



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
Sacramento District

**Black Butte Lake
Master Plan Update
FACT SHEET** May 2016

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District is revising the 1977 Black Butte Lake Master Plan and is seeking public input.

The Master Plan guides the development and management of natural and cultural resources and recreation-related facilities in and around the reservoir. The Master Plan **does not** address reservoir water levels and should not be confused with the Water Control Manual. The updated Master Plan will include proposals for improved recreation facilities and measures preserving and protecting natural and cultural resources, and is being conducted in three phases:



- **Phase One** is the information gathering process. The Corps will solicit input from the public, Tribes, Federal and State land management agencies, and other governmental agencies to help define the present and potential future uses of the lands under Corps management responsibility.
- **Phase Two** includes the preparation of a Draft Master Plan and the meeting the necessary requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- **Phase Three** will be the preparation and presentation of the Final Master Plan and Final NEPA Document, which is anticipated to be complete by 2016.

BACKGROUND

Black Butte Lake was authorized by the 1944 Flood Control Act as part of a comprehensive plan for flood risk reduction in the Sacramento River Basin. Black Butte Lake provides irrigation releases in coordination with Orland Water Users Association. It has 741 square miles of flood drainage area which reduces flood related damage to downstream communities which includes Orland and Hamilton City. On average, \$10.7 million dollars of flood damage are prevented each year. The original Master Plan for Black Butte Lake was completed in 1977. Since then, new laws and regulations have been passed to enhance recreation facilities, protect valuable natural and cultural resources, and to better manage project resources. This Master Plan update is an opportunity for the public to provide input and help shape and guide future management actions for recreation and natural resources at Black Butte Lake.

WHAT MIGHT BE UPDATED IN THE NEW MASTER PLAN?

The new Master Plan will update the management of Black Butte Lake, currently guided by the 1977 Master Plan. It may include additional improvements and expansions, as well as propose a variety of recreation improvements and natural resource protection measures including, but not limited to:

- Increased recreation opportunities
- Redesigning camping or day use facilities
- Restoration of native vegetation, wildlife habitat, and wetlands
- Management of areas for optimum use by threatened and endangered species
- Protection of cultural and historic resources
- Control of noxious weeds and other invasive species such as Zebra/Quagga mussels
- Improved erosion control and land management plans

The Draft Master Plan will evaluate the impacts of the improvements and protection measures.

AGENCY, STAKEHOLDER, AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Meetings will be held at the Carnegie Community Center in Orland to provide all interested parties an initial opportunity to participate in the update of the Master Plan. Corps staff will be present to hear public input on desired recreational improvements, natural resource and environmental enhancements, and land management needs. All interested parties are invited to share their ideas on the future land management of Black Butte Lake. There will be two separate meetings; an Agency/Stakeholder meeting for Tribes, Federal, State, and Local governments, and a public meeting where everyone is welcome to attend.

Agency/Stakeholder Meeting
Tribes, Federal, State, and Local Agencies
May 18, 2016, from 10am-12pm

Public Meeting
Members of the community
May 18, 2016, from 5pm-7pm

The meetings will commence with a brief overview followed by an open house. Participants are encouraged to review materials, ask questions, and provide written comments.

Public Input Form

An opportunity for the public to provide input for the development of the Draft Master Plan is to fill out the Public Input Form attached to this document. Your comments, ideas, questions, and/or concerns may be submitted through postal or e-mail to the addresses listed below. If you have any questions, you may call the number listed below to obtain any clarification. Your input will be accepted until close of business on **Monday, 20 June, 2016**.

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Please visit the Black Butte Lake website for additional information about the current Master Plan. New and updated information will be posted at this website so check back frequently.

