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**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
MOBILE DISTRICT**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE
DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FOR
OKATIBBEE LAKE PROJECT MASTER PLAN
MISSISSIPPI**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mobile District requests your review and comment on the draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Okatibbee Lake Project Master Plan update. A copy of the draft Programmatic EA is located on the following website: <https://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Planning-Environmental/Environmental-Assessments/>. The document is being circulated to resource agencies and interested members of the public for a 30-day comment period.

The proposed Master Plan update involves documenting improvements and stewardship of natural resources at the Okatibbee Lake project, updating the land classifications, and adding several development features throughout the Okatibbee Lake project. The proposed development features consist of upgrading aging facilities and infrastructure, constructing courtesy fishing docks with access sidewalks to expand ABA accessibility, replacing a foot bridge in the Tailrace Area, improving stormwater drainage at Gin Creek Park, replenishing sand at swim beaches, providing additional parking at Twitley Branch Campground, providing electricity to campsites in Cypress Loop, providing shoreline erosion protection at various parks around the lake, and adding cabins, a floating pier, a multi-use trail, playground equipment and other kid-friendly attractions, and a lodge hall at Okatibbee Water Park. Coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Mississippi State Historic Preservation Officer is ongoing.

Correspondence concerning the draft Programmatic EA should be directed via email to Ms. Tonya Dunn at tonya.n.dunn@usace.army.mil or via mail to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mobile District, CESAM-PD-EI, Attention: Ms. Tonya Dunn, Postal Office Box 2288, Mobile, Alabama 36628. Comments must be received within 30 days of date of this notice.

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