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## Managing Water in the West

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### Shadehill Reservoir Resource Management Plan

#### The Resource Management Plan for Shadehill Reservoir Continues!

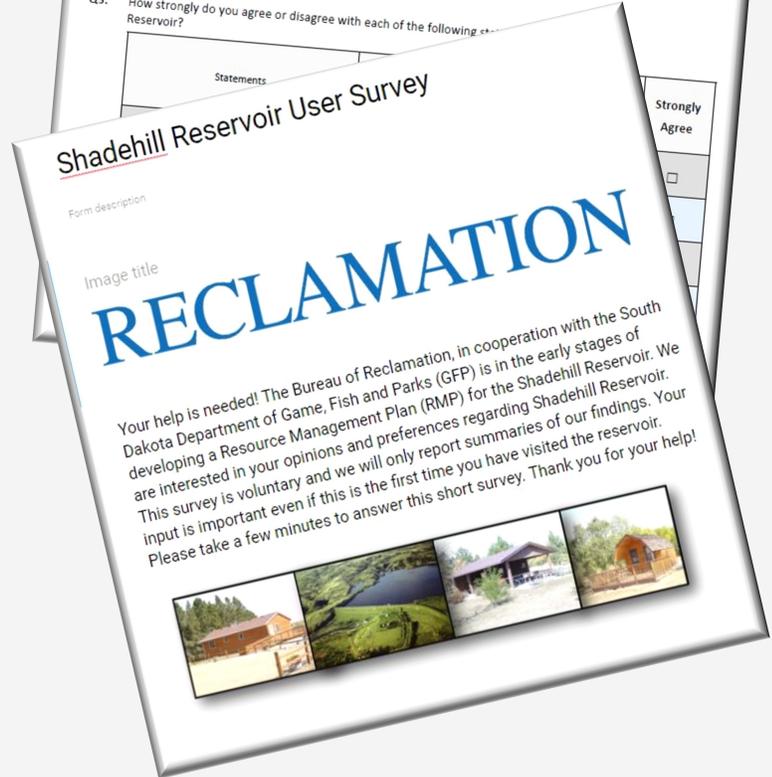
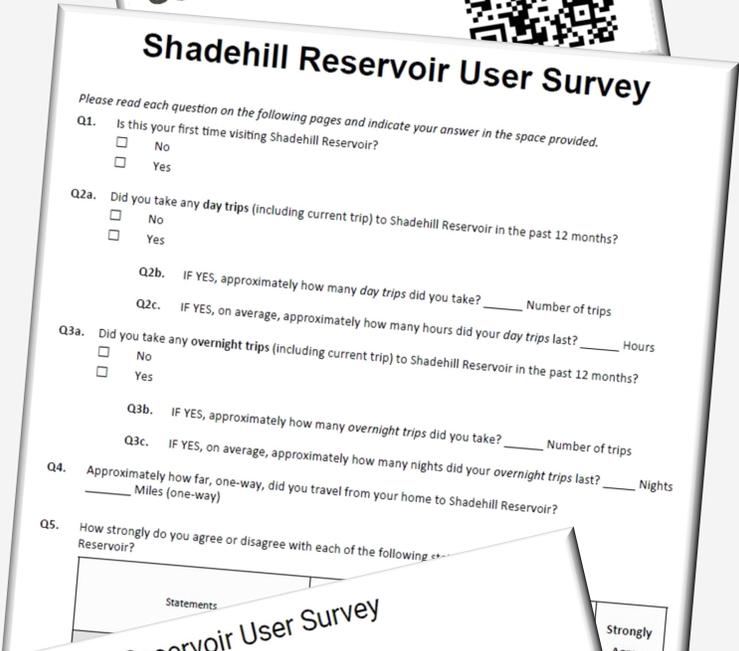
For those of you who are new to our mailing list, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), in cooperation with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGFP), has initiated work on a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Shadehill Reservoir. The RMP will serve as the blueprint for the future 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

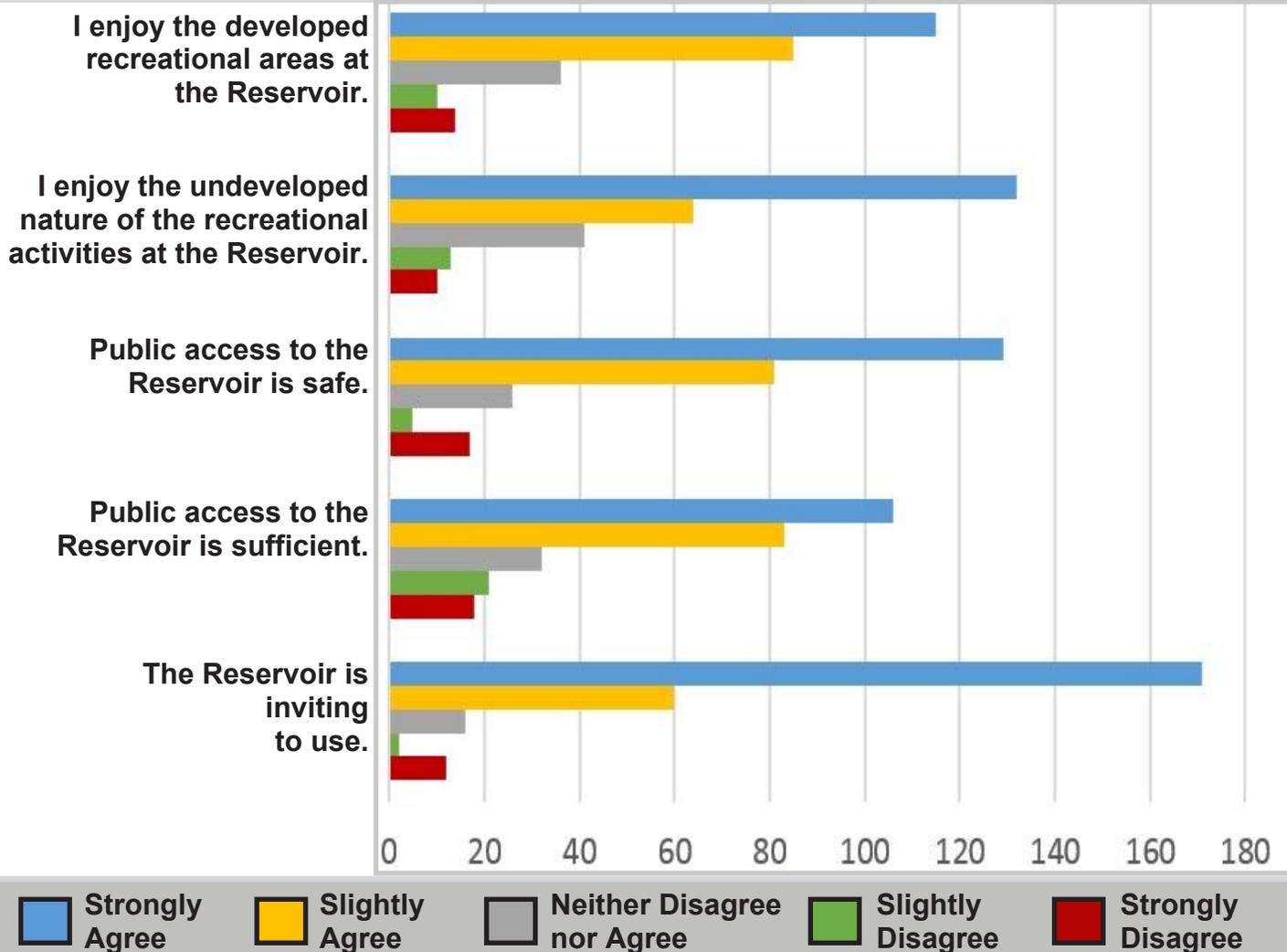
Reclamation received 268 online surveys and 2 written surveys between June and August of 2018. The results of the Survey will be included in the RMP. A brief summary of some of the survey questions indicate:

- ◆ 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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