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TVA JOHN SEVIER BOAT RAMP
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Categorical Exclusion Checklist for Proposed TVA Actions

Categorical Exclusion Number Claimed 23	Organization ID Number	Tracking Number <i>(NEPA Administration Use Only)</i> 36510
Form Preparer Bill Roddy	Project Initiator/Manager Shannon E Bennett	Business Unit Generation Construction - CCP Projs & Eng
Project Title Boat Ramp		Hydrologic Unit Code
Description of Proposed Action <i>(Include Anticipated Dates of Implementation)</i> For Proposed Action See Attachments and References		<input type="checkbox"/> Continued on Page 3 <i>(if more than one line)</i>
Initiating TVA Facility or Office John Sevier Fossil Plant		TVA Business Units Involved in Project
Location <i>(City, County, State)</i> TN, Boat Ramp - See attached		

Parts 1 through 4 verify that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this action:

Part 1. Project Characteristics

Is there evidence that the proposed action...	No	Yes	Commitment	Information Source for Insignificance
1.Is major in scope?	X			Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
2.Is part of a larger project proposal involving other TVA actions or other federal agencies?	X			Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
* 3.Involves non-routine mitigation to avoid adverse impacts ?	X		No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
4.Is opposed by another federal, state, or local government agency?	X			Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
* 5.Has environmental effects which are controversial?	X			Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
* 6.Is one of many actions that will affect the same resources?	X			Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
7.Involves more than minor amount of land?	X			Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017

*If "yes" is marked for any of the above boxes, consult with NEPA Administration on the suitability of this project for a categorical exclusion.

Part 2. Natural and Cultural Features Affected

Would the proposed action...	No	Yes	Permit	Commitment	Information Source for Insignificance
1.Potentially affect endangered, threatened, or special status species?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
2.Potentially affect historic structures, historic sites, Native American religious or cultural properties, or archaeological sites?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
3.Potentially take prime or unique farmland out of production?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
4.Potentially affect Wild and Scenic Rivers or their tributaries?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
5.Potentially affect a stream on the Nationwide Rivers Inventory?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
6.Potentially affect wetlands?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
7.Potentially affect water flow, stream banks or stream channels?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 05/26/2017
8.Potentially affect the 100-year floodplain?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 05/26/2017
9.Potentially affect ecologically critical areas, federal, state, or local park lands, national or state forests, wilderness areas, scenic areas, wildlife management areas, recreational areas, greenways, or trails?		X	No	No	For comments see attachments
10.Contribute to the spread of exotic or invasive species?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 05/26/2017
11.Potentially affect migratory bird populations?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
12.Involve water withdrawal of a magnitude that may affect aquatic life or involve interbasin transfer of water?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
13.Potentially affect surface water?		X	No	No	For comments see attachments
14.Potentially affect drinking water supply?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
15.Potentially affect groundwater?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
16.Potentially affect unique or important terrestrial habitat?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
17.Potentially affect unique or important aquatic habitat?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017

Part 3. Potential Pollutant Generation

Would the proposed action potentially (including accidental or unplanned)...	No	Yes	Permit	Commitment	Information Source for Insignificance
1.Release air pollutants?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
2.Generate water pollutants?		X	No	No	For comments see attachments
3.Generate wastewater streams?	X		No	No	Love, Bradley 03/27/2017
4.Cause soil erosion?		X	No	No	For comments see attachments
5.Discharge dredged or fill materials?		X	Yes	No	For comments see attachments
6.Generate large amounts of solid waste or waste not ordinarily generated?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
7.Generate or release hazardous waste (RCRA)?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
8.Generate or release universal or special waste, or used oil?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
9.Generate or release toxic substances (CERCLA, TSCA)?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
10.Involve materials such as PCBs, solvents, asbestos, sandblasting material, mercury, lead, or paints?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
11.Involve disturbance of pre-existing contamination?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
12.Generate noise levels with off-site impacts?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
13.Generate odor with off-site impacts?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
14.Produce light which causes disturbance?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
15.Release of radioactive materials?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
16.Involve underground or above-ground storage tanks or bulk storage?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
17.Involve materials that require special handling?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017

Part 4. Social and Economic Effects

Would the proposed action...	No	Yes	Permit	Commitment	Information Source for Insignificance
1.Potentially cause public health effects?	X			No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
2.Increase the potential for accidents affecting the public?	X			No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
3.Cause the displacement or relocation of businesses, residences, cemeteries, or farms?	X			No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
4.Contrast with existing land use, or potentially affect resources described as unique or significant in a federal, state, or local plan?	X			No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
5.Disproportionately affect minority or low-income populations?	X			No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
6.Involve genetically engineered organisms or materials?	X			No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
7.Produce visual contrast or visual discord?	X			No	Roddy, Bill 05/26/2017
8.Potentially interfere with recreational or educational uses?	X			No	For comments see attachments
9.Potentially interfere with river or other navigation?	X		No	No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
10.Potentially generate highway or railroad traffic problems?	X			No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017

