

Agenda



- 9:00 – 10:30 AM HAT 1 (Project Operations)
- **10:45 – 12:00 PM HAT 5 (Recreation) and HAT 4 (Project Lands)**
- 12:00 PM Lunch (Provided by Alabama Power)
- 1:00 – 2:30 PM HAT 3 (Fish and Wildlife)
- 2:45 – 3:45 PM HAT 2 (Water Quality and Use)





HATs 5 & 4

Recreation and Project Lands Evaluation

- **Recreation Evaluation Study Plan**
- **Project Lands Evaluation, including the NEW Botanical Inventory of a 20-Acre Parcel at Flat Rock Park**



Safety Moment



In case of an emergency.....

- Designee will contact 911
- Exit locations
- Designated meeting area
- Location of AED



Role of Harris Action Teams



- Provides opportunity to participate in resource-specific teams
 - Get involved with issues important to you
 - Meet other stakeholders & understand their interests in the resources at Harris
- Provide technical expertise
- Review and comment on study plans, study reports
- You may be involved in more than 1 HAT



Recreation Evaluation Study Plan – HAT 5



Goal

Gather baseline information on existing recreation facilities, existing recreational use and capacity, and estimated future demand and needs at the Harris Project.

Geographic Scope

Includes public recreation sites located within the Harris Project as well as the Tallapoosa River downstream from Harris Dam to Horseshoe Bend.

Recreation Evaluation Study Plan – HAT 5



Methods

- **Compile a site inventory and condition assessment information for each of the Harris Project recreation sites:**
 - Describe the type and map the location of the recreation site in relation to the Project Boundary;
 - Describe the type, number, and condition of amenities provided at each site;
 - Estimate recreation facility capacity;
 - Evaluate the condition of the recreation sites and facilities, including ADA;
 - List entities responsible for the operation and maintenance of each facility;
 - Document recreation facilities using photographs
- **Estimate recreation use and future demand**
 - Conduct roving creel surveys immediately downstream of Harris Dam. These surveys will be conducted on the same schedule (during 2019)
 - Compile existing available recreation use data from key recreational use areas, such as Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, to characterize existing recreational use downstream of the Project.
- **Identify stakeholder requests for new facilities, access, upgrades, etc.**

Recreation Evaluation Study Plan – HAT 5



TASK	2019				2020				2021			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Site Inventory and Condition Assessment		■	■									
Conduct Roving Creel Surveys D/S of Harris Dam					■	■	■					
Compile available use data from Horseshoe Bend NMP			■	■								
Initial Study Report						■						
Develop PM&E measures						■	■	■	■	■		
Final Study Report										■		

Project Lands Evaluation Study Plan – HAT 4



Goal

To identify lands around Lake Harris and at Skyline that are needed for Harris Project purposes and to classify these lands. The study will identify lands to be added to, or removed from, the current Harris Project Boundary and/or be reclassified to conform to Alabama Power's current land classification system and other Alabama Power FERC-approved Shoreline Management Plans (SMP). The study will serve to develop the Shoreline Management Plan and Wildlife Management Plan (WMP).

Geographic Scope

Includes the Harris Project Boundary and the associated Project Area.

Methods

- Phase 1 - discuss potential changes to the project lands (add, delete, or reclassify) and include appropriate GIS figures
- Phase 2A – Develop a Shoreline Management Plan (SMP)
- Phase 2B – Develop a Wildlife Management Plan (WMP)

NOTE: SMP and WMP are Protection, Mitigation, and Enhancement Measures (PM&Es)

A BOTANICAL INVENTORY OF A 20-ACRE PARCEL AT FLAT ROCK PARK– HAT 4



Goal

This botanical inventory is intended to support the Alabama Glade Conservation Coalition’s August 28, 2018 request to reclassify this 20-acre parcel of Flat Rock Park from “Recreational” to “Natural/Undeveloped” affording the natural plant and animal community at this location protection from potential future degradation.

Geographic Scope

The proposed inventory area (Inventory Area) targets approximately 20 acres of woodland and granite “flat rock” habitat adjacent to the popular Flat Rock recreational area on Lake Harris. The proposed Inventory Area is separated from Flat Rock by forested land.

Methods

- Catalog as many species of plants at the Inventory Area as possible.
- Document all species observed, with vouchers collected as necessary for later identification, documentation, and confirmation.

Project Lands Evaluation Study Plan – HAT 4



TASK	2019				2020				2021			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Botanical Inventory at Flat Rock		■	■	■								
Draft Report of Botanical Inventory				■								
Final Report of Botanical Inventory to HAT 4				■								
Phase 1 - Discuss potential changes to the project lands		■	■	■	■							
Phase 2A – Using results of Phase 1, develop a SMP					■	■	■	■	■			
Phase 2B – Using results of Phase 1, develop a WMP					■	■	■	■	■			
Initial Study Report						■						
Develop PM&E measures						■	■	■	■	■		
Final Study Report											■	

Next Steps

October 1, 2018: Stakeholders file written comments on PAD, SD1 and any study requests (or comments on studies) with FERC

October 5-20: Alabama Power addresses comments on study plans

October 20-30: Potential HAT meetings (via conference call) to resolve comments

November 13, 2018: Alabama Power files study plans

December 13, 2018: Study Plan Meeting

