

Issue Action Group: Smith R1, 3, 4, & 5

Meeting Notes & Summary: Conference Call, October 10, 2001

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the Smith R1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG and should be completed prior to the next IAG Meeting.

- All IAG Members: Provide any additional comments regarding the standard process to Barry Lovett by October 17, 2001.
Due - October 17, 2001
- Barry Lovett: Distribute project boundary map and recreation spreadsheet at the next IAG meeting.
Due - October 24, 2001
- All IAG Members: Come to the next IAG meeting prepared to discuss ideas concerning a vision statement for Lewis Smith Reservoir and tailrace.
Due - October 24, 2001

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These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Barry Lovett called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and briefly covered the issues under R1, 3, 4, and 5. Bruce DiGennaro then outlined the agenda. Barry Lovett informed the group of one item of difference dealing with WR9, which includes the Forest Service (FS) issues. Bruce then asked for questions/comments on the work plan. It was suggested by Jim Howard that Task 11 may be out of place, and Bruce DiGennaro stated that Task 11 was put in place for a type of "recheck" and should be stated as so. Jim Howard reiterated his concerns that

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he spoke of in the recreation meeting on October 9, 2001. Bruce acknowledged Jim's comments and stated that a revised version will be circulated. The group approved the work plan with the addition of suggested changes.

Barry Lovett provided some background on the recreation IAGs and the process that had taken place prior to this meeting. He also stated that he could address any questions concerning the process or changes that need to be made that weren't brought up at this meeting, and to submit them before the 17th of October.

Stephanie White asked if safety plans needed to be added to the agendas, and Barry Lovett stated that safety is on the schedule for April or June of the process, and that there will be changes made at that time.

Bill Campbell then updated the group on the data gathering effort. A map will be given at the next meeting (October 24th, 2001). These maps need to be reviewed by the group and any changes that need to be made should be submitted so that they can be redistributed with the corrected information.

Bruce DiGennaro then reviewed the agenda for the meeting on October 24th. The group approved the agenda. Bruce reminded everyone that there is a 9:00 AM meeting on Thursday, October 25th at the USFS's Clear Creek facility for the FS and that everyone is welcome.

The group agreed that an additional e-mail should be sent to the people not present today so that they are informed for the next meeting.

Conclusion and Next Meeting

All Warrior 1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG materials will be distributed to work group members via email prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.

The next Warrior 1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2001 at 11:00 AM in Birmingham.

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the WR 1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG and should be completed prior to the next IAG Meeting.

- APC: Distribute a draft Vision Statement to all meeting attendees by November 2, 2001.
- All IAG Members: Prepare all comments and questions regarding the vision statement for the conference call meeting on November 6th, 2001 at 9AM.
- All IAG Members: Review recreational inventory data and provide comments to APC by November 6, 2001.

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Introduction

The meeting began with individual introductions and notification that the WCRT Meeting scheduled for December, 2001 was cancelled. This cancellation is due to financial challenges that APC, particularly this relicensing process, is confronting through the remainder of 2001. APC stressed that the IAGs will continue to meet over the next two months and maintain forward momentum, but the meetings will be conducted in a highly efficient manner.

APC also explained that due to heightened security at this time, several recreation sites in close proximity to project features are closed. The time frame of these closure is currently unknown and APC will keep all stakeholders informed regarding their status.

The following agenda was reviewed and agreed upon for this meeting.

1. Introductions
2. Review Workplan and Standard Process
3. Develop Vision Statement
4. Review Recreation Inventory Data
5. Next Steps

Review Workplan and Standard Process

The workplan and the standard process were reviewed at this time. A comment was made regarding certain tasks in a previous version of the workplan. This comment was addressed in the final workplan. All meeting attendees should refer to the October 17, 2001 workplan as the final plan. An overview of the standard process diagram and questions was provided, specifically highlighting the addition of R3, R4, and R5 questions.

Develop Vision Statement

The primary objective of this meeting was to gather information from IAG members regarding their vision of Smith Lake for the next 30 to 50 years. This vision includes a description of unique characteristics, goals for management of lake recreation and ways to meet the vision.

IAG members and other meeting attendees provided input into this statement. All items expressed at the meeting were noted and to the extent possible will be incorporated into the draft vision statement. This draft will be distributed by November 2, 2001.

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Review Recreational Inventory Data

The recreational inventory data and maps were handed out to all meeting attendees along with definition sheets and a summary sheet. EPRO provided a brief explanation of how to navigate through and check the data. All comments and corrections to the data should be given to Heather Bunce at 1-(888)-280-3776 extension 7081. All changes will be considered and investigated during a field observation in January 2002.

This data and map will also be placed on APC's website.

Next Steps

All WR 1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG Smith materials will be distributed to work group members via email prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.

The next CR 1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG meeting will be held on November 6th from 9AM to 10AM.

An operations meeting will be set up during late November or early December. This meeting will provide information on operation of the entire Warrior River and will include discussion of current operations.

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the WR 1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG and should be completed prior to the next IAG Meeting.

- Barry Lovett: Revise vision statement and circulate to the IAG for comments.
- All IAG Members: Review and comment on the revised vision statement by January 4, 2002.
- Viki Jenkins: Call IAG members to remind them of the meetings.
- All IAG Members: Submit comments/changes to the inventory to EPRO, as soon as possible.
- Bruce DiGennaro: Finalize meeting minutes from October 24th for posting on the relicensing web page.
- Barry Lovett: Finish and distribute agendas for the January 29-30th, 2002 meetings.

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Meeting Notes

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Introduction

The meeting began with individual introductions and review of the agenda. APC reminded the IAG members to send their comments on the recreation facilities inventory spreadsheet to EPRO as soon as possible. APC also noted that certain recreation facilities will remain closed due to heightened company security and these closures will be reviewed for 2002.

APC then reviewed the procedures for releasing relicensing information to the media. The group agreed that information should be accessible to all interested, but the WCRT and the IAG should work cooperatively to ensure that all are aware and comfortable with what is being released.

At this time, APC pointed out that once finalized, all the vision statements will be available for review on the web. APC also reminded the IAG that there will be meetings on January 29-30th.

Meeting Summary

The meeting summary for October 24, 2001 was reviewed. There were no comments on the October meeting summary. Therefore, the draft summary will be posted on the web as final. At this time, APC noted that there was very limited participation at the last scheduled conference call (November 6th). Therefore, the meeting was postponed and all agenda items for the November 6th meeting were dealt with during this December meeting.

Vision Statement

Several changes were suggested for the vision statement. Those changes have been incorporated into the attached version of the vision statement.

Next Steps

All WR1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG materials will be distributed to work group members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.

The next WR 1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG meeting will be held on January 29th or 30th. An agenda for these meetings is to be distributed.

Meeting Notes & Summary: January 30, 2002

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the WR 1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG and should be completed prior to the next IAG Meeting.

- APC: Distribute the final Smith Recreation Vision Statement by February 13th, 2002.
- APC: Post final recreation inventory data and maps on APC's relicensing website. Due in March.
- All IAG Members: Prepare for a meeting on March 12th or 13th.

Meeting Notes & Summary: January 30, 2002

Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Introduction and IAG Update

This meeting began with general introductions and notification that all sites closed after September 11th were reopened. The IAG then briefly reviewed their progress to date, including the Workplan tasks, standard process/questions, and the relicensing team structure. Several IAG members reiterated their interest in having meetings at the Inverness site. APC stated that they would hold meetings there, if and when the security at the complex allows for such public meetings.

The following agenda was reviewed and agreed upon for this meeting:

1. Introductions and IAG update
2. Discuss the January Fieldwork and Inventory Data
3. Finalize Vision Statement
4. Discuss Step 2 Questions
5. Next Steps

January Fieldwork and Inventory Data Discussion

The recreation fieldwork conducted on Smith Lake was briefly reviewed. It was explained that the fieldwork was performed primarily to verify the IAG member suggested changes to the inventory data and investigate potential bank fishing sites.

All results from the January fieldwork will be added to the GIS database by late March. Final maps and data, as of January 2002, will be posted on APC's relicensing website. Additional fieldwork and specific investigations will occur during this summer.

Finalize Vision Statement

There were lengthy discussions regarding the content and wording of the vision statement. The USFS provided several comments on the vision statement that were reviewed and discussed at this time. Several other minor changes were also suggested for the vision statement. The USFS and IAG members reached agreement on the final wording of the vision statement. The final vision statement, per this meetings discussion, will be posted on APC's relicensing website.

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Discuss Step 2 Questions

Due to the lengthy discussion of the Smith Recreation Vision Statement, this task was not started at this IAG meeting. Therefore, this task will be included in the March IAG meeting agenda.

Next Steps

All WR1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG materials will be distributed to work group members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.

The next WR 1, 3, 4, & 5 IAG meeting will be held on March 12th or 13th.

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WR9 Federal Lands and Waters**

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the WR 1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG and should be completed prior to the next IAG Meeting.

- APC: Distribute the March Meeting Summary and WR9 workplan by March 26, 2002.
- USFS Contact APC with the USFS staff that will participate on the WR9 IAG.
- EPRO: Distribute the GIS map with the Wild and Scenic River Designation overlay to interested meeting attendees.

