



Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management Plan - Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is a land use zone?

- TVA managed public land is a designated range of allowable potential uses from one of seven categories or “zones.” The land use zones describe how TVA will manage public land, and the allocation of a parcel to a particular land use zone identifies that land for specific uses. See all of the land use zones and their definitions on TVA’s website at: www.tva.gov/landplanzones.

2. How can I find out what the land near me is zoned for?

- If you would like to know the allocation of a specific portion of public land, look on TVA’s website at www.tva.com/landplans or TVA can provide you with a copy of the Reservoir Land Management Plan (RLMP) for your area.

3. What purpose does a land plan serve?

- RLMPs guide land use approvals, private water-use facility permitting, and resource management decisions on TVA-managed public land. Implementation of RLMPs minimize conflicting land uses and give TVA clear guidance on how to handle requests for the use of public land.

4. Does TVA complete an environmental review for land plans?

- TVA’s land planning process incorporates the environmental review process established under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). An environmental assessment (EA) will be prepared for the Tims Ford RLMP revision to consider potential impacts associated with the proposed changes to the land use allocations on parcels or portions of parcels.
- Because RLMPs are programmatic plans that designate potential allowable uses and do not involve specific land actions, the analysis of potential impacts will consider potential allowable uses as defined in the land use zone definitions. Completion of a site-specific environmental review to evaluate the potential environmental effects of a proposal for a specific parcel(s) would occur prior to any proposed development or activity on public land. As necessary, TVA would impose any necessary mitigative measures as conditions of approval for the use of public lands to minimize adverse environmental effects.

5. How does TVA decide to allocate the parcels?

- The reservoir planning process is a systematic method of identifying and evaluating the most suitable use of public lands under TVA stewardship. RLMPs are developed by a team of land managers and technical experts from TVA, knowledgeable about each reservoir and its resources. The planning team made land use decisions by integrating public needs, land records and land rights, TVA business needs, environmental conditions, economic benefits, and the original congressional intent of each reservoir project. The process includes information from resource data, computer analysis, the public, and other agencies and knowledgeable TVA staff.

6. How does TVA use public input?

- The information generated during public scoping will be compiled and analyzed. The planning team will use this input to guide land management plan objectives and revisions to allocations may be considered based on public input. After consideration of the public's input and analyzing the environmental consequences of each alternative, TVA will issue a draft RLMP and EA for public review and comment. This review period is an additional opportunity to review TVA's proposed RLMP amendment and the adequacy of its environmental analysis and to provide additional input. After completing the lands planning and environmental review processes, TVA will submit the final RLMP to the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) for approval. Comments will become part of the official record.

7. When is the new Tims Ford RLMP expected to be completed?

- TVA is currently anticipating a completion date in late 2025. It is anticipated that a draft RLMP will be released for public review in the Spring of 2025.

8. What is the difference between the Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management and Disposition Plan and the Tims Ford Reservoir Land Management Plan?

- The 2000 Plan was called the Land Management and Disposition plan because it was a joint plan between TVA and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. As part of that plan, TVA and TDEC determined what lands were going to be transferred between TVA and the State of Tennessee to ensure all lands were properly managed. The new Plan will be referred to as a Reservoir Land Management Plan because the land transfer was completed in 2010 and the new plan will not be a joint plan between agencies. You may see RLMDP or RLMP abbreviated. RLMDP will always refer to the approved 2000 Plan.

9. Where can I find more information on TVA's website about reservoir lands planning?

- Please visit www.tva.com/landplans for more information about reservoir lands planning.

10. Where can I find more information on TVA's website about the Tims Ford RLMP revision?

- Visit www.tva.com/landplanreview
- Plan to attend the webinar (registration required through the above website). If you cannot view the webinar live, a recording will be made available on the website shortly after the event.
- Contact TVA staff via the contacts listed at the bottom of this documents or the Public Lands Information Center, plic@tva.com or (800)882-5263.

11. How can I participate?

- **Comment:** Comments can be submitted by mail (see address below), email (below) or through the TVA website at www.tva.com/landplanreview.
- **Questions:** Questions can be submitted by mail, email, or by contacting the TVA Public Lands Information Center at plic@tva.gov or (800)882-5263
- **Virtual Public Meeting:** A virtual public meeting will be available beginning June 24, 2024 and will be available through the remainder of the public comment period.
- **Webinar:** A live webinar will occur on July 10, 2024. Registration is required for this event (please register at www.tva.com/landplanreview). General questions will be accepted during the webinar (site specific questions are better addressed through the mechanism above). A recording of the webinar will be posted on TVA's website at www.tva.com/landplanreview.

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