0400

Comment ID: 0400
Author Name: Chuck Hall
Organization: Lake Lanier Homeowners Assoc.

I believe that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has worked long and hard to preserve the shores of Lake Lanier. It is terrible to see it all go down the drain so to speak by leaving the lake down at these environmentally unfriendly levels. The shoreline is eroding away before my very eyes and I am watching the lake fill up with silt by the millions of yards! The business in and around the lake area including the Corps revenue has been reduced by millions of dollars! This has a ripple effect for the entire state! I think the citizens and the Corp should work hard together to preserve this resource and keep it full or over full! Let's face it 1080 msl is better than 1050 msl that's a no brainer! We can't make it rain but we can always let it out!

0401

Comment ID: 0401
Author Name: Chuck Hall
Organization: Lake Lanier Homeowners Assoc.

I think while the habitat on the Apalachicola River is important the lives and quality of the water in the Atlanta area takes presidence over it!
Also the habitat on Lake Lanier should carry as much weight in this matter! Keeping Lake Lanier full or over full is important for all of us in the basin! When the lake is gone you only get the natural flow and then you will have to take it to God!

0402

Comment ID: 0402
Author Name: L Levi
Organization:

Incorporate use of water conservation measures in WCM update - require upgrading and repair of those municipal water distribution systems that obtain water from ACF basin surface waters.

0403

Comment ID: 0403
Author Name: L Levi
Organization:

Sustained minimum flows as defined by the RIOP (4750-5000 cfs at Woodruff Dam) will not sustain commercial seafood industry in Apalachicola Bay.

0404

Comment ID: 0404
Author Name: L Levi
Organization:

Require future growth and developement in Atlanta to demonstrate where water supply will come from to support planned growth - accountability for sustaining continued growth is needed.

0405

Comment ID: 0405
Author Name: L Levi
Organization:

Economic impacts to the Apalachicola Bay area from sustained minimum flows are severe - commercial seafood harvesting and tourism are the 2 primary means of income for most residents of the area. How will a few hundred comments from residents of Apalachicola Bay area (approx 10,000 population in Franklin county) compare with thousands of comments from metro Atlanta area?? Many folks in Apalachicola Bay area already feel that there is a bias in favor of upper basin needs in this water allocation issue.

Comment ID: 0406
Author Name: Robert Johnson
Organization:

0406

It is extremely important that you make every effort to maintain West Point Lake at full pool on a year round basis. The economic impact of a lower lake level for even a part of the year is very significant. Safety of boaters is also of great concern.

And of course it is our source for our drinking water so you need to make every effort to protect us from Atlanta. They do not exactly have a good history in this regard.

Thank you,

Robert Johnson

Comment ID: 0407
Author Name: Tim Watford
Organization: The Lake Lanier Association

0407

I would like to see the full pool level of Lake Lanier be increased to create greater storage capacity in anticipation of dry/drought years. Maybe as much as 2' or 3' feet. This would reduce the impact on drawdown in future years.

Tim Watford

0408

Comment ID: 0408
Author Name: Tim Watford
Organization: The Lake Lanier Association

This seems to make a great deal of sense. I have wondered why the lake levels at West Point, Eufaula and Seminole have been pretty much at full pool all year, yet the releases at Lanier continued unabated?? Because of flow volume and greater catch basin area, I would assume those lakes have the ability to recover far faster than Lanier. I also feel the endangered and threatened species angle is simply a way to tie the Corps' hands and force release. While I appreciate the idea, there comes a time when we have to choose man over beast.

0409

Comment ID: 0409
Author Name: Frank Russo
Organization:

maintain a minimum lake level of 633-635 msl
maximize positive economic impact
return to managing the lake consistent with congressionally authorized purposes
restore and maintain recreational facilities
ensure recreational access for low income and minority families
water quality higher that current standards set by ga epd

Comment ID: 0410
Author Name: Tim Watford
Organization: The Lake Lanier Association

0410

While there are confliting demands, it appears Lake Lanier was the only lake in the sytem that suffered this year. Why can't draw downs happen on the chain of lakes downstream as well and truly "balance" flow. I think consideration should be given to the amounts of rainfall all along the waterway and when one area gets an abundance of rain, it can afford to outflow more water, then restricting outflow in an area that might be experiencing dry or drought conditons. That seems more fair and balanced. There should be triggers in place to make exceptions to the rules when certain drought levels exist in the system. Drought is a normal cycle that mother nature has in place for her own reasons. I contend, if Lake Lanier was not there, there would be virtually no flow down stream during time of extreme drought (like we've been experiencing) and so when we release water during a drought, it becomes an artifical crutch for the eco system down stream that mother nature may have changed on her own. I also believe that during the rainy season, we should hold back water to reach full pool as early as possible and create the reserve capacity for the oncoming dry months.

Tim Watford

Comment ID: 0411
Author Name:
Organization:

0411

I have grown up enjoying Lake Lanier. I now have the priveledge of living on this beautiful lake. It is sad to say my property value is now nothing because of the lake. I feel something has got to be done about this problem.I no we need for it to rain, however it use to be when we would get an inch of rain the lake would go up a foot now it barely moves. I pray for rain and a solution to this problem.

Comment ID: 0412
Author Name: Jerry Griffin
Organization: Association County Commissioners of Georgia

0412

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 BasinFs 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 have failed to do.

ACCGs 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 CorpsF 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 ACFFs 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 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 LanierFs 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 reservoirs storage given the current conditions within the basin.

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

Comment ID: 0413
Author Name: Perry Darsey
Organization:

0413

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2. Raise Lake Lanier's full pool to 1073.

3. Management triggers must be in place for lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought.

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

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Comment ID: 0414
Author Name: Pat Darsey
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Comment ID: 0415
Author Name: diane mcgrath
Organization:

Franklin County, which surrounds the lower Apalachicola River Estuarine system, has a water management plan. Development is tied to this plan. We have this so that we may preserve the quality of the estuary and surrounding waters as well as the livelyhood of those working the bay. Everyone knows that the estuary is a major nursery for the Gulf of Mexico. Put it simply: In our area LIFE OF ALL KINDS DEPENDS ON THE APALACHICOLA RIVER.
Allowing Georgia to issue permits almost indiscriminately for water use and development is the equivalent of allowing them to use our sacrifice and moderation for their greed and gain. During this summer's drought I did not see ONE LAWN THAT WAS NOT BRIGHT GREEN IN THE ATLANTA AREA.
Let them live with dried up lawns and dirty cars so that the water is used for it's life giving qualities first and luxury last. If they have to restrict themselves to drinking and bathing what is the harm in that?

0416

Comment ID: 0416
Author Name: robert busser
Organization:

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5. We were near a drinking water crisis in atlanta, at least 1 county was forced to move their intake valve for water, human water obviously supercedes mussels during a drought.