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- USFS: Provide APC with a list and location of all lands experiencing problems, including recreation pressures, resource impacts and isolated lands.
- APC and USFS: Identify areas experiencing access demands. The USFS will develop this information that will particularly focus on areas of special use. This action item may include a visit by EPRO or APC staff to the USFS District Office. Also look at other proposed development and lands being bought and sold within the USFS lands. Karen Pulliam is the key contact for this action item.
- All IAG Members: Review Recreational Use Figures handout and prepare questions/comments for the next meeting.
- All IAG Members: Develop a list of recreation sites with potential capacity issues. Send the list to Barry Lovett by April 1st. The compiled list will be discussed at the next meeting.
- All IAG Members: Prepare for the WR1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG meeting on April 2, 2002 at 11 AM.

Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Introduction and IAG Update

The meeting began with participant introductions, review of the agenda, and a brief review of the WR1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG progress to date. The following agenda was agreed upon for this meeting:

1. Introductions and WR1, 3, 4 and 5 IAG Update
2. Review WR1, 3, 4 and 5 IAG January Meeting Summary
3. WR1, 3, 4 and 5 IAG - Step 2 Questions 9 and 11 through 14
4. Review Recreational Use Study
5. WR1, 3, 4 & 5 Next Steps
6. WR9 Update
7. Review WR 9 January Meeting Summary
8. Discuss WR9 Revised Issue Sheet
9. WR9 Next Steps

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After the WR1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG update, Bruce Hamrick, a new WR1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG participant, stated the Walker County Commission's issues. The issues and pursuant discussion are summarized below:

- Request to change the water temperature of the project releases below Smith Dam. Bruce stated that the Commission would like to see increased water temperatures below the dam in order to support a warmwater fishery. Several other IAG members explained that the issue of cold water releases below Smith Dam has been identified and is being dealt with in the E10 IAG.
- Request for development of a park (similar to Clear Creek) in the proximity of the boat launch located in the Smith forebay. This item was noted and will be discussed in future WR1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG meetings.

Review WR 1, 3, 4 & 5 January Meeting Summary

The January Meeting Summary was reviewed. There were no comments on the summary. Therefore, this document will be posted as final on APC's relicensing website.

Step 2 Questions 9 and 11 through 14

Questions 9 and 11 through 13 were discussed at this time. The discussion for Question 14 was tabled due to time constraints. These Step 2 questions will be addressed in the next IAG meeting.

9. Are there known management issues associated with use?
 - a. Are there areas of congestion, and if so where?
 - Several issues were raised regarding congestion in areas that have two recreation facilities located in close proximity to each other. These areas realize a relatively high volume of boat traffic. During periods of low water, the navigable portion of the waterway decreases causing increased congestion. The areas specifically noted were:
 - Smith Lake Park and the Smith Lake Fishing Resort;
 - Castle Rock and Ryan's Creek Marinas (near County Rd 222); and
 - Duskin Point and Richards Marinas.
 - The parking lot at Smith Lake Park experiences heavy use, primarily during spring and summer months. There is a potential capacity issue at this site.
 - There is some congestion at the boat launch located near the Smith spillway. The congestion occurs on several weekends throughout the year and is due primarily to large fishing tournaments. This, however, is not a chronic problem. Congestion at this site could be alleviated through improved coordination of fishing tournaments.
 - b. Are there known conflicts, and if so where and when?

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- Jet ski use was noted as a general conflict around the lake. Specific items noted for this conflict were jet ski use in the Wild and Scenic River Corridor, near fisherman and near shore.
 - There is a conflict between large boats on the lake and other recreational boaters and shoreline property owners.
 - Motorized use of the Wild and Scenic River Corridor.
 - USFS recreation facilities experience use by people illegally docking boats and utilizing the parks facilities.
- c. Are there known management issues, such as littering, trespassing, etc.?
- Litter around the lake was identified as a management issue. In particular, large pieces of styrofoam from docks was identified.
11. Identify current local benefits from recreation and any local detriments.
- Many of the local benefits and detriments are noted in the Smith Lake recreation Vision Statement.
12. Identify information on specific public safety issues.
- Some of the above conflicts (Question 9b) could be considered public safety issues.
13. Identify specific shoreline problems.
- The use of “Goat Island”, which exists only under low water conditions, was noted as a potential shoreline problem. Individuals utilize this island for boat docking and camping.
 - Informal camping causes sanitation and littering problems.

Recreational Use Figures

EPRO presented the approach for developing use figures primarily for the Coosa River Projects. The approach was presented and a summary was distributed to all meeting attendees. During this presentation, EPRO explained that the Smith Lake existing recreational use figures would be developed from the Fishery Information Management Systems (FIMS) data. The expected future use for Smith Lake will be determined by applying the USDA growth coefficients to the FIMS data. All meeting attendees agreed with this preliminary suggestion/recommendation. Recreational use figures for Smith Lake will be distributed and further discussed at a future IAG meeting.

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The USFS will send EPRO existing recreational use figures for their sites on Smith Lake to supplement the FIMS data. The USFS also noted that they would be conducting a survey from October 2002 through October 2003 to collect additional recreation use numbers at their sites.

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All WR1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG materials will be distributed to work group members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.

The next WR 1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG conference call meeting will be held April 2, 2002 at 11 AM.

WR9 Update

There was also a discussion of the Wild and Scenic River Designation at this time. FERC noted that they are currently researching information on Wild and Scenic River Designations within FERC boundaries. Information will be made available to WR9 meeting participants after completion of the research.

Review WR 9 January Meeting Summary

The January Meeting Summary was reviewed. There were no comments on the summary. Therefore, this document will be posted as final on APC's relicensing website.

Action Items from the January Meeting Summary were reviewed at this time. At this meeting the USFS provided as-built drawings of their recreation facilities and a map with the Wild and Scenic River boundaries to EPRO. All other tasks are still underway and should be completed prior to the next WR9 meeting.

Discuss WR9 Revised Issue Sheet

There were no comments on the revised WR9 Issue Sheet. The IAG agreed that this issue sheet captured previous meeting discussion and USFS issues. Therefore, this document is considered final and will be posted along with this meeting summary on APC's relicensing website.

WR9 Next Steps

All WR9 IAG materials will be distributed to work group members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.

There is no meeting scheduled for WR9 at this time. The group will proceed on completing the action items identified above.

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the WR 1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG:

- APC: Distribute the April Meeting Summary and detailed May Meeting agendas.
- APC: Develop a standard process tracking document and distribute the first draft before the next IAG meeting, if possible.
- APC: Contact IAG members with downstream interests in order to complete Questions 27 through 32.
- EPRO: Contact individuals, such as the Marine Police, APC contractors, fishing guides, and others regarding specific public use area where use may be exceeding design capacity on a regular basis.
- USFS: Provide capacity use figures to the IAG for their sites on Smith Lake.
- EPRO: Develop recreational use figures for Smith Lake.

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Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Introduction

The meeting began with participant introductions, review of the agenda, and a brief review of the WR1, 3, 4 & 5 IAG progress to date. The following agenda was agreed upon for this meeting:

- Review the March 12th Meeting Summary
- Identify Public Use Areas that Regularly Exceed Design Capacity
- Discussion of Recreational Use Figures
- Discuss Standard Process Questions 14 and 20 through 34
- Next Steps

Review the March 12th Meeting Summary

The March Meeting Summary was reviewed. The IAG provided several comments to this document, which will be incorporated and posted on APC's relicensing website as final.

At this time, the development of a standard process tracking document was discussed. This tracking document will primarily include a compilation of all IAG meeting discussions as they pertain to individual standard process questions. A draft version of the tracking form will be distributed to the IAG within the next couple of months.

Discuss Public Use Areas and Design Capacity

Per the action item from March 12th, all IAG members were asked to compile a list of public use areas that were perceived exceed capacity on a regular basis. The discussion yielded the following information:

- There are no perceived capacity issues on the west side (Sipsey side) of Smith Lake.
- Smith Lake Park, a County and ADNCR site, has a perceived capacity issue resulting from parking problems. This issue could potentially be resolved through striping of the parking lot.
- The USFS will provide capacity use figures to the IAG for all of their sites on Smith Lake.
- EPRO will interview primary users, state agencies, APC contractors and fishing guides in the late summer use in order to determine if there are additional capacity issues on Smith Lake.

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Discussion of Recreational Use Figures

At this time, EPRO provided the IAG with an update of recreational use figures for Smith Lake. Per the March 12th meeting, a similar approach will be taken for the development of the Coosa and Warrior Recreational Use Figures. EPRO will provide the preliminary numbers to the IAG by the May meetings. EPRO explained that the Smith Lake Recreational Use Numbers will be updated by the recent USFS model and use figures.

Standard Process Questions 14 and 20 through 34

Questions 14 through 26 were discussed at this time. The discussion for Questions 27 through 34 was tabled due to time constraints. These questions will be addressed in future IAG meetings.

Question 14: Are there existing public lands immediately adjacent to the project (within 200 feet of the FERC boundary) that offer, or might offer, recreational opportunities?

- Yes there are public lands adjacent to the project.
- APC is working with the USFS to identify lands and areas of use at Smith Lake.
- Smith Lake Park is a County park.
- This question requires additional research. The majority of lands will be identified much in conjunction with the R6 IAG.
- EPRO will compile all of the public lands and provide a GIS map to the IAG.

