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**Public Notice**  
**Open House Scoping Meeting and 30-Day Comment Period**  
**Optima Lake Disposition Study, Texas County, Oklahoma**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District (USACE), is investigating the potential disposition of Optima Lake, Texas County, Oklahoma. Optima Lake was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1936 and constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers beginning in 1966. The structure stretches approximately 15,000 feet across the North Canadian (Beaver) River. Authorized project features of Optima Lake being investigated include the earthen embankment, spillway, outlet works, and administration and maintenance building situated on approximately 13,247 acres of Government-owned land. Currently, authorized purposes for Optima Lake include flood control, water supply, recreation, and fish and wildlife.

The USACE is preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document to disclose the potential adverse and beneficial impacts of disposition of these features, as well as the effects of continuous operation and maintenance of Optima Lake or portions of the project under different project purposes or leases with other Federal agencies and non-Federal entities who may be suited to take over operations and maintenance responsibilities.

Our office would like to solicit any input you may have on the study area, current list of alternatives, and any alternatives you would like to see evaluated to assist us as we progress through the NEPA process. A 30-day public comment period on the Optima Lake Disposition Study will begin October 3 and end November 1, 2022. We invite you to attend the open house public scoping meeting at the Texas County Activity Center (402 N Sunset Lane, Guymon, OK 73942) on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Information provided at the open house public scoping meeting will also be available online starting October 3, 2022 at the following links.

<https://www.swt.usace.army.mil/> <https://www.youtube.com/user/usacetulsa>

Comments must be submitted in writing and can be given to USACE staff at the open house public scoping meeting, mailed to Ms. Elizabeth Knapp, Biologist, Regional Planning and Environmental Center, P.O. Box 17300, Room 3A12, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300, or emailed to [Elizabeth.J.Knapp@usace.army.mil](mailto:Elizabeth.J.Knapp@usace.army.mil).

We look forward to receiving your comments as we move forward. Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Brandon Wadlington* on behalf of

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