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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville District (USACE) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Pates Ford Marina Expansion to include the construction of 12 cabins and associated sewer septic system. Figure 1 shows the proposed project location.

The EA evaluated three alternatives for the proposed project and are described as follows:

- **Alternative 1 - No Action Alternative** - Alternative 1 is considered the **No Action** alternative, and would be to allow existing conditions to continue at Pates Ford Marina. Pates Ford Marina would be limited to the existing number of rental properties within its lease area.
- **Alternative 2 - Approval of the Proposed Development Plan** - Alternative 2 involves the construction of 12 cabins (eight one-bedroom and four two-bedroom cabins), associated sewer septic system, and paving of an existing parking lot within the approved lease area. Tree removal will be required to construct and install the twelve cabins and associated sewer septic systems. Alternative 2 would allow for more individuals/groups to visit and stay within Pates Ford Marina.
- **Preferred Alternative – Alternative 3 – Approval of the Proposed Development Plan with Special Conditions** - Alternative 3 would be the same as Alternative 2 with the addition of special conditions to construction to limit potential impacts to Threatened and Endangered State/Federally listed species, sedimentation, erosion, and water resources. Special conditions include: Trees are to be felled between November 1 and March 31.

The EA reveals no significant direct or indirect impacts from the preferred alternative, which is implementation of the preferred alternative – **Approval of the Proposed Development Plan with Special Conditions**. Development of the proposed footprint would not affect wetlands or hazardous, toxic or radioactive waste. The preferred alternative would cause minimal and temporary adverse impacts during construction to water quality, aquatic resources, terrestrial resources, socioeconomics, noise, navigation, and recreation and scenic resources. However, the preferred alternative would allow for a positive increase in recreation with Center Hill Reservoir and surrounding areas.

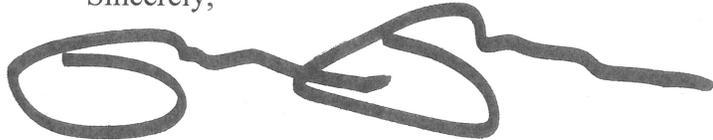
This letter serves as a Notice of Availability for reviewing the EA and unsigned FONSI. This EA is prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on

Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and the USACE implementing regulation, ER 200-2-2, 1988, *Policies and Procedures for Implementing NEPA*.

Electronic copies of the documents can be found at:
http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/pmgt/Environmental/public_notices.htm.

Please submit any written comments **no later than 15 days from the above date** to ensure evaluation and inclusion in the EA. Send your written comments to the address above, ATTN: CELRN-PM-P (Matthew Granstaff), or email your comments to Matthew.L.Granstaff@usace.army.mil. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ L. Rote". The signature is stylized with a large loop on the left and a horizontal line extending to the right.

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