0417

Comment ID: 0417
Author Name: Mary Thompson
Organization: Mary Thompson Appraisals

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Organization: Mary Thompson Appraisals

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0419

Comment ID: 0419
Author Name: Jayne Olderman
Organization:

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 triggersÍ should be in place for Lake Laniers withdrawals regarding:
a. drought conditions
b. water quality
c. water supply

4. The ACF Water Contro Manual should and addrerss and recognize the following issues for Lake Lanier:
a. Drought conditions
b. Lake LanierFs small basin area
c. Requirements for downstream water quality
d. Requirements for downstream water supply

0420

Comment ID: 0420
Author Name: Allen Gresham
Organization:

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Outflows from Lake Lanier should not exceed inflows.

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Comment ID: 0422
Author Name: Jerry Collins
Organization:

0422

Lake Lanier is vital for the supply of water for North-Northeast Georgia. In addition, the lake is a vital economic engine for a large segment of the population surrounding Lanier.

I urge the "full pool" be raised 2 feet to 1073. Additionally, I believe the discharge from the dam should be regulated to keep the lake at a minimum of 1060.

The headwaters of Lanier originate in North Georgia and I feel belongs to Georgia.I feel the amount of water discharged should only be for the benefit of people not mussels or other species of fish/fowl/clams etc.

I've been utilizing Lake Lanier since 1960. My family has had lakefront property on lanier for over 40 years. I seen many droughts come and go.

With the population growth of North Georgia, Lake Lanier is a vital resource and must be expanded to have larger storage capacity.

Thank you for allowing me to input my thoughts.

Comment ID: 0423
Author Name:
Organization:

0423

It seems to me that we need to limit the use of water consistently across the states. I am an Alpharetta Resident for 14 years and recently I moved part time to Jacksonville FL. I see so much water wasted watering lawns, etc. I also have a place in Panama City Beach FL and see the same level of waste in play. If FL doesn't have any watering restrictions or other controls in place, why are we sending GA water to FL. This has puzzled me for several years. Just thinking they might need to provide for themselves. Thank you.

0424

Comment ID: 0424
Author Name: James Klass
Organization:

With the construction and housing up Big Creek East of McEver Rd and the new culvert installed we have an additional 5-8 feet of silt. Increase full pool to 1073.Manager water releases according to true need down stream. Allow silt removal at times of low water or every few years as is done in several other lakes in North GA.

0425

Comment ID: 0425
Author Name: HUGH R. MCQUEEN
Organization:

My comment is this - according to your pamphlet that you put out, West point Lake was designed for recreational purposes...not for a source of drinking water for the city of Atlanta!! So, with all due respect, do your jobs in respect for which the lake was intended. Not for a political tool for those who would use it as a political issue. To me it is a no-brainer. Keep the lake levels so that they can be SAFELY navigated. Thank you.

0426

Comment ID: 0426
Author Name: Danny Lowery
Organization:

I would like to see the Army Corps of Engineers quit draining so much water out of Lake Lanier. When Florida got soaked with rain from hurricanes, GA got no rain and yet we released so much water to a flooded area. This makes no sense to me.

0427

Comment ID: 0427
Author Name: Mark Condon
Organization:

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the Army Corps of Engineers:

I would like to urge the Corps to raise the full pool level from 1071 to 1073. I understand that this increase in depth, while disruptive to me and many others that live on the lake, would add an additional 26 billion gallons of water and create an additional buffer against future droughts.

Also, while I understand the need to protect wildlife and endangered species, I feel putting the welfare of mussels ahead of the 5 million plus residents of North Georgia is dangerous, particularly since no one has an understanding of how much fresh water is necessary to sustain these mollusks. The agency responsible for the demand should demonstrate evidence of the need before decisions are made to keep flows at a higher than normal rate.

Lastly, please develop an emergency plan to provide for reduced releases when drought conditions exist.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.

Regards,

Mark Condon

0428

Comment ID: 0428
Author Name: Jack Oliaro
Organization: self

I attended the open house held in Gainesville in late October. The Corps did a good job of explaining how all the pieces work together and some of the requirements it operates under. However, what we were told seems to contradict what I witnessed last week. The Chattahoochee River appeared full in Atlanta (which should assure the 750 cfs) but yet the lake was drawn down over 1000 cfs feet the next 2 days.

0429

Comment ID: 0429
Author Name: george searing
Organization:

I am very concerned with the water levels at Lake Lanier and whether or not we will have enough water for drinking, cooking, etc. I know that it has to rain in order for the lake to get higher. Three points that I want to make are:
1. When ever it does begin to rain and enough to raise the levels, please consider raising the lake to 1073 so we can have a buffer when there is another drought.
2. It is rediculous to lower Lanier in order to protect whatever in the state of Florida.
3. Include provisions to reduce to the bare minimum to outflow from Lanier during droughts.

Thank you

0430

Comment ID: 0430
Author Name: Kathi Wilson
Organization:

As a resident in the LaGrange community and owner of a home on West Point lake I have seen the impact that lower lake levels have on the community. I believe that if the lake levels were to be maintained between 633MSL and 635MSL as shown in the study completed by Basile Baumann Prost Cole & Associates it would not only be an economic asset to the community and the state of Georgia but will also be maintained as it was originally intended.

0431

Comment ID: 0431
Author Name: Ted Wilson
Organization:

From a lake front resident and Treasurer of Holbrook Pointe Property Owners Associations point of view I believe the economic impact on our community is driven by West Point Lake level remaining between 635MSL and 633MSL. (Based on the study by Basile Baumann Prost Cole & Associates) West Point lake was specifically authorized by Congress for the purpose of "general recreation". Allowing the lake levels to remain low creates hidden dangers for anyone using the lake for recreational purposes and reduces the quality of the water.

Comment ID: 0432
Author Name:
Organization:

0432

We bought our home on Lake Lanier in 1999 and have had very few times to use the lake in 8 years due to water levels. Our boat has been in storage numerous times and for one year during this last episode where the Corps misread the guage. Of course we are still paying property taxes for lake property, of which there is none. We"re sure we couldn't sell our property at this point if we had to. Hopefully if the FULL POOL level was raised, not so much concern about releasing water to the neighboring states and more interest in the people in Georgia, these issures can be resolved. PLEASE HELP.

Comment ID: 0433
Author Name:
Organization: n/a

0433

Lake Lanier and Georgia residents should not have stricter water restrictions than Florida and Alabama; quite the opposite.

Mussels etc are not a reason to draw down Lake Lanier to levels which can raise the toxicity of the water and end up killing our fish. Their lives, not to mention the recreational value of Lanier are important as well.

Also, lake side values as well as boat damage etc should be figured into the costs of the lake being down, in addition to the lost tourism. Those figures surely outweigh the economic value of any endagered animals. If reason doesn't explain why we mustn't kill Lake Lanier, then perhaps dollar figures can.

