank you for reviewing this request with the EPD.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 9:03 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Daniel Rabb on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3728 Pintail Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please honor the request of the EPD to reduce the outflow of water from Lake Lanier

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:21 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Susan Puhr on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 38 Laurel Trl S.  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->As a homeowner with property on Lake Lanier, I ask that you honor the EPD's request to temporarily reduce the flows in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. The drought has had a devastating effect on condition of the lake and to property owners. We have done our best and continue our efforts to reduce our water consumption.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:57 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert Puhr on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 38 Laurel Trail South  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->PLEASE honor the request from the Georgia EPD to temporarily decrease the flows from the dam. I live on Lake Lanier and have seen the impact of the drought first-hand.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:40 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Joe Prussiano on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9045 Prestige Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainsville Ga. 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Once the lake level is at 1071 or 1073 which ever is agreed on, no more water should be released than is replaced by weather. Until the lake is returned to 1071 or 1073 level the only water to be released is what is necessary for the state of Georgia.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:04 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Joseph B prussiano on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9045 Prestige Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainsville Ga.30606  
County: forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the amount of water discharged from Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 10:10 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Leah Provenson on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4607 Old Princeton Ridge  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please keep MORE water in Lake Lanier. Also, please raise  
Comments--->the  
Full Pool level by 2-3 feet. It is much needed for this very PRECIOUS resource.  
Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 7:34 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Patricia Price on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3966 Secluded Circle  
City, St, Zip: Lilburn, GA 30047  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->I support the the Georgia EPD request to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This should assist recovery of the level of lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 11:46 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jim Price on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1693 Huntingford Dr  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA 30068  
County: Cobb

Comments--->I am highly concerned that the water management process is

Comments--->not

a management process but is a bueracratic mess. We are in a drought situation in the Lake Lanier basin even though the lower Chattahoochee basin and South Georgia has had an over abundance of rainfall this year.

It is not rocket science to see the lake is dangerously low. Water quality standards have not suffered with prior reduction in water releases. What good will all these standards be when there is no more water to release and the cost of generating drinking water becomes prohibitive because of the low quality of reservoir water. Continuing to dump water downstream is not in the best pubic interest and is politically poor management of our resources. Not to mention the millions of dollars lost in the lake area due to property values declining, lower tax revenues, no consumer spending. The Lake Lanier situation is a perfect example of government intervention - where people no longer have the courage to make inteligent and moral decisions - they just follow the insaine "rules" and waste our money and our resources. Grow up and think like a human, not a sheep.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Dick Pressnall [pressnall@mindspring.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:47 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

Please support and implement all ways to increase the water levels in Lake Lanier. We have a significant property investment and do not wish to see a continued value erosion caused by low water levels. The current proposal to limit water flows somewhat is clearly a step in the right direction.

Thanks.

Richard Pressnall

404-664-1482  
3755 Timber Walk Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30506

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:39 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard Pressnall on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3755 Timber Walk Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please support and implement all ways to increase the water levels in Lake Lanier. We have a significant property investment and do not wish to see a continued value erosion caused by low water levels.

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4905 Sunrise Lane  
Cumming, GA 30041

October 25, 2008

Colonel Byron Sorns,  
Commander, USACE  
Mobile District.

Dear Colonel Sorns,

We are in desperate need of your help!  
Our commercial enterprises and industry  
around Lake Lanier are having to lay off  
Personnel. Our residential docks  
are now more than 100 yards from  
shore (1071 level). Tree stumps are  
sticking 3+4 feet above water.  
Boat accidents are happening. And  
we are beginning to see shoreline property  
drop in value.

Please reduce flow at Peachtree Creek  
in Atlanta by at least 13% from Nov. 1 to  
April 30<sup>th</sup> to conserve water in lake  
Lanier.

Cordially,  
William Prescott  
William Prescott

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 12:57 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by lisa stautberg on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7835 pointe court  
City, St, Zip: cumming, ga 30041  
County: forsyth

Comments--->The Army Corps has a responsibility to create a solution to

Comments--->the

existing water deficit in Lake Lanier because this problem was partially due to their mistake of letting an extreme amount of water out of Lake Lanier. This current recommendation gives us a partial solution and allows the Lake to gather roughly half of the water that was released due to their faulty valve. There is nothing we can do about the drought but the Corps can be accountable for their mistakes, just as the rest of society is held accountable. This solution being offered gives the Corps an opportunity to fix the problem and restore their credibility, which has unfortunately been blemished by the way they have handled this situation.

Please do the RIGHT thing for Lake Lanier!!!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:13 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jerry V. Stapp III on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6385 Barberr Hill Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Dear Sirs:

the proposed - 13% of less water to be released out of Lake Lanier between November '08 and April '09 or even through 2010. this time frame is not only too short to regain some water level back on out lake, but also the reduction seems also too small. It should be easily -25% if not more and out through april 2010. alot of Lake Industry has been badly damaged with lake of higher water levels and several businesses have had to shut down due to no revenue. this is a shame!  
please raise your hand and push for the maiximum restriction to keep as much water in the lake as possible sincerely, Jerry Stapp 770-823-6000

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:50 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jerry Stapp on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6385 Barberry Hill Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We support the Georgia EPD request to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James Stanton on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 532 River Overlook Rd  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Please reduce the water releases so as to retain/re-build

Comments--->the

habitat for the pair of bald eagles living behind my home. It is quite difficult for the eagles to find fish in what little of the lake remains.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:58 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tony Stanley on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1261 Gulfport Run  
City, St, Zip: Grayson GA  
County: Gwinett

Comments--->They current water managemnet policy is damaging the lake edge, by keep lake level low we are damaging / erroding the sides of lake and causing environmental dammage that cannot be restored.

Also I agree with the position presented to Core of Engineers by lake associaton this last June / July 2008.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Raymond C. Stang on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4034 Chestatee Spur  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA  
County: Hall

Comments--->I know the difficulties you have had in Lake Lanier water management between the long drought, Tri-state water concerns, malfunctioning equipment and considerable environmental concerns, and I appreciate the efforts made by the Corp in 2008. I encourage you to consider the Georgia EPD request to lower releases to 650 CFS for the winter months suggested. I hope and trust that the Corp and the State EPD can work increasingly together to manage the water resource to the benefit of all.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:35 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mark Stalnaker on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8495 Lynn Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please consider leaving more water in Lake Lanier during  
Comments--->this  
severe historic drought period. It makes no sense to let normal seasonal water flows pass  
through the dam while the inflows in the lake are significantly reduced and the lake is at  
historic lows.

The ACF basin precariously depends on Lake Lanier for water since it has the greatest  
storage capacity but conversely has the smallest watershed area. Prudent conservation of  
the water in Lake Lanier is the only way to prevent a disaster from occurring in the  
entire system should the drought continue for several more years.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:42 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Phil Stafford on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7055 Haw Creek Place  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am in favor of requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 6:46 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Nona Stacks on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9095 Hayes Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->My husband and I are concerned about the impact of the continued release of water downstream. We have traveled to Alabama and Florida during the last year and all of the lakes and rivers we have seen are not being effected by the drought as our lakes are in Georgia. The erosion on the shoreline into the lake is having a terrible impact on Lake Lanier. Adequate supplies of drinking water for Atlanta and surrounding areas will be a major issue if water releases stay the same, especially if we continue in this drought.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:21 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by William Sponaas on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8875 Knoll Dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga., 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please save our lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 8:13 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Daniel & Janet Spernak on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 505 Hickory Oaks Ct.  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, GA 30004  
County: North Fulton County

Comments--->Please stop the flow of 485 million gallons/day to 420 m/g/d through April as per the request sent to you. We are boaters who love Lake Lanier and we would like to see the lake level be high enough for us to enjoy the lake and our boats.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:30 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jack N. Spencer on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2106 Brittany Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia, 30506-1900  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please accept the EPA's recommendation to reduce content of lake water released.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 7:24 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Larry Sosebee on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6636 Quincy Drive  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->We are houseboat owners on Lake Lanier. The low lake level  
Comments--->for  
the past year or so has prevented our family from enjoying our boat on Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:33 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Chester M. Sokolowski on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4551 T Moore Road  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, GA 30056  
County: Hall

Comments--->Dear Army Corps of Engineers:

As a long time resident on Lake Lanier, I implore you to listen to reason to local Lanier residents and reduce the flow of water out of our lake. I can no longer see my dock it's so far out and I fear facing a \$4000 cost if I have to pull my boat out of the lake, which cost me \$1350 last year to have the marina pull my boat and store it as I fear all water being lost out of Flat Creek. Please, the economic impact to me personally is significant. Please reduce the flow, please.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 4:18 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by stephen sobell on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 56 lake terrace drive  
City, St, Zip: dawsonville, ga.  
County: dawson

Comments--->We have NO WATER..Leave as much as possible in the lake.. We will have less water for next summer.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 9:22 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Hoke Snelson on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4025 Chestatee Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Our water table is dropping and wells drying up. Please consider the lake residents of Hall County, Ga..

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Snellings on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3770 T.W. Henderson Rd,  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We need a reduction in the outflow of water during the  
Comments--->months  
ahead to help restore a useable water level on Lake Lanier. We have owned our property  
since 1980 and presently have only tall weeds in front of our beautiful lake home. Please  
help us with this request!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 11:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard Smith on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5548 Hidden Harbor Landing  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola river. During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach pool. Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft to 1073 ft,

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 8:21 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Teresa Smith on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4597 Sea Side Lane  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, GA 30566  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am a local realtor that specializes in lake property.

Comments--->This

past year with the economy, low lake levels and negative media reports regarding Lake Lanier has almost stopped my business as well as the property values on the lake. More and more builders, home owners and all of the residual businesses related to the lake are suffering. From the restaurants, dock builders, boat dealerships, sign companies, banks (because the builders (construction loans) have lost water at their docks and can no longer sell at a profit. We are facing a disastrous economy on the lake and need help NOW!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 10:03 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert F. Smith on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6620 YCHT cLUB rD.  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, Ga. 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->Dessamating our lake and endargering our water supply for oysters and mussels in Florida is crazy. I too am a land owner in Nothwest Florida, and the damage being done to the economy in NE Georgia is far greater than that done to NW Florida if water flow is reduced. Florida gets so much rain and recoveers from dry periodd so much faster that will Lake Lanier with it's small water shed area. Please help resolve this situation.

