

Questions Received During the July 10, 2024, Webinar

Note: Due to a large number of overlapping questions and to ensure a clear response, TVA combined multiple questions of the same topic into one question and response. This should provide clear guidance for others with similar questions. If you have additional questions, please send them to landplans@tva.gov.

TVA is interested in receiving comments on potential changes to the Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management Plan (RLMP) and on the proposal's potential to affect the environment or historic properties. Any comments received, including names and addresses will become part of the administrative record and will be available for public inspection. Please see question 13 for instructions to submit a comment.

1. Will TVA considering opening new land (Zone 3 or 4) for new residential shoreline (reallocation to Zone 7 to allow for the permitting of private water-use facilities)?

Response: TVA could consider reallocation to Zone 7 where consistent with TVA's Land Policy. Examples of situations that could be considered for Zone 7 allocation are existing deeded access rights or a history of previously permitted facilities (i.e., grandfathered facilities) for a stretch of shoreline at TVA's discretion. As part of the routine land planning process, TVA will review deeds across the reservoir.

2. Will all grandfathered docks be addressed on the reservoir with updated language or will some existing grandfathered docks be removed?

Response: The current proposal is to update the language for any existing, properly documented grandfathered docks on the reservoir consistent with other TVA RLMPs.

3. Is the purpose of the Zone 6 expansions to look for new areas for marinas? Would a Zone 6 allocation be necessary to request a new marina?

Response: Consideration of additional Zone 6 parcels in the new land plan will be based on feedback from local government officials, community needs, and the ability of the parcel to support the recreation use. A Zone 6 allocation is necessary for commercial recreation (such as commercial campgrounds or marinas) or public recreation (such as boat launching ramps, picnic tables, or walking trails managed by a public entity).

Any request for a new marina must go through TVA's phased approach for recreation, which requires a recreation needs analysis, financial analysis, documentation of local government support and general stakeholder acceptance, and documentation from local and state governments that potential infrastructure and traffic safety issues have been addressed.

4. Shoreline erosion is a problem on Tims Ford Reservoir. Can TVA help with erosion by looking at more No Wake Zones or outlawing wake boats? Is there any grant money available to install shoreline stabilization? Will erosion be addressed in the Environmental Assessment?

Response: TVA does not have the jurisdiction over No Wake Zones or the jurisdiction to outlaw wake boats. TVA has jurisdiction over obstructions through Section 26a of the TVA Act. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has jurisdiction over No Wake Zones and boats.

TVA does not distribute shoreline stabilization grant monies as it is not funded by taxes, but through the sale of power revenues. TVA RLMPs are programmatic reviews and do not generally deal with site-specific impacts; however, the review will address erosion at a high-level.

5. What is the process to identify docks that have not been permitted or the removal of vegetation on TVA land? Are there plans for increasing enforcement with the new plan?

Response: TVA has a Violation and Encroachment process to handle unpermitted activities. As part of that process, TVA conducts routine shoreline inspections to regularly monitor the reservoir shorelines. TVA also relies on input from the public. If you see unpermitted activities in process or have concerns about public land, please contact the TVA Public Lands Information Center at plc@tva.com or 1-800-882-5263. The Rules for Use of TVA Public Lands can be found at this [link](#).

At this time, there are no direct plans to increase enforcement with the new RLMP; however, a new plan will make enforcement easier for staff by simplifying the allocations on the reservoir and updating the information available.

6. Could any new Zone 8 lands be created? Could Zone 8s be reallocated to Zone 7?

Response: TVA is not looking to increase the land designated as Zone 8. Tims Ford Reservoir is the only reservoir with the Zone 8 allocation. Zone 8 criteria and permitting restrictions are complex and often poorly understood by potential applicants. As part of this planning effort, TVA would like to address these issues and is considering changes to Zone 8s. TVA is seeking public input on possible options. The possibility of Zone 8 being allocated to Zone 7 is currently in review as part of the ongoing Zone 8 analysis.

7. What would Zone 8 parcels become if the conservation easement is removed?

Response: No decisions have been made about Zone 8 parcels at this time.

8. Is there a map that shows Zone 8?

Response: Yes, a map can be found in two places. The interactive map and the 2000 Board-approved map in the right sidebar are both located at www.tva.com/landplanreview.

9. If the State of Tennessee were to sell property on Tims Ford Lake, is TVA considering to have that property zoned where it could have community facilities?

Response: Yes. Information on this can be found in the 2000 Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management and Disposition Plan (RLMDP). That plan accounts for five “Residential

Development” areas that the State intends to develop. The RLMDP already accounts for community facilities in these five locations and as of right now, there are no plans to change those areas.

10. Is there a place to see which lands were sold and could put in community docks?

Response: No, TVA does not have a map that is available at this time.

11. Is there a permit process to go through to help our dock companies to build in certain areas to cut down on congestion with current areas they are building at now?

Response: There is only one dock permitting process for TVA and that is the Section 26a permitting process. Through this process, TVA can limit the size or location of structures in congested areas.

12. How will we know when the draft Tims Ford RLMP is ready for review?

Response: If you registered for the webinar, virtual public meeting, submitted a comment, or asked a question, you will be added to the mailing list and be sent an email when the second public comment period begins. If you have not done any of those things, you can be added to the mailing list by sending an email to landplans@tva.gov.

13. How can we submit comments?

Response: Comments can be submitted through the online form available at www.tva.com/landplanreview, emailed to landplans@tva.gov or mailed to the address below and must be received on or before August 9, 2024.

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