MARK TWAIN LAKE MASTER PLAN

CLARENCE CANNON DAM AND MARK TWAIN LAKE MONROE CITY, MISSOURI

CHAPTER 8 SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 SUMMARY

This Master Plan conceptually establishes and guides the orderly development, administration, preservation, enhancement and management of all natural, cultural, and recreational resources at Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake consistent with the capabilities of the resource and public needs. The new update format is a land use management document and does not address water management operations, water quality, associated prime facilities (dam, spillway etc), or shoreline management as those topics are outlined in separate documents. It is stewardship-driven and seeks to balance recreational development and use with protection and conservation of natural and cultural resources dependent upon funding availability. This Master Plan is also considered to be a flexible living document providing latitude through formal supplementation to address emerging issues identified through periodic review.

8.2 LAND CLASSIFICATIONS

There are no changes proposed to land classification for the 2015 Master Plan update for Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake. Chapter 5 describes in detail the 'balanced' approach in maintaining the land classifications. The team evaluated numerous factors and public comments when evaluating land classification for the 2015 Master Plan update, which included but are not limited to: how lands were previously classified in the 2004 Master Plan update; current public use patterns; what kind of development or non-development was taking place adjacent to Corps property; and what kinds of activities are currently taking place in those areas.

Throughout this master plan process, the Corps focused on the modernization and update of current recreation areas and facilities within their existing footprints. No new recreation areas are being proposed at this time. The Corps also focused on resource protection and management in accordance with Engineering Regulation 1130-2-540 and Engineering Pamphlet 1130-2-540.

8.3 RECOMMENDATION

This updated Master Plan presents an inventory of land resources and how they are classified, existing park facilities, an analysis of resource use, anticipated influences on project operation and management, and an evaluation of existing and future needs. It is recommended that this Master Plan be approved as the basis for future development and management of the Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake land and water resources.