Question 20: How is the reservoir typically operated and what are the typical reservoir levels during key recreation seasons?

- APC provided an overview of the Smith Lake operation to the IAG at a previous meeting.
- The USFS is currently reviewing operations data from 1988 to 2001 to identify any change in lake levels and how those changes may have impacted USFS facilities or the Wild and Scenic River.
- Note that 1988 is when the Wild and Scenic River Designation occurred and one of the USFS's facilities opened.
- The Vision Statement indicates that Smith Lake should be managed so as to minimize the occurrence of surface elevations lower than 495' msl in the late summer and early fall.

Question 21: Are there changes to reservoir level operations that you would like to see addressed to improve the overall value of the reservoir, and how specifically would such changes benefit recreation?

- See the Smith Lake Vision Statement.
- The USFS is currently reviewing operations data for the Smith development in order to determine the impacts of various lake levels on USFS beaches and ramps.
- There appears to be a potential impact to recreational resources at both the high and low range of the lake level operations. This is dependent on the design of the facilities.

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- There was a brief discussion of a beach area at a USFS park. This area is impacted at El. 510 ft msl and above. Potential reasonable modifications to this area will be discussed in future IAG meetings.

Question 22: Are there seasonal and/or daily variations in reservoir level that can occur without adversely impacting the overall value of the reservoir, and how specifically would such changes benefit recreation?

- There are not large daily fluctuations at Smith Lake.
- See the Smith Lake Vision Statement and previous Meeting Summaries.

Question 23: What are the reservoir levels at which recreation problems tend to occur (may be different for different locations or problems)?

- Lake levels of 510' msl or higher cause some problems at the USFS facilities. This is a problem primarily in the late spring.
- Lake levels of 495' msl or below create access issues at some of the boat ramps around the lake.

Question 24: When (*i.e.* what time of year) and how frequently do problems occur related to reservoir levels?

- The USFS is currently checking operations data to determine frequency of various lake levels which impact some of their facilities.
- Note that APC has been holding the lake levels steady for spawning since 1993.
- In general, the operations of the Smith development has been consistent throughout all years except during drought conditions.

Question 25: Why are the current operating water levels important to the operation of the project and the overall system? and

Question 26: Are there state or federal operating requirements that stipulate specific operating goals?

- APC will provide information on these questions at future IAG meetings.

WR1, 3, 4 & 5 Next Steps

All WR1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG materials will be distributed to work group members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.

The next IAG meeting will primarily focus on downstream flows (Questions 27 through 32). This meeting will be scheduled, so as not to conflict with the E10 – Project Releases IAG.

The next WR 1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG meeting will be held either on May 21 or 22, 2002.

Meeting Notes & Summary: May 22, 2002

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the WR 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG:

- APC: Distribute the May Meeting Summary.
- APC: Distribute the first draft of the standard process tracking form for the June IAG meeting.
- ADCNR: Provide contact information for the AL Marine Police on duty at Smith Lake.
- EPRO: Contact individuals such as Marine Police, APC contractors, fishing guides and others regarding specific public use areas where use may be exceeding design capacity on a regular basis.

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- EPRO: Fieldwork will be conducted this summer. APC or EPRO will contact individual IAG members if their assistance is needed.
- All IAG Members: Review recreational use figures.
- All IAG Members: Prepare for the June 18th IAG meeting at 1 PM.

Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Introduction and IAG Update

The meeting began with participant introductions, review of the agenda, and a brief review of the IAG progress to date. The following agenda was agreed upon for this meeting:

- Introductions and IAG Update
- Review April Meeting Summary
- Review of Recreational Use Figures
- Revisit Questions 25 and 26
- Discuss Questions 27 through 35
- Next Steps

APC's summer fieldwork was also discussed at this time. EPRO explained that they are in the final stages of planning the summer fieldwork, which will include investigation of bank fishing sites, sites with potential capacity issues, FERC Form 80 work, and preliminary concept designs (if applicable). The fieldwork will start in early to mid June and may require the assistance of IAG members. APC or EPRO will contact individual IAG members if their assistance is needed.

APC also proposed to address the R2 Public Safety issue as part of this IAG. All IAG members agreed with this approach. Discussion for the R2 issue will begin once all Step 2 questions are complete.

Review April 2nd Meeting Summary

The April Meeting Summary was reviewed. There were no comments on the summary. Therefore, this document will be posted as final on APC's relicensing website.

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Review of Recreational Use Figures

EPRO presented the approach for developing figures for the Warrior River Project. This approach was presented and a summary was distributed to all meeting attendees. The recreational use figures will be discussed at the next IAG meeting.

Standard Process Questions 25 and 26

These questions were not addressed at this meeting. The IAG decided to discuss these questions during the review of the standard process tracking form. The standard process tracking form will be distributed prior to the next IAG meeting.

Standard Process Questions 27 through 34

Questions 27 through 34 were discussed at this time.

Question 27 Are there riverine recreation opportunities below the dam? If yes, move to additional questions, if not, stop.

- Yes, these are riverine recreation opportunities below the dam.

Question 28 Do we know how different flow levels affect recreation opportunities and specific recreation activities?

- There was a discussion regarding the coldwater releases below Smith dam. Several IAG members indicated that this stretch of the river supported a warmwater fishery prior to the construction of the project. They also expressed interest in investigating the possibility of changing the releases from cold to warmwater.
- Alabama Power responded by stating that they believed it was inappropriate to investigate mitigating for the original impacts of project construction.
- ADCNR stated that until the issue of the release temperature is resolved within the IAG, we can not look at how different flow levels affect recreation opportunities. This is because different releases would require different fisheries management practices and would attract different fisherman.
- The IAG decided to proceed with answering this question under the assumption that the Smith tailrace will remain a coldwater fishery.
- It was noted that there are safety concerns with recreating (fishing, canoeing, power boating) on the river when two units are running at Smith. This is a result of the channel being wetted to full bank or higher which may result in safety hazards/obstacles along on the shoreline (trees). However, if an individual was very familiar with canoeing/power boating and with the Smith tailrace than it may be all right to recreate on the river.

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- During high water periods there is limited access to the Smith tailrace. The one location identified as still providing access to the river during high waters periods is the pumping station.
- One IAG member explained that when one unit is running at Smith conditions are safer, however the stream is near full bank and overhanging trees may prove to be dangerous. Conditions vary along the course of the river.
- Most people recreate when the turbines are not running. Some people have been observed fishing when the turbines are running, but the catch rate is relatively low.
- Typically APC operates the Project from noon to 6 PM on weekdays, depending on power demand or lake levels. Therefore the majority of fishing and canoeing takes place in the morning and early evening. The timing of recreational activities and operation of the Smith development varies seasonally.
- It was noted that there may be an impact to the tailrace fishery when the turbines do not run for an extended period of time.
- The IAG decided that the current operation conditions do not need to be altered, pending further release temperature discussion. Recreational activities are occurring during the existing operations. However if the releases could be altered, perhaps additional time for recreation could be allotted (i.e., less generation).
- There was a brief discussion about providing a minimum flow downstream of the project in order to mimic a “natural” flowing cold water stream. This discussion will be passed on the E10 – Project Releases IAG.
- Several IAG members provided a summary of the E10 IAG activities, including the Weiss bypass study and discussions relevant to the Smith tailrace area. It was explained that currently, the E10 IAG is investigating flows in the Weiss bypass.
- APC noted that they have been looking into the potential of enhancing access downstream of the Smith Project.
- There was a discussion regarding the management of the coldwater fishery in the Smith tailrace. Currently the cold water fishery is dependent on the stocking of rainbow trout by ADCNR. These trout are provided to ADCNR by the USFWS. This is a non-reproducing fishery and without the stocking efforts the population would gradually decline. ADCNR would like to have the potential for alternate supplies for trout stocking investigated during the relicensing process, however the increase cost of the alternate supply would not be ADCNR’s responsibility.

Question 29 Can opportunities be enhanced by modifying releases, and in what way?

- This question is on hold until the cold and warmwater fishery issue is resolved.

Question 30 How would modified releases affect upstream lake levels?

- This question is on hold until the cold and warmwater fishery issue is resolved.

Question 31 How would suggested modified downstream flows affect project operations at the project and at upstream and downstream projects?

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- This question is on hold until the cold and warmwater fishery issue is resolved.

Question 32 Are there additional concerns with regard to state and federal requirements or existing ecological issues that limit suggested changes to downstream flows.

- This question is on hold until the cold and warmwater fishery issue is resolved.

Question 33 Do current flood control operations have an impact on recreation, if so in what way and when?

- Smith Dam is licensed as a multipurpose project.
- ACOE is pleased with the current flood control plan at Smith.
- The IAG had no additional comments on the flood control operations for the Smith development.
- Smith is the only flood control project on the Warrior system.
- The effects of lake level fluctuations are discussed in Questions 20 through 26.

Question 34 How might modified operations to enhance recreation (either changing lake levels or releases) affect flood control capabilities and other resource values?

- Decrease the flood control fluctuations, if they are determined to be extraneous. APC explained that there is not an excess of flood storage capability at Smith.
- The project must provide releases for downstream flow requirements.
- APC explained the schedule for releases during potential or actual flooding events.