Bob Smith

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:26 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Raymond M. Smith on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7105 Pine Valley Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Larry Smith on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1292 Wildcliff Parkway  
City, St, Zip: 30329  
County: Dekalb

Comments--->I support lowering water release from Lake Lanier from the months of November,2008 through June, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Jsbs812@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 10:30 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Reduction in flow levels from Lake Lanier

As a lake Lanier property owner and consumer of water within the ACF, we believe common sense should prevail in reducing the outflow from lake Lanier during this drought period. While the lake may still contain enough water to meet human needs, irreparable damage has already been done to the fish and wildlife in this area. As you know, Congress authorized the construction of this lake for the primary purpose of flood control and that should be honored by restricting the outflow to not exceed the inflows except when there is an abundance or rain and excess storage capacity. That is definitely not the situation now when the lake is at record low levels! While we certainly appreciate your valiant efforts to please everyone downstream, it ain't gonna happen! Congress did not intend for this lake to be used as an aquarium for the Florida sturgeon and mussels, especially at the expense of Georgia taxpayers, for it would not have been authorized and built in Georgia. Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinion. Joe and Betty Smith

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:04 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by jeff smith on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8940 cas trl  
City, St, Zip: gainesville, ga 30506  
County: forsyth

Comments--->please reduce the outflow from lake Lanier by 13% as the requested by the Georgia EPA.

In addition, I'd like to request another 10% reduction.

Jeff Smith

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by gary smith on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2515 edgewater rd  
City, St, Zip: cumming, ga 30041  
County: forsyth

Comments--->I have lived on Lake Lanier for 15 years and the concern I have is that the water release for a few snails and other issues has ruined my retirement savings...I invested in my property hoping to recoup the cost when I retired. With the double whammy of the housing market and your management of our water system, I am desperate...please please pay attention to those of us be hurt...I am sick and tired of people being put second...we need more water in our lake and less government interference

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 7:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Colie Smith on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6380 Barberry Hill Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->As a local resident here, I see every day the devistating effect of the continuing drought conditions and the unprecedented draw down of Lake Lanier. I urge you to accept the recommended flow reductions of the EPD.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:35 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Charles Smith on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 96 Overlook Court  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, Ga.  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I am requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow

Comments--->in

the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 12:53 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Chase Smallman on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4364 Cooper Oaks Drive  
City, St, Zip: Smyrna, GA 30082  
County: Cobb

Comments--->Please support the temporary drought contingency. I don't live on the lake, but I participate in a number of lake activities. Please pursue logic over politics in this instance. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 7:39 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jim Van Sloun on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3878 Silver Brook Ln  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Until we obtain relief from the drought through additional rainfall, This request is a common sense approach to help with the lake levels.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 6:52 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Todd Slaughter on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: PO Box 3088  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30503-3088  
County: Hall

Comments--->Slow the flow of water leaving Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 1:58 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mary Sinclair on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5694 Old Wilkie Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: hall

Comments--->As a resident of Lake Lanier since 1981, and a Realtor specializing in Lake Lanier properties since 1986, I have seen many lives devastated by the drastic drop in the water level of the lake. It is beyond my comprehension that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can allow this situation to occur time after time. I know that the past two years of drought have contributed to the low lake level, but the continued releases have been the main culprit. My question regarding the mussels downstream is "What would they have done if Lake Lanier had not been built?" Perhaps it was not meant for these mussels to survive...? It seems ludicrous that the Corps of Engineers would rather save mussels, than the residents of the lake!

I know several builders and other people who have lost everything they have worked for years to obtain, because of not being able to sell their homes due to low water levels. The negative affect this has had on our local economy is devastating! I am now personally struggling to survive, because of decreased sales of lake properties. Countless other Realtors are also in this same situation.

A dear friend of mine is almost in foreclosure now, after trying to sell her home for over a year, which now has 6 feet of grass growing under her boat dock. At full lake level, she has about 14 feet of water at her dock. This will ruin her life if she loses this home, as she has owned it for 20 years and was relying on the sale of this home for her retirement. She is 55 years old and she lost her husband 4 years ago to cancer.

There are hundreds of homes for sale on the lake at this time. Many of these homeowners NEED to sell their homes in order to avoid foreclosure or bankruptcy. Other industries directly affected by this situation are closing attorneys, home inspectors, appraisers, surveyors, boat dock sales and repair, boat repair & maintenance, boat rentals, etc. Not to mention the restaurants, grocery & retail stores which have lost countless amounts of revenue! The overall economy is the worst we have seen in decades. Combined with the low water levels of our lake, it makes for a desperate situation for lake home owners. I have seen drastic reductions in property values of lake properties in the past year. This has had a negative effect on a huge number of people!

The Corps of Engineers needs to get their priorities on order and protect the residents of the lake, rather than the mussels downstream! So much damage has already been done, but if the low lake levels continue, it will devastate more businesses and lives in the future.

I agree with the proposal to raise the full pool level of the lake to 1073, and that the lake should be raised to full pool every year by no later than June 1.

It is time that the owners of lake property realize a benefit for paying high prices, and high taxes for our property! Besides being able to sell our homes without suffering a loss, it would be nice to be able to go boating without worrying about damaging our boat or risking personal injury!

Sincerely,

Mary Sinclair  
Realtor, ReMax Greater Atlanta

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:31 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Terrence Simpson on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2665 Brook Valley Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I strongly support the EPD request for reduction of water release from Buford Dam. Please consider any and all plans to refill Lake Lanier! Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 11:42 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gerald J. Simmons on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 94 Ruby Lane  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->We live on the lake shore and wish to see as much water retained in the lake as possible, assuming by doing so no harm is done downstream.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 5:03 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Karl Peter Sillay on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4075 Merritt Dr  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Dear Colonel Byron G. Jorns,

First, Thank you for using the online form!

I have property on the lake that has not seen water at he dock for well over a year.

However, I have attended a meeting where the situation and the Corps' current responsibilities and plans were explained.

Please reduce flow as much as practical.

"Fill Lanier First" would make a great overall operating philosophy. This would go a long way to assuring that the largest resivoir serving the largest population having the smallest catchment area will be available for Metro area water supply and recreation.

At the same time, I recommend that all communities using water from Lanier be placed in a water conservation mode as a way of life until other resivoirs are built so it is easier to "Fill Lanier First" and to keep it filled.

Regards, K. P. Sillay

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 1:24 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kristin Sievenpiper on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3780 Duckcove Way  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please allow the reduction to take place. We have dry docks everywhere. The lake being so low is unsafe for our families to enjoy water activities. We cannot enjoy our homes the way it was intended.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 8:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Steve Siebold on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3619 Cameron Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the

Comments--->Chattahoochee

River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. The lake is getting lower every day, and businesses that rely on the lake are closing. West Marine in Gainesville is the latest victim, and more will follow as the lake level drops. Please take action where there is still time. We need help!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Linda Shulin [lshulin@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 2:29 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

I am very concerned and upset with the continued release of water from the lake. It seems to me that, with the last three months of a deluge of water in Florida, Alabama, Miss., there will be much less need for water sustainability of mollusk, etc. south of Atlanta. You are trying to protect that, but, failing to protect the use of the lake, as there are huge tree trunks sticking up above water level that are extremely dangerous. We have discontinued using our boat because of the danger, and, also disputed the value of our property and the tax consequences which are based on "added value of Lake Lanier being in our backyard" which is NO LONGER VALUABLE". We are paying for everyone's use of the water here and downstream and out-of-state. I understand Riparian rights, but, the intent of the dam was also to provide for recreation and enjoyment which has become mostly liability.

Mistakes have been last year, '07 & '07, with release valves in the dam malfunctioning. Where is the accountability? There MUST be some control of how much can be released from the dam in proportion to a base level, which of courses is determined by the amount of rainfall above the dam. That only makes sense to me. ALSO, with Gwinnett County dumping its treated raw sewage into the lake(above the dam), and Forsyth Co. draining water out(above the dam), the QUALITY of the water is at stake. If Gwnt. Co. makes a mistake or there is a mishap with dumping nontreated waste into the lake, then what! Regardless of what the Corp reports on water quality, there is a problem in the water. We have had lake property for the past 25 years and two years ago noticed lack of clarity in the water and also the accumulation of "muck" on the water plants, dock, hydrohoist, rocks! We need to trust that our government officials are working to protect our water, the users of the lake water, and outside users of lake water.

I am requesting a minimum reduction in water flow from the lake- reduced by 13% during the period of November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

Sincerely,  
Linda Shulin  
Cell: 678-725-1099  
Fax: 770-396-2373

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 4:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Clayton Shope on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4509 jim hood rd.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->My Son came by Eufalla Tuesday, the water is in the grass.

Comments--->He

sent me 13 pictures. I have studied everything from the Corps and keep up with the cfs release from Lanier daily. The Corps is using the 50 year old guidelines for release. I just can't believe we don't have a Governor, Senator or Representative that can't get the guidelines reviewed. The lake drops 5 to 10 hundreths a day, when the release was a steady 450 cfs the lake at least was holding it own and some times it gained. I think there has been no exceptions made for the drought conditions and is not taken as an emergency. Just look at the pictures. No common sense. email me for pictures.clshope@charter.net

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Shawn King [shawn@kingpreschool.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 8:24 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Please save our lake

Hi - I am writing as a concerned lake lanier lover. I grew up on the lake and now try to enjoy the lake with my kids. There are dangers in the water with lake levels where they are. I hope you can help us restore our lake so we can enjoy it.

If there is anything I can do to sign or support this cause, please let me know and I will certainly do all I can.

Respectfully,

Shawn

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 1:21 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ann-Marie Sharp on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 137 Honeysuckle Trail  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I am a Georgia resident who lives (or used to live) on the water and a real estate agent that has been all around effected by the severe drought and the diminishing lake. I am pleading for help to bring back the Lake or at least to try to salvage the very little water we have left.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:00 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by George Sexton on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9270 Bayhill Dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support the GA EPD request to reduce the flows from Lake Lanier. Unfortunately the drought has continued. Atlanta metro residents have taken steps to reduce water usage. if we have any chance of the lake returning to full pool any time in the near future, you need to keep as much water in the lake as possible. I believe the EPD letter states that the water quality at Peachtree Creek was not affected when the water flows were reduced in March and May of 2008. Thank you

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 12:33 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tracey Settlage on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4040 Merritt Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I would like to suggest these 4 points

1.Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; 2.During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; 3.Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; 4.Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 12:24 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by david settlage on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3450 lakeshore drive  
City, St, Zip: cumming ga 30041  
County: forsyth

Comments--->I have 4 comments to provide:

(1) I do not believe Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River.

(2) During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1.

(3) Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought.

(4) I think the Corps should raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

Please contact me with any questions.

David Settlage  
dsettlage@earthlink.net

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:05 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Alan Segrave on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5266 Trudy Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am very concerned about the continued release of water

Comments--->from

the lake during periods when recharge is minimal. The water level for the lake is 17 feet below full level and it seems to me that all efforts need to be implemented to fill the lake to full level and keep it there. This would ensure drinking water for Atlanta and get the lake back to what it was intended for. That is to have water!

Alan Segrave

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:51 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Seelke, Jr on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2925 Pointe Dr. NW  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->We strongly support the Georgia EPD request to reduce outflow of water from Lake Lanier, especially during this crisis of exceptionally low existing lake water level. Thank you for your consideration. A. G. Seelke, Jr. gseelke@charter.net

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:02 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bruce Sedacca on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6115 Wellington Ct  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30040  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am fully in favor of the request to temporarily reduce water flow from Lake Lanier so as to attempt to increase the storage level of the lake. This lake resource is vital to the economic stability of the region and based on what has been presented related to the impact down river, there appears to be a minimal negative effect compared to the benefit gained in the Lake Lanier watershed area.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 9:02 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Duncan Scott on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6916 Grand Orchard Walk  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->The primary reason for my family moving to Hall county in January of this year was for recreation and enjoyment of Lake Lanier.

At home, we have personally taken aggressive measures to conserve water. We encourage and ask all of our friends and neighbors to do the same, not only in Hall county, but in Atlanta and further south in LaGrange. These are cities where we have lived and have friends and family.

We are trying to do our part in this huge conservation effort. Anything the US Army Corps of Engineers can do will be greatly appreciated.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 10:12 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Wm T Schwendler Jr on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3257 Manor Ridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->We support reduced releases from Lake Lanier. Even though

Comments--->the

lake is down 18' from full pool, there are still many mussels along the shoreline by our dock. Research is needed to determine whether the endangered mussels have also propagated to lower levels in their habitat.

I suspect they have, and therefore lower flows may not be as dangerous to them as first thought. Bill and Barbara Schwendler

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:52 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert Schurke on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7470 Fields Dr  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the  
Comments--->Chattahoochee  
River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.  
This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day  
(MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake  
Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 5:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ted Schrafft on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8459 Habersham Ct  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall County

Comments--->As a resident on the Lake, I could not be more in favor of a deviation waiver to reduce releases of the lake during this proposed period. The lake is at least 5 feet lower that it was at this time last year and continues to reach perilously lower levels every week. Any and all actions, regardless of size or impact, should be taken to optimize the water levels of Lake Lanier - which to me as a new resident on the lake, are at critical levels already. Not doing so is shortsighted - not just for local residents of the lake, but for all of those who are dependent on the longevity of its resources.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 8:48 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Scot Schoeppler on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 11490 Donnington Dr  
City, St, Zip: Duluth  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I favor/support the EPD request to reduce the flow of water  
Comments--->at  
Peachtree Creek.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 7:28 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Hal Schlenger on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Industry/Commercial  
Address: 1960 Annwicks Dr  
City, St, Zip: Marietta, GA 30062  
County: Cobb Co

Comments--->I'm all for water conservation. Our family of 3 people, 2 dogs and a 1/2 acre lot, use about 4,000 gal of water/month. And we need to continue to make water conservation the norm.

Yet I fail to understand why so much water needs to go downstream. Other than a Alabama power plant, which gets water from an area much larger than just Lake Lanier, I think it is reasonable for places downstream to have variances in their water flow that reflect the amount of rain in the area.

And there are other reservoirs that also store water for towns and businesses downstream.

Priority one should be flood prevention. From there, water should be available based on need -- and that need must reflect the available resources: when the lake level gets below "x", such as 1,060, all downstream users must share the conservation efforts.

I visited the FL panhandle last winter. While I'm being asked to conserve, conserve and conserve -- all reasonable requests -- people in the panhandle are out water their yards while they are washing their cars.

Protect mussels? I believe FL residents are laughing at what arguments work.....

PLEASE REMEMBER: What problem are you trying to solve?

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:32 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mel Schell on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3834 Clubhouse Cir  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum flow into the Chattahoochie River  
Comments--->by  
13 % between Nov. 1, 2008 and April 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:30 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Peter Savitz on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2563 Wahoo Place  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier is down more than I have ever seen it. It is

Comments--->vital

for Atlant water and for use as a recreational lake. Until such time as the rain fall increases enough to fill the lake it is imperative that reduced draw downs are part of the plan to protect our water source and lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 7:02 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rolf L. Sannes on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5964 Tanglewood Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga 30022  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The lake needs to be returned to full pool during the rainy seasons by minimizing down stream water flows. The Corp should also allow more permits for dredging. The state of Georgia and the Corp should also help fund such dredging

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 3:08 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by karen sannes on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5964 Tanglewood circle  
City, St, Zip: cumming  
County: forsyth

Comments--->the lack of water has ruined our property value and  
Comments--->enjoyment  
of having lake property..please reduce the amont of water and consider mowing the very  
tall grass in the dry areas.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 1:23 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by JODY SANDERS on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5466 High harbor Ct  
City, St, Zip: Gainesvill, GA 30504  
County: HALL

Comments--->We need to think of Georgia residents' needs before  
Comments--->satisfying  
others' desires. Too much water and time have been wasted--let's use our resources  
carefully. Thank You

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 11:09 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kim Sak on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 270 East Smoketree Terrace  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, GA 30005  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please use all possible means to CONSERVE LAKE LANIER WATER

Comments--->by

reducing the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Please conserve this needed storage in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 10:24 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Patricia Saint on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5313 Dahlonega Hwy.  
City, St, Zip: Clermont, GA 30527  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the

Comments--->Chattahoochee

River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Sylvia Sacia [ssacia@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 10:23 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Matter of Concern for the Environment: Lake Lanier

Greetings, Sirs/Madams:

We live on Lake Lanier; actually our backyard abuts the property that Lazy Days Marina holds, just off Holiday Road on the way to LL Islands.

We thought you, as conservationists, would want to know that, since the terrible drought over the past two years, the water we see from our back deck has receded more than 30 feet. Part of this is due to Lazy Days Marina filling in the tip of the lake that extended up to a lamppost when we bought the property. This has seriously impacted our property values and is destroying the shoreline and woods that protect it.

There is significant erosion, filling in even more of the lake, from the gaping, eroded, unplanted area where they filled in while ostensibly dredging the bottom. They also cut down many mature trees which were over 80 feet tall. I thought the Corps would not allow this, to protect the environment. They still have a lot of land which runs into the lake because there is no grass or other vegetation planted.

Also, we are awestruck that the Corps continues to deplete our greater Atlanta water supply, ostensibly to protect mussels and sturgeon in Florida (which is absolutely drenched with water, especially since the hurricane rains)! Even about a month ago, when we received 8" of rain in one unique day, it was dumped out once again, squandering a great natural resource. Other neighboring regions/states have also been soaked, so it cannot possibly be for their benefit. What is the real story?! We believe as taxpayers, we deserve an honest answer.

We respectfully request that the Lake be restored to the level it was prior to the "accidental" release of several feet of water during the time of the mistaken measurement incident in June of last year.

Thank You,  
Sylvia Sacia

Holiday Point Resident

770-998-8090

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 1:00 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jeannie Ruotanen on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1650 Chase Ridge Lane  
City, St, Zip: Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
County: gwinnett

Comments--->Just look at the lake and the impact... it isn't rocket science to be able to recognize the economic and YES environmental harm that unnecessary water release is causing.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 1:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Adolfo R Ruiz on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9110 Hawks Cove Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->This is to support the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's request to the Corps to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier, which is badly needed considering the extremely low water levels as of October 2008.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 12:52 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Roxy on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8635 Bayhill Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The depth of the lake scares the life out of me. What if we don't get any rain in the following months, then where will we be???

We're conserving water as much as possible but later down the road I still want to be able to take a shower!!

Please reduce the amount of flow from Lake Lanier to the Chattahoochee River.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 5:24 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by kathy rottmann on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3854 silver brook lane  
City, St, Zip: gainesville ga 30506  
County: hall

Comments--->As the drought in North Georgia continues, my faith that our government will take care of our precious lake is dwindling. To see such an asset get depleted by carelessness and outdated guidelines is unimaginable, yet it is happening right before our eyes.

I request that the Army Corps start considering the fact that they are guided by an outdated manual, many things have changed in 50 years, time to step up to the plate and think about the water that is being let out of our lake instead of just following old guidelines and opening the valve. Once the water is gone, it's gone....too late to smack yourself in the forehead and say you should have thought about what the lakes needs are! Let's bring the lake back up above full pool, like you did for the Olympics! That would add significant amounts of volume to the lake. If the lake was never made, those mussels would probably be extinct by now, maybe it's time for "Mother Nature" to take her course. The lake needs to be managed differently during times of drought, put new safe guards in place to ensure the quality of life for recreation and businesses that rely on Lake Lanier. The damage already done may take years to reverse, let's not put anymore people out of business. Thank you for considering my comments.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 11:23 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michael Rottmann on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3854 Silver Brook Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I absolutely support all and any measures that stabilize and increase the water levels in Lake Lanier. This critical resource must be protected at all costs and a health and sustainability policy to do so should over ride all others until such time as water level return to normalized levels. The current draught situation has placed the lake into a situation that could push the lake into levels that are unhealthy and economically devastating.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:33 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michael Ross on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5555 Chestatee Landing Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Dear Colonel Jorns

As a concerned homeowner living on lake Lanier,I would request a reduction in water discharges from the resivior.As you know being 17 feet below full pool makes boating hazardous,and the availability of enough drinking water for the metro Atlanta area next summer,also comes into question .

