

Hello BCLP friends,

We haven't had much news to report on the progress of the Feasibility Study. Importantly, no decision from the Corps of Engineers does NOT mean they have dropped the proposal. The Study is ongoing.

Here is the latest from the Corps: Updating site hydrology has taken longer than anticipated due to the technical review process. They plan to analyze potential reallocation alternatives in early June and expect to have meaningful information for an update by mid to late summer. We also inquired into the format for the next/second Public Scoping Meeting. A hybrid meeting would probably be best so people can attend in-person or remotely. The agencies seem open to accommodating that.

If you haven't submitted a comment to the Corps, please consider doing so now as they are preparing to analyze reallocation alternatives. Information and tips on sending a comment are here: <https://savebearcreeklakepark.org/take-action/>. Alternatives presented at the first Public Scoping Meeting in 2021 ranged from No Change on the site to adding a 20,000 acre feet (AF) Water Storage component to the reservoir. The current operating pool is approximately 2,000 acre feet and the rest of the reservoir's capacity is reserved for Flood Control. For those of you who are new to the cause, those additional 20,000 AF would inundate over 500 acres of the Park, including over a mile of Bear and Turkey Creeks.

We were pleased to see so much interest during our presentations at the Lakewood Cultural Center (standing room only for the first one and a good showing for the second one).

Awareness of the issue continues to spread. We hosted and recorded another presentation in Morrison on February 29th. A video captures the 40 minute presentation followed by 20 minutes of Q&A. It brings images, data, and explanations together in describing a complex issue. Please feel free to forward this email to others who might be interested in viewing the video. Here is a link: <https://youtu.be/t4saGjNZp8o>

I will be out of town and mostly away from email from May 12-24th.

Late spring is such a beautiful and vibrant time in the Park. Enjoy!