Part 5. Other Environmental Compliance/Reporting Issues

Would the proposed action...	No	Yes	Commitment	Information Source for Insignificance
1.Release or otherwise use substances on the Toxic Release Inventory list?	X		No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
2.Involve a structure taller than 200 feet above ground level?	X		No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
3.Involve site-specific chemical traffic control?	X		No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
4.Require a site-specific emergency notification process?	X		No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
5.Cause a modification to an existing environmental permit or to existing equipment with an environmental permit or involve the installation of new equipment/systems that will require a permit?	X		No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
6.Potentially impact operation of the river system or require special water elevations or flow conditions??	X		No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017
7.Involve construction or lease of a new building or demolition or renovation of existing building (i.e. major changes to lighting, HVAC, and/or structural elements of building of 1000 sq. ft. or more)?	X		No	Roddy, Bill 03/20/2017

Parts 1 through 4: If "yes" is checked, describe in the discussion section following this form why the effect is insignificant. Attach any conditions or commitments which will ensure insignificant impacts. Use of non-routine commitments to avoid significance is an indication that consultation with NEPA Administration is needed.

An ☐ EA or ☐ EIS Will be prepared.

Based upon my review of environmental impacts, the discussion attached, and/or consultations with NEPA Administration, I have determined that the above action does not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment and that no extraordinary circumstances exist. Therefore, this proposal qualifies for a categorical exclusion under Section 5.2. 23 of TVA NEPA Procedures.

Project Initiator/Manager Shannon E Bennett	Date 05/26/2017
TVA Organization FPG	E-mail sebennet@tva.gov
	Telephone

Environmental Concurrence Reviewer

Bill Roddy 05/26/2017

Signature

Preparer Closure

Bill Roddy 05/26/17

Signature

Other Environmental Concurrence Signatures (as required by your organization)

Signature

Signature

Signature

Signature

Other Review Signatures (as required by your organization)

Bill Roddy 05/26/2017

Signature

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Attachments/References

Description of Proposed Action Continued from Page 1

TVA's proposed action is to refurbish and reopen access to the boat ramp at the John Sevier Gas Plant at 611 OLD HWY 70 S, Rogersville, TN 37857-5401. Access was closed to the boat ramp in 2015 when the coal plant ceased operations and the site was undergoing closure and decommissioning. TVA would replace and repair parking areas as needed. A kiosk would be reinstalled on a new concrete pad. The project area would be graded as necessary for proper drainage, and some graveled areas would be replaced with topsoil and grass. To enhance the use of the area for the public, TVA plans to maintain six picnic tables and four trash cans. New fences with gates will be installed where necessary for public safety and protection of TVA's facilities at John Sevier. TVA held a 30-day comment period to solicit public input on the proposed action to reopen the boat ramp. Appendix A provides details about the comments that were received as well as TVA's response to those comments.

CEC General Comment Listing

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|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 1. | Scope | | |
| | By: Bill Roddy | 03/20/2017 | |
| | Files: JSFBoatRampScope.docx | 03/20/2017 | 16.38 Bytes |
| 2. | Aerial | | |
| | By: Bill Roddy | 03/20/2017 | |
| | Files: JSFBoatRampAerial.pptx | 03/20/2017 | 934.99 Bytes |
| 3. | Public Comment with Responses | | |
| | By: Bill Roddy | 05/26/2017 | |
| | Files: JSF Boat Ramp-Appendix A-Public Comments and Responses.pdf | 05/26/2017 | 2,737.99 Bytes |

CEC Comment Listing

Part 2 Comments

- | | | |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 9. | Because this facility is the only public boat launching ramp that provides access to the uppermost section of Cherokee Reservoir, re-opening will significantly enhance recreational boating opportunities in this area. | |
| | By: Robert A Marker | 05/24/2017 |
| 13. | See Part 3. | |
| | By: Bradley Love | 03/27/2017 |

Part 3 Comments

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| 2. | The project may include construction which will result in earth disturbing activities. Construction best management practices and erosion prevention and sediment control measures should be implemented in accordance with the TN Erosion Control Handbook in order to minimize potential impacts caused by sediment leaving the construction site. If the project will result in greater and 1 acre of earth disturbance then a construction stormwater permit is required. | |
| | By: Bradley Love | 03/27/2017 |
| 4. | The project may include construction which will result in earth disturbing activities. Construction best management practices and erosion prevention and sediment control measures should be implemented in accordance with the TN Erosion Control Handbook in order to minimize potential impacts caused by sediment leaving the construction site. If the project will result in greater and 1 acre of earth disturbance then a construction stormwater permit is required. | |
| | By: Bradley Love | 03/27/2017 |
| 5. | Maintenance to the boat ramp or sidewalk in the vicinity of the Holston River may require an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (401) or permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers (404). Activities along the bank adjacent to the boat ramp which include dredging or placement of fill material should be reviewed for potential permitting requirements prior to construction. | |
| | By: Bradley Love | 03/27/2017 |

Part 4 Comments

8. Temporary closure of this recreation facility suspended recreational boating access to the section of Cherokee Reservoir located between a shoals that spans the Holston River at mile 104.8 and John Sevier Detention Dam. In the past this facility has been used to gain boat access to these waters, primarily to engage in boat fishing. Re opening will restore the substantial public recreation opportunities and associated benefits this facility has provided in the past.

