0601

Comment ID: 0601
Author Name: James Inglis
Organization: none

I urge the Corps to do the following:
1. During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 01
2. Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola river
3. Managment triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought
4. Please raise the full pool from 1071 ft. above sea level to 1073 ft., thereby adding an addtional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake
Thank you,

James Inglis

0602

Comment ID: 0602
Author Name: Mack Butler
Organization:

I am concerned for the low lake level at Lake Lanier. The low level has a negative impact on safety on the lake, the economy and home values around the lake, and water usage in the community.

I request that the US Army Corps of Enigineers consider and adopt the following for action;

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-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 for your consideration.

Mack D. Butler
mack_butler@msn.com

PS Your form would not allow me to input my e-mail address. It reported that my address is not valid, which, I assure you, is not the case.

Comment ID: 0603
Author Name: Wm T Schwendler Jr
Organization: part-time resident, boater

0603

1.Research needs to be done on the endangered wildlife. Lake Lanier is down almost 19' from full pool, yet we have fresh water mussels in abundance on "my" beach all the way to the water. The largest mussels appeared when the lake was down 7-12 feet, some nearly the size of my fist. It seems to me we don't know how endangered certain mussel species are until we have done some field research about their viability at various points in the water column. The lower river and the area bays near the Gulf can't more more than a couple feet, so maybe the endangered species do populate down to the lowest levels.
2.Communications and accurate data. In late February I was in the Corps office next to Lake Walter F George on Navy league business. Looking out the window I could see 1 foot diameter oak tree apparently growing out of the water no more than 100' from the building. Oaks will die if they have consistently wet feet, so my guess is that Lake George was at least 3-4' above full pool. When we left Atlanta that morning the AJC had reported that Lake George was 1-2' below full pool. My guess is that Lake George was 4-6' higher than reported in the newspaper. I don't know where the data came from that was in the newspaper, but clearly there was a disconnect. Either your data collection system is faulty, or not timely by weeks, or someone is misrepresenting the truth.
3. 2.continued. I come out of the aerospace industry where engineering and math models are commonplace. However, we learned that models are not perfect. Using models to predict flows and levels is beneficial in anticipating corrective actions, but data should be based on reality. Report the levels based on actual levels at bridges, or as some wags have said, put a post in the water with water levels marked on it. Reliance on models got you in trouble once before; let's not do so again.
4. I understand 2-3 dams were once proposed for the Flint River, but were vetoed by then President Jimmy Carter. Is this true? Would the dams have helped alleviate today's challenges?

Comment ID: 0604
Author Name: FRED ROBBE
Organization:

0604

As both a resident of Sandy Springs, GA and owner of lake property on Lake Lanier I am doubly impacted by the management of Lake Lanier, both for recreation and also drinking and watering lawns,shrubbery, car washing, etc.

My desire is that the Lake have a consistently high water level, but I know that is impossible. However, it only makes sense to me to be at full level in the summer when it gets the most use.

Lake Lanier's priority should not be protecting mussels and endangered species in the Appalachicola River. Lake Lanier businesses and recreation have sufferedf greatly in order to save mussels. Lake Lanier has fresh water clams that should be protected also.

When there are droughts, water should be released only minimally.

The proposal to increase the full pool to 1073 makes a lot of sense and would be just like adding a new reservoir for almost free.

I would also like to see sime way to share some of the Tennessee River, which seems to be overflowing all the time, even when we are having droughts.

0605

Comment ID: 0605
Author Name: Rick Smathers
Organization:

The level of West Point Lake must be managed within 2-3 feet of full (635 feet). Water quality, reacreation and "quality of life" in areas adjacent to the lake are dependent on an adequate lake level. The relationship between lake level and local commerce has been documented. The economic impact of low water levels can hurt local economies.

0606

COBB
Chamber of Commerce

October 23, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Cobb Chamber, its Board of Directors and the membership it serves, I would like to thank the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the current efforts to update the water control plans for the Apalachicola Chattahoochee Flint (ACF) and Alabama Coosa Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basins.

In updating the reservoir operations, we request that the USACE make the necessary changes to improve the balance among project purposes. We believe that there is a desperate need to study alternatives to the current operation and develop plans that will manage our water resources much more effectively. Through wise management of our reservoirs we believe there is sufficient water in both basins to meet the reasonable needs for municipal and industrial water supply with no adverse environmental impact on other users.

We believe studying these alternative management strategies will allow USACE to determine the highest and best use of reservoir storage given the current conditions of the basin. Should Congressional approval be needed to implement the preferred plan resulting from this process, we believe such approval should be sought.

The Cobb Chamber asks that the update of the water control plans consider the following:

- The citizens and businesses of Metro Atlanta depend on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' management of Lake Lanier for most of the regions drinking water. With no alternative sources, careful management of this resource is critical.
- Rather than document existing practices, the USACE should consider alternative operating plans to balance water supply needs with downstream needs.
- Facts and sound science should be the basis for the water control plans.
- Water supply is the highest and best use of storage in Lake Lanier.
- The water control plan should focus on retaining storage at the top of each basin in order to augment flows at critical times.
- Metro Atlanta currently uses only 1 to 2% of the water in the ACF Basin as measured by the flow at the Florida line. We believe this is reasonable by any measure and the new water control plan should be designed to accommodate withdrawals that are consistent with projections within the District's Water Supply and Conservation Plan.
- Metro Atlanta is committed to aggressive water conservation. The Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District is far ahead of the rest of the basin in these efforts and is currently revising its Water Supply and Conservation Plan to be even more aggressive.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, the Cobb Chamber stands ready to assist you in this effort in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Bill Cooper
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Date: October 23, 2008

To: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Subject: Management of Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River System

Special Emphasis: Lake Sidney Lanier

Lake Sidney Lanier lies just north of Metropolitan Atlanta and serves as the primary drinking water source of this City of 5-million people. The normal full pool level of this lake is 1071 feet above sea level. However poor management, politics, endangered species scare tactics, and a prolonged drought have caused the water level of this most valuable and essential drinking water and recreational resource to be drawn down to the current extremely low water level of 1053 feet above sea level. Corps of Engineers releases from Lake Lanier are continuing to lower the level of Lake Lanier by a foot every two weeks which will lower Lake Lanier even below this extremely low level of 1053.

The watershed area for Lake Sidney Lanier is relatively small, and this area has been in a prolonged drought. This small watershed area combined with the fact that Lake Sidney Lanier is the primary source of drinking water for Metropolitan Atlanta **makes it imperative that a minimum level of 1060 above sea level must be retained within this lake for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens.**

Other lakes downstream of Lake Lanier should bear the burden of trying to maintain the flow of water to Florida and Alabama to meet their needs, while relieving Lake Lanier of this burden. The demands upon Lake Lanier for drinking water, flood control, recreational needs, and other similar needs from Metropolitan Atlanta already exceed the capacity of Lake Lanier. Surely the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Atlanta outweigh any effects that lower releases from Lake Lanier may have upon some clams and sturgeons.

Releases from Lake Lanier must be reduced immediately and the lake allowed to refill back to its normal elevation. Serious studies must be undertaken to evaluate the benefits of raising the normal full pool level of Lake Lanier to 1073, building other dams for water storage north of Atlanta, and implementing conservation measures. All of these measures must be undertaken. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William E. Carroll

Demming Bass – VP, Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce
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Marietta, GA 30060

My name is Demming Bass and I live in Marietta, Georgia and work in Gwinnett. I am no expert on water issues and quite honestly, discussions about water and reservoirs are not exactly how I had planned to spend my Thursday evening.