0434

Comment ID: 0434
Author Name: Pam
Organization:

Please save Lake Lanier!! The Apalachicola area doesn't need our lake's water, they are doing fine on their own. At the end of May 2008 our family vacationed in the Apalachicola/St.George Island area and they had more water in the area than I've seen in the Lanier area for several years. How can a tiny lake like Lanier be expected to provide water to the entire Alabama/Florida area? We need the water in our area for business, recreation and people's every day life. Lake Lanier looks very depressing and desolate. Please save the Lake!!

0435

Comment ID: 0435
Author Name: Nolton Johnson
Organization:

The EIS and Revised WCP are long over due for the ACF in my opinion. Alternatives should consider long term water supply needs of those local governments riparian to Lake Lanier/Chattahoochee River and existing water supply users, as well as waste assimilation needs downstream. Consumptive use (withdrawals minus returns)should be utilized. Also cold water releases for support of trout within reasonable distance downstream of Buford Dam should be considered.

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Comments

The regulatary operation of Lake Lanier needs to be revised according to available data that can protect the levels of Lake Lanier and accomplish the same protective areas downstream —

We beg the Corps to consider the regulatary changes necessary as presented by Pat Stevens @ Atlanta Regional Commission. I served as a citizen member for Gwinnett County on this board.

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Comments

As a resident of fulton county I request you approve to minimize the water flow from 8750 to 6500 as Dr. Couch proposes. It was down earlier in the year and the water quality downstream was acceptable.
The rain fall south of Atlanta has been greater than Northand we can use all the water in Lake Lanier.

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Comments

Additional Lakes are needed to equal population growth.
Lanier's "Full Pool" s/b a higher priority.
Obvious levels can not be explained to my understanding.
Lakes below Lanier have their own tributaries why is Lanier with
its 1000 sq mile basin being drawn down when lakes downstream have
basins equalling 2-5 times the catch basin area?

Fix it!

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Comment ID: 0439
Author Name: Dixie Speck
Organization: Solterra, Inc.

My husband and I own a medium-sized landscaping business in the Atlanta area. We were having good growth numbers until the drought hit and the water suppliers in our area felt forced to place complete water bans only on outside watering. This ban directly and immediately affected our industry and many businesses and jobs have been lost. Following this second year of unreasonable restrictions on outdoor irrigation, we have been forced to continue lay-offs and are most likely looking at having to go out of business this winter along with high debt from trying to hang on and hoping for better decisions on the water restrictions to have been made in order to save our industry (which was worth 8 billion dollars statewide before the watering restrictions). We have owned this business for 10 years and have supplied several jobs for Georgians, and now since our industry has been unfairly singled out, we are going down. You say that it is your purpose to weigh all requirements of the water operations and find a balance. That balance certainly needs to include the ability for industries depending upon outdoor water use to survive. Not only is being able to water lawns and plants good for jobs and income, but it is also critical for the quality of our overall environment.

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Comments

I am concerned that without swift action that Lanier will be badly damaged. There is severe erosion from low lake levels. A combination of improved water treatment facilities in Atlanta and higher "full pool" levels are needed. Water conservation in the city of Atlanta is not on the local government agenda like it should be. There should be something enacted to force better water treatment and conservation that would limit the amount of water release downstream. We need swift action

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Comments

I have lived on Lake Lanier for many years inside the city across from Park and it is not acceptable to take our water just for some small thing called a mussel I happen to know they have plenty of water downstream we are in a drought - we need the lake to be managed correctly for the first time in history our water entertainment drinking water home values etc etc - Please water level to 1073 and Please Watch your Gauge

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Comments

Please reduce the flow from Lanier to 650 cfs from 11/1/08 to 5/09 to allow for refill. If 650 cfs was adequate for water quality and usage last spring, surely it is now. Our lake has suffered dramatically due to its small catchment area and the 2' that the Corps accidently released in '07. You owe us that 2' back at the very least.

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Comments

I have concern for water quality + ~~supply~~ supply in the Greater Atlanta Area.

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Comments

I watched the water transfer demo and want to know with Lake Lanier getting more & more sediment by the dam, causing Tupperware H_2O to rock higher because of dirt space. Why aren't we taking advantage of this drought and cleaning the lake basin & raising the volume increased while the water is down. I have heard earthen dams have a 50 yr. life time and how are (we) (you) thinking of helping extend life of Lake Lanier.

Thank you

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- ✓ ***Other*** Source Measurement Chat. River in White County

Comments

- Build Reservoir above and below Buford Dam
- Measure Source - Chat River in White Co against release volume, Don't release more than you take in (Do not use rain and as excuse for past mistakes.
- Change Federal Policy (1958) to match modern use
- Have corp managers report to someone ?? My over
- Congressman does not know who they report to.

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CONCERNS ON WATER FLOW / INLET OF LAKE LANIER
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What A bunch of B.S.

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Comments

Second time I've been to the open house format for a Corps of Eng event.
Really don't like this format. Too many people trying to talk to a few folks, too noisy.
Suggest a larger area for open house then more time for organized "public hearing" type comments where we can hear what others are saying -- use both open house and structured format.
Will submit add'l comments by letter.

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Comments

If the endangered species of mussels + fish survived (survived) years ago with the rivers + streams going up + down with only the control of nature, then why do they need a constant flow today determined by the Corps of Engineers or whom??

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Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

(no subject)

1 message

SIDELL TILGHMAN <ehcsrop@bellsouth.net> **Wed, Nov 5, 2008 at 10:58 AM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

Dear Corp of Engineers,
I am offering the following suggestions for the ACF Manual Update-

-If Georgia has water restrictions, why not Alabama and Florida? You know, just to be fair.

-Since Alabama and Florida are located on the coast, why don't they make use of desalinization to alleviate their needs from the ACF system?

-If Atlanta's sewer system was finally cleaned up and therefore discharged less pollution into the Chattahoochee River it would thereby reduce the required cfs flow.

-I am for the environment but the bank climber and his associate mussel as well as the sturgeon have been in the river system in Florida for a long, long time- well before Lake Lanier was built and the water flow was less than it is now. I am not proposing the elimination of these species or their detriment but the concern over the cfs rate is way more than these animals actually need.

-While our current lack of water is due to the drought and the amount of rain is out of our control, the unmitigated growth and lack of planning for our water needs is very much in our control but has been ignored and when you ignore problems, they don't go away. I have lived in Georgia since 1975 and have heard about water needs since I arrived. So, why don't we dig out some of the lake while it is down and what ever happened to that fast tracking of those reservoirs? What have we got so far- the one in Griffin? I mean with all the legalize that will have to go on before one can be started, let alone the funding, we need to get going now so some can be built in the next 10, 15 or who knows how many years.

