

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

May 2018
Dakotas Area Office

Shadehill Reservoir Resource Management Plan

Resource Management Plan for Shadehill Reservoir

Calling all Shadehill Reservoir users and interested parties, we need your help! The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), in cooperation with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), is working on a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Shadehill Reservoir. The RMP will serve as the blueprint for future use, management, and recreation development of Shadehill Reservoir. The RMP will not address Reservoir water operations or irrigation.

We send newsletters to make you aware of the RMP process and keep you informed throughout the process. This is the first newsletter. In this newsletter you will find the current status of recreational development already happening, timeline of the RMP process, and the upcoming public involvement opportunities and process.

Project Background

The National Park Service (NPS) developed the recreation plan for Shadehill Reservoir and lands in 1958. South Dakota Game Fish and Parks (GFP) began managing the wildlife areas and recreation on Project lands in 1957 (DOI 1958). When all the recreation development described in the NPS report was completed in 1964, the GFP created a long range recreation plan in 1976 to provide direction for future management. Recreation development in the long-range plan has since been realized. Current developments have been determined through informal public input and implemented by the GFP based on need and financial feasibility.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed plans for wildlife development initially in 1947, which was then replaced with a 1964 detailed report (DOI 1964). The 1964 plan identified 22 areas for wildlife habitat development, however, current designations have grouped the 22 areas into nine larger units called game production areas. These units have since been managed for wildlife through the use of food plots, grazing and haying management, re-seeding to native vegetation, and tree plantings. Lands not designated for recreation or wildlife purposes are designated exclusion areas for dam operation and maintenance.



(Above) In the earliest discussions regarding Shadehill Dam, recreation and wildlife conservation were key considerations. The above photograph was captured on September 2, 1949, with Ross Davies, State Conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, addressing crowds during the Shadehill Dam ground breaking ceremony.



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Recreation Development

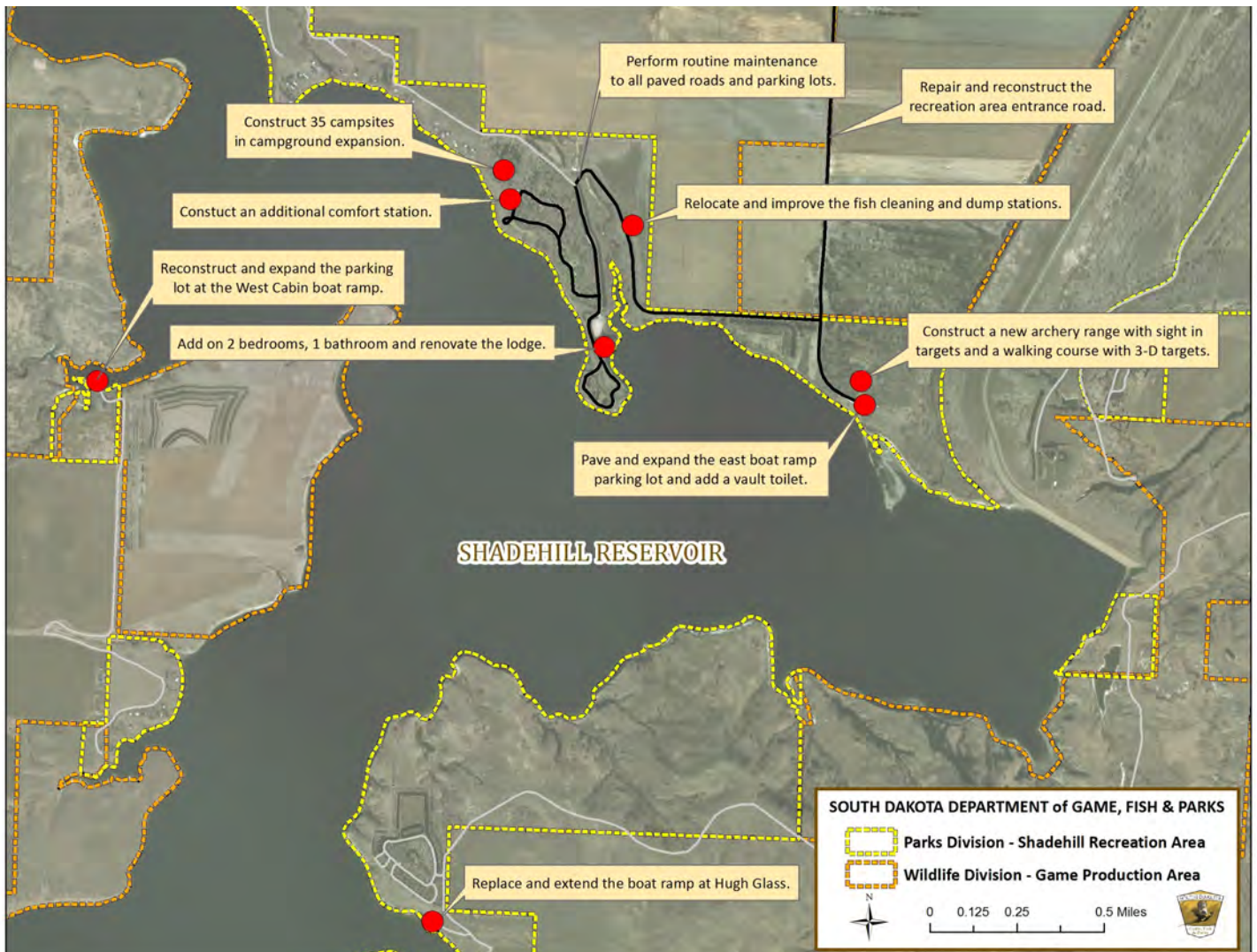
2017 Visitor Center/Office and parking lot constructed, Riprap Ketterlings Point.