However, I can't think of a more important crisis facing the metro Atlanta region. I'll leave the debates and litigation up to the lawyers, but as just a regular citizen, I would like the Corps to rethink its policy positions based on one simple question:

If Lake Lanier and the Buford Dam did not exist, during periods of drought, what would the water flow be downstream? Shouldn't that be at the heart of the issue?

Every day during the worst part of the drought I drive over the Chattahoochee on I-285 below the dam going to and from work. And every day while hearing about the water shortage on the radio, the river looked like it was at flood stage. All the while our water levels in Lake Lanier were getting worse and worse. There's a disconnect there I simply don't understand.

For what it's worth, I don't think we should artificially increase flows downstream during periods of drought at the level we have, thus draining all the reservoirs on the Chattahoochee River. If this continues, ultimately **nobody**-- here or downstream --will benefit when there's no water left.

Call me crazy, but let's let nature run its course. I encourage the Corps to look at the facts, science, and common sense and consider alternative operating plans before adopting a new Water Control Plan.

Central Atlanta Progress
Atlanta Downtown Improvement District

October 23, 2008

Statement of Paul B. Kelman, FAICP, Executive Vice President, Regarding the Water Control Plan for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin

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Central Atlanta Progress, Inc. and Atlanta Downtown Improvement District, Inc. are private, nonprofit corporations located in Downtown Atlanta, Georgia. We represent business and institutional interests in the central business district of the largest metropolitan area in the ACF water basin. Within our area of interest there are millions of square feet of office space and retail uses, thousands of residents, millions of annual visitors and some of the most iconic structures and institutions in the United States.

We are extraordinarily concerned about the Water Control Plan for the ACF River Basin. We are cognizant that three million residents in north Georgia rely on Lake Lanier and the Chattahoochee River as their sole major source of drinking water. The river and lake are literally our most important lifelines for our physical and economic health. We have no reasonable alternative sources of water supply, so careful management of this precious resource by the Corps of Engineers is critical.

Please consider the following points as you proceed with your study:

Water use in metropolitan Atlanta is reasonable by any objective measure. The net amount of water withdrawn for water supply from Lake Lanier or the Chattahoochee River downstream of Buford Dam accounts for only one percent of the flows at the Florida-Georgia line in normal years, and two percent in drought years. 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. The District is currently revising its Water Supply and Conservation Plan to be even more aggressive.

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 adopting a new Water Control Plan. The new Water Control Plan should be designed to accommodate withdrawals consistent with projections contained in the District's Water Supply and Conservation Plan.

The new Water Control Plan must not simply replicate existing operations, which have unnecessarily drained Lake Lanier and placed millions of people and thousands of businesses at risk. Alternative operating plans must be developed that will manage our water resources much more effectively. The purpose of updating the Water Control Plan is not simply to prepare a report but to make changes to reservoir operations to improve the balance among project purposes. There is sufficient water in the basin to meet reasonable needs for municipal and industrial water supply without causing harm to the environment or to other users if, but only if, the reservoirs are managed wisely.

The Corps should not be constrained by legal arguments about its authority to change existing operations. The Corps should study alternatives to determine the highest and best use of reservoir storage given current conditions in the basin. We strongly believe that water supply is the highest and best use of storage in Lake Lanier. To the extent Congressional approval might be required to implement the preferred Water Control Plan resulting from this study, the Corps should then seek such approval.

The Water Control Plan must be based on facts and sound science.

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Lake Lanier Water Program

1 message

Marvin Fisher <mfisher970@comcast.net> **Sun, Nov 9, 2008 at 6:23 PM**
To: comments@acf-wcm.com

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0611

Comment ID: 0611
Author Name: Bob Kaufman
Organization: Harbour Point Dock Chairman

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Comment ID: 0612
Author Name:
Organization:

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Comment ID: 0613
Author Name: David Herndon
Organization:

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Effective water management of Lake Lanier is critically important to the water consumption needs of Atlanta and cities further downstream. Similarly, water management policy must take into account the environmental impacts of restricting or increasing the flow of water in the Chattahoochee basin.

With these priorities given, my concern is that due consideration be given to the economic impact of recreational boating on Lake Lanier. Boat sales, marina operations, marine supply stores, hospitality and entertainment businesses, boat repair and maintenance businesses, and many others are all suffering because of the record low water levels in the lake. As these businesses struggle, so do the local governments that depend on them as a major part of their tax base. I've seen several varying estimates of the total economic impact, all of which are in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Comment ID: 0614
Author Name:
Organization:

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The Corps should do everything in its power to get Lake Lanier back to full pool! It should not allow any further releases until that is accomplished!

0615

Comment ID: 0615
Author Name: Judy Humphreys
Organization:

The corps of engineers has totally ruined Lake Lanier, put people out of work, damaged property, closed businesses, depressed property values! I beg you to let the Lake up to full pool by June 1 and during drought do not drain LL for animals in Fla. I cannot believe you believe they are more important than people! After all this time you are taking to redo the manuals our Lake is practically non-existent to owners. Please consider the citizens who live and own here and do something to improve the Lake level to full pool or above.
Judy Humphreys

0616

Comment ID: 0616
Author Name: Craig Grier
Organization:

Raising Lanier's levels to 1073 from the current 1071. This allows billions of gallons for the needs down stream.

Put controls in place when in times of droughts the water release is slowed to prevent the issues we have had for the last two years.

Please stop draining all water except that what is needed for life support.

0617

Comment ID: 0617
Author Name: Robert Skrypek
Organization: Lake Lanier area resident

As a Lake Lanier area resident I requested the US Corps of Eng. consider the following ref the Master Manual Control Manual Updates:
allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool prior to June 1
raise Lake Lanier full pool level to 1073' to maintain additional water capacity
create guide lines to protect Lake Lanier from excessive draw downs during periods of drought
let Florida provide the necessary water from there sources for the mussels

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0618

Comment ID: 0618
Author Name: Barry Smith
Organization:

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As a tax paying citizen the negative economic impact combined with the drinking water needs to the Atlanta Metro Area need to be protected. A drought should impact all facets of the water management system. Over the past two years, the most severe impact is on the Lake Lanier Water Levels while the river and lakes downstream did not see near the lake level declines.

0619

Comment ID: 0619
Author Name:
Organization:

You have destroyed the lake. How does such inept management happen and how is it allowed to continue? the maximum flow from this body of water should be 1.5 or 2 times the inflow for dyas at a time, not 20-50 times the inflow for months at a time. So many businesses and lifestyles have been erased because of the mismanagement of this lake, not to mention the seriously compromised reserve capacity for an entire cities water needs. Please find someone who can manage this area effectively.

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October 31, 2008

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Mobile, Alabama 36628-0001

RE: Comments on Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint Water Control Manual and Environmental Impact Statement Preparation

Dear Col. Jorns:

The Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' planned update of the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin's Water Control Manual. We commend the Corps for taking this initial step in updating the outdated ACF plan and sincerely hope that the plan can ultimately be revised to reflect current realities of population growth and water usage in Georgia, Alabama and Florida – something the Interim Operation Plan and its revisions has failed to do.