-As I understand it, the proposal to increase the full pool of Lake Lanier to 1073 has to be okayed by Congress and all you need is 3 years(unbelievable)to put this new Manual together so isn't that enough time for Washington to act?

I realize that most of my suggestions require funding, but since this new Congress wants to go on a spending spree and the Southeast US is such a popular place to be for the citizens, then what's the problem throwing some of those billions that get tossed around down our way- you know, to plan for future growth. The longer the no solution situation goes on, the longer it will take Lake Lanier to fill up and what are Alabama and Florida going to do when Lanier is down to the dead pool. The lawsuits are going to look pretty ridiculous.

Finally, the disagreement over water use in the ACF et, al. has been going on for nearly 19 years. There are more Federal, State and local governments, a whole host of politicians along with various other entities such as EPA, EPDs, Fish and Wildlife et. al as well as numerous citizen groups involved in this mess than most people could name. This situation has been in front of numerous judges and attorneys since the beginning and while I am sure there are alot of well intentioned people working on a solution, the bottom line is there hasn't been one and there won't be any time soon. I hear many Politicians speak about the need for more government in our lives as though that would bring solutions and I look at this one issue and think it is a prime example of why we don't need more government because we have plenty of it here and this water war is an unresolved cabal with no end in sight.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Sidell Tilghman
Gainesville, GA

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Comment ID: 0451
Author Name: jodi wacho
Organization:

I have entered written comments at one of the meetings, but would like to add some and emphasize others. Why doesn't the city of Atlanta spend the money to cleanse their dirty water before it has to be returned to the Chattahoochee, as other counties are having to do, so that so much does not have to be released from Lake Lanier to cover the cleansing of the water at Morgan Falls. This too would decrease the need for more release from Lanier. This would help to save water in the future. Also, please make sure the Congressional studies performed and released this summer re: the flow needs downstream for nuclear and power plants is looked at, so the flow can be decreased re: these issues. The minimal required was 4200psi. A minimum level needs to be set, so the lake is not lowered any further than 1061 if full pool is 1073. This will ensure water availability for the future.

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Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

James Lince's comments

1 message

James Lince <lincej@bellsouth.net> **Wed, Nov 5, 2008 at 10:21 AM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

The lake's condition is unacceptable and must be addressed. Other lakes are at or near full pool so the rational of the corps for actions does not pass the common sense test.

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

2. Raise Lake Lanier's full pool to 1073.

3. Management triggers must be in place for lake Lanier withdrawals during times of drought.

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

James and Shannon Lince
Flowery Branch bay
Flowery Branch Georgia

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Comments

I have heard that an earthen Dam will have a certain lifetime. ~~No matter~~ What is the lifetime of Lanier and is there a way we can extend the life of the lake. Seems to me a drought would be a great time to do some work and it may be timely + cheaper. Thanks

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Comments

We have got to all work together to save Lake Lanier with the politics, lack of rain, and poor management we have taken one of the most beautiful places and the most expensive realestate in Georgia and are destroying it along with the community. There has to be level ground where everyone gives in this situation. For us to be so depressed and the others on our system full and happy where is the justice – who cares for Lake Lanier?

M Harding

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Comments

It appears that the Corp of E has not been active in protecting the valuable asset of this lake by careful observation, evaluation and initiation of actions required to protect this asset. This negligence together with the many errors by the Corp in mis managing flow of water have worsened this crisis.

It appears that the Corp does not have ready a method to respond to crisis of the lake and over

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Corps. poison - Said Every time They Tried to do Something - They were Stopped by the courts. Get legislators to help draft legislation to help solve the problem -

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Comments

Our commerce around Gainesville, Lake Lanier has been severly affected by the mis management of the water levels at Lake Lanier. First, we were told the gages were mis read - now endangered clams - At what point does the water quality (drinking water especially) play into importance. Perhaps, "simply," you could just move the clams. Millions of people are dependent on healthy drinking water. It's a matter of just doing something (action) to resolve the problem. Bring Back our water.

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Comment ID: 0458
Author Name: Susan Pruitt
Organization:

Please listen to us!
As a full time resident of St. George Island, the barrier island bordering Apalachicola Bay, I am very concerned about the reduction in water flow to our bay from the Apalachicola River. We are dying down here...our local economy is so dependent on this body of water! If we let this bay die, it will destroy this area not to mention one the last healthy river/bay systems in this country. Once the seafood in this bay is gone, it is gone. And we will have nothing left to protect here. This will have far reaching effects on this spectacular place. We will become just another stretch of beach filled with multistory high rise buildings, completely obliterating the area's natural beauty. We beg you not to let this happen to us. We are not asking for more than our share of this water. Just let the river flow.

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Comments

Thank you for presenting this very informative forum! We appreciate the kind attitude of the corps and allied associates. We have heard some very constructive ideas from the presenters and from some of the attendees!

Betty Hampton, resident

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- LAKE LANIER SHOULD NOT BE DRAWN DOWN FOR MUSSELS OR OTHER SPECIES - WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE THERE WAS A DAM IN A DROUGHT?
- IN RAINY SEASON CORPS SHOULD FILL LAKE TO FULL POOL NO LATER THAN JUNE 1
- MANAGEMENT TRIGGERS MUST BE IN PLACE DURING A DROUGHT - WHY WOULD WE SEND ALL THE WATER TO THE OCEAN INSTEAD OF CONSERVING & STORING AS MUCH H_2O AS POSSIBLE
- RAISE FULL POOL TO GET MORE STORAGE CAPACITY.
- CORPS SHOULD DREDGE TO GET MORE CAPACITY.
- MORE RESERVOIRS NEED TO BE CREATED.

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Comment ID: 0461
Author Name: RPM
Organization: Boat Dealer

Raise the lake level to 1073 or 1074, Fix the sewer problem in atlanta, To long for lake recovery after lake levels are dropped

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Comments

I believe we should have a specific Plan for drought conditions that kicks in when inflow drops below a certain level. We should restrict outflow of Lake Lanier to equal inflow ± at those times. Naturally with abundant inflows during monsoons there is not a problem of out flow rate. Letting out more water than comes into the lake compounds the problem and ultimately leads to a far worse situation. Refilling the Lake should not be based on future projections of wet weather to refill the Lake.

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Comments

The City of Atlanta needs to be forced to implement proper sewage treatment so that less flow at Peachtree Creek can take place. This will help Lake Lanier retain more water for proper use of ACF basin.

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Comments

I just want to be sure the Corp is operating Lake Lanier in such a manner to maximize lake levels and still meet minimum standards of competing interests. I also want to feel sure that the other competing interests stands are truely their minimum requirements.

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Comments

I need some water under my dock so I can boat

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Comments

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2. HOW DID THESE SPECIES SURVIVE A DROUGHT BEFORE LAKE LANIER WAS FORMED?