Recent studies have indicated reducing discharge rates to 650cfs has no adverse affects on water quality downstream, while at the same time increasng the lakes level

Thank you for your consideration  
Michael Ross

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Theresa Rosin [theresauf@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 4:50 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

Hello. I am writing to tell you that I am in favor of reducing the flow of water from Lake Lanier from 485 million gallons per day to 420.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Theresa Rosin  
GA resident

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Marcus Rosin [marcus@marcusrosin.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 5:52 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am contacting you regarding my support for the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's letter requesting that the USACE reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Marcus A. Rosin  
Marcus A. Rosin, P.C.  
327 Dahlonega Street  
Suite 201 A  
Cumming, GA 30040  
telephone: (678) 208-0339  
facsimile: (678) 208-0396  
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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 10:20 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rosemary on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3414 Thunder Point  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments---->

I support the Georgia EPD's request to hold more water in Lake Lanier. This is my understanding of the letter -- The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

I live on Lake Lanier in Gainesville. The state of the Lake is desperate. I believe it endangers the drinking water in my area. It is also my opinion that the Lake will only get worse if something is not done and this proposal will help.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 11:02 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Brenda Rose on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 235 Dellwood Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Lawrenceville, GA 30043  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Please help us to keep the water in Lake Lanier for the residents of Georgia before it is too late!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Wilton Rooks [wrooks@omnemail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 8:30 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Reduce flow at Peachtree Creek to 650

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this request.

I think it is critical that the Corps of Engineers grant permission to the Georgia EPD to reduce the flow at Peachtree Creek from 750 cfs to 650 cfs beginning November 1, 2008 and continuing through April 1, 2009. In fact, I would have made the request a permanent reduction.

The current limit of 750 cfs was established during a time period when waste water treatment plants were much less efficient and it was common to think that the 'solution to pollution was dilution'. Fortunately we no longer have to count on dilution as much as in the past. All of the waste water treatment plants along the Chattahoochee are much more efficient now resulting in less water being required.

Furthermore, Georgia EPD has a policy in place to require more return to the surface water system water was extracted from with the result that discharges downstream of Peachtree Creek should be higher than in the past.

The experience last spring when the flow was reduced to 650 cfs demonstrated that the river did not suffer from the reduced flow during that time period.

With Lake Lanier at the lowest level ever for this time of year and predicted to be even lower by the end of the year, it is mandatory that all reasonable actions be taken to preserve as much water as possible.

I urge you to approve the request.

Thank you

Wilton Rooks  
6345 Barberry Hill Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30506  
678 200 8070



## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 8:45 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Theron Rogers on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3165 Tanyard Branch Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Theron Rogers on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3165 Tanyard Branch Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments---->Reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:58 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rae Rogers on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9630 Cove Point Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I do not understand why the Corp is releasing any water. I was just in FL and AL and both states are swamps. AL has some of the most beautiful lakes that I have seen. I am curious to know just how much of FL and AL are actually wet lands.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 12:52 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Shelby Rockfeld on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3522 Lakebreeze Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the amount of water that is let out each day,  
Comments--->so  
the lake will have some chance of recovery. thank you

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2008 1:09 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Terry Roche on 10/23/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address:  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I think the proposal is great! We need to reduce the water flow and get Lake Lanier back to it's full level. I live on the lake, and I'm one of the few that still has water out of many friends. This is hurting our Marinas and more importantly the Boat Dealers all around....Like the economy hasn't butchered them enough. Please do your best.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 1:06 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Teresa Robinette on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8155 Rocky Ridge Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The corp needs to leave more water in Lake Lanier. The lake adds valuable tax dollars to metro Atlanta and is also the areas largest drinking water source. Florida wants the water for it's oyster industry, but there are many industries at Lake Lanier and the surrounding area that are affected by the low water. There are also lots of fish adn otehr wildlife that are suffering because of the low water.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:27 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dwight Roberts on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3120 Imperial Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am asking that you seriously consider limiting the output

Comments--->of

water from the damn as requested by the Georgia EPD. As a homeowner who lives on the lake I am concerned about our water levels which feed the city of Atlanta and surrounding areas. We need ample water to carry us through this drought cycle which could continue for a few more years. We should be storing in order to prepare for the worst for the citizens of north Georgia. Thank you for you time and help in this matter.

Regards,  
Dwight Roberts, Jr

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 6:29 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rob on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: PO Box 2132  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga 30041  
County: James

Comments--->Please reduce the water flow. I think we humans need the  
Comments--->water  
more that the mussels in Florida.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:40 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kyle Roath on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 665 Chestatee Point  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville Ga. 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I SUPPORT the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's request to the Corps to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 10:15 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Howard Roath on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7315 Nichols Cove Drive  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville GA 30534  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support The Georgia Environmental Protection Division

Comments--->letter

to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Denise Roath on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7315 Nichols Cove Drive  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville Ga. 30534  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I SUPPORT the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's request to the Corps to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier. Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:44 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michael E. Rickey on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 740 Chestatee Point  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->We ask that the Corps seriously consider the request to  
Comments--->reduce  
the amount of outflow from Lake Lanier between Nov 1, 2008 and April 30,  
2009 in order to conserve water reserves at Lake Lanier. Also for the water quality and  
usability of the lake and it's residents, visitors and the city of Atlanta (metro).

Thank you

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 11:15 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Marsha Richter on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5315 Woodland circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA. 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->As a resident of Gainesville and a citizen much concerned

Comments--->with

health of our natural environment I want you to know that my family and I support The Georgia Environmental Protection Agency's recommendation to the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

Sincerely,  
M. Richter, MVA

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 7:22 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert and Mercedes Richelt on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3303 Marina View Way  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:12 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Richardson on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3940 Sinclair Shores Rd  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We would request you give very serious consideration to the reduction of release from Lake Lanier not only during the period of November to April but to seriously consider the earlier proposal to hold the level of the lake at 1062.00 MSL or above at all times. It has been demonstrated time and time again that the rules and regulations requiring greater flow are both inaccurate and unnecessary to maintain the water quality of the river below the lake and certainly flies in the face of common sense when protecting the water quality, quantity, and health for all of the citizens of this state and others who depend on the lake for their drinking water, economic interests, and home sites. The increased damage to the lake and the surrounding area, let alone the economic effect on all businesses that depend on the lake has been devastating, tragic, incredibly obvious, and most important, not necessary. Sometimes we need to put aside the rule books and use common sense. We recognize you face a myriad of complex legal issues, management issues, and rules. However, under the current practice, the only people who are winning are the lawyers. Please in addition to seriously considering the comments and requests contained herein, please start to put some common sense into your dealings with all of the pending issues.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:51 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by William F. Ribble Jr on  
10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3551 lake Breeze Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->By continuing to lower the Lake Lanier water level, you have continued to lower our property values for our lake front properties. We can't even use our docks or our boats. You have ruined a life time investment. Poor management on your part. We have properties in Florida as well and all the lakes down stream are full pool or greater. Shame on you folks!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 2:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Earl Rhodes on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3873 Mark Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->We need to maintain the lake level as high as possible not

Comments--->to

keep my boat from running aground. But to provide clean drinking water for over a million people. Also to help the economy, many jobs have been lost, business have closed, many visits to the lake canceled because of lack of sufficient water.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:03 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Steve Rhodes on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Industry/Commercial  
Address: 1110 Castle Pointe Lane  
City, St, Zip: Grayson, Ga. 30017  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I grew up on Lake Lanier and began a career in boating on Lanier in 1979 and have never seen the lake in such distress as the past two years. We have seen declines in business of over 30% in 2007 and over 70% in 2008. I communicate regularly with people who use to enjoy Lake Lanier where all express concern, fear, disappointment etc about the lake. Many have not been able to or were not willing to use the lake in it's current condition. My concern now is that it may take years after the lake returns to a more normal level for visitors and our prospects to return to the lake. I have heard a lot more this year that many have lost confidence in the lake level management and that boaters are moving to other lakes. We have lost quite a few tenants in our marina this year because they were not able to use their boats now for two years. The long and short is you are driving existing and new business away from Lake Lanier and the surrounding businesses and creating a situation that will take years to recover.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:31 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Rhodes on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9035 Walnut Cove Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please only release the amount of water absolutely necessary for downstream water quality so Lake Lanier will start to refill.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 7:25 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michael Rhim on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 330 Whitley Park Drive  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, GA 30350  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Support reduced flow from Buford Dam.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:03 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by william d. rezak on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3195 lotheridge rd.  
City, St, Zip: gainesville, ga 30501  
County: hall

Comments--->Please reduce the flow from Lake Lanier by 13% from 11/1/08

Comments--->to

4/30/09. The lake level has been more than 15' below normal pool for months. It desparately needs an opportunity to refill. Thank you!

William D. Reynolds  
3701 Prestwick Drive  
Tucker, Georgia 30084

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October 14, 2008

Colonel Byron G. Jorns, District Commander  
Mobile District, USACE  
Attn: CESAM-DE  
P. O. Box 2288  
Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001

Re: Lake Lanier, Georgia

Dear Colonel Jorns:

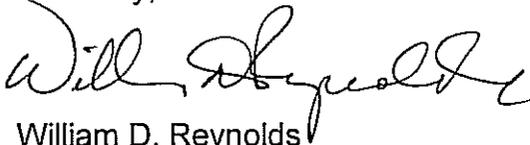
My family has had a vacation home on Lake Lanier (located in Lumpkin County) near the Lumpkin County boat ramp since the lake began filling in 1957.

When GA400 was built, the state allowed silt from the road construction to enter our end of the lake and create a large island which separates our side of the lake from the river. During periods of low water levels our home is completely land locked and separated from the rest of the lake.

We totally support the EPD request to reduce the flow of water out of Lake Lanier between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. We further support the raising of full pool by two feet as a permanent pool level if and when Lake Lanier ever refills. The increase in holding capacity is by far cheaper than building new reservoirs with equal capacity.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



William D. Reynolds  
377 Shore Drive  
Lumpkin County, Georgia

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 6:09 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lisa Reuland on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5012 Anclote Drive  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, Ga. 30022  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I own a boat. I cant't use it. In the past I took clients out on it. But due to the low lake levels, I can't, which has cost me several clients.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:03 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tom Reinmiller on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5742 Levelland Trail  
City, St, Zip: Lilburn, Ga. 30047  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->I believe all efforts should be made to conserve water

Comments--->levels

in Lake Lanier.