ACCG's greatest concern is that the Corps' current update effort would be aimed only at documenting existing operations along with identifying attendant issues and needs. As this approach will do little to enhance the operations of the Corps' reservoirs in Georgia, we respectfully urge your consideration in updating reservoir operations, making changes to improve the balance among project purposes. Such a revision is long overdue and is absolutely necessary in order that Georgia can successful conduct its own statewide water management planning by having more certainty as to the yields of the federal reservoirs in our state.

Updating the plan should include new methods of forecasting runoff and modeling to ensure that the Corps' ACF reservoirs, particularly Lake Lanier, are allowed to reach full pool no later than June 1st of each year and are as full as practical during drought conditions while still meeting downstream, legally-required flows. While Lake Lanier has 63 percent of the storage capacity in the system, it is fed by only 6 percent of the ACF's drainage basin. Considering how much longer it takes to refill Lake Lanier and the detrimental impacts recent severe droughts have had on this reservoir, it should not be drawn down using composite storage rule curves for the entire system or to create artificially-high, non-science-based flows to protect

Colonel Byron Jorns
October 31, 2008
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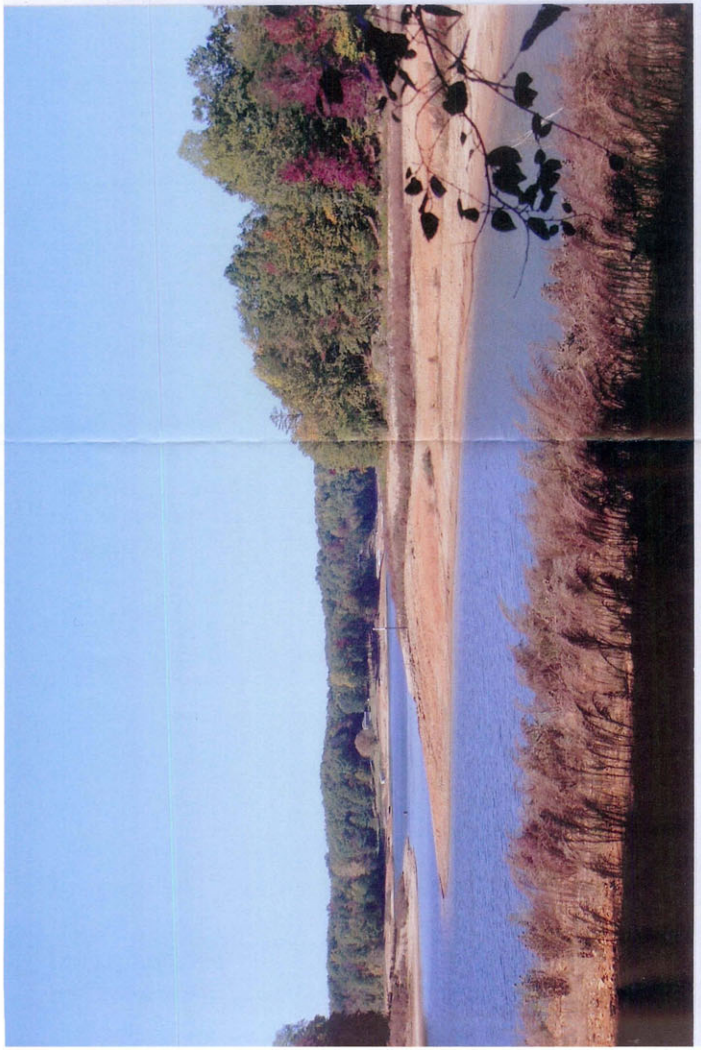
mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River. Serving as the water supply for 3 million residents in the metropolitan Atlanta region and generating 8 million visits per year (thus resulting in an economic impact of $5.5 billion to the regional economy) Lake Lanier must be more effectively managed to best serve the public interest.

In summary, ACCG urges that any new Water Control Plan not simply tweak or replicate the Corps' existing operations. Instead, alternative operating plans must be developed using modern inflow forecasting and modeling to meet the agreed upon performance measures that will manage our shared water resources much more effectively both now and into the future. This should include raising Lake Lanier's full pool from 1,071 feet above sea level to 1,073 feet to enable the system to meet its downstream requirements in times of severe drought. We believe that such an update is within the discretion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and that the Corps has the responsibility to more adequately determine the highest and best use of this reservoir's storage given the current conditions within the basin.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this most critical matter.

Sincerely,

Jerry R. Griffin
Executive Director



ONCE UPON A TIME LAKE LANIER. NOW IT LOOKS LIKE IT HAS BEEN STRIP MINED.

THIS DID NOT HAPPEN BECAUSE OF DROUGHT.

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Please Check a Comment Area:
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Water Control Manual Update
- ✓ Lake Sidney Lanier/Buford Dam
- o Morgan Falls Dam
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- o ***Shoreline Management***
- o ***Revised Interim Operations Plan***
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Comments South of Lanier Lakes are full, no water restrictions (ever)! Life goes on. Lanier continually takes the abuse of the system and suffers more economic loss than everything south of Buford dam to the ocean combined! (1071 Coalition economic survey is underway!!) When Lanier is over 10 feet down it gets very dangerous and so many ramps close it is almost unusable and unaccesable, at 18' it is finished, 2 ramps open out of over 100! One important fact never persued, the City of Atlanta will not fix it's sewer system, so millions of unnessary Gallons must be released to keep it flushed!! They must be made to repair this system! Lanier can't be pulled down to these levels, it takes years to recover!

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Scoping comments will be collected by Tetra Tech for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District through ***November 21, 2008.***

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Water Flow & Apalachicola Ba

1 message

jan adkins <janetinfla@hotmail.com> **Mon, Nov 10, 2008 at 5:19 PM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

Since l999, i have lived at 32 Avenue D, two blocks from the Apalachicola River.....i rehabilitated the historic building, have leased to tenants who love this location on a vital corner and i live up above "the store". Walking by the Water Street river park almost daily, and observing the volumes of locals and tourists that are drawn to the River bank view, i never cease to be amazed at what the River means....

The Apalachicola River is an absolute necessary artery to this part of the Gulf of Mexico. Decreased water flow would undoubtedly devastate our contiguous communities here for miles around....i genuinely hope that all parties can come to the table to share.....if everyone gives a little??!!.....

Thank you for allowing concerned community members to share their feelings.....

Jan Thomas
Apalachicola, FL

0624

Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

Apalachicola River Basin

1 message

George Coon <georgecoon@gmail.com> **Mon, Nov 10, 2008 at 4:14 PM**
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RE: Environmental Impact Statement for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River Basin Water Control Manual Update.

Sirs/Mesdames;

As a recent transplant resident to Apalachicola, I have concerns over the future of my new town and the River which sustains its commerce. I am aware that the river is the livelihood of numerable Oystermen and others who fish and generally rely on the river. Additionally, I am aware of the fragile nature of environmental systems generally, and how humans, however well intentioned, can negatively impact ecosystems they are partially in control of.

The River needs to be returned to the fresh water flows it had, before human intervention.

I am frankly amazed that this isn't a Federal requirement already, that rivers should not be used by one state (Georgia) to the determent of a down-river state (Florida).

Please consider my comments seriously.

Yours truly,

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Lake Lanier levels

1 message

coopma2 <coopma2@bellsouth.net> **Mon, Nov 10, 2008 at 3:09 PM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

I would like to see Lanier at 1070 or 1071 as often as possible.
The erosion from the rain hitting the mud when the lake is 17 feet down is incredible.
It is prematurely filling in the lake with mud.