Closure of the bank fishing walkway along the old fossil plant discharge channel will reduce bank fishing access to the waters immediately below the detention dam. However, some informal bank fishing opportunities will continue to be available in the general vicinity including a walk-in area located on the north bank just above the shoals and at an informal bank fishing area with parking accommodations at the US Highway 70 bridge crossing near river mile 103.

By: Robert A Marker

05/24/2017

CEC Permit Listing

Part 3 Permits

5. State Water Quality Certification (¿401 Clean Water Act)

By: Bradley Love

03/27/2017

5. Section 404 Permit (¿404 Clean Water Act)

By: Bradley Love

03/27/2017

CEC Commitment Listing

Appendix A – Public Comments Received for the TVA John Sevier Boat Ramp

TVA is considering refurbishing and reopening access to the boat ramp at the John Sevier Gas Plant at 611 OLD HWY 70 S, Rogersville, TN 37857-5401. Access was closed to the boat ramp in 2015 when the coal plant ceased operations and the site was undergoing closure and decommissioning. A popular fishing site, TVA has received numerous requests to reopen the area.

TVA held a 30-day comment period to solicit public input on the proposed action to reopen the boat ramp. The notice for public comment was posted on TVA's website and TVA reached out to members of the public who had shown previous interest in the project. Notices were sent to several media outlets including *the Rogersville Review*, *Kingsport Times*, *Johnson City Press*, *Johnson City News & Neighbor*, *Herald and Tribune*, *Greeneville Sun*, *Good Day Tri Cities*, *Elizabethton Star*, *Citizen Tribune*, *Bristol Herald Courier*, WJHL-TV, WCYB-TV, and WBEJ-AM.

The comment period opened on April 10, 2017, and closed on May 9, 2017. The public was asked to submit comments by email or mail. TVA received 34 responses which included a total of 116 signatures.

Comments were grouped into three common categories:

1. Please reopen the boat ramp at John Sevier.
2. Please reopen the boat ramp, pedestrian fishing access, and walking facilities at John Sevier.
3. Do not reopen the boat ramp at John Sevier.

TVA's responses to these comments are provided below. Copies of all the comments that were submitted are also provided.

Comment #1: Please reopen the boat ramp at John Sevier.

Response:

TVA's proposed action is to reopen the boat ramp facility at John Sevier. Thank you for your comment.

Comment #2: Please reopen the boat ramp, pedestrian fishing access, and walking facilities at John Sevier.

Response:

TVA's operating permit and safety and security concerns at the site require us to limit access to the coal ash storage areas. They are fenced but it reduces the space and activities allowed in this area. Only boat access will be allowed at the ramp and the campground will remain closed. Due to the discharge channel not having flowing water and permit requirements to limit access, the fishermen's walkway will not be reopened.

Comment #3: Please do not reopen the boat ramp at John Sevier. It could benefit the fishery as a whole for the fish to have the opportunity to spawn in the river without much disturbance from fisherman.

Response:

Following closure of the boat ramp in 2015, TVA made a commitment to consider reopening access to the fishing area following completion of construction activities at the fossil plant site. The Cherokee Reservoir Fishery has been studied since the 1970s. The most recent monitoring revealed a healthy, numerous collection of fish. This area has received an overall “good” reservoir fish assemblage rating for years with and without the boat ramp access. After careful consideration, TVA proposes to reopen access to the boat ramp and does not feel that this action will have a negative impact to fish in the area.

Public Comments Received for the John Sevier Boat Ramp
April 10, 2017 – May 9, 2017

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Kimberly Allison <pkallison02@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:36 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: Re: TVA - John Sevier Boat Ramp - Public Notice

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Dear Ashley,

My name is Paul Allison, thanks for the email regarding the reopening of the boat ramp at John Sevier. This is an important step to restore public access to fish waters enjoyed by the public for many years. However, I hope that TVA is still working toward reopening public access to the bank fishing up around the dam also. When this area closed in the summer of 2013, I collected over 3000 signatures on a petition to show the public's strong desire for this area to reopen as soon as it can once the demolition on the old plant site is done. I sent copies of the petition to TVA, as well as our local, state and federal politicians. Later that summer TVA met with us at the John Sevier site. I was there with other local parties and Bill Snodgrass from congressman Phil Roe's office. The meeting went well, and TVA told us that this closure should not be permanent. Not long after that TVA put me in touch with Jerry Fouse. That next spring I met with him and another man and we spent 2 or 3 hours driving and walking around the old plant site and fishing area around the dam, so they could see what options we might have to reopen this area to those of us that don't have boats and can only fish from the shore. I have stayed in touch with Jerry over the past 3 years and I know that they have submitted a proposal that would allow the public access to this area once again, (after the demolition work is done on the old plant site), and that also takes into account all the safety concerns of TVA. If you would be so kind, could you get back to me with an update on this issue, because people are still asking me about this all the time. Thanks and God Bless.