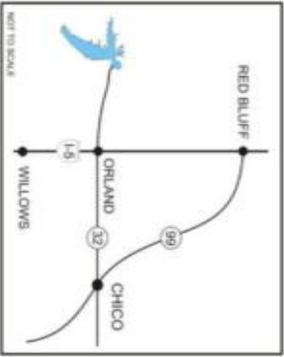
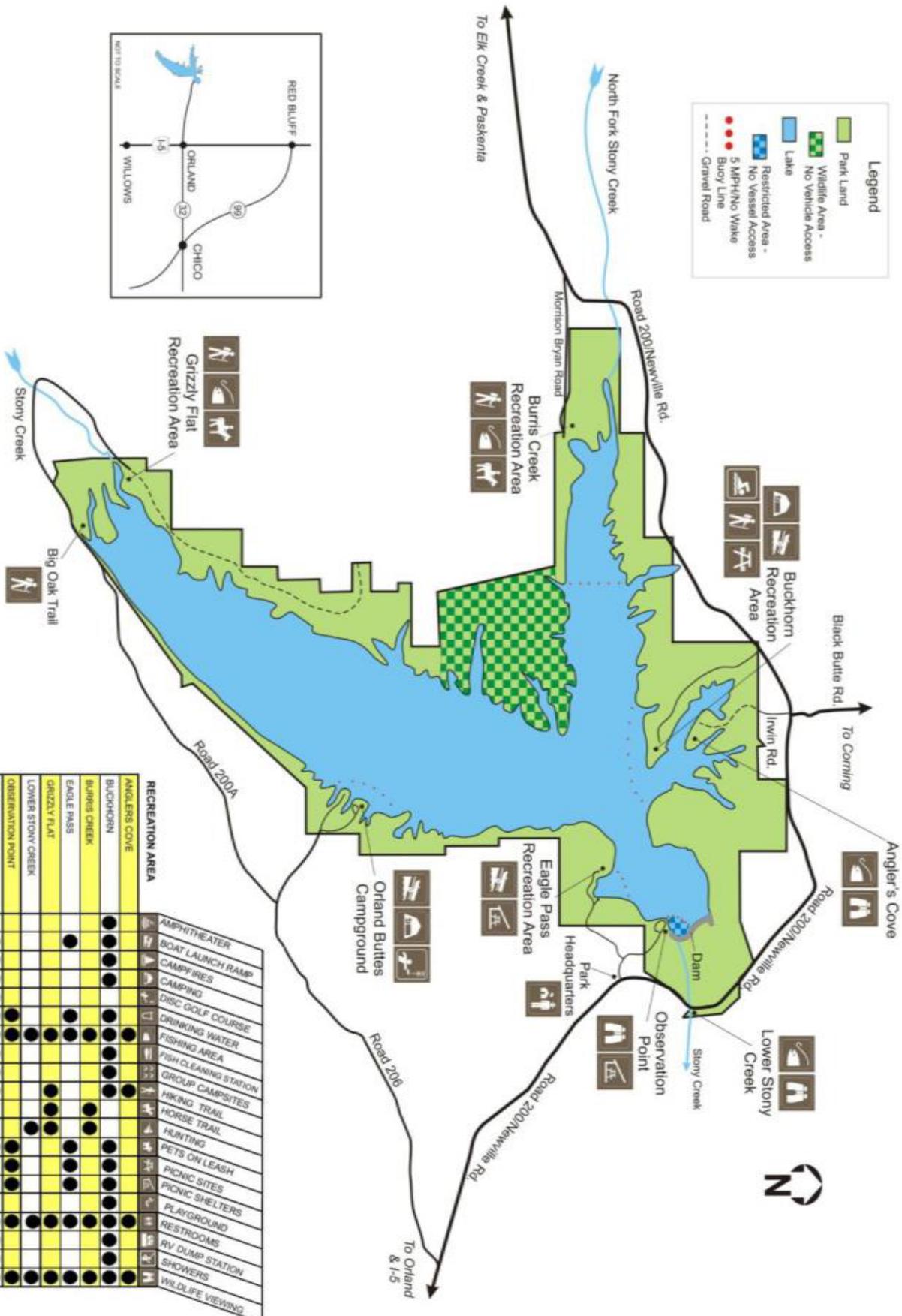
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BLACK BUTTE LAKE

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Legend

- Park Land
- Wildlife Area - No Vehicle Access
- Lake
- Restricted Area - No Vessel Access - 5 MPH/No Wake
- Buoy Lane
- Gravel Road



RECREATION AREA	AMPHITHEATER	BOAT LAUNCH RAMP	CAMPFIRES	CAMPING	DISC GOLF COURSE	DRINKING WATER	FISHING AREA	FISH CLEANING STATION	GROUP CAMPSITES	HIKING TRAIL	HORSE TRAIL	HUNTING	PETS ON LEASH	PICNIC SITES	PICNIC SHELTERS	PLAYGROUND	RESTROOMS	RV DUMP STATION	SHOWERS	WILDLIFE VIEWING	
ANGLER'S COVE																					
BUCKHORN																					
BURRIS CREEK																					
EAGLE PASS																					
GRIZZLY FLAT																					
LOWER STONY CREEK																					
OBSERVATION POINT																					
ORLAND BUTTES																					

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1. What makes Black Butte Lake special or unique for you? What do you like about it?

2. How often do you visit Black Butte Lake in a year? (How many days?)

3. Do you typically visit Black Butte on the weekdays or weekends? Why?

4. What activities bring you to Black Butte Lake and what is of most interest to you? (Hunting, Fishing, Boating/ Water sports, Bird watching, Walking/Running, Camp/ picnicking, Other (please specify).

5. In what town and state do you reside (please include your zip code)?

6. What do you like or dislike about other recreation areas/lakes that you visit?

7. What improvements would you recommend for Black Butte Lake?

8. Are there any issues you would like to see addressed in the Master Plan, from either a conservation of natural resources point of view, from a public safety point of view, or recreational use point of view?

9. Any additional thoughts, suggestions, or comments that you would like to share with us?

If you need additional room, please feel free attach a supplemental paper with your responses.

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