Next Steps

All WR1, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG materials will be distributed to work group members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.

The next WR 1,3,4 & 5 Smith IAG meeting will be held on June 18, 2002 at 1 PM. During the next IAG meeting we will review this meeting summary and review and revise the standard process tracking form.

Meeting Summary: June 18, 2002

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the WR 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG:

- APC: Distribute the June Meeting Summary.
- APC: Distribute the first draft of the standard process tracking form for the June IAG meeting.
- EPRO: Contact individuals such as Marine Police, APC contractors, fishing guides and others regarding specific public use areas where use may be exceeding design capacity on a regular basis.
- EPRO: Fieldwork will be conducted this summer. APC or EPRO will contact individual IAG members if their assistance is needed.
- APC: Prepare and distribute R2 Questions.
- All IAG Members: Prepare for the July 16th or 17th IAG meeting.

Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Introduction and IAG Update

The meeting began with participant introductions, review of the agenda, and a brief review of the IAG progress to date. The following agenda was agreed upon for this meeting:

Meeting Summary: June 18, 2002

1. Introductions
2. Review May Meeting Summary
3. Discuss Recreational Use Figures
4. Next Steps

Review May Meeting Summary

The May Meeting Summary was reviewed. The IAG provided a few comments to the May Meeting Summary. These comments will be incorporated into the document and it will be posted as final on APC's relicensing website.

The action items were reviewed in detail yielding the following discussion points:

- APC has not yet distributed the standard process tracking document to the IAG. APC stated that this document will be forwarded prior to the July IAG meeting. APC encouraged all IAG members to review this document and provide comments either to Barry Lovett by July 12th or bring all comments to the next meeting.
- ADCNR stated that the AL Marine Police officer for Smith Lake was Tommy Cagle. ADCNR provided the IAG with his relevant contact information.
- APC will attach the Smith Recreational Use Figures handout to this meeting summary.
- The IAG briefly discussed EPRO's upcoming summer fieldwork.
 - Field investigations are scheduled for July.
 - The IAG briefly discussed the boat launch at Lick Creek. ADCNR believed that this site was known as the Cullman Lions Access Area. ADCNR stated that this site used to be owned and operated by the state, but was transferred back to the Cullman Lions Club under the pretense that the Club would keep the facility open to the public and not charge a fee. APC will investigate the property ownership at this site in order to determine the potential redevelopment and or maintenance plans for the site.
 - ADCNR has recently striped the parking lot at the Cullman County Park. ADCNR is still working with the County to replace the Courtesy Dock at this site.

Discuss Recreational Use Figures

The Smith Lake Recreational Use Figures handout, distributed at the May 22nd meeting was briefly discussed. IAG members had several questions, but in general agreed with the approach outlined in the handout. A couple items to note from this discussion include:

- EPRO will look into the reasoning of the USDA model regarding fishing and boating projections. One IAG member suggested that historically boating has increased at a higher rate than fishing. EPRO will provide a brief summary of the USDA's hypothesis and conclusions.
- These use numbers are a requirement of the FERC and will be utilized only to show general trends regarding recreation.

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Next Steps

All WR1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG materials will be distributed to work group members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at <http://www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro>.

The next WR1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG meeting will be held on either July 16th or 17th, 2002.

Meeting Summary: July 16, 2002

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the WR 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG:

- APC: Distribute the July Meeting Summary.
- All IAG Members: Review the standard process tracking document for the August IAG meeting. Provide general comments to Barry Lovett prior to the meeting, if possible.
- EPRO: Contact individuals such as Marine Police, APC contractors, fishing guides and others regarding specific public use areas where use may be exceeding design capacity on a regular basis.
- EPRO: Fieldwork will be conducted this late summer/early fall. APC or EPRO will contact individual IAG members if their assistance is needed.

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- Bob Huffaker: Investigate the number, location and applicant of registered safety markers on Henry Lake.

Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Introduction

The meeting began with participant introductions and review of the agenda. The following agenda was agreed upon for this meeting:

- Introductions
- IAG Update and Recent Fieldwork
- June Meeting Summary
- R2 – Public Safety
- Standard Process Tracking Document
- Next Steps

IAG Update and Recent Fieldwork

The facilitator, Bruce DiGennaro, acknowledged the IAG's progress to date and emphasized the importance of participation in all of the meetings by IAG members. In order to differentiate members and other attendees at IAG meetings, Bruce stated that all IAG members should be seated around the table and other meeting attendees should sit away from the table. This is to ensure that the recreation issues for each reservoir are discussed and recommendations provided to the WCRT by members. Other meeting attendees will provide input into the process, but priority will be given to the IAG members. Other meeting attendees are also encouraged to provide input through participating IAG representatives.

At this time, EPRO explained that the fieldwork for Smith Lake would be conducted during September. The following will be evaluated:

- Existing public recreation areas to determine activities on site, as well as if the facilities are being utilized efficiently.
- Potential need for enhancements at existing public recreation areas.
- Numerous bankfishing areas around the lake will be visited and EPRO will determine if these sites provide potential for limited formal development. Several enhancements that may be made to these sites include, off-road parking, paths, and piers.
- APC will continue to look at ownership patterns in the Smith tailrace area.
- APC noted that they will be meeting with the USFS in August to discuss various WR9 (Federal Lands and Waters) issues.
- APC will investigate Bruce Hamrick's park request during the fieldwork.

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June Meeting Summary

The June Meeting Summary was reviewed. The IAG provided one comment to the June Meeting Summary. This comment will be incorporated into the document and it will be posted as final on APC's relicensing website.

R2 – Public Safety

The IAG reviewed and finalized the R2 Public Safety Questions. One question was added to the R2 Questions and will be included in the Standard Process Questions. Questions 35 through 37 were discussed at this time. The discussion for questions 38 through 40 was tabled due to time constraints. These questions will be addressed in future IAG meetings.

Questions 35 and 36

- The IAG reviewed and discussed the draft responses to these questions. The text was agreed upon with one potential minor revision. The Alabama Marine Police stated that they are not required to provide safety/hazard markings on the lakes. APC will caucus on this issue and respond at the next IAG meeting.
- The Alabama Marine Police stated that they would assist individuals placing buoys on the water, but are not obligated to provide the buoys. The Alabama Marine Police also stated that they are only required to mark restricted areas.
- All individuals placing buoys on the lakes must contact the Alabama Marine Police before installing the buoys.
- Several stakeholders noted that many buoys are either stolen or vandalized. Replacement costs for buoys and keeping the buoys in the water are major considerations when trying to identify solutions for boating hazards.

Question 37 Acknowledging the fact that recreation on and around lakes has inherent safety risks, are there public safety issues associated with recreation on the reservoirs? If yes, continue, if not, stop.

- Yes.
 - a. What public safety issue(s) exist on this reservoir?
 - b. Where does this issue(s) exist?
 - c. When is this issue(s) perceived to be a problem?
 - Potential conflicts between users including conflict between motorized and non-motorized boaters.
 - Jet ski use.
 - Floating docks.
 - Stumps and trees during extreme low water levels.
 - Note that the elevation for the top of the trees under Smith Lake is el. 483' msl.
 - Since operation, the lake has not been lower than el. 488' msl.

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- Boating traffic congestion is a safety concern. Several areas have two high use marinas located in close proximity to each other. These marinas include: Ryans Creek and Castle Rock and Duskin Point and Richards. Note that there is a relatively narrow channel in front of Castle Rock and Ryans Creek and a submerged island located on the right bank of the channel. Both of these factors contribute to heavy congestion in this area.
 - There are submerged islands located at the mouth of Clear Creek and Dismal Creek, and Miller Flats that are hazardous during low water levels. The submerged islands are perceived to be a problem at water levels below el. 495' msl. Note that normal winter pool is el. 496' msl. These areas used to be marked with buoys. One stakeholder noted that Millers Flats was once marked by the Water Patrol.
 - There is a large rock outcrop located just downstream of Dismal Creek.
 - One stakeholder noted that the breaching of mining dams cause some sedimentation and floating debris in Smith Lake and its tributaries.
 - There are six areas that the IAG identified that should be marked, effecting approximately 4 acres of water.
- d. Has this problem recently developed?
- No, the above problems have been around for awhile.
- e. List all those conditions and/or behaviors that contribute to this problem.
- Boaters are unaware of the hazardous areas.
 - Boaters are operating irresponsible.
 - The buoys are stolen and/or vandalized.
- f. Does the current operation of the project contribute to the problem? Has project operation changed in recent years?
- Operation of the Smith Project has not changed in recent years.
 - The above public safety issues occur fairly infrequently. However, when water levels are low, they tend to remain for several months. The lake is generally at its lowest level in October.
 - The lake level may reach an elevation of 488' msl maybe once in every 20 years.

Question 38 Are there going to be changes to this reservoir in the next 50 years that will effect public safety?

- User conflicts and congestion may increase over time. Several stakeholders are concerned that congestion in certain areas could worsen over time.
 - It was suggested that signage may help alleviate congestion and conflict.

Question 39 Is this an issue that can be addressed within the relicensing process, or do solutions lie elsewhere?

- This question was not specifically addressed during this IAG meeting.

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Question 40 Can education and information (R8) help resolve the issue?

