



Through the Federal Power Act, National Park Service recommends provisions to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to mitigate and enhance conservation and recreation resources associated with licensing dams.

Osage River/Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

2005 Settlement Agreement Signed for Bagnell Hydroelectric Dam

The Osage Hydroelectric Relicensing Project involves the Osage River, Bagnell Dam, and the Lake of the Ozarks impoundment in southwestern Missouri. The 176.2 megawatts hydroelectric Bagnell Dam, owned and operated by Ameren UE, essentially creates Lake of the Ozarks (93 miles long and approximately 1,150 miles of shoreline). The relicensing effort began in 2000, using a collaborative licensing process which included the formation and establishment of an extensive public involvement process. The National Park Service was an active participant and provided extensive input during many phases of the relicensing process.

Land Protection (including Shoreline Management), Natural Resources, and Recreation Enhancements

A comprehensive Settlement Agreement for the Osage Hydroelectric Project (Bagnell Dam), currently under review by FERC, was filed on May 18, 2005. Highlights in the Settlement Agreement include establishment of funds for fish propagation and protection, mitigation and enhancements for habitat, erosion control, safety and recreational park improvements, and a new public scenic viewing area at Willmore Point (Lake of the Ozarks). Also included is the development and implementation of a Shoreline Management Plan. A fund of approximately \$14.5 million from the licensee (Ameren UE) is set forth in the Agreement for these project elements.



Lake of the Ozarks



Bagnell Dam

"There has been a positive working relationship between our office and the National Park Service through all phases of the relicensing; NPS involvement with public engagement and on key natural resource, land protection and recreation issues has been especially effective."

Charlie Scott, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service / Missouri Ecological Services

National Park Service provides technical assistance on recreation and conservation issues to all participants in Hydropower Licensing Proceedings of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. NPS makes recommendations on recreation access and facilities, instream flows for recreation, and protection for riparian corridors and conservation buffer zones. More information on Hydropower Assistance at <http://www.nps.gov/nrcr/programs/hydro/>

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Further project information and copies of the settlement agreement are available at www.chugachelectric.com/relicensing/index.html.