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# Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan



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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

BFR	Belle Fourche Reservoir
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
MU	Management Unit
SDGFP	South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
Reclamation	Bureau of Reclamation
RMP	Resource Management Plan
SDSHPO	South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer
Survey	Belle Fourche Reservoir User Survey

# Section 1 Introduction and Overview

## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is the federal agency responsible for administering lands and resources associated with Belle Fourche Reservoir (BFR). Reclamation's Dakotas Area Office (DKAO) is preparing the Belle Fourche Resource Management Plan (RMP). The RMP is intended to document current management practices and policies at BFR, which can be found in Sections 1.2 through 1.5. The RMP will help ensure that future management decisions are consistent with Reclamation's management objectives and authorized purposes and meet the needs of growing public demand for recreation, water development, and environmental protection. Future management actions and RMP implementation can be found in Sections 1.6 and 1.7. Land use designations, goals and definitions can be found in Section 2. Section 3 contains all the proposed management actions for each Management Unit (MU).

### **Resource Management Plan Authority**

Title 28 of P.L. 102-575, Section 2805 (106 Statute 4690, Reclamation Recreation Management Act of October 30, 1992) provides Reclamation with authority to prepare RMPs. The Act further provides that each RMP shall be consistent with applicable laws (including any applicable statute, regulation, or Executive order) and shall be developed in consultation with appropriate heads of federal and non-federal departments or agencies, with the authorized beneficiaries of any Reclamation project, and with appropriate public participation. Each RMP shall provide for the development, use, conservation, protection, enhancement, and management of resources of Reclamation lands in a manner that complies with public laws and is compatible with the authorized purposes.

Reclamation's Recreation Management Policy (LND P04) defines Reclamation's overall responsibilities and establishes the basic principles for planning, development, management, and protection of public recreation resources on Reclamation lands and waters. One of the principles outlined in this policy is to: "Conduct necessary planning studies, research, assessment, and public involvement processes, in conjunction with managing partners where possible, to provide recreation facilities commensurate with public needs and Reclamation responsibilities and objectives."

The Federal Water Project Recreation Act of July 9, 1965 (P.L. 89-72) governs Reclamation's management and appropriations for all reservoirs within their jurisdiction, including BFR. Section 3 of the Act states that in the absence of a non-federal managing agency, Reclamation may only provide minimum basic facilities for recreation development. Minimum basic facilities are those required for public health and safety to protect and preserve federal property and the public, and they may include lands administered by managing partners and concessionaires. No cost share is required to construct minimum basic facilities. The intent of P.L. 89-72 is to encourage local agencies to assume management responsibilities for recreation areas on Reclamation lands that do not have legislative recreation authority established in the project purposes. If no local interests



assume management, then Reclamation is strictly limited to providing only minimum facilities for health and safety reasons.

## **1.2 PROJECT LOCATION, HISTORY, AND PURPOSE**

The Belle Fourche Unit is in Butte County in western South Dakota, northeast of the Black Hills and about 25 miles east of the Wyoming-South Dakota state border (Figure 1). While originally authorized in 1904 as the Belle Fourche Project, the Project was reauthorized as the Belle Fourche Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program in 1983 under Public Law 98-157, for the primary purpose of irrigation. This Act also provided construction appropriations for rehabilitation and betterment of irrigation facilities, recreation, and fish and wildlife.

The main project features of the Unit are the Belle Fourche Diversion Dam, Inlet Canal, Belle Fourche Dam and Reservoir, North and South Canals, laterals, drains, and irrigated acres. The Diversion Dam is located on the Belle Fourche River about 1.5 miles northeast of the city of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, and the Inlet Canal carries diverted water to BFR on Owl Creek, a tributary of the Belle Fourche River. Moreover, Belle Fourche Dam is an earthen dam constructed across Owl Creek and forms BFR, which has a water surface area of 8040 acres when the reservoir is at the top of conservation pool (i.e. full) and stores 192,077 acre-feet of water. The reservoir is approximately 8 miles long with approximately 50 miles of shoreline.

While the planning area addressed in this RMP includes Belle Fourche Unit lands, this document will not address BFR water operations or irrigation.

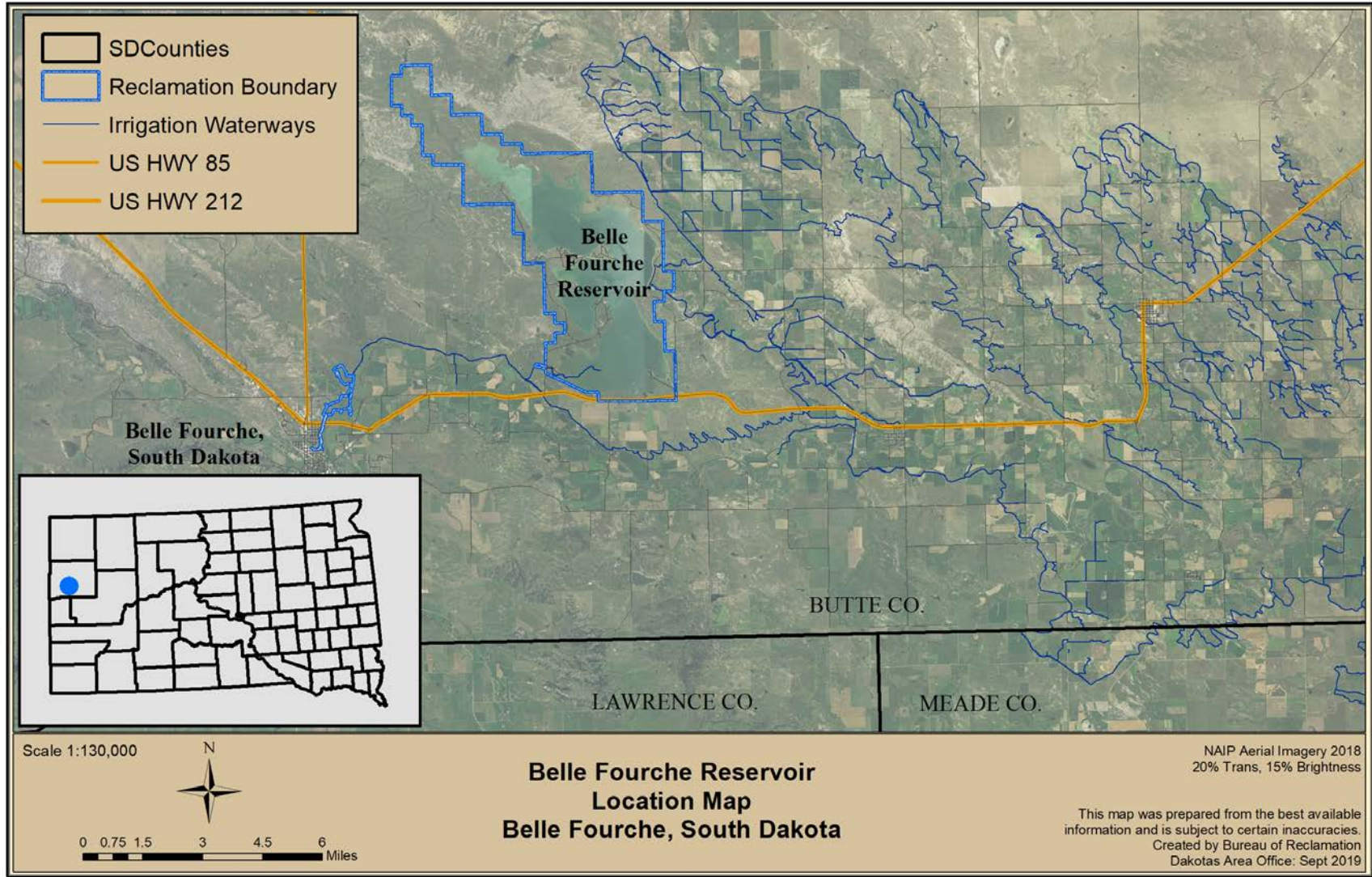


Figure 1. Belle Fourche Reservoir Location Map.

### 1.3 LAND USE AND MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

The total area within the boundary of BFR is 14,702 acres of acquired lands. Water surface area at elevation 2,975' (Top of Conservation Pool) encompasses 7,976 acres of water and the remaining upland habitat encompasses 6,743 acres and 57 miles of shoreline. Reclamation and South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks (SDGFP) manages these upland acres for:

Project operations.....	76 acres
Reclamation managed recreation.....	2,007 acres
SDGFP managed recreation.....	359 acres
SDGFP managed wildlife management area.....	4,301 acres

Reclamation uses management agreements, permits, and contracts with private individuals, state and federal agencies to manage the lands per Reclamation’s regulations. Below is a description of the current management agreements, permits, and contracts that affect the way land is managed on Reclamation lands. For a list of reference documents, authorities, and guides not discussed in this section, please refer to Table 1. Documents Associated with Management of Belle Fourche Reservoir.

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Document Name	Description
Federal Water Project Recreation Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-72)	This Act authorizes recreation and fish and wildlife enhancement and encourages non-Federal public bodies to administer project land and water areas for such purposes.
Reclamation Recreation Management Act (Title XXVIII)	Title 28 authorizes Reclamation to cost-share with non-federal public entities for the planning, development, and replacement costs of recreation facilities up to 50% and up to 75% for wildlife habitat development.
Recreation Program Management (LND 01-03)	Under this Directive & Standards (D&S), Reclamation is guided to ensure effective management of public outdoor recreation on Reclamation lands and waterbodies. This D&S follows Pub. L. 89-72.
Reclamation Safety of Dams Act	This program concerns the construction, restoration, operation, and maintenance for new and existing features at Reclamation dams and related facilities.
South Dakota Fire Management Plan (FMP)	This FMP identifies objective and goals for the fire management program in South Dakota and defines how to manage wildland fire program elements.
Dakotas Area Office 2015 Integrated Pest Management Plan	Because Reclamation is responsible for resource management on Reclamation-owned lands, the goal of this document is to provide guidance for techniques used to control weeds and other pests.

Document Name	Description
ADA Accessibility Guidelines for Buildings and Facilities (ADAAG)	This document contains scoping and technical requirements for accessibility to buildings and facilities by individuals with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.
Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)	This document applies to facilities on Federal lands to ensure universal access to the built environment for people with disabilities.
Safety and Health Standards	The standards prescribe the safety and health requirements for all Reclamation activities and operations.
Sign Guidelines for Planning, Designing, Fabricating, Procuring, Installing, and Maintaining Signs for Outdoor Public Use Areas (October 2006)	The intent of this document is to provide needed direction that will facilitate uniform application of the signing guidelines on a Reclamation-wide basis.
43 CFR Part 423: Public Conduct on Bureau of Reclamation Facilities, Lands, and Waterbodies	This regulation intends to maintain law and order and protect persons and properties at Reclamation property.
43 CFR Part 429: Use of Bureau of Reclamation Land, Facilities, and Waterbodies	This regulation outlines authorized use of Reclamation property.
Reclamation Manual, Recreation Program Management Policy & Directives and Standards	Defines and ensures Reclamations overall roles and responsibilities in providing public outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities.
Reclamation Manual, Directives and Standards for Implementing Cost Sharing Authorities for Recreation and Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Facilities	This Directive and Standard (D&S) benefits Reclamation by providing consistency in the way Reclamation cost shares with non-Federal partners in planning, developing, operating, maintaining, and replacing recreation and fish and wildlife enhancement facilities on lands and waterbodies under Reclamation jurisdiction.
Reclamation Manual, Land Use Authorizations	Provides standard procedures for issuing use authorization documents such as easements, leases, licenses, and permits which allow others to use Reclamation lands and interests in its lands, facilities, and water surfaces.
Reclamation Manual, Integrated Pest Management Program	To provide directives and standards for Reclamation personnel involved with the implementation of Pest Management/Resource Protection (PM/RP) plans for the operation and maintenance of Reclamation lands and facilities.
Memorandum of Understanding Between the United States and the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks	This document governs the administration and development of facilities at Belle Fourche Reservoir for recreation purposes.
SDGFP West River Fisheries Management Plan	Plan will guide staff working on fisheries and aquatic resource issues and provide the public with information on current fisheries management directions and activities.

## **Management Agreements**

In 1961, the National Park Service created a General Development Plan for recreational facilities at the reservoir. A Management Agreement (14-06-600-7A) was entered into by SDGFP and Reclamation on December 11, 1969, modified October 18, 2000, for a length of 50 years. Reclamation entered into another Management Agreement (0-AG-60-01050) on January 10, 1991, modified February 7, 1996 and October 18, 2000, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and SDGFP to make 1,541 federal lands in the Belle Fourche Project available for wildlife purposes. The wildlife management area included both Gaden's Point and Rocky Point. This was managed by SDGFP's Wildlife Division until 1998, when increased recreation use prompted them to transfer the management to their Parks Division. The lack of developed roads, restrooms, designated camping areas, and law enforcement eventually created a difficult management situation for SDGFP. They lacked the funding, staff and facilities to properly manage the increasing visitor use of the entire area. In 1999, they returned the management of 1,020 acres on Gaden's Point to Reclamation. SDGFP continues to manage 359 acres on Rocky Point for recreation and 164 acres on Owl Creek below the dam for wildlife purposes.

The current management agreement (Agreement # 14-06-600-7A) between Reclamation and SDGFP expires December 31, 2019. Increased use around the entire BFR has prompted Reclamation to actively seek a managing partner to (1) assume additional recreation and land management responsibility and (2) provide public use facilities that are above Reclamation's minimum basic facilities authority.

During the agency scoping and public involvement process of this RMP, no new recreation managing partners were identified. The SDGFP Wildlife Division has indicated interest to assume management responsibility of the Wildlife Management Areas on the north half of the reservoir, consisting of approximately 4,200 acres of land. A new management agreement will need to be entered between Reclamation and SDGFP in 2020. The Management agreement would be amended in the future if SDGFP assumes additional management responsibility at BFR.

Please see Appendix A for the Management Agreement.

## **Special Use Permits**

Normal operations include the issuance of Special Use Permits through Right-of-Use applications for certain activities on Reclamation lands, including, but not limited to:

- Organized, recreational, public gatherings, and other special events;
- commercial filming and photography;
- commercial or organized sporting events;
- grazing farming, and other agricultural uses
- commercial outfitting and guiding; and
- infrastructure such as transportation, telecommunications, utilities, and pipelines

SDGFP is governed by State permitting processes and follows Reclamations 43 CFR Part 429 guidelines on BFR. SDGFP issues permits for organized events such as fishing tournaments, triathlon, and other special events that take place in areas managed by the Parks Division. The Wildlife Division may issue permits for haying, grazing and foodplot planting activities.

## 1.4 PLANNING PROCESS AND PUBLIC INVOLVMENT

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended) is the basic national charter for protection of the environment. NEPA requirements direct government agencies to assess the effects of their actions. The regulations implementing NEPA provide several procedural avenues to determine if or how this requirement applies to a particular federal action. Reclamation and SDGFP activities at BFR include the continuation of normal operations in managing the natural resources and facilities.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be completed for the implementation of the RMP. Project revisions and project concepts that differ from those already considered under this RMP will be considered under separate NEPA and National Historic Preservation Act compliance.

BFR is a popular public recreation area, and the demands placed on the facility are only projected to increase. Reclamation has collected traffic counter data since 2016. Each year between May and October four to six traffic counters are set out in strategic locations around the reservoir to capture vehicle usage. This data is useful for Reclamation to understand how many vehicles are accessing BFR lands as well as understand the most popular recreation areas, based on vehicle usage data. Based on the data, it is evident that visitation at BFR is generally increasing and major holidays including Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day have the highest traffic counts.

To ensure public needs are analyzed; the planning process provides opportunities for public participation. Public input increases the scope of the issues by ensuring a diverse examination of the resource. The information is used to help make management decisions and to plan for the future within the constraints of our authority.

Reclamation provided a variety of public involvement activities in order to gather data. Reclamation released four newsletters regarding the RMP process and public involvement opportunities. The first newsletter was sent to a list of email addresses sourced from camping registration at Rocky Point State Recreation Area in 2017. This list created contact with over 1,000 recreationists who were then invited to complete the Belle Fourche Reservoir User Survey (Survey). Outside of Rocky Point, Reclamation does not have a registration system on Reclamation managed lands to capture names and addresses of all users on Reclamation Managed lands. Reclamation also distributed newsletters to adjacent landowners, Federal, State, County, and local agencies and businesses. Recreationists who filled out the Survey and submitted an email address were also mailed newsletters.

A second newsletter was sent in November 2018 to the expanded list of email addresses, comprised of all Rocky Point campers, Survey respondents who provided email addresses, and other interested parties. This newsletter detailed results of the Survey and provided a status update on the RMP.

A third newsletter was sent out in May 2019. It provided the proposed management options, proposed management actions, proposed road names, provided a status update on the RMP, and advertised for the second open house meeting.

In addition to newsletters, Reclamation hosted two public open houses. The first was held at BFR on August 23, 2018. Visitors viewed displays and had the opportunity to speak with Reclamation and SDGFP staff about BFR, RMP development, and the opportunity to complete the Survey.

Individuals who included their contact information on a submitted Survey were added to our contact list. Moreover, Reclamation submitted press releases to local newspapers, radio stations, and local businesses advertising the Survey and Open House meeting. Surveys and RMP information were also provided on Reclamations website.

The second public open house meeting was held on May 29, 2019 at the Belle Fourche Community Hall. Visitors had the opportunity to review a range of potential management options and provide comments, as well as provide input on naming public roads around BFR. Maps and draft management options were also available on Reclamation's website. This public meeting was advertised through press release to local newspapers and radio stations and through flyers posted at the Reservoir and local businesses.

The Survey was available to the public in a paper format and online in a digital format from May 1 through October 1, 2018. In paper, the Survey was available at six locations around the reservoir, the Rocky Point entrance station, the Wheel Inn Bait Shop, the Buckstop, the Belle Fourche Irrigation District office, and Reclamation's Rapid City Office. The digital format was available through Reclamation's website, newsletters, and via a QR code with a cell phone. This outreach helped maximize input and understanding of public interests and needs. A total of 568 Surveys were returned to Reclamation as a result of the public outreach. The Survey, Survey results, public meeting handouts and comments are attached Appendix B. Appendix C contains the three newsletters.

## **1.5 ISSUES AND CONSTRAINTS**

### **Issues**

A variety of issues were identified through the Survey. Within the Survey, 287 written responses were received Reclamation and SDGFP staff reviewed all responses. The comments were given a reference number ranging from 1 to 287 (Comments are attached as Appendix C.) Reclamation staff categorized the 287 comments by issue similarity, which are shown in Table 2. The six categories are: Development, Safety & Enforcement Concerns, Administrative Management, Land Use, Maintenance, and No Issue. Some comments were applicable to multiple categories.

The most common comments include:

- Need for more reservable campsites (developed and primitive) & more group sites, electrical hookups and cabins (75 comments)
- Positive Comment/No issue or comment (38 comments)
- Issue with road closures or more road access to lands (24 comments)
- Need for more dumpsters; Clean up trash and fish around reservoir (22 comments)
- Concern over camping overstay & unoccupied campers (21 comments)
- Desire to increase GF&P management area or implement full lake access fee (20 comments)
- Need for road improvements (20 comments)
- Need for more law enforcement (20 comments)

## **Constraints**

Management, environmental, cultural and paleontological constraints for development were identified through a review of various agency Geographic Information Systems databases, existing published data, input from subject matter experts, and Reclamation records. The identified constraints may require consultation and/or permitting with outside agencies, limit where development can occur, and/or place timing or setback restrictions in the areas developments occur. The constraints identified at BFR include:

Soils – Data was obtained from the Web Soil Survey Database (NRCS 2019). Soils identified as constraints at BFR include: Soils are very and/or somewhat limited for recreation development including campgrounds, off-road trails, paths and trails, picnic areas, and playgrounds; soils with a high degree of site degradation potential.

Natural Resources – Natural Heritage Inventory Data was obtained from the SDGFP. Included in this data are observed South Dakota Rare species, and federally listed threatened or endangered species areas. According to Natural Heritage Inventory Data, common tern, Caspian tern, great blue heron, California gull, and longnose sucker have been observed at BFR within the last 10 years. According to the State and Federally Listed Threatened, Endangered and Candidate Species Documented in South Dakota by County dated July 2016, the finescale dace, northern river otter, and swift fox have been observed in Butte County.

Threatened and Endangered (T&E) Species and Critical Habitat – The list for T&E species was obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) website (USFWS 2019). The list includes Northern long-eared bat, red knot, and whooping crane. No critical habitat occurs within BFR. Effect determinations must be made for each species when considering any projects occurring on Reservoir lands. Consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be required. No critical habitat occurs within BFR.

Wetlands – Data was obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Wetlands Inventory Wetland Mapper database (USFWS 2018). Wetlands at BFR are associated with creeks and tributaries to the Belle Fourche River and Owl Creek or are connected to the shoreline of the Reservoir. Consultation with the US Army Corps of Engineers may be required for working in these wetlands or waterbodies.

Riparian Areas – Riparian areas include reservoir shoreline, and tributaries. Reservoir elevation fluctuations have a direct impact on the riparian areas. Reservoir elevations are operated in accordance with the SOP and Reclamations contract with BFID, who owns the reservoir water storage rights.

Cultural/Paleontological Resources – Cultural and paleontological resource information was collected from Reclamation staff.

Staffing - Current staffing for SDGFP District 15 (including Belle Fourche) is 3 full time employees and 6 seasonal employees. Current staffing for Reclamation’s direct managed lands at BFR is seasonal of one employee’s time and one seasonal intern. Since 2016, Reclamation has stationed a seasonal intern at BFR. Beginning in 2020, Reclamation will replace the seasonal intern with a part-time seasonal position.



Limited Authority without a Managing Partner – Reclamation’s authority is limited to minimum basic recreational facilities without a managing partner. Allowable facilities include fire rings, garbage dumpsters, vault toilets, boat ramps, informational kiosks and gravel roads and parking areas.

Limited Budget – During the recreation season, Reclamation utilizes contracts for operations and maintenance including; vault toilet maintenance, garbage dumpster service, road maintenance, noxious weed control, fire ring cleanout, litter pickup, and law enforcement. Reclamation also utilizes local volunteer groups, the Montana Conservation Corps and the SD Army National Guard to provide operation and maintenance duties as well as capital improvement projects such as road and parking lot improvements, fire ring installations, tree plantings and fence construction/removal.

## 1.6 MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Based on Reclamation Policy, public involvement and agency scoping; Reclamation is proposing to implement the following management actions at BFR under this RMP.

- **Management Responsibility** - SDGFP wildlife division will assume management responsibility of an additional 4,200 acres of wildlife management area at BFR. These lands will include the northern half of the reservoir, previously managed by Reclamation as wildlife management areas.

This transition will improve wildlife habitat by allowing Reclamation and SDGFP to cost share on habitat improvement projects and with wildlife biologists actively managing the lands by utilizing prescribed fire, prescribed grazing, and foodplots. The transition will also increase law enforcement on Reclamation lands.

- **Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Use** - Reclamation is proposing to change the use of the ORV area to a Wildlife Management Area to reduce resource damage and enhance wildlife movement. The location of the current ORV area creates a disconnect in the wildlife corridor between the wildlife management areas to the north and south. Additionally, the ORV area has also created a launching point for illegal ORV travel. The ORV area will be reclaimed and managed by SDGFP as a Wildlife Management Area. Motorcycles, ATV’s, and side by sides will still be allowed at BFR on authorized roads only. All motorcycles, ATV’s and side by sides must be registered and licensed, have a licensed operator, have operational head and tail lights, and must abide by all state of South Dakota rules for the operation of motor vehicles. Reclamation has met with multiple adjacent private landowners, who have expressed their concern about off road vehicle (ORV) use and the fire hazards they present. Reclamation has tried to educate the public on travel management by erecting signs, constructing new rules signs, updating rules and regulation brochures, and creating a traffic management brochure made available at any of the 8 kiosks around the reservoir. Reclamation has increased law enforcement patrols around the reservoir to curb this illegal activity.

- **Boat Ramps** - All motorized watercraft are required to launch from a designated boat ramp. Reclamation is requiring all motorized boats to launch and retrieve from a designated boat ramp to reduce resource damage, reduce the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species, and aid law enforcement.

This was previously proposed to be implemented when a third boat ramp was constructed. However, considering the recent discovery of zebra mussels in the Missouri River, SD; this restriction has been implemented immediately.