Also, the navigation when the lake is so low is very difficult and dangerous.

We have many business and employees that depend on the lake.

The Corp also needs more floating docks at the ramps that are in the water. Forsyth County does a good job with their floating dock at Charleston Park and when the lake goes down they still make sure it is floating and usable.

Mike Cooper

0626

Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

Lake Lanier Water Program

1 message

Carl Swigart <cswigart@msn.com> **Mon, Nov 10, 2008 at 12:55 PM**
To: comments@acf-wcm.com

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-During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1 and be drawn down in smaller increments after September depending on rain forecasts for winter/spring and watch for the drought cycles which usually come in 6 year cycles in Georgia.

-Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River.

-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.

Regards

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Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

(no subject)

1 message

Chad Hargett <johnscreekvet@earthlink.net> **Mon, Nov 10, 2008 at 8:40 AM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

We are residents at lake lanier across from war hill park
the level of the lake has gotten so low that it is becoming dangerous to boat or even swim
we bought our property with hopes of creating lifelong memories at lake lanier with our family but i am afraid that if something is not donet o preserve the lake lake lanier may cease to exist
we chose our lot due to it being on big water but even the area near war hill park is dangerous and the shoreline is sad
i would like to see the following accomlpished

-During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1
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-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.

sincerely
chad hargett
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1 message

Art McGovern <artimus@bellsouth.net> **Mon, Nov 10, 2008 at 8:10 AM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

E-Mailed the below to the Corp at Comments@acf-wcm.com

You should do the same and pass this on to everyone that you know. Comments need to be received by 11-20-08 to be considered.

Subject: Lake Lanier Survey

The ACF Water Control Manual Update should consider and address the following issues for Lake Lanier:

1. During the rainy season the Corp should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1st

2. Raise the full pool level to 1,073 feet thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to Lake Lanier

3. Management "triggers" should be in place for Lake Lanier's withdrawals regarding:

a. drought conditions

b. water quality requirements

c. water supply requirements

4. The ACF Water Control Manual should address and recognize the following issues for Lake Lanier:

a. Drought conditions

b. Lake Lanier's small basin area

c. Requirements for downstream water quality

d. Requirements for downstream water supply

Art McGovern

770-531-0985

Gainesville, Ga. 30506

Comment ID: 0629
Author Name: Brantley Burns
Organization:

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1. I am in favor of raising the full pool to 1073. This makes very good sense in view of the vast amount of increased storage this gives for little or no cost.

2.Water from Lake Lanier should not be used to protects mussels and other endangered species. If the lake were not here, the flow in the Appalachicola river would have been far lower. How did those species survive before the lake was built?

3.Better management methods than those that are now being used MUST be in place during periods of drought.

4.During the rainy season,the corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1.

Comment ID: 0630
Author Name: Art McGovern
Organization:

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Subject: Lake Lanier Survey

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a. Drought conditions
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Comment ID: 0631
Author Name: Dixon Sewell
Organization:

Current drought conditions require the Corps to substantially reduce the flow of water from Lake Lanier for safety, health & economic reasons.

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Comment ID: 0632
Author Name: Tony
Organization:

During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1;
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-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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Comment ID: 0633
Author Name: David Vogelpohl
Organization:

Thank you for considering my opinions. During the rainy season the lake should be allowed to reach full pool no later than June 1st.

During times of drought there must be a procedure in place to decrease the outflow to be no more than measured inflow. If there was no dam, this is the amount of water that would normally flow downstream.

Water should not be released specifically to support endangered species. These species have shown remarkable signs of adaptation before the lake was in place and should be able to do so now. Let nature take its course.

We need to seriously consider raising full pool to 1073 or greater. This will allow for additional storage which when combined with lower releases during drought periods will keep the lake fuller.

The last two years of low water levels have been very disappointing and dangerous from a safety and economic aspect.

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Comments

This is more than a flood control issue – it is not a primary concern for management of the lake. The lake has been an important "draw" for the area that impacts the socio economics of the area from fishermen, visitors, to homeowners. You destroy the lake, you destroy the positive economics of the area. Is this going to be another example of the government promising one thing and then doing the opposite? Keep the water level up – keep West Georgia a place to live, work, and enjoy the area!

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Comments

Recreation is the prime economic driver from use of West Point Lake; therefore that ~~ent~~ should be the major consideration for operation of the lake — not flood control. Even the "flood of record" of 2003 created minimal flood danger, and the water level never reached the max possible level. It is my belief that the winter pool level can be maintained at NLT 633' MSL with no negative impact to other works for the original Congressional purpose for the lake; and we will maximize the economic impact for this area.

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Comments

Please keep the lake that was forced on us full! The land was taken with many promises that were not and have not been kept and the citizens of Troup would like for the corp to keep its word!

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Comments

Would like to see Winter Pool on Lake Westpoint to go [redacted] no lower than 631' and summer level to stay at 635.

Concerns about new land fill effecting water quality in Westpoint Lake

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protest against landfills in close proximity ~~to tributaries~~ to any creeks leading to westpoint lake.

Concern over lake level - good this year but was that due to new management or rainfall - like to see it above 633 ft

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Comments

Maintain minimum lake level to 633-635'
Maximize economic impact
Manage lake according to Congressional intent & purposes

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Comments

Concern about the dump polluting Blue Creek and eventually West Point Lake -

Also, Corps forced owners of beautiful Troup County land to sell and give up their property for the lake. It is wrong to leave it sicly and unsightly due to sending our water to the Gulf. Congress did not give as a reason for development of this lake that it was to be a "workhorse" to provide water elsewhere - Reasons for building were Recreation, Flood Control and Conservation -

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Comments

Just moved to LaGrange and will be purchasing a home on the lake. As a business and home owner I am very concerned with the lake level and maintaining it. The lake is the biggest influencer of our economy so it must be controlled and regulated in the best way possible.

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Comments

My family & I are very concerned about keeping West Point Lake as it was initially intended. We want to restore + maintain recreational facilities. We plan to buy a house very soon on West Point Lake. We would very much like to see the water quality up to recreational use standards. Please maintain our lake @ a level of 633-635 MSL! We are very proud of West Point Lake + would very much appreciate your consideration. Thank you!!!

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Comments

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Author Name: Tammy Cannon
Organization:

I am concerned about the house boats up the river in Apalachicola pouring raw sewage into the river that flows directly into the bay where the oysters that are so valuable to our economy are harvested. These house boats run on generators and are parked on Government property. They are not attached to any land mass other than being tied to docks and their raw sewage dumps directly into the river. The houseboats stay in the same area all year lone and as far as I know, they are not monitored for their sewage polution. The houseboat population is growing and I have growing concerns about this issue and would like to have this addressed and stopped before the polution is too great to fix.

0645

Comment ID: 0645
Author Name:
Organization:

This bay--the Last Great Bay--is extremely vital not only to thousands of people that live in this area, but vitally important to tbe most active estuarine foodweb in North America. Everything must be done to protect its future.
On Atlanta's water shortage, drastic measures need to be made for infrastructure in this overgrown metropolitan area immediately. It is the biggest development disaster in this country.

0646

Comment ID: 0646
Author Name:
Organization:

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0648

Comment ID: 0648
Author Name: Trey
Organization: Wakeboarder

Please let Lanier reach full pool again! When it rains, stop letting the water out! I have been wakeboarding on Lanier for many years, and I can't tell you how dangerous it has become... Especially driving the boat near dusk. I've witness many boats damaging props, trailers, and hull, due to the low water level. Every other lake in GA recovered except Lanier. Nobody cares about the mussels... Stop letting the water out, when it rains. Thanks!

