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PUBLIC NOTICE AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

FALLS LAKE, MASTER PLAN PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (PEA) and FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has completed an integrated Master Plan and Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for Falls Lake, North Carolina. The Master Plan provides reservoir managers with guidance and direction on land use and management, existing and future recreational opportunities, and resource inventories. The PEA/FONSI addresses the potential environmental impacts of implementing proposed Master Plan and has been prepared in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (33 CFR 230), as amended. The document is available on the project web site at: http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/MasterPlans/Falls.aspx

This Notice is being distributed to notify known interested persons that the Falls Lake Master Plan has been approved by the Wilmington District Commander in accordance with ER 1130-2-550, Project Operations, Recreation Operations and Maintenance Policies. Also, based on the information contained in the PEA and comments received during the public review period for the Master Plan and PEA, the District Commander has determined that the proposed Federal action will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. This completes the NEPA process for this action.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Banaitis, Operations Project Manager, by telephone at 919-846-9332, by email at Carol.M.Banaitis@usace.army.mil, or by writing to the address below:

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