



Watts Bar Reservoir Land Management Plan

In February 2009, TVA issued a final land plan and environmental impact statement (FEIS) that examines the potential effects of several alternative ways of managing its public lands on Watts Bar Reservoir. Under a new plan, land would be allocated into broad categories or "Zones," including Project Operations, Sensitive Resource Management, Natural Resource Conservation, Industrial, Developed Recreation, and Shoreline Access.

The proposed land plan would update the 1988 Watts Bar Reservoir Land Management Plan and address 16,220 acres of TVA public land on Watts Bar Reservoir in Loudon, Meigs, Rhea, and Roane counties, Tennessee. The FEIS considers three alternatives to guide land use approvals, private water use facility permitting, and resource management decisions on Watts Bar Reservoir. The alternatives include continuing management under the existing 1988 Plan (Alternative A – No Action) and two action alternatives (Alternatives B and C) involving different land allocations. The action alternatives allocate various tracts of TVA land to specific uses. These allocations support TVA goals, balance competing demands, respond to the needs of our stakeholders, and help meet TVA responsibilities to protect natural and cultural resources. Alternative B, Modified Development and Recreation Alternative, would provide suitable industrial use and developed recreation, and Alternative C, Modified Conservation and Recreation Alternative, would emphasize natural resource conservation and dispersed recreation activities. TVA's preferred alternative is Alternative B.

TVA first issued a draft plan and environmental impact statement (DEIS) in May 2005. In response to the implementation of TVA's November 2006 Land Policy and public comments received on the 2005 DEIS, TVA issued an amended land plan and DEIS in August 2007. The February 2009 FEIS addresses public comments received on the August 2007 DEIS.

Documents

A summary and the entire FEIS and plan can be viewed by section, as noted below (PDF files, require [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#)). Paper or CD ROM copies may be requested from the contacts listed below.

[Errata Sheet \(PDF, 491kb\)](#)

A listing of corrections to the FEIS.

Final Environmental Impact Statement

This is the complete text of the FEIS, divided into the following sections for faster downloading:

[Summary and Table of Contents](#) (PDF, 264kb)

Includes an abstract, a summary of the issues and alternatives considered, the table of contents, and a table of acronyms and abbreviations.

[Chapter 1: Background, Purpose, and Need for Action](#) (PDF, 1.14MB)

Background of Watts Bar Reservoir, purpose of the proposed land management plan, other pertinent environmental reviews and documentation, and the goals of the plan.

[Chapter 2: Alternatives](#) (PDF, 251kb)

Proposed action of the land management plan, a description of the three alternatives, and a comparison of the alternatives.

[Chapter 3: Affected Environment](#) (PDF, 440kb)

Detailed description of the environmental setting and a discussion of the identified resources, species, and other issues of concern in the area around Watts Bar Reservoir (see the Summary and Table of Contents for a list of all the resources evaluated).

[Chapter 4: Environmental Consequences](#) (PDF, 340kb)

Discussion of environmental consequences under the three alternatives for each specified resource. Chapter 4 includes a list of the proposed mitigation measures.

[Chapters 5, 6, and 7: Supporting Information](#) (PDF, 203kb)

Lists of preparers, agencies and individuals receiving copies, literature cited, and glossary.

[Appendix A](#) TVA Land Policy (PDF, 95kb)

[Appendix B](#) Planned Land Information (PDF, 378kb)

[Appendix C](#) Scoping Information (PDF, 1.5MB)

[Appendix D](#) Supporting Data and Information (PDF, 466)

[Appendix E](#) Recreation and Industrial Assessment (PDF, 3.3MB)

[Appendix F](#) Public Comments and Responses (PDF, 264kb)

[Appendix G](#) Correspondence (PDF, 2.27MB)

[Appendix H](#) Biological Assessment (PDF, 6.53MB)

[Index](#) Listing of terms and corresponding page number(s) of occurrence (PDF, 119kb)

Other Related Documents

View maps of the [TVA-managed lands on Watts Bar Reservoir](#)

[Watts Bar Land Plan Facts and Definitions](#) (PDF, 53kb)

Read general information on the [Land Planning Process](#)

[Record of Decision](#) (PDF, 58kb)

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