- **Designated Campsites** – Reclamation is proposing to require all campers to camp in a designated campsite. This will reduce conflicts between campers, reduce ORV traffic, limit resource damage from campsite expansion, aid law enforcement and reduce abuse of campsite overstay and unlicensed campers.
- **Camper Registration** – Reclamation is proposing to require all campers to register to camp at BFR. This will reduce overstay and unlicensed campers, aid law enforcement, and help Reclamation better understand the needs and preferences of the public.
- **Camp Host** – Reclamation is proposing to add one or two camp hosts to recreation areas managed directly by Reclamation. The camp host will provide visitor assistance and assist Reclamation with recreation site management duties.
- **Hunting in Recreation Areas** – Reclamation is proposing to allow shotgun and archery only hunting in recreation areas directly managed by Reclamation. Hunting would not be allowed near occupied campsites. Archery and shotgun hunting will be permitted in non-campground areas during regular seasons and as designated by SDGFP.
- **Conversion of Overnight Camping to Day Use Only** – Reclamation is proposing to convert 3 overnight camping areas to Day Use Only areas. These areas are CCC Point, Fruitdale Area and Inlet Canal. Based on the second and third most frequent requests in the Survey (i.e. for more shore fishing access and increased law enforcement), a change to day use will reduce the need for camping facilities and allow Reclamation to focus staff and funding on additional shore fishing areas and increased law enforcement presence.
- **Unauthorized Roads Closure and Rehabilitation-** Reclamation has identified over 257 miles of unauthorized roads and trails around the Reservoir. These unauthorized roads: cause major safety concerns and fire hazards, disturb wildlife and damage wildlife habitat, damage and /or destroy archeological and paleontological resources, disrupt hunters and other recreation users, spread noxious weeds, and encroach on adjacent private lands. Unauthorized roads will be identified as soon as possible, reclaimed and seeded to native vegetation. See Figure 2 for an illustration of unauthorized trail use and Figure 3 for a map of unauthorized roads at BFR.
- **Administrative Use Only Road Restrictions and Enforcement** - Along the north end of the Reservoir, Administrative Use Only roads exist and are used by Reclamation, SDGFP and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for operations, maintenance, and law enforcement

purposes. These roads are not authorized for public vehicular use. Administrative Use Only roads also exist on both ends of Orman Dam. These roads are for administrative use only by Reclamation and the Belle Fourche Irrigation District to access the dam and associated facilities. Public vehicular use of these administrative roads is not allowed. In the summer of 2018, Reclamation imposed the Administrative Use Only road allowances. On the west side administrative use only road, public vehicle traffic is permanently restricted. However, within this location there is a seasonal exception. Public vehicular travel is allowed between April 1st and September 1st for fishing access up to Davidson Bay. The East side administrative use only road is permanently restricted, with no seasonal exceptions. See Figure 4 for a map of administrative roads and management.

For specific management action and proposed improvements for each individual MUs see Section 3.



Figure 2. Golf Course Point, Shoreline Driving/Illegal ORV Use.

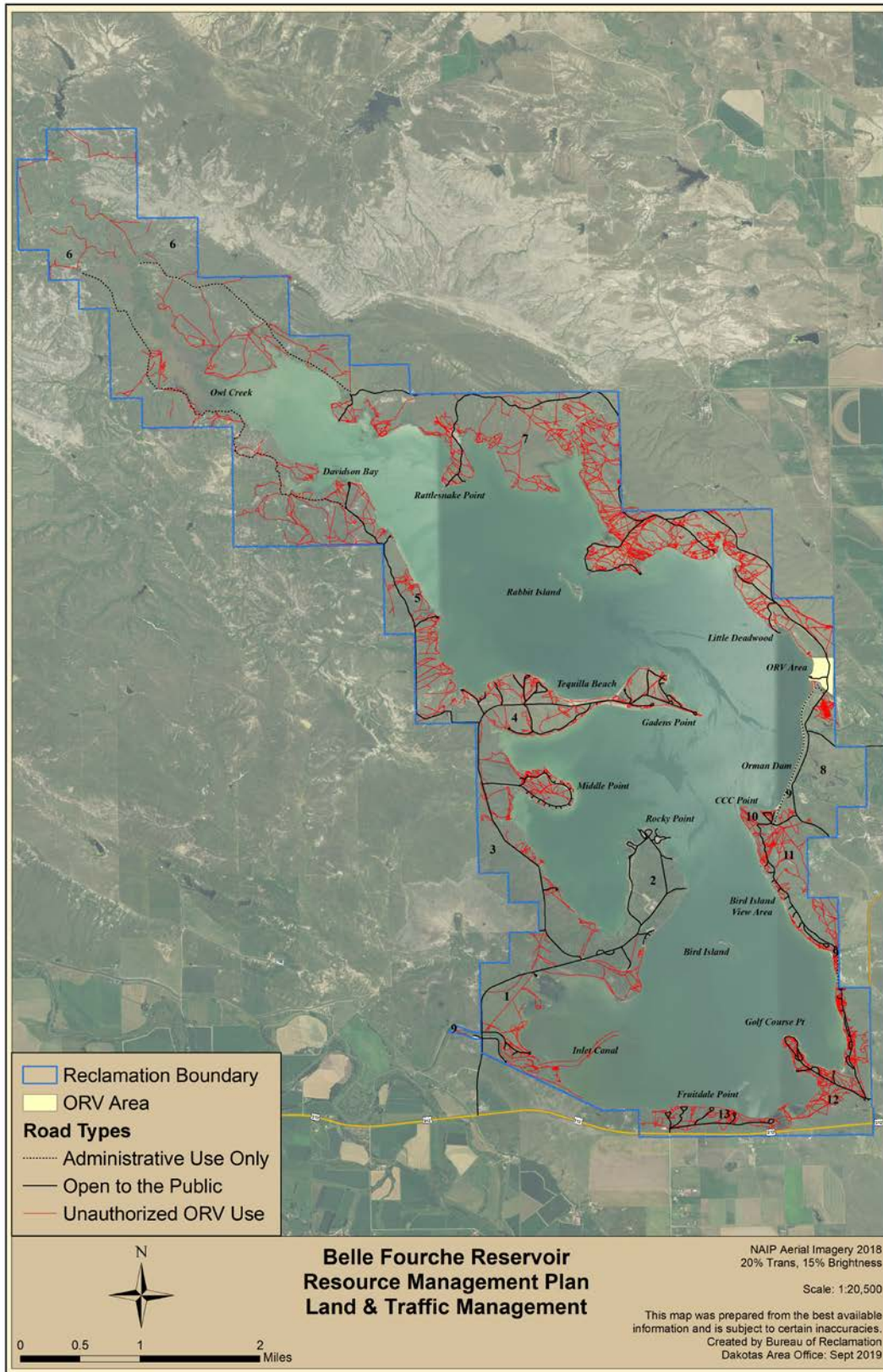


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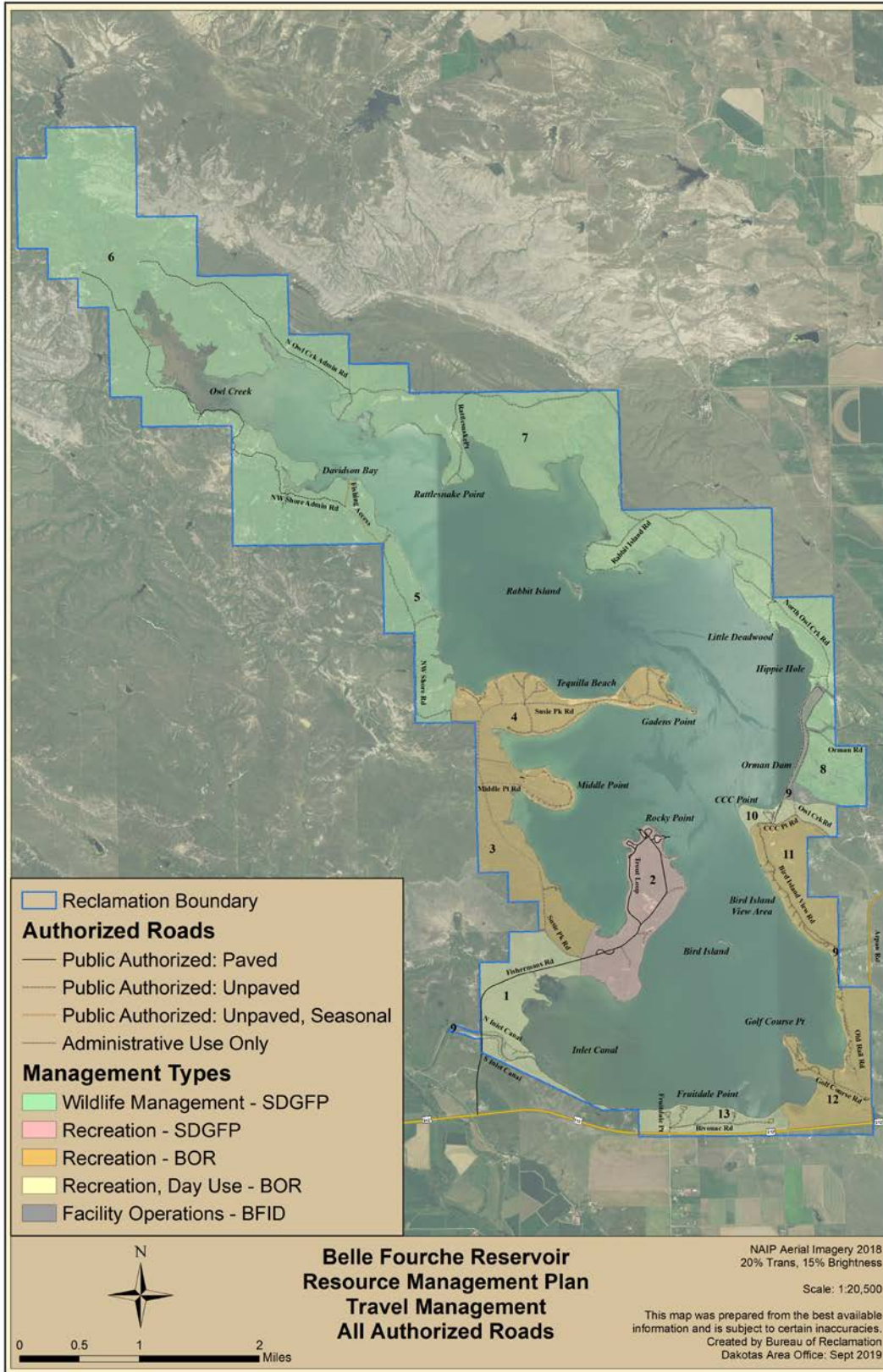


Figure 4. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, Travel Management-All Authorized Roads.

## Survey/Public Scoping

According to the 562 Survey responses and additional comments, the most frequent requests indicate need for trees for wind breaks, shore fishing access, law enforcement presence, and road maintenance. Refer to Appendix C for all the facilities and services requested at each MU. These requests and their locations will be considered as funds become available for future development.

The five issue categories identified in Section 1.6 include Development, Safety & Enforcement, Administrative Management, Land Use, and Maintenance. Current approved and proposed solutions to address the issues identified from the Survey are included in Table 2.

Table 2. Current Solutions to Issues Identified in the Belle Fourche Reservoir User Survey.

	Issues	Solutions
<b>Development</b>	More reservable campsites (primitive sites too) & more group sites, electrical hookups and cabins	Camping registration, a camp host, and designated single and group camp sites are proposed at Gadens Point, Middle Point, Bird Island View, and Golf Course Point. E-hookups and camping cabins can only be constructed with a managing partner.
	Issue with Road Closures or more road access to lands	New roads, increased road maintenance, and access are proposed in Inlet Canal Day Use Area, Gadens Point, West WMA, Fruitdale Day Use Area, Golf Course Point, Bird Island View, and CCC Point Day Use Area. Administrative road travel restrictions were implemented in 2018. No authorized roads have been closed.
	Additional comfort stations/showerhouse	Comfort stations are not allowed under minimum basic authority. Comfort stations are proposed at Middle and Gadens Point but can only be constructed with a managing partner.
	More boat access/overflow boat & trailer parking	Increased boat ramp parking is proposed at Rocky Point and a new boat ramp and parking is proposed at Gadens Point
	More shore fishing & ADA fishing access	Shore fishing access is proposed at Rocky Point, Middle Point, Inlet Canal Day Use Area, Fruitdale Day Use Area, and Wildlife Management Area West
	Add trees and wind breaks	Tree plantings are proposed at Rocky Point, Gadens Point, Middle Point, Bird Island View, and Golf Course Point
	More ORV use/keep ORV area	Eliminating ORV area - ORV restricted to road use only
	Weather monitor to check from home	Installed a weather camera at boat ramp.

	Issues	Solutions
	Additional Dump/fill and fish cleaning station or access	Expanding and Improving fish cleaning and dump station at Rocky Point
	Add Concessions or concessionaire/marina	No concessionaires have been identified in this RMP
	Add hiking trails	Hiking trails are proposed at Middle and Gadens Point; however, will not be constructed without a managing partner at those areas. A mowed trail is proposed on the south end of Bird Island View. A short hike trail currently exists at Rocky Point.
	Shooting range	A shooting range is not allowed under minimum basic authority. An archery range currently exists in Rocky Point.
	Disc golf amenity	Disc golf amenities are not allowed under minimum basic authority. SDGFP will consider adding this amenity.
	Boat-in-area camping	No new boat in camping sites are proposed. Currently campers can moor their boat along shoreline near campsites.
<b>Safety &amp; Enforcement</b>	More law enforcement (underage parties, noise, theft, speeding, etc.)	Installed security camera at Rocky Point entrance station and other locations. Entered into law enforcement contracts with Butte County Sheriff and BLM. SDGFP wildlife division expanding management and a camp host will help manage these issues.
	Loose animals in campground	
	Unattended fires	
	Gunshots in campground	
	Bugs	No bug control has been identified in this RMP
<b>Administrative Management</b>	Camping overstay & unoccupied campers	Camping registration, a camp host, and designated camp sites will help manage these issues.
	Increase GF&P management area or full lake access fee	SDGFP Wildlife Division will assume management responsibility of 4,200 acres of additional lands.
	Issues with fees Reservoir wide or desire to have free access areas	No fees are proposed in this RMP for areas directly managed by Reclamation.
	No new development or areas left as free, undeveloped, access/camping	Reclamation will continue to manage recreation areas without a managing partner, with minimal developments.
	GF&P fees too high	Due to flooding damage in South Dakota in 2019, SDGFP will propose a fee increase. Revenues directly support repairs and upkeep to South Dakota parks.
	Review Walleye fishing regulations or more fish checks and signage	SDGFP will continue to actively manage the fishery. Fisheries staff review regulations annually and public has an opportunity to comment.

	Issues	Solutions
	Control ORV use	Eliminating ORV area - ORV restricted to road use only.
	Open Diversion dam to public	Diversion dam and Inlet Canal are open to the public. Unauthorized trails will not be open to vehicular traffic.
	Ability to follow water level to camp	Designated camping will prohibit campers from following the water, reducing environmental and cultural resource concerns.
	Increase in water management for Recreation	This RMP is not addressing water management issues.
	Concern for Irrigation	
	No private exclusive use	Private exclusive use is not permitted under current Reclamation policy.
	No concessionaire	No concessionaires have been identified in this RMP.
	Give land back to tribes	This RMP is not addressing land ownership.
	Boat ramp etiquette signage	SDGFP will consider adding signage.
	Have BLM manage	BLM is not interested in managing BFR.
Land Use	Bring back grazing	SDGFP will actively manage Wildlife Management Areas and include grazing, foodplots, and prescribed burning if feasible.
	Food Plots or Game Management	
Maintenance	More Dumpsters & Clean up trash and fish around reservoir	More dumpsters are proposed at almost all developed, primitive and day use MU's.
	Road Improvements	Road improvements are proposed at multiple MU's, annually maintain 13 miles of road, plan to increase miles of road maintenance.
	Trim trees	Trees are trimmed when they pose a risk to human health and safety.
	Manage weeds	Follow IPM Plan and annually spray weeds.
	Shoreline erosion	Actively addressing over 5,000 feet of shoreline erosion in multiple areas.
	Riprap the Islands	Not proposed in this RMP.

### Additional Facilities/Services

The top 4 requests from the Survey for additional facilities/services indicate:

- 1) need for trees for wind breaks
- 2) shore fishing access
- 3) law enforcement presence
- 4) road maintenance.



- **Trees** – The reservoir lies within the mixed grass prairie region of the Great Plains. Reservoir lands include two ecoregions: The Semiarid Pierre Shale Plains and the Dense Clay Prairie. The Pierre Shale Plains are predominantly vegetated by grasses; while the Dense Clay Prairie lacks, for the most part, vegetative cover. The underlying dark clay substrate fails to support the growth of riparian woodlands in draws and stream corridors. This landscape is very fragile and erodes easily.

The upper end of the reservoir contains a portion of Owl Creek and its associated riparian area. The riparian area supports green ash, cottonwoods, and coyote willow. Owl Creek below the dam also supports a relatively small corridor of riparian woodlands. A few cottonwoods and willows have established along the shore of the reservoir; However, most shade trees and shelterbelts existing around the reservoir have been planted.

SDGF&P planted three block tree units in 1992 on the west side of the reservoir. Six units totaling 80 acres were planted on the south and east sides of the reservoir beginning in 1995 by Reclamation and Butte County Soil Conservation District. The survival rate of the trees on the west and south sides of the reservoir has been high. The survival rate of the trees on the east side of the reservoir has not been as high, many trees were destroyed by a storm in 1996 and replanted in 1997.

SDGFP annually plants and replants dead trees in Rocky Point Recreation Area. Reclamation handplanted 500 trees around the reservoir in 2019. SDGFP and Reclamation will continue to annually plant 50-500 shade trees. Reclamation will also work with the local Natural Resources Conservation Service office to plant shelterbelts in certain areas of the reservoir where soils are conducive.

- **Shore Fishing Access** – The entire shoreline around the Reservoir is open to public use; including fishing. Road access to certain shoreline areas around the reservoir currently exist. However, some of these areas currently have high, steep banks that do not allow for safe and convenient access to the shoreline. In areas of the reservoir where active shoreline erosion is occurring and where infrastructure exists; Reclamation may budget for shoreline erosion control measures. Where erosion control projects are constructed, Reclamation will make every attempt to include pedestrian access into the planning and engineering phase of the project.

Most campsites within both Rocky Point and Reclamation direct managed areas are located along the shoreline. Reclamation will designate campsites and will consider shore access when developing these sites.

A shore fishing pod is proposed in Rocky Point Recreation Area. This project will improve shore fishing opportunities. This shore fishing pod will be constructed as funding becomes available.

Shore fishing access is proposed at Rocky Point, Middle Point, Inlet Canal Day Use Area, Fruitdale Day Use Area, and Wildlife Management Area West

The primary purpose of BFR is for irrigation. Due to irrigation demands, the reservoir elevation may fluctuate annually and make shore-fishing and access to the shoreline more difficult. All vehicles are required to remain on roads. Shoreline driving is not allowed.

- Law Enforcement Presence** – Reclamation does not have law enforcement authority. Reclamation contracts with the BLM for law enforcement purposes. One BLM law enforcement ranger and one canine companion provide law enforcement on all lands around the Reservoir, however focuses primarily on Reclamation direct managed lands. In 2019, Reclamation entered into a law enforcement contract with the Butte County Sheriff’s Office. This contract allows Butte County to enforce local, state and Federal laws on all lands around the Reservoir. SDGFP Wildlife Division will assume management responsibility of an additional 4,200 acres of land on the northern end of the Reservoir. This agreement would increase the patrol frequency of SDGFP law enforcement officers on the Wildlife Management Areas around the Reservoir and enhance the cooperation between federal, state, and county law enforcement.
- Road Maintenance** – There are 33.7 miles of authorized roads including asphalt roads, gravel roads, and primitive dirt roads and trails at BFR approved in the 2004 Belle Fouché Reservoir Resource Management Plan. No additional roads or trails have been formally approved for use since that time. Reclamation maintains 13.1 miles of authorized gravel roads and SDGFP maintains 4 miles of asphalt roads leading into and within Rocky Point Recreation Area. As new roads are added, and as funding allows, these new roads will be added to the annual road maintenance contract. Reclamation’s road maintenance contract includes road bladings and shoulder mowing. This maintenance typically occurs prior to the 3 major holidays; Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day.

New proposed roads are included in this RMP. As funding allows, Reclamation and the SDGFP plan to add gravel to all authorized roads and trails under their respective management, improve authorized roads and construct new public access roads and trails. New roads and trails may have seasonal use restrictions.

In addition to road improvements, Reclamation is planning to install street signs on all authorized roads. The signage will assist Butte County Dispatch with emergency and law enforcement response to the Reservoir. The signage will also aid the public in traversing the reservoir as well as ensure all vehicles remain on authorized roads.

**Opportunities**

Funding opportunities to enhance recreation development are available through various programs and are listed in Table 3.

Table 3. Opportunities to Enhance Recreation Development.

Funding Opportunity	Description
Public Law 102-575, Title 28	Title 28 authorizes Reclamation to cost-share with non-federal public entities for the planning, development, and replacement costs of recreation facilities and wildlife habitat improvements, up to 75%.

Funding Opportunity	Description
Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP)	FLTP supports the improvement of transportation infrastructure owned and maintained by federal land management agencies.
Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)	FLAP funds projects that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands. It supplements state and local resources for public roads, bridges, paved trails, and other transit systems, and other transportation facilities—with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators.
Replacements, Additions & Extraordinary Maintenance Program (RAX)	RAX funds are annually provided to each region and may provide funding for non-routine, major items.
Sport Fish Restoration Program (SFR)	SFR provides funding to states for fishery projects, boating access, and aquatic education. SFR is authorized by the Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950.
Bring Back the Natives	The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation invests in conservation activities that restore, protect and enhance native populations of sensitive or listed fish species across the US, especially in areas on or adjacent to federal agency lands.

## 1.7 IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES, MONITORING PLAN, PLAN REVISION OR AMENDMENT

The implementation of the RMP by Reclamation will be guided by existing and future laws, Executive Orders, regulations, policies and guidelines. The RMP is designed to supplement existing direction provided by these sources.

The RMP will be monitored annually at the end of the federal fiscal year (September 30). Completed projects will be added to the document each year in the Accomplishments Section. If projects are currently in progress at the end of the fiscal year, those projects will be added upon completion in the following fiscal year. RMP revisions, amendments, or updates mutually agreed upon by Reclamation and SDGFP will occur annually at the end of the federal fiscal year and be included in the Appendix.

Section 3 describes the proposed actions for each MU. These actions will be implemented beginning in 2020 based on Reclamation and South Dakota Game Fish and Parks funding and staffing levels. Public Law 89-72 gives Reclamation the authority to cost share in planning, development, operation, maintenance, and replacement of recreation and fish and wildlife enhancement facilities with a non-Federal managing partner. Federal cost sharing with non-Federal partners may be provided for up to 50% of the cost of development of recreation facilities and 75% of the development of fish and wildlife enhancement facilities

Available funding will be the limiting factor to accomplishing these improvements and additions. Projects will be completed on a phased approach and will be prioritized in accordance with public health and safety concerns, required to protect existing resources, and based on public desire.

Other factors that may influence the implementation of a particular action are based on whether the action: (1) is procedural or technical, such as preparing agreements or developing specific plans; (2) addressed public health and safety concerns; (3) is in compliance with existing laws and regulations; (4) is required to prevent resource damage or protect plant or wildlife species or habitats; or (5) requires large capital investments, such as trail or facility development.

To aid in planning for future needs and development at BFR, Reclamation will serve as the lead agency to work with interested individuals, stakeholders and user groups as needed to discuss issues, concerns, solutions and to identify funding sources.

# Section 2 Designation of Land Uses

The RMP describes the present operations of 13 MUs identified within five land resource codes (Figure 5). The five land use codes include:

- (01) Administrative Area
- (02) Developed Recreation Area
- (03) Primitive Recreation Area
- (04) Day Use Area
- (05) Wildlife Management Area

## 2.1 ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

## Land Use Code 01

There is one unit managed as an Administrative Area at BFR. The Administrative Area unit is primarily used in operations of the Reservoir/Dam. This unit is managed by the Belle Fourche Irrigation District. Project Operation features are not located within a single boundary. The Inlet Canal and Emergency Spillway are located in areas separate from the Dam however, all features are included in MU 09.

