

CHAPTER 1 - INTRODUCTION

1-1. Purpose. This chapter establishes guidance for the management of recreation programs and activities, and for the operation and maintenance of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recreation facilities and related structures, at civil works water resource projects and supplements ER 1130-2-510, Recreation Operations and Maintenance Policies.

1-2. Applicability. This guidance applies to all USACE commands having responsibility for civil works functions.

1-3. References. See Appendix A.

1-4. Glossary.

a. General Plan. The plan required, pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (reference Appendix A, paragraph 5) for lands and waters where the fish and wildlife resources are to be developed and managed by another agency, and for authorized mitigation lands managed by the Corps. Plans will be approved jointly by the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior, and the head of the State Fish and Wildlife agency. A General Plan is not necessary when operation and management of the project provides for fish and wildlife incidental to other Corps activities.

b. Interpretive Services. Communication and education processes provided to internal and external audiences, which support the accomplishment of Corps missions, tell the Corps story, and reveal the meanings of, and relationships between, natural, cultural, and created environments and their features.

c. Land Allocation. The identification and documentation of lands at Civil Works projects in accordance with the authorized purposes for which they were or are to be acquired. There are four primary land allocation categories applicable to Corps projects; (1) operations (i.e., flood control, hydropower, etc.), (2) recreation, (3) fish and wildlife, and (4) mitigation.

d. Land Classification. All lands are acquired for authorized project purposes and allocated for these uses. The classification process is a further distribution of project lands by management categories which, based upon resources available and public needs, will provide for full utilization while protecting project resources.

e. Master Plan. The document guiding the use and development of the natural and manmade resources of a given project or group of projects.

f. Official Use. Use by an employee, agent or designated representative of the Federal Government or one of its contractors in the course of his employment, agency, or representation.

g. Off-road Vehicle. Any motorized vehicle designed for or capable of cross-country travel on or immediately over land, water, sand, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain; except that such term excludes (1) any registered motorboat, (2) any military, fire, ambulance or law enforcement vehicle when used for emergency purposes and (3) any vehicle whose use is authorized by the Commander, HQUSACE, or a properly designated representative, under a permit, lease, license or contract.

h. Operational Management Plan (OMP). A management action document that describes in detail how resource objectives and concepts prescribed in the master plan will be implemented and achieved. (See ER 1130-2-550, Chapter 3, Project Master Plans and Operational Management Plans).

i. Outreach Activities. Communication efforts involving interpretive programs that reach diverse populations such as students, teachers, organized groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, and the general public, beyond the physical boundaries of Corps projects and facilities.

j. Project. Water resource development lands and waters for which the Corps of Engineers has administrative responsibility.

k. Project Lands. Lands and waters administered by the Commander, HQUSACE, in connection with a Federal water resource development project.

l. Recreation Research and Demonstration Unit (RRDU). A project or specifically defined portion(s) of a project upon which baseline project, recreation user, and renewable natural resource data files will be established and periodically monitored and updated and upon which recreation resources research and demonstration projects will be conducted.

m. Recreation Use Monitoring Station (RUMS). A specific "Water Resource Development Project," such as a Corps constructed and maintained ocean jetty, a segment of a Corps maintained waterway, a Corps constructed harbor of refuge or a small craft harbor, upon which baseline project and recreation user data files will be established and periodically monitored to obtain valid information to assist Corps recreation related planning, policy, and maintenance activities.

n. Reevaluation. The review of an existing master plan by an interoffice/interdisciplinary team to determine if it requires supplementation or updating.

o. Resource Objectives (RO). Clearly written statements that are specific to a project, or group of projects. They specify the attainable options for resource development and/or management. They must be consistent with authorized project purposes, Federal laws and directives, regional needs, resource capabilities, and expressed public desires.

p. Supplement. An approved change to a master plan.

q. Update. A major revision of a master plan. The term "update" should not be used in the title of the new master plan. It is used in this regulation to distinguish between levels of change.