

Dillon Lake & Tom Jenkins Dam

Draft Resource Objectives

Background

Resource Objectives are high level goals that are central to the development of the Master Plan. The Corps of Engineers regulation EP 1130-2-550 (Recreation Operations and Maintenance Guidance and Procedures) defines Resource Objectives as:

- Clearly written statements that set forth measurable and attainable current and future management and development activities that support the stated goals of the Master Plan, Environmental Operating Principles and applicable national performance measures.
- They must be consistent with authorized project purposes, Federal laws and directives, regional needs, resource capabilities and takes public input into consideration.
- They should also take recreational and natural resources carrying capacity into account as well as State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans.
- These objectives must maximize project benefits, meet public needs and foster environmental sustainability.

The Corps of Engineers has developed draft Resource Objectives for the Dillon Lake and Tom Jenkins Dam and is soliciting input from stakeholders and agencies. The draft Resource Objectives are:

Operational

1. Operate and maintain the project to provide the authorized project benefits, including flood control, fish and wildlife enhancement, recreation, low-flow augmentation (Dillon) and water supply (Jenkins) throughout the life of the project.
2. Maintain and update USACE operations facilities as needed to meet current standards and requirements.
3. Maintain ancillary infrastructure (roads, utilities, site materials, etc.) to acceptable service levels and current State and Federal standards.
4. Provide improved public safety, security and vandalism prevention measures to USACE and ODNR facilities.
5. Future exploration or extraction of mineral, gas or oil resources is inconsistent with the Natural and Cultural Resource Objectives and will not be allowed (existing gas and oil wells at Dillon Lake will be allowed to continue to operate consistent with the existing lease).

Recreation

6. Maintain and enhance the public's use of project lands for both active (sports, swimming, cycling, etc.) and passive (hiking, wildlife viewing, camping, etc.) recreation for users of all ages and physical capabilities.
7. Promote the public's use of the project lands for fishing and hunting (including firearms and bow hunting training).
8. Enhance the public's use of the lake area for safe recreational boating.
9. Improve the recreational day use experience to include improvements to parking areas, accessibility to fishing areas, picnic areas and general facilities.

Natural and Cultural Resources

10. Provide for the management of natural resources to include the protection and preservation of native habitat, protection of water quality and implementation of programs to manage wildlife species.
11. Identify, document and develop a protection plan for environmentally sensitive areas including habitat and cultural resources.
12. Develop and implement a plan for invasive species management for both vegetation and wildlife.
13. Promote public education concerning the Projects' natural and cultural resources.
14. Preserve and protect cultural sites in accordance with state and Federal laws and policies.
15. Future utility installation within the project limits should be restricted to areas immediately adjacent to public roadways. Exceptions are allowed for utilities that serve USACE or ODNR facilities.