MU 09 Dam, Spillway, North Canal, South Canal, Inlet Canal, Emergency Spillway

Management Objective - This unit is managed for priority water operations consisting of flood control and irrigation. Limited public recreation opportunities exist primarily to ensure public safety and protection of dam works. The RMP will not affect operations in MU 09.

Specific descriptions of these units, goals, issues, constraints, and management actions are included in Section 3.1.

## 2.2 DEVELOPED RECREATION AREA

## Land Use Code 02

There are three units managed as Developed Recreation Areas at BFR. Rocky Point is managed by SDGFP, Parks Division. Middle and Gadens Point are direct managed by Reclamation, without a managing partner. Only minimum basic facilities are allowed under Reclamations authority for direct managed areas.

- MU 02 Rocky Point Recreation Area
- MU 03 Middle Point Recreation Area
- MU 04 Gadens Point Recreation Area

Management Objective - Provide the public recreation opportunities in a developed recreation setting. Recreation development can include camping areas with facility amenities such as RV pullouts, picnic tables, fire rings, tent pads, grills, restrooms, sanitation dump stations, trash

dumpsters, fish cleaning stations, fishing platforms, drinking water, universally accessible use sites, picnic shelters, and other developments that support recreation. Boat ramps, docks, shower houses, trail systems, dog parks and playgrounds are possible amenities within a developed recreation area. Visitors can expect to experience extensive site development for recreation benefits, increased encounters with other visitors, Parks staff and law enforcement patrols. Emphasis is on visitor benefits, public safety and site maintenance to enhance recreation opportunities. Project authority currently limits recreation development in MU 03 & 04 to minimum basic facility development to address access, public safety and resource protection. This limitation reduces the ability for certain developments, without a managing partner, such as power and drinking water.

Specific descriptions of the unit, goals, issues, constraints, and management actions are included in Section 3.2.

## **2.3 PRIMITIVE RECREATION AREA**

## **Land Use Code 03**

There are two units managed for Primitive Recreation at BFR. These units are managed by Reclamation without a managing partner, specifically for recreational opportunities for the general public. Only minimum basic facilities are allowed under Reclamation's authority.

MU 11 Bird Island View Recreation Area  
MU 12 Golf Course Point Recreation Area

Management Objective - Provide a primitive recreation experience characterized by an unmodified natural environment. Limited development may be present to address resource damage and public safety. Such improvements may consist of fire rings, signing, rock or vegetative barriers, tables, and graveled access routes. Visitor interaction is typically low with minimal evidence of human use. Moderate to high probability exists for isolation from the sights and sounds of humans. Opportunities are present for independence, tranquility, closeness to nature, and self-reliance through the application of outdoor skills in a setting that offers a high degree of interaction with the natural environment.

Specific descriptions of the unit, goals, issues, constraints, and management actions are included in Section 3.3.

## **2.4 DAY USE RECREATION AREA**

## **Land Use Code 04**

There are three units managed for day use at BFR. These units are managed by Reclamation, without a managing partner. Only minimum basic facilities are allowed under Reclamations authority. Day use areas include:

MU 01            Inlet Canal Day Use Area  
MU 10            CCC Point Day Use Area  
MU 13            Fruitdale Day Use Area

Management Objective - Provide day use opportunities and supporting amenities for water-based recreation activities such as picnicking, fishing, hiking, sightseeing, watching wildlife, boating, swimming, hunting and relaxation in a natural lake setting. Development is limited to minimum basic facility development under current legislative authority, without securing a managing partner, within these three MUs. Minimum basic facilities consist of amenities developed for providing public safety, resource protection and recreation access. Limited facility development can consist of graveled developed access roads, picnic sites, restrooms, delineation barriers, access trails, and informational/interpretive/regulatory signing.

Specific descriptions of the unit, goals, issues, constraints, and management actions are included in Section 3.4.

## **2.5 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA**

## **Land Use Code 05**

There are four units managed as Wildlife Management Areas at BFR. Wildlife MUs are managed for wildlife purposes. These units are managed by the SDGFP, Wildlife Division. The Wildlife MUs are:

- MU 05            Game Production Area (West)
- MU 06            Game Production Area (East)
- MU 07            Game Production Area (Includes the former ORV area)
- MU 08            Game Production Area (Below Orman Dam)

Management Objective - Provide emphasis on wildlife habitat and associated recreation opportunities such as hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing. Priority will be on establishing and maintaining wildlife habitat in a natural environment. Recreation facilities and amenities will be developed to the extent possible to enhance public opportunities without impacting wildlife habitat. Developments can consist of camping sites, access routes, signing, restrooms, fire rings, habitat improvements, tree/shrub plantings, food plots, fencing and native seedings. Visitors can expect to experience limited evidence of human development on large tracts within these units providing quality opportunities for hunting and fishing.

Specific descriptions of the unit, goals, issues, constraints, and management actions are included in Section 3.5.

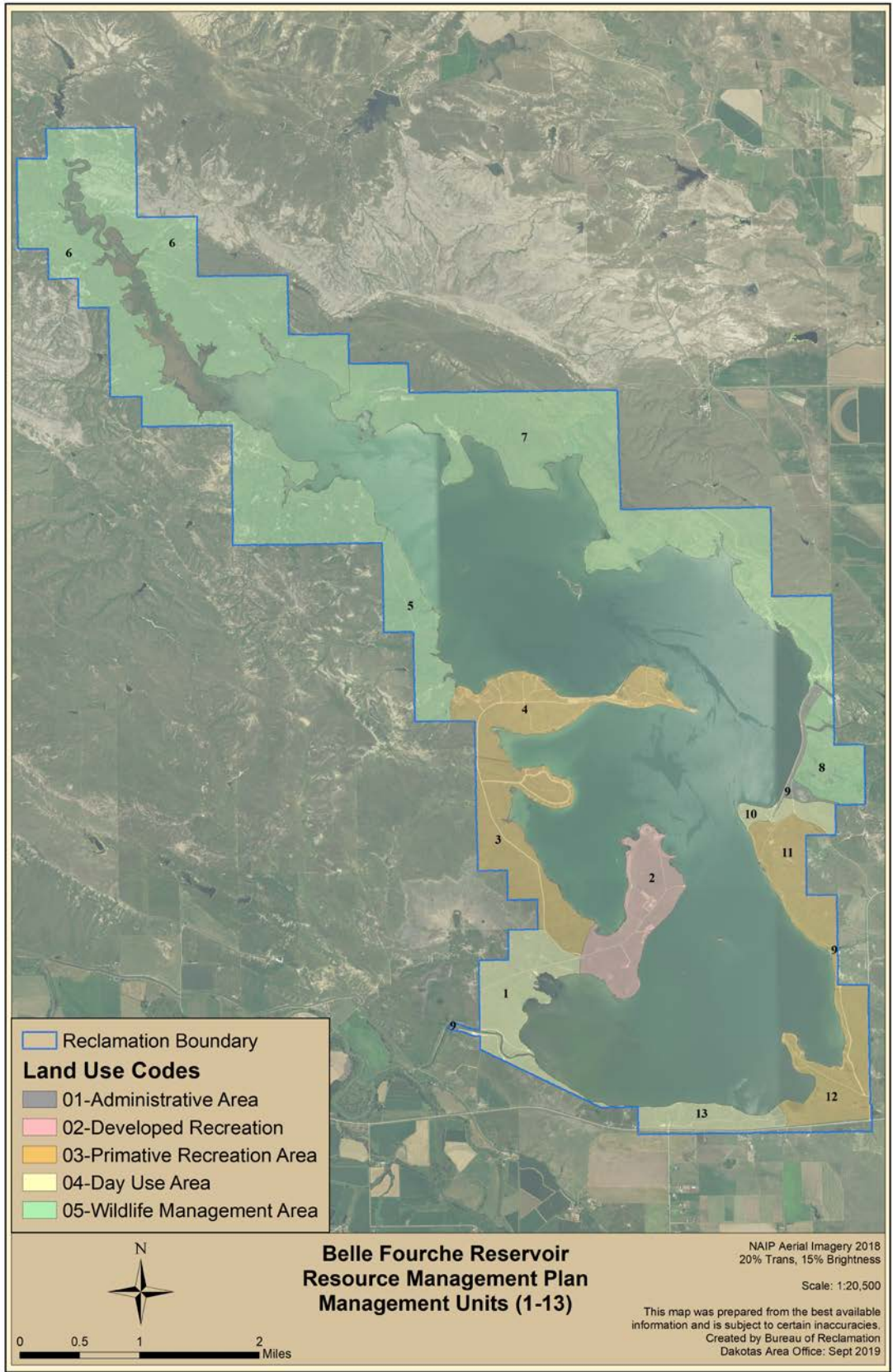


Figure 5. Management Unit Map.



# Section 3 Management Unit (MU) Descriptions

## 3.1 Administrative Area – BFID Managed

## Land Use Code 01

MU 09            Dam, Spillway, North and South Canals, Inlet Canal, Spillway, Overflow Spillway  
(Figure 6)

### Goal

Providing flood control and water for irrigation is the primary project purpose. Maintain the structural integrity of the facilities and ensuring public health and safety is the priority. Secondary benefits in this MU includes recreation and fish and wildlife habitat. Recreation opportunities and fish and wildlife habitat enhancements may be implemented so long as it does not interfere with project operations.

Administrative areas are set aside for project operations and maintenance. These include the Belle Fourche Dam, the emergency spillway, Inlet Canal, and the North and South Canals and Outlets. Uses that may interfere with project management, operations, and maintenance would not be permitted in Administrative Areas. Public access and vehicular access may be restricted depending on use of the area. Livestock grazing would not be permitted in these areas. Hunting would be prohibited in any areas where access is restricted.

Vegetation management would emphasize the following goals:

- Stabilize earthen embankments of facilities by planting rhizomatous grasses.
- Control of aquatic vegetation, which may impede flows and block control structures.
- Prevent damage to facilities and erosion on earthen embankments by restricting public access and prohibiting livestock grazing.
- Control noxious weeds and invasive plants.

## MU 09 Dam, North and South Canals, Inlet Canal, Spillway, Overflow Spillway

*Land Use Code: 01*

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### 1. Background/Current Use

Construction of the dam began in 1905 with the first unit of the project opened to settlement by public notice in June 1907. The first irrigation water was delivered to 12,000 acres of project lands in 1908 via a temporary canal through what is now BFR. Current land use includes Dam operation and maintenance, and fishing opportunities. Gravel access roads to the dam site are present.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

The MU facilities include the earthen dam, spillway, overflow spillway, north and south canals, inlet canal, 2 gate houses, piezometer pit, 2 walkways, and one parking area. Eight porous tube piezometers and three toe drain seepage outlets are also located along the downstream embankment and toe of the dam. A public parking area currently exists below the dam as well providing walk in fishing access.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, no issues were identified in this MU by the public.

Issues identified by Reclamation and Belle Fourche Irrigation District staff include:

- Eliminate public vehicular travel and parking on north and south ends of dam.
- Improvements needed at inlet canal/drop structure

### 4. Constraints

The primary purpose of this area is to maintain the integrity of the Dam and delivery of irrigation water. Planned recreational improvements in this area are minimal.

Cultural resource concerns occur throughout this MU. Orman Dam is listed on the National Historical Register and Consultation with South Dakota State Historical Preservation Office (SDSHPO) and interested Tribes may be required for any development in this area.

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance is conducted by the Belle Fourche Irrigation District and Reclamation. Maintenance includes road maintenance, gate house maintenance, noxious weed control, and dam instrumentation readings.

According to the Survey, the top four requests for this area include:

- Boat ramp
- Trees for wind breaks
- Shore fishing access
- Increased law enforcement presence

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2
Administrative Road parking restrictions	Add/improve fishing parking area access
Additional O&M/land management responsibility.	
Modify operations area boundary	

A boat ramp was identified as the top request for this unit. This unit contains the Dam and no recreational facilities are proposed on the dam. The Survey responses may have meant the area immediately south of the dam, the CCC Point area. Boat ramp will be addressed in the CCC Point MU section.

Parking restrictions and vehicular access restrictions will be implemented in this unit. Access road to the northern end of the dam will be closed to all vehicles except administrative vehicles. The road will be gated, and a public parking lot constructed.

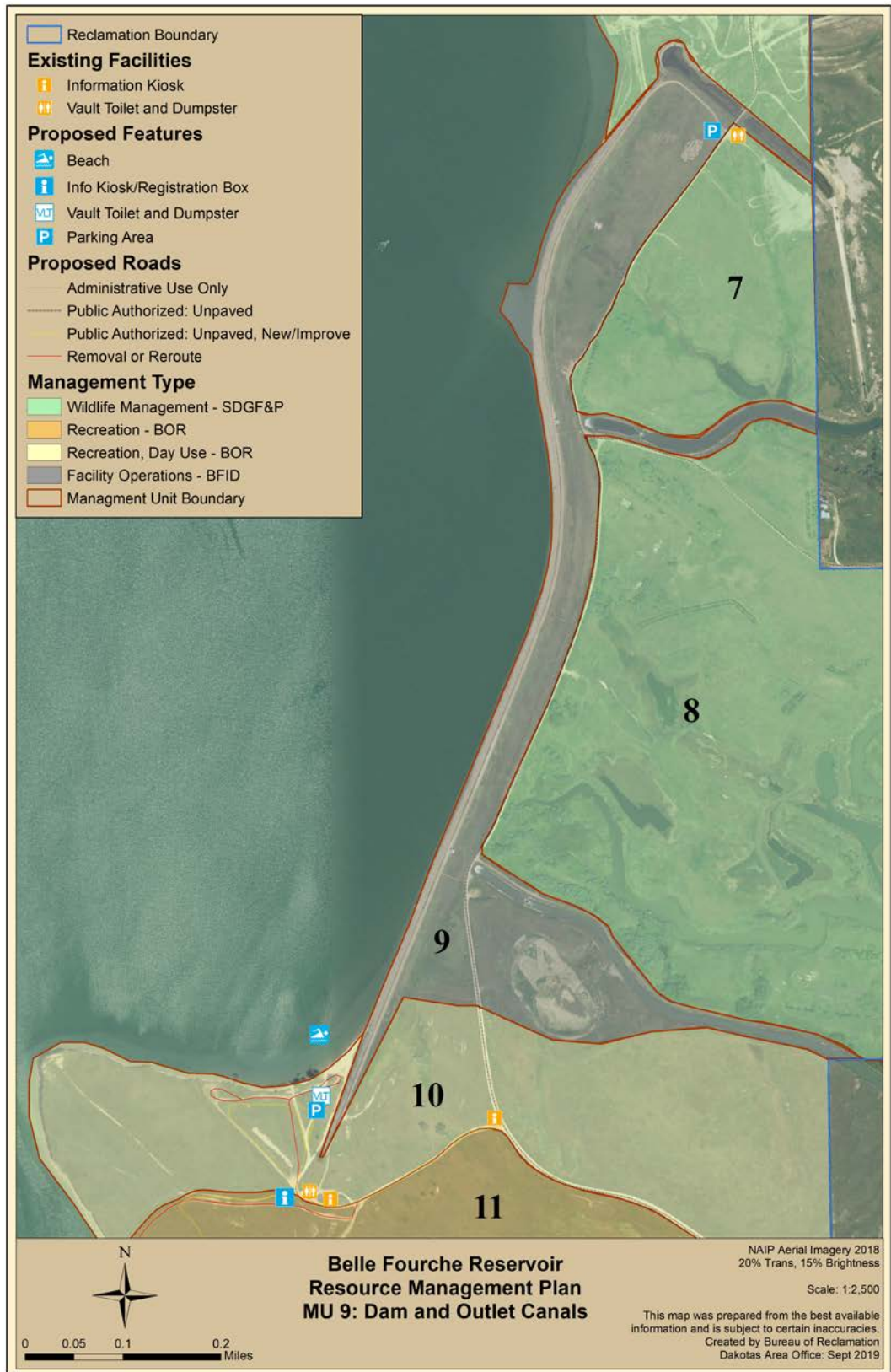


Figure 6. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 9: Dam and Outlet Canals.

## 3.2 Developed Recreation – SDGFP and Reclamation Managed Land Use Code 02

MU 02 Rocky Point State Recreation Area – SDGFP Managed (Figure 7)

MU 03 Middle Point Recreation Area – Reclamation Managed (Figure 8)

MU 04 Gadens Point Recreation Area – Reclamation Managed (Figure 9)

### Goal

Provide recreation opportunities with visitor conveniences. Ensure public health and safety while preserving aesthetics and concentrating uses in order to protect natural resources. Expand those opportunities according to public needs, with a managing partner in the future.

Overnight camping would only be permitted in designated campsites. These areas could contain three different types of campsites: designated primitive, semi-primitive, and developed.

- Semi-primitive and developed campsites would be located within traditional campgrounds. Semi-primitive campsites may be hardened with gravel or paving, and would have vault toilets, picnic tables, and fire-grates. Camping cabins and other movable lodging facilities would be allowed. A central water supply would be provided.
- Developed campsites would be hardened with gravel or paving, have picnic tables, fire-grates, a central water supply, electricity, and full-service comfort stations (toilets, hot and cold running water and, showers).

Roads would be paved or graveled and receive regular maintenance. Winter snow removal will be performed. Recreational vehicle dump stations and fish cleaning stations may be provided. Trash dumpsters and containers would be provided. Day use areas could be present. They would contain picnic tables and established fire-rings with grills. Group shelters, swimming beaches, playgrounds, camping cabins, interpretive sites, and concessions may be included at these locations. Other amenities may include archery range, group camping areas, fishing access, dog park, trails and boat ramps.

Campgrounds would be closed to all hunting. Archery hunting after October 1 would be allowed in non-campground areas. Livestock grazing would not be permitted in these areas. Vegetation management would emphasize the following goals:

- Reduce wildfire hazard.
- Provide shade and privacy
- Retaining durable, drought resistant ground cover
- Encourage the establishment of shrubs and trees on shorelines where desirable for shade or shoreline stabilization
- Preserve aesthetics
- Control noxious weeds and invasive plants

## MU 02 Rocky Point State Recreation Area

*Land Use Code: 02*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

The MU is managed by SDGFP as a full service overnight and day use recreation area. Recreation opportunities include camping, fishing, boating, hiking, swimming, playgrounds, volleyball, horseshoes, archery range and interpretive sites. Overnight use options include renting a cabin, or camping in a tent or RV. Asphalt road access leads into the site.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

This area has 57 electrical camp sites, 5 group camping pods, 2 camping cabins, 1 camp host, 1 comfort station, 10 vault toilets, 2 boat ramps, 1 fish cleaning station, 1 dump station, 1 fee booth, 1 archery range, 1 pet exercise area, 1 storm warning siren, 3 hydrants/spigots, 7 garbage dumpsters, 1 informational kiosks, 1 volleyball court, 3 horseshoe pits, 3 picnic shelters, 5 parking lots, 1 swim beach, and 1 playground, live web cam at east boat ramp, park entrance security system.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, issues identified in this MU include:

- Trees for Wind Breaks
- Shore Fishing Access
- Increased Law Enforcement Presence
- More RV Electrical Hookups
- More potable Water Hookups
- More Camping Cabins
- Concession
- Boat Ramp Congestion
- Campsite crowding
- Difficulty reserving a site
- Shower use by unregistered campers with State Park vehicle decal

Issues identified by SDGFP staff include:

- Boat ramp congestion
- Shower house overuse
- Fish cleaning and dump station overuse
- Traffic and campsite congestion

### 4. Constraints

Natural, cultural, and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for additional or new development in this area.

### 5. Management Actions

This is the highest use area at BFR and where a majority of SDGFP staff time is utilized. Current maintenance conducted by SDGFP staff in this unit includes mowing, general

campground and park maintenance daily throughout the summer, multiple visits by staff each day for visitor interaction, custodial rounds, regulation compliance, road maintenance as needed inside the unit, and noxious weed control.

According to the Survey, the top four requests for this area include:

- Trees for wind breaks
- Shore fishing access
- Increased law enforcement presence
- More campsites with electrical hookups

Below is a list of projects approved for 2019 to 2020:

1. Construct concrete patios and walks, install ADA fire rings, modify decks and landscape around cabins 1 & 2.
2. Planted 2,000 feet of five row irrigated tree belt
3. Planted roughly 150 shade trees
4. Installed live web cam at east boat ramp
5. Installed security system at entrance to the park
6. Asphalt pave shop parking lot

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2	Priority Group 3
Expand/Improve RV dump station	Install vault toilet at fish cleaning station	Construct shore fishing pod with ADA fishing dock
Improve fish cleaning station	Expand shore fishing area parking lot	
Annually plant 50-100 trees and install irrigation system	Install courtesy dock near south boat ramp	
	Expand south boat ramp parking lot	

Projects will be completed as funding and staffing allows. These projects qualify for Reclamations Title 28 cost share program funds as a managing partner exists for these lands. Federal Lands Transportation Act (FLTP) and Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funding opportunities exist for some of these projects.



Figure 7. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 2: Rocky Point SRA.



## **MU 03 Middle Point Recreation Area**

*Land Use Code: 02*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

This MU is managed by Reclamation. The unit is a popular overnight camping area. Gravel roads access the site.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

Under Reclamation's authority, minimum basic recreational facilities exist in this unit. Reclamation provides an informational kiosk, two vault toilets, gravel roads and parking areas, one garbage dumpster, and fire rings. A tree planting was conducted spring of 2019.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, issues identified in this MU include:

- Develop primitive day use facilities.
- Dust control road treatment on gravel road.

Issues identified by Reclamation staff include:

- Shoreline erosion threatening vault toilet
- Need shade trees
- Need for designated camping sites
- Overstay, unoccupied campers
- Use conflicts and overcrowding
- Impacts to habitat
- Public service & safety
- Facility and road maintenance repair and replacement responsibility

### 4. Constraints

Natural, cultural, and paleontological resource and management concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area. A managing partner was not secured for this unit, and therefore will continue to be managed by Reclamation, with only minimum basic facilities provided according to Reclamations authority

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by Reclamation and contracted staff in this unit includes road maintenance (3 annual road bladings and mowing of road shoulders), weekly garbage service, weekly vault toilet cleaning, annual vault toilet pump-out, litter pickup, noxious weed control, and dust control on first 1,000 feet of Suzie Peak road north of the fee booth.

According to the Survey, the top four requests for this area include:

- Trees for wind breaks
- Shore fishing access
- Road maintenance
- Campgrounds with electrical hookups

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2	Priority Group 3 – Need a Managing Partner to Implement
Construct camper registration station	Install potable water to camp host site	Install electricity to campsites
Implement Camp Host duties	Designate 38 campsites	Install water spigots
Provide 38 picnic tables (one for each new campsite)	Install 2 new vault toilets	Implement managing partner fees
Provide 38 fire rings (one for each new campsite)	3 additional garbage dumpsters	Construct new day use area with group shelter
Stabilize 1,250' of shoreline*		Construct comfort station
Improve shore fishing access during stabilization project		Hiking trails
Tree plantings		

\*A shoreline stabilization project is proposed for construction in the fall of 2020. This project will protect middle point shoreline from eroding and protect infrastructure and camping areas. Shore-fishing access will be considered in the design and construction of the shoreline stabilization project.

Priority Group 3 activities cannot occur until a managing partner is secured.

A camp host site may be constructed as funding allows and potable water eventually added to that site. A seasonal employee and/or volunteer will assist Reclamation with recreation management duties, visitor assistance, provide maintenance and law enforcement assistance.

Required self-registration system for campers will be implemented based on public survey comments. There will be no fee for camping or day use activities on Reclamation managed recreation areas. All campers will be required to camp in a designated campsite. Designated campsites may be mowed or graveled and identified by wood or carsonite posts. Each campsite will contain a fire ring and a picnic table as funding allows. Certain designated campsites will be large enough to accommodate multiple campers, with the limit being 5 campers per site. Each camper unit is required to register to camp. Designated campsites will assist with reducing overstay, reducing unregistered campers, and assist in regulation enforcement. Maximum allowable stay is 14 days out of a 30-day period.