The water release rate should be reduced and stay reduced until we return to normal average rainfall levels.

Thank Yoy.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2008 7:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Deborah Reeves on 10/23/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1842 Pucketts Dr Sw  
City, St, Zip: Lilburn, Ga 30047  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Why do you continue to release water from Lake Lanier, with the levels so dangerously low. Are there not other options you can take. After all Lanier is not the only Lake in Georgia. I am just a very concerned citizen and have lived in Georgia all my life. Please consider other resources.....

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 10:37 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tim Reeder on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2375 Ivey Falls Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the releases. My family and friends used to enjoy recreation at the lake. We used to go up to the lake every weekend. We would spend considerable money in local stores for groceries, drinks, supplies, etc. Now with the water so low, we can't dock out boat anymore and it's too dangerous to boat (let alone ski) because of the exposed sand bars, stumps, etc. So, now we don't go up to the lake at all. Please change this situation.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:42 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dan Reeder on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4030 Emerald Glade Court  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA, 30040  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please keep more water in Lake Lanier so we do not have to risk running out of water like Texas and New Orland's did after the recent hurricanes. As you have seen this is a catastrophe of immense proportions. There is also the environmental concerns of letting the water level in the lake drop low enough for the docks/boats to go dry and leak oil on the shore line.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 6:07 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bill Reeder on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6565 Dogwood Terr  
City, St, Zip: Gainsville, GA  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The more that can be done to keep water in lake Lanier the better off for the community. The needed water in Georgia is critical and this plan makes sense if the quality of the water will not be affected.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 1:06 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bill and Linda Reeder on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6565 Dogwood Terrace  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506  
County: Forsyth County

Comments--->Our house and dock is in a cove off of Taylor Creek. Our's is one of the 13 docks in the cove, sitting in the dirt. We have had our house for 9 years, and have so enjoyed the lake. Currently, all the upgrades that we have done to our house, and our dock, are waisted, due to not being able to enjoy the lake. We have weeds growing higher than the dock. There is no market to sell the house, at any price. The cove is now an eyesore.

Please agree to reduce the releases as much as possible, until the drought had ended.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Reed, Jim [Jim.Reed@Eclipsys.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 18, 2008 11:07 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Linear

To Whom it may concern:

I'm writing this email to simply state my grave concerns over the flow of water currently being released from Lake Linear. In voicing this concern I would like to request your support in maintaining a maximum water release of 13% during the months from Nov to April. I find the lake seems to be used more for maintaining water levels downstream, when it a fact that without the lake the river below the lake would be totally or near dry the past few years. A conservative flow versus a near normal flow I would think is more appropriate. Depleting the lake reserves to an extent over 13% at this time seems totally out of balance and defeats the purpose of the overall rules of conservation. The lake reserves are at a critical level and will not only impact the Atlanta area, but could someday provide our downstream communities with nothing if the drought continues. A more conservative approach today could benefits all the most.

I hope to take this and other such requests into serious consideration

Thanks!

Jim Reed, Vice President PSS Ancillary & Global Delivery Eclipsys Corporation  
P: (404) 847-5158 C: (770) 330 -2389

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 3:05 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Marian Reed on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6226 Random Winds Bluff  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please move forward with the request to limit the amount of water being released from the lake. If you take into account the amount of resources that are tapping into the lake and the fact that no alterations of the amount of water being released has been evaluated or changed since the resource increase, it is necessary to do this. Thank you!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:47 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Susan Reddaway on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5956 River Road  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->PLEASE, save our Lake Lanier so we can water our plants,  
Comments--->grass  
and enjoy recreational activities.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 7:55 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Stanley Ray on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4108 Lakewood Court  
City, St, Zip: Lula, GA 30554  
County: Hall

Comments--->We beseech you to consider lowering the minimum rate of flow out of Lake Lanier. The entire southeastern region is undergoing a drought of historical proportions and measures need to be taken to account for this. If Lake Lanier had never been constructed, the downstream flow would not exceed the amount of water coming into the lake basin.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 10:28 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mark Steaple on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: frequent guest  
Address: 227 Sandy Springs Pl Ste D322  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta Ga 30328  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Please consider the waiver of water mngmt operations at Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 7:25 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dian Wescott on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3935 Little Falls Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please, only release the least amount of water necessary. I do not want the scare of not enough water for daily home use, and I would like to be able to water my outdoor plants again. My family moved to Forsyth to be close to Lake Lanier to enjoy the recreation on the lake and the beauty. We have not been on the lake in over a year. I just get depressed looking at areas where the water is so low.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:10 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by dennis werner on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7570 brigham drive  
City, St, Zip: sandy springs ga 30350  
County: usa

Comments--->Further conservation of lake lanier is vital to the lake  
homeowners , commerce , and WATER SUPPLY FOR HMMAN CONSUMPTION !!!!!!!!!!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Mary Wenger [mwenger@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 11:16 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** water in Lake Lanier

Dear Corps of Engineer:

I am writing to express my concern about the amount of water that is still being drained from Lake Lanier.

Since we are getting almost no water coming into the lake I can see no reason to give away what little we have. The water now is so low that the water is getting very smelly and dirty, not good even for the fish and water fowl.

I believe that we can only give away the amount of water that we are actually getting.

Mary and Jerry Wenger  
3168 Lake Ranch Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30506

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 10:58 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Owen Welch on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 12 Trevor Trail  
City, St, Zip: Dahlonega, GA 30533  
County: Lumpkin

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 3:31 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sidney Weinberg on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3629 Lake Ridge Ct  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I urge the Corps to grant the request to modify it

Comments--->operations

plan so as to reduce the amount of water to be released from Lake Lanier during the period from November 2009 through April 2010. The adverse economic impact of further reductions in the level of Lake Lanier are significant -- and it is imperative that a plan be executed to protect the lake and help conserve its resources.

Thank you for your attention.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:03 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Michael V Weber on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3569 Stancil Rd  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506+  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce water flow from Lake Lanier

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Wm. Chad Waters [insuranceguy@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 12:43 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lanier Water Release

The amount of water released from Lanier should be slightly less than comes in, as if there were no dam there. Downstream flow would be as nature intended until some gains can be made to the water level. If Buford Dam were not there, the areas downstream would not be getting as much water so they are getting more than they would anyways. If things stay the way they are, what water coming into Lanier will be all they get when the lake goes dry, which at this rate won't be long, then we will just have a river again.

W. Waters  
Georgia

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:39 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Barbara Wasely on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4651 Lanier Blvd  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, GA 30566  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am writing to express my support for requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009 and decrease the release of water from Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:24 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Paul Warner on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Nongovernmental Organization  
Address: 3422 N Cook Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Powder Springs, GA 30127  
County: Cobb

Comments--->I am the Race Commodore of the Southern Sailing Club and

Comments--->will

be the Commodore in 2009. We sail on Lake Lanier and keep our boats at marinas on the lake. I request that the Corps reduce the minimum amount of the flow in the Chattahoochee at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30.2009. This will reduce the flow from 485 million gallons a day to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional

11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has requested this action and the Southern Sailing Club supports the request.

Paul Warner

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bert Ward on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5213 Whites Mill Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow in the  
Comments--->Chattahoochee  
River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.  
This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day  
(MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake  
Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:05 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Donald Ward on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 8555 Lake Hollow Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Due to the continued drought, additional conservation  
Comments--->efforts  
are needed to help dwindling lake levels.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:32 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dennis Ward on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5425 Blueberry Hills Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga.  
County: Hall

Comments--->I agree with the petition to reduce the daily outflow of  
Comments--->Lake  
Sydney Lanier by 65 MGD from November 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 3:20 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John L Wagner on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3525 MAritime Glen  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I strongly support the Georgia EPD request to the Corps to hold more water in Lake Lanier. This will mean reducing the flow from 485 million gallons per day to 420 million gallons from November 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 10:53 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Muriel Wade on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3211 Benjamin E mays Drive  
City, St, Zip: Atlanta, Georgia 30311  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 6:44 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rick Vonesh on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6313 Ivy Springs Drive  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the release of water from Lake Lanier!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:46 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Carl Volk on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 224 Poplar Trail  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville GA 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->It is very difficult for me to understand why a change in

Comments--->the

mandate to operate the Lake cannot be changed faster. We can react to most disaster situations quickly and I, AND OTHERS, feel we are reaching the point of disaster conditions. Why can't you change the mandate, NOW, then review and modify as needed. The economic impact to this area has reached alarming conditions and I cannot see MY GOVERNMENT getting any too concerned.

Let the lake fill as close to 1071' as we can soon and then those of us who have lost many thousands of dollars can sell our property and the Corps would then be able to drain the lake, as low as they need and do whatever is necessary to save the endangered species down stream from here and maintain whatever mandate is now in place for another 30 years. I sound sarcastic-please forgive me-my property value is presently 50% of what it was and should be!

HELP US!!!

Carl Volk

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 6:49 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Gary Volino on 10/19/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6325 Marina Club Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30503  
County: Hall

Comments--->Three comments,

1. We need to protect our water supply for consumption.
2. Low lake levels hurts the local economy.
3. Low lake levels makes the lake dangerous for boating.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:26 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by David Vogelpohl on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 9320 Sutherlin Cir  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I am writing in support of the Georgia EPD's request to

Comments--->reduce

the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. If this can be done, as it was from March to May, without adversely affecting the water quality then it is the sensible and responsible thing to do. Thank you for accepting my opinion.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 11:59 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Tom Vizzini on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7900 wilkinson dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville ga 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I have been coming up to the lake since the early 70's. Yes there has been low years and yes there has been great years. The problem seems to be that the lake is now a dangerous place to visit. Low water has cause many injuries. It has also caused damage to many boats. Just take a ride around and see the thousands of businesses that have failed because the lake is down. The 10s of millions in lost property value. If you total up the amount of damage that has occurred in north Ga because of the drought...It has been more damaging than many natural disasters. The situation on the lake is a disaster. We can't keep the people downstream supplied as if there was no drought. Everyone downstream benefits by having a great water supply when we have a dangerous mud hole as a lake.

