



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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PUBLIC NOTICE

**RELEASE OF THE
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR THE KEYSTONE DAM AND RESERVOIR MASTER PLAN SUPPLEMENT
CREEK, OSAGE, PAWNEE, PAYNE, AND TULSA COUNTIES, OKLAHOMA**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Tulsa District hereby informs the public of the release of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a supplement to the Keystone Dam and Reservoir Master Plan. The USACE will provide a copy of the draft documents, instructions on how to submit comments, and an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide feedback. This information will be made available on January 26, 2026, at the following Tulsa District website. A public comment period will begin on February 2, 2026, and end on February 23, 2026.

www.swt.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Releases/Article/4389917/public-notice-release-of-the-draft-environmental-assessment-and-finding-of-no-s/

The draft EA for the proposed Master Plan Supplement evaluated potential impacts resulting from implementation of an alternative that would reclassify 30 acres USACE-owned property at the Appalachia Bay Recreational Area which was inadvertently omitted from the 2016 Master Plan Revision. Pursuant to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements, the EA also evaluated anticipated impacts from a No Action alternative.

The proposed reclassification would change the current land use classification for the 30 acres from High Density Recreation to an Environmentally Sensitive Area classification. The acreage consists of frequently flooded forested habitat immediately adjacent to Keystone Reservoir. The proposed reclassification more accurately defines the management objectives for this area, as it is limited to low impact recreational activities due to reoccurring flooding, and considered sensitive habitat. Additionally, the proposed action would meet regional goals associated with good stewardship of land and water resources, regional recreation goals, and would allow for continued use and development of project lands without violating national policies or public laws.

Comments, suggestions, and questions on the proposed repairs and additions can be mailed to the attention of Mr. Craig Hilburn, Wildlife Biologist, 700 W. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72201, or emailed to: David.C.Hilburn@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Morrow".

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Southwester Regional Planning and
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