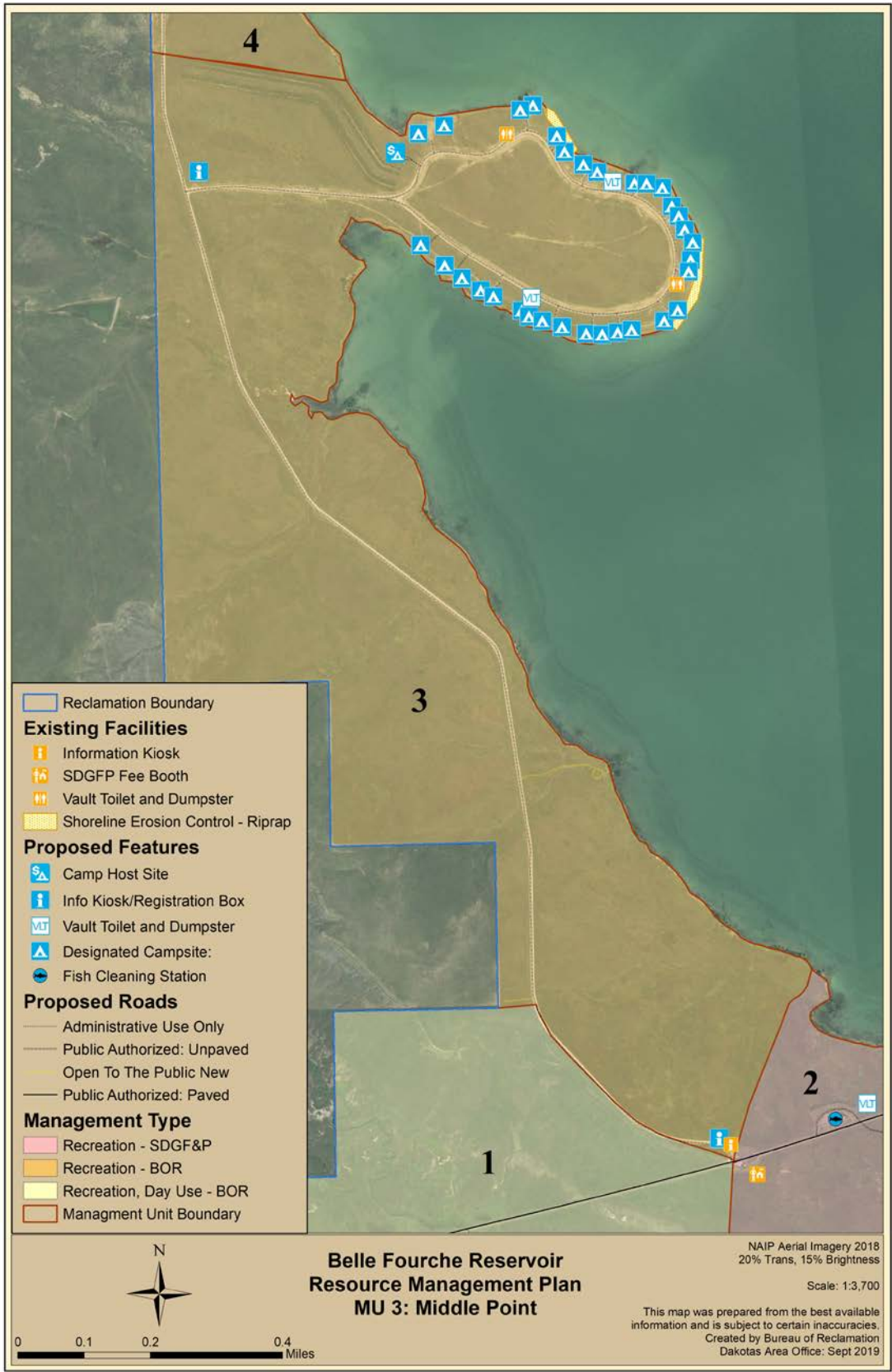


Figure 8. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 3, Middle Point.

## **MU 04 Gadens Point Recreation Area**

*Land Use Code: 02*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

This MU is managed by Reclamation. The unit is a popular overnight camping and day use area. Gravel roads access the site.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

Under Reclamation's authority, minimum basic recreational facilities exist in this unit. Reclamation provides two informational kiosks, two vault toilets, gravel roads/parking areas, a swim beach, 2 garbage dumpsters and fire rings.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, issues identified in this MU include:

- Add boat ramp
- Develop campsites
- Improve facilities
- Better road maintenance
- Winter time road maintenance/snow removal
- Add showerhouse
- Re-open tequila beach to camping
- Need more shoreline stabilization
- Overstay/unattended campers

Issues identified by Reclamation staff include:

- Launching of motorized watercraft at undesigned boat launch site (ANS & LE concern)
- ORV use concerns
- Overstay, unoccupied campers
- No designated camping sites
- Need additional vault toilets
- Resource damage from campsite expansion
- Use conflicts and overcrowding
- Impacts to habitat
- Public service & safety
- Facility and road maintenance repair and replacement responsibility

### 4. Constraints

Natural, cultural, management and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area. A managing partner was not secured for this unit, and therefore will continue to be managed by Reclamation, with only minimum basic facilities provided according to Reclamations authority. Topography concerns, including cutbanks up to 80' occur along portions of the shoreline. New developments should consider the limitations of the topography.

5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by Reclamation and contracted staff in this unit includes, road maintenance (road bladings and mowing of road shoulders), weekly garbage service, weekly vault toilet cleaning, annual vault toilet pump-out, litter pickup, and noxious weed control.

According to the Survey, the top three requests for this area include:

- Campgrounds with electrical hookups
- Comfort station/shower
- Boat ramp

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2	Priority Group 3 – Need a Managing Partner to Implement
Construct camper registration station	Designate 64 campsites	Install electricity to campsites
Provide 64 picnic tables (one for each campsite)	Construct new boat ramp and access road, parking area, rip rap and vault toilet	Install water spigots
Provide 64 fire rings (one for each campsite)	Install 2 new vault toilets and 2 additional garbage dumpsters	Implement managing partner fees
Unauthorized road closure and rehabilitation		Construct playground
Hire Camp Host (Combined Middle Point and Gadens Point)		Expand Tequila Beach parking area
Tree plantings		Construct group shelter at Tequila Beach
Install 2 new vault toilets and 2 additional garbage dumpsters		Construct comfort station
		Add group shelter to day use area
		Hiking Trails

Priority Group 3 activities cannot occur until a managing partner is secured.

Required self-registration system for campers will be implemented based on Survey comments. There will be no fee for camping or day use activities on Reclamation managed recreation areas. All campers will be required to camp in a designated campsite. Designated campsites may be mowed or graveled and identified by wood or carsonite posts. Each campsite will contain a fire ring and a picnic table as funding allows. Certain designated campsites will be large enough to accommodate

multiple campers, with the limit being 5 campers per site. Each camper unit is required to register to camp. Designated campsites will assist with reducing overstay, reducing unregistered campers, and assist in regulation enforcement. Maximum allowable stay is 14 days out of a 30-day period.

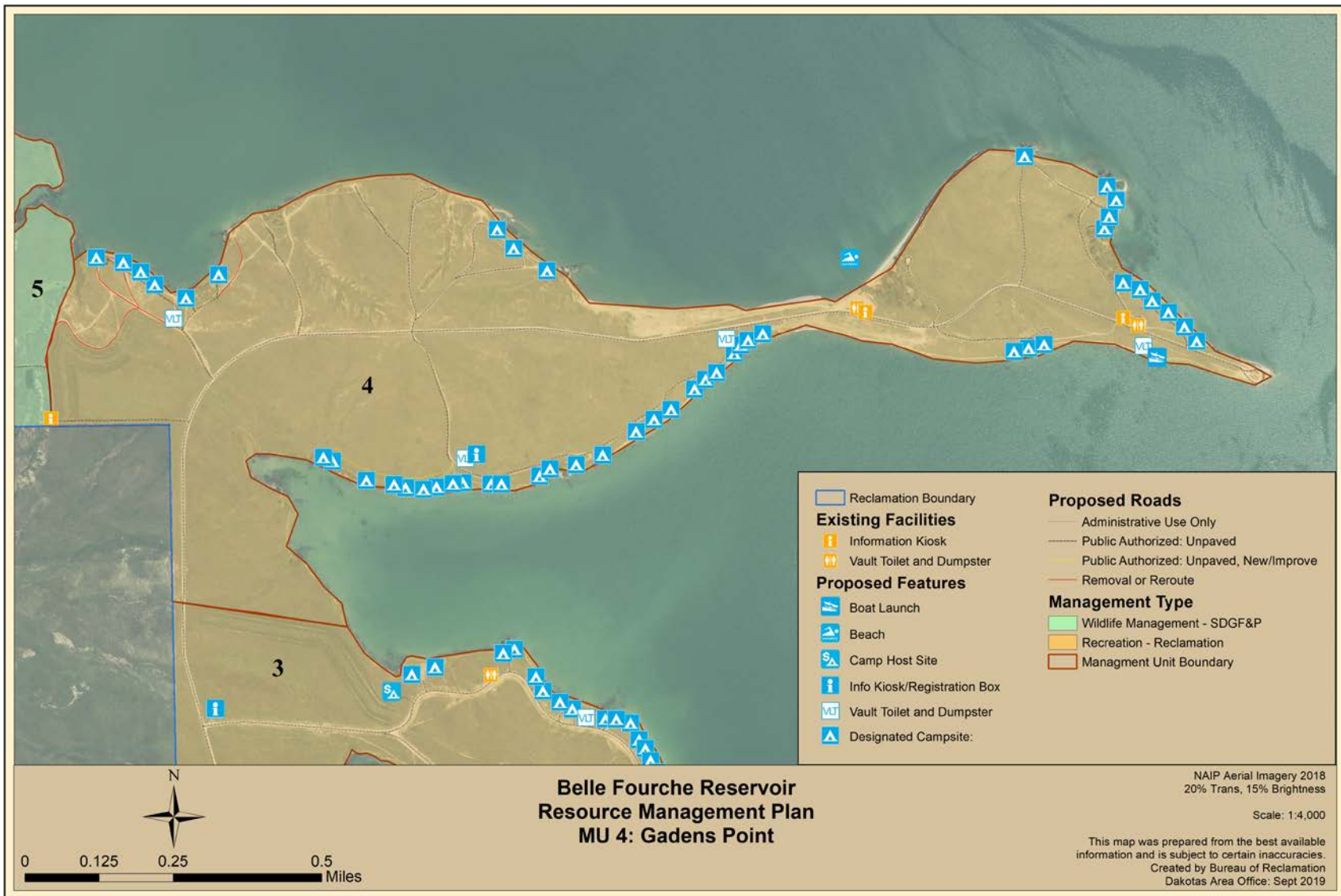


Figure 9. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 4: Gadens Point.

### **3.3 Primitive Recreation – Reclamation Managed Land Use Code 03**

MU 11 Bird Island View Recreation Area (Figure 10)

MU 12 Golf Course Point Recreation Area (Figure 11)

#### **Goal**

Provide a range of public recreation opportunities in a primitive setting, while managing the units land and vegetation resources. Expand those opportunities according to public needs, with a managing partner in the future.

Overnight camping would only be permitted in designated primitive campsites. Designated primitive campsites would be dispersed, have only minimum hardening (gravel or mowing), no water or electricity. Picnic tables, basic fire-grates, garbage dumpsters, and vault toilets may be provided. If vault toilets were not provided, users would be required to have self-contained sanitary facilities.

Primitive campsites would be accessible only by designated roads. Pullouts would be provided from designated roads to designated campsites. Main roads would have gravel surfaces and receive annual maintenance. Road maintenance will occur between May and September. Winter maintenance or snow removal will not be performed by Reclamation or contractor. Material sites; such as gravel borrow pits would be allowed.

Archery and shotgun hunting would be permitted in non-campground areas during regular seasons and as designated by SDGFP. Livestock grazing may be permitted in these areas. Vegetation management would emphasize the following goals:

- Reduce wildfire hazard.
- Promote healthy sagebrush communities.
- Improve and enhance riparian habitat.
- Manage grasslands to encourage diverse native vegetation with a variety of structural classes and provide adequate cover for ground nesting birds and other wildlife.
- Maintain adequate vegetation to protect fragile shale soils.
- Encourage healthy woody draws and the establishment of woody, riparian vegetation to stabilize shorelines.
- Reduce impacts to native vegetation by limiting primitive camping and regulating road access.
- Control noxious weeds and invasive plants.
- Preserve aesthetics



## MU 11 Bird Island View

*Land Use Code: 03*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

The MU is managed by Reclamation. The unit is a popular overnight camping area. Gravel roads lead to this site. Dirt road accesses this site.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

Under Reclamation's authority, only minimum basic recreational facilities exist in this unit. Reclamation provides dirt roads/parking areas, and a few fire rings.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, no issues were identified in this MU by the public.

Issues identified by Reclamation staff include:

- Off road vehicle use in this area.
- Caving bank erosion concerns.
- Need for vault toilet (sanitation)
- Road work needed
- No designated camping sites
- Use conflicts and overcrowding
- Impacts to habitat,
- Public service & safety,
- Facility and road maintenance, repair and replacement responsibility

Issues identified by adjacent landowners include:

- Trash, littering, and noise disturbance

### 4. Constraints

Natural, cultural, management, and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area. Topography concerns, including cutbanks up to 80' occur along portions of the shoreline. New developments should consider the limitations of the topography.

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by Reclamation and contracted staff in this unit includes, enforcement patrols, litter pickup, and noxious weed control.

According to the Survey, the top five requests for this area include:

- Trees for wind breaks
- Additional vault toilet
- Road maintenance
- Shore fishing access
- Increased law enforcement presence

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2	Priority Group 3
Construct camper registration station	Tree Plantings	Construct new road access from north with gravel pullouts
Designate 26 non-utility campsites	Internal Fence removal	
Restrict vehicle traffic from south	Install 1 new vault toilet	
Mow hiking trail from the south	Provide 1 additional garbage dumpster	
Provide 26 fire rings (one at each campsite)		
Provide 26 picnic tables (one at each campsite)		
Construct 2 new vault toilets		
Provide 2 additional garbage dumpsters		
Unauthorized road closure and rehabilitation		

Required self-registration system for campers will be implemented based on Survey comments. There will be no fee for camping or day use activities on Reclamation managed recreation areas. All campers will be required to camp in a designated campsite. Designated campsites may be mowed or graveled and identified by wood or carsonite posts. Each campsite will contain a fire ring and a picnic table as funding allows. Certain designated campsites will be large enough to accommodate multiple campers, with the limit being 5 campers per site. Each camper unit is required to register to camp. Designated campsites will assist with reducing overstay, reducing unregistered campers, and assist in regulation enforcement. Maximum allowable stay is 14 days out of a 30-day period.

Road improvements are needed in this south area, however available public land is limited for these improvements and infrastructure exists in this area that does not allow for road construction/maintenance. Vehicular access will be restricted from the south and a mowed trail furnished for public walk in access.

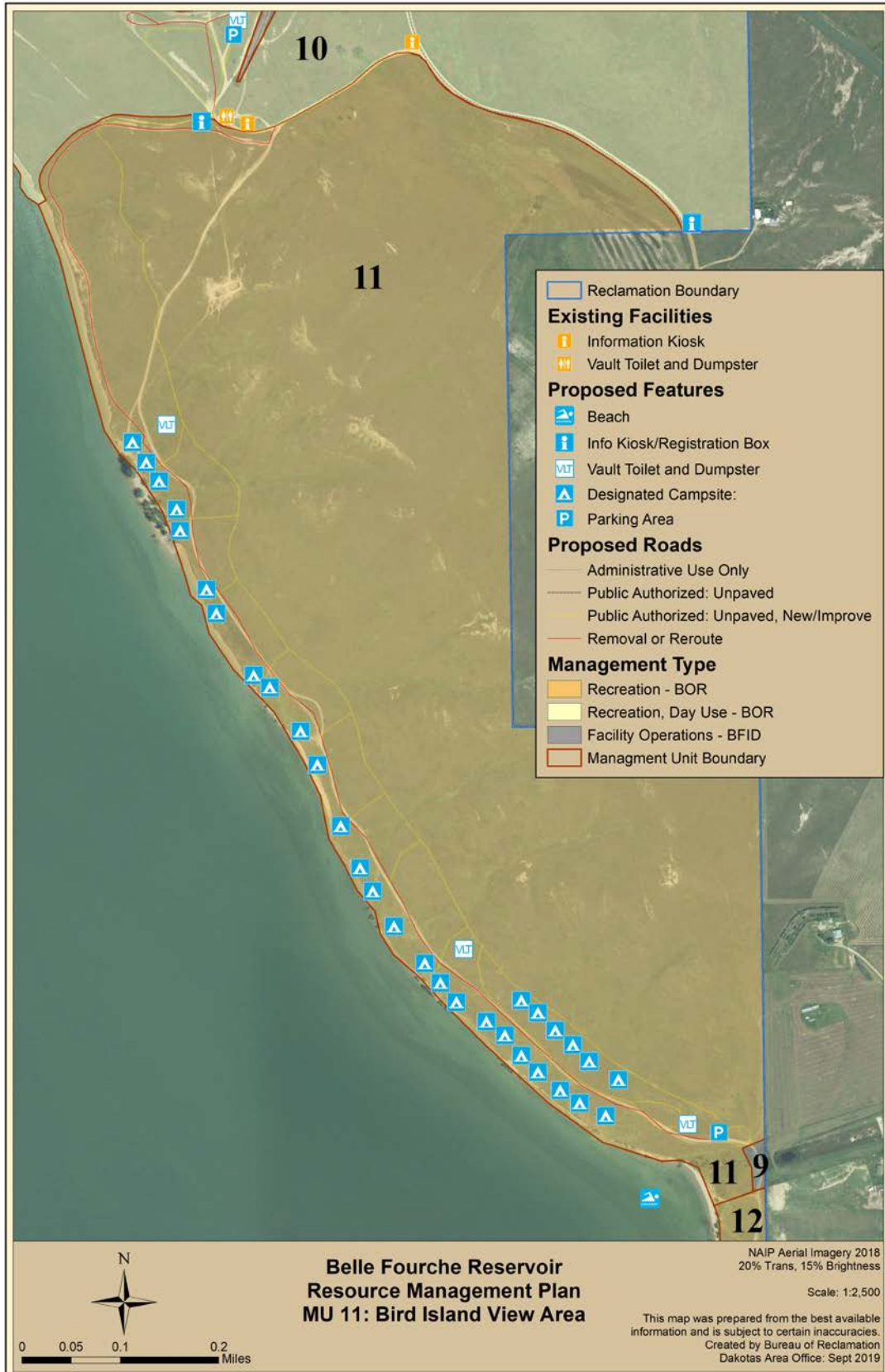


Figure 10. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 11: Bird Island View Area.

## MU 12 Golf Course Point

*Land Use Code: 03*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

The MU is managed by Reclamation. The unit is a popular overnight camping area. Asphalt road leads to this site. Gravel road accesses the site.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

Under Reclamation's authority, only minimum basic recreational facilities exist in this unit.

Reclamation provides one informational kiosk, two vault toilets, one garbage dumpster, and fire rings.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, issues identified in this MU include:

- Do not develop
- Great camping spot
- More fire rings

Issues identified by Reclamation staff include:

- Off road vehicle use in this area
- Caving bank concerns
- Need shade trees
- No designated camping sites
- Use conflicts and overcrowding
- Impacts to habitat,
- Public service & safety,
- Facility and road maintenance, repair and replacement responsibility

### 4. Constraints

Natural, cultural, management, and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU.

Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area.

Topography concerns, including cutbanks up to 80' occur along portions of the shoreline. New developments should consider the limitations of the topography.

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by Reclamation and contracted staff in this unit includes, road maintenance (3 annual bladings and mowing of road shoulders), weekly garbage service, weekly vault toilet cleaning, annual vault toilet pump-out, litter pickup, and noxious weed control.

According to the Survey, the top four requests for this area include:

- Trees for wind breaks
- Increased law enforcement presence
- Shore fishing access
- Boat ramp

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2	Priority Group 3
Construct camper registration station	Install potable water to camp host site	Add Gravel pullouts to existing road
Construct camp host site	Designate 36 non-utility campsites	Install 1 new vault toilet and garbage dumpster
Recruit camp host (combined Bird Island View and Golf Course Point)	Install 2 camp loop roads	
Provide 36 picnic tables at each campsite	Install 1 new vault toilet and additional garbage dumpster	
Provide 36 fire rings at each campsite	Construct canoe/kayak/windsurfing parking area	
Install 1 new vault toilet and 1 additional garbage dumpster		
Tree Plantings		

A Camp host site will be constructed, and a camp host will be recruited and stationed at the entrance to Golf Course Point as funding allows. The camp host will assist Reclamation with park management duties, visitor assistance, provide maintenance and law enforcement assistance.

Required self-registration system for campers will be implemented based on Survey comments. There will be no fee for camping or day use activities on Reclamation managed recreation areas. All campers will be required to camp in a designated campsite. Designated campsites may be mowed or graveled and identified by wood or carsonite posts. Each campsite will contain a fire ring and a picnic table as funding allows. Certain designated campsites will be large enough to accommodate multiple campers, with the limit being 5 campers per site. Each camper unit is required to register to camp. Designated campsites will assist with reducing overstay, reducing unregistered campers, and assist in regulation enforcement. Maximum allowable stay is 14 days out of a 30-day period.



Figure 11. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 12: Golf Course Point.

### 3.4 Day Use Area – Reclamation Managed

### Land Use Code 04

MU 01	Inlet Canal Day Use Area (Figure 12)
MU 10	CCC Point Day Use Area (Figure 13)
MU 13	Fruitdale Day Use Area (Figure 14)

#### Goal

Provide a recreation opportunity with visitor conveniences. Ensure public health and safety while preserving aesthetics and concentrating uses in order to protect natural resources.

These areas would contain fishing access sites and beaches. Overnight camping would not be permitted in these areas. They may contain vault toilets, garbage dumpsters and informational kiosks.

Archery and shotgun hunting is permitted during regular seasons, and as designated by the SDGFP.

Livestock grazing would not be permitted in these areas. Vegetation management would emphasize the following goals:

- Reduce wildfire hazard.
- Provide shade and privacy.
- Retain durable, drought resistant ground cover.
- Encourage the establishment of shrubs and trees on shorelines where desirable for shade or shoreline stabilization.
- Preserve aesthetics.
- Control noxious weeds and invasive plants.

Three years (2017-2019) of hard camper count data shows minimal camping use at Inlet Canal Area, CCC Point, and Fruitdale Area when compared to other primitive recreation areas. Designating these areas as Day Use Only will reduce the need for law enforcement and camping facilities. It will also allow management to focus staff and funds on additional shore fishing areas and increase law enforcement presence.

Other reasons for restricting camping in these areas:

- Inlet Canal is prone to annual flooding and is not conducive to camping facilities.
- Conflicts between campers and day use fishing activities will be eliminated.
- Road access in the Fruitdale Recreation Area is minimal and does not receive annual maintenance.
- CCC Point is small in size and is a popular beach area. Shoreline camping with vehicles is a public safety concern and conflicts with day use beach activities.
- These areas are currently popular shore-fishing areas.

## MU 01 Inlet Canal Day Use Area

*Land Use Code: 04*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

The MU is managed by Reclamation. The unit is a popular fishing area in the spring and early summer. Overnight camping was allowed in the past; however, this area is proposed to be converted to day use only area. The entire area along both sides of inlet canal is open to shore fishing and easily accessible. Close proximity parking to the water is available. Asphalt road access leads to the site. Gravel roads access the site.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

Under Reclamation's authority, only minimum basic recreational facilities exist in this unit. West of fisherman's bridge, Reclamation provides an informational kiosk, a historical interpretive sign, one vault toilet, one garbage dumpster and gravel roads and parking areas. East of Fisherman's bridge, Reclamation provides gravel roads and fire rings.

### 3. Issues

Issues identified in this MU by the Survey include:

- More shore fishing access

Issues identified by Reclamation staff include:

- Undesignated camping
- Unauthorized road use
- High volume of trash
- Flooding/ice jams
- Improve shore fishing access
- Use conflicts and overcrowding
- Impacts to habitat,
- Public service & safety,
- Facility and road maintenance, repair and replacement responsibility

### 4. Constraints

Natural, cultural, management, and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area. The area is prone to annual flooding and/or ice jams that would damage infrastructure. No proposed facilities are planned for this area.