2019 Complete construction of 35 campsites in campground expansion project on Ketterlings Point, construct an additional comfort station, add two bedrooms, one bathroom, renovate the lodge, repair and reconstruct the recreation area entrance road, perform routine maintenance to all paved roads and parking lots.

Relocate and improve RV dump and fish cleaning stations, pave and expand the east boat ramp parking lot and add a vault toilet, reconstruct and expand the parking lot at the West Cabin boat ramp, construct a new archery range with sight in targets and a walking course with 3-D targets.



(Above) The following caption captured the excitement of visitors to the newly opened reservoir in 1953: *Shadehill Dam is full and we are recreating!*



(Above) Graphic of Shadehill Reservoir identifying current and future development and improvement projects at the facility.

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Please send your comments by August 1, 2018, so they may be considered in the development of the preferred alternative for the RMP.

Open House Meetings

An informal open house meeting will be held on June 14, 2018, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm MST at the Lemmon Senior Center to collect public comments on future development, share current development plans, and answer any questions on the RMP process. Visitors will be able to view displays and other information and talk to Reclamation and GFP staff about the Reservoir and the RMP.

Reclamation and South Dakota Game Fish and Parks welcome your comments on the Resource Management Plan. We are especially interested in your ideas regarding future developments.

How to Stay Involved

Public involvement is one of the most important aspects of planning during the RMP development process. We encourage everyone to stay involved by providing comments and suggestions at any time during the RMP planning process.

The following is a brief list of ways you may want to participate in the public involvement process:

- ◆ Attend Open House Meetings
- ◆ Visit the RMP Website to Review New Information
- ◆ Watch for Media Coverage on Upcoming Events
- ◆ Be Attentive to Information Provided in Periodic Newsletters
- ◆ Participate in Surveys
- ◆ Send Us Your Comments

Project Timeline

RMP information newsletter distributed
May, 2018

Recreation User Survey begins
May, 2018

Public Scoping Meeting
June 14, 2018

Public Scoping Period Ends
August 1, 2018

RMP team members summarize comments and work to gather information for the development and analysis of goals and alternatives.

