

# Hiwassee Reservoir

## Mountain Reservoirs Land Plan - Summary of Allocation Changes

Land use allocation changes on Hiwassee Reservoir that have occurred since the 2009 Mountain Reservoirs Land Management Plan (RLMP) was completed are summarized below:

Parcel & Tract No.	2009 Mountain RLMP		Allocation Change Description <sup>2</sup>	Justification <sup>3</sup>
	Allocation <sup>1</sup>	Acres		
Parcel 8 (XFBR-8PT)	Zone 6	N/A <sup>4</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Entirety of parcel reallocated to Zone 4 due to lack of rights for commercial recreation operation (lack of USFS Special Use Permit)</li></ul>	Administrative Error
Parcel 9 (XFBR-9PT)	Zone 4	N/A <sup>4</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>750' of shoreline reallocated to Zone 6 to reflect USFS Special Use Permit in existence at time of land plan allowing for commercial recreation operation.</li><li>Remainder of Parcel 9 shoreline remains allocated for Zone 4</li></ul>	Administrative Error

<sup>1</sup> See [definitions of the land planning zones](#)

<sup>2</sup> More information is available below - the fact sheets for the allocation changes described in the table above are considered a supplement to the Hiwassee Reservoir portion of the 2009 Mountain RLMP.

## Land Use Allocation Changes

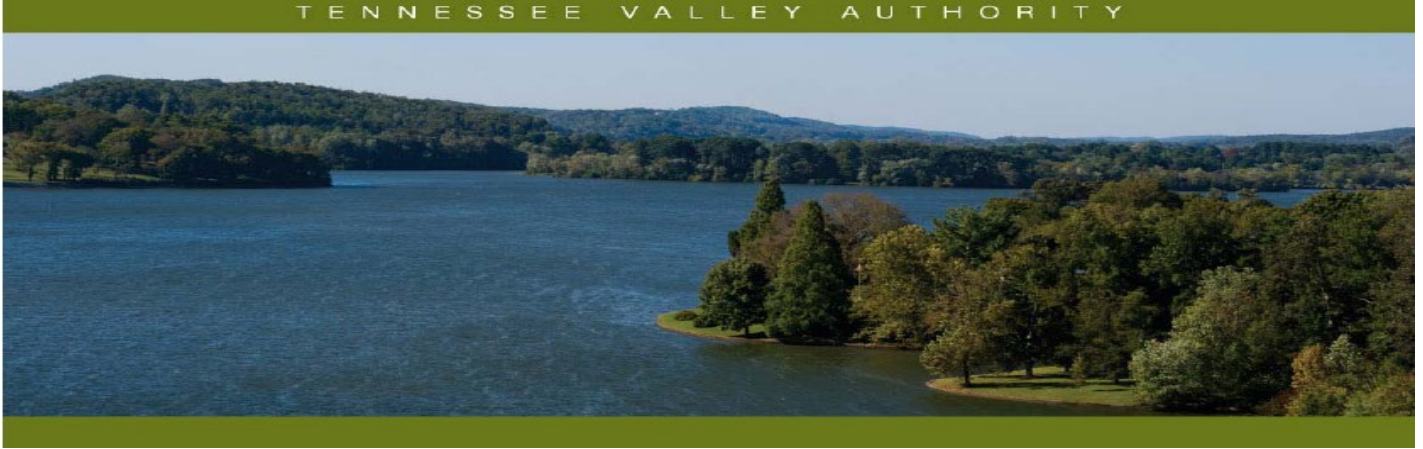
After approval of a [reservoir land management plan](#) by TVA, all future uses of TVA-managed lands on that reservoir must then be consistent with the allocations within that RLMP.

<sup>3</sup> In accordance TVA policies and guidelines, allocation changes after approval of an RLMP are only allowable under limited circumstances described below:

- (1) To correct administrative errors that occurred during the planning process
- (2) To implement TVA's [Shoreline Management Policy](#), consistent with the TVA [Land Policy](#)
- (3) To allow water-access for industrial or commercial recreation operations on private backlying property, consistent with the TVA [Land Policy](#)

<sup>4</sup> Acreage not calculated at time of land plan. Backlying land transferred to the United States Forest Service.

TVA reservoir property that has been sold reverts to Zone 1 – Non-TVA Shoreland.



## Mountain Reservoirs Land Plan Allocation Change – Hiwassee – XFBR-8PT and XFBR-9PT

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### Reservoir Land Planning Errors