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by Reclamation and contracted staff in this unit includes, road maintenance (3 annual road bladings and mowing of road shoulders), weekly garbage service, weekly vault toilet cleaning, annual vault toilet pump-out, litter pickup, and noxious weed control.

According to the Survey, the top four requests for this area include:

- Trees for wind breaks
- Shore fishing access
- None desired



- Increased law enforcement

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2
Convert from overnight camping to day use only area (no camping)	Improve current fishing access trail to drop structure
Improve shore fishing access	Install 2 new vault toilets
Install new fishing access road	
Install trash receptacles	
Add gravel between road and canal embankment for additional fishing access parking	

There are no plans to plant trees in this unit as the unit is prone to flooding. Mature shade trees exist along most of the shoreline of Inlet Canal in this unit.

Reclamation and the South Dakota Army National Guard have added a fishing access road and parking area in this unit and additional gravel and parking is planned for in the future.

This area is proposed to be converted from overnight camping to Day Use Only. A change to day use will reduce the need for camping facilities and allow us to focus staff and funds on additional shore fishing areas and increased law enforcement presence. Additionally, Reclamation camper counts over the past 3 years have shown this area to be under-utilized for camping in comparison to Golf Course Point and Bird Island View.

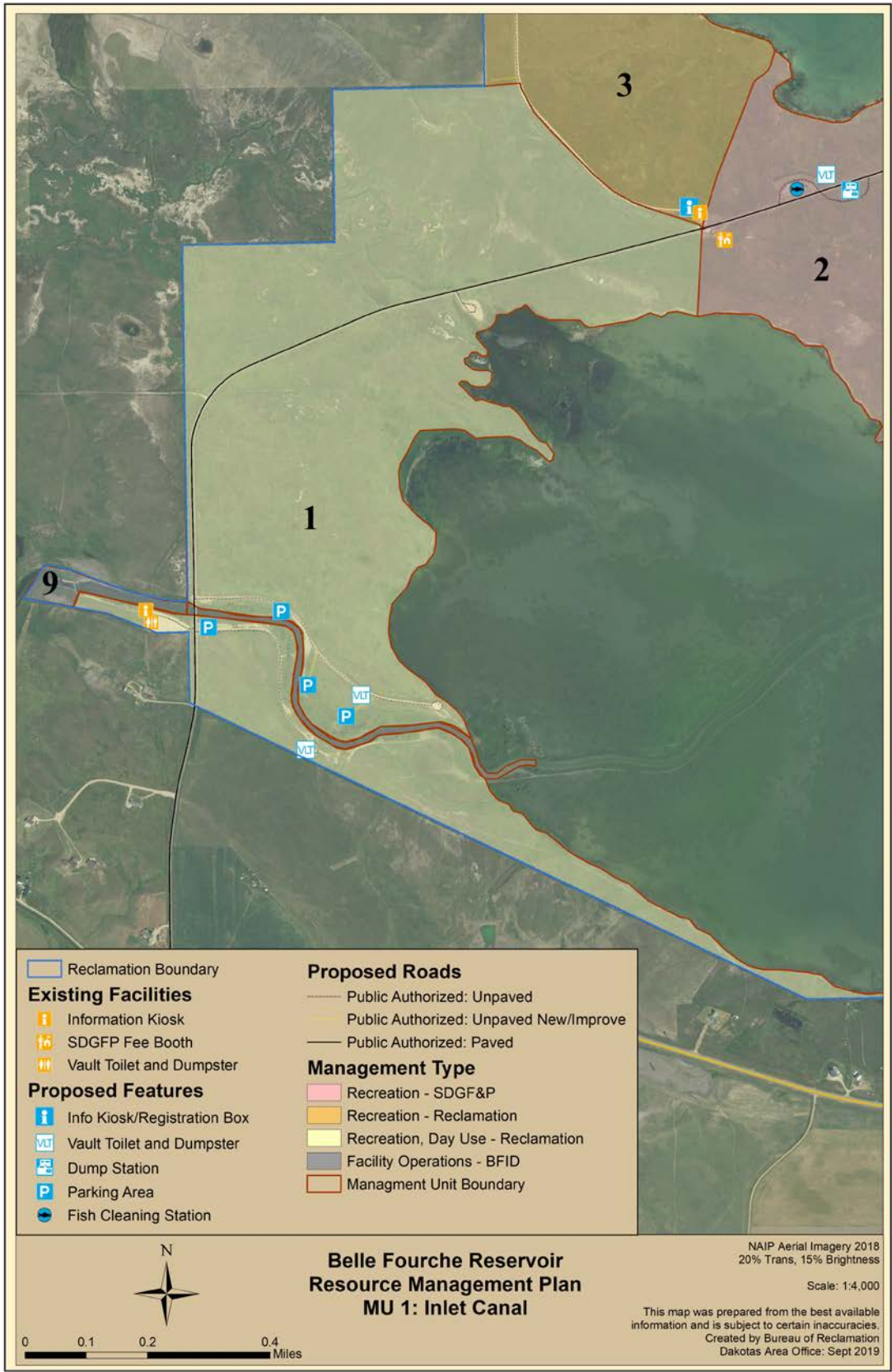


Figure 12. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 1: Inlet Canal.

## MU 10 CCC Point Day Use Area

*Land Use Code: 04*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

The MU is managed by Reclamation. The unit is a popular swimming, fishing, and overnight camping area. Overnight camping was allowed in the past; however, this area is proposed to be converted to day use only area. Gravel roads access the site.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

Under Reclamation's authority, only minimum basic recreational facilities exist in this unit. Reclamation provides one historical interpretive site, one vault toilet, gravel roads/parking areas, 1 garbage dumpster and fire rings.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, no issues were identified in this MU by the public.

Issues identified by Reclamation staff include:

- Launching of motorized watercraft at undesignated boat launch site (ANS & Law Enforcement concern)
- Shoreline driving/camping
- Road work needed
- Public vehicular parking at south dam gate
- Small area, not conducive to large groups for overnight camping
- Use conflicts and overcrowding
- Impacts to habitat,
- Public service & safety,
- Facility and road maintenance, repair and replacement responsibility

### 4. Constraints

Natural, cultural, management, and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area. Topography concerns; including cutbanks up to 80' occur along portions of the shoreline. New developments should consider the limitations of the topography.

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by Reclamation and contracted staff in this unit includes, road maintenance (3 annual road bladings and mowing of road shoulders), weekly garbage service, weekly vault toilet cleaning, annual vault toilet pump-out, litter pickup, and noxious weed control.

According to the Survey, the top three requests for this area include:

- Trees for windbreaks
- Increased law enforcement presence
- Boat ramp\*

\* Reclamation no longer proposes a boat ramp in this MU due to unfavorable lake contours and the potential for spreading aquatic invasive species which will increase the need for law enforcement.

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2	Priority Group 3
Convert from overnight camping to day use only area (no camping)	Construct parking area	Construct new road to South Dam Beach
Implement Orman Dam parking restrictions	Construct 1 new vault toilet	

This area is proposed to be converted from overnight camping to Day Use Only. A change to day use will reduce the need for camping facilities and allow us to focus staff and funds on additional amenities and increased law enforcement presence. Camping will be provided in nearby Golf Course Point and Bird Island View.

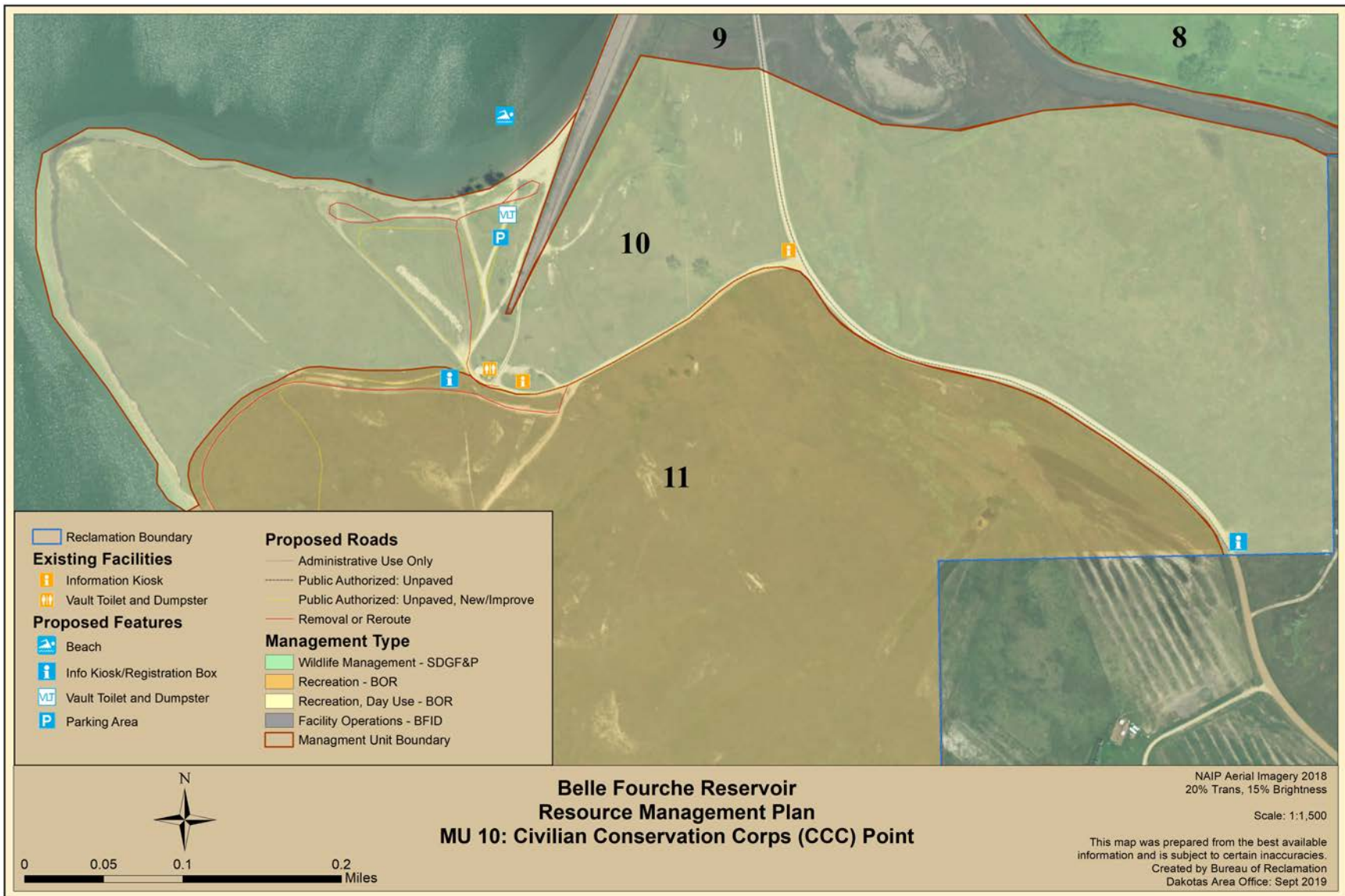


Figure 13. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 10: Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Point.

## MU 13 Fruitdale Day Use Area

*Land Use Code: 04*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

The MU is managed by Reclamation. The unit is a popular shore fishing area. This area is used annually by the South Dakota Army National Guard during the June Golden Coyote Exercise. Overnight camping was allowed in the past; however, this area is proposed to be converted to day use only area. Hwy 212, asphalt road leads to this site. Dirt road accesses this site.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

No facilities exist in this unit.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, issues identified in this MU include:

- Littering
- Unattended, unregistered, and overstay campers
- ORV use
- Shoreline driving

Issues identified by Reclamation staff include:

- Off road vehicle use
- Unattended, unregistered and overstay campers
- Caving banks
- Vault toilet need
- Unauthorized road use
- Need to improve authorized roads
- No designated camping sites
- Use conflicts and overcrowding
- Impacts to habitat
- Public service & safety
- Facility and road maintenance, repair and replacement responsibility

### 4. Constraints

Natural, cultural, management, and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area. Sanitation is a health and safety concern. No restroom facilities are present in this MU. The nearest facility is over one mile away.

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by Reclamation and contracted staff in this unit includes litter pickup, and noxious weed control.

According to the Survey, the top five requests for this area include:

- Trees for wind breaks
- Increased law enforcement presence

- Shore fishing access

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2
Convert from overnight camping to day use only area (no camping)	Improve authorized road
Construct 1 new vault toilet	Construct new fishing access roads
Provide garbage dumpster	

Currently only a small section of authorized road occurs in this unit and a need for better and safer access has been identified by the public and Reclamation. Improvements will be made as funding is available or assistance is received from the South Dakota Army National Guard.

This area is proposed to be converted from overnight camping to Day Use Only. A change to day use will reduce the need for camping facilities and allow us to focus staff and funds on additional amenities and increased law enforcement presence. Camping will be provided in nearby Golf Course Point and Bird Island View.



Figure 14. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 13: Fruitdale Point.



## 3.5 Wildlife Management Area – SDGFP Managed Land Use Code 05

MU 05	Game Production Area (West) (Figure 15)
MU 06	Game Production Area (North) (Figure 16)
MU 07	Game Production Area (East)– (Including former ORV area) (Figure 17)
MU 08	Game Production Area (Below Dam) – Including Islands (Figure 18)

### Goal

Encourage and enhance diverse wildlife habitat through land and vegetation management activities. Allow recreational use that is compatible with the protection of the MU’s natural and cultural resources.

These areas would emphasize both primitive day use recreation and wildlife habitat. Hiking, boating, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, day use, and hunting access would be encouraged. Hunting would be permitted during regular seasons and as designated by SDGFP. Overnight camping would not be permitted. Vault toilets may be provided at day use areas and trailheads. The designated ORV Area will be eliminated and reclaimed and seeded with grass to be managed as a wildlife management area by SDGFP, Wildlife Division.

Roads would be unimproved or have gravel surfaces and receive minimal maintenance. Some remote roads may be open seasonally only to allow for hunting/fishing access. Access to portions of the area may be restricted to vehicles seasonally to protect wildlife during critical life cycle stages. Unauthorized roads would be closed and reclaimed using a native seed mix.

Livestock grazing would be permitted in these areas. Prescribed fire would be accomplished in accordance with the Reclamation’s Dakotas Area Office South Dakota Fire Management Plan. Foodplots may be provided for wildlife and public hunting opportunities. Vegetation management would emphasize the following goals:

- Reduce wildfire hazard.
- Promote healthy sagebrush communities and manage for wildlife species dependent on sagebrush habitat.
- Improve and enhance riparian habitat.
- Manage grasslands to encourage diverse native vegetation with a variety of structural classes to provide adequate cover for ground nesting birds and other wildlife.
- Maintain adequate vegetation to protect fragile shale soils.
- Encourage healthy woody draws and the establishment of woody, riparian vegetation to stabilize shorelines.
- Control noxious weeds and invasive plants.

SDGFP will assume management for these units in 2020, which will allow conservation officers Federal law enforcement jurisdiction and SDGFP to utilize Reclamations Title 28 cost share funds for maintenance items such as road improvements, fence maintenance, and weed control.

## MU 05 Wildlife Management Area (West)

*Land Use Code: 05*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

The MU has been managed by Reclamation. SDGFP has agreed to assume management responsibility in 2020. The unit is a popular hunting and shore fishing area. Gravel road leads to this site. Dirt roads access this site. Wildlife Management Areas are closed to camping.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

Under Reclamation's authority, only minimum basic recreational facilities exist in this unit. Reclamation provides an informational kiosk and un-graveled roads.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, issues identified in this MU include:

- More shore fishing access
- Road maintenance

Issues identified by Reclamation staff include:

- ORV use
- Unauthorized camping in wildlife area
- Boundary fence and gates
- Road work needed
- Restricted vehicular access from September 1 – April 1 on an unauthorized trail

Issues identified by adjacent private landowners include:

- Wildfire concerns
- ORV use concerns
- Noxious weed control

### 4. Constraints

Natural, Cultural, management, and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area.

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by Reclamation and contracted staff in this unit includes litter pickup, and noxious weed control.

According to the Survey, the top four requests for this area include:

- Trees for wind breaks
- Shore fishing access
- Road maintenance
- Hunting trail access

The SDGFP Wildlife Division will assume management responsibilities of all previous Reclamation managed Wildlife Management Areas. This area includes the entire north half of BFR as well as the former ORV area. The Wildlife Division will

manage these areas for wildlife, wildlife habitat and public hunting opportunities.

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2
SDGFP manage as State Game Production Area	Enhance wetland/riparian areas
Prohibit access on unauthorized trails	Construct/improve 2 new fishing access roads
Construct firebreak around boundary	Gravel all authorized roads
Convert boundary fence to wildlife friendly specs to improve big game movement	Culvert installation on roads where needed
Improve wildlife habitat by implementing prescribed fire, prescribed grazing and planting foodplots	
Reclaim unauthorized trails	



Figure 15. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 5: Game Production Area.

## MU 06 Wildlife Management Area (East)

*Land Use Code: 05*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

The MU has been managed by Reclamation. SDGFP has agreed to assume management responsibility in 2020. The unit is a popular hunting area. There are no public authorized roads that access this site. Wildlife Management Areas are closed to camping.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

No facilities exist in this unit.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, no issues were identified in this MU by the public.

Issues identified by Reclamation staff include:

- Boundary fence and gates
- Unauthorized camping in wildlife area
- Illegal ORV use into other adjacent areas

Issues identified by adjacent private landowners include:

- Wildfire concerns
- ORV use
- Noxious weed control

### 4. Constraints

Natural, cultural, management, and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area. There are topography concerns, including cutbanks up to 80' occur along portions of the shoreline. New developments should consider the limitations of the topography. A Great Blue Heron rookery exists within this MU. New developments should consider timing and setback distances from the nests during nesting season.

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by Reclamation and contracted staff in this unit includes, litter pickup, and noxious weed control.

According to the Survey, the top four requests for this area include:

- Hunting trail access
- Shore fishing access
- Trees for wind breaks
- Increased law enforcement presence

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

<b>Priority Group 1</b>
SDGFP manage as State Wildlife Management Area
Construct firebreak around boundary
Convert boundary fence to wildlife friendly specs to improve big game movement
Improve wildlife habitat by implementing prescribed fire, prescribed grazing and planting foodplots.
Reclaim ORV trails and seed with native grass
Riparian areas and wetlands will be enhanced as reservoir water elevations allow

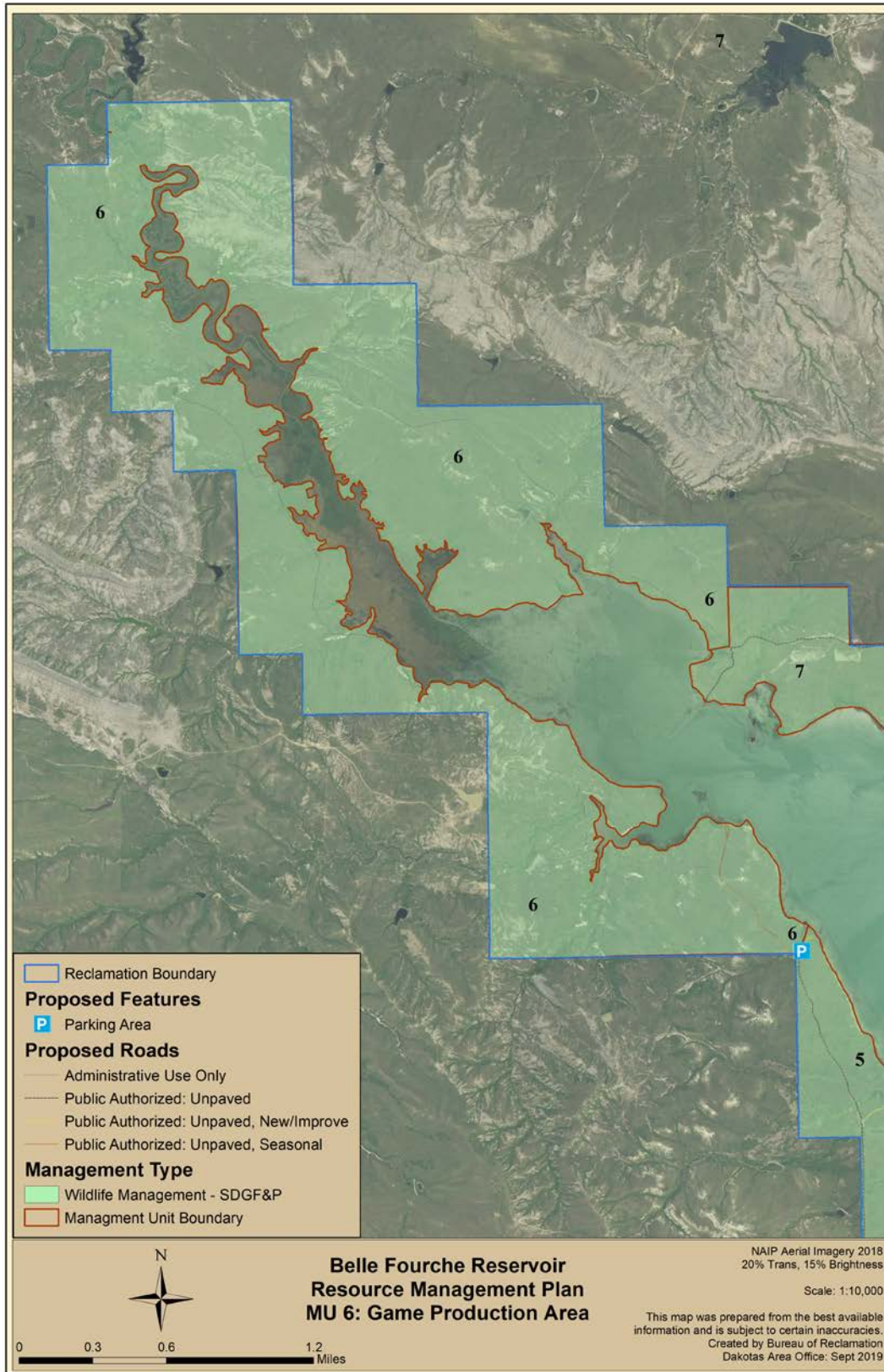


Figure 16. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 6: Game Production Area.

## MU 07 Wildlife Management Area

*Land Use Code: 05*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

The MU has been managed by Reclamation. SDGFP has agreed to assume management responsibility in 2020. The unit is a popular hunting area and currently includes the ORV area. Dirt road accesses this site. Wildlife Management Areas are closed to camping.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

No facilities exist in this unit.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, no issues were identified in this MU by the public.

Issues identified by Reclamation staff include:

- Boundary fence and gates
- Unauthorized camping in wildlife area
- Vault toilet vandalism
- Illegal ORV use into other adjacent areas
- Need road maintenance and/or new road to access shoreline (Hippie Hole)
- Public vehicular parking at north dam gate

Issues identified by adjacent private landowners include:

- Wildfire concerns
- ORV use
- Noxious weed control

### 5. Constraints

Natural, cultural, management, and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area. There are topography concerns, including cutbanks up to 80' occur along portions of the shoreline. New developments should consider the limitations of the topography. A Great Blue Heron rookery exists within this MU. New developments should consider timing and setback distances from the nests during nesting season.

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by Reclamation and contracted staff in this unit includes, litter pickup, and noxious weed control.

According to the Survey, the top four requests for this area include:

- Hunting trail access
- Shore fishing access
- Trees for wind breaks
- Increased law enforcement presence



The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1	Priority Group 2
Eliminate ORV designation and use; Convert to Wildlife Management Area*	Gravel all authorized roads
SDGFP manage as State Wildlife Management Area	Construct new road to Hippie Hole overlook
Restrict Public vehicular access and parking at north dam access area	
Prohibit access on unauthorized trails	
Construct firebreak around boundary	
Convert boundary fence to wildlife friendly specs to improve big game movement	
Improve wildlife habitat by implementing prescribed fire, prescribed grazing and planting foodplots.	
Reclaim unauthorized trails	
Remove cattle guard	
Provide BLM vehicular access to BLM lands	
Reclaim ORV trails and seed with native grass	

\*The current ORV area will be eliminated in this unit. The location of the ORV area creates a disconnect in the wildlife corridor between the wildlife management areas to the north and south and has created a launching point for illegal off-road vehicle travel. Reclamation is proposing to change the use of this area to reduce resource damage and enhance wildlife movement between the wildlife management areas to the north and south and assist in the reduction of unauthorized vehicle trails. This change of use will follow 43 CFR, Part 420 regulations. The former ORV area will be reclaimed and managed as a wildlife management area. Public scoping did not show a significant interest in this type of recreational opportunity.