- Several IAG members discussed if the creek areas and submerged islands should be marked. The primary issue with marking these areas is the vandalism and theft of the markings/buoys.
- The IAG members agreed that education alone can't eliminate the public safety issues and that some buoys should be installed. Buoys in open water areas should be given priority when marking and maintaining the buoys.
- Bob Huffaker of the Alabama Marine Police will investigate and report to the IAG the number, location, and applicant of registered buoys on the lake.
- One IAG member suggested that navigation maps be developed with safety markings at various lake levels. Several stakeholders noted that there is not a map currently in print that indicates buoys and other safety markings. It was also suggested that maps could be placed on placards at boat launches and other public access sites. Note that that IAG concurred that the Carto-Craft map is utilized by many boaters.
- APC noted that publishing maps with safety markings is a potential liability.

Review Standard Process Tracking Document

The IAG decided, due to IAG meetings of other reservoirs, that the standard process tracking document would not be reviewed at this time. APC reiterated several of Jim Howard's comments regarding the tracking document. These comments primarily addressed additional information in the tracking document that was not discussed at the IAG meetings. APC requested that all IAG members review the tracking document in detail and be prepared to discuss all comments at the August IAG meeting. APC also encouraged IAG members to email Barry Lovett with general comments to this document prior to the meeting to aid in developing the agenda for the meeting.

Next Steps

The next WR1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG meeting will be held by conference call on August 7th, 2002 at 2:30 PM CST. The tracking document and R2 Questions will be discussed at this meeting.

Meeting Summary: August 7, 2002

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the WR 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG:

- APC: Distribute the August Meeting Summary.
- EPRO: Contact individuals such as Marine Police, APC contractors, fishing guides and others regarding specific public use areas where use may be exceeding design capacity on a regular basis.
- EPRO: Fieldwork will be conducted in September. APC or EPRO will contact individual IAG members if their assistance is needed.
- Bob Huffaker: Investigate the number, location and applicant of registered safety markers on Smith Lake.

Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

The meeting began with participant introductions and review of the agenda. The following agenda was agreed upon for this meeting.

Meeting Summary: August 7, 2002

- Introductions
- Review July Meeting Summary
- Review Standard Process Tracking Document
- Discuss R2 Public Safety Questions
- Next Steps

Review July Meeting Summary

The July Meeting Summary was reviewed. The IAG provided several comments to the July Meeting Summary. These comments will be incorporated into the document and the document will be posted as final on APC's relicensing website.

Review Standard Process Tracking Document

The IAG reviewed the Smith Standard Process Tracking Document. The discussion yielded the following information:

- The comments per the July 16, 2002 IAG meeting, particularly those comments that focused on extraneous information, were incorporated into the Tracking Document (July 23, 2002 revision). All IAG members were satisfied with the Tracking Document, as modified.
- One comment of note, was the deletion of "and safety" in the third bullet of Question 35. This comment was in reference to the Alabama Marine Police's responsibilities concerning markings on waterways.
- At this time, the facilitator acknowledged Deb Berry's July 31, 2002 email and confirmed that the email was not distributed to all IAG members. Therefore, the email will be attached to this meeting summary. The IAG reviewed each point in the email and discussed the following information:
 - Question 5, Bullet 6 – The phrase "in the late summer and early fall" will be removed from this bullet. This statement will also be revised in the Smith Vision Statement.
 - Question 8c, Question 9 (Bullet 1) and 13– These statements will be clarified in the Tracking Document to reflect Deb's comments and IAG discussion.
 - Deb is gathering information to determine the number of nighttime fishing accidents relative to other lakes in Alabama.
 - Question 20 – APC clarified this statement. The IAG was comfortable with Andy's explanation and this statement will not be revised.
 - Question 26 – The IAG discussed this question and all agreed that it refers to current operating requirements.
 - Question 28, Bullet 7 – This statement will be revised to read as follows, "from noon to 6 PM on weekdays during the summer."
 - Several other comments will be incorporated into the Tracking Document.

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- The facilitator noted that this document serves as both an overall record of the discussions of the IAG and a compilation of specific recreation and operations information/data.

Discuss R2 Public Safety Questions

The responses to the R2 Public Safety Questions 37 through 40 were reviewed at this time. The IAG provided no additional comments to these questions.

The IAG briefly discussed the following information:

- Alabama Marine Police will compile information on the Smith Lake safety markings and will provide this information at the next IAG meeting.
- The IAG will further discuss the public safety issues at the next IAG meeting.

Next Steps

All WR1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 IAG materials will be distributed to IAG members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southernco.com/alpower/hydro.

The next WR1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Smith IAG meeting will be held via conference call in September or October. APC will develop an agenda for this meeting and distribute it to the IAG.

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the Smith IAG meeting attendees:

- Barry Lovett: Delete any reference to the Warrior River and Smith Lake in the Woody Debris recommendation.
- Barry Lovett: Add woody debris and Styrofoam as agenda items for a future Smith IAG meeting.
- Barry Lovett: Present the Lake Clean-Up recommendation to the WCRT at next week's meeting.

Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Introduction and Review

The goal of this meeting was to update the IAG regarding on-going and future work; discuss the recommendations on lake clean-up and woody debris and attempt to reach consensus on the recommendations.

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Ongoing Work

Barry Lovett indicated that work has and will continue to be conducted to address issues raised in the Smith IAG, even if the group is not meeting. Much of the work from September 2002 to date has included mapping, preparing concept design and gathering information to address stakeholder questions and issues. Barry also highlighted that emails have been distributed regarding specific issues and recommendations to the Smith IAG, as needed.

Bill Campbell briefly discussed concept designs, aerial photography and shoreline management mapping. The development of the concept designs is extremely time intensive due to the quantity of sites being investigated and the quality of the concept designs being prepared. Bill noted that several potential sites have been ruled out and the reasoning behind the decisions will be discussed at future IAG meetings. The IAG will be presented with the concept designs for Smith Lake this spring.

Barry stated that other issues raised by the IAG, including, but not limited to public safety, will be discussed at future IAG meetings.

Barry also updated the Smith IAG on the progress of the WR9 issues and meetings with the USFS. APC and the USFS are working together to coordinate recreation issues on the Warrior River. The USFS expects to be more active in relicensing this year.

2003 Work

This year's schedule includes numerous relicensing meetings and activities and will be the most intensive and challenging year of this process.

Differences between Warrior River and Coosa River Issues

Several stakeholders stated that in order to increase efficiency and resolve issues on Smith Lake, APC and the IAG need to more clearly define and separate the Warrior River and Coosa River issues. All meeting attendees agreed that the relicensing process may be at a juncture that more separation is warranted.

Recommendations

The Smith IAG has on several occasions discussed the woody debris and lake clean-up issues. Based on those discussions, Bruce DiGennaro developed recommendations (in a format consistent with what the ecological group) that he believed captured the essence of the discussions, comments, and recommendations of IAG members. Bruce utilized the Coosa Coalitions' comments regarding these issues, specifically utilizing language that was provided to revise the recommendations.

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Woody Debris

“The Recreation IAGs propose the following recommendation to the WCRT and the CCRT.

A general statement will be put in the project recreation plans that states that Alabama Power Company in coordination with Lake Associations, and the Marine Police Division will periodically monitor and review the amount, location and origin of woody debris on APC reservoirs. Should an inspection lead the Marine Police Division to conclude that a significant public safety issue might exist because of APC’s practice of releasing woody debris and trash accumulations from its dam trash racks downstream, APC will, at the request of the Marine Police Division, reopen this issue for discussion and resolution. Similarly, should the Alabama Department of Environmental Management conclude that a significant water quality issue might exist for the abovementioned reason, APC will, at the request of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, reopen this issue for discussion and resolution.”

Meeting attendees discussed that woody debris, as outlined in this recommendation, was not an issue for Smith Lake. Smith Lake is the headwaters of the Warrior River system and woody debris, as outlined in this recommendation, is not an issue. However, several stakeholders noted that woody debris in the reservoir may cause property damage during flood conditions and acknowledged that Styrofoam is a greater concern on Smith Lake. The Smith IAG will discuss these two issues at a future IAG meeting and Barry noted that the Styrofoam issue should be addressed in conjunction with the R6 Shoreline Management issue.

Therefore, the IAG recommended that all references to the Warrior River and the Smith Lake be removed from the document. The facilitator acknowledged this unanimous agreement and stated that the woody debris recommendation would not be presented to the WCRT.

Lake Clean Up

“The Recreation IAGs proposes the following recommendation to the WCRT and the CCRT.

A general statement will be put in the project recreation plans that states that Alabama Power Company will continue to help promote and assist lake reservoir groups and other stakeholders in their efforts to remove trash and litter from APC reservoirs, as long as volunteer interest remains high.”

Meeting attendees had no comments, questions or concerns regarding the lake clean-up recommendation and agreed with the recommendation as written. Therefore, the facilitator acknowledged this unanimous agreement and stated that the recommendation will be put forth at next week’s joint WCRT and CCRT meeting. Several stakeholders also noted that volunteer participation is very important to the success of this effort.

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January 22nd Meeting

A joint meeting of the WCRT and the CCRT will be held on January 22, 2003 at APC headquarters in Birmingham. Meeting attendees were encouraged to provide information to the CCRT and WCRT regarding the recommendations and previous discussion and verbally support both the woody debris and lake clean-up recommendations. The WCRT and CCRT will attempt to reach a consensus on these issues based decision on the IAGs' recommendations.

