Comment ID: 0301
Author Name: Jud Davis
Organization:

0301

In a seemingly non-connected issue, Georgia and Tennessee have had a lengthy property line dispute that has lasted for hundreds of years. Congress set the property line dividing the states at the 35th parallel. A survey back in the 1800s set the line in the wrong place, effectively locating a sliver of Georgia into Tennessee. This sliver includes part of the Tennessee River.

A simple pipeline from the massive Tennessee River, bringing water into Georgia's drought strickened regions, would forever solve the water wars issues between Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

I feel that Georgia should quit claim any disputed property to Tennessee in return for a tap into the Tenn River. We could then use Interstate -75 right of way for a pipeline down to a "T" with one leg going east into the Lake Lanier watershed (and the ACF River system), and a second leg continuing down I-75 into the Allatoona watershed.

This plan effectively ends the decades old Water Wars dispute between the southern states. Here's how:

Tennessee wins: They have their disputed land free and clear. The tap is a few miles from the Alabama line. Tenn has enjoyed full use of the Tenn River resource by this point. They won't miss a drop. No more disputes with Georgia.

Alabama wins: They won't miss the miniscule withdrawal. The Tenn River is huge. They will gain a forever full river system along the Chattahoochee River (ACF system) along the Alabama boarder with Georgia. Tons of water for their Dothan plant. No more disputes with Georgia.

Florida wins: Florida will forever have water flows keeping their sturgeon and mussels watered. Florida's oyster industry can now have the water with no more drought flow reductions. No more disputes with Georgia.

This pipeline project is tiny compared to similar projects in Alaska (oil & gas pipelines) and Los Angeles (drinking water aquifers). This pipeline solves many problems amongst the states and provides several benefits for all of the states.

From Senator Shafer - Duluth, Ga; he says that the TVA has already performed an impact study of the needed withdrawals. According to the Senator, no adverse problems were identified. A joint effort involving USACE and TVA working together to solve a regional water supply problem would be a huge win for all!

An effective end to the water wars AND a reliable water source for the ACF system. Many thanks for your time and efforts and your service to this great nation! Sincerely, Jud Davis, Gainesville, Ga

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Comment ID: 0302
Author Name: Chris Gray
Organization:

0302

With the rapid growth of NE Georgia over the pasted decade, interbasin transfers have been increasing dramatically. Municipals have partnered across the divide and are putting increased demand on the Chattahoochee river basin by supplying water to customers which discharge outside of the basin's natural flow. The level of Lake Lanier over the past several years has dropped due to many variables, however the most controllable variable is to restrict withdrawal that does not return to river and stream systems from which they have been drawn. The battles over releases from the dam to downstream will only increase if these transfers are not better regulated. Current regulations by the State allow for a one county distance for these basin transfers, however the affect may be seen many counties away as increased and decreased waterflows are altered. Growth in NE Georgia and other areas will continue to modify water levels within their respective basins, and appropriate checks and measures need to be designed to quantity the flow in the ACF. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Comment ID: 0303
Author Name: Robert G Fuss
Organization:

0303

I live on Lake Lanier and I am in favor of raising the "full pool" level of the lake.

I also believe that part of the problem with the low level of Lake Lanier, is poor management of resources. A couple of years ago, excessive water was released from Lanier, due to a faulty gauge. At least that was the excuse. Anyone with good eyesite, could have determined that something was wrong, by looking at the shoreline.

Comment ID: 0304
Author Name: Randy Norred
Organization:

0304

Many parks have been abandon leaving the shoreline looking run down. Land owners are not allowed to even have grills or tables on the shoreline these are people who would keep them up. Many land owners improve the shoreline and should be given more use.

0305

Comment ID: 0305
Author Name: Nancy H. Green
Organization:

I am very concerned about the quality and future lack of water in this area, particularly with the unrestricted growth all through this region, especially in the Atlanta area and south through Troup County. The Corps should tighten the restrictions on growth around existing reservoirs and any that are planned in the future. It does no good to have water supplies and then have the area developed to the point that more and more water is required from the river. We have limited resources and someone will have to come to the conclusion that everyone that wants to cannot live along the Chattahoochee River. This River is stressed to the point of no return now.

0306

Comment ID: 0306
Author Name: Jim Levesque
Organization:

We had a very difficult summer with low water in West Point lake. Since my interest is in fishing and boating, I was able to do neither since we had not water adjacent to our dock. This is important to the entire area. Thank you for what you are able to do do for us.

0307

Comment ID: 0307
Author Name: Bob Zumwalt
Organization:

I can't imagine why you waited this long to think about updating your manual. What have you been thinking about?
I've been attending meetings about this lake for years, and we all knew that we had a potential problem here. Seems like your agency has again put off doing anything about another conflicting situation (like Katrina).
The Atlanta metro area developed where it did, based on the availability of water from the Chattahoochee River. Can you imagine what's going to happen if this area is without water, even for a day?

0308

Comment ID: 0308
Author Name: Michael J. Mcbride
Organization:

At your scoping meeting on 10/22 I had one main question. Why is the West Point Lake level dropped to 628' in the fall?

Your meeting was very professional and informative and I came way with answers, some of which I didn't want to hear but understand. Now I have a new question. What can be done to change this policy?

Recently my wife and I purchased property on the Chattahochee River just north of the lake. Last fall we were shocked at what had happened to our "waterfront property." We would never have purchased the property if we had understood the current policy for lake levels.

Through information from the scoping meeting and from the West Point Lake Advisory Council it is my understanding the Corps has some discretion in what the levels should be between 641' and 620'. Further this decision is based not only on current weather conditions but also on studies and data that is decades old.

The Advisory Council has funded a current study recommending a 633-635' level be maintained. At the scoping meeting I inquired if the Corps could adopt this study and was told it did not fit the Corps' criteria. Further I was told if the lake levels policy is to be changed a multi million dollar three year government study would have to be done.

Advisory Council members have advised me they are currently working on having their study fit the Corps' criteria. Hopefully this can be acccomplished in short order and adopted by the Corps.

Comment ID: 0309
Author Name: Gary M Cash
Organization: Just a concerned American

0309

To whom is in charge,
I have read your article about the meeting planned to inform the public of the plans and changes being reviewed to better control the water level of the lanier basin and
other areas. True the plans from the fifties needs to be updated and changes made to help prevent this drought ridden problem from happening again if possible. But, those reviews and plans you say wont be ready to implant untill possibility 2011.
But what about now, can the basin keep sufficient water supply to all the people that use it now untill then or untll adequate amount of rainfall can slow its decline of water level. Somehow I don't think it can. I have sent suggestions to the governor and to the army corps of engineers and can not get a straight answer to my question of a quick fix solution till your reviews and implantation of your plans can be set in place.
Therefore I`ll ask one more time to you and see if I can get an answer.