Draft RMP Completed and 30-day Public Comment Period Begins
November 1, 2018

End of Draft RMP 30-day Public Comment Period
December 1, 2018

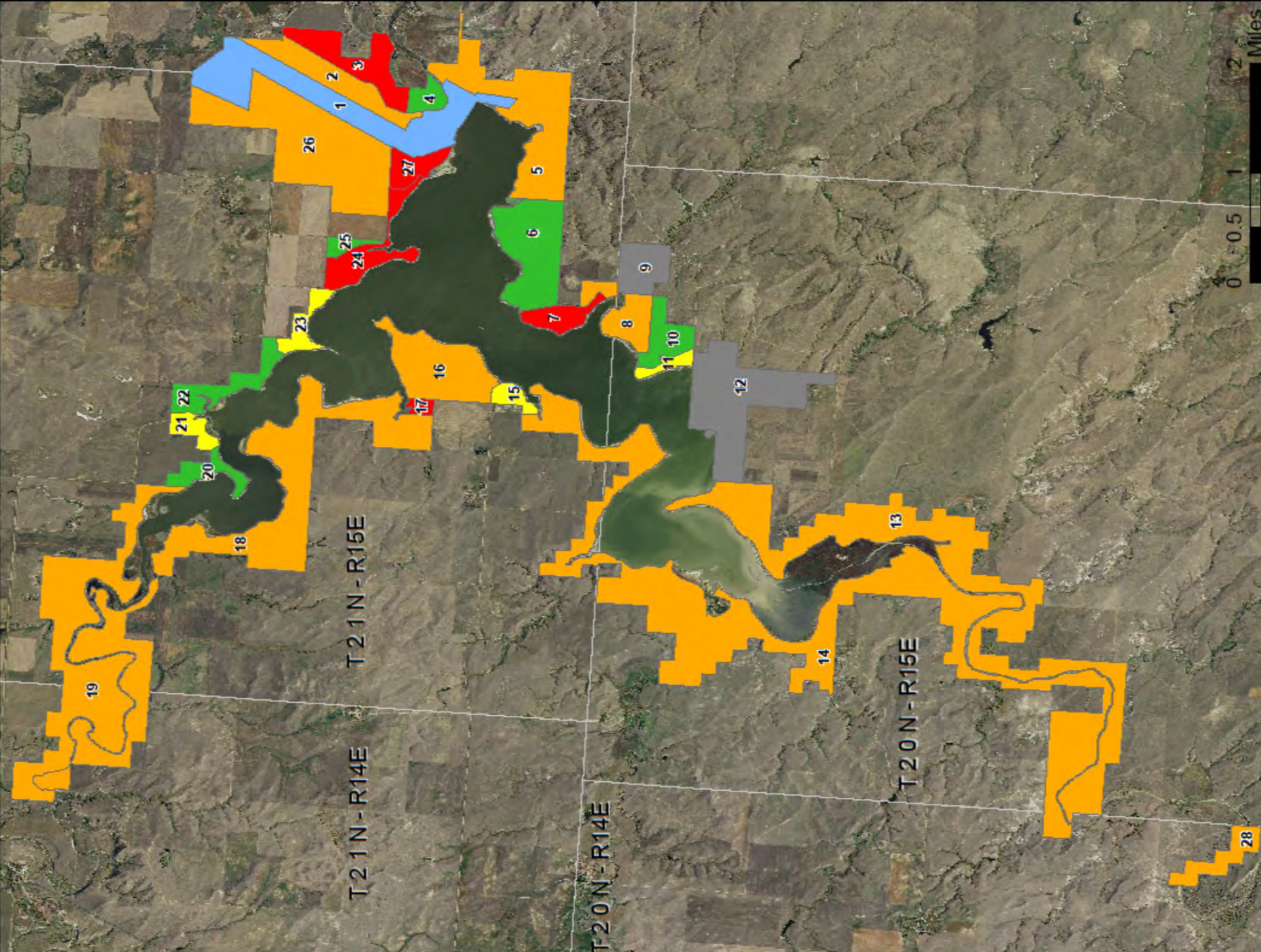
Final RMP Completed and Distributed to the Public