Paul Allison

From: Farless, Ashley Robin <arfarless@tva.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 9:22 AM
To: 'pkallison02@hotmail.com'
Cc: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: TVA - John Sevier Boat Ramp - Public Notice

To Whom It May Concern:

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is seeking comment on a proposed action to refurbish and reopen access to the boat ramp at the John Sevier Gas Plant at 611 Old Highway 70S, Rogersville, TN, 37857-5401. Access was closed to the boat ramp in 2015 when the coal plant ceased operations and the site was undergoing remediation. A popular fishing site, TVA has received numerous requests to reopen the area.

TVA is interested in receiving comments on the proposed action to reopen the boat ramp. Any comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and will be available for public inspection. All written comments on this proposed action must be received on or before May 9, 2017. Comments may be mailed to the address below or emailed to arfarless@tva.gov.

Ashley Farless
NEPA Program & Valley Projects
Tennessee Valley Authority

as a former Employee of John Suen F. P.
and now a fulltime part time I see no
reason why the part Rump off the old
John Suen Board known by the old times
that John Suen as Pine Tree Bulb. can
not be required after the old plot is gone
put a gate + fence above the parking lot
and Rump + let the fulltime use the
Rump.

Thanks for letting me connect

Yang A. Oliver T.V.A. Retiree
159 Meadow View Rd
Bull Run Gap, Va.

423 - 235 - 2439 Home

423 - 258 - 5731 Cell

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: melville.bailey@hawkinscountymayor.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: RE: Boat Ramp and Dam Access

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

I talked with Paul. We would like to see foot traffic to the dam be considered along with boat ramp. Fishing is a local source of revenue for Hawkins and surrounding counties and many of our visitors and citizens do not have boats thus being denied access to fishing near the dam. We have a resolution from all 7 Hawkins County Commissioner Districts (21 commissioners total) requesting TVA to reopen closed areas. I will be glad to speak with anyone at the local, state, or federal levels. Paul has petition with 3,000 signatures.

From: Farless, Ashley Robin [<mailto:arfarless@tva.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:54 PM
To: melville.bailey@hawkinscountymayor.com
Subject: RE: Boat Ramp and Dam Access

I think you might be thinking about Mr. Paul Allison. We have received a comment from him and he has been in touch with TVA on several occasions concerning the area. Please feel free to send me any information that you have.

Ashley R. Farless, PE, AICP
NEPA Program & Valley Projects
Tennessee Valley Authority
1101 Market Street, BR4A
Chattanooga, TN 37402
Office: 423.751.2361
Cell: 423.443.7169

From: melville.bailey@hawkinscountymayor.com [<mailto:melville.bailey@hawkinscountymayor.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: Boat Ramp and Dam Access

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

We have several citizens who are more than interested. One of our citizens had a petition with several hundred??? Signatures and addresses asking TVA NOT CLOSE ACCESS TO DAM!!!! I will see if I can find him. Congressman Roe's Office might have copy.

April 13, 2017

TVA

400 W Summit Hill Dr
Knoxville, TN 37902-1499

To Whom It May Concern:

This purpose of this letter is to comment on the proposal to refurbish and reopen access to the John Sevier Boat Ramp boat ramp.

I strongly suggest that if you reopen the boat ramp you also allow fishing from the shoreline. Residents who do not have boats should not be excluded from fishing. A fishing license should allow you to fish in all designated areas, and not be disadvantaged if you have less ability to own a boat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, *James Richard Bailey*

*James R Bailey
972 Lee Valley Rd.
Whiteburg Tn 37891*

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Phil Brown <deadeyedick1958@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 8:19 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: TVA John Sevier Boat Ramp

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

I think TVA should reopen the John Sevier Boat Ramp because it is one of the best fishing places in East Tenn. With out the boat ramp it is off limits to fishing for at least 6 months out of the year. I bought a jet boat just to get up there in the Fall and Winter and it is still to dangerous because of knocking a hole in your boat. If the ramp was open year round it would be a lot safer getting up there. I always thought TVA was for the people and this is one way they could prove it. Fisherman in East Tenn. pay the same for license as Middle and West Tenn. but we already don't have near as many boat ramps or as nice a ones as they do and now we have one less with this one closed. Please do the right thing and open the ramp back up to the public.

Thanks,
Phillip Brown
232 Clifford Price Loop
Mooreburg, Tn. 37811

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: CLINTON DAVIS <davis8033@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 10:16 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: John Sevier boat ramp.

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

I am pleased to hear that TVA is considering reopening the boat ramp at John Sevier. It has been a greatly used facility for many decades and has been missed by myself and many of my fishing friends and family since it was closed. I personally know many fisherman that have been coming to Rogersville to fish at the dam from WEST VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY, VIRGINIA, and the CAROLINAS for the past 30years. These visitors are important to the economy of our county, as they visit all our business's, both large and small. The ability to reach the dam in early spring time has been very limited without the ramp, many of the people I know, myself included, cannot reach the dam until the lake level rises enough to cover the rocks and shoals that are below the ramp. With Spring providing us with some of the best fishing in Cherokee Lake and the Holston River, it is especially good at the dam and important to all the people who want to fish the dam. The ramp is also the only way to get to the dam in the months following the seasonal drawdown on Cherokee Lake, and was used all year by many. So please add me to the many people that have missed the ability to fish at the John Sevier Dam since the Ramp has been closed. Thank You, CLINTON DAVIS, 443FLORA FERRY RD. ROGERSVILLE, TN. 423-923-2267

To. Ashley Farless

NEPA Program & Valley Projects coordinator for TVA

I am writing to encourage the reopening of the John Sevier boat ramp. I have enjoyed fishing at the dam since 1969, but when the ramp was closed about 2 years ago, I have been unable to get there when the lake is at its winter draw down levels. Some of the best fishing happens during this low lake level. Please add my name and the names of my family to those that are also missing the use of the ramp.