3. HOW CAN A LAKE THE SIZE OF LANIER POSSIBLY SUPPLY THE ATLANTA METRO AREA? IF NICKAJACK LAKE COULD BE TAPPED THE CITY OF ATLANTA SHOULD PAY FOR THE WATER AND CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED TO PIPE IT IN.

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Comments

Leave more water in Lake Lanier during droughts. It has such a small watershed. If water levels go any lower in Lanier too much silt will occur

Increase ~~w~~ full Pool from 1071 to 1073

Lake Lanier's Fish and clams and water quality is suffering because of ~~too~~ low water levels

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Comments We need to protect West Point Reservoir Dam
- Maintain minimum lake level of 633 – 635 max
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Comments
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2. Maintain positive economic impact
3. MANAGE Lake As Congress authorized
4. Maintain Recreational Facilities
5. Access for low income & minorities
6. Water Quality

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MY CONCERN IS THAT PROPERTY VALUES AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS FROM VISITORS WILL/ARE/HAVE BEEN REDUCED WITH WATER LEVELS AT WEST POINT LAKE DIP BELOW 633 FT.

OUR BOAT AND DOCK ARE ON THE BOTTOM AT 630 FT. OUR FAMILY AND GUESTS FROM AFAR CANNOT ENJOY THE LAKE BELOW 633 FT.

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Comment ID: 0472
Author Name: Mary Kirves
Organization: Lake Property Owner

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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.

Many trees and stumps that show while lake is low,and are in the paths of the boat ramps should be cut down and lake to be dredged for safety reasons. Owners have cleaned the shores from debris and trash.

0473

Vern Herr <vherr@acf-wcm.com>

Apalachicola River

1 message

St George Island Promotions <nita@sgivp.com> **Thu, Nov 6, 2008 at 3:50 PM**
To: Comments@acf-wcm.com

You must certainly protect the Apalachicola River and the bay it feeds. Our community and will not survive.

Thank You.

Nita Morgan

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Comment ID: 0474
Author Name: Mandy C. Harris
Organization:

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Comment ID: 0480
Author Name: Nicholas Grillo
Organization:

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Under normal economic conditions, significant low water levels of Lake Lanier always have a negative impact on the economies of the surrounding cities, towns and counties. Under the current slumping economy the impact is very severe, and is destroying businesses and lowering property values.

Having attended USACOE meetings I understand the demands being placed on the Corps throught-out the ACF system by state and federal requirements. We have been told the governing manual used by the Corps to manage the ACF system was written in 1958. Obviously the demands on the system have drastically changed in the past 50 years, and a new operating manual is needed.

While the needs of Alabama and Florida are important, I don't believe they are hurting as much as those of us who depend of Lake Lanier for its designated water uses, the survial of our businesses and the value of our properties.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to express my views.

Comment ID: 0481
Author Name:
Organization:

0481

WE have lived on Lake Lanier for 16 years and our perceptiopn of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Core) has not changed; The Core: A) Turns their backs on the Quality of water, B) Turns their backs on siltation control, and C) Turns their backs on adequate water levels:
a typical government agency that wastes money and accomplishes nothing!
NOW, this Water Control Manual Update has far too many inputs (as experienced at your community meeting)!! This should be a simple task. You will never complete it in a timely manner with all the inputs you are looking at.
YOU SHOULD ONLY ADDRESS: 1) The full pool setting of 1071 Feet - Change it to 1073 feet; just do it!!! 2) Provide a simple plan to release water during a 'drought' - Release significantly less water during a drought(this is the 4th year we are in a drought); just do it!!! & 3) People always come first. Stop releasing water downstream for mussels, etc. END OF MANUAL UPDATE,
Period.

Comments for the Corp of Engineers Scoping meeting
Submitted by the concerned citizens of Oscarville

Stated purpose of the scoping meeting held October 29, 2008 in Gainesville, Georgia is to balance needs including: Navigation, hydropower, flood damage reduction, recreation, fish and wildlife, water quality and water supply.

I. Balancing. Water management starts with balancing just like you do with your budget. You manage input with output. If you have more going out than is coming in than you need to obtain more. This is common sense. Topographical water shed advantage by a state should be used to help sustain states that are water challenged. The needs of mankind and the environment should take president over political squabbling among the states. We must think to the future. Why hasn't the Corp gone to Washington to demand a change in the water release requirement and also bring more water into the water shed basin? If you manage than you must have a say in management.

II. Water quality. When lake level is drastically reduced as it now (down near 20' and falling) water quality becomes an issue. Dissolved oxygen reaches a point that soon favors plants and not animals or fish. This is a strong argument for maintaining a favorable lake level and the Corp should take a positive stand with Washington to raise the level of the lake to 1073'.

III. Navigation. It seems that navigation on the river supersedes navigation on the lake. It should be quite obvious that lake use far exceeds river navigation yet little has been done to address this important issue. Where is the dredging, where are boat ramps being extended, where are lighted navigation markers, where are submerged objects being removed, and where is there information pertaining to these important issues?

IV. Recreation. Lake Lanier was slow to fill and develop but develop it has. Just like the current state of the economy has put thousands of people out of work so has the current state of Lake Lanier placed economic hardship upon the thousands of people that depend upon the lake for their living. The sources of income come from a variety of lake induced revenue as: shopping, lodging, marine services, transportation, fishing, maintenance, realestate, permits and licensing to name a few. It should be noted that the Corp also benefits from many of these sources.

Scoping meeting continued.

V. Lake management. The Corp of Engineers has managed the lake for over 50 years. If after this time you still need an additional ten years to write a water management plan then something is drastically wrong. What can you possible learn from these scoping meetings that you do not already know and why would it take ten years to implement it? Who is actually in charge of lake management the Corp, DNR or EPA?

Closing comments. While the Corp is well schooled in military matters who among you is schooled in management of a major resource as Lake Lanier? A great deal of money is generated through Corp fees as boat permits, land use permits, dock permits, and business permits. What have we gained from these fees?
Is it time to turn the management of Lake Lanier over to the State of Georgia?

