



MIG5 - Recreation

Study Plan 14 – Recreation Plan

October 21, 2009





Study Goal

Develop and implement a Recreation Plan for the Martin Project

- describe the Project and existing facilities
- discuss the process of marking hazards in Lake Martin with buoys and the role of the Alabama Marine Police
- discuss current and future use estimates and facility inventories
- propose plans for recreational facilities in the future



MIG5 Review

- Distributed 1st draft of MIG 5 Working Documents
- August 6, 2009 Meeting
 - Step 1: Determine Desired Future Condition
 - Step 2: Establish Baseline Conditions

Working Document

- Process Diagram
- Solution Principles
- Process Form

Vision Statement

Lake Martin will be the most desired place in Alabama for *all* citizens of Alabama to experience, appreciate, and enjoy the abundant fishery, diversity in wildlife species, impeccable water quality, acclaimed beauty, rich historical resources, and a myriad of public recreational opportunities utilizing both the Lake and project lands.

Goals and Objectives

- Sites should be monitored and managed to balance recreational uses and access with the protection of natural resources and environmental quality.
- A diversity of sites should be provided and future planning and management schemes should remain adaptive to changes over time.
- Recreation planning should actively pursue and implement public education and communication programs regarding various issues, concerns, and activities on Lake Martin and project lands.



Recreation Site Inventory

- Completed ownership/management research
- Included Veazey's Marina
- Partial inventory of Kamp Kiwanis
- Draft spreadsheet will be distributed in January 2010

Improved or Different Access

- Portage around dam (08/06/2009 MIG5 meeting)
- “Cable” park (08/06/2009 MIG5 meeting)
- More access in the Irwin Shoals area (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- More formal and primitive camping sites (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- More “passive” recreation areas (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- Limit motorized boating activity north of Timbergut Creek to trolling motor only (Jerry Bynum)

Potential Facility Enhancements/Upgrades

- Improve/replace the courtesy dock at Union Ramp (08/06/2009 MIG5 meeting)
- Additional parking at Kowaliga (Hwy 63) Launch (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- Improve ramps at Blue Creek and Castaway (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- Place trash cans at boat ramps (MIG5 Issue Sheet)

Potential Facility Enhancements/Upgrades

- Shoreline restoration around Scenic Overlook (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- Repair picnic tables at Scenic Overlook (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- Remove debris from Scenic Overlook (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- Address ADA facilities/access (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- Improve ramp at Jaybird Landing (MIG5 Issue Sheet)

New Facilities or Management Actions

- Add public boat ramp in the Blue Creek area (Lake Martin HOB0 and Stillwaters)
- Add handicapped hunting area(s) (DNR)
- Add public beach area near Stillwaters (08/06/2009 MIG5 meeting)
- Add public park on Kowaliga Creek similar to DARE Power Park (MIG5 Issue Sheet)

New Facilities or Management Actions

- Construct additional boat ramps on Kowaliga Creek, both south of the bridge and the north end (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- Add more bank fishing sites (MIG5 Issue Sheet)
- Provide additional trail system on property near the dam (CRATA)
- Provide additional hiking trails around the lake, especially in the upper reservoir (MIG5 Issue Sheet)



Next Steps

- Distribute revised Working Document
- Distribute draft Site Inventory for review and comment
- Schedule a January 2010 meeting

ILP FERC Process Update

- **Study Plans approved – April 2009**
- **Field Work – April 2009 to May 2010**
- **Study Update – October 21st**
- **Initial Study Report due to FERC – November 20th**
- **Initial Study Report Meeting – December 3rd**
- **File a summary of meeting – December 18th**
- **File study disagreements or modifications to studies – January 18, 2010**
- **Responses to disputes/study requests – February 18, 2010**
- **FERC OEP Director makes determination (if needed) – March 22, 2010**