Most important is to realize that this is not a bottomless resource. So I support reducing the wintertime release rates to hopefully bring back our lake for the sake of the economy, resources and lastly...the enjoyment of what was once a beautiful lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 12:43 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Stuart Virgin on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3127 Winding Lake Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Would request the flow of water be reduced as noted November through April.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:00 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Linda Viney on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5400 Bay Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier serves many purposes including recreation to numerous families; this past year few families were able to enjoy the lake. As the lake level continues to drop the water quality standards of the lake are in jeopardy. I support a safe reduction in the outflow of water from Lake Lanier in an attempt to maintain the water quality standards.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:31 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Thomas Viera on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3005 Lanier Beach South Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->In a statement earlier this year, the Corps said that "lower (water) levels will not affect wildlife or water quality downstream". That statement alone should merit the cause to conserve more water in the lake, which is a "water shed" area in itself. That coupled with the DRAMATICLY lower water levels have led to me finding dead shell fish all over the shores of my dock area. This is wrong! The lower water levels are killing the natural wildlife in our area! My dock is SO dry that it will require THOUSANDS of dollars of repair work if/when the water comes back, and it is not even able to be utilized in the mean time. There are tens of millions of recreation dollars (and associated jobs) that are being lost due to this man-made, exacerbation of a natural problem. In problematic times the Corps should be MORE conservative, not LESS conservative!

In my opinion, lack of action at this point in time is reckless!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 12:53 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dana Vermeer on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3390 Small Woods Lane  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the outflows from the lake. Every lake in  
Comments--->this  
chain is full except Lanier. The lake is being ruined by stream erosion, water turbidity  
and poor water quality, not to mention the economic devastation caused by the  
mismanagement by the Corps.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 4:08 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by George Verdier on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3555 Mill Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->I support reducing the flow out of Lake Lanier as requested

Comments--->by

EPD. The lake is lower than it has ever been on this date. Forcasts do not offer much in the way of hope that drought busting storms are coming any time in the forseable future. Lake levels must be maximized to avoid many additional problems beyond the current ones we are all suffering with. It is prudent to conserve when you can.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:53 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Leo and Marie Anne Van de vall on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 210 West Smoketree Terrace  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta GA 30005  
County: North Fulton

Comments--->Dear Corps of Engineers,

We are asking you with this letter to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

Thank you.

Leo and Marie Anne Van de Vall

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008 2:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Raymond L Valley on 10/28/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: (000 Hawks Cove Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->As we all know, Lake Lanier is way down and going down farther. The forecast is for minimal rain through this year. It is painfully obvious we will not be at full pool next year. So it seems very prudent to reduce the flow further from Buford Dam.

Thank you,

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 1:42 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Marilyn Valent on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5657 Point West Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, GA 30566  
County: Hall

Comments--->please realize that we must conserve all the water we can,  
with no rain in sight for a long time. We are desperate, we have buckets in our \$1.5  
Million home, saving wash water, shower water, kitchen water and flushing toilets with  
it!! Many people here on the lake are doing the same, please help us out.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 12:49 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Phil Uzzo on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1910 Tapawingo Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30501  
County: Hall

Comments--->To Corp of Engineers

Please allow Ga EPD's request to hold more water in Lake Lanier. We must conserve whenever and wherever possible to preserve and restore the lake to usable levels.

Thank You.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 5:05 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Burton Urbanick on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3130 edgewater dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville Ga 30501  
County: hall

Comments--->Why can't we take a class action suit for sustained damages

Comments--->to

our property ??DAMAGES CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF CORPS POOR MANAGEMENT AND REGULATIONS WE NEED  
RESTITUTION AND LAKE LEVEL CONTROLS NOW !!!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 01, 2008 11:09 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Upchurch on 11/1/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5644 Nags Head Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Georgia 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Our dock is no longer in the water and we will have to spend hundreds to get it fixed. Our property value is doing down like a rock, but our property taxes are going up, up, up. This whole thing is ridiculous, stop playing with our lake and its resources.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:28 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Grayson Upchurch on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5644 Nagshead Circle.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please! I am requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

Thank You

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Sampleplea@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:54 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier Water

We fully support the EPD requests to conserve thus add water to Lake Lanier.

We have lived on the lake for 30 years and have seen it go from a beautiful pristine lake to a depleted mess. We pay higher taxes because we live on the lake, but every year, we live on less lake. Docks are damaged and dry docked and property values around the lake are being greatly affected.

We wish we could turn back the clock and see a minimum size boat allowed (rather than the ocean going vessels that cause 3 foot wakes and dry the lake out even faster), a halt to cigarette boats that race on crowded weekend and make enough noise to scare all of the wildlife. A halt to people taking over islands to have all night parties with live bands or monster stereos that keep us up all night, and who leave their empty bottles and trash everywhere for us to pick up.

BUT, that is a dream and having more water in the lake is a reality. Please work with the EPD and the property owners who are paying taxes to be on the lake.

Thank you.

Gray and Janet Upchurch  
(770) 532-5716

The EPD letter requests this action to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier and states that its modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:31 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jim Underwood on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6973 Underwood Drive  
City, St, Zip: Murrayville, Ga  
County: Hall

Comments--->I strongly suport the request of the Ga. EPD to reduce the outflow from Lake Lanier for the next few months in order to let the Lake have at least some recovery from the record low levels we have been experiencing for over a year now. We need to return to some sense of normalcy for the economic survival of many businesses as well as making sure that the water needs of the entire region can continue to be met if the drought continues. Water useage in the Metro Atlanta area is down over 20% and still the Lake Level continues to fall. We can't afford to wait until it is too late.

RECEIVED  
10/22/08

Colonel Byron G. Jorns, District Commander  
Mobile District, USACE  
Attn: CESAM-DE  
P. O Box 2288  
Mobile, AL 36628-0001

Dear Colonel Jorns,

I have been informed that the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has sent a letter to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

The EPD letter requests this action to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier and states that its modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jack Uhlir  
124 Sunrise Court  
Dawsonville, GA 30534

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 9:02 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Stuart Tyrnauer on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5305 Bay Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please request the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow

Comments--->in

the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 12:05 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Marreon Tyre on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5705 High Harbor Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 1:05 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kevin Tyre on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5705 High Harbor Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 9:28 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Joni Tuttle on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3600 Dorsey Dr  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->In times of drought there should be a provision that less water is released out of Lake Lanier in order to maintain sufficient water levels to provide water for the residents that are served by Lake Lanier. It seems logical that not more water should be let out than the amounts coming in to the lake in times of severe rain deficits. I cannot speak to the number of gallons that are adequate, but a lesser amount than is currently being let out would be prudent.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 11:54 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ron Turner on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3541 Wake Run Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Gentlemen: My wife, Linda, and I respectfully request that releases of water from Lake Lanier be lowered by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. The Georgia Environmental Division has communicated that the reduction of releases in March, April and May of 2008 did not adversely affect Peachtree Creek.

Obviously, I am writing on behalf of the millions of people who are dependent on the water in the Lake being adequate for daily living needs and recreation.

We read about the political sensitivity relating to the alleged needs of other States and specifically saving certain endangered species of water dwellers. None of those articles seem to contain the viewpoints of representatives of 3 million residents of Atlanta who are dependent on Lake Lanier for household water. We respect the difficulty you have in trying to satisfy political leaders and residents of three states, and believe that the requested reduction will not adversely affect the other interested parties.

Sincerely yours,  
Linda and Ron Turner

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 12:33 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ted Tucker on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3455 Sweetwater Drive  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Lake Lanier is the primary water source for our county (Forsyth) and town (Cumming). We have no other local source available. We have in place severe water restrictions for Conservation for almost 2 years - and still we are at a record low level in the Lake. We must operate Lake Lanier in way to allow it to recover, which means it cannot be expected to support the downstream flows currently manadated. Also, we need increase its storage capacity if technically possible.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 12:19 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Harold & Renee Trip on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 67404 Lakeview Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Buford Georgia 30518  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the release of water from our Lake Lanier

Comments--->under

your new management practices you have turned a once grand lake into a mud hole. Please consider the Georgia EPA call for reduced release.

Harold Trip

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 6:13 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Judith Trinque on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5202 Whites Mill Road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please decrease the minimum flow requirement out of Lake Lanier during this time of severe drought. The future of our drinking water here in NE GA should absolutely take precedence over mussels downstream.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 7:18 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mack Treece on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6936 Underwood Drive  
City, St, Zip: Murrayville, Ga 30654  
County: Hall

Comments--->We need to significantly reduce the outflow of water from

Comments--->Lake

Lanier. This is in the interest of the residents, the state and the overall regional area. I strongly urge you to reduce the outflow

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 7:51 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Daniel Trechock on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Out of state property owner.  
Address: 121 Columbia Ave  
City, St, Zip: Pitman, NJ 08071-1519  
County: Hall

Comments--->Lake Lanier has been my vacation destination since childhood.

I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to purchase my uncle's property he had held since 1963. I envisioned sharing the beauty of the lake with my young children. I now see shore line I never imagined possible. Please take the measures necessary to aid in returning the lake to its past splendor. I hope to see Lake Lanier again in all it's Grandeur for the sake of my children and their children to follow.