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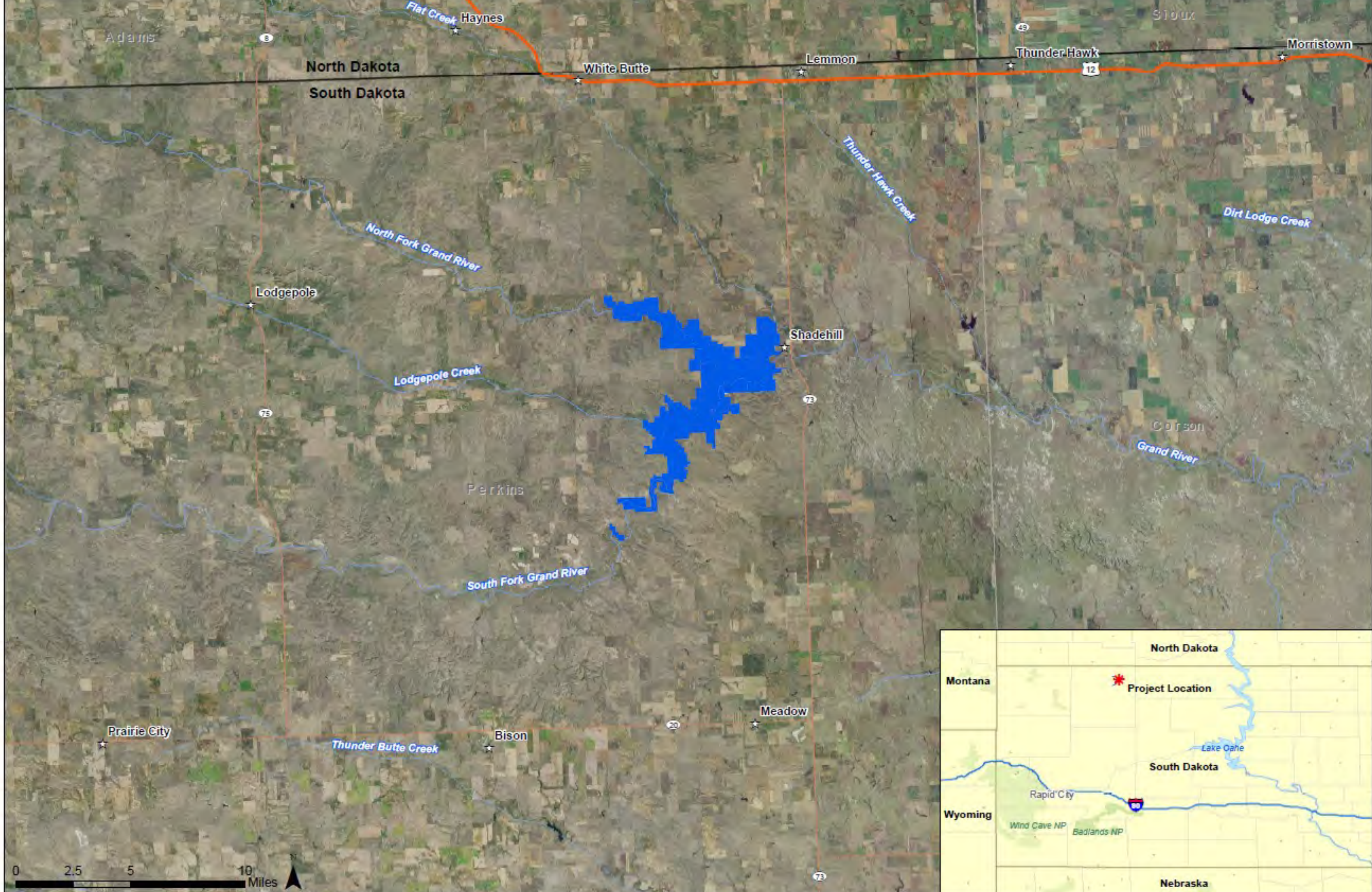
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Management Units