Thank you,

Clinton
Linda
Brian
Kelley
Madison
Noah
Eli
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443 Flora Ferry Rd.
Rogersville, TN
423-272-9685

Bob Manis
Dave Manis
Jerry Stubblefield
James Cook

TVA JOHN SEVIER BOAT RAMP

This letter is in regards to letter I received. I would like to have the boat ramp fix and opened because I like fishing down there in the winter time. If you don't open the present ramp could you make a ramp across the river at the first old bridge. Anything you can do in order for people to fish there will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You
Gary Dawn
614 River Rd
Church Hill Tenn. 37642

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Jason Derrick <jsn_derrick@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 7:35 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: Reopen John Sevier Boat Ramp

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

To whom it my concern,

I'm writing to express my interest in reopening the TVA boat ramp at the John Sevier Steam Plant location. This was one of my first locations I was taken fishing by my father when I was young. It help me and many people I know grow in our love of fishing and provide us with food. This was and is still a favorite spot of local fishers, with this boat ramp being gone it removes a big section of the river that can not be accessed easily. It would be great to have this location available to everyone once and again. I ask you to please consider reopening the boat ramp at John Sevier. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Jason Derrick, EMT-P
jsn_derrick@yahoo.com

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Bobby Drinnon <drinnonbobby@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 6:00 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: TVA Boat Ramp Access

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

I would like to give my opinion on the possibility of reopening the Boat Ramp. Just today I was in my boat trying to get to my favorite fishing hole which just happens to be at the dam. I've been fishing there for close to 20 years now and I've been taking my son now for about 10 years. When the boat ramp closed it took about 75 percent of my year of fishing up there away. But back to today I was trying to get through the rock pile that runs from one side of the river downstream across the river to the old mill dam and there were lots of people on the bank which is great. I'm glad other people like to fish but there are always a few that will ruin your day. As we were trying to get through to go on up to the dam they started cussing me and casting their large topwater lures with multiple treble hooks at us. Luckily I didn't have my son with me today, I had my friend with me and we were lucky they missed us but they cast over my boat and tried to hit us. Someone is going to get hurt and this doesn't have to happen and what happened today would never have happened if the boat ramp had been open. I hope everyone understands all the problems the ramp being closed has caused and I hope you reopen it before someone gets hurt.

Thanks for listening,
Bobby Drinnon

4-13-2017

Dear Mrs. Henry,

Thanks for sending the letter considering the reopening of the John Sevier boat ramp.

The ramp is and was convenient to myself and many fishermen in this area. We would welcome the popular fishing site boat ramp being reopened.

DVA seems to always come up with the correct decisions that so many people enjoy.

Thanks for your concerns.

Sincerely,
Joe Eaton



Joe E Eaton
345 Woodland St
Church Hill, TN 37642-3839

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: fieldsr@charter.net
Sent: Saturday, May 06, 2017 1:27 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: John Sevier Boat Ramp and Walking Track

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

I am not a boat enthusiast but I am an advocate of physical fitness. Therefore I am writing to ask that the walking track at the John Sevier facility be upgraded and opened to the public. Numerous families in this immediate area utilized the track before it closed. It was a safe place to walk and enjoy the numerous water fowl that happened along the river bank. A paved track would be so much better and less upkeep, I believe, as the track had to be constantly sprayed for weeds. Please seriously consider this as a great community enhancement. Walking the roadside through this community has become very dangerous due to the increased number of large trucks making their way to the facility. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our concerns about this matter.

Rita Fields 284 Old Persia Rd. Rogersville, TN.

Ashley Farless

NEPA Compliance Specialist

1101 Market Street, Br 4A

Chattanooga, Tn. 37402

Many thanks for consideration of John Sevier Boat Ramp reopening.

Generations of area sportsmen have enjoyed wonderful memories at this site. Long held as the Holy Grail for the white bass & walleye run. Countless youngsters have honed their angling skills here. Hopefully many more will be able to do also.

Again, thanks for your proposal.

Regards, Denver H. Ford II

4/18/17

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. H. Ford II", written in a cursive style.

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: nilaf369@charter.net
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: boat ramp

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Clay Fugate; 5283 Highway 66 North; Rogersville, Tn. 37857 423-272-2044 or work 423-272-7697 (M, T, Th, F 9-4)

This is in response to the request for comment published in the Rogersville Review April 12, 2017. Please strongly consider reopening the boat access at the John Sevier Gas Plant. Many local and visiting fishermen would use this access. In addition, when visiting fishermen frequent the area, they spend money for other things, such as gas, food, accommodations, etc. They also visit other attractions in our area. This would be a GOOD thing for us. Also, I have noticed in other area of our state, money has been spent on nice accesses. It seems other areas of our state get more attention than east Tn. Thank you for reading my input.