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0650

Comment ID: 0650
Author Name: Scott Vandewiele
Organization:

Please prioritize LAKE Lanier when making decisions about Water Control.

Comment ID: 0651
Author Name: Bert Sykes
Organization:

0651

I cross the Chattahoochee on a daily basis and am amazed at the level the river maintains when we are in drought conditions. Recently, the river levels appear to be higher than just a month ago.

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Comment ID: 0652
Author Name: Teddy Russell
Organization: Russell LAndscpae Group, Inc

0652

The people if the metropolitan Atlanta region depend upon the U.S.Army Corps of Engineers' management of Lake Lanier for most of our region's drinking water. We have no alternative source of water supply, so careful management of this precious resource is critical.

Comment ID: 0653
Author Name: Bruce Margol
Organization:

0653

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from 1071 to 1073 adding additional useable water to the lake.
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Triggers must be put in place by management during drought times to limit withdrawls.
The recent situation has brought to light the lack of timely management of our resources.

Comment ID: 0654
Author Name: Linda Raffield
Organization: FCSWA Secretary

0654

As the Secretary of the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association nothing is more important to me with the ACF Issue than seeing that the Apalachicola Bay and our industry recieve the adequate water needed for us to maintain the industry that has been the backbone of Apalachicola for generations. This is not just a job, it is a culture, heritage and lifestyle like no other, and the Apalachicola Bay should be among one of the worlds greatest treasures.
The problem as we see it from this end is that this problem did not happen over night, and it is not just because of the drought. If it were there would be less oposition to the recommended water levels and flow cutbacks. The man made problems of uncontrolled developement which requires more water than is available without the least bit of concern for others in continuing developement is more than we should or can be expected to swallow. We have been informed that while we are in a drought situation where there is limited water supply nothing has or will be done to detour further developement to an already over burdoned system.
Knowing this and the lack of consideration in industries which over the years would rather pay heavily in fines than adhere to environmental controls regardless of the consequence.
The added consideration of government who knowingly ignored the problem for almost thirty years is enough to anger the most humble.
All that aside where do we go from here? First there should be a limit put on what is already there, not allowing further developement until the situation has been either controled by Mother Nature or an alternative water supply plan.
Real meetings giving communities a chance to voice an opinion, real people with real problems and real voices as an alternative to the "Science Fair" type meeting where there is relatively little interaction with people other than a few pre-impted questions.
Considering others with just as much at stake as anyone else, seeing the faces of the people who work and live on or around the water. The farmers, Bee Keepers, fishermen, oystermen and any number of other people who depend upon the water to make a living and have families who depend upon them to make a living for them.
Last but not least to see that there are no winners in this war, all are suffering the numbers, data and statistics are not worth a hill of beans if you dont' put the human equation to it as well.
Most importantly that we all work at it together, this should nott be the responsiblity of any one person or one agency to make the decisions for all the people this concerns and most assuridly everyone should have the willingness and thoughfulness to work together.

Linda Raffield
Franklin County Seafood Workers Secretary

0655

Comment ID: 0655
Author Name:
Organization:

Given the small size of the basin area above the Buford Dam, I feel it is critical to aggressively manage outflows during any period when the lake is less than full. I would like to be assured that all options are considered when determining the minimum required outflows during these periods and that high priority on conservation is given. I have plotted the lake levels monthly over the last 40 years and note that the impact of drought periods seems to be greater and more frequent as time passes. I believe this is indicative of the need to manage outflows with conservation in mind at levels higher than the top of the current Zone 4.

0656

Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

Water Operations

1 message

Tom Stratton <tstratton@mindspring.com> **Tue, Nov 11, 2008 at 6:09 PM**
To: comments@acf-wcm.com

The Water Operations must be changed to prevent the extreme draw down of Lake Lanier.

Lake Lanier provides jobs for many people in marinas, boat sales, recreational equipment sales, restaurants, and real estate. There has been a severe economic impact to the area surrounding the lake due to the reduced recreational opportunities. The economic value of a full lake should be considered versus the economic impact of releasing large amounts of water.

Much has been made of the danger to a few mussels in Florida, but I have seen thousands of dead fresh water clams along the shore of Lake Lanier. A consideration of other wildlife destruction caused by the low water levels should be considered. What has happened to the beavers, otters, ospreys, and eagles, not to mention the the many species of fish that lost cover and lost spawning areas? What is the environmental impact of losing the habitat for these animals?

The increased erosion along the exposed lakeshore is horrendous and is causing a huge amount of silt to be washed into the lake every time it rains. Many already shallow areas are going to be filled in.

Lake Lanier has to be a valuable resource in and of itself, not just a holding tank to fill downstream lakes.

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Fax 770-979-2165

MR. SHIELDS: My name is Joe Shields. I work at 260 Dr. Frederick S. Humphrey Street, Apalachicola, Florida 32320. My email address is shieldj@doacs.state.fl.us. I'm going to leave my written comments with the court reporter.

Comment ID: 0658
Author Name: Paul E. Andrew
Organization:

Ladies & Gentlemen, I think the Corp should look at 2 competing issues that I think can be reconciled. The first, endangered species in the ACF Basin. It seems those endangered species are harmed more by significant fluctuations in water levels more so than by "reduced flows." Consequently, the Corp should CAREFULLY consider the minimum amount of water needed to flow into the Appalachicola and the Bay and then insure any water above that minimum flow is retained. This would also assist populations upstream by keeping water storage capacities as high as practical (you should increase the storage level in Lanier also. Further, recreation is a huge part of the northeast Georgia economy and high levels in Lanier would safeguard this aspect of Lanier's usage.

0659

Comment ID: 0659
Author Name: Daniel Itzkovitz
Organization: Tamara\\\'s Cafe

My familys livelihood depends on the river and bay. We could not make a living here if the river flow was decreased even the slighest bit.

0660

Comment ID: 0660
Author Name:
Organization:

The trend for reservoir levels in the Chattahoochee basin for 2008 should be explained by the Corps.

While Lake Lanier set a new record low level on every day of 2008, the remaining reservoirs in the Chattahoochee basin have remained at levels at or *above* their historical averages and/or their normal operating levels. Clearly there must be an explanation for this.

There are several potential explanations. Rainfall in the Lanier portion of the basin could have been lower than in other portions of the basin. The net outtake (municipal water system feeds minus wastewater returned) from Lanier for human use could be a factor. Seepage and evaporation loss could be worse on Lanier than on downstream reservoirs. And, other factors may come into play.

Specifically, each of these questions should have a clear answer.

1)What is the lingering effect on the Lake Lanier pool level from the 2 foot gauge error‚ that occurred in 2006?

2)Why were some of the daily releases from Buford Dam during October and November of 2007 so large (e.g. between 3500 and 4000 CFS for 24hrs)?

3)While in a different (but adjacent) basin, the relatively good performance of the levels of Allatoona and Carters lakes should also be explained.

4)If net outtake for human consumption from Lanier is a statistically significant part of the problem with the record low lake levels on Lanier, will you provide information that illustrates this?

5)Is there a minimum flow rate and water level gauge reading, at any point in the Chattahoochee River between Buford Dam and West Point Lake, that water from Lake Lanier is expected to always maintain regardless of any drought conditions?