Shadehill Reservoir

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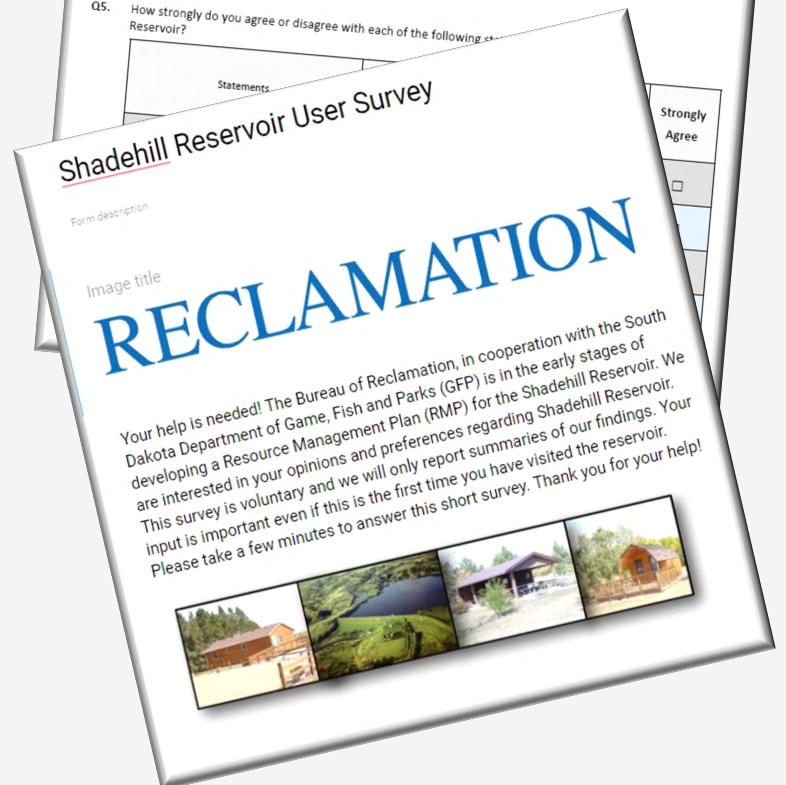
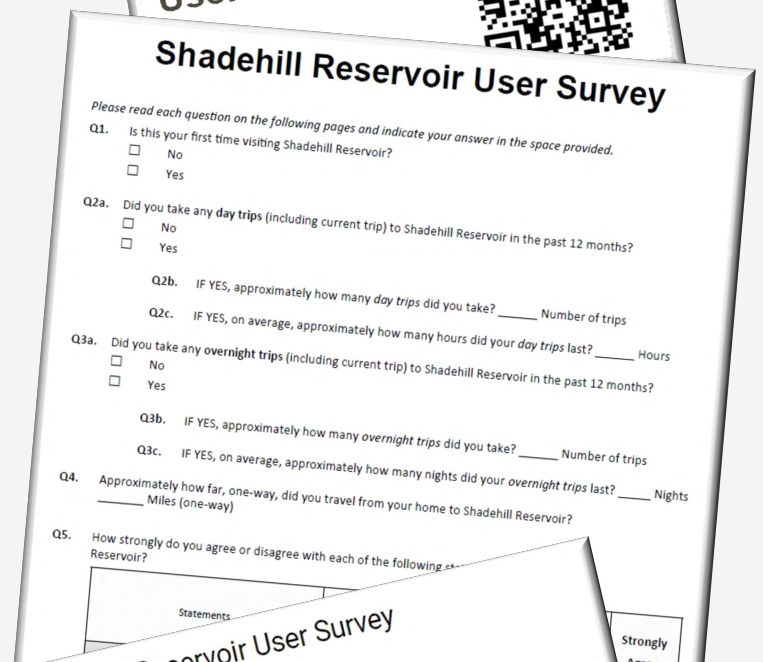
For those of you who are new to our mailing list, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), in cooperation with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP), has initiated work on a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Shadehill Reservoir. The RMP will serve as the blueprint for the future use, management and development of Shadehill Reservoir and Reservoir lands, but will not address Shadehill Reservoir water operations or irrigation.

This is the second newsletter regarding the Shadehill RMP. Newsletters are sent to provide information on the progress of the RMP. This newsletter provides the status and summary of comments received on the Shadehill RMP to date.

Public Involvement

Public involvement is one of the most important aspects of the RMP development process. Reclamation and SDGFP hosted an informal open house in Lemmon, South Dakota, on June 14, 2018. Visitors viewed displays and had the opportunity to speak with Reclamation and SDGFP staff about Shadehill Reservoir and the RMP.

In addition to the open house, the Shadehill Reservoir Public Use Survey (Survey) was sent to over 7,000 recreationists. The Survey was available at the Reservoir in a paper format, online in a digital format, or by using a QR code with a cell phone. This outreach helped maximize input.