Sincerely  
Daniel Trechock

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 9:02 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Toms on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 124 Foxbrush Circle  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, GA 30022  
County: Fulton

Comments--->I support the request to reduce the flow out of Lake Lanier.  
I believe it is more important to maintain a contingency of water for the Atlanta area particularly as we are looking at a recessionary economy.  
Many local businesses are affected by the ability to have an ample water supply.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:57 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Shelby Tolliver on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7120 Bragg Rd  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->• Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River;

- During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1;
- Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought;
- Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:55 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Shelby Tolliver on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 7120 Bragg Rd  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->This note is to add my support for reducing releases  
Comments--->necessary  
at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier to meet water quality standards at Atlanta, Chattahoochee River,  
Georgia

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:35 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jennifer Tolliver on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 12085 Leeward Walk Circle  
City, St, Zip: Alpharetta, GA 30005-4376  
County: Fulton

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River;

During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1;

Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought;

Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

Don't let out any more water than comes into the lake, thereby circumventing Lake Lanier out of the whole water management equation.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 6:42 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by MARK TITSHAW on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: PO BOX 562  
City, St, Zip: BUFORD GA 30515  
County: GWINNETT

Comments---->SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WATER THAT  
LEAVES THE LAKE.ITS CRAZY THAT GEORGIA IS THE ONLY STATE ON WATER RESTRICTION OF THE 3  
STATES LAKE LANIER SERVES. PLEASE STOP DRAINING THE LAKE.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:43 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Stacey Tiller on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6355 Chestnut Hill Road  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am in support of the Georgia EPD's request to hold more water in Lake Lanier.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 3:31 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Leslie M. Thomas, PE on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3460 Pointview Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA  
County: Hall

Comments--->I work in Apalachicola for the St. George Island Water System. In the past 13 years I have been there the only negative effect of nature has been the hurricanes. From the oyster men and women I know, the river does not affect their business, but rather the hurricanes and more severly - the shore line property owner sold all the land they used to oyster from and dislocated them. Also, As I understand it, the water release is supposed to be connected to the water level at Jim Woodruff, but that has not been put into effect? Also the largest known home for the endangered species of Great Blue Herons is on Lake Lanier just off point view landing and since the water level has been dried up, their homes are now in danger. Also, the lake was not authorized for protection of Oysters or mussels. Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

As a water quality and resources engineer for the past 36 years, I can tell you that last year you almost created the worse disaster of the century when you almost ran Atlanta out of water - you can buy water to drink anywhere - but if you cannot flush - you cannot live there.  
Leslie M. Thomas, PE, CVS-Life  
Executive Director, SAVE International 678-677-6420

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 1:19 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Elaine Thomas on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 306 Mtn. Brook Rd.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga 30040  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support the request of The Georgia Environmental

Comments--->Protection

Division that the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

The EPD letter requests this action to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier and states that its modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:42 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mark Thelen on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Athens Boat Club Board Member  
Address: 425 ABC Hickory Trail  
City, St, Zip: dawsonville GA  
County: Dawson

Comments--->I support the Georgia EPD's request to reduce the minimum amount of flow from the Chattahoochee River.

The low water level has caused a great deal of damage to the Athens Boat Club docks and we have not been able to sell gas to the public since the Fall of 2007.

Mark Thelen

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 5:56 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by James Tharp on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3427 Talking Leaves Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, Ga. 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->The condition of the lake level is a total disgrace.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 4:56 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robin Terrell on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6644 Sweetwater Point  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->The continuing low water level of Lake Lanier is adversely affecting boating and recreation on the lake. This is causing disruption to the businesses who provide infrastructure and services on the lake - firms are cutting back and going out of business. I strongly support the GEPD proposal to reduce the outflow from the lake. We need to get back to full pool. Sincerely, Robin Terrell

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 4:48 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Hunter Taylor on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5925 Truman mountain road  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville , Georgia ,30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The current lake level is almost 18 feet below full pool. If the reduction in water release is not done and the drought continues through 2009 the lake has a good chance of reaching levels that could not support the needs of the tri states. The request is within reason and should be granted.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard Taylor on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2532 Longcourt Cir SE  
City, St, Zip: Smyrna, GA 30080  
County: Cobb

Comments--->Please allow the Corps to reduce the flow of water out of  
Comments--->Lake  
Lanier. Thank you!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** LauraLynn.Swafford@gwinnettcountry.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 30, 2008 3:19 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm writing for the first time to ask you to please hold more water in Lake Lanier. I realize it's been a constant request for over a year now from numerous sources, but hopefully at some point the voices will make a difference.

Lake Lanier was intended to be an outstanding example of engineering and source of power and recreation. Please don't diminish these fine characteristics by allowing too much water to be released.

I want to keep this short & simple. I know you are busy. I am just hopeful that my voice will be heard and make a difference.

Thank you for your time & attention.

Laura Lynn Swafford

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 9:00 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Kevin Sullivan on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3486 Talking Leaves Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Unqualified comment:

It would seem, the regulation should be from the bottom up, i.e. the most downstream dam, not from the top down. You can always release water from the top to fill the lower lakes but the water that flows over the lower slues is gone forever. Lanier has the smallest watershed of the 4 lakes, Lanier, West Pt., George and Woodruff. Laniers watershed rainfall in the last 3 months was the lowest of all 4 dams. A little more than 1/3 of West Pts, a liittle less than 1/3 of Georges and 1/4 of Woodruffs. Yet, Laniers discharge accounted for 1/8 of the total released from Woodruff. It appears the lower 3 lakes are at or close to full pool. That means all the water flowing out of Woodruff every day is gone forever when some of it could have been filling Lanier.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:58 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert Sullivan on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4741 Ben Hill Drive  
City, St, Zip: Oakwood, GA 30566  
County: Hall

Comments--->Now is the time to raise the level of Lake Lanier as much as possible this winter to improve the critical water levels that now exist. This contingency program seems to be the best to meet water quality standards for the area and the future of this watershed.....

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**From:** Terry Studebaker [terrystudebaker@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:58 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** lake Lanier Releases

We are lake Lanier property owners since 1983. Our property overlooks a cove that is over 20 feet deep (at full pool). Today, our boat dock sits on red clay, grass is growing in the cove (a high risk for fire), our boat has been in dry storage for over a year, we continue to pay dock permit fees, we also continue to pay a 10-20% premium in real estate taxes (assessed for having lake frontage). We strongly believe that Lake Lanier should be restored to full pool immediately. Further it would appear that any excessive water release in times of severe drought should be stopped. We therefore support any and all efforts to raise the water levels in the lake and would like to see full pool levels raised to 1073'. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Terry Studebaker  
Lisa Studebaker  
304 Indian Cove Drive  
Dawsonville, Gal 30534  
706-216-6225

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 11:03 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by scott stringer on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4084 Fincher Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville Ga. 30504  
County: hall

Comments--->please consider a temporary reduction in water flow from  
Comments--->Lake  
Lanier.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:12 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Amy Strickland on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 34 Instigator Cove  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, GA 30533  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Since buying a home on Lake Lanier, we've been severely disappointed in the management of the lake. Now, it looks as though many "lake homes" will never have water again, reducing home values drastically. The property damage to our dock and our neighbors docks is almost criminal, as the perimeter of this lake meets with neglect every single day. I strongly urge you to please reconsider how this lake is managed, and for this particular issue, it seems criminal to us to let out any water out of the lake under present conditions.

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**From:** Wayne Stradley [wstrad@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 12:36 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Water level

Water for people and industries far out weigh the need for mussels, etc. Reducing the amount of outflow form Lake Lanier. Updating those outflows will be greatly appreciated by many Georgians. Please apply as much 'common sense' as possible to this problem. My wife and I conserve alot of water everyday to help in this effort. Please allow the GEPD letter to reduce outflow by 13%, to become a reality.

Thank you,

Wayne Stradley, Gainesville, GA

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 2:59 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Karen Stone on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2138 Berryhill Circle SE  
City, St, Zip: Smyrna, GA 30082  
County: Cobb

Comments--->I support reduced flow from Buford Dam

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Tiffany Stone [tstone@balancedbr.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 1:43 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Lake Lanier Proposal/Mobile

Dear Corps of Engineers:

As a homeowner and vested supporter of Lake Lanier, I am personally requesting the Corps of Engineers pass this latest proposal to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. Lake Lanier serves as home to over 8,000 homeowners, and numerous wildlife and preserve, and deserves to be protected. Please help us begin rebuilding Lake Lanier, and bringing the water levels back to a place of beauty and comfort for all.

Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tiffany A Stone

Homeowner in Dawsonville, GA

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**From:** Ken Stone [kstone@logictrends.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 9:32 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Keeping more water in Lanier.

Dear Corps,

Please take note that as a homeowner on Lake Lanier, I wanted to voice my support of the Georgia EPD's request to hold more water in Lake Lanier.

Per the letter sent by The Georgia Environmental Protection Division to the Mobile office of the Corps of Engineers requesting the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009, it is my belief that the proposed initiative will help positively impact both economic and residential viability during a time of reduced water capacity. We have seen both personal and professional devastation as a combined result of the drought and downstream release requirements that requires a short term tactical fix and support the proposed plan.

Please register my comment, and feel free to contact me with an questions.

Thank you,

Ken Stone

Lake Lanier Resident

678.438.9990

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 5:58 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Daniel Stone on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6007 Lanier Heights Cr.  
City, St, Zip: Buford Ga, 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->I would like to request that the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce this flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

Please consider the following:

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raising Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

Thank you,  
Daniel and Cristine Stone

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 1:41 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by barbara stone on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4220 idle grass place  
City, St, Zip: cumming, ga 30041  
County: forsyth

Comments---> I am in support of the Georgia EPD's request to hold more water in Lake Lanier.

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 24, 2008 4:15 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Bob Stiehler on 10/24/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3554 Montgomery Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->I support the proposal to reduce the minimum flow from Lake Lanier during the months from November through April. Further, I wish to recommend the following specific items be considered for immediate implementation:

- Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River;
- During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1;
- Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought;
- Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

Thank you.