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: monica templeton <monicakaytempleton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: Comment for Boat Ramp

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Dear Ashley Farless,

I read in The Rogersville Review about the Re- Opening of the Boat Ramp. I would like to give my comment, First of all the one on John Sevier side should be open asap for the fisherman because we have no access to put a boat in because the closes one is down at Melinda Ferry. I would love to see one also put near the bridge of damp they had talked about it earlier but not seen anything done. If there was access to both sides it would help not on ly the fisherman but the Emergency crews in case there was a boating accidenct or maybe drowning. Week a so ago there was a boat stuck in the middle it took a while for the EMS to even get out to it because of no close access. I am a citizen here in Rogersville and I am speaking for numerous people that would love to see in the near future a ramp on both sides. Thank you so much

Richard Gilliam

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: J.R. Henard <luredaddy16@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 6:51 AM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: John Sevier Boat Ramp

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I would like to see the boat ramp remain closed & I used it a lot. Anglers still have access to that water approx 5 months (the warm months) per year with an outboard with a prop (12 months with a jet motor). I think it could benefit the fishery as a whole due to a lot of fish having the opportunity to spawn in the river without much disturbance of fisherman.

Thanks

J.R. Henard
[135 Henard Rd](#)
[Rogersville, TN 37857](#)

Sent from my iPhone

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Landon Justice <landonj95@mail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: TVA boat dock Rogersville

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

I would like for tva to re-open the boat dock. I also would like to have access to the "Sloosh" as we called it. Thanks.

Landon Justice

Bob and Patti Kramer
260 Holston View Drive
Rogersville, TN 37857
PH: 423 293 0464
April 11, 2017

NEPA Compliance Specialist
1101 Market Street, BR 4A
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Dear Ashley Farless,

It has come to my attention that the TVA is seeking comment on a proposed action to **refurbish and reopen access to the boat ramp at the John Sevier Gas Plant at 611 Old Hwy 70 S, Rogersville, TN.**

We **wholeheartedly support** the refurbishing and re-opening of this popular boat ramp and fishing site. We moved to Rogersville in the fall of 2014 in large part because of Lake Cherokee. We live near the John Sevier Gas Plant and used the boat ramp up until it closed in 2015. We were so disappointed to hear there were no plans to re-open. We also used the walking trail for family walks with our dogs.

Living at 260 Holston View Drive means that the John Sevier Gas Plant boat ramp is by far the closest for us, and without it, we have to trailer our boats to the other side of Rogersville to get them in and out of the lake.

We are still just learning the ins and outs of fishing on Lake Cherokee, but will also use the fishing site for ourselves and our grandchildren when they are here to visit.

In conclusion, when the John Sevier Gas Plant boat ramp and park was open, we used it frequently, and **we support the refurbishing and reopening of this ramp/fishing hole/park wholeheartedly.**

Thank you,

Bob & Patti Kramer



McCloud Missionary Baptist Church

1103 Old State HWY 70 South
Rogersville, Tennessee 37857

04/25/2017

To Whom It May Concern:

McCloud Missionary Baptist Church requests that access to the boat ramp at the John Sevier Gas Plant, Rogersville, TN be reopened. In addition to being a popular fishing site, this was also the location we held our baptisms. Reopening this access point will benefit our church, its members, and the surrounding communities.

Attached you will find the names and addresses of those supporting these efforts. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Rick Laster
McCloud Missionary Baptist Church
1103 Old State HWY 70 South
Rogersville, TN 37857



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Betty Laster 1485 Hwy 66 Bulls Gap, TN.
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Randy & Frankie Eidson 311 Ely Rd Bulls Gap, TN 37711
Norella Eidson 336 Pines Grove Rd, Rogersville, TN 37857
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Emma Simerly 321 Easy St Bulls Gap TN.
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Josh & Allison Mowell 148 Locke Rd Rogersville, TN 37857
Lindsey Hays 122 Lakeview Circle Rog., TN 37857
CJ and Brandi Whitt 218 Morningside Dr. Rogersville, TN 37857
Daryl & Kim Steele 751 Thorps Chapel RD Rogersville TN 37857
John & Teresa Whitaker 1035 Petersburg Rd. Rogersville TN 37857
Amber & Mike Barnes 2122 Barnett Hollow Rd. Bulls Gap, TN 37711



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Chris, Kim, Kirsten + Keeli 269 Taylor Ln, Rogersville, TN 37857

Michael, MaryBeth, McKenley + Gibson Maris 488 Heck Hollow Rd, Roge

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: John Owens <b8caster1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 5:46 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: Opening the boat ramp at John Sevier Steam Plant

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The fishing is good at the plant most of the time but only jet boats can access the area now. Would love to see the ramp reopened as well as the campground lots of campers means money for the area as well. Thanks

To Whome it May Concerns
At TWA

My name is Jerry W. Price
I've lived in Rogersville
all my life (71 years) I've
fished at TWA John Sevier Dam
since I was 14 years old
I miss access to boat
ramp and would love to
see it reopen. My retirement
would be more enjoyable if
access was made available
again. Can't compete with
jet drive boats w/out
ramp. THANKS



JERRY W. PRICE
459 HICKORY COVE RD.
ROGERSVILLE, TENN 37857

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Farless, Ashley Robin

From: luvmyhorsejug@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:31 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: TVA John Sevier Boat Ramp

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Dear Ms. Farless

I was so glad to receive info from TVA that public comment was being requested regarding opening the boat ramp once again.