This joint meeting will be divided into three parts: 1) a presentation by Kelly Schaeffer – Decision Making Processes and Reaching Consensus, followed by the presentation of ecological and recreation IAG recommendations; 2) review of the Shoreline Management Plan outline; and 3) a workshop led by Walter Ramey – The APC Permitting Process. No recreation IAGs will be meeting on this date.

Next Steps

All WR1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 IAG materials will be distributed to IAG members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southernco.com/alpower/hydro.

The next WR1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 meeting will be held on February 19th or 20th. APC will contact the IAG once the meeting specifics have been determined. During the February meeting, Keith Bryant and Bob Huffaker will present a proposal to address public safety issues. Since the Marine Police are experts on public safety, APC would like to complement the Marine Police's existing resources in order to better respond to public safety issues. APC is considering a program to provide annual funds to the Marine Police to assist them with the management of APC's twelve reservoirs.

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the IAG meeting attendees:

- APC and EPRO: Develop the concept designs and present this information in a future meeting.
- Barry Lovett: Develop a list of all outstanding recreation issues for the Smith IAG.
- IAG Members: Provide comments on the January 14, 2003 Meeting Summary to Barry Lovett by March 28, 2003.
- Barry Lovett: Revise the shoreline management document to incorporate Deb Berry's changes. Redistribute this document to the IAG.
- IAG Members: Review the shoreline management maps and provide comments to APC.

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- EPRO: Determine if aerial photography is available along the Black Warrior River to the Holt Lock and Dam.

Meeting Notes

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Introductions

The meeting began with participant introductions, review of the agenda, and review of the meeting purpose. The following agenda was agreed upon for this meeting:

- Introductions
- IAG Updates
- Discuss R6 – Shoreline Development Issues
- Review Shoreline Management Plan Maps
- Next Steps

After review of the agenda, APC discussed the format of the meeting and briefly reviewed the formal IAG procedures (as outlined in the Operating Procedures). APC stated that, particularly during larger meetings, formal meeting procedures will be followed. Several procedures were outlined as follows: IAG members will be situated around the table; tent cards will be placed on the table for each IAG member; non-IAG members will be asked to sit in designated seating; and non-IAG members will be provided with time to speak at the end of each discussion/meeting. APC also pointed out that the IAG's discussions regarding the preliminary draft concept designs are relatively sensitive and all IAG members should be aware of and follow the communications protocol when sharing this information with the public.

APC also stated that this meeting will provide the Smith IAG members with separation from the Coosa River issues. The IAG members appreciated the goals of this meeting and encouraged APC to continue separating the Warrior and Coosa relicensing meetings, when applicable.

IAG Updates

At this time, Bruce DiGennaro reviewed the IAG's progress to date and future IAG tasks. For this review, Bruce revisited the IAG's standard process diagram, indicated that this IAG has had seven meetings, and stated that all meeting materials to date are available on APC's relicensing website. The following summarizes the discussion of the standard process:

- Step 1 – Determine Desired Future Condition – The IAG has completed this step. Tasks for this step included the work plan and the Smith Vision Statement.
- Step 2 – Establish Baseline Conditions – This task has been completed, with the exception of a few minor outstanding tasks. Tasks for this step included EPRO's

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recreation information and completion of questions in the standard process tracking document.

- Step 3 – Determine What is Needed and When – The IAG is currently working on this step. The primary task for this step is the development and review of the concept plans. Other recreation issues (i.e., lake level fluctuations, sedimentation, etc.) will also be discussed and recommendations regarding these issues will be addressed.
- Step 4 – Decide How Needs Will Be Met and Who is Responsible – The IAG will begin work on this step after completion of Step 3.

Bruce also explained that the Smith IAG will address some R6 Shoreline Development issues in the context of this IAG.

Other IAG updates include the following:

- **United States Forest Service** - APC and the USFS have been involved in resource discussions both in this IAG and in other meeting forums. There are specific federal land management discussions taking place between APC and the USFS. Some of the USFS issues parallel or overlap with the Smith IAG's issues and will eventually be incorporated into this IAG's efforts. APC will continue to provide updates regarding the progress of the USFS issues to the Smith IAG.
- **Concept Designs** - At this time, APC informed the IAG that the concept designs were not yet completed for Smith Lake. Upon completion, APC will schedule meetings to further discuss potential recreation improvements.
- **January 14, 2003 Meeting Summary** - Comments on the January 14, 2003 Meeting Summary should be sent to Barry Lovett by March 28th.
- **Woody Debris** – Deb Berry stated that the stakeholders from Bankhead should be consulted before deleting the reference to the Warrior River in the Woody Debris Recommendation.
- **Safety and Security** - Officials at FERC are trying to revamp their dam safety program and formulate a new security plan. APC will inform this IAG of any new developments during future IAG meetings.
- **Walker County Park** - The Walker County Commission is still interested in a park with a picnic area, swimming access, and a pavilion (no launch area). In regards to this site, APC has property north of the forebay, but there are security and demand issues that need to be addressed before the potential for a park is pursued.

At this time, Barry Lovett reviewed a similar situation that is currently being evaluated at Mitchell Lake on the Coosa River. Barry briefly explained that the Mitchell HOBOS developed a proposal for a recreation area at an "Old Boy Scout Camp" that included a management vision for the site and a details regarding a cooperative approach to development and long term management. In this proposal, APC would commit to providing initial infrastructure improvements and the HOBOS would cover the remaining improvements/developments and would operate and maintain the site in the future. This recreation improvement on the Coosa, spearheaded by a HOBOS, could serve as a model for stakeholder cooperation on Smith Lake. APC mentioned that if stakeholders on Smith were interested in a similar approach for the aforementioned park site (or other

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sites) then the stakeholders should prepare a written proposal. APC offered to assist stakeholders in the preparation of a proposal for recreation sites.

The IAG members also suggested that properties could be set aside for recreation purposes for potential future use, if deemed appropriate.

- The IAG agreed to discuss this potential improvement further during the concept plan meeting.

Discuss R6 – Shoreline Development Issues

APC explained that shoreline development/management encompasses both recreation and ecological issues. Therefore, the majority of the discussion for R6 will need to take place with representatives from recreation and ecological IAGs. APC will plan a joint ecological and recreation, Warrior specific, meeting that will begin to focus on shoreline management goals, objectives and policies.

In order to address several issues, the IAG agreed to hold preliminary discussions.

Styrofoam Litter

The IAG raised the issue of styrofoam litter and its associated problems (clean up, appearance, safety, property damage, etc.) in previous meetings. The IAG members asked that this issue be a priority in the shoreline management plan. The following summarizes the styrofoam discussion:

- The Smith Lake Civic Association stated, that with support from the County and APC, it has removed and disposed of 150 tons of styrofoam from the lake. The Smith Lake Environmental Preservation Committee also stated that it removes and disposes of styrofoam from the lake.
- Styrofoam litter typically results from deteriorating docks that are improperly managed/disposed.
- Approximately 60-70% of existing docks use styrofoam. However, styrofoam is slowly being phased out which should result in a decrease in the amount of styrofoam litter on the lake.
- Styrofoam becomes water logged after extensive periods in the water and becomes very heavy.
- There was a brief discussion about proper disposal and options for disposal of the styrofoam.
- Styrofoam can be classified as a shoreline management, public safety and aesthetic issue.
- The IAG discussed potential management actions to address this issue including, construction standards and increased enforcement.

Other

- Jim Howard stated that objectives for the Shoreline Management Plan need to be defined before specific issues can be discussed. A Shoreline Management Plan should establish policies regarding the use of the shoreline.
- Erosion, water quality, and terrestrial and aquatic habitat need to be investigated in R6.

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- The IAG suggested that a joint ecological and recreation meeting be held to address specific R6 issues related to Smith Lake. This group could serve as a pilot R6 IAG for the Coosa River system. The IAG will need to define policies, develop objectives and goals, and determine how to implement the policies to address the issues.
- APC will revise the shoreline management plan documents to reflect Deb Berry's comments.

Review Shoreline Management Plan Maps

The IAG reviewed draft maps of Smith Lake (including aerial overlays and USFS lands) depicting the existing conditions, the FERC project boundary (+500-feet), the Bankhead National Forest, land classifications and other project related resources (recreation sites, wetlands). The goal of reviewing these maps was to update the IAG on progress of the R6 issue and discuss means for IAG members to provide feedback on these maps. The IAG decided that the maps need to be reviewed by individuals who have specific knowledge of recreation and ecological issues on Smith Lake. The IAG suggested that individuals familiar with various sections of the lake should review those maps, instead of distributing all of the maps to all of the IAG members.

Therefore, the overview maps will be made available to all IAG members. APC will house several sets of the specific maps at the Stephanie White's office at Smith Dam and at Barry Lovett's office at APC Headquarters in Birmingham. IAG members can contact either Stephanie or Barry to review the maps and are encouraged to do so.

Additional items discussed during this portion of the meeting include:

- After going over the land classification system, the IAG discussed several aspects of USFS land management and ownership. APC explained that it does not own the lake bed within the USFS boundaries, but has a special use permit to flood USFS lands.
- APC explained that it does not have maps or data beyond Smith Lake area. Aerial photographs may be available down to Holt Lock and Dam. EPRO will follow up on this item and report findings back to the IAG.
- There are two basic purposes for the photographs: 1) they are the basis for developing the overview map and 2) the aerial photos can be magnified to investigate on one specific.
- EPRO explained specific nuances regarding the Smith maps.
- EPRO explained that T&E habitat and cultural resource sites are not included on the map due to the sensitive nature of the resources.

Next Steps

All WR1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 IAG meeting materials will be distributed to the IAG members prior to the meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southernco.com/alpower/hydro

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The next Smith IAG meeting will be held during the week of May 5th. The primary focus of this meeting will be to discuss specific R6 issues relating to Smith Lake. APC will contact all IAG members to establish a conference call to further discuss these issues.

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Action Items

The following action items were agreed upon by the IAG:

- Barry Lovett: Follow up with Jamie Freeman re: recreation facilities proposal.
- APC Staff: Finalize and distribute agenda for the next IAG Meeting – October 1, 2003
- APC Staff: Present Draft Concept Design Plans at the next IAG meeting - October 1, 2003.
- IAG Members: Remind new participants of relicensing team protocols and encourage newcomers to review published materials.

Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Introduction

It has been several months since this IAG last met. In that time a significant amount of work has been done “behind-the-scenes”. The goal of this meeting was to provide IAG members with a brief, 20-30 minute update of what APC has been doing since they last met.

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New Relicensing Participants

Bruce DiGennaro commented that new participants, representing agencies as well as some of the local and homeowner groups were now participating in the process. Bruce asked that if participants find themselves working with someone who is new to the relicensing process to please refer them to the process protocols and encourage them to review past meeting notes and other relicensing materials, all of which can be found on APC's hydro relicensing web site. Public involvement processes like this relicensing will always experience some "turn-over" among participants, but it is important to keep moving forward and progressing on the issues. A lot of hard work has already been put into the process and everyone wants to make sure that this hard work comes to successful fruition.

Shoreline Management Plan

Following the June 19th Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) meeting/workshop, APC has been working internally to compile and process stakeholders comments to the Draft SMP Outline. These comments will be presented at the next SMP meeting/workshop, scheduled for the afternoon of September 17th. This meeting will be very similar to the one held in June, sharing the plenary and "break-out" session format. Bruce suggested and stakeholders agreed that during the "break-out" session, Smith Lake stakeholders could gather and discuss specific shoreline management issues that may potentially be included in the separate Smith SMP that is being prepared.

Draft Concept Design Plans

APC staff have been preparing draft concept design plans to present to the IAG at its next meeting in October. Bill Campbell informed the IAG that APC has been evaluating both upstream and downstream recreation access points. As a result of further investigation and discussions with key stakeholders, APC has eliminated some sites and has been able to focus more on others. After the IAG's initial review of the draft concept design plans at the upcoming October meeting, APC will incorporate stakeholder comments and then begin working with local entities and municipal governments (cities and counties) to gauge their interest and support for these efforts. The IAG will be given numerous opportunities to provide input on all versions of the concept design plans.

General Relicensing Schedule

Bruce informed the IAG that overall the relicensing process was making good progress. Stakeholders can expect to receive for their review, a draft license application sometime during the second quarter of 2004. APC must submit a license application to FERC by mid-2005, so by presenting a draft license application in early 2004 stakeholders should have plenty of time to provide input on the final license application.

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Questions & Answers / General Discussion

Barry Lovett, on behalf of APC, thanked Jim Beason and Deb Berry for their continued contributions to this relicensing process. .

Jaime Freeman has approached APC with some preliminary ideas on how to potentially develop a recreation area in Walker County. Jim Beason, who also was familiar with Jaime's efforts, briefly shared with the IAG his understanding that Jaime's proposals will revolve primarily around developing hiking and off highway vehicle (OHV) trails. APC will review the information Jaime will provide and determine its feasibility, including whether or not it would be an appropriate use of FERC hydro project lands. APC is looking forward to learning more about this proposal and the resources available to support it.

Mack Thomas is APC's new land management and permitting representative responsible for Smith Lake. He is currently working with Charles Mauldin and will be replacing him full-time in the very near future.

APC reiterated their willingness to work with Smith stakeholders on resolving issues related to abandoned docks, specifically the styrofoam that pollutes the lakes. Deb Berry suggested that revisions to the lake's permitting program could address this issue and create some solutions.

November 12th and 13th have been set aside as possible relicensing meeting dates, however these dates are subject to change.

Next Steps

The next Smith Reservoir IAG Meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2003. A formal announcement, along with an agenda and any other pertinent materials will be distributed via electronic mail at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

All Smith Reservoir IAG materials will be distributed to IAGs members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southernco.com/alpower/hydro.

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Action Items

- Prepare meeting notes and distribute to the IAG.
Barry Lovett Due – October 17, 2003

Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Introduction

Barry thanked Jim Beason and Deb Berry for their continued participation in this process, noting that their contributions have really been appreciated especially as new participants have joined the process.

The purpose of this meeting, which was similar to other meetings that have been held on other Project reservoirs, was for APC staff to report on their efforts to determine the feasibility of enhancing existing recreation sites around the Smith Reservoir, and to give stakeholders an opportunity to provide input and suggestions on these potential recreation enhancements. This meeting did not focus on any federal lands; APC is engaged in an ongoing dialogue with the Forest Service to address their issues. After processing the IAG's comments on the concept

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designs, APC will act as the IAG's agent and consult with the appropriate state and local agencies/governments to discuss potential partnerships and other planning efforts. APC has found that successful projects depend on local community support. In order to ensure that there is sufficient local support to proceed with some of these potential enhancements, APC will meet with local entities to determine their interest and willingness to participate in this process. APC will then report back to the IAG on the outcome of these consultations.

Jamie Freeman's Development Plans

The IAG briefly discussed Jamie Freeman's proposed Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) recreation plans and agreed that a lot of discussion still needs to take place. APC informed the IAG that a proposal of this type would require considerable scrutiny and consideration and that this type of project is not usually associated with hydroelectric relicensings.

Draft Concept Design Plans

These draft concept design plans are based on field assessments of existing APC and state recreation facilities as well as initial design work completed by APC staff, and do not include commercial or residential facilities.

Concept design plans not acted upon at this time will be kept on file and may be reconsidered as a part of FERC's Form 80 process.

Draft Concept Design Plans Presentation

A total of eight draft concept design plans were presented. Each plan generally included a brief discussion of the site's existing conditions as well as suggested improvements.

Site 3 Boat Launch on Sipsey Fork just below 278

Potential enhancements to this existing site are being put forth by Winston County whose engineer is currently working on developing additional details. Improvements at this site include additional lands for parking and a realignment of the state-leased boat ramp. Stakeholders, the State in particular, expressed some concerns about purchasing lands for additional parking; they stated that any additional parking should be explicitly used for this site and not for adjacent commercial facilities.

Site 16 on Brushy Creek

This existing unimproved boat launch on Forest Service property has been identified as a potential low water access site. APC, the state and the county proposed a joint effort to improve the site to enhance public access. The Forest Service has expressed public safety concerns associated with the site and have declined to allow the site to be improved

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Site 40

This existing boat ramp located immediately above the dam has been characterized as one of the most important boat launches in the area. Potential improvements to this site include a new ramp (primarily to improve low water accessibility) and a courtesy dock.. There is a lot of potential to expand parking, but any expansion will need to be consistent with demand. APC also expressed some concern about the site's proximity to the dam and how security issues may affect the site in the future.

Site 48

This is a boat launch facility located in Cullman County at Ryan's Creek. This site was characterized as large and well kept. It was also noted that the site had recently been improved to make it more ADA accessible (a new courtesy pedestrian ramp and dock has been installed by the state). Potential improvements at this site include a parking realignment that could yield up to 35% additional parking, a new bank fishing platform, and possible fish habitat modifications. Parking improvements would be phased in and balanced with boat ramp use, since ramps are often a bottleneck for resource users. Stakeholders indicated that there were some capacity issues at this site and that this might be a good site for the phased approach with improvements being made as needed and demanded by use figures.

Site 49

Potential improvements to this spring/summer fishing site which is adjacent to a local county park include, additional bank fishing, parking and road modifications.

Site 76

This site used for bank fishing and swimming, is located on Forest Service property across the bridge from the unimproved Brushy Creek boat ramp. Since the Forest Service's public safety concerns for the site across the bridge (Site 16, Brushy Creek Boat Launch) is related to the public highway (speed, sight distance, highway entrance hazard) APC has determined that the same conditions apply to this site and have suggested that site improvements not be pursued.

Site on Brushy Creek at 278 Bridge

This site was proposed for consideration by the Forest Service. This site may be located on ALDOT land. Due to public safety concerns related to roadside visibility and police patrolling, this may be a future use site rather than one that's improved in the short term. APC will discuss this site with Winston County to solicit their opinions on the feasibility of pursuing improvements at this location.

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Site 89 Mims Family Access Site to Sipsev Fork

This privately owned, publicly accessible carry-in canoe site is operated in cooperation with the Alabama Wildlife Federation and Champion Paper. This site has been characterized as a clean and excellent access site. However, the site is in need of some maintenance. Potential improvements to this site include road erosion repairs and enhancements to the turnaround area at the end of the access road. APC will consult with the owners and contributors of this site to determine issues and needs.

Tailrace Improvements

Keith Bryant presented information on potential improvements to the Smith tailrace area. The general goal of any improvements to the tailrace area would be to improve parking, enhance pedestrian access and repair erosion on existing access trails. This same information was present to the ecological Smith Tailrace Working Group and together this IAG and the ecological group will work to address any tailrace access issues. Another issue raised by the ecological group was a suggestion to investigate an additional bank fishing access area downstream of the Route 69 highway bridge. Public safety due to project releases was raised as an issue that will need some further analysis.

Upcoming Meetings

Shoreline Management Plan Workshop – November 13th.

Smith IAG Meeting – January 7th, 2004.

Conclusion

APC stated that they would contact the IAG to schedule the next meeting.

All Smith IAG materials will be distributed to IAG members prior to meetings and posted on the Internet at www.southernco.com/alpower/hydro.

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Warrior and Coosa Relicensing Projects

List of Attendees

| Attendee | Organization | Attendee | Organization |
|-----------------|---|--------------|--|
| Jim Beason | Smith Lake Civic Association | Don Greer | Logan Martin Lake Protection Association |
| Hap Bryant | Neely Henry Lake Association | David Haynes | City of Wetumpka |
| Keith Bryant | Alabama Power | Chuck Jensen | Lay Lake HOBO |
| Bill Campbell | E/Pro Consulting | Steve Jones | Alabama Power |
| Lonnie Carden | Coosa River Paddling Club, American Whitewater, Southern Trails | Barry Lovett | Alabama Power |
| Dan Catchings | ADCNR | Bill O'Brien | Weiss Lake Improvement Association |
| Stan Cook | ADCNR | John Peconom | Kleinschmidt |
| Jim Copeland | Neely Henry Lake Association | Sam Piccolo | Lake Mitchell HOBO |
| Bruce DiGennaro | Kleinschmidt | Chuck Shirah | Alabama Power |
| Bill Dillahunt | Alabama Power | Sheila Smith | Alabama Power |
| Keith Floyd | ADCNR | Dan Thompson | ADCNR |
| Valerie Garner | Alabama Power | Joe Young | Lake Jordan HOBO |

Action Items

- Review the Recreation Plan Outline and implementation strategy and provide comments to Barry Lovett.
All Stakeholders Due –May 28, 2004
- Send any comments regarding completed and remaining recreation issues to Barry Lovett.
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Meeting Notes

These notes summarize the major items discussed during the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Introduction and Overview

Barry Lovett thanked all the stakeholders for their continued participation in this process, especially those who have attended the numerous meetings that have been held since this process began. Barry also informed everyone that one of the purposes of this meeting was to “report-out” on the large amount of work that has been conducted over the past 2 + years to address recreational needs on the Warrior and Coosa Project reservoirs. In addition to thanking everyone

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involved in this process, Barry stated that this was not a final meeting in the process, but a meeting to help transition from the planning to implementation phase of the process.

After a quick round of introductions, Bruce DiGennaro restated the meeting's goals which were to finalize the initial recreation facilities plan and to review upcoming relicensing activities.

Concept Design Process Review

Bill Campbell reminded stakeholders about the steps and the process used by the IAGs to develop the Recreation Facilities Prioritization Schedule that was handed out at the beginning of the meeting. Bill identified and walked through several steps in this process including the recreation inventory, recreation use data collection and analysis, consultation regarding recreation needs, field analyses, and concept planning and consultation. Bill also emphasized several points about this process including the many opportunities the IAGs have had to review and comment on this information, the documentation of all stakeholder meetings, the storage of all data and plans in a GIS database, the use of existing recreational information (including FERC Form 80s), the methods used to prioritize site improvements and the importance placed on local participation including the in depth consultation with the appropriate cities, counties and state agencies.

A draft Recreation Plan documenting the recreation inventory and concept design process, including all the associated consultation will be made available for IAG and public review prior to submission to FERC.

The Recreation Facilities Prioritization Schedule is aggressive (tentative implementation dates are scheduled significantly earlier than would otherwise be required by FERC) and front loaded so that each reservoir experiences some improvement relatively quickly. The schedule is also dynamic, meaning that it is very likely to change. Because of the many variables, some sites may be improved faster than initially scheduled and the implementation of other improvements may be delayed; some improvements may be added, and others dropped. The reasoning/justification for changes will be documented and discussed.

Representatives from the Neely Henry Lake Association suggested that thought be given to some public relations/outreach activity at some point to make the broader public aware of at least the next couple of years of proposed recreation improvements. This could be done in a variety of ways over the course of the next six months or so.

Representatives from the Coosa Paddling Club expressed concern about the proposed scheduling of public access at the old Fish Camp below Jordan Dam. There is concern that this additional access is needed soon to minimize conflicts at the existing boat launch below the dam. APC agreed to discuss this specific concern and the rationale for not making this site a high priority with the paddling club in a separate venue outside today's meeting.

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Aside from the scheduling concern noted above, no concerns were voiced regarding the proposed prioritization schedule and meeting participants generally expressed support for the process and the product.

Recreation Plan and Adaptive Management

Recreation Plan

Bill Campbell explained that the Recreation Plan, which will be a part of the license application, is a record of how recreation improvements were addressed in the relicensing process. Also, Bill discussed that the plan would be amendable annually, with implementation and consultation documentation included in the continuing Recreation Report that will be available for review annually by key consultation stakeholders, with all yearly amendments being submitted to FERC every six years (during the FERC Form 80 review year). After reviewing the outline of the Recreation Plan, APC asked that any comments be sent to Barry Lovett by May 28, 2004.

Adaptive Management

One aspect of the recreation plan that was described in additional detail was its ability to be flexible. Due to several dynamic factors including changing demand, budgets and priorities, the recreation plan outlines opportunities for annual consultation that will help key stakeholders determine the following years' schedule and scope of improvements. Specifically, the recreation plan anticipates annual consultation (likely in the fall), beginning in 2004, to discuss and finalize proposed improvements for the coming year.

One stakeholder noted that fall consultation may conflict with local elections, but the group agreed that the fall was the best time to review upcoming plans and confirm commitments and that interested parties would do the best they could to work with/around local elections.

In addition to the annual consultation, the recreation plan also outlines a reoccurring six-year consultation (concurrent with the FERC Form 80 cycle) that will allow stakeholders to take a more in depth look at recreation improvements. Instead of focusing on one year's improvements, the six-year meeting will take a larger look at recreation improvements. ADCNR recommended that APC consider broader public input and outreach as part of the more detailed review every six years and that some thought be given to the process that would be used for these more in-depth reviews.

Upcoming Activities and Schedule for Completion

Bruce Digennaro briefly discussed several upcoming meetings and activities and informed the group that because of all the progress that has been made on recreation issues, APC

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does not anticipate the recreation IAGs holding very many meetings over the next several months.

Upcoming Meetings

A plenary meeting has tentatively been scheduled for June 10th to discuss the Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessments.

The Draft Recreation Plan should be ready for stakeholder review this fall.

The Draft License Applications and Preliminary Draft Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessments should be available for review later this year.

The Final License Applications and Draft Applicant Prepared Environmental Assessments are due to FERC in June 2005.

Remaining Issues

Several “completed” and “remaining” recreation issues were discussed with the group. Completed issues have been addressed through some type of formal resolution statement; and remaining issues have not been fully addressed and do not have any type of resolution. Completed issues include: recreation facility improvements, public safety, woody debris, lake clean-up, Smith-styrofoam, Neely Henry daily fluctuation, and Weiss and Logan Martin sedimentation. Remaining issues included: Weiss and Logan Martin rule curve requests, O’hathee recreation facility erosion, Smith tailrace access (north of Birmingham Water Board’s pumping house), Bouldin recreation access, Jordan daily fluctuations, Jordan maintenance drawdown, Jordan downstream recreation flows and US Forest Service lands issues (Smith).

Barry Lovett informed stakeholders that he expects resolution on several of the remaining issues over the next few weeks. Barry also asked that any comments on these issues be sent to him.

Representatives of the Neely Henry Lake Association indicated that they have concerns regarding the channel marking and woody debris issues on that reservoir and agreed to provide written comments to APC for incorporation into the record. Joe Young also suggested that the circular access road portion of suggested improvements for Site 4 (Bonner's Landing) on the Jordan reservoir be removed from consideration as part of the proposed recreation site improvements because the site is not practical. APC responded that this portion of the suggested improvements may be removed in the future (in fact the current plan is to widen the existing access road to more readily accommodated two-way vehicular traffic), but at this point no suggested improvements have been removed from the plan. In all likelihood after proposed improvements are finalized (with the state and county) for Bonners this item will be removed from the facilities list.

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Other Discussions

In reply to a stakeholder question, APC requested that anyone who wished to discuss this information with the news media to please remember the relicensing process communication protocol established in 2001 and to please work with APC on press releases and related news articles. APC asked that stakeholders consider that there are on-going discussions relative to the proposed recreation improvements and any media attention may disrupt these discussions.

Conclusion

These meeting notes as well as all other recreation related materials are posted on the internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower. County meeting notes will also be posted to the internet after they are finalized.