Respectfully submitted,

Citizens committee from the City of Oscarville

William Tannahill

Richard Little

Ronald Riggs

John Wise

Ken Kaas

From the desk of Steve Warlick
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Gainesville, Ga. 30504
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Comments concerning Lake Lanier
I moved to live on the Lake three years ago, the first year the water in my cove dropped to 6 feet which was bearable. Year two I ended up putting my boat at Gainesville Marina because the lake dropped to a couple of feet in my cove. Now year three I'm paying to have my boat in a slip at Gainesville Marina, because there is no water in my cove.
Now, I own a lake house with no water which has caused a depreciated home value by a $100,000.00 dollars, and I'm paying $3500.00 a year to house a boat that should be on my own dock.
Here are the questions I have

1. If minimum or no water was released, how long would it take to get to full pool?
2. Shouldn't there be a level at which no water could be taken out? Say 1060 ft.
3. We need to raise the level for full pool to 1075 ft
4. How many business's and homeowners are going to put their tax dollars elsewhere if we cannot use this lake.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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October 29, 2008

We oppose the low water levels for Lake Lanier, for the following reasons:

1. It has lowered the value of our lakefront property.
2. The lower levels are causing an economic strain on boat dealers which are located near us.
3. The lower levels also put an economic strain on marina owners and operators, of which one is a close friend of ours.
4. The above mentioned economic stress for the Lake Lanier area has caused many to loose their jobs and/or loss of income.
5. We realize we have not had much rain, but believe that thousands of gallons have been released unnecessarily.

We feel that the situations above involving many, many people are much more important than the release of water for mussels and other "endangered species." We believe there has not been an accurate nor adequate scientific study to prove the amount of water needed for those "endangered species." When rivers and lakes down stream are full even from rain, you should not let more water out of Lake Lanier. One purpose of the lake is to hold water back to prevent flooding down stream.

We do not believe for a common sense reason that more water should flow out than what is normally coming into the lake. Before the lake was built, they only received down stream the amount that God let flow naturally.

We know that for some reason beyond our control and yours, we have not had enough rain to keep the lake level high. That is one simple reason you should NEVER expect to send more water down steam than what comes into the lake. Mussels, nor any fish are as important as water to drink and other needs of humans.

Sincerely,

Leonard and Joanne Hinton

Leonard and Joanne Hinton
2753 Merritt Drive
Buford, Georgia 30518

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October 29, 2008
Corps of Engineers
Mobile District

Dear Corps of Engineers,

I am writing to give you my views of what needs to be accomplished by your update of the Water Control Manual for Lake Lanier.

First, and most importantly, is the time frame for your new manual. A new manual for 2010 will be of little use to the citizenry of North Georgia. The current problem caused by the old manual is that it did not take into account the huge growth in population of the greater Atlanta area. The large in-migration of people into North Georgia is said to cause at least a doubling of that population by the year 2060. That is the year the new manual should be positioned to take care of. At the meeting of the governors of Georgia, Florida and Alabama in the Spring of 2008, the governor of Alabama stated that his demands for water from Lake Lanier would be abated when the residents of that city were running out of water.....and that is fuzzy rhetoric. When the citizenry runs that low on water, there will be no other source of water available for them! You had best plan now for water availability for Georgians well into the 21st century. The states of Florida and Alabama are neither planning nor spending for a water infrastructure when they can just use the water in Georgia at no cost to them. Politicians only act in time of crisis..... and in the case of a water shortage in north Georgia, that will be much too late for any reasonable solution.

The Environmental Species Act was never intended to be a political tool of any kind. To have it used by the states of Florida and Alabama to protect a mussel (that no one really cares about) at the expense of depleting Lake Lanier is ludicrous at best. And that Act does contain a provision that allows a species to become extinct if a section of the human population is, or may become, threatened by its survival. Keeping this mussel, or any other endangered species in the Apalachicola River, alive by the use of millions of gallons of water each day will surely bring extreme hardship to North Georgia in the future.

The states of Florida and Alabama have stated that the economy of their states would be harmed by the lessening of the fishing industries in the Apalatchicola River basin. But what of the economy of North Georgia which has been decimated by Lake Lanier falling some 20 feet below full pool? Our maritime, botanical and vacation

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industries have, and are currently, fallen into very troubled times which only a full pool, or near full pool in times of drought, can begin to alleviate.

I do not wish to sound like a complainer, but it is past time for common sense to be used in planning for the future of North Georgia with regard to water availability. A very small river with a tiny watershed area feeds Lake Lanier, and to think that that river can supply three states with water well into the 21st century is ridiculous. I wish the Corps well in its endeavors to come up with a Water Control Manual that will make good use of the water in Lake Lanier in planning for a water supply for North Georgia for the 21st century.

Sincerely yours,

George Ehrhardt

RE: THE WATER CONTROL MANUAL FOR THE APALACHIOCOLA-CHATTAHOOCHEE-FLINT RIVER BASIN

After 50 years of growth, it is about time the Corp reviewed this plan. There must be restrictions on the amount of water withdrawn from Lake Lanier, other reservoirs built along the River Basin to meet the demands and more prudent use of the water that is released.

With the great demands, Lake Lanier should be allowed to fill beyond full pool during the rainy season and withdrawal should be reduced during times of draught!

All communities benefiting from the Lanier withdrawals should be on the same water restrictions as those at Lake Lanier even if they have sufficient water while we are in a draught!

The full pool number should be raised to accommodate seasons of good rainfall and full pool should be reached no later than June 1!

Extra monitoring of withdrawals to avoid the mistakes!

Lake Lanier should never be drawn down to a resource limiting and economy damaging level to protect mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River!

Those areas with salt water access should be forced to develop desalinization!

JIM AND JUDY FOSTER 10/29/03
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RE: Water Control Manual for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin

To Whom It May Concern:

We have lived on Lake Lanier since 1977 and are seriously concerned with how the lake has been managed, or as some would insist mismanaged, and hope that serious management changes will be made going forward. We appreciate, and are as concerned as anyone, with environmental issues concerning, not only Lake Lanier, but all the other folks down stream, however it seems to us that as the use and demands on Lake Lanier have changed over the years, the inflexibility and aloofness of those managing the lake have been the driving force in bringing us to where we are today.

We would request the following be a minimum starting point for the new manual:

1- Raise Lake Lanier full poof from 1071ft above sea level to 1073 ft above sea level;
2- Lake Lanier should be at full pool no later than June 1;
3- Lake Lanier should have flexible withdrawal during droughts;
4- Discontinue drawing down Lake Lanier for mussels and other endangered species in the Apalachicola River.

We appreciate the opportunity to have input into the process and hope that changes to "The Water Control Manual" will be completed/implemented in a timely manner.

Respectfully,

Gail P Smith

Melvyn L Smith, Sr.
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U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Re: Apalachicola – Chattahoochee – Flint River Basin Management Plan Update

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Gainesville is pleased to have this opportunity to comment on the proposed plan update referenced above.

As you are aware, the current plan hasn't been updated in over fifty years. Since the last update conditions in the river basin have dramatically changed. In the 1950's, the river system easily provided for the small human populations living within the river corridor. At the same time the Buford Dam enabled water flows to be controlled to ensure consistency in flow throughout. No longer was the Chattahoochee "wadeable" or "bursting its banks" at the mercy of Mother Nature. Today, with the addition of the West Point Dam, the river system provides water to some five million Georgians, supplies critical peak electrical power to the southeast, and provides fresh water to fuel a significant seafood industry in Apalachicola Bay.