I am from Bristol, Va. originally and grew up enjoying South Holston Lake and also fishing in the North Fork of the Holston River. My Daddy loved to fish for Crappie and I can remember many days on the lake fishing with him in his little aluminum boat. I moved to Hawkins County a few years ago and was introduced to fishing at the Steam Plant and was immediately "hooked"!!

I am not a very good fisherwoman but I try and have learned a little thru the years and I have to say one of the best days fishing that I ever experienced was in the Holston River there at John Sevier boat ramp. That day I caught more fish and more different kinds of fish in one day than I had ever caught before. I am 61 years old and disabled and this was such a thrill for me. I was so looking forward to the next Spring and fishing there again. You can imagine how devastated I was to learn that the ramp had been closed.

I want to express now that I am fully in agreement that the ramp needs to be reopened. I know many others who enjoy fishing the river in this area also. Not only is the fishing good but the surrounding natural resources are beautiful and on any given day you can enjoy watching wildlife such as deer and eagles.

Please reopen this ramp.

Thank you so much for contacting me and I hope to hear from you that the ramp will be reopened soon.

Darlene Sexton
353 Dunkard Church Rd.
Rogersville, Tn. 37857

Phone 423-357-4110

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Charles Sharits <csharits@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 8:43 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: John Sevier Boat Ramp

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Ashley:

This would be a great asset to our community. I know that is was a big disappointment to us when it was closed. The boat ramp serves a lot of people, as a favorite family fishing

designation. There is not a place to launch your boat now due to the shallow water at the bridge. I worked as a Unit Operator at John Sevier Fossil Plant, and know what a benefit it for local and visiting fishermen. This will be a good outreach and goodwill for TVA, while serving our town and county with a much needed boating area.

Thank You

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Charles D Sharits
Broker
Crye-Leike Realtors of Rogersville
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Office 423-272-5050
csharits@gmail.com

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Bob Simpson <walleyebob01@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:08 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: TVA John Sevier Boat Ramp Public Notice

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Dear Ashley,

I received notification from TVA yesterday regarding public comment on propped action to refurbish and reopen access to the boat ramp at the John Sevier Gas Plant in Rogersville, Tn.

I have fished this area for years and would like to express my opinion by saying that this boat ramp definitely needs to be reopened to the public. Many people, not just from our area but from other states also, look forward each Spring to using the ramp and fishing the Holston River. This river and the surrounding natural resources are one of the reasons that people enjoy the area so much. There are an abundance of many different species of fish in the river and this makes it exceptionally attractive to fishermen and fisherwomen.

Since the boat ramp was closed in 2015 I have spoken, at great length, with many of my friends and fellow fishermen and all feel as I do that the ramp needs to be reopened. I have fished other local lakes this Spring and was on Cherokee Lake just this past Sunday and speaking with a gentleman, that I did not know, who was fishing from the bank at Melinda's Ferry. Of course, fishing at the "Steam Plant", as everyone refers to it, was brought up in conversation. Fish tales were exchanged but the main theme of the conversation was how much the boat ramp access was missed and how much we need it back.

I certainly appreciate you contacting me regarding this issue and I hope that our next correspondence will include a verification that the boat ramp will be refurbished and reopened.

I hope my input will help TVA make a favorable decision and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Bob Simpson
353 Dunkard Church Rd.
Rogersville, TN 37857

Phone 423-357-4110

4-12-17

Dear Ms. Farless, I've wanted to fish at the John Sevier Steam Plant for a couple of years now. My Papaw used to love fishing there and many family members before him. I would love the chance to experience fishing there for the first time. I'm sure I would be back several times, as I have heard that it is a great spot to fish. I would be the fifth generation to fish there, in my family. I, and many members of my family would love it if the boat ramp could be reopened. Thank you!

Brandon Simpson

875 Mountain view road
Rogersville TN. 37857

P.S I am 15 years old and have my fishing licence and pole ready to go!

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Joe Simpson <jn9simpson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 9:56 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: Boat ramp at steam plant rogersville

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

I am sending email to voice my concern over boat ramp in rogersville at TVA steam plant location.. I would love to see boat ramp opened back up for public use do to great fishery n easy access... we as fisherman love to fish that area for many species. Walleye and stripe is a must during spring time and late winter.. I believe if opened back up many people would respect the location and property around the area.. thank you for letting me voice my concern.. Joe Simpson..

Sent from my iPhone

April 20, 2017

We are in favor of reopening the
boat ramp at John Sevier. We don't
have a boat, but we enjoyed using
the walking track. We were
there most days if weather permitted.
It is a beautiful spot and needs
to be enjoyed by the public.