6)Is the Corps seriously considering adjusting the full pool level of Lanier to 1073? Or 1072?

The continued assumption that human consumption of water from the Lanier portion of the ACF basin adversely affects all users and uses of the remainder of the ACF basin continues to retard and interfere with objective debate and discourse on this subject, particularly with adjacent states. If the Corps has additional data that can shed light on the composite inflow‚ number that is recorded daily for Lake Lanier then please bring it to light.

0661

Comment ID: 0661
Author Name: Glenn
Organization:

Please Fill the lake to a respectable level.

0662

Comment ID: 0662
Author Name:
Organization:

WE NEED TO SAVE THE WATER ON LAKE LANIER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!
THE CORP. SHOULD SLOW THE AMOUNT OF WATER BEING SENT DOWN STREAM UNTIL THE LAKE GET'S BACK TO FULL POOL.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT NO ONE CONTROLS THE AMOUNT OF RAIN WE RECEIVE BUT WE CAN LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF WATER RELEASED.
THANK YOU,
CEMASONJR

0663

Comment ID: 0663
Author Name: J. Gordon Shuler
Organization:

Our river and our bay deserve to be protected with adequate water flow. We live in an area that is unique in all the world. It is a beautiful, bio-diverse area, teeming with wildlife, an aquatic bounty and people who love it.

0664

Comment ID: 0664
Author Name: J. Gordon Shuler
Organization:

Please insure that the Apalachicola River and Apalachicola Bay are protected with adequate water flow. Our community (Franklin County, Florida) depends on the river and bay for its livelihood and culture. We live in an area that is unique in all the world, and it should be protected. Our area is bio-diverse and is teeming with wildlife, aquatic bounty and people who love it.

0665

Comment ID: 0665
Author Name: Jan Hageman
Organization: Resident

IS too much consideration given to endanger species. Some of these are not indigenous to the ACF and mother nature would have let them go extinct years ago. Meanwhile, being a resident of Lake Lanier, I see many clams that don't make it and small fish and so-called sport fish having to move their homes daily as the shoreline changes from depleting water. Why are the weaker species' lives more important than the stronger ones. If you are going to muck-around with mother nature by putting in dams, please don't second guess her policy of survival of the strong. Give the lakes of the upper ACF a chance life too.

0666

Comment ID: 0666
Author Name: Jan Hageman
Organization: Resident

Low lake levels endangers human life. If it was all a result of a drought would be one thing, but we endanger human life in order to save 3 endangers species that can not surive on their own. Mother nature considers them the weak and only lets the strong survive. Fighting mother nature is always a losing battle. Please bring the lake levels up so that the aquatic life in Lake Lanier can get back to a life of normalcy.

Comment ID: 0667
Author Name:
Organization: lake lanier association

0667

HUMAN LIFE BEFORE ENDANGERED SPECIES!
REACH FULL POOL BY APRIL 1. WITHDRAWALS COMMENCERATE WITH LAKE LEVEL FOR MAXIMUM CONSERVATION.
RAISE FULL POOL TO 1073 FT.

Comment ID: 0668
Author Name:
Organization:

0668

GRANT BETHEL PARK TO FORSYTH COUNTY

Comment ID: 0669
Author Name: Blair Anderson
Organization:

0669

Please give more weight to the current overall water release scheme that is currently in place. I would think as most residents do, that the potential negative affects of this "new" policy of continual release at these low levels is completely non-sensical or in better terms, unreasonable. The needs of the people and the many residents surrounding such a 'once' beautiful lake far outweigh the needs of fish life, mussels. When water levels go down further aren't we endangering our own Lake's water life endangering the fish that live here as well as the safety and value of lake residents property?? ..let alone possibly cutting off water supplies to 12 million+ people?

I am sure you have heard these comments before and hope that you are now not rolling your eyes as you read yet another letter from a taxpayer inquiring about what is going on with current policy. Please take these comments, feedback seriously. The responsiblity you have at the Corps is great. I appreciate the great responsibility, and yes, respect it greatly. As most people, I cannot phathom all the complexities that go into your management duties. Most of us out here are not asking you to re-invent the wheel of how the Corps does things. I think if you had the ear of some of us and wanted to more stretegically curtail responses/letters/inquiries of what the heck is going on, a refinement of your communication is what is in order. Maybe you are doing everything right. I wouldn't know because your(the Corps) bureaucratic communication has not hit me. Is there any possibility that the Corps can communicate clearly what it is currently doing, what it has been doing in the past, what has changed since 2006/2007 full pool lake levels? Maybe open and straight talk about where you, the Corps are at, will help justify what you are doing, why you are doing it, why it is not a catch-22, and why/how the lake level will come back. All Georgia Americans/taxpayers are reasonable and support their federal and state run agencies when things are well explained and appear justified. Helping our neighbors in trouble (compassion)is a good thing but there comes a time when those that help (their resources) start to end and the extent of help (the reaching out and giving) must end. Compassion overload has set in with the mussels and the other states that are screaming for Georgia's Lake Lanier water. What about us in Georgia who plan on relying on this water as humans? Haven't we helped out enough down stream from Lanier? If it isn't enough, tell us why it isn't enough and we may support the continued policy. If you can't reasonably justify what you are doing to the people (citizens) whom are paying for your services/offices/resources/salaries maybe it is time to change your policy to a policy that does reasonably justify what is happening to Georgia's resource. I take seriously the word reasonably and do not feel I have enough information to justify to my neighbor why the lake is where it is at with water levels. Does that seem right to the Corps directors? If there is some link to a reasonably worded update on where the Corps policy is on water management specific to our great Lake Lanier? I would as well as many of my neighbors would love to see it. I request this as I have an interest in this as I am an adjacent landowner indirectly paying for the corps oversight.

Nothing helps greater in understanding than communication.

If someone can respond great, if not, fine...

Comment ID: 0670
Author Name: Laurie Hageman
Organization:

0670

I'm concerned with the 5000cfs releases during droughts. Where did the number come from and why wouldn't drought conditions and dangerously low levels of the lake change this number?

0671

Comment ID: 0671
Author Name: Laurie Hageman
Organization:

Atlanta needs this water yet the Feds say Atlanta doesn't have rights to this water. If all this water originates from a water basin that lies completely in Georgia then why does Atlanta not have total rights over where this water goes?

0672

Comment ID: 0672
Author Name: David Volpe
Organization:

Lake Lanier is an absolute mess and disgrace, totally mismanaged beyond the lack of rain impact!

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The economic impact to the lake and the Atlanta area is huge. The damage to my property is also sognificant. We need your help to manage this resource correctly!

0673

Comment ID: 0673
Author Name: Masry Jean Volpe
Organization:

The condition of the lake is deplorable causing economic chaos and significant property damage that could be avoided by proper management.

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0674

Comment ID: 0674
Author Name: Michael Volpe
Organization:

I hereby request the Corp to properly manage Lake Lanier to stop the property damage and negative economic impact. We need water to survive in Atlanta and the current system is definitely not working.

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0675

Comment ID: 0675
Author Name: Jennifer Volpe
Organization:

Please change your management criteria for Lake Lanier to incorporate the following principles. Property damage on the lake from low levels and lack of water for Atlanta are paramount and need to be reversed.