We are confident that a thorough review of all the available management alternatives will reveal that the river system can be managed such that all needs are met. Sound science and engineering study must prevail to determine how best to operate the river system in these changing times. We believe there is sufficient water for both upstream and downstream environmental, economic, and human needs. The system operations cannot continue utilizing an antiquated management plan with simple documentation of existing trends. It is critical a thorough investigation of all operational alternatives be done with today's updated conditions being considered.

We at the City of Gainesville stand ready to help in your efforts in anyway we can. Please do not hesitate to contact either our City Manger, Bryan Shuler, at 770-535-6865 or Kelly Randall, Public Utilities Director at 770-538-2400.

Sincerely,

Myrtle W. Figueras

Myrtle Figueras, Mayor
City of Gainesville

cc: City Council
Bryan Shuler, City Manager
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See Attached

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My dad had a book titled "Don't Raise the Bridge, Lower the River". While I never read the book I have given its title much thought over my 60 years. To that point, what it really said to me was to think out side of the box.

The water flow rate in the Apalachicola River is a very complex issue. Decisions made now will have effects, or perceived effects, on such things from oysters, mussels, fish, people, water supplies, power plants, tributaries, property values, commerce, etc. Passions and the stakes are high and no one wants to be the loser. From my point of vision in this issue I sometimes wonder why reason does not take hold and politics put aside.

As an example, the Corp of Engineers has a better view of Lake Lanier from their offices at Buford Dam then I do from my house and I knew a month before they did that they were dumping water out of the lake when they had their faulty "water level gauge" problem last year.

And, how come it is OK to kill tens of millions of fresh water mussels around the shorelines of Lake Lanier by dropping the water level yet the Corp is reluctant to drop the flow of water in the Apalachicola River below 5000 cfs because "5000 cfs is lowest rate they have ever allowed in the river", even though there is no evidence that the river could not reasonably sustain itself at a lower rate of flow. Since this rate has never gone below 5000 cfs I would find it hard to believe there is any relationship to oysters.

When the Corp dredges the mouths of the 28 tributaries that feed the Apalachicola River they research each of the tributaries mouths for endangered muscles and when found they relocate the muscles to another part of the river. In the 2002 study only 3 of the 28 mouths of the tributaries had the endangered muscles. So, if it is ok to move muscles for dredging purposes why not move them to accommodate a reduced rate in the flow of the river?

If we are going to solve the problem we first need to look at the issued holistically. How can we retain the right amount of water in Lanier and not negatively effect the others who have an interest in the water. It will take agreement, coordination and cooperation between all the parties. It will require a pyridine change – from this is the way we have always done it to what is needed by whom, when and what can we do to make that happen even if it requires change.

I offer the following as starting points:

- Develop can-do covenant
- Develop a water need schedule:
  - Gulf fish spawning
  - Water level periods required to relocate the muscles to accommodate reduced water flow rate
  - Power plant/grid needs
  - Recreation
  - Transportation

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• Move the Muscles
• Close Powerplant (OR update) (85 mwt)
• Adjust Flows Below the 5000 CFS RATE
• (Raise Level at Lake Full Pool By 2')

Federal Inter-Basin Transfer of Water - Solves the Decades Old Water Wars Disputes

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 what would have been 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.

Georgia should quit claim any disputed property to Tennessee in return for a tap into the Tenn. River. We could then use the 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 the problems amongst the states and provides several benefits for all of the states.

The Tennessee Valley Authority and the Corps of Engineers, both federal agencies, can work together and effectively solve the Water Wars issue, permanently.

I appreciate you helping us during this drought.

Many Thanks, Judson Davis, Gainesville, Ga

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Organization:

In my previously submitted comments I forgot to include that I strongly support the idea of increasing Lake Lanier capacity by raising full pool to 1073 feet.

This provides significant additional reservoir cushion when the drought ends at a very marginal cost.

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Re: Apalachicola – Chattahoochee – Flint River Basin Management Plan Update

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Gainesville is pleased to have this opportunity to comment on the proposed plan update referenced above.

As you are aware, the current plan hasn't been updated in over fifty years. Since the last update conditions in the river basin have dramatically changed. In the 1950's, the river system easily provided for the small human populations living within the river corridor. At the same time the Buford Dam enabled water flows to be controlled to ensure consistency in flow throughout. No longer was the Chattahoochee "wadeable" or "bursting its banks" at the mercy of Mother Nature. Today, with the addition of the West Point Dam, the river system provides water to some five million Georgians, supplies critical peak electrical power to the southeast, and provides fresh water to fuel a significant seafood industry in Apalachicola Bay.

We are confident that a thorough review of all the available management alternatives will reveal that the river system can be managed such that all needs are met. Sound science and engineering study must prevail to determine how best to operate the river system in these changing times. We believe there is sufficient water for both upstream and downstream environmental, economic, and human needs. The system operations cannot continue utilizing an antiquated management plan with simple documentation of existing trends. It is critical a thorough investigation of all operational alternatives be done with today's updated conditions being considered.

We at the City of Gainesville stand ready to help in your efforts in anyway we can. Please do not hesitate to contact either our City Manger, Bryan Shuler, at 770-535-6865 or Kelly Randall, Public Utilities Director at 770-538-2400.

Sincerely,

Myrtle W. Figueras

Myrtle Figueras, Mayor
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cc: City Council
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Comments to The Army Corps of Engineers

Subject: Lake Lanier

From: Thomas Vivelo
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Date: October 29, 2008

Lake Lanier is many things to many people; unfortunately it has become a political football over everything else in the past few years. In years of normal rainfall it can more easily fill the demands put on it, but in years of drought its primary and only function must be the drinking water supply to almost five million people.
To that end here are some suggested guidelines:

- The lake should not be released to protect mussels or other endangered species. If the lake was not here, and natural river flow was the only thing supporting those species, they would already be dead. The most endangered species in the Chattahoochee River Basin right now are the humans relying on Lake Lanier for drinking water!
- We must have in place water management tools and triggers in place to manage drought conditions before the lake gets to critical levels. Those tools should allow conservation of drinking water to be put ahead of all other demands.
- When the rainy season arrives the lake should be allowed to fill by no later than June 1.
- If we allow the lake to fill to 1073 in stead of the current 1071 full pool, it will give that much more storage to mitigate future droughts.

These are not the only actions that need to be taken, but are actions that The Corps of Engineers can indorse and enforce now.

Other actions must be taken buy the State of Georgia, the City of Atlanta, and all the counties that rely on Lake Lanier for their water supply.
They should include:

- Limit growth and development until water resources that can meet the demand are found and taped.
- Institute strong conservation regulations to force any individual or company that draws water from Lake Lanier to reduce their consumption.
- The city of Atlanta must find an additional secure water source or be charged at rates that will force growth to be curtailed.