Bob Stiehler

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 06, 2008 12:56 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lorraine Stewart on 11/6/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1355 Grove Park Lane  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The effects Southeastern-wide drought of 2006 - 2008 should not be borne exclusively by the counties bordering Lake Lanier. There is no logical reason to release water at a faster rate than it flows into Lake Lanier. As long as the Corps of Engineers keeps downstream water levels artificially high (by draining Lake Lanier), downstream communities have no incentive to develop their own drought management capabilities or water conservation programs.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 8:04 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Millie Stevens on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1004 lakemont dr nw  
City, St, Zip: gainesville,ga  
County: Hall

Comments--->i AM AN SENIOR i BOUGHT MY HOME ON THE LAKE TO RETIRE AND TO  
GAIN MAYBE A LITTLE EQUITY. NOW 10 YEARS LATER THE CORP IS CONTINUENG TO LOWER OUR LAKE TO  
THE WORST LOW IN HISTORY FOR SOME STUPID MUSSLE THAT DOESEN,T NEED THE WATER WE CAN,T  
FLUSH OUR TOILETS WE HAVE TO BUY WATER TO DRINK MOST OF OUR DOCKS ARE DAMAGED FROM SITTING  
ON DRY LAND,OUR BOATS ARE DETERIOATING FOR WHAT WATER BELOW THIS DAM IS FULL AND WE DO NOT  
NEED TO LET ANY MORE WATER OUT JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT THAT WAY

MILDRED STEVENS

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 8:53 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Stanley and Janice Stevens on 10/17/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6820 Vickery Creek Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30040  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->We support the written request from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta, Ga. by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This action by the Corps of Engineers is needed to conserve water storage in Lake Lanier. We urge the Corps to adopt this action.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:48 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Eileen Steigele on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5428 Sherri Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->I support the Georgia EPD's request to hold more water in  
Comments--->Lake  
Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 9:42 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Faye Westfall on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2611 Parker Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the minimum amount of flow from Lake Lanier at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% from November 2008- April 2009. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:33 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Sherleen Zehner on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3825 Adams Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->When water quality is unchanged during a prolonged drought,  
why must the Corps counter the EPD recommendation to reduce water flow from Lk Lanier  
until next Spring 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:23 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Jason Zafft on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6267 Woodlake Dr  
City, St, Zip: Buford, GA 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->I support the temporary drought contingency deviation/waiver to reduce releases from Buford Dam / Lake Lanier.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** inchol yun [icyun@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 17, 2008 6:41 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** please raise lake level

Colonel Byron G. Jorns, District Commander

Please vote to maintain more water in Lake Lanier. We need jobs! Are we not as important as Florida's mussels?

Thank you,

Lesley Yun

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## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 7:02 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by debbie young on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5546 ahseforde way  
City, St, Zip: marietta, ga. 30068  
County: cobb

Comments--->Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River; During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1; Management triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought; Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 7:19 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard York on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4858 Habersham Court  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Issue: Water Levels in Lake Lanier

Comment: I believe it is a critical priority for the Corp of Engineers to take all possible steps to reduce the outflows from Lake Lanier. The continued lack of rainfall in the Lanier Basin compared to other areas of the state justify taking different measures with the management of Lanier compared to other lakes in the system. All possible measures need to be taken to allow Lanier to hold and rebuild its water levels. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2008 8:54 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ing Yan on 10/16/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3758 Harbour Landing Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I support the request for a temporary drought contingency deviation/waiver of water management operations at Buford Dam/Lake Lanier to reduce releases necessary to meet water quality standards at Atlanta, Chattahoochee River, Georgia.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 1:35 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by John Wren on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5967 McEver Road  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA, 30542-3104  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am very much in favor of reducing the outflow of Lake  
Comments--->Lanier  
as a temporary conservation method. While overall reduced water usage is part of a more  
long term solution, I feel that, in the mean time, conservation through a reduced outflow  
would be beneficial.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2008 1:26 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Lynn Wood on 10/22/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5315 Young Deer Dr  
City, St, Zip: Cumming Georgia 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->The amount of water currently being released into the Chattahoochee River is excessive, residents downstream don't understand what all the hoopla is about up here because the water is flooding the riverbanks and/or much higher than previous years. They don't need or want the water....We need to have a larger reservoir for the residents in THIS area!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2008 7:28 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Richard J. Wilson on 10/23/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4174 Cumberland Point Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30504  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please strongly consider reducing the outflow from Lake Lanier. It is now more than a recreation issue - it is an economic issue. Property values are plummeting based upon lake levels.

Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:59 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Ron Wilson on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5169 Artesian Springs DR  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please reduce the flow of water from Lake Lanier into the  
Chattahoochee River as we need to conserve water through the winter so we will have enough  
of a supply to carry us through the early spring.  
Reducing by 13% will save 65 Million Gallons per Day. If you were to do this from 11-1-08  
to 4-30-09 we could save 11.7 Billion Gallons of Water.  
Thank You,  
Ron Wilson.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 12:07 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by K Wilson on 10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6500 gaines ferry rd  
City, St, Zip: flowery branch, ga. 30542  
County: hall

Comments--->I don't understand why we keep sending water when every  
Comments--->thing  
below us has lots of water. Columbus, Eufaula, even Blountstown, Fl. We need this stoped.  
Please do something.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 7:11 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Cindy Wilson on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 1510 Logan Circle  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Georgia 30041  
County:

Comments--->I am a Lake Lanier resident very nervous that the Lake will take years before it is back to full pool. Please consider releasing less water.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 27, 2008 10:03 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Don Williams on 10/27/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3224 Dunlap Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments---->PLEASE DO NOT LET ANYMORE WATER OUT OF LAKE LANIER!!! I have never seen this lake so low in my life time. Please stop before it dries up.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** Judy Swanner [JSwanner@wmsgrpintl.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 23, 2008 9:12 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** October 10, 2008 EPD Request to Reduce Flow at Buford Dam

October 22, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

c/o cesam-pd-ea@usace.army.mil <mailto:cesam-pd-ea@usace.army.mil>

Subject: October 10, 2008 EPD Request to Reduce Flow at Buford Dam

In response to the October 10, 2008 request from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) to temporarily reduce the minimum flow at Peachtree Creek to 650 cfs from 750 cfs, I submit the following comments.

The north Georgia region has experienced significant challenges around Lake Lanier. Businesses are closing, residents are losing property values, safety is being compromised and the lake's contribution to the quality of life has been impaired. Climatologists continue to state that Georgia is in for an extended drought period. Therefore it is imperative we retain as much storage as possible to insure essential needs can be met within the entire system at the proper times. We need to get back to the Corps' previous management goal to do everything practical to refill Lanier by June 1 of every year.

The drought may be responsible for the current state, but not wholly. Alternatives to the Corps operating plan need to be seriously considered, and the current EPD request to reduce the flows through April 30, 2009 is a critical step in the right direction.

As a business owner and resident in the Lake Lanier area, I urge you to grant the EPD request. The health of our economy depends on sufficient water levels in Lake Lanier. As EPD has analyzed, reduced flows will not adversely affect water quality or threaten water intakes below Buford Dam. Moreover, this reduction alone would add approximately 11.7 billion gallons of water storage to Lake Lanier, which would help to preserve this resource and our region's livelihood.

Sincerely,

Virgil R. Williams

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 18, 2008 9:02 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert Williams on 10/18/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 5130 Nunnally Trail  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support reducing reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 2:31 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Matt Williams on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 2215 Pilgrim Mill Cir.  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, GA 30041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->I support the Georgia EPD's request to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek so as to reduce the water released from Buford Dam. Please do everything possible to increase the amount of water stored in Lake Lanier. Thank you.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 10:32 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Mark G Willes on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 4161 Cumberland Point Drive  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville  
County: Hall

Comments--->I am requesting that the Corps reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. This will reduce the flow from 485 million gallons a day (MGD) to 420 MGD, thereby leaving an additional 11.7 billion gallons of water in Lake Lanier.

I request this action to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier and modeling has shown that water quality at Peachtree Creek was not adversely affected when the flow was reduced between March and May 2008.

Thank you,  
Mark G Willes

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2008 5:20 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Robert A. Wilder, Sr. on  
10/14/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6711 crestwood peninsula  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, Ga. 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->If the water is not needed downstream it does not make sense  
to release when we need to conserve in Lake Lanier

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2008 8:19 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Blake Whitney on 10/15/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3464 Point View Circle  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->I support the Environmental Protection Division in

Comments--->requesting

the Corps to reduce the minimum amount of flow in the Chattahoochee River at Peachtree Creek in Atlanta by 13% between November 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008 3:19 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Dianne Whitmire on 10/21/2008

Affiliation: select one  
Address: 5360 Franklin Goldmine Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Ga. 30328  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Please reduce the release of water from Lake Lanier, Lake property is not selling good partly due to low water levels. I am a real estate broker.Thanks

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2008 2:25 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Rob Whitley on 10/29/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6342 Lights Ferry Rd  
City, St, Zip: Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
County: Hall

Comments--->I need more water in the lake to be able to launch my boat.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 25, 2008 7:57 AM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Corinne White on 10/25/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3430 Banks Mountain Place  
City, St, Zip: Gainesville, GA 30506  
County: Hall

Comments--->Please help Lake Lanier. This beautiful resource is being ruined and no one is stopping it. Reduce the amount of water emitted from the lake until the volume significantly increases. We haven't had rain for a month and then yesterday it drizzled. The rain we are receiving is not enough to sustain water volume when balanced against the outflow. Temporarily reduce the outflow until the lake improves. Don't allow the marine life and the economy of this lake to die!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 8:44 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Phyllis White on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6236 Woodlake Drive  
City, St, Zip: Buford, GA 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Save every drop of water you can in the lake over the winter!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 6:39 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Paul & Jean White on 10/13/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 110 Sunset Dr.  
City, St, Zip: Dawsonville, Ga. 30534  
County: Dawson

Comments--->Dear Sirs, I'm cordially requesting that the Corp of Engineers please reduce the release of water from Lake Lanier in order to conserve needed storage in Lake Lanier. Thank you for your consideration.

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2008 8:43 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by C. M. White on 10/20/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 6236 Woodlake Drive  
City, St, Zip: Buford, GA 30518  
County: Gwinnett

Comments--->Please reduce the amount of water released during the winter months to the absolute minimum!

## Northcutt, Heather P SAM

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**From:** joseph.m.brabham@usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 26, 2008 2:33 PM  
**To:** CESAM-PD-EA SAM  
**Subject:** Temporary Deviation/Waiver - Reduce WQ Release from Buford Dam

The Following Comments were submitted by Elaine Zimney on 10/26/2008

Affiliation: Local Resident  
Address: 3350 Carlton Road  
City, St, Zip: Cumming, Georgia 300041  
County: Forsyth

Comments--->Raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071' to 1073'; do NOT

Comments--->draw

down the lake for mussels and other endangered species; during the rainy season allow the Corp of Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1st and demand setup by the STATE of a reserve north of Lake Lanier to prevent the disaster in the future. Errors by the Corp of Engineers to let too much water out of the lake several years ago is no excuse to not correct the error by getting the lake back up to full pool. Shame! Shame!  
Shame!