Is it not possible to arrange a convoy of tanker trucks to travel to one of our areas of this country and fill those trucks with some of the flood waters which is overly excess amount and truck it back to the lanier basin? Thirty or forty trunks carrying 15000-18000 gals of water depending how much they hold would give us close to a million gallons of water that might help us make it through this god awful drought
untill your plans get applicable. Cost you say...well how about everyone that uses our basin contribute about 5 dollars to help. Surely everyone who likes to water their lawns, wash their cars, and take a bath wouldn't mind contributing five little dollars to this plan. I should think they would. Lets see...5$ x at least 2,000,000
people =$10,000,000 to pay for this operation. So what do ya say? Can I get a good straight answer to my question? I would really like to know if this quick fix plan is workable. Will be waiting to hear from you as I am unable to attend your Wednesday
meeting due to disabilities. Respectively, Gary M. Cash...Flowery Branch

Gary Cash
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Comment ID: 0310
Author Name:
Organization:

0310

How well does the Savannah river district coordinate with the Mobile district regarding water sources and interbasin transfers? The State is divide in half by these offices.

Comment ID: 0311
Author Name: Stephen Scanlan
Organization:

The importance on the flow of fresh water in this eco-system may not be realized until it is to late. If this estuary life supporting and as well a life producing is lost due to fresh water flow we all lose as well as our children and grandchildren. The estuary at risk was made by God and the man made dams interrupting its life sustaining flow cannot be allowed. I grew up in Tucker Georgia and sailed on lake lanier as a young man, however when I hear that Atlanta needs to maintain the lake at greater levels to maintain property values on and around the lake or lake lanier island resorts economic interests or new subdivision planned it sounds like a spoiled child not getting his or her way. If this is about sustaining human life due to fresh water issues that is more tolerable and understanding, but growing up in Tucker Georgia in the 1970's I saw fist hand how Atlanta never addressed its growth issues. Atlanta economically can easily win a court battle regarding this issue, however that will ultimately result in all of us loosing. Please do not allow the destruction of this great eco system by reducing the water flow to Accommodate a city that does not adequately plan for its population growth and its land developers.

BRANT MEADOWS
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- Local Resident
- Water Supply

I was talking with Mr. Andy, who's in your hydrology area, and I've been speaking about the mathematical equations that determine the amount of water that's released. My concern is that the raw data input -- for instance, the diameter pipe size -- was originally measured utilizing slide rules and tape measures. And I would like to see them re-measured utilizing modern technology such as GPS, global satellite positioning, to give us all of the raw data input all over again so the pipe diameter size, for instance, wouldn't be measured with a tape measure. We would measure it with a digital tape measure.

The idea behind this is to ensure that when we release what we say were releasing, that we're actually releasing that amount. And we have prior history indicating when we had the problem with the calibration unit that indicated a different reading. That's what alerted me to this problem.

I was told by some of the Corps of Engineers personnel on one of the tours that I did -- in fact, one of the last tours I did at the dam -- that were told to me off the record, that said that raw data is highly suspect, and that it needs to be looked at. So when you're looking at your mathematical equations that Mr. Andy showed me, you really need to look at that raw data input.

My other concern is that my county, Forsyth County, is looking at building a reservoir. It's going to cost my county tens of millions of dollars. First estimated cost, well over $70 million. I've said that there's a reservoir that's currently not being used, and that is Lake Lanier. The idea, very simply, would be that Lake Lanier would be used as a bank. So if my county was putting in water that's not derived from sources that are already going into the lake -- for instance, via wells or groundwater or underground aquifers, -- that if we're able to deposit a half a million gallons of water into Lake Lanier that we would be able to withdraw this back to the county. And, of course, the dispute in the county dealing with the county not having a withdrawal permit and only the city of Cumming having that, we go through a middle man. We'd like to have the ability to finish our own water. And in this case, all we're using is Lake Lanier as a temporary storage bank such that we can put in a half a million gallons and we can get it back out.

That's my word. Thank you.

0313

PETER EDWARDS
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- Local Resident
- Water Supply

My name is Peter Edwards. I'm here as both a lake resident and also as the owner of LanierLuxuryHomes.com which is a real estate practice focused on Lake Lanier and the surrounding area. I've lived in the area and on the lake for the last ten years now, and I also happen to be a systems engineer by education and practice. And I've been an active member of the Lake Lanier Association for, also, the last ten years, and have looked at the situation with the water levels on Lake Lanier and also followed all the issues surrounding the Tri-State Water Wars over the last ten years. And it occurs to me that tonight's forum and most of the work that's been done so far and will be done updating the water management manuals takes a very short-term view of what the water issues are in the tri-state area concerning the ACF Basin. When one looks at the basin maps, it pops out very clearly that the real issue that we need to be addressing is the fact that the Flint River Basin is not being used as was part of the original design for the ACF River Basin and the projects that have been built on the basin since its inception back in the '50s.

When you compare the 6 percent of the total basin that Lake Lanier retains or has available to it, and the 53 percent that's included in the Flint River Basin, you basically come up with a nine-to-one ratio of potential contribution to supply all of the needs of the tri-state area. And we know for a fact that the only storage facility at the end of the Flint River Basin is Lake Seminole, and we also know that Flint River has the ability to supply much more storage than Lake Lanier ever could in order to help assist the supply to all three states.

So I would suggest that the Corps, while it cannot plead to Congress to include new dams, works, or whatever for the Flint River Basin, that they would be abandoning their engineering effort if they omit the issue that part of the original design for the ACF Basin was to include multiple dams on the Flint River. And that issue should be strongly involved and heavily documented in whatever engineering studies and updates to the water manuals that the Corps intends to take upon with this current effort and in the future. Because that, I suggest, would be the long-term solution to this Tri-State Water Wars, and once and for all provide a solution that can be accommodating to all three of the states going down the road in the future.

0314

Comment ID: 0314
Author Name: Charles S. Neely
Organization:

I believe winter pool level should exceed 628 MSL and history over the last 30 years would indicate that lower winter pool level could span a shorter period of time than has been the case. The 2008 level this fall seems far more realistic in terms of meeting all of the purposes for which the lake was impounded.