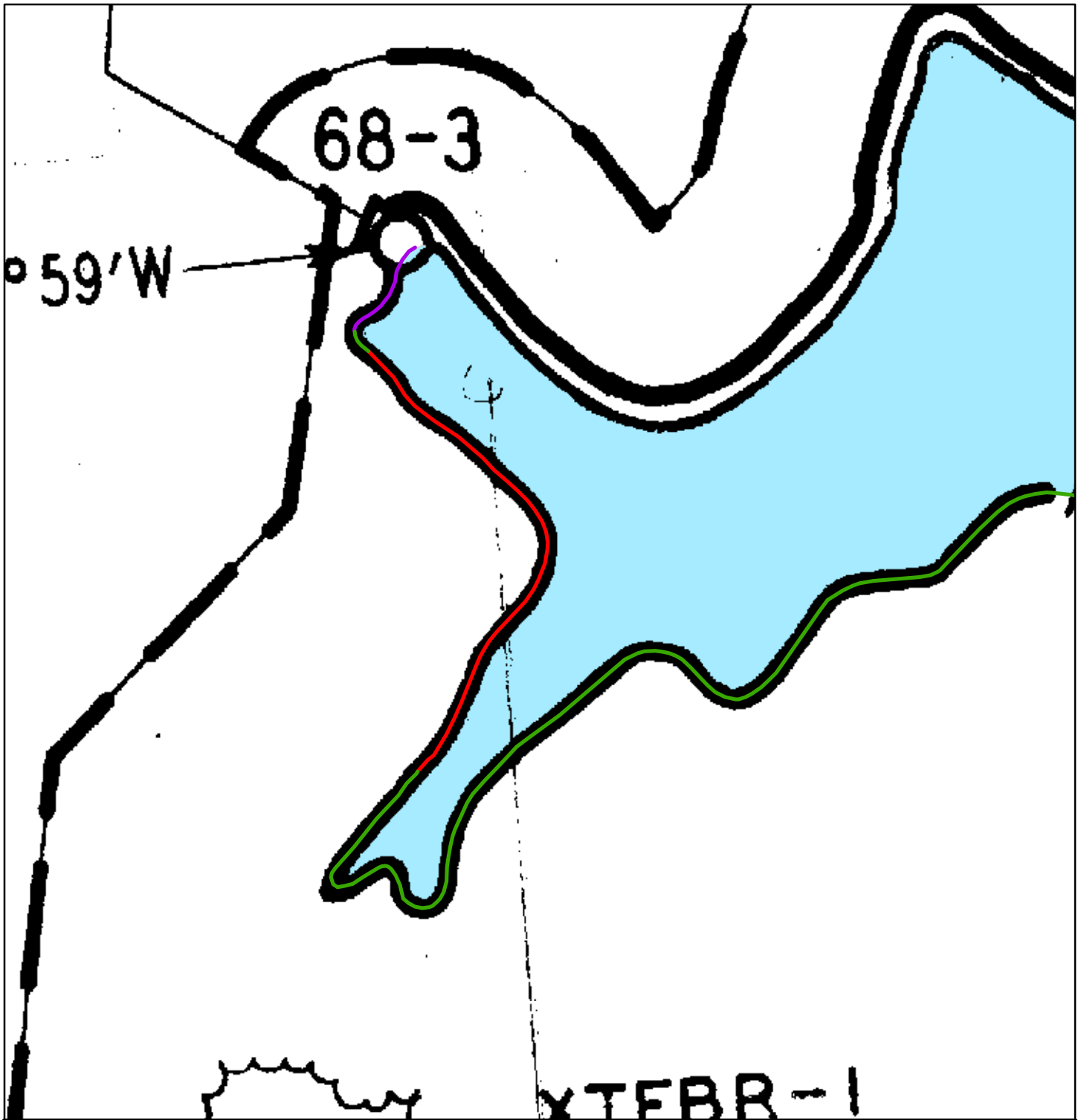
After approval of a reservoir land management plan by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), future uses of TVA-managed lands on that reservoir must then be consistent with the land use allocations within that land plan. Recent research shows that a Hiwassee Parcel 8 (Plan Tract No. XFBR-8PT) and a portion of Hiwassee Parcel 9 (Plan Tract No. XFBR-9PT) conflicts with backlying land use, transferred to and managed by the U. S. Forest Service (USFS). The resolution of the conflict has resulted in the reallocation of the entire XFBR-8PT from Zone 6 (Developed Recreation) to Zone 4 (Natural Resource Conservation) and a portion of XFBR-9PT from Zone 4 (Natural Resource Conservation) to Zone 6 (Developed Recreation). This document is considered a supplement to the 2009 Mountain Reservoirs Land Management Plan. Definitions of TVA's land planning allocation zones are available at <https://www.tva.gov/landplanzones>.

### General Information about Hiwassee Reservoir

Hiwassee Reservoir is an impoundment of the Hiwassee River formed by Hiwassee Dam, which is located at Hiwassee River mile 75.8, approximately 20 miles downstream of Murphy, North Carolina. Hiwassee Reservoir is located in Cherokee County, North Carolina and has about 165 miles of shoreline. TVA owns approximately 1,007 acres of reservoir shoreland. At full pool, the reservoir is approximately 22-miles-long with a reservoir surface area of 5,870 acres. The reservoir has an average depth of 142 feet and the water level typically fluctuates about 43 feet in a normal year.

### Hiwassee Parcel 8 and Parcel 9/Parcel 9a

XFBR-8PT and XFBR-9PT are located in Cherokee County along the left descending bank at Hiwassee River mile 81.3. In 1940, TVA and the USFS entered into a contract affecting the transfer by TVA of the custody and control of approximately 16,780 acres for inclusion in the Nantahala National Forest. The USFS manages the transferred lands and allows for commercial recreation uses at designated locations through a USFS Special Use Permit. The Hiwassee RLMP incorrectly identified the land allowed for commercial recreation through the USFS Special Use Permit as Parcel 8. However, the USFS Special Use Permit was actually located behind a portion of Parcel 9. Therefore, in order to correctly reflect the USFS Special Use Permit for commercial recreation, the entirety of Parcel 8 has been reallocated to Zone 4 (Natural Resource Conservation) and a portion of Parcel 9 has been reallocated as "Developed Recreation" with a new parcel created (Parcel 9a). The remainder of Parcel 9 will remain allocated for Natural Resource Conservation. The correction of the parcel allocation reflects the USFS Special Use Permit in place but overlooked when the parcels were planned.



## Attachment 2 - Exhibit

### Proposed Allocation Change Cherokee County, North Carolina XFBR-8PT and XFBR-9PT Hiwassee River Mile 81.3L

Map Reference:  
Dstage: 1  
Quad: 141NW

- Tract no. XFBR-8PT - Area To Reallocate to Zone 4
- Tract no. XFBR-9aPT - Area To Reallocate to Zone 6
- Tract no. XFBR-9PT - Area to Remain Allocated as Zone 4



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