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“*The Boone Dam Weekly Update*” is published each week to help keep TVA’s stakeholders informed on the activities associated with repairing the earthen embankment at Boone Dam. These updates and other information are available at TVA’s website: [Boone Repair](#) and via email distribution.



Meet Your New Neighbors: Boone Dam’s Onsite Project Leaders

This week we continue our introductions of the Boone Dam Project team comprised of Keith McMillion, project director; Sam Vinson, project manager; and Kevin Holbrook, construction manager. Our focus this week is on Sam Vinson.

Left to right: Kevin Holbrook, Keith McMillion, and Sam Vinson

Sam, a professional geologist, joined TVA’s Dam Safety group in 2013. His vast experience includes work on several U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ dams including Wolf Creek and Center Hill; group leader/senior geologist for Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. located in Nashville and geotechnical group leader for Tuscaloosa Testing Laboratory. While at TVA, he has served as project manager for the stability assessments of 18 dams and worked on the permanent dam safety modifications at Cherokee, Douglas, Tellico and Fort Loudoun Dams. Sam holds a bachelor’s degree in geology from Western Kentucky University and a master’s degree in geology from Vanderbilt University. He is married with children and recently relocated to Johnson City.

Construction Update

Despite frequent rain delays, work continues on lowering the crest of Boone Dam’s earthen embankment by 10 feet. This will provide a wider platform for the project’s drilling and grouting work.



A Thousand Eyes: TVA's Volunteer Site Stewardship Program



TVA archaeologist Ted Wells leads a site stewardship training session on Boone Reservoir.

TVA is responsible for protecting thousands of archaeological sites on its lands across the seven-state Tennessee Valley region. To help protect these valuable cultural resources from erosion, vandalism, and looting, TVA has initiated a volunteer site stewardship program called "A Thousand Eyes." This past weekend at Gray, Tenn., 14 community members participated in training to be part of the Thousand Eyes program. The training consisted of a day in the classroom learning about archaeology, regional cultural history and federal preservation laws. The classroom effort was followed with fieldwork to learn how to detect damage at an archaeological site. With many archaeological sites being exposed on Boone Reservoir due to the drawdown, it is important to have as many eyes as possible to ensure that these significant resources are protected.

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