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0676

Comment ID: 0676
Author Name: Evelyn Volpe
Organization:

Lake Lanier and its residents deserve better. Lake management has been poorly executed with resulting lack of water for Atlanta and property damage on the lake to docks, boats, businesses, etc.

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Comment ID: 0677
Author Name: Kristie Myers
Organization: Lake Lanier Resident

0677

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Thank you for your time,

kristie myers

Comment ID: 0678
Author Name: Lake Lanier Land Owner
Organization:

0678

Our lake continues to drop lower and lower. It amazes me that it cannot be stopped! What is going on? Why do we have to let it out?? Does anybody use common sense?

DO NOT LET ANYMORE WATER OUT OF LAKE LANIER!! STOP the flow.

Comment ID: 0679
Author Name: April M. Dalton
Organization:

0679

I was born in Carrabelle, Florida in 1969 and I sure have seen alot of changes occur in the Apalachicola Bay area in my near 40 years here. The quantity and quality of the seafood has suffered tremendously in the time I have been alive. The first impact of the loss of fresh water to the bay was seen by my father when the Bob Sikes cut was allowed by the Corps of Engineers. Why would they allow someone to suggest something and then give them the okay to proceed with their project before doing the research needed to see if there would be any impact to the natural resourses in that particular area is beyond me. The oystermen used to be seen on the Apalachicola Bay by the thousands now we are lucky if we get to see them by the hundreds. So many families in Franklin and surrounding counties have moved to other areas to find work that will appropriately sustain their family because there are no oysters left in the bay to supply the great numbers of people who love working in the seafood industry. Not only have the oysters been negatively affected, but so have the Shrimp, Crabs, and Fish. More and more citizens(like me)from here are finding jobs on the land away from the Apalachicola Bay because of the fact that the seafood industry is becoming endangered itself. You hear all the time about the endangered species list, well the Oystermen, Oysterwomen, Shrimpers, Crabbers, Fishermen, and Fisherwomen need to be added to that list because in the last 10 years the number of people holding these kinds of jobs has decreased by half. I would like for everyone to know that the Apalachicola Bay is highly dependent on the fresh water that comes flowing naturally down the Apalachicola River System and without the fresh water not only will the seafood die so will the seafood industry itself. We will then not only be dependent on foreign oil, but we will have to depend on froeign seafood too. The shrimpers have already been forced out because of the shrimp that is being grown on farms. What is the next step for the oyster industry, will we have to open ourselves up to oyster farming just to eat oysters. I do know one thing for a fact and that is that the seafood produced here in the Apalachicola Bay have the best flavor that anyone could ever get in seafood. We have here for our pleasure not only World Famous Apalachicola Oysters, but Island Mullet from St. Georges Island, and Apalachicola Bay Shrimp that will make your mouth water for more. So share the water especially if you love the taste of Apalachicola Seafood. I KNOW I DO LOVE THE TASTE OF SOME GOOD OLE FRIED APALACHICOLA OYSTERS, FISH, SHRIMP, AND CRABS.

Comment ID: 0680
Author Name: John Tierney
Organization:

0680

Regarding management of the Lake Lanier water level, the drought is serious and everyone recognizes that. However, for future consideration to prevent the dramatic reduction in the water levels that, in themselves, create unnecessary economic and financial impact, we suggest the following:

- Please raise the "full-pool" level to 1073' from the current 1071' level. This makes sense as it will provide more than 26B gallons of additional water resevoir to the entire system.

- Please mandate that full pool be achieved no later than June 1st during the rainy season such that summer drought patterns are proactively addressed to alleviate any negative impact.

- Please incorporate legal language in the management plan to ensure that legal maneuvering does not consume valuable time and resources for ploys such as saving mussels in the Apalachicola River at the expense of farmers and cities that require water for nondiscretionary needs.

- Incorporate checks and balances management triggers between local, state, and federal agencies to assist in proactively and more efficiently manageing future water crisis and drought conditions.

Thank you for your consideration of these points in future water management plans for Lake Lanier and the entire Chattahoochee water system.

0681

Comment ID: 0681
Author Name: Earl Arrowood
Organization:

Property values have plummeted. Many businesses are going out of business.Down stream lakes and rivers are full. Other states are enjoying our water without water restrictions. Lake Lanier supplies water to the City of Atlanta and it is at new lows.
Fairness must be implemented as well as conservation for all involved.

0682

Comment ID: 0682
Author Name: Bob Kruer
Organization:

I am a property owner on Lake Lanier and a resident of Atlanta. The use of the lake impacts me in many areas. It has become obvious over the years that the main purpose of Lake Lanier and the entire watershed has changed from flood control to providing drinking water. The new management plan needs to reflect this as the number one priority. By default then water for Atlanta would be the highest priority. Shipping, power generation and enviornmental issues are way behind in importance.

How would I change the management? First increase the storage capacity of all the lakes in place by raising normal pool levels and increased dredging. Secondly, better control outflow to match use as drinking water and no other use until lake levels are too high. Third and most importantly establish a minimum level (for example say 1060 at Lake Lanier) that triggers emergency measures. Once that level is reached only discharge an amount equal to the inlow for the same period. By doing this, all areas of the drainage basin would be impacted equally in times of drought.

If the COE could not follow this new mandate, take control away from them.

0683

Comment ID: 0683
Author Name: Jane Shiver
Organization:

My Family has made their living on Apalachicola Bay for generations. I now have 2 sons and other family members who still oyster the bay. Please do what you can to save our bay. Without the bay, this community cannot survive.

0684

Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

Lake Lanier

1 message

M. McKeithen <m@mckeithen.net> **Tue, Nov 11, 2008 at 4:46 PM**
Reply-To: m@mckeithen.net
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

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0685

Comment ID: 0685
Author Name:
Organization:

We bought a house on the lake in 1999.
Out of the 10 years we have owned property on the lake it has only been full 2 years. It is outrageous that this lake has been so poorly managed in the past and present. Lets get politics out and start using common sense and restore this lake to where it was intended to be...full!

0686

Comment ID: 0686
Author Name: Lee Edwards
Organization:

Manage lake consistant with congressionally authorized purpose of "general recreation" which provides for positive economic impact. When the Corps drops the lake level below 633 msl our recent economic study indicates we drop to 20% potential positive economic dollars.
When the Corps allows the lake to drop to 620 msl, which occured last year, the water quality is degraded and fishing recreation declines.

0687

Comment ID: 0687
Author Name: Tim Newton
Organization:

I understand the demands of our limited basin but don't quite understand why the output can not equal the input (less evaporation) regarding our water supply. Should be simple mathematics. If the lake was not in place, the lower basin would not get any more water than what is available in the two major river sources. We could plan for a worse case event and drop the lake 4-6 feet for flood control but this should be the extent of how low this lake should be. The economic impact to Georgia is also a good reason to apply common sense to our water controls as compared to the decision to help the mussels and prehistoric fish survive. Move them to another location... Who knows what evironmental impact the low lake level is causing.

