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Dear Recipient:

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (Corps) is releasing for public comment the Draft Master Plan for three U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Facilities: Mississinewa, Salamonie, and J. Edward Roush Lakes and integrated Draft Environmental Assessment (EA). The project limits for the integrated master plan and EA encompass all Corps-owned property at each of the three lakes.

The integrated master plan will replace the existing master plans with a single, regionalized document. The purpose of this effort is to develop master plans for Mississinewa, Salamonie, and J. Edward Roush Lakes that reflect current ecological, cultural, and recreation resources on the associated Corps property. The updated master plan follows current federal laws and regulations while sustaining the lakes' natural resources and providing outdoor recreational experiences. The master plan guides and articulates USACE responsibilities pursuant to federal laws to preserve, conserve, restore, maintain, manage, and develop the land, water, and associated resources.

The integrated draft EA considered two alternatives including the No Action Alternative. The Proposed Action Alternative assessed in the integrated draft EA is the adoption and implementation of the updated master plan, including updated land classifications described in the resources plan for each project. The revisions are proposed to address ongoing and anticipated management issues, including recreational features, to allow the Corps and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources the flexibility they need to respond to changing conditions and uses over the life of the master plan, and to ensure that actions needed to maintain their facilities are compliant with all relevant federal regulations.

Due to the low impact of the minor changes being implemented through the new master plan, no public meeting is scheduled at this time. However, a public meeting may be scheduled if there is sufficient interest expressed during public review. The draft master plan and integrated EA is available online at the following webpage: <https://www.lrc.usace.army.mil/Missions/Water-Management/Upper-Wabash/>. The Corps is accepting comments on the draft master plan and integrated EA through March 7, 2022. Comments should be sent to Mr. Ryan Johnson, by email at ryan.a.johnson@usace.army.mil. Questions should be directed to Mr. Johnson at (312) 846-5559 or through the above email.

Sincerely,

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