David and Teresa Stanton

639 Old Persia Rd.

Rogersville, TN. 37857

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: H Wayne starnes <wjstar@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: Boat ramp

Categories: Green Category

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I would like to see the boat ramp the John Sevier Steam Plant open to the public and the fishing area open again.

Thanks
Wayne Starnes

April 13, 2017

TVA

400 W Summit Hill Dr
Knoxville, TN 37902-1499

To Whom It May Concern:

This purpose of this letter is to comment on the proposal to refurbish and reopen access to the John Sevier Boat Ramp boat ramp.

I strongly suggest that if you reopen the boat ramp you also allow fishing from the shoreline. Residents who do not have boats should not be excluded from fishing. A fishing license should allow you to fish in all designated areas, and not be disadvantaged if you have less ability to own a boat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Stevens". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Patricia Stevens
5100 Hwy 66 N
Rogersville 37857

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Jennifer <jenn1sullivan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 6:37 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: John Sevier boat ramp

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Please help see that the John Sevier Boat Ramp is reopened. I have fished here many years and enjoy the the great fishing this area provides there is nothing else like it anywhere. Many great memories. Anyone that fishes there have always taken care of the area and have no need go any further on TVA property just fence it back off at least to boat ramp so we have access. Thank You Jimmie Sullivan Rogersville TN 37857

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Trent, Wesley (US) <wesley.trent@baesystems.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 5:51 AM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: RE: TVA - John Sevier Boat Ramp - Public Notice

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Either reopening this old ramp or building a new ramp needs to happen very soon. Reopening this existing ramp would be sufficient with a few improvements such as: adequate lighting for the ramp and parking area and a paved parking area.

Wesley S. Trent

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From: Farless, Ashley Robin [<mailto:arfarless@tva.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: TVA - John Sevier Boat Ramp - Public Notice

To Whom It May Concern:

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is seeking comment on a proposed action to refurbish and reopen access to the boat ramp at the John Sevier Gas Plant at 611 Old Highway 70S, Rogersville, TN, 37857-5401. Access was closed to the boat ramp in 2015 when the coal plant ceased operations and the site was undergoing remediation. A popular fishing site, TVA has received numerous requests to reopen the area.

TVA is interested in receiving comments on the proposed action to reopen the boat ramp. Any comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and will be available for public inspection. All written comments on this proposed action must be received on or before May 9, 2017. Comments may be mailed to the address below or emailed to arfarless@tva.gov.

Ashley Farless
NEPA Program & Valley Projects
Tennessee Valley Authority
1101 Market Street, BR4A
Chattanooga, TN 37402

Thank you.

April 13, 2017

TVA

400 W Summit Hill Dr
Knoxville, TN 37902-1499

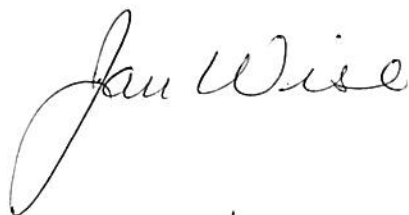
To Whom It May Concern:

This purpose of this letter is to comment on the proposal to refurbish and reopen access to the John Sevier Boat Ramp boat ramp.

I strongly suggest that if you reopen the boat ramp you also allow fishing from the shoreline. Residents who do not have boats should not be excluded from fishing. A fishing license should allow you to fish in all designated areas, and not be disadvantaged if you have less ability to own a boat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Wise". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the printed address.

Jan Wise
768 Lee Valley Rd
Whitesburg TN 37891

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: CHARITY WATERS <h2os76@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 07, 2017 1:47 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: Track at John Seiver Gas Plant

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity to share my opinion on the TVA track. We used the track often when it was open. It's very convenient and a safe family area. We take our son with us to walk and he can run and play making it a great family time. The track is very convenient for us being in our community and also for others who I know enjoy the track as well. Thank you again! Charity Water 106 Greenwood St. Rogersville, TN.

Farless, Ashley Robin

From: Beth Bryan <babryan8@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Farless, Ashley Robin
Subject: TVA Boat Ramp

TVA External Message. Please use caution when opening.

Please reopen the boat ramp and walking track. These were enjoyed by many people in the community. The track has been a great loss for our family as we went anywhere from 3 to 7 days each week. My children learned to run on the track at very early ages because we felt it was a safe place to take them. My son learned to ride his bicycle with out training wheels in the parking lot of the boat ramp. I have many pictures of my kids enjoying the walking track and boat ramp area. Both my children (ages 6 & 8) have since earned state records in running and it's because of us taking them to the track so much. My daughter actually cried when the track was closed, she was four years old at the time. She has earned four state records for various races since she was four. There is no other place like it! We loved the length of track and the view of the river while we ran. I really liked the gravel on the track because it was so easy on our joints. We have searched for alternative tracks and there is nothing comparable or close by for the people in the local community. My father-in-law continues running in the area on the main road (Old Hwy 70) which is very unsafe. Many people walk and run on the main road because there is no other place they can go. Surely TVA can provide this to our community to promote healthy lifestyles and give back to the local community. Please reopen this area to the public, we miss it terribly!

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Beth Bryan, D.Ph.
664 Prices Grove Rd
Rogersville, TN 37857



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