0688

Comment ID: 0688
Author Name: arnold hall
Organization: none

i have lived here all my life and i see 2 events side by side here, on one side i can see people becoming unemployed, property values falling, businesses failing peoples liveleyhood vanishing, costing citizens millons of dollars a lake fading away that will devestate the future of several counties that depend of this lake for drinking water. then on the other side i see some mussels that someone wants to keep alive and i see that some person could choose these worthless mussells over all the things on the other side. but lets remember, politics is deeply involved here between 3 governers who does not care about anything but winning the grudge war and the sad part is the parshality i feel is being shown here is having the person that is in complete control of opening the gates at the dam is living and stationed in alabama. this should never be because all people feel he will look after his state no matter what, THIS IS WRONG, WRONG, WRONG. so alabama and flordia will choose worhless stinking mussells over peoples lives. so do what you will do and save the mussells and to hell with everything and everyone else involved

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Comment ID: 0689
Author Name: arnold hall
Organization: none

GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRISP, YOU AND THE WORTHLESS GOVERNOR CAN TAKE YOUR MUSSELLS AND SHOVE THEM .....I THINK YOU BOTH AND HATE FILLED HALF MEN THAT ARE TOTALLY WORTHLESS. AND LETS NOT FORGET THE SPINELESS WIMP SONNY PERDUE WHO DESPERATLY NEED A BACKBONE. THE WORTHLESS GOVERNOR I MENTIONED AT THE TOP IS THE ALABAMA GOVERNOR, I HOPE YOUR WORTHLESS GRUDGE FIGHT WILL BRING YOU TONS OF SORROW IN THE FUTURE.

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Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

Flynt- Apalachicola System

1 message

A Jim King <jking1939@comcast.net> **Wed, Nov 12, 2008 at 4:16 PM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

The Flint-Apalachicola system is vital to three states. I hope it finds a place on any public works- infrastructure plans brought out by the new political structure in Washington. I can't think of a better way to help our economy than to spend a little to preserve the livelihoods impacted by this river system. This could be a new TVA, and just as important.
James King

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Lake Lanier

1 message

NPSHIELDS@aol.com <NPSHIELDS@aol.com> **Wed, Nov 12, 2008 at 8:16 AM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

To Whom it May Concern:

It is imperative that all be done possible to restore Lake Lanier to its healthy level. This lake is such a valuable asset to Atlanta, not only as a water supply but a great family oriented recreational facility.

So many issues appear to have been handled irresponsibly and that coupled with our severe drought has made for a disastrous situation. Great lengths need to be taken to rectify this result, assuring the future health of the lake.

We need to work to make sure that future generations of Georgia will look back and know that all of this was handled correctly, safekeeping our water supply as well as our recreational areas.

Regards,
Brandon Shields

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Comment ID: 0692
Author Name: Leonard Montgomery
Organization:

This Bay MUST be preserved as in the past. The water supply from up river must not be restricted in any way. The loss of the oysters just can not happen.

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Comment ID: 0693
Author Name: James & Teresa Coryell
Organization:

During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1.

Lake Lanier should not be drawn down for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River.

Mgmt. triggers must be in place for Lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought.

0694

Comment ID: 0694
Author Name:
Organization:

dig out sam's cutoff in east river and damm up the bob sikes cut so the freshwater that we are able to get can be diverted into the bay because right now the bay is not getting enough.i realize that we cant all get what we want when it's not there to get.our oysters are dying and what's left of the oysterman here is just going to be the last of a dying breed.and that is what hurts the worst. please help fast!

0695

Comment ID: 0695
Author Name: Willis T. Bird
Organization: Citizen

I no longer live in Apalachicola but did during my school years. It was a fishing village then and I realize it has changed somewhat to a tourist attraction. However, part of that wonderful feel is the remaining fishing industry which includes oystering. The oysters from the bay there are the absolute best of anywhere. Many families depend on the oysters for their livelyhood and many people in this area and elsewhere look for those Apalachicola oysters wherever we find seafood served. I ask for them. Do not allow this part of history to be ended with the stroke of someone's pen. It is too important. People matter and this affects more people than you know. Not only the fishermen and their families but those who love this seafood everywhere. It is a public treasure that should not be taken away.

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Comment ID: 0696
Author Name: Stan Siprell
Organization:

I was born and raised in Apalachicola. I have friends who oyster and friends who own oyster businesses. I here the importance of a good fresh water supply to our bay. I am also a hunter and fisherman and appreciate our beautiful area. Species have come and gone thru out this world and I believe in protecting them, but not to the point of terrible human sacrifice. Just think when you consider this that if your families next meal depended on an oyster how would you vote.

Comment ID: 0697
Author Name: Beverly Bibikan-Koenig
Organization: LLA

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LAKE LANIER, BEING A MAJOR WATER SOURCE FOR ATLANTA SHOULD BE RAISED AND MANAGED TO A LEVEL OF 1073 FEET ONCE IT FILLS AGAIN. THIS WILL GIVE A BUFFER TO CARRY US THROUGH DROUGHT CONDITIONS GOING FORWARD. THE WATER CONTROL UPDATES YOU ARE PLANNING SHOULD INCLUDE NEW MANAGEMENT AT THIS LEVEL.

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

Comment ID: 0698
Author Name: Ann Langley
Organization:

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Hi,
We absolutely need to readjust the amount of water that we release to ALA and FL. They do not need this large amount of water. My understanding is that this amount was determined pretty much arbitrarily but when we had plenty of water. It needs to be readjusted based on true need. The leaders involved from that state need to understand that. The lost the Georgians are experiencing are massive. Both in property values, recreation and local economy. We are or at least were in danger of running out of water! In Atlanta! This is ludicrous when we have access to this large body of water but send it down to states that are not in need. The fact that this has not be resolved is totally irresponsible on the part of all involved parties.

As an individual that lives on the lake, I'm particularly affected. I still have water but barely. I take a boat ride and there are tree tops to navigate! The lake is being ruined as we stand by helpless! It is so frustrating!

I will say one thing about this site, I'm expressing my views but can not tell at all if this is what you want comments on in particular.. Is there a proposol that I should be reviewing to agree or disagree with? Please let me know so I can review that throughly.

0699

Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

Lake Lanier

1 message

joelaramsey <joelaramsey@bellsouth.net> **Fri, Nov 14, 2008 at 9:23 AM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

Dear Sir,

I am going to be very blunt and honest with you. We have lived here for 4 years, 2 of which our boat dock is sitting on the dirt. We also have a home in Florida - believe me they have plenty of water. Please update the 50-year water manual that Jackie Joseph has been trying to update for years. Let's deal with the hear and now, not arcaic and ridiculous burearacy. I am paying high taxes on water property, but no water. I am paying taxes on a boat I cannot use. At some point, I am going to have to stop paying taxes. Please expedite your solution.

0700

Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

Apalachicola River

1 message

R.Wayne Thomas <rwtconst@fairpoint.net> **Thu, Nov 13, 2008 at 2:53 PM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

I wanted to write and deliver my comments regarding the water issues surrounding the Apalachicola River. I live in Eastpoint, FL and the Apalachicola River is a very big part of our life down here on the coast. Seafood is the major industry in the area and employs a vast number of people in the area. Seafood is also very important to the tourists who visit the area and provide us income. During the last year, since the water flow has been reduced so drastically in the Apalachicola River we have seen a number of adverse effects. Salt water predators have moved into our bay, since it is so much more salty with the reduced fresh water flow, and are devouring the oysters. I have heard that we now have sharks all of the way up the river to the dam. This was unheard of before. Tupelo honey grows in the swamps up river and the trees are dying now because they do not have enough fresh water to survive. Our whole way of life down here is being destroyed. We are facing the death of the most productive bay on the east coast. I feel that we need an increased water flow to negate these effects, if possible. Hopefully, our bay will recover somewhat if this is done. I ask that you rethink your decision as to the Apalachicola River and give us the water that we need to survive.
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