- More reservoirs must be built quickly to ease the burden on Lake Lanier in times of drought.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Thomas Vivelo

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Re: Apalachicola – Chattahoochee – Flint River Basin (ACF) Management Plan Update

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Hall County Board of Commissioners is pleased to have this opportunity to comment on the proposed plan update referenced above.

As you are aware, the current plan hasn't been updated in over fifty years. Since the last update, conditions in the river basin have dramatically changed. In the 1950's, the river system easily provided for the small human populations living within the basin. At the same time, the Buford Dam enabled water flows to be controlled to ensure consistency in flow throughout, including hydropower, water management, and water quality. No longer was the Chattahoochee "wadeable" or "bursting at the banks" at the mercy of Mother Nature. Today, with the addition of the West Point Dam, the river system provides water to some five million Georgians, supplies critical peak electrical power to the southeast, and provides fresh water to fuel a significant seafood industry in Apalachicola Bay. Georgia contains over 74% of this river system basin within our state boundaries, and our system has suffered the most in recent years. Especially, here in Hall County at Lake Sidney Lanier. Recent reports state it will be at an all time record low in the coming months.

Therefore, we are confident that a thorough review of all the available management alternatives will reveal that the river system can be managed such that all needs are met. Sound science and engineering study must prevail to determine how best to operate the river system in these changing times. We believe there is sufficient water for both upstream and downstream environmental, economic, and human needs. The system operations cannot continue utilizing an antiquated management plan with simple documentation of existing trends. It is critical a thorough investigation of all operational alternatives be done with today's updated conditions being considered. Alternative methods of creating water quality in the downstream basins from Lake Lanier is an example of study that should be explored, where flows from Lake Lanier are not taken to enhance water quality in these downstream estuaries.

We at Hall County stand ready to help in your efforts in any way we can. Please do not hesitate to contact either our Interim County Administrator, Charley Nix, at 770-531-7122 or Ken Rearden, Public Works and Utilities Director at 770-531-6800.

Sincerely,

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Written comments to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

RE: Lake Lanier, Georgia

1. Given that Lake Lanier has the smallest watershed (to fill the lake) and is the largest lake in the Chattahoochee system, would it not make the most sense to draw down Lake Lanier LAST when drought occurs? According to the Corp's own statements, it takes 5 times as long to refill Lake Lanier than the other lakes in the system, given the same amount of precipitation in their respective watersheds. Therefore, the most logical and beneficial (for all parties) drought policy would be to drawn down the southern most lake in the system first (to it's minimum level), and work up stream, drawing down Lake Lanier last. In effect, holding the hardest to fill lake as a source of last resort. As proof of this concept, all the lakes in the system are now full (or nearly so) since their low levels of 2006 and 2007, while Lanier is at a record low.

2. Every effort should be made to refill Lake Lanier ASAP. There is no excuse for letting ANY water out of Lanier during a period of heavy precipitation in the northern Georgia area. Runoff into the Chattahoochee River south of Buford Dam should more than fill any requirement for the municipalities downstream of the dam. Minimum outflows should be the policy during periods of moderate and light precipitation.

3. The argument against mussels or any other endangered species. The mussels have been in the rivers for thousands of years. Long before the Chattahoochee River system was dammed and the current man-made lake system was built. In fact, the current system has only been in place for a very short time since the existence of the mussels. Given this long period of time before the dams and lakes where built, he mussels have survived all previous droughts that must have occurred. Therefore, low water levels in the Apalachicola River should not be a threat to their existence. If it is suspected that a species is threatened, have appropriated scientific studies conducted by several independent agencies and/or universities. Relying on the opinion of a few individuals, in one Federal agency, is not only bad science, it is unethical science.

4. Raise the full pool level of Lake Lanier from 1071 to 1073. Ft above sea level, thereby adding an additional 26 BILLION gallons of water to the lake. This is very simple, but effective measure that would have minimal negative impact and would have tremendous upside potential. In other words, a no brainer.

5. If economic criteria are considered, the Apalachicola Bay economic impact is a fraction of Lake Lanier's. (150 million vs. several BILLION!) If an argument can be made for the Apalachicola Bay economy, a much bigger argument can be made for that of Lake Lanier. It's simple numbers. In addition, the population of Northeast Georgia affected by Lake Lanier is much larger than that of Apalachicola Bay, Florida.

Sincerely,

October 29, 2008

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District
ACF River Basin Water Control Public Meeting
Georgia Mountains Center
Gainesville, GA 30501

Re: Management of Lake Lanier

As residents of Forsyth County, Georgia and owners of property on Lake Lanier, we are very concerned about the past and future management of Lake Lanier's water level. As of this date, Lake Lanier is over 18 feet below full pool, a record low for this time of year. The severe drought in North Georgia and past Corps of Engineers' management strategy have combined to bring about this lake condition.

Lake Lanier is vital to the infrastructure and economy of Georgia, particularly the metro Atlanta area. The low level of Lanier seriously endangers the well-being of local citizens.

Future management of Lake Lanier's water level must include improved observation and reaction to limit withdrawals during periods of drought.

The water level in Lake Lanier should not be depleted for the purpose of supporting mussels and other pre-historic species in the Apalachicola River at the expense of Georgia's human inhabitants.

The Corps should raise Lanier's full pool level to 1073 ft above sea level, adding 26 billion gallons of water to the lake to support all citizens who depend on Lake Lanier as a resource.

The Corps must act promptly and permanently to allow Lanier to reach full pool by June 1 with near or above normal rainfall during the first five months of the year.

Time is of the essence in turning around the current stress on Lake Lanier.

Sincerely,

James Burwell

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Second time I've been to the open house format for a Corps of Eng event.
Really don't like this format. Too many people trying to talk to a few folks, too noisy.
Suggest a larger area for open house then more time for organized "public hearing" type comments where we can hear what others are saying -- use both open house and structured format.
Will submit add'l comments by letter.

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To: US Corps of Engineers

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Re: Corps' review and update of the Water Control Manual for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) River Basin

Our comments:

Lanier should not be drawn down for endangered species in the Apalachicola River. Allowing natural processes and variations is the best way to protect species in the long run. They have survived many years of drought and many years of high water.

During the rainy season, the Corps should allow Lake Lanier to reach full pool no later than June 1. In fact, without exceptional reason to do so, Lanier should be maintained within a few feet of full pool.

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

Most important to us is a request that the Corps please raise Lake Lanier's full pool from 1071 ft above sea level to 1073 ft, thereby adding an additional 26 billion gallons of water to the lake. We believe this will also increase the safety of boating on Lanier and preserve property values, recreational opportunities and economic benefits derived from the lake.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments,

James E. Norman