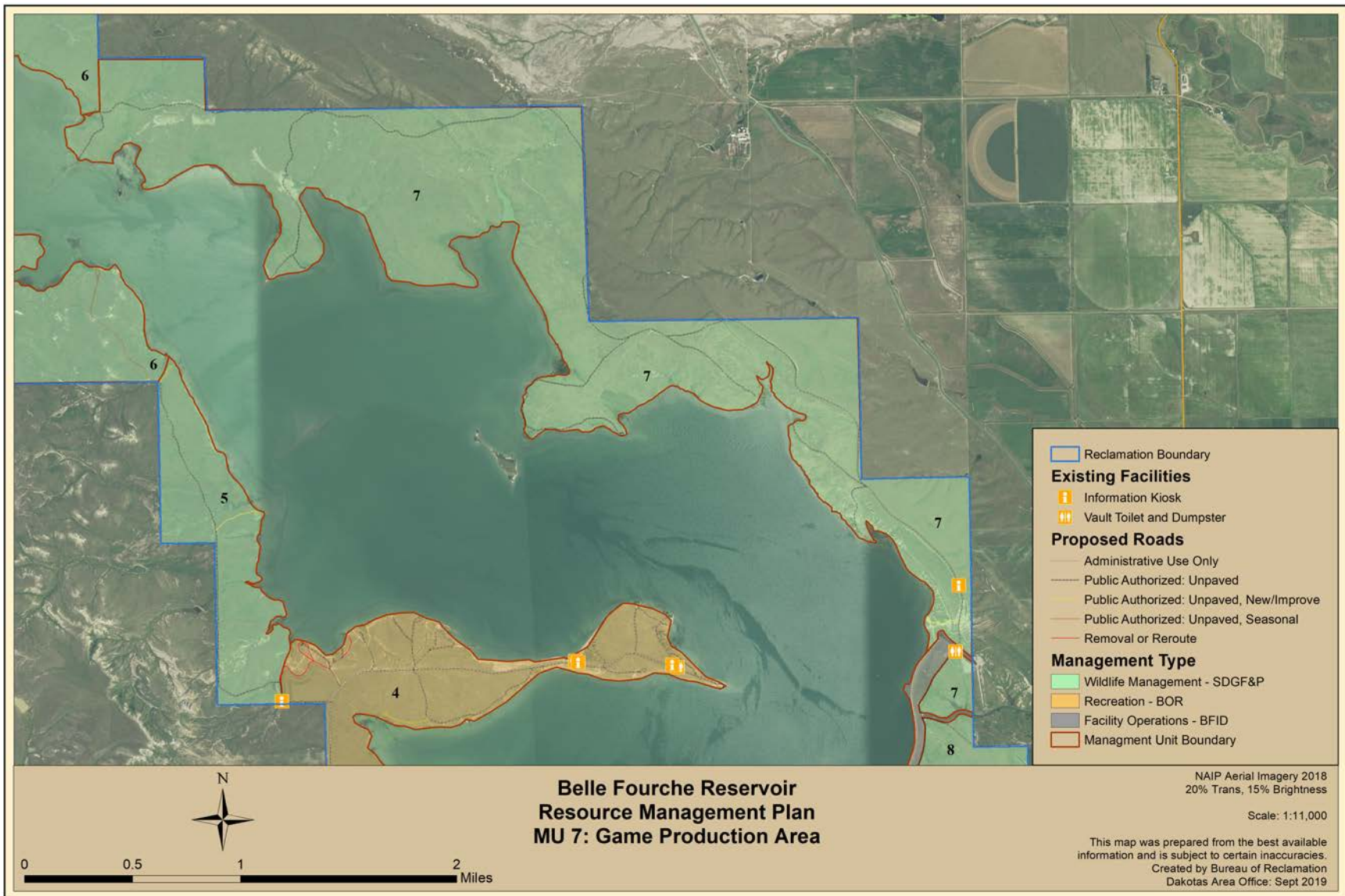


Figure 17. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 7: Game Production Area.

## MU 08 Wildlife Management Area (Below Dam)

*Land Use Code: 05*

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### 1. Background and Current Use

The SDGFP Wildlife Division currently manages this MU. The unit is managed for wildlife and hunting opportunities. The MU contains a strong wetland component and is primarily managed for waterfowl, deer and public hunting opportunities. This MU is located below Orman Dam. Gravel road access leads to this site. Wildlife Management Areas are closed to camping.

### 2. Facilities Inventory

This area contains one public gravel parking area, and one Butte County Historical Society sign.

### 3. Issues

According to the Survey, no issues were identified in this MU by the public. No issues were identified by Reclamation and SDGFP staff.

### 4. Constraints

Natural, cultural, and paleontological resource concerns occur within this MU. Consultation with SDSHPO and interested Tribes may be required for development in this area.

### 5. Management Actions

Current maintenance conducted by SDGFP staff in this unit includes noxious and invasive species control, fence maintenance.

According to the Survey, the top three requests for this area include:

- Trees for windbreaks
- Increased law enforcement presence
- Shore fishing access

The table below includes proposed improvements and changes by priority group. Priority Groups are set up based on available budget, project approval status, public health and safety, and needs/desires of the public.

Priority Group 1
Boundary fence improvements

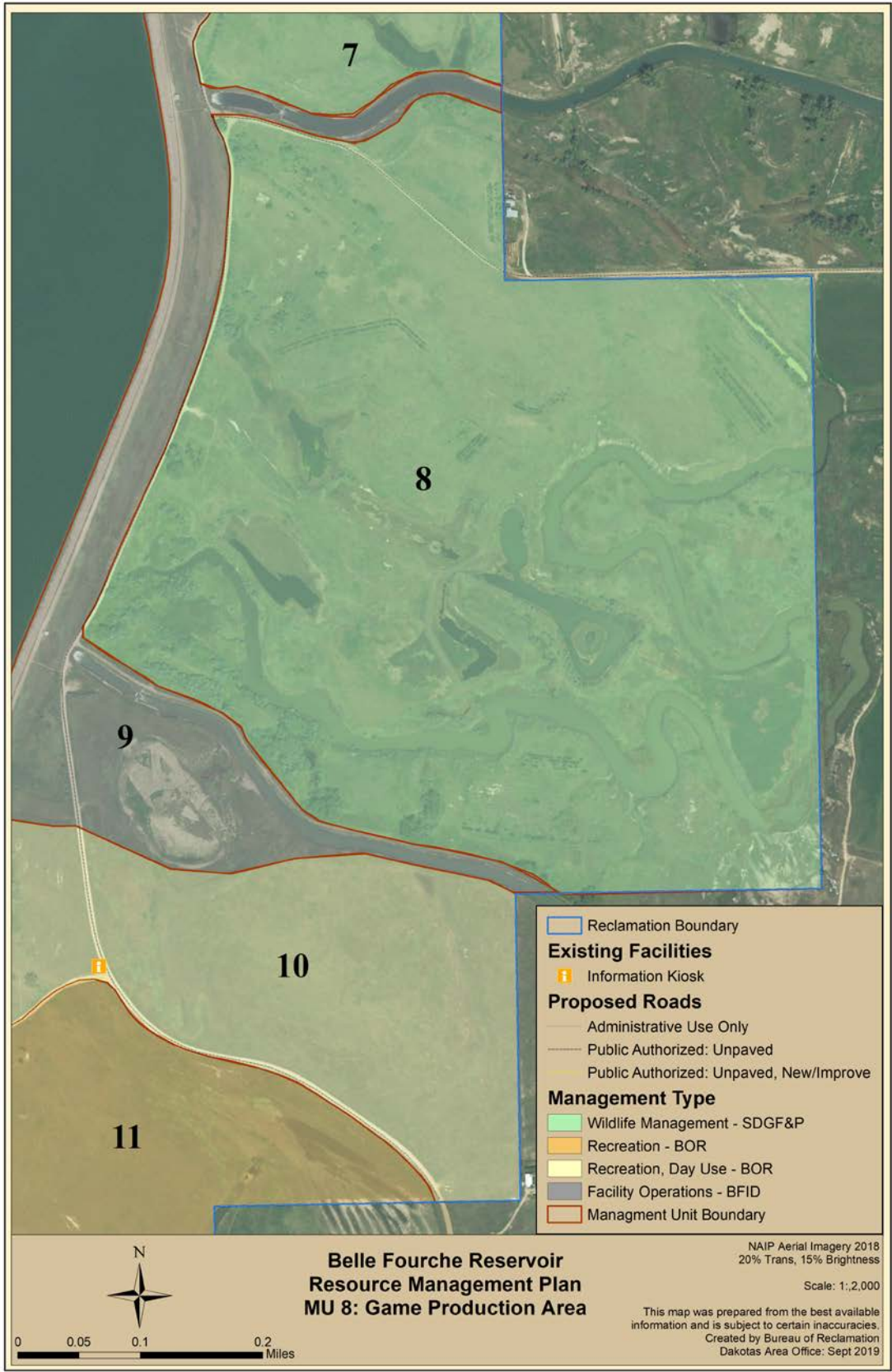


Figure 18. Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan, MU 8: Game Production Area.

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## **Appendix A**

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SDGFP AND RECLAMATION

MODIFICATION #1 TO MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SDGFP AND  
RECLAMATION



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Contract No. 14-06-600-7A

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

BELLE FOURCHE

Belle Fourche Reservoir  
Belle Fourche Project  
South Dakota

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES AT BELLE FOURCHE RESERVOIR AREA FOR RECREATION AND FISH AND WILDLIFE PURPOSES

On this 11th day of December, 1969, the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as the United States, pursuant to the authority contained in the Act of Congress of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388, 43 U.S.C. 391, et seq.), and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, acting by and through the Regional Director, Region 6, Bureau of Reclamation, and in cooperation with the Regional Director, Midwest Region, National Park Service, and the STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, acting by and through the Director of the DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH AND PARKS, hereinafter referred to as the Department, do hereby agree that the following principles shall govern the administration and development of facilities at Belle Fourche Reservoir for recreation purposes, which reservoir is a part of the Belle Fourche Project constructed primarily for irrigation purposes:

1. The location of the recreational facilities shall be in general accordance with National Park Service General Development Plan No. RS/BF-7100 and approved revisions thereto, with the written consent of the Bureau of Reclamation. Said plan is attached as "Exhibit A" hereto and by this reference is made a part hereof.

2. In the development and administration of recreation facilities, the Department shall follow the Reservoir Development Plan prepared by the Bureau of Reclamation in cooperation with the National Park Service and the Department. This plan shall be such as to facilitate the highest public benefit through the development of the fish and wildlife and recreation potential of the areas covered by this agreement.

3. Consonant with the basic irrigation requirements of the Belle Fourche Project and subject to the Reservoir Development Plan:

a. The Department may construct roads, trails, docks, sanitation facilities, water supplies, camp and picnic grounds, bathing beaches, or other facilities and provide services incidental to recreation and fish and wildlife use.

b. The Department may issue and administer licenses, permits and contracts to persons or associations for the purpose of regulating

the privileges to be exercised and concession contracts under which services are made available to the public in the area. All instruments used for such purposes shall be subject to applicable terms of this agreement and shall contain certain language recognizing the purpose of the Belle Fourche Project and effecting releases and indemnification to and for the United States, its successors and assigns, and its officers, agents, and employees engaged in the construction, operation, and maintenance of project works. The term of such licenses, permits, or contracts shall not exceed 25 years, and such licenses, permits and contracts shall contain the following provision:

"In the event of the termination of the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States and the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks dated December 11, 1969, the United States shall be deemed to stand in the stead of the Department as grantor for the remainder of the term of this agreement: Provided, however, in the event of such termination, the United States at any time within 90 days thereafter, may terminate this agreement by giving to the (licensee, permittee, or contractor) 30 days written notice thereof, and in such event the (licensee, permittee, or contractor) shall have the privilege of selling or removing, for a period of 30 days after termination of this agreement, or such longer period as may be determined by the Bureau of Reclamation to be reasonable, improvements which have been constructed on the premises at the sole cost or expense of the (licensee, permittee, or contractor); otherwise after the expiration of such period of time, the title to such improvements shall vest in the United States."

c. The Department shall, within the limits of its administration, make and enforce such rules and regulations for the use of recreation facilities as are necessary and desirable to protect the health and safety of persons using the facilities and for the preservation of law and order in the interest of public safety and sanitation.

d. The Department shall have the right to collect and retain all receipts derived from licenses, leases, permits, or contracts which it issues or administers. Such receipts shall be used only for the administration, development and maintenance of said facilities. The Department shall submit to the United States, not later than March 1 of each year during the term of this agreement, a report of all such receipts and expenditures from such receipts during the preceding calendar year. At such time, the Department shall transfer to the United States any surplus of such receipts over such expenditures for the preceding calendar year in excess of \$10,000, including any carryover from former operations. On the termination of this agreement, any and all remaining excess of such receipts over such expenditures shall be paid to the Bureau of Reclamation in full within 30 days after such termination. All improvements constructed in whole or in part with expenditures from such receipts

shall be and remain the property of the United States. All improvements constructed by the Department at its sole cost or expense shall be and remain the property of the Department, subject, however, to the provisions of Article 8 of this agreement. The Department shall maintain such accounting records as are necessary to satisfy the requirements of this article and will have these records available for inspection upon request.

e. The Department shall use and cause all its licensees or permittees to use good soil-conserving practices in the entire area and shall cause all improvements located on the premises involved to be maintained in a state of good repair, reasonable wear and tear expected. In conjunction with programs of soil conservation and maintenance the Department will carry out an adequate presuppression fire control program.

f. The Department shall require all concessioners, permittees and licensees to carry such public liability insurance as is customary among prudent operators of similar businesses under comparable circumstances. This shall not apply to individual boat permittees who operate boats solely for private and personal use.

4. If any concessioner shall fail to perform the terms of his license, permit, or contract, and be subject to cancellation or cease to be authorized to conduct the operations provided for in his concession contract, and the United States determines that such operations are to be conducted by a successor, then:

a. The concessioner shall be afforded a reasonable time to sell his interest in any structure, facility, and other improvement on the premises to a successor, approved in writing by the United States and also by the Department if this agreement remains in effect; and

b. The Department or the United States, as the case may be, will require each successor, as a condition to the granting of a permit or contract to conduct such operations, to purchase such interest from the concessioner and to pay the concessioner an amount equal to his interest in the sound value of such structure, facility or improvement, determined upon the basis of replacement cost less depreciation as evidenced by its condition and prospective serviceability, in comparison

with a unit of like kind, but not to exceed fair market value. If the concessioner and the prospective purchaser cannot agree upon the amount payable for any item or items, such amount will be determined by the majority vote of a board of three appraisers selected as follows: The concessioner and the prospective purchaser shall each name one member of such appraisal board, and the two members so named shall select the third member. All compensation and expenses of the appraisal board shall be shared and paid equally by the concessioner and the prospective purchaser. Before reaching its decision, the board shall give each of the parties a fair and full opportunity to be heard on the matters in dispute.

c. If any concessioner shall cease to be authorized to conduct the operations provided for in his concession contract for any reason other than termination of his contract by direct action of the United States, and the Department determines, with the concurrence of the authorized representative of the Secretary, that such operations are to be conducted by a successor, then the rights, if any, of the concessioner to sell to and/or obtain compensation from his successor shall be controlled by the provisions of his concession contract, with respect to which the United States shall have no financial or other obligation whatsoever except where the United States is such successor.

5. Upon request of either the Bureau or the Department, both parties, together with representatives of the National Park Service and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, if involved, will meet to review the administration of the recreation facilities at Belle Fourche Reservoir.

6. The term of this agreement shall be for a period of 50 years from the date hereof.

7. This agreement shall terminate, and all rights of the Department hereunder, except as hereinafter provided, shall cease:

a. Upon expiration of terms as provided in Article 6.

b. Upon failure of the Department to observe any of the conditions, exceptions, or reservations set out in this agreement, the Secretary of the Interior shall give written notice to the Department of the obligations that are in default or the provisions of this agreement that have been violated, and the Department shall have 90 days in which to correct the default or violation. Unless the Department shall have corrected such default or violation, this agreement shall terminate on the ninety-first (91st) day following service of the written notice being provided.

8. For a period of ninety (90) days after termination of this agreement, or such longer period as may be determined by the Bureau of Reclamation to be reasonable, the Department shall have the privilege of selling or removing all improvements on the premises constructed by the Department at its sole cost or expense; otherwise, after the expiration of such period of time, the title to such improvements shall vest in the United States.

## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

9. a. During the performance of this contract, the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks, in this article referred to as the Contractor, agrees as follows:

(1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Contracting Officer setting forth the provisions of this Equal Opportunity clause.

(2) The Contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(3) The Contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency Contracting Officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the Contractor's commitments under this Equal Opportunity clause, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.

(4) The Contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and of the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.

(5) The Contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.

(6) In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the Equal Opportunity clause of this contract or with any of the

said rules, regulations, or orders, this contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended, in whole or in part, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for further Government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, and such other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

(7) The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs (1) through (7) in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to Section 204 of Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor. The Contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance: Provided, however, That in the event the Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or vendor as a result of such direction by the contracting agency, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

#### WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

10. The Contractor agrees that it will comply fully with all applicable Federal laws, orders, and regulations, and the laws of the State of South Dakota, all as administered by appropriate authorities, concerning the pollution of streams, reservoirs, groundwater, or water courses with respect to thermal pollution or the discharge of refuse, garbage, sewage effluent, industrial waste, oil, mine tailings, mineral salts, or other pollutants. The Contractor further agrees that any contract he may enter into with a third party for the furnishing of project water will contain a similar water pollution control article.

#### ASSIGNMENT

11. The provisions of this contract shall apply to and bind the successors and assigns of the Contractor, but no assignment or transfer of this contract or any part thereof or interest therein shall be valid unless and until approved by the United States.

#### OFFICIALS NOT TO BENEFIT

12. No Member of or Delegate to Congress or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise herefrom; but this provision shall not be construed to extend to this contract if made with a corporation or company for its general benefit.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

13. The Contractor hereby agrees as follows:

a. To comply with Title VI (Section 601) of the Civil Rights Act of July 2, 1964 (78 Stat. 241), which provides that "No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance," and to be bound by the regulations of the Department of the Interior for the effectuation thereof, as set forth in 43 CFR 17.

b. To obligate its subcontractors, subgrantees, transferees, successors in interest, or any other participants receiving Federal financial assistance hereunder, to comply with the requirements of this provision.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE  
TITLE VI, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

14. The Contractor, hereinafter called "Recipient," hereby agrees as follows:

a. To comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the Department of the Interior Regulation (43 CFR 17) issued pursuant to that title, to the end that, in accordance with Title VI of that Act and the Regulation, no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity for which the Recipient receives financial assistance from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and hereby gives assurance that it will immediately take any measures to effectuate this agreement.

b. That if any real property or structure thereon is provided or improved with the aid of Federal financial assistance extended to the Recipient by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, this statement obligates the Recipient, or in the case of any transfer of such property, any transferee for the period during which the real property or structure is used for a purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits. If any personal property is so provided, this statement obligates the Recipient for the period during which it retains ownership or possession of the property. In all other cases, this statement obligates the Recipient for the period during which the Federal financial assistance is extended to it by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

c. To give this statement in consideration of and for the purpose of obtaining any and all Federal grants, loans, contracts, property, discounts or other Federal financial assistance extended after the date hereof to the Recipient by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, including installment payments after such date on account of arrangements for Federal financial assistance which were approved before such date. The Recipient recognizes and agrees that such Federal financial assistance will be extended in reliance on the representations and agreements made in this statement, and that the United States shall reserve the right to seek judicial enforcement of this statement. This statement is binding on the Recipient, its successors, transferees, and assignees.

COVENANT AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES

15. The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty the Government shall have the right to annul this contract without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this memorandum as of the day and year first above written.

Reviewed & Passed  
Date             
Off. of Field Sol.  
            
For the Field Sol.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
By J. A. Bradley  
Acting Regional Director, Region 6  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Billings, Montana

Approved:  
  
BELLE FOURCHE IRRIGATION  
DISTRICT  
By             
President

SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF  
GAME, FISH AND PARKS  
By R. Hodgins  
Director  
By             
Chairman

I concur:  
            
Regional Director, Midwest Region  
National Park Service

I concur:  
Louis R. Hardick  
Acting Regional Director, Region 3  
Bureau of Sport Fisheries and  
Wildlife





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE  
SOUTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF GAME, FISH, AND PARKS  
Parks and Recreation and Wildlife Divisions  
For Management of Lands at Belle Fourche Reservoir

I. MOU No. 14-06-600-7A, Amendment No. 1 "Area to be Established" 1.a. Established a public use recreation area at the Belle Fourche Reservoir. This use area was established as the land area locally known as Gaden's Point and more specifically located within Sec. 13, T9N R3E, BHM, and was shown on Exhibit "A". The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (Department), Parks and Recreation and Wildlife Divisions agree to amend and modify Exhibit "A" by replacing it with the new Exhibit "A" dated March 1, 2000. This removes the Department's responsibility for management of the area known as "Gaden's Point" and limits the Department's management responsibilities to the areas described below. The new Exhibit "A" designates the areas managed by the Department as:

1. Recreation Division: The 359 acre land area known as "Rocky Point". This 359 acre area contains 344.5 acres of mainland, 2.17 acres of island, and 12.3 acres (66' X 8,100') of roadway. More specifically all lands owned by Reclamation located within the sections or portions of sections described here and lying above elevation contour 2975 all in Township 9 North, Range 3 East, Black Hills Meridian:

Section 24-All  
Section 25-All  
Section 36-N1/2 NW1/4

This includes a 66' Right of Way for the 8,100' of access road beginning at Reclamation's property line directly south of the Belle Fourche Reservoir Inlet Canal bridge and ending at Section 25 and the island located directly north of Rocky Point. Rocky Point will be managed as a Lakeside Use Area as defined by the Department.

2. Wildlife Division: The 164 acre land area located immediately below Belle Fourche Dam all in Township 9 North, Range 3 East, Black Hills Meridian:  
Section 18- SE 1/4 Se1/4 (that area south of the North Canal)  
Section 19- NE 1/4 (that area between the North and South Canal)

Section 20- W 1/2 NW 1/4

and any existing wildlife enhancement developments in:

Section 24-All

Section 25-All

Section 36- N1/2 NW1/4.

All other terms and conditions of the MOU remain in effect and unchanged.

II. MOU No. 0-AG-60-01050. Agency Responsibilities: 1. Bureau of Reclamation- This MOU transferred management authority of those lands described in Exhibit "C" to the Department. Reclamation and the Department agree to amend and modify Exhibit "C" by terminating the Department's responsibility to manage these lands under this MOU. The Department will manage the following area under MOU 14-06-600-7A: Section 24-All, Section 25-All, and Section 36- N1/2 NW1/4. The remainder of the lands in Exhibit "C" will be managed by Reclamation. The Department will continue management of the lands described in Modification No. 1 to MOU 0-AG-60-01050 Exhibit "C-1" .

All other terms and conditions of the MOU remain in effect and unchanged.

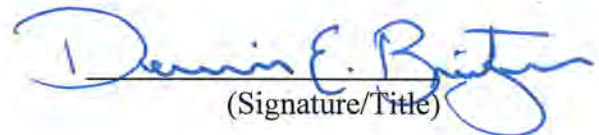
These modifications of MOU No. 14-06-600-7A and MOU No. 0-AG-60-01050 will serve until the completion of the Belle Fourche Resource Management Plan and the execution of a new MOU between Reclamation and the Department.