HAROLD TRIP
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- Local Resident
- Water Supply

My opinion of this gathering is it's total and complete hypocrisy, a waste the taxpayers' money. This lake is totally being mismanaged for whatever alternative reason. This gathering and bringing us out to look at what you're showing us means absolutely nothing. The lake is fifty years old, and through several severe other droughts we have been able to maintain the water level at a point that is nothing like what we're currently going through.

We had fourteen inches of rain with the storm out of Florida. As soon as we picked up two and a half, three foot of water you inadvertently doubled or quadrupled the amount of discharge out of the lake and drug it right back down.

This community is highly upset with regard to the management of this lake, and you have a pop that's right about at the boiling point.

That's my opinion, and you can put it off on whatever you want to, but you're ruining property values on this lake, you're putting people out of work, you're causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages for boat repairs. It's a disaster.

BONNY PUTNEY
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Buford, Georgia 30518

- Local Resident
- Water Supply

As a Lake Lanier resident and a river user, a very heavy river user due to the fact that I am a paddler and I've paddled almost the whole river system, I really think that the biggest problem is the fact that we don't have a lot of science to back up any of the things that we're doing here. And if we had more monitoring up and down the rivers so that we could see exactly who's using what water and how much water is needed in each area, I think it would be a lot easier to justify who gets the water and why they're getting the water. I just fell like there should be a lot more signs, a lot more monitoring on the river basin so that people will feel confident in what we're doing as far as releases go.

KENNETH DAVIS
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- Local Resident
- Water Supply

I want to address the Corps. I'm wondering if it was a possibility for the Corps to negotiate with the states of Tennessee and Georgia to possibly purchase some of the water in the Nickajack Lake reservoir -- not as a gift or not as a boundary dispute -- or even possibly let the city of Atlanta, which uses most of the water from Lake Lanier -- could we not let the city of Atlanta have a bond referendum and possibly pay for a very large pipe to transfer water from Nickajack reservoir into Lake Lanier for use by the city of Atlanta and surrounding areas?

KIM SAK
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- Local Resident
- Water Supply

The first thing that I would like to say to the Corps is that I'd like to see them establish a citizens advisory group for Lake Lanier. I think that it would give them a good opportunity to have some local input that wasn't a special interest group. The next thing that I'd like to point out is, I'd like to see, as soon as possible, an environmental impact study done on the endangered species of mussels downstream to determine how much water they need during drought conditions to survive. And I don't know if that's being done, but I think that that's critical. And that if, in fact, they need for water, can water be taken from another local source instead of coming all the way from Lake Lanier. And I'd like to point out that I do not believe that the economy of all of North Georgia should be sacrificed blindly over just this one issue.

My next question is, has anyone looked at the state-wide economic impact of the drought conditions in North Georgia during the last 2007, 2008? In particular, I'm thinking of the bad press over Atlanta's water shortage as Lake Lanier's levels drop, and I think that beyond the regional impact that this has had economically, that it really has had a bigger impact that we may not be looking at.

My next question is, does the Corps and state work together to evaluate future movement of water between drainage basins throughout the state of Georgia and then beyond our waters? At some point I think that we'll have to move water around the state. And how far out are we looking at this issue?

You can stand on my property in Hall County and see the entire drainage basin for Lake Lanier. It has to rain up near Helen to fill the lake. And I think that the size of the drainage basin is a critical factor in future management of the lake level and downstream. The drainage basin can't support the demands on it, and that should have been obvious, but if it wasn't, it has to be now, and that that is really the ruling factor in all of this, in my opinion.

And the last comment I'd like to make is, I would like to express my great dissatisfaction about the two-foot error in water release earlier this year, and how long it took the Corps to solve the problem. I don't know if what I hear is accurate or not but I have been told that people were calling the Corps and trying to tell them that the lake was dropping and that it took them a long time to react. And going back to the idea of a citizens advisory, I think that that might be helpful under those types of circumstances.

Thank you for your time.

0319

Comment ID: 0319
Author Name: Doug Burnd
Organization:

We have been utilizing Lake Lanier since 1957 for recreation purposes. We are aware of all the needs that the Chattahoochee River provides for however we also know that the total demands listed are more than the river can provide even in times when we have sufficent rainfall. I feel that a more realistic look at the downstream demands needs to be made and that more water needs to be allocatted for the Atlanta area as it grows.

0320

WILLIAM WINSLOW
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- Local Resident
- Water Supply

I'm a boat dealer, and I want to talk about the economic impact of the lake. A lot of people don't realize that it's just not always about water quality and fish and mussels. My business is down by half. I buy my products from all over the country. I have boat manufacturers in South Carolina, Tennessee, Minnesota, Michigan, California. I buy my trailers out of South Carolina and Tennessee.

The economic impact of this one lake is huge; personally buying $6 million less product at wholesale this year because I can't sell it. And I'll be lucky if I can stay in business, so will everybody else that I know in the marine industry. But a lot of people don't think of the economic impact that goes nationwide, that Lake Lanier affects nationwide. It goes right down to the aluminum manufacturers; raw materials aluminum that build the pontoon boats in Michigan and Minnesota; nuts and bolts and screws and tire manufacturers for trailers.

I went to a marine trade meeting and met with the attorney for the Lake Lanier Association and he told me that he did not even realize how broad of an economic impact that this lake has nationwide in the United States. And I want that to be known.

I personally have had to lay off five employees; good people that would be very hard to replace. And on my street, Boat Row, they call it, there's about a dozen dealers, and I know that most of them have let every possible person they can't do without go. So there's been a lot of job loss with the boat dealers here in town. And these are people that will probably go to another industry and never be able to -- will never come back into our industry. And there's a lot of good people that lost their jobs.

SAM OLENS
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- Elected Official
- Other

My name is Sam Olens. In addition to chairing Cobb County, I also chair the ten-county Atlanta Regional Commission, and I vice-chair the fifteen-county Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning district. I appreciate the opportunity to make these comments.

It is my request that the NRC be permitted to do a study of all basins throughout the three states so that science can dictate appropriate water policy, rather than politics. To the extent additional funds are necessary, other than those proffered by the three states, I will tell you now that the water providers of the Atlanta region would be pleased to write a check to assist such an impartial scientific study, and I believe the Lake Lanier Association and other stakeholders in Georgia would similarly be willing to write a check for a full NRC study that covers not just Apalachicola but the entire basin structure of our three states. And I would welcome that opportunity.

Thank you.

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Scoping Meeting
Marietta, Georgia
October 23, 2008
VERBAL COMMENTS

EVA GALAMBOS
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- Elected Official (Mayor of Sandy Springs)
- Water Supply

As the mayor of the city of Sandy Springs, I am here to ask the Corps of Engineers to give greater credence and greater credibility to water supply for the Atlanta metro area than has currently been given. This is a very, very fast growing area. Sandy Springs is immediately to the north of the city of Atlanta, and we are going to need more water supply in order to keep up our economic growth. And we feel that the purpose of Lake Lanier, from the very first day -- and I remember when the lake started filling up, having lived here at that time -- from the very first day we looked upon it primarily as our water supply. I'm totally aware of it as a recreation facility, having had a boat on the lake for many years, but nothing is more important to the economic stability of the Atlanta metropolitan area than increased water supply so that the lake is not being drained during our dry periods. So I would hope that the Corps of Engineers will put greater emphasis on water supply as being the primary purpose of the lake.

Thank you.

GLORIA LIVINGSTON
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- Local Resident
- Water Quality

I am a resident of Troup County, and I have family that lives in LaGrange, and I am also a member of the local Sierra Club. And I have been hearing and making as much sense out of this as I can, and from what I've been able to learn and read and figure out about all this, there is a no-win situation with this landfill. It's not a matter of if it will leak; it's just a matter of when it will leak. We have too many things to be proud of in Troup County, and to have our lakes and our streams polluted by waste is just unconscionable. I know this all happened before most of us knew it was happening, but if there is anything that the officials and the citizens of this county can do to help protect us and our children in the future, we would like to do it and be part of a solution.

If anyone is unsure as to what might happen from this, they'll need to also educate themselves and learn as much as possible. If this does go through, we need to be diligent about watching and testing and making sure that the water quality in Troup County and the surrounding areas as protected.

And as a citizen, I am just very, very, distressed over the lack of, I guess, our elected officials leading us in this fight. Some are doing it on the backside. But I wish there had been more foresight in this, that we could have done more earlier. And I just am very, very distressed over what will happen in the future. We must do everything we can to protect ourselves.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Scoping Meeting
LaGrange, Georgia
October 22, 2008
VERBAL COMMENTS

CARL STEKELBURG
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- Local Resident
- Water Quality

I'm concerned about the water quality of West Point Lake. I'm on the Harris County water system which buys water. When the water gets low in Harris County they buy it from Muskogee County. So it's running water out of West Point Lake. And getting a lot of oil it right now. A lot of times we'll taste oil in it. I'm concerned that we let the water level get so low that the oil is getting in the mixture of things. I think we need to keep the water level up a little higher.

Comment ID: 0325
Author Name: Gerald
Organization:

0325

My understanding from the beginning of the crisis in 2006 was that an error was made by the Army Corp (because of a faulty gage) and too much water was released in very short period of time(histogram shows that water was release faster than any other time in the history of the lake). In the past 2 years (with a vigorous drought) we have been able to retain levels above E.L. 1052, with much less water than full pull the lake is not empty! , this means that if we had full pool at the start of the drought we would have more reservoir water and we would have been able to maintain levels close to full pool or at the very least stay in normal operating conditions. The realization that mistake was made , should prompt a special case were the lake can be fill again to full pool, that along new revised management should maintain the lake at proper levels.

Comment ID: 0326
Author Name: Thomas Clark
Organization:

0326

It seems out of touch to expect Lake Lanier to provide water to the rest of the drainage basin during drought when its basin only constitutes 9% of the total.

0327

Comment ID: 0327
Author Name: Thomas Clark
Organization:

For millions of years the mussels and fish have survived during drought times without reservoir storage upstream. Why now destroy a lake to save them when they will survive without it.

0328

Comment ID: 0328
Author Name: Thomas Clark
Organization:

The economic impact of allowing Lake Lanier to be lowered to current levels has had a severe financial impact on the economy surrounding the Lake. This impact is far greater than the perceived impact on the Florida fishing industry.

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Comments

I am extremely concerned about water quality threatened in the lake by the landfill & be constructed in Henrietta County. Turkey Run Municipal Landfill threatens the health of all the Lake users who swim, boat, or fish in it. Congressman Westmoreland is working to stop the landfill and we wish to help him as much as possible. The Corps should state the dangers from landfills so local residents realize the imminent harm and speak out.

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Comments

Keep water level up consistently

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Comments

Very concerned about keeping the water level as close to 635 as possible, also concerned about the quality of water with unrestricted growth in Atlanta.

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Comment ID: 0333
Author Name:
Organization:

1. Full pool should be raised to 1073 ft.

2. The Corps of Engineers should take a more proactive approch to private dock placement on Lake Lanier. The constant shoreline hording conducted mainly by older residents is appauling to say the least. Not to mention the enormous erosion problem such behavior produces.

3. Enforce rules that protect Corps property from abuse. I have seen too many residential off-road coures on Corps property (Lake Lanier) go unpunished.

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Comments

Please assure that the minimum lake level of West Point Lake is maintained at 635 msl.
This lake is important to our area as a source of drinking water, recreation site, and economic opportunity.
For West Point Lake to be a sustainable body of water and offer opportunities for our citizens and visitors, an adequate level (635 msl) of water must be maintained.

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We believe that the minimum lake level should be maintained at 633-635.
Restore and maintain recreational facilities and maintain good water quality

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Comments

- PLEASE MAINTAIN OUR LAKE LEVEL OF 633-635 MSL
- MAINTAIN OUR RECREATION FACILITIES
- WATER QUALITY IS CRITICAL - PLEASE STOP ATLANTA FROM DUMPING ITS SEWAGE INTO THE CHATTAHOOCHA RIVER

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Comments

Allow us to have docks as big as Lake Lanier's!
Manage the Lake to maintain a level of 633.
Lake effects our economy.
Ø Water = Ø Business

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Comments

LAKE LEVELS DROP TOO MUCH WHEN SPAWNING is taking place.
DRY DOCKS
WATER RECREATION A HAZARD –
MAINTAIN Recreational facilities
WATER Quality

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Comment ID: 0339
Author Name: mike forster
Organization:

Can you provide Atlanta with the equipment to provide real time water flow past their intake rather than the 24hr after the fact current situation? I know that it would seem to be their cost to update but there doesn't appear to be any enthusiasm on their part to provide you with timely, accurate flow data.

Updating all measuring equipment on the ACF will allow you to release exactly what is needed rather than the current situation which seems to rely on computer models and non real time information from inaccurate gauges.

Our chief concerns are water quality and quantity.

