



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

**Pine Flat Lake
Master Plan Update
FACT SHEET
September 2014**

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District is revising the 1976 Pine Flat 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 with a Draft Environmental Assessment to aid in decision making and meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Corps will solicit comments from the public, Tribes, Federal and State land management agencies, and other governmental agencies on these two draft documents.
- **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

Pine Flat Lake was authorized by the 1944 Flood Control Act for flood control, irrigation, and other purposes. Construction of the Pine Flat Dam was initiated in December 1944 and was completed in 1954. Pine Flat Lake is currently managed primarily for flood control along the Kings River and in the Tulare Lake Basin. It has a storage capacity of 1 million acre feet, 5,970 acres of lake surface area, and 67 miles of shoreline. The original Master Plan for Pine Flat Lake was completed in 1976. 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 Pine Flat Lake.

WHAT MIGHT BE UPDATED IN THE NEW MASTER PLAN?

The new Master Plan will update the management of Pine Flat Lake, currently guided by the 1976 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
- Designating a potential dog off leash area
- 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 also include a Draft Environmental Assessment that evaluates the impacts of the improvements and protection measures.

AGENCY, STAKEHOLDER, AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Meetings will be held at the Veterans Memorial Building in Clovis 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 Pine Flat Lake. There will be three separate meetings; an Agency meeting for Tribes, Federal, State, and Local governments, a stakeholder meeting, and a public meeting where everyone is welcome to attend.

Agency Meeting

Tribes, Federal, State, and Local Agencies

September 9, 2014, from 10am-12pm

Veterans Memorial Building

808 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612

Stakeholder Meeting

September 9, 2014, from 2pm-4pm

Veterans Memorial Building

808 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612

Public Meeting

September 10, 2014, from 5pm-7pm

Veterans Memorial Building

808 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612

The meetings will commence with a brief overview followed by an open house. During this time, 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 **Friday, October 10, 2014**.

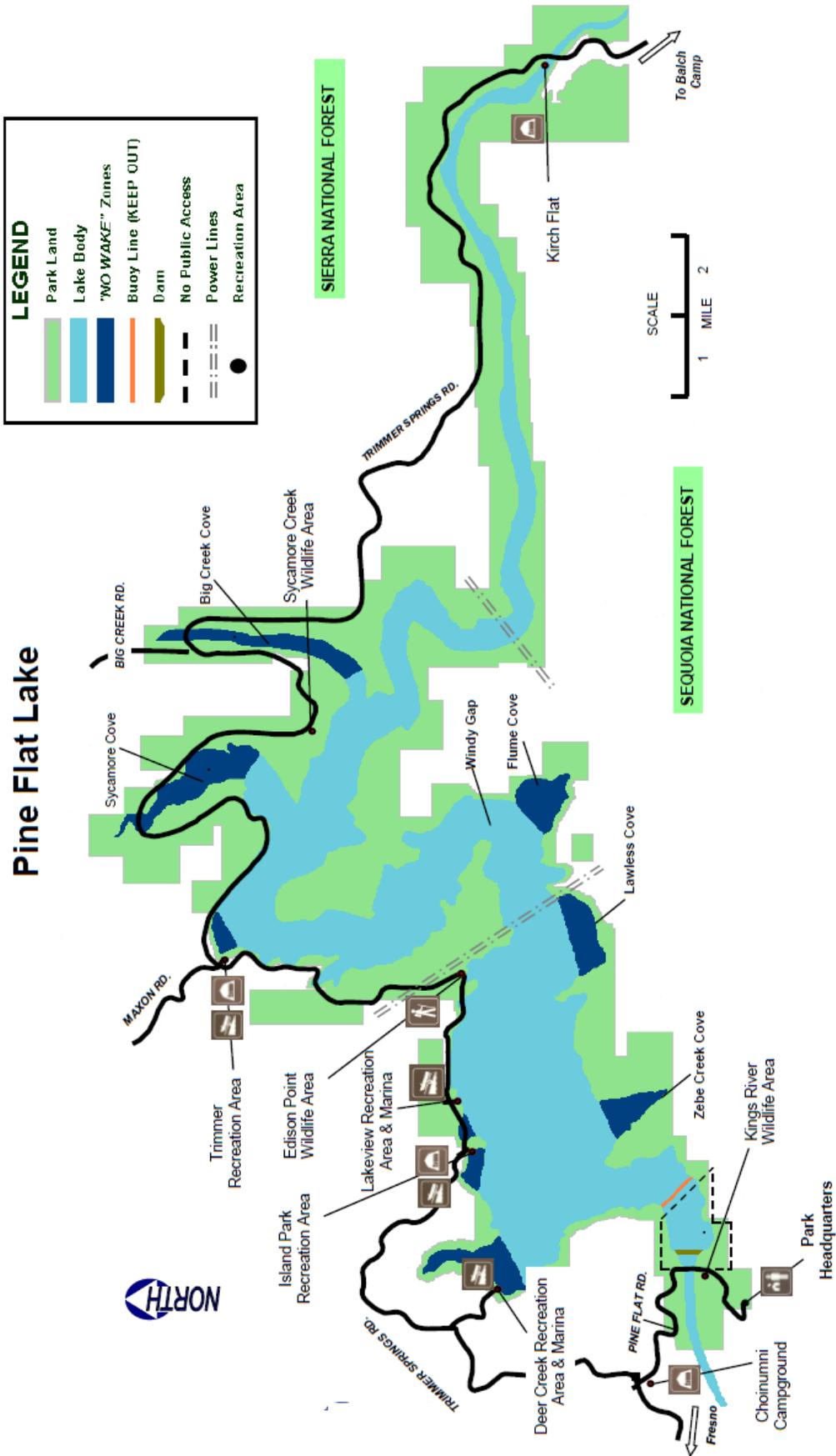
Also, there will be an additional opportunity for public involvement after the Draft Master Plan is complete, which is expected to occur in 2015.

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

<http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Locations/SacramentoDistrictParks/PineFlatLake.aspx>

PROJECT LOCATION MAP





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Pine Flat Lake Master Plan Update Public Input Form

1. What makes Pine Flat Lake special or unique for you? What do you like about it?

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

3. Do you typically visit Pine Flat Lake on the weekdays or weekends? Why?

4. What activities bring you to Pine Flat 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 Pine Flat 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. Would you be interested in participating in a Cooperative Association, or Friends of Pine Flat Lake non-profit organization? If so please provide your contact information.

10. 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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