Signatures

John L. Cooper  
State of South Dakota  
South Dakota Department of  
Game, Fish, and Parks

Dennis E. Breitzman  
Area Manager  
Dakotas Area Office  
Bureau of Reclamation

  
(Signature/Title)

  
(Signature/Title)

SECRETARY / SDGFP

Area Manager

Date: OCT. 18, 2000

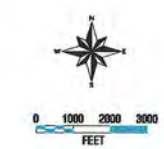
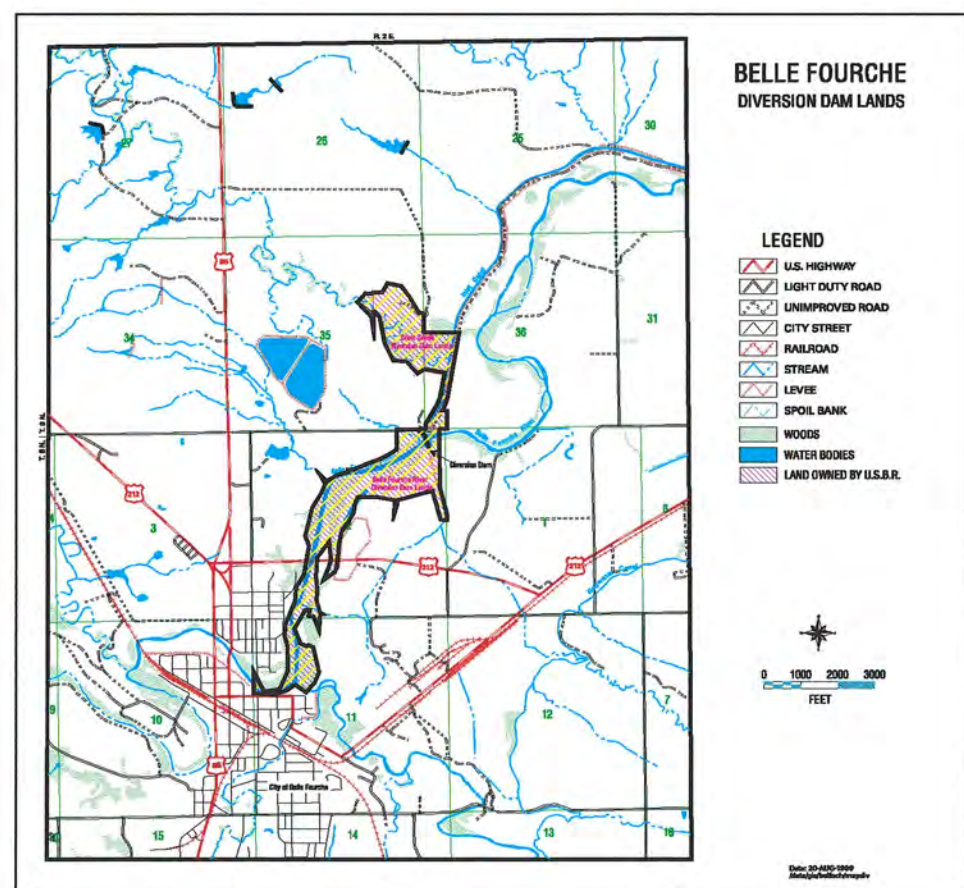
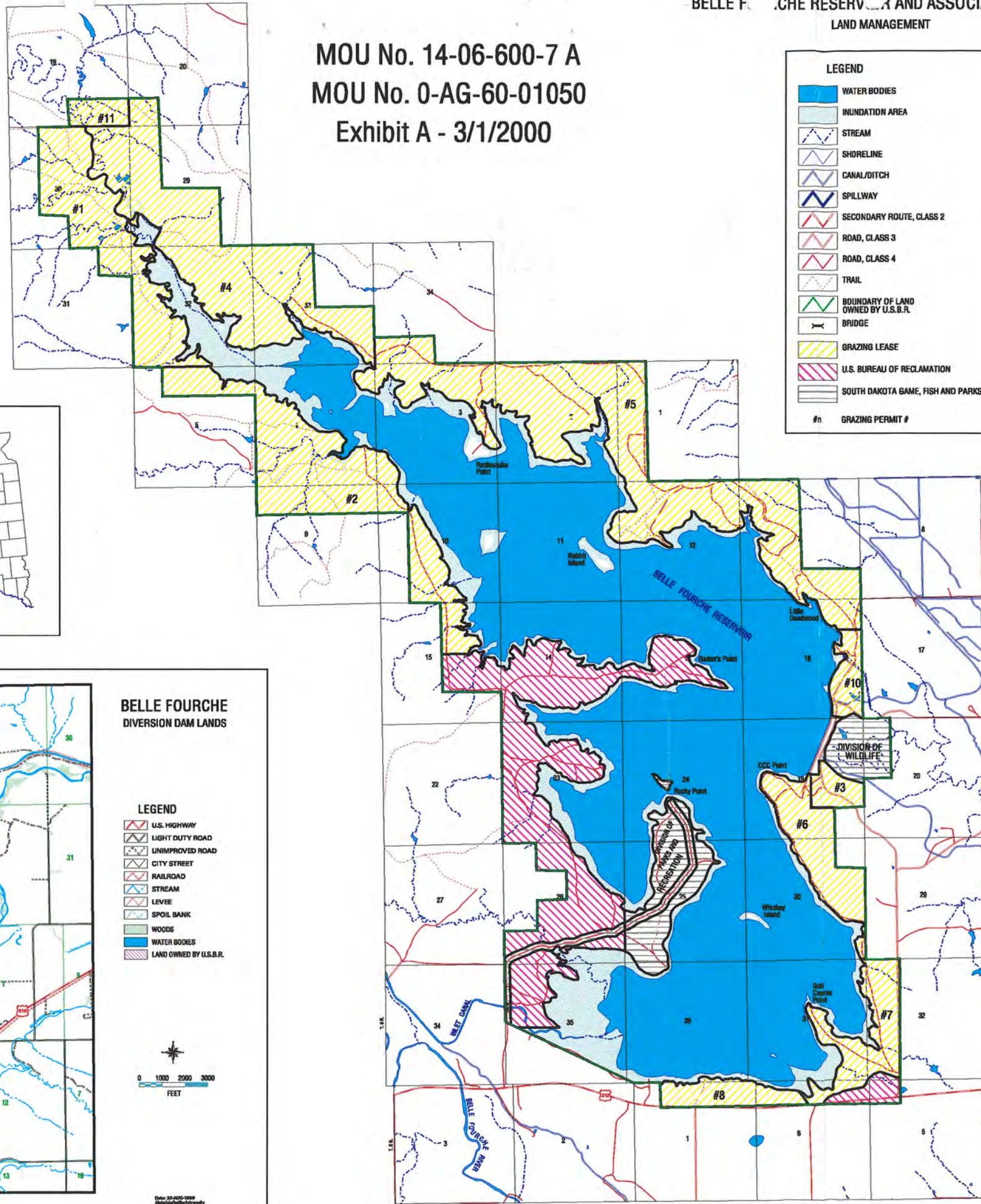
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MOU No. 14-06-600-7 A  
MOU No. 0-AG-60-01050  
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**LEGEND**

- WATER BODIES
- INUNDATION AREA
- STREAM
- SHORELINE
- CANAL/DITCH
- SPILLWAY
- SECONDARY ROUTE, CLASS 2
- ROAD, CLASS 3
- ROAD, CLASS 4
- TRAIL
- BOUNDARY OF LAND OWNED BY U.S.B.R.
- BRIDGE
- GRAZING LEASE
- U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
- SOUTH DAKOTA GAME, FISH AND PARKS

#n GRAZING PERMIT #



## **Appendix B**

BELLE FOURCHE USER SURVEY

USER SURVEY SUMMARY (CHARTS AND TABLES)

USER SURVEY WRITTEN COMMENTS

OPTION TABLE

OPTION TABLE WRITTEN COMMENTS/OPTION SELECTION

**Q7.** To what extent, if at all, did you experience any of the following at the reservoir during the past 12 months?

*Please select a response for each item:*

	Not An Issue	Slight Issue	Moderate Issue	Serious Issue	Very Serious Issue
Noise disturbance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crowding at campsites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inconsiderate groups or individuals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too many boats on the reservoir	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too many boats at ramp	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conflict with other types of recreational users	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q8.** Which of the following activities have you participated in at the Belle Fourche Reservoir during the past 12 months?

<input type="checkbox"/> Water skiing, tubing, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> Tent camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing	<input type="checkbox"/> RV/trailer camping	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross-country skiing
<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing	<input type="checkbox"/> Day use/picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Boat fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Spear or Bow fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Shore fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed hunting
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Sightseeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing/Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/> ORV use	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice fishing	

**Thank you for your time! Those are all the questions we have for you. If you have additional comments about the management of Belle Fourche Reservoir, please use the space below.**

To receive notifications on the development of the Belle Fourche Resource Management Plan, please provide your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

To complete this survey online, please visit our website at [www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao](http://www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao)

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## Belle Fourche Reservoir User Survey



### Your help is needed!

The Bureau of Reclamation, in cooperation with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is in the early stages of developing a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Belle Fourche Reservoir. A new RMP is needed as the agreement between Reclamation and GFP for the management of Rocky Point expires in December of 2019. We are interested in your opinions and preferences regarding Belle Fourche Reservoir. This survey is voluntary and we will only report summaries of our findings. Your input is important even if this is the first time you have visited the reservoir. Please take a few minutes to answer this short survey. When finished, please drop your completed survey in one of the drop boxes located at the Informational Kiosks around the reservoir or at the

Rocky Point Entrance Station.

**Thank you for your help!**



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Bureau of Reclamation

# Belle Fourche Reservoir User Survey

Please read each question on the following pages and indicate your answer in the space provided.

**Q1.** Is this your first time visiting the Belle Fourche Reservoir?

- No
- Yes

**Q2a.** Did you take any **day trips** (including current trip) to the Belle Fourche Reservoir in the past 12 months?

- No
- Yes

**Q2b.** IF YES, approximately how many *day trips* did you take? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of trips

**Q2c.** IF YES, on average, approximately how many hours did your *day trips* last? \_\_\_\_\_ Hours

**Q3a.** Did you take any **overnight trips** (including current trip) to the Belle Fourche Reservoir in the past 12 months?

- No
- Yes

**Q3b.** IF YES, approximately how many *overnight trips* did you take? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of trips

**Q3c.** IF YES, on average, approximately how many nights did your *overnight trips* last? \_\_\_\_\_ Nights

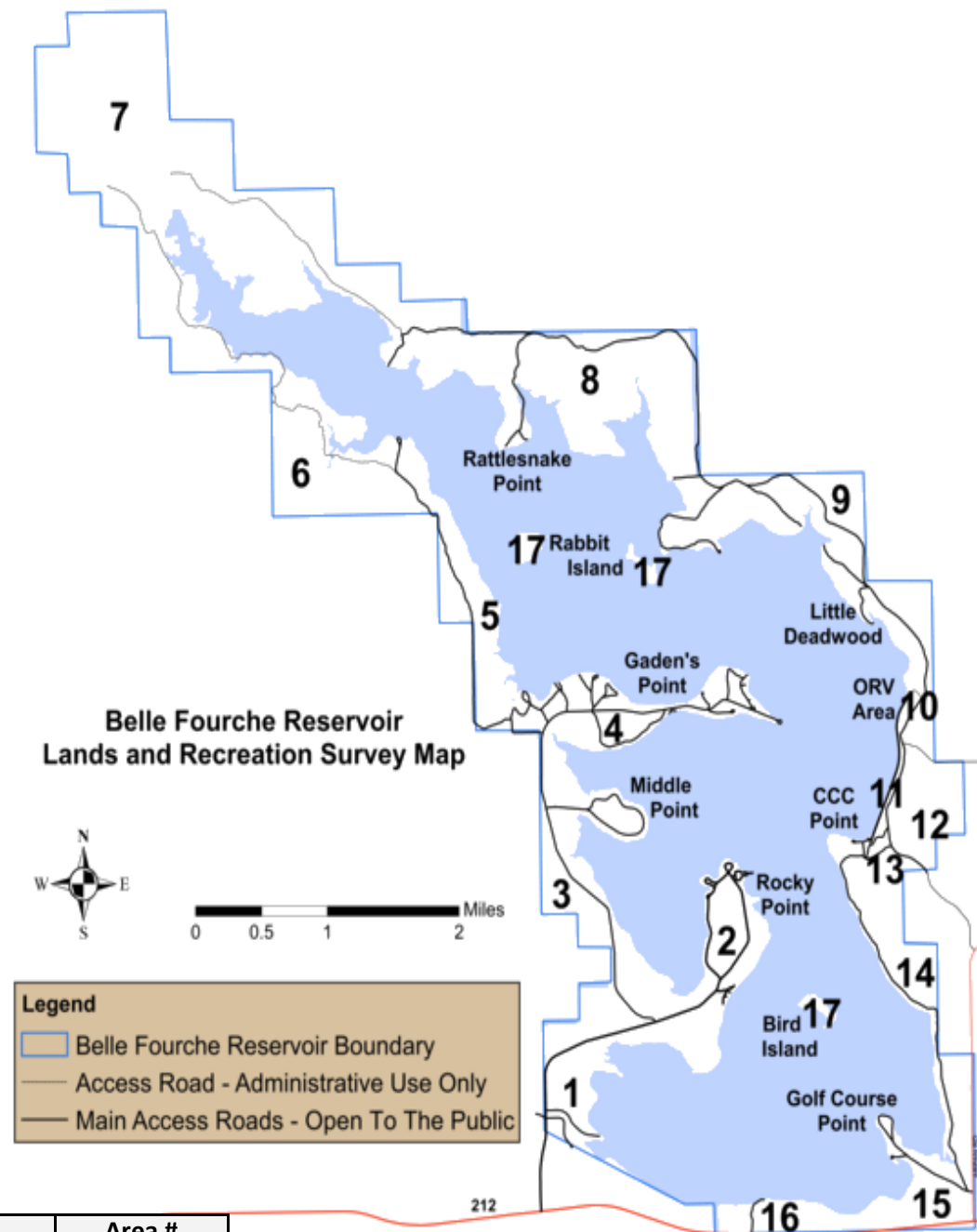
**Q4.** Approximately how far, one-way, did you travel from your home to the Belle Fourche Reservoir?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miles (one-way)

**Q5.** How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the Belle Fourche Reservoir?

Statements	Strongly Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neither Disagree Nor Agree	Slightly Agree	Strongly Agree
The reservoir is inviting to use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public access to the reservoir is sufficient.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public access to the reservoir is safe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I enjoy the undeveloped nature of the recreational activities at the reservoir.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I enjoy the developed recreational areas at the reservoir.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q6.** Which of the following additional facilities/services, if any, would you like to see at the reservoir?

**Please select all that apply in the boxes below and indicate the area number of the map, located to the right, where you would like see these facilities/services.**

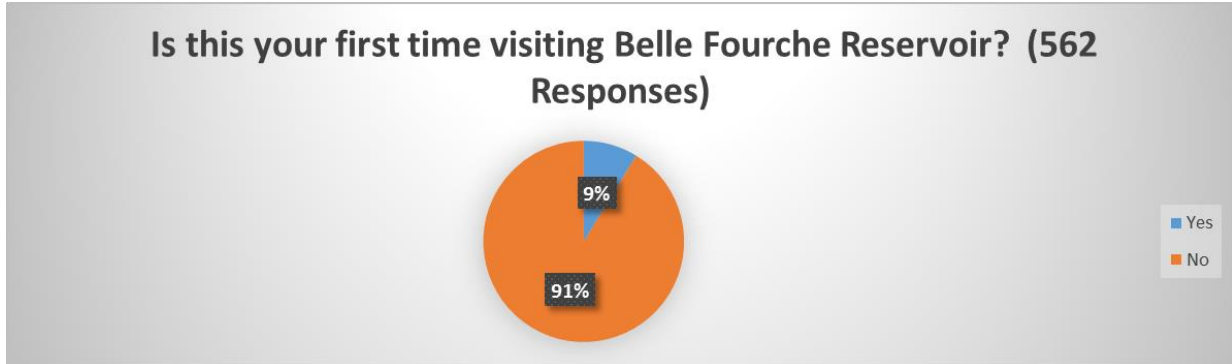


	Area # on Map		Area # on Map
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish cleaning station		<input type="checkbox"/> ADA accessible facilities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Boat ramp		<input type="checkbox"/> Dump/fill station	
<input type="checkbox"/> Road maintenance		<input type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement presence	
<input type="checkbox"/> Comfort station/ shower		<input type="checkbox"/> Concession (food, drink, bait)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Campgrounds w/electrical hookups		<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking trails	
<input type="checkbox"/> Potable water hookup		<input type="checkbox"/> Biking trails	
<input type="checkbox"/> Playground equipment		<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting trail access		<input type="checkbox"/> Vault toilet	
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting road access		<input type="checkbox"/> Primitive (tent) campgrounds	
<input type="checkbox"/> Camping cabins		<input type="checkbox"/> Archery range	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shore fishing access		<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting range	
<input type="checkbox"/> Day use/Picnic shelters		<input type="checkbox"/> No additional facilities/services desired	
<input type="checkbox"/> Trees for wind breaks			

## Belle Fourche Reservoir User Survey Results: Summary

### Q1. Is this your first time visiting Belle Fourche Reservoir?

Yes	No	No Answer
49	510	3



### Q2. Did you take any day trips to Belle Fourche Reservoir (BFR) in the past 12 months?

Yes	No	No Answer
469	89	4

### Q2b. IF YES to question Q2., approximately how many day trips did you take?

Days	Responses	Rate
1-5	161	35%
6-10	137	30%
11+	163	35%
No Response, Or did not know	101	

### Q2c. IF YES to question Q2., on average, approximately how many hours did your day trips last?

Hours	Responses	Rate
1-5	164	47%
6-10	169	48%
12+	19	5%



No Response, Or more than 1 day	210	
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**Q3a. Did you take any overnight trips to BFR in the past 12 months?**

Yes	No	No Response
427	129	6

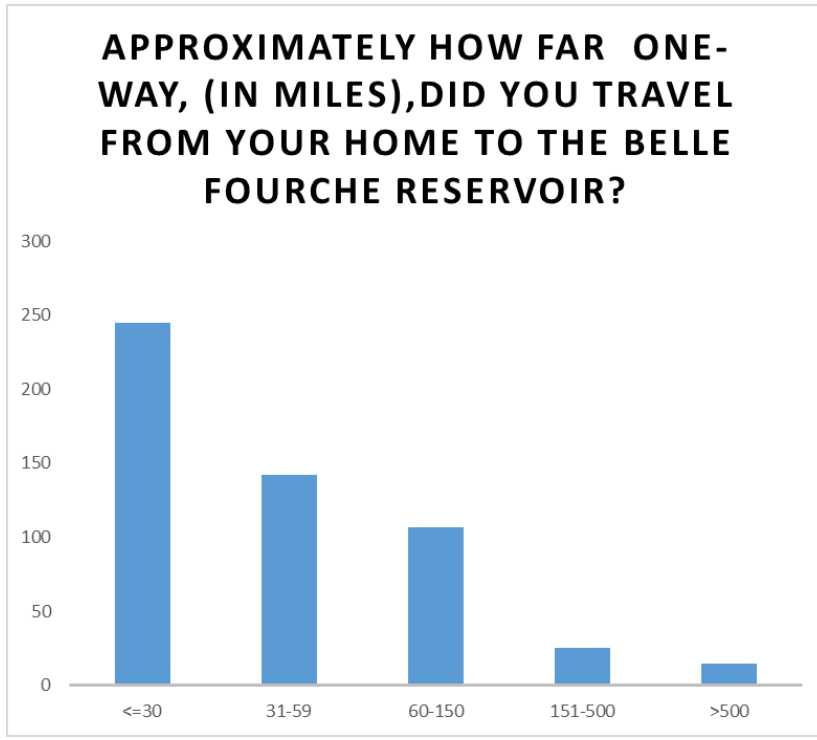
**Q3b. IF YES to Q3a., approximately how many overnight trips did you take?**

Trips	Responses	Rate
1-5	295	71%
6-10	76	18%
11-20	33	8%
21+	9	2%
No Response	149	

**Q3c. IF YES to Q3a., on average, approximately how many nights did your overnight trips last?**

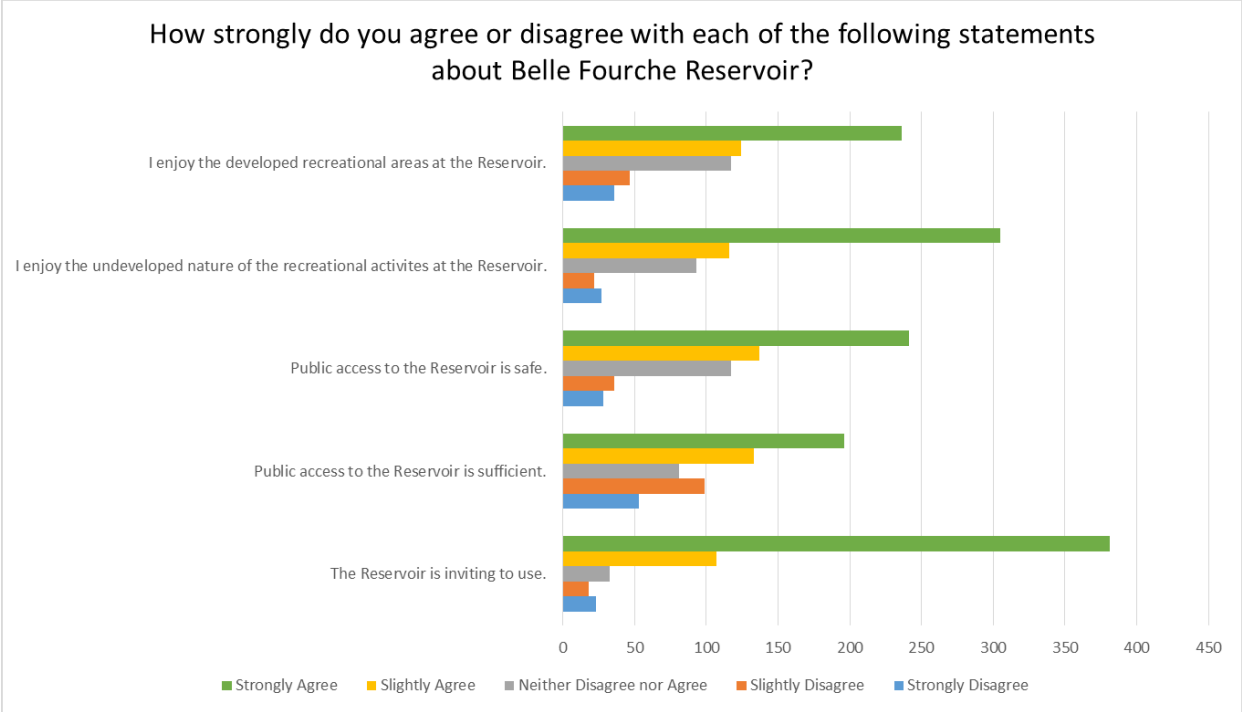
Number of Nights	Responses	Rate
1-3	240	73%
4-7	62	19%
8+	26	8%
No Response	231	

**Q4. Approximately how far, one-way, did you travel from your home to BFR?**



**Q5. How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about BFR?**

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Neither Disagree nor Agree	Slightly Agree	Strongly Agree
The Reservoir is inviting to use.	23	18	33	107	381
Public access to the Reservoir is sufficient.	53	99	81	133	196
Public access to the Reservoir is safe.	28	36	117	137	241
I enjoy the undeveloped nature of the recreational activities at the Reservoir.	27	22	93	116	305
I enjoy the developed recreational areas at the Reservoir.	36	47	117	124	236