It would seem that in order to reach the optimum solution, there needs to be a "clean sheet" approach where all the parties (individuals, organizations, cities, counties, states & feds) sit down at the table and develop a new plan from scratch that takes into account all of the development that has happened, is planned and the various needs and wants, along with the realities and constraints. Tweaking here and there between lawsuits seems a plan to fail...

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Comments

This is the first year in as many as 5 yrs that we actually had water in our lake to use for the Summer. The boat slips/ramps are partly unusable. The fish are barely there. The wildlife (Osprey) are in danger due to Fluctuating Levels Endangering the babies. STUMPS are Terrible when the levels are so Low.

We want our Lake USEABLE not Drained.

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Comments

1) Maintain Minimum Lake Level of 633-635 year round.
2) West Point Lake is critical to Troup County for Recreation and Economic Impact.
3) We need to restore and maintain all recreational facilities.
4) Keep the Lake usage consistant with the original congressional authorized purposes.
5) Protect the water quality for humans + animals.

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Looks like A Set up to Foster public opinion to Dam the Flint River.

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Comments

I am interested in maintaining a consist water level and I am very interested in developing alternative hydropower and solar energy resources to be used to promote jobs in our area.

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maintain lake level 633-635 winter
maximize positive economic impact
maintain water quality
maintain needed recreational facilities

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Comments

I have lived on West Point Lake for 20 years and want to voice my concern for maintaining the lake level at 633-635 msl. I am also interested in maintaining water quality. Please return to managing the lake consistent with Congressionally authorized purposes.

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West Point Lake represents a tremendous economic and development resource for our entire region. If we don't manage the lake levels in the 633-635 level, it will cost Georgia/Alabama millions and millions of dollars annually.

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Comments

I feel that it is important to maintain safe water level on our lake for recreational purposes, etc. as this is a main source of tax dollars in our area. Also as a property owner, it is unfortunate that we are forced to pay accelerated taxes due to having "waterfront" property. I believe safety of humans is more important than wildlife in Florida. Keep in mind our economy and safety of boaters is negatively affected while you protect snails, which provide very little return.

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Comments

We want the lake to be managed at a level of 633 to 635 for a safe recreational lake for which it was proposed.
We are tired of our lake being used for flood control by the corps.

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Need to build a large lake on the Flint River to help control the water needed Down Stream.

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Comments

Thank you Corp for a beautiful lake this year "2008" Keep it up!!

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Comments

I think it is very important to keep a safe water level at our lake, West Point, because it helps our local economy. with taxes, businesses and recreation. We must look beyond wildlife down stream & consider safety and economy of those up stream.

PLEASE HELP!!!!

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Comments

Need to maintain a lake level so my dock won't break loose again.
Quality of water is next issue but amount of water is #1

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Comments

The level of the lake as influenced by rainfall and drought are acts of nature which require a management approach. This fact leads me to request that West Point be maintained at the level of 633 - 635 msl.

It is also a fact that costs to manage the lake are extraordinary and I do think we have a community interested in partnering with the Corps to achieve all of the Congressionally authorized purposes.

I am also concerned that the lake remain available to all citizens and not be allowed to become either poor water quality or recreation for only those who can afford it.

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Comments

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2. MAXIMIZE POSITIVE IMPACT
3. RETURN TO MANAGING THE LAKE
4. RESTORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
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Keep Lake levels @ 630 in Winter & full in Summer

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Comments

I am a citizen of LaGrange and I am very concerned about the quality of our drinking water. I am particularly concerned that EPD allowed a permit for a regional landfill in Meriwether Cy that flows into Yellow Jacket Creek + the Creek + from there into West Pt. Lake. Does the Corps have any way to protect us from this? Can it be stopped? I am hopeful that the revised plan for the Corps can protect the lake enough so that recreation can be considered. The drought last year worked a terrible economic hardship on many lake-centered businesses.
I hope that when the next administration allows for greater funding for infrastructure, whatever will allow the needs of Fla. to be met without jeopardizing the lakes north of them.

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Comments

I am concerned mostly about the quality of our water and the level of our lake. Not only is it the source for our drinking water but also provides an important recreational opportunities for our community. The water quality must be high in order for us to swim there + eat the fish we catch. The water level must be high enough for it to look appealing + to support the many boaters who like to use the lake.

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Another concern which relates to the first 2 is ensuring recreational access for low income families. Please maintain a minimum level of 633msl.

A specific issue which relates to water quality is the proposed regional landfill in Meriwether county. I would love to see its development halted if at all possible, since it is planned to be built too close to Blue creek which ultimately drains into lake west Point.

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Comments

Please change the dock size policy for West Point lake to allow us to have docks as large as those allowed on Lake Lanier.

Thanks

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Comments

I feel the 6 identified areas by the West Point Lake Advisory Council are critical. They Are: Maintain minimum lake level of 633-635 msl; maximize positive economic impact; Return to managing the lake consistent with Congressional authorized purposes; Restore and maintain recreational facilities; Ensure recreational access for low income and minority families; and Maintain water quality.

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Comments

Please keep parks & camping areas open & maintained. Water levels need to be managed at 633 to 635 for economic success & personal recreation. Do not shut down parks or camping areas. During this time of economic crisis parks & camping may be the only thing families can afford.

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Comments

I am concerned about maintaining the Lake Level at a consistent level of ≈ 635 msl. Residents, recreational objectives, and the economy are adversely affected by a low lake level. Many business were forced to close last year because of the low level. Also home proposed values went down tremendously. The land fill in Hogansville is also a health concern. Please keep our water safe. We need to maintain the Lake for recreational purposes as it was originally intended.

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Comments

Want to keep W/P lake at good water level

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Comments

Keep Lake Levels at 630-635

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Comments

I've requested a "NO WAKE" Buoy to be placed at the mouth of the "no name" creek that I live on; and the CORP at the dam denied it & gave no reason. I've seen them in other small creeks on the lake and we have a dire need for one. The creek at full pool is maybe 125' wide at F/P, with docks (4) in it, it is less than 100' wide @ F/P, thereby everyone by state law should be at idle only. I want to know why we can't get a buoy.

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Comment ID: 0366
Author Name:
Organization:

I just came from the meeting in Gainesville. What a mess. It's no wonder you folks can't get anything done right, if you can't organize a meeting any better than that. What a waste of time and money.

That said, it's seems pretty simple, to limit the outflow to the inflow when the water level reaches a certain level. I realize there are minimums to dilute the Atlanta discharge. But with today's technoligy Atlanta could do a much better job of cleaning what they release, therefore reducing the outflow.

0367

Comment ID: 0367
Author Name: David Dodson
Organization:

Dear Sir:

The debate around Lake Lanier seems to ovelooked the nearly complete loss of the lake as an economic engine in North GA. The entire lake economy has been wiped out. Further, the economic loss to property owners in the vicinity of the lake has not been entirely recognized. When it becomes clear that the Corps and others are going to do nothing to preserve the lake, the economic impact on business owners, as well as the valuation impact on homeowners will be substantial. Further, the municipalities are going to suffer severe tax impacts as homeowners contest ad valorem assessments and businesses fail to generate sufficient sales, property, income and ad valorem taxes to support county and local governments.

It would appear that the dollars associated with the Appalachicola fishing lobby, carefully disguised within an environmental contest, trumps the economic interests of all of North Georgia. It would be worthwhile to weigh the economic immpact to North Georgia against the economic impact in the FL panhandle. Further, as rivers are drawn down and the entire lake dries up, one must also question the logic of preserving an oyster bed at the expense of North Georgia's largest lakes and one of its largest fisheries.

Simply put, if you are going to lean on environmental and economic factors to validate a decision to favor FL, you absoutely must weigh the same factors as they relate to North Georgia. It goes without saying that North Georgia has already been impacted far more negatively in both environmental and economic terms than a nearly complete shutdown of Lanier flow would ever impact FL.

Sincerely,
David Dodson

Comment ID: 0368
Author Name: Jimmy Wilbanks
Organization: City of Dacula, GA

0368

I attended your scoping meeting in Gainesville, GA. I wanted to comment on the concerns of the City of Dacula. We need to preserve our drinking water source for Gwinnett County.

Unfortunately, we and our sister citizens from Alabama and Florida haven't faced up to the facts that if
Buford Dam were not in place, each of us would only be able to use the water that falls on us and in the basins that serve each area.

Lake Lanier's inlet basin is unusally small, and Georgia hasn't received it average annual rainfall of around 50 inches per year in a long while.

The overriding principle that the Corps of Engineers should follow in releases from Lanier is that no release should be larger than than the water from the basin provides.

In drought each citizen should be concerned with how a federal agency decides who gets what water. We in Dacula have a vital interest in this situation and have expressed this to our federal senators and representatives. We will continue to do so.

Comment ID: 0369
Author Name:
Organization:

0369

I have a boat on Lanier, and look forward to the day when high water returns , but I do not believe that water levels should be kept high for the sake of ethetics and for the benefit of the lake property owners at the expense of endangered species down river. Water conserving measures are working in the Atlanta area and it is good for people to learn how to do so.

Comment ID: 0370 0370
Author Name: Steve Katz
Organization:

As a resident on Lake Lanier and also in the greater Atlanta area, I am greatly concerned about how the lake has been managed. While we are clearly in some extreme weather circumstances in the area, it appears as though antiquated process, mistakes and politics - all controlable factors - have had at least as much impact.

I strongly advocate a complete revision of the policies/process used to manage the water levels in the lake; and for proactive leadership to ensure that we are managing to those revised processes, and that we are being logical and making exceptions to the process as needed.

The lake levels should be managed to a rational amount of fluctuation, keeping the water supply to Atlanta at safe levels, and allowing for the safety of the lake residents and users.

Comment ID: 0371 0371
Author Name: Jonathon Heard
Organization: City of Cumming

The City of Cumming and our main customer, Forsyth County, depend on Lake Sidney Lanier as our sole source of raw water supply. Forsyth COunty has been among the fastest growing counties in the nation for the past several years. Lake Lanier should be kept as full as possible so that citizens who live around the Lake will have an abundant supply of drinking water. Our City and County are continguous with this water supply and our rights to the water should be preserved. Human life and welfare should be protected and placed before the life of an obscure endangered muscle or fish.

In addition:

* Three million residents in north Georgia rely on Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River as their sole source of drinking water. We have no alternative source of water supply, so careful management of this precious resource is critical.
* As important, Lake Lanier is a recreational resource that generates 8 million visits per year resulting in an economic impact of $5.5 billion to the regional economy. West Point Lake is also an important recreational resource that should be protected.
* The Corps must consider alternative operating plans to balance upstream needs with downstream needs before adopting a new Water Control Plan. There is enough water in the ACF River Basin to meet all reasonable needs, if the reservoirs are managed properly.
* The Water Control Plan should be based on facts and sound science.
* Metro Atlantas use of water in the ACF Basin is reasonable by any measure. Currently metro Atlanta uses only 1 to 2% of the water in the ACF Basin as measured by the flow at the Florida line. The new Water Control Plan should be designed to accommodate withdrawals consistent with projections contained in the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning DistrictFs Water Supply and Conservation Plan.
* Metro Atlanta is committed to aggressive water conservation. The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District is already far ahead of the rest of the basin in this effort.

Comment ID: 0372
Author Name: Nancy Niekro
Organization:

0372

Attending a meeting last night we discovered that at current time there is a 3 year project to determine where water will be needed in the future. Time is of the essence, we have a problem now. There is not enough water in Lake Lanier to continually releas enough to delute the sewage being discharged into the river by Atlanta. This needs to be addressed immediately, 5 million people depend on this water for drinking. One immediate solution would be to raise the level of the lake by at least 3 feet.

Another problem is the release for endangered species downstream. How did thiy survive before the lake existed? They managed to survive during floods and droughts, seems that they would continue to survive with a little less water being released.

You probably could give this project to Georgia Tech, or for that matter any high school, and they would come up with some logical answeres.

Please, lets not let this go the way of the second peremiter we were supposed to have to alleviate the traffic problem that exists in Atlanta.

Comment ID: 0373
Author Name: Jonathon Heard
Organization: City of Cumming

0373

The current method for managing Lake Lanier is improper at best. For example, one of the City of Cumming's Raw Water Intake pipes was left "high and dry" last year due to the excessive drop in Lanier's elevation while other Lakes in the ACF enjoyed full pool status. The City has been forced to dredge the lake bottom and operate emergency bypass pumps to overcome the "disaster" created by the inefficient operation of the system. Because of this, the City of Cumming has spent millions of dollars from it's reserve funds to get to the water. We have dedicated ourselves to "chasing water" no matter how far it recedes. There has been a lack of "balance" in the operation of the shstem over the past 2 years. This imbalance should be recitified in the new operating plan which should reflect a more equitable methodology of operation.

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Comment ID: 0374
Author Name: Jonathon Heard
Organization: City of Cumming

The operation of the ACF system is not equitably balance. This needs to be rectified to protect human life and welfare. The imbalance is swung in favor of the southern segments of the system (Alabama, Florida) and detrimental to the North Georgia region and Lake Sidney Lanier.

0375

Comment ID: 0375
Author Name: Jonathon Heard
Organization: City of Cumming

Citizens from North Georgia should be allowed to be involved in this process.

Comment ID: 0376
Author Name: Jonathon Heard
Organization: City of Cumming

0376

The Apalachicola Bay region should be scrutinized to determine what human activity has casued more saline intrusion into the Bay. The saline intrusion into the bay could be prevented by restoring the coast line to it's natural state. Dredging and shipping interests have created more avenues for the saline water to enter the Bay. The North Georgia region should not be required to offset the salinity of the Bay water by releasing more fresh water out of Lake Lanier and down the ACF system.

Comment ID: 0377
Author Name: Jonathon Heard
Organization: City of Cumming

0377

The State of Georgia owns the water in the system and should be allowed to dictate where it is utilized for human consumption. Human consumption should take predence over all other uses within the system. Water conservation methods should be analyzed for effectiveness and plans implemented across the entire system, not just in Atlanta and North Georgia.

0378

Comment ID: 0378
Author Name: Jonathon Heard
Organization: City of Cumming

When the new operating plan is derrived, careful consideration should be given to the plan's impact on human life.

0379

Comment ID: 0379
Author Name: Jonathon Heard
Organization: City of Cumming

The State of Georgia should be allowed to dictate the instream cfs flow requirements in this section

0380

Comment ID: 0380
Author Name: Susie Gajewski
Organization: Sugar Hill City Councilwoman

Lake Lanier was originally created as a recreational reservoir. Since its creation more and more cities, counties and states have made claims to this water source. Please take a look at ways to reduce the release of water while informing some regions that they may need to look into their own reservoirs for the future.

0381

Comment ID: 0381
Author Name: Bob Boyd
Organization: Resident/ Homeowner

As an Atlanta-born person who enjoyed Lake Lanier from the 1960's it is an unfair travesty that the Corp made secret deals to manipulate the management of Lake Lanier waters. The original stated purpose of building Lanier was for FLOOD CONTROL,POWER GENERATION, AND RECREATION. After Atlanta experienced a huge building boom during the 1980's (without much planning or control) the local and State officials decided that Lanier needed to be used to support the continued unchecked development of the tri-county Atlanta area. Lanier was built by FEDERAL TAX MONEY and Florida and Alabama have as much right to the water from the Chattahootchie River as Georgia.

Do the FAIR thing and manage the watersheds in a manner that is really equitable.

Thanks you, Bob Boyd

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Comment ID: 0382
Author Name: Valerie Hall
Organization:

I would like to comment on the level of water in Lake Lanier. As a taxpayer and Lake Lanier homeowner, we need your support in getting the level of the lake back to full pool. It is ridiculous that this lake has been drained to the point it is at. I have lived on this lake for over 30 years and never seen such a long running problem. I understand that it was not meant for recreation, but since it was meant to provide water for the residents of this area, we should absolutely not be forced to drain this lake to keep sturgeons and mussels alive in Florida. HUMAN LIFE COMES FIRST!!! Also, the excuse of providing power to those in Florida is lame too. They have enough lakes full of water to support their power needs. We need to take a stand as a state and defend our needs. Plese revisit your policies and procedures regarding Lake Lanier and bring water back to OUR natural resource.

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Comment ID: 0383
Author Name: Gordon Brand
Organization:

Additional comments from the Corps. meeting I attended yesterday in Gainesville, GA.

During this current drought, it appears The US Army Corps of Engineeers Water Control Manual, places more importance on the water demands of users below the Buford Dam.

How else can you expain the low lake Levels of Lake Lanier compared to the other Lakes in the ACF Basin.

Its unfair that Lake Lanier, fish, mussles, wildlife, recreation, water safety, boating and marina ndustry, housing values, water quality, errosion are not recognized to have the same needs as the down stream users.

The updated Water Control Manual should be based on the entire needs of the ACF Basin. For future droghts, the entire basin users should share the pain equally.

The updated Water Control Manuals should plan for the next drought and keep Lake Lanier as close to full pool as possible.

Gordon Brand

0384

Comment ID: 0384
Author Name: Larry Preston
Organization:

release water from Lanier based on water received into Lanier, during drought conditions little or no water should be released , if the Corp had not released so much water in the past years the metro Atlanta area would not be in such bad shape as it appears to be in now with its water supply..

0385

Comment ID: 0385
Author Name: Kent Bennett
Organization:

The wildlife in the Apalachicola Bay survived long before the Corp empounded the West Point Lake. There are reports the the river completely dried up in LaGrange within the last 100 years. All of the oysters, Sturgen, etc. survived. Why should your control plan make any special arrangements for this?

Comment ID: 0386
Author Name: ron condon
Organization:

I'm a lake lanier resident and have been since 1989. What's become clear to me over time is that managing the lake level is no easy job. There are loads and loads of variables and without careful monitoring, maintaining the right lake level is a crap shoot. I don't have any specific comment other than to say that the Corp has to be a lot smarter in how it manages the lake, but you folks know that. There have been countless times (not recent) where water was released and wasted. In most cases this was only felt by residents and in lake recreation. The problem was "localized" and a contingent of Corp bashers was born. Recently, the lake level issue has gotten lots of publicity because of the drought conditions. We're at a critical point now and any unnessary water going over the dam is costly. It's costly in lost drinking water, it creates watering bans and real estate values are affected. Let's do everything we can to keep that from happening or, at least, minimize it.
I attended a meeting last night (10/29)in Gainesville. Someone really missed in terms of estimating the size of the audience. As someone who spent a lot of time arranging meetings for large groups, I can say that your purpose, last night, couldn't possibly have been served. The meeting room and booths would have worked well with about thirty people. There were probably more like 125 people in there when I was there, pushing and shoving trying to get near one of your reps. No one was learning much. I, like lots of others, just gave up and went home. Before I left, I was able to peer over several crowds of attendees to see some very nice exhibits. You were well prepared with material, but I wasn't about to try to push my way through to ask questions.
On meetings like this, you're generally better off getting too large a room than having something where no one can move.
I hope my comment on the meeting prep is helpful.

Regards,

Ron Condon
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Comment ID: 0387
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The first responsibility of government at all levels with respect to any inland river is to make water available to support human life in the rivers' basin.

It is entirely reasonable to require proper conservation of the resouces for other uses also, including health of other species, farming, hydro generation, navigation, and other purposes. But it is not reasonable for the first priority not to be water for use by humans along the waterways, especially in drought conditions.

I would personally support a prompt, independent study to take off the political heat and homecooking, so that the Corps could adopt a plan which would be in the nation's interest.

All options should be on the table, from mandatory conservation to new reservoirs along all three of the rivers.

This is a personal comment by a life-long Georgia resident concerned with the quality of life of all citizens, our environment, and the excess of heat over light being generated, and does not represent the position of ARC or of any other organization.

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Comment ID: 0388
Author Name: Kent Bennett
Organization:

Too much fluctuation in the lake levels. I would like to see the limits be set at 633 to 635 feet if that helps with the fluctuations. Even thought that affects the Winter fishing.

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Comment ID: 0389
Author Name: Kent Bennett
Organization:

Stop closing access parks.

0390

Comment ID: 0390
Author Name: Kent Bennett
Organization:

Why not Dam the Flint to help with water distribution to Florida and flooding?

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Comment ID: 0391
Author Name: Cile Gierhahn
Organization: Lakefront Homeowner

Alabama and Florida together don't service as many counties as GA, and I suspect the GA counties are much larger than the AL/FL counties in terms of human beings serviced. Yet the GA counties suffer when the lake is drained to dangerous levels.

Comment ID: 0392
Author Name: Cile Gierhahn
Organization: Lakefront Homeowner

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I can't tell from the diagram what role the water from Lake Lanier plays in the Lake Seminoe Dam, releasing water to Apalachacola, so it's hard to comment! FL seems to get a heck of a lot more rain than GA does, so why can't they supply their OWN water?

Aren't the shellfish mentioned salt water creatures anyway?!! As for the Research Reserve, what about the research and recreational needs in GA?!!!

There is no equity to GA residents in this plan. Perhaps come up with a per capita measure and release/retain water in Lake Lanier on that basis. GA should not be expected to provide other states water for THEIR industries while ours suffer.

Comment ID: 0393
Author Name: Cile Gierhahn
Organization: Lakefront Homeowner

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So what's to comment on here??

Comment ID: 0394
Author Name: Robert Kopp
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0394

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1. Build FLEXIBILITY into the manual so that the COE can be more PRO-ACTIVE and less REACTIVE. (Quit going by an old manual - change it!)
2. Have pre-set intervals for manual review and updates. (Don't let the manual get so outdated that chaos occurs forcing change).
3. Consider the ECONOMIC impact. (While business suffers and property value falls, I know of no such in Alabama and Florida that one directly related to the lack of water).
4. Store more water in Lanier -
a) minimize releases for downstream unless Lanier is full (once you let it go you have lost control).
b) Raise the Lanier level to 1073 (The pro's far outweigh any con's).
5. Consider HISTORY. (Historically there have got to have been droughts equal to or worse than the current one. The mussels, other marine life and wildlife survived and they can/will again. Before the dam and the COE, God and nature ran things and they are still here!)

O/A Comment: Management of the ACF by the COE has played directly into the hands of Alabama and Florida in recent years. They have gotten adeaute/more than adequate water so why agree to a change? They have and will drag out the water wars as long as possible.

RGK

Comment ID: 0395
Author Name: Cile Gierhahn
Organization: Lakefront Homeowner

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I can't believe anyone considers endangered species more important than humans!! Again, let Florida deal with their own water funding requirements!

Comment ID: 0396
Author Name: Eric Techo
Organization:

0396

My only question should be simple to answer - why do we send more water down stream than the amount of water that comes into the lake? If Lanier was gone, West Point was gone etc., what did the mussels do during the last great drought? I think we need to stop worrying about other species and follow nature's plan. What comes into the lakes go out of the lakes, period!

Comment ID: 0397
Author Name: Cile Gierhahn
Organization: Lakefront Homeowner

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During the rainy season, the Corps should allow LL to retain water up to full pool. This would allow sharing downstream when needed without such punishment to GA.

Management triggers must be in place for LL withdrawals during times of drought

Raise LL full pool from 1071 ft, an unreasonable level!

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Comment ID: 0398
Author Name: Cile Gierhahn
Organization: Lakefront Homeowner

GA should charge AL and FL for our water. There is no motivation for them to conserve or find alternatives as long as we give it to them and we sacrifice. I understand there were no water restrictions in these states while our lawns suffered. Something's not right here!!!!

0399

Comment ID: 0399
Author Name: Jane Browder
Organization: lake property owner

Since Lake Lanier is fed by a very small water shed that relies on rain in the North Ga area to feed it. It has become essential for the level to be raised to 1072 and maintained year round with only a 4 to 6 foot variance.
We can not always count on Mother Nature to provide and adjustments must be made in times of droughts to protect our water rights.

Releases must be kept down to a minimum for water useage and wastewater management for Atlanta. Atlanta must rebuild their infrastructure and become part of this solution instead of using Lanier as their big flush.

Water needs to be maintained year round in the other basins downstream for improved management and downstream flow. We must stop the winter drainage of these basins.
All have recovered downstream from Lanier, but Lanier can't at the present time, when releases out measure inflow.

Lanier can not survive if it is held hostage by the endangered species act. If Lanier drys up...then what? Millions of Georgians lives need to be considered over a handfull of mussels.
Florida didn't care about those mussels in the past...just their oyster industry and this has been their ticket to protect that business.

If Florida wants to protect their species over human needs. Then they should develop a plan to pump water from their vast networks of underground water resources to help with their survival. Just like an aquarium would do...this could become their out door aquatic park if that is what's driving their problem.

The economic distruction this mismanagement and drought has caused the Lanier area is more dramatic than what it is causing Florida or Alabama. We have not denied those states water and the flows are consistant to past years.

If Lanier didn't exist...then what?
Georgians would lose a jewel that has been a great source of recreation, beauty and the water usage that has driven our growth as a leading city that has enriched millions of people.

Lake Lanier has developed billions in income for businesses that support the lake and all it offers the public, that in turn helps support tax revenues for our State and Federal coffers.

The new manual hopefully will make management of Laniers water level a top priority and adjust accordingly to weather conditions. I would also like to see the Corps or some kind of Federal assistance to help lake homeowners with cove erosion, since the dramatic lows have cause coves to fill with silt and vegitation that homeowners docks are stranded in this mess now.