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Thank You for Your Comments

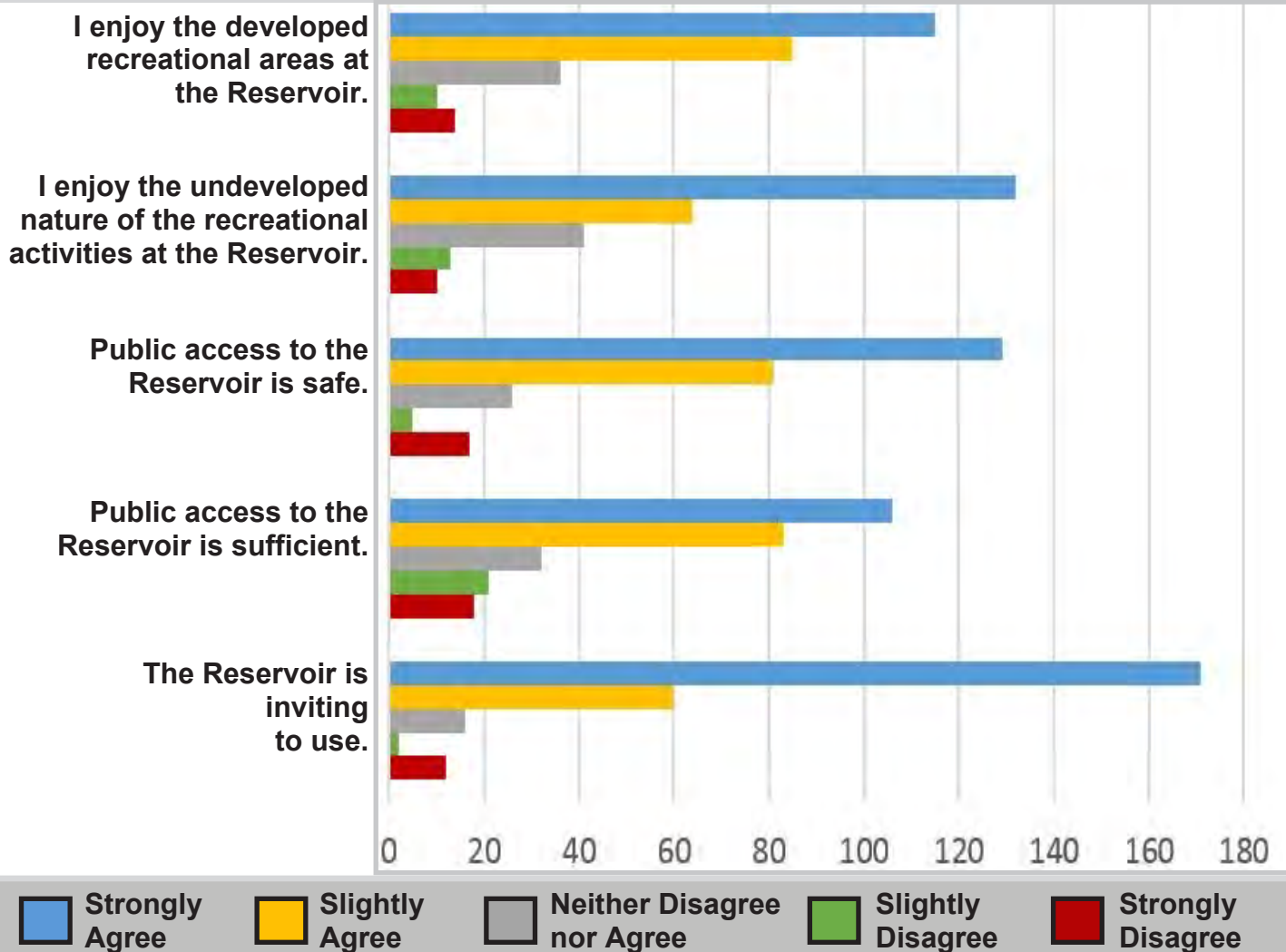
Reclamation received 268 online surveys and 2 written surveys between June and August of 2018. The results of the Survey will be included in the RMP. A brief summary of some of the survey questions indicate:

- ◆ Most respondents had visited Shadehill Reservoir before **(94%)**.
- ◆ More than half of the respondents took day trips **(58%)**, while over two-thirds took overnight trips to the reservoir **(68%)**.
- ◆ Travel distances varied for respondents from 0.25 miles to 2,900 miles, with over a quarter traveling less than 50 miles **(26%)**.
- ◆ Most agreed the reservoir is inviting to use **(89%)**, public access is safe **(81%)** and sufficient **(73%)**, and they enjoyed both the developed **(77%)** and undeveloped **(75%)** recreational areas at the reservoir.



(Above) Staff from Reclamation and SDGFP conducting a site visit at Shadehill Reservoir prior to the public open house meeting on June 14, 2018.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about Shadehill Reservoir?



How to Stay Involved

Although public scoping concluded in August 2018, Reclamation and SDGFP encourage everyone to stay involved in the RMP process by providing comments and suggestions to the addresses below. The next phase of the RMP process will be the release of the draft RMP for public comment.



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