



January 18, 2010

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RE: Lake Martin MIG 4 Comments (Project 349-150)

Dear Jim:

Pursuant to your request of December 11, 2009, for comments concerning your draft document (MIG 4 – Shoreline Management Program), the Lake Martin Home Owners and Boat Owners Association (HOBOS), Inc, would like to address the following issues:

1. During MIG meetings the HOBOS have mentioned several times the need for Alabama Power Company (APCo) to take a more active role in keeping its property clean, particularly the islands and other primitive camping areas. While it is certainly beneficial for campers to be able to use project lands for primitive camping, it remains APCo's responsibility to all stakeholders to periodically remove garbage and debris, especially from the islands.

Ideally, visitors should remove their own trash. APCo should develop a program to inform visitors of their responsibilities to help keep the lake clean by removing all their trash. Signs on the camping sites would help educate the visitors. The *Renew Our Rivers* advertising campaign relies on stakeholder volunteers for an annual cleanup of a small area, but is inadequate for an area as large as Lake Martin.

APCo should institute a policy of cleaning all primitive camping sites at least twice a year. This could be accomplished with APCo employees or contract cleaning crews, at minimal expense.

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2. In paragraph 3.2 of the draft document the subject of causeways is discussed. The effort to eliminate the building of causeways will be applauded by practically all stakeholders; however, the use of bridges to reach islands is not discussed and it appears that an option of using a bridge in lieu of a causeway is left open for discussion by APCo. The HOBOS request that the building of bridges be restricted to governmental agencies. This policy should be included in paragraph 3.2.
3. The Martin Proposed Shoreline Classifications map dated June 10, 2009, is acceptable to the HOBOS. If revisions have been made or if revisions are planned to this map, review of the changes will be required.

The HOBOS appreciate the opportunity afforded by Alabama Power and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to participate in this relicensing of Martin Dam process.

FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS;

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