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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

Shoreline Management Plan for Hartwell Lake Georgia and South Carolina

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Savannah District, has conducted an environmental analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. USACE has assessed the effects of the following actions of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), dated November 2020, for Hartwell Lake. The recommended plan consisted of the following:

The proposed action consists of an updated SMP for Hartwell Lake. The updated SMP was developed in accordance with the criteria outlined within the USACE shoreline management regulation ER 1130-2-406 to meet Hartwell's shoreline management goals and responsibilities while protecting the natural environment. A majority of the 2007 SMP will remain unchanged with the proposed SMP.

USACE has assessed the impacts of the proposed action on important resources. The following resources would not be adversely affected by the selected plan: Geology; Topography and Soils; Floodplains; Surface Hydrology; Water Quality; Air Quality; Noise; Hazardous and Toxic Waste; Fish and Wildlife; Wetlands; Environmental Justice; Protection of Children; Recreation, and Threatened and Endangered Species.

The proposed action has been coordinated with the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies, as well as, businesses, organizations, and individuals through distribution of a draft EA and Finding of No Significant Impact in April 2019 for a 30-day review and comment period. In addition, these documents were posted on the Savannah District website. Two comments were received on the EA from the Catawba Indian Nation and Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and 145 comments were received on the SMP from individuals and property owners.

All applicable laws, executive orders, regulations, and local government plans were considered in the evaluation of the alternatives. It is my determination that the recommended plan does not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the human environment; therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

02 November 2020
Date

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Daniel H. Hibner, PMP
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding