

# Corps of Engineers' statement on Falmouth Dam Project

The Environmental Impact Statement on Falmouth Lake was released by the Corps of Engineers June 4, 1971. This is a multi-purpose project consisting of a dam 60.5 miles upstream from the mouth of Licking River and surrounding flood-prone portions of Pendleton, Bracken, Harrison, Robertson, Nicholas, Fleming and Bath counties. Original brochure says 45,000 acres will be flooded. Project purposes include flood-control, water supply and recreation. It will provide water-oriented recreation not presently available in the general area.

From their original document, the land needed for project construction has been pared down to 35,000 acres. The pool at flood control level would have a surface area of 25,700 acres.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation first called attention to the over-logging of the project with the Cave Run Dam area. That structure is at river mile 17.6.

At flood pool, Falmouth Lake extends to river mile 170.0. This means the \$35,000,000 Cave Run facility will be protecting 16 miles of Licking River behind at a cost of approximately \$10,000,000 per mile.

struction of the existing stream fishery, modification of the ecosystem, eviction of the residents, generation since the early settlement of this state. Therefore, the required relocation of these residents would cause a greater than normal psychological and sociological adverse impact. However, to quote: "Evacuation of flood-prone areas would enhance the natural environment. The lake would enhance the waterfowl habitat and improve the fishing habitat. The next paragraph avers the project would eliminate the ecosystem upon which the present population of wildlife are built and would destroy the stream fisheries. They say the exposed mud banks, at draw-down, could have an adverse impact on recreational use of the lake, and on the aesthetic quality. They say the area is one of the most historical in the state

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tion area, and "improve the standard of living in lieu of quality of the protection of the city of Falmouth are not feasible because they would obstruct the view of the river". The Corps claims a benefit-to-cost ratio of 1.4 to 1.0. However, although setting forth flood-control as the major goal, leaves a ratio of only 0.3 to 1.0 or 0.6 to 1.0. That leaves, to other benefits, the major proportion of the ratio, viz. 0.8 to 1.0 or 0.9 to 1.0. They said "Leaves provide only flood protection". To quote: "A 1964 study indicated 6,700 acres of the region was cropland and 8,400 acres was pasture". The latest estimate is that only 5,750 acres of the land is cropland. They say that crops and wildlife productivity would be lost above the dam (110 miles), but "agricultural production, about increase downstream" (60 miles). There it should improve production potential. Improve fish production, provide a much needed recrea-

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remain free-flowing and any attempt to quantify the value of the stream would be subjective, since suitable methods for quantifying this value have not been developed. Comments from various organizations accompanied the report. In reply to a Soil Conservation Service question, the Corps avers that there are no known geologic faults in the area. N. Noyes (Blue Licker). Replying to the Kentucky Department of Natural Resources, they avers, "Non-structural alternatives would not provide water supply and fishery benefits, or furnish recreation opportunities. The National Park Service said, "Project related changes in the ecosystem could be an irreversible commitment of natural environmental resources".

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation said the project would "encourage downstream development, resulting in an additional loss of open space and wildlife habitat. An increase in water pollution and water demand, as well as greater risk in times of major flooding". They further suggest that "native vegetation along 25 miles of forested gorge is of ecological and educational importance. While it may not be unique, it will become more rare as more valleys are lost".

They also state, "At flood pool, portions of the Licking River flood plain, protected by Cane Run Dam will be inundated. Combining the two lakes flood 1/2 of the flowing Licking River viz. 176 miles. This does not include loss of tributaries". "In a 1965 Kentucky Outdoor Recreation plan, an 85 mile reach of the Licking River was recommended to be preserved as a scenic river. This indicates that this river has natural environmental importance. 20 miles of the river downstream from the dam in Kenton County has been given priority. A scenic river in the Outdoor Recreation Plan Supplement No. 1, increased development related to flood protection could endanger this downstream reach of scenic river".

The Corps reply says the 60

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miles below the dam will be untouched, should be enhanced by the project, and environmental protection should be encouraged. "The Bureau concludes that, while non-structural alternatives do not offer multiple use or equal short-term economic benefit, they may still be the wisest use of a scenic river and flood-prone lands". It suggests a "utilization of Cave Run Reservoir to alleviate problems of low-flow at the end of the hydrologic year. This could provide water for fishing, canoeing, and offer a choice of stream oriented rather than reservoir oriented recreation. Some flood-control, water supply, and reservoir recreation will be supplied by Cave Run Reservoir. Immediately upstream from the proposed Falmouth project, it is, therefore, questioned whether over the long-term view, an additional 91 miles of free-flowing river with wildlife habitat and gorge vegetation should be inundated. This action denies the freedom of choice of future generations to decide the best use of natural resources".

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