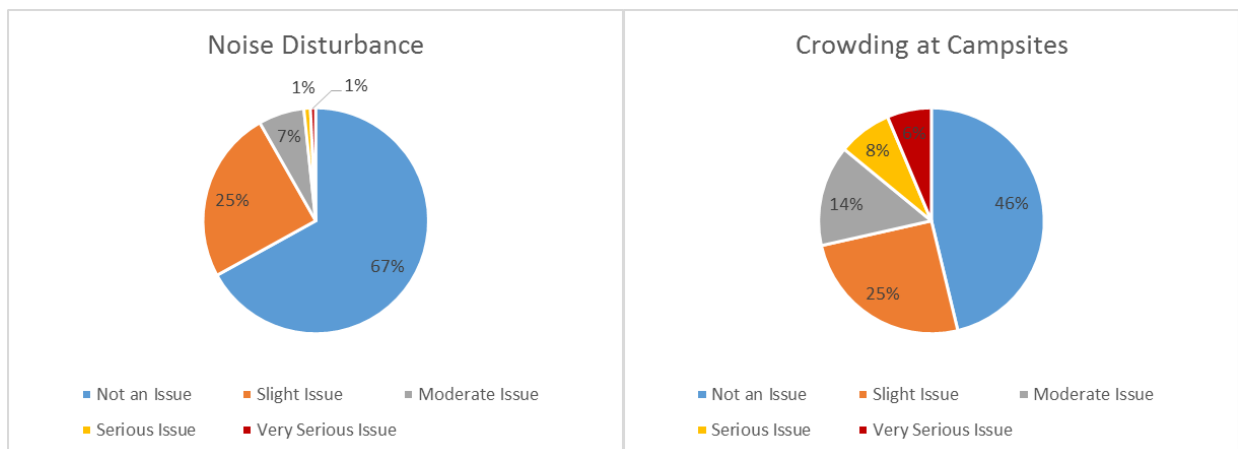


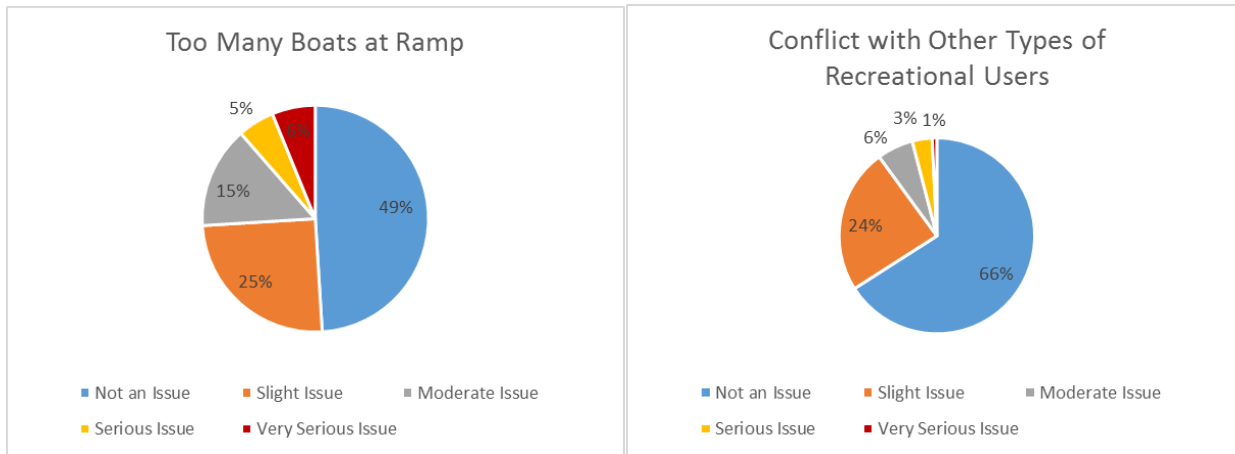
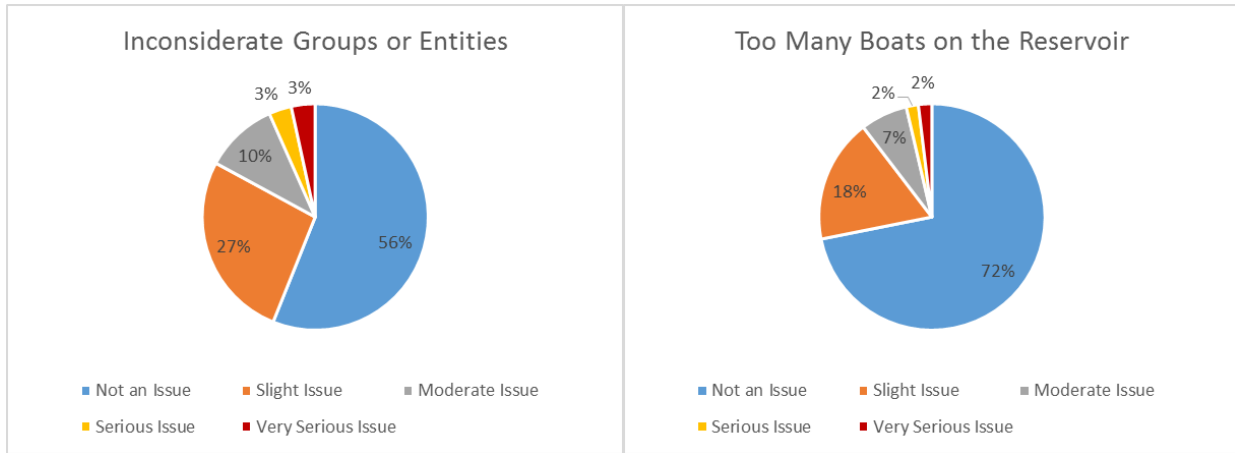
**Q6. Which of the following additional facilities/services, if any, would you like to see at BFR?**

Additions:	Comment Totals	Inlet Canal MU1	Rocky Point MU2	Middle Point MU3	Gaiden's Point MU4
Trees for Wind Breaks	682	62	51	55	68
Shore Fishing Access	545	54	42	46	49
Law Enforcement Presence	431	37	42	33	57
Road Maintenance	401	38	17	44	65
Hunting Trail Access	349	33	19	17	13
Campgrounds w/ Electrical Hookups	335	28	40	31	82
None Desired	312	46	24	26	18
Boat Ramp	267	26	12	13	79
Comfort Station/Shower	253	26	26	15	81
Hiking Trails	241	25	22	18	28
Biking Trails	226	21	24	16	28

Potable Water Hookup	219	24	39	18	55
Fish Cleaning Station	217	33	27	13	56
Vault Toilet	211	24	11	17	29
Camping Cabins	205	17	36	19	51
Dump/Fill Station	202	28	22	12	49
Primitive (tent) Campgrounds	193	19	13	18	21
Day Use/Picnic Shelters	190	19	19	22	49
Concession (food, drink, bait)	138	26	37	7	26
Playground Equipment	130	11	21	9	43
ADA Accessible Facilities	111	11	18	9	25
Shooting Range	108	17	14	12	12
Interpretive Information	69	16	13	6	6
Archery Range	68	12	13	11	5
Hunting Road Access	0				
<b>Total Comments for all Mus:</b>	<b>6103</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>995</b>

**Q7. To what extent did you experience any of the following during the past 12 months at BFR?**





**Q8. Which of the following activities have you participated in during the past 12 months at BFR?**

Activity	Number of Responses	Percent Total	% Range
Shore Fishing	353	63%	
RV/Trailer Camping	321	57%	>50% (range)
Swimming	267	48%	
Boat Fishing	264	47%	
Wildlife Viewing	203	36%	
Ice Fishing	177	31%	
Recreational Boating	177	31%	
Hunting	158	28%	24-46%
Day Use/Picnicking	153	27%	
Water skiing, tubing, etc.	146	26%	
Tent Camping	135	24%	
Sightseeing	116	21%	
Hiking	92	16%	
Canoeing/Kayaking	83	15%	

Bicycling	46	8%	
ORV Use	29	5%	
Spear or Bow Fishing	27	5%	21% or less
Shed Hunting	23	4%	
Sailing	8	1%	
Snowshoeing	5	1%	
Horseback Riding	3	1%	
Cross-Country Skiing	1	0%	

**Q9. Please specify any activities you have participated in at BFR during the past 12 months, that were not on the list above?**

Additional Activities Users Mentioned	Responses
Archery	9
Cabin Rental	5
Kite Surfing/Paddle Boarding	5
Dog Training/Walking	3
Fishing Tournament	2
Rifle Shooting	2
Fossil Hunting	1
Ice Skating	1
Photography	1
Step Outside Day	1
Triathlon/Race	1

## User Survey Written Comments

**Ref # / Comment**

1	use needs to be controlled
2	More signage about getting ready at back of parking lot instead of on the ramp.
3	d love a marina and boat dock
4	Campsite reservations are almost impossible to get based on GF&P policies
5	e dead fish on the bank at the channel (inlet canal)
6	Walleye slot needs to be reviewed
7	e who camp in the same spot all summer and think they own the place.
8	Need more policing so not so much drinking/driving/boating/shooting
9	more cabins!!
10	Very difficult to get a camping reservation at the campground
11	om gunshots in the campground
12	loose animals not on a leash in the paved area.
13	ot of shore fishing spots.
14	Multiple trash piles, unattended campfires, and off-roading near Fruitdale Point.
15	
16	No electrical in group sites
17	tely not enough campsites with electric hookup
18	Please add year round campground for rent
19	nough cabins
20	Drought, but you can't control that. :)
21	barking and running loose
22	People taking campsites for more days than the weekend, putting their campers on site, but are NOT occupied until the weekend.
23	
24	Please add year round campground for rent
25	Unleashed dogs and not cleaning up after dogs. The camp host does little if any hosting and he has his big boat in a camp site and seems to have friends in the handicap site next to his. The need a place (and enforced) area for boats not in use. It is starting to get very junking with the over run of vehicles
26	Really would like to see more reservable campsites. It is very tough to use on weekends
27	r bathrooms, add a shower would be great
28	can't ever get a spot everyone books way out
29	Not nearly enough campsites that can be reserved for the volume of campers wanting to be at the lake. Definitely need to expand the state monitored land to include the area to the north and west of the pay station, to include Gaden's Point.
30	Need more fishing size enforcement
31	nly camp
32	You pay a dailey camping fee plus an additional entrance fee. Sort of like paying for a motel room and paying extra for the key. I'm not to happy with that arrangement
33	Golf Course Point alone, no more development.
34	You need more than 2 ADA parking spaces in the boat trailer parking areas.
35	spots have glass
36	Another boat ramp or two or unimporoved access might be beneficial, especially for jet-skis.
37	ers tying up camp spots for extended periods of time
38	People just need to be more open to allowing new people to camp in the same area and share the shoreline and quit bitching and thinking it is all about them. This is a wonderful recreation area and people need to grow up and get along and enjoy the experience and meet new people!!
39	n the campgrouond
40	People mowing there own areas - taking ownership of the public lands
41	dusty roads
42	The entire lake should be State Park!
43	upied campers
44	Children riding ATVs
45	ng
46	Boat ramp has some testy customers when busy.
47	
48	Unattended campers
49	law enforcement
50	More law enforcement on the water
51	rage drinking
52	Off-road vehicles in camping areas
53	s, very serious issue

## User Survey Written Comments

- 54 shower use
- 55 not enough camp sites
- 56 driving in grass
- 57 add shooting range anywhere
- 58 people destroying things
- 59 Trash
- 60 dump station
- 61 people leaving trash and dogs at large
- 62 need hiking trails everywhere
- 63 no concession (food, drink, bait)
- 64 add trees for wind breaks wherever possible. generators are running too long.
- 65 None - Great Place
- 66 New Roads Closed - Serious Issue
- 67 cars and trucks driving too fast
- 68 need trees for wind break at middle point
- 69 Trash is a moderate issue
- 70 Trash is a slight issue
- 71 Trash is a moderate issue
- 72 Late night roaring around in trucks on the road, shouting.
- 73 Garbage
- 74 Unattended Campers
- 75 Road closures
- 76 Road closures
- 77 Closed gates - very serious issue
- 78 Roads closed - very serious issue
- 79 People setting up early and leaving unattended is a serious issue.
- 80 none
- 81 Had an issue last summer with using the shower house, had to primitive camp because camp ground was full but got harassed by an employee. We camped 10 different times in the camp ground and would of but it was booked.
- 82 Winter access maintenance needs improved
- 83 Please finish incorporating the rest of the lake into an area like rocky point. The lake needs it. Run electric and water to the gardens and middle point area and make it nice.
- 84 There is a big problem with people just leaving there campers around the lake for months , so nobody else can camp in that spot
- 85 Need more RV sites
- I love that most of it is open and left for back to nature without all of the upgrades so you can do actual camping with kids and grandkids but there is an area for the older/younger people that are not back to nature types that need
- 86 electricity, showers, etc. The best of both worlds I guess and most important is that it is free to go to with family.
- 87 Would like to see land grazed to help with fire danger.
- It is being used by too many people who are not local it don't need any more development you have already forgot the reason the damn was built pretty soon you shut water off to the farmers just so people can boat the farming is way
- 88 more important for the area
- 89 Irrigation along with recreational activities are needs filled by orman. It's original purpose was irrigation but has moved on to benefit the recreational needs of the area also.
- I enjoy the lake and the fishing is usually pretty good. The only issue I have is traveling there from 50 miles away I would like to see the slot limit on Walleye loosened a little bit. I would like to see a person be able to keep 1 Walleye
- 90 between 15-18 inch range along with the 1 over 18 and the rest under 15. Thank you
- 91 Our family would like to see additional electric hookups and playground equipment, it's impossible to get spots here unless 90 days ahead, and sometimes that's not always possible to know that far ahead.
- 92 It would be nice to have a portable handicapped fishing access on the shoreline and at the docks.
- 93 Please plant a few more trees...some bare spots need windbreak/shade
- 94 Require Park sticker to all areas to help with road maintenance and keep/discourage people driving around with no intent of using reservoir.
- 95 Tell Brad Scott said hi please.
- 96 Great facility, would love to see continued development.
- 97 Beautiful area
- 98 Please, please, please, more hookups for RVs. Almost everyone has a camper these days. It gets harder to get reservations each year. "If you build they will come!!"
- Loved it when we could park two rv's in one spot. The sites are so spacious, when we're spread out, it doesn't really feel like we're camping with our group. I understand it placed a load on the utilities. Maybe a few spots at the very
- 99 entrance could be designated to allow doubles? It would be pretty congested down by the showers and campground host. No complaints-we don't get to camp as often as I'd like, so really enjoy our time there!
- 100 The Handicapped site has a nice concrete pad. It would be nice if the other RV sites also had the concrete pads. More Shower houses throughout would be nice.
- 101 We would like to return when there is no drought so we can fully enjoy Rocky Point Recreation Area.
- 102 Needs more camping spots with hook ups
- 103 Love the Reservoir. Well kept and managed. Only good things to say.
- 104 We loved camping there, actually camping two different times on our trip. We may be back next summer if the mission trip works out for us in Montana.



## User Survey Written Comments

105	utiful spot
106	Rocky Point could you a disk golf trail.
107	more cabins
108	I would like to see a comfort station that was heated and could stay open longer into the fall. I have stayed at Rocky Pt. during the EMT conference in Spearfish and that is late Oct. This also explains why I haven't had any issues for Q7.
109	ase add campsites to the lake. It is a great resource just tough to get a campsite reserved
110	Showers and better bathrooms would make camping so great! Hiking trails and shore fishing access. I just didn't know where on the map.
111	We really enjoy the option of free camping as it is very hard to get paid camping sights booked a lot of times. It would be nice to have another boat launch some where around Gadens Point or at least a paved road so you don't have to run down all that gravel to get to boat launch. Love what you have done with the place over the years, but I don't want to lose the option of just being able to go find a camp spot, for those of us that don't plan 3 mos. in advance for all our camping trips.
112	The employees are friendly
113	ets so horribly buggy. It would be nice if you could spray a couple of times each camping season.
114	Very helpful staff
115	Belle Fourche Reservoir is a nice place to camp and fish. It needs more RV camper sites since it is usually full up on weekends and very hard to get a site unless one rents a site for a night or two knowing that you won't be there to use it.
	I did wish there was more campsites.
116	On the pay side that was a same day reservation and people would stop buy spots for all summer regardless if they stay there or not. Like the free side just wish it had more mowed areas and better shoreline.
117	ould like to see the Gaydens Point area developed for a state park campground with hook ups.
118	Love Belle Fourche Reservoir! It would be great to have more developed/maintained/monitored campsites at Gaden's Point that are also on the state website to be reserved. Way too hard to get a campsite most weekends! Thank you!
119	watch people who are taking RVs to the reservoir and leaving them to tie up a spot and not following the rules by not staying in it.
120	we like the campground
121	Real good management should finish developing rocky point before moving on. Do the same on east side as they done on west side add 8 more cabins open low water ramp for jet skis and small boats under16 ft all kayaks
122	It would be nice if there were large loops for groups that are intentionally camping together. We visit every 2 years for a family reunion with about 18 campers; it would be nice if there was a way for us to be closer together, with a larger picnic shelter in the middle. We make it work, but are very spread out.
123	d surveillance cameras at entrance after hours. My cooler was stolen,,,
124	They need more paid campsites with power, water would be a great addition. I don't think their are enough paid campsites, getting nearly impossible to get a spot on the weekend. I think Brad Nelson needs a pay raise. Also Rocky point needs a marina, with docks that can be rented out annually.
125	love the free camping at orman
126	Don't devolop golf course point
127	You've done a wonderful job out there. I've lived nearby in the valley for 57 years and it has never been this organized, developed and well maintained. It is a wonderful addition to the community and very, very well used by fishermen and recreationists combined.
128	Would like to see some more fire rings at gadens point and North of golf course
129	re orv areas.
130	please don't change anything on Susie peak rd as it is a great spot to camp and not have to pay along with taking the family out to tequila beach for the day and have fun at no cost
131	I would appreciate more camp spaces available at Rocky Point or another developed area with electricity and bathrooms. It is VERY competitive trying to reserve spots at the campground. People often reserve them, just in case, and then don't use them. Also, developing the far side of the lake would expand the availability for usage and spread out the people. Another beach area would also be useful as the one at Rocky Point is very busy on the weekends.
132	A number of friends and I enjoy riding the ORV area and hope stays available for public access.
133	Please make the entire reservoir fee area and enhance the entire lake
134	People parking their outfits to hold the camp spot irritates me and no parking on shoreline when water level is down. I am somewhat disabled and can't walk that far. The campground gets over crowded and if one makes it too nice, it will just attract more people.
135	We enjoy coming out to the areas that don't charge. Our entire family, including out of state, can come and enjoy fishing and boating without breaking the bank. The out of state fishing licenses already cost a lot.
136	This lake could use at least one more boat ramp and enforcement of RV campers taking all the campsites for the summer when they obviously aren't here and a shower facility of the campsites at Gaydens would be great.
137	Develop the west side of the north end. Keep the area free as it is now; add extra garbage dumpsters; clarification of SD Parks sticker on use of showers on campsite section in not parked there.
138	Add a few dumpsters on primitive side. Clarification on use of showers at Rocky Point area when we have a parks sticker but prefer to camp on primitive side. Develop north end to make roads accessible to more campsites. Keep Primitive side the same as much as possible, except for more sites and showers and boat ramp.
139	I like the fact that this area is free but would like to see some picnic tables. Some folks leave their RV here all summer and only use it on the weekends.
140	Consider changing slot size
141	Require a park sticker for any lake access and use money to keep roads maintained and add rocks around Gaden's point like done by Tequila Beach area. It looks great. Leave primitive camping how it is. Just more often, seems to be a lot of slot fish being taken from shore. may be add big signs that explain slot limits to fisherman. Anyway, things are pretty good. I think Chuck Huston is a great asset out here. Again purchasing park stickers would help keep more control.
142	We like to camp next to the water, and it being a lake used for irrigation it is going down all summer. So it is nice to be able to follow it down. Also, we have camped in groups which we would like no changes in primitive camping. Law enforcement is good and it is easy to call if problems do arise.

## User Survey Written Comments

	I think the upgraded road structure is great! I would love to see more accessible shoreline available to RV use. There is a lot of usable shoreline that is off limits, or could have a more upgraded road structure. Campfire rings are useless.
143	Seems that they are always getting moved. People like to camp next to the water so they want the campfire there too. I would almost rather there be a no campfire rule on the free side, or only in a metal fire pit/ring. This is a tough topic!
144	I would like to see everyone who uses the reservoir be required to purchase a day use or park pass to use the reservoir. I think this would help with controlling the underage parties and the unnecessary traffic around the lake. Maybe more fish checks and game wardens patrolling the shoreline, seems to be a lot of people who don't know or care about the slot limit on walleyes, and they keep a lot of slot fish because they are not getting checked enough. Keep dry camping the way it is, just require a sticker.
145	Need a vault toilet at the beach area. Need more signage to indicate slot sizes for walleyes. People are cleaning walleyes at the cleaning table that are clearly between 15" and 18". More game warden checks. I have not been boat checked or had my fishing license checked on this reservoir since Warden Harold Havila was here. I also strongly agree with the slot limit sizes, however there are times when a walleye is gut hooked and bleeding profusely and will not survive but because of the slot, has to be thrown back. one slot fish 15" to 18" included in the daily limit would be nice.
146	I would like to see more law enforcement around for littering, noise, fire control. More road maintenance on north sided of lake for RV travel to primitive RV/tent camp sites. Would like to see annual park sticker entrance only for lake. \$35 annual fee for fist vehicle, \$10 for second, and \$10 for third vehicle. Make off road vehicle trails around lake. Last 2 years has been some of the best shore fishing for walleyes that I have seen for years. Look forward to enjoying this lake for many more years. Thank you.
147	Please extend concrete pad on north end boat ramp. no additional amenities needed at south end (#15) where kite boarding takes place.
148	I realize that not all campers are respectful of the privileges, we have at Orman dam. Most of the campers I know are very considerate and do not leave messes when they leave. The majority of us even clean up the campsites when we arrive, if they leave a mess. I would like to see campers pay for a yearly sticker that would entitle us to use the showers and facilities, such as water refills and dump stations. Then I hope you leave everything else like it is.
149	I would like to see a better ORV park. It would be amazing to see more trees and green plants along the sides of Orman. To bring attention to the lake more, it would be cool if there was more events out there such as an off road tour for those who are new to the ORV community.
150	Management has been good. Improvements are needed and have been good. Improvements are appreciated.
151	There is a group that is always at Gaden's Point. They have been there since the 8th of June and it is now the 9th of July. Need more patrolling of who stays and lives out here all summer. Make them move.
152	First come, first served is a great thing. However every time I have come to camp there are campers parked in prime camping spots with no one around. We always camp for 6-7 days. Almost always those campers are vacant for our first 4-5 days before you see anyone. There needs to be better enforcement on this issue. We love to camp but shouldn't be forced to have crappy camping because someone else is saving a spot for camping a week away.
153	There are many things being enforced, controlling who takes showers is ridiculous. Maybe shower tickets would help with that. Paid for parking passes to shower, yet threatened a fine. Let campers ride motorcycles if they wish.
154	Please put in more full service campsites or more electric campsites.
155	spot with 18 to 20 sites for family reunions with electrical hook-ups.
156	A way to facilitate large groups to reserve campsites together.
157	e enjoy camping here. Thanks for all the improvements. We will be back again.
158	No more state park fee areas. Keep it like it is.
159	open closed roads.
160	Ever since the 2018 fishing tournament, all that I have caught is slot fish.
161	-open closed roads to WMAs.
162	Too many roads are closed.
163	ve seeing the lake so high.
164	Fee is high in state park area.
165	ave BLM become managing partner.
166	Less crowded than Angostura, but more "No Vehicle Access" signs.
167	o many roads closed.
168	Keep farmers first.
169	Disappointed that my annual pass does not cover use of shower facilities and I was threatened with a citation for using them because I was not in the paid camping area. Have never had an issue in years past and during the summer months it is nearly impossible to camp in the paid section; hence why I bought the annual pass.
170	Leave Arpan Road camping for free. Do not develop please.
171	orth side of dam is totally under-utilized. Need marina/restaurant.
172	Leave developed area on the west side of reservoir. Leave Arpan road area alone.
173	ray more weeds.
174	Leave developed area on the west side. Leave Arpan Rd area alone!
175	I would like to see more weed spraying on our side of lake. There is a large amount of garbage that blows in from the people that use the channel.
176	I think the Game, Fish and Parks does an excellent job of managing the Rocky Point Area. The issues I have had is booking sites at Rocky Point, therefore I primitive camp on other areas. I would like to see more improvements to the Gadens Point Area. Charge a day use fee to help cover cost of improvements. The road issue to Gaden's is a big one. If the roads were maintained, it would help a bunch. Snow removal to Gaden's in the winter would allow winter activities at Gaden's point. All in all, it's a wonderful place to take the family. Improvements to some areas would be nice without being detrimental to wildlife.
177	I think there could be some primitive day use developed in area 3 & 4. SDGF&P does a great job of running the Rocky Point area. I think they should take over all recreational areas, maybe charging a small fee for usage. It should NOT go to private contractors. No permanent residences should be allowed. I enjoy this area and plan to visit much more often.
178	Leave this area exactly the way it is. This is one of the few places in this area where primitive camping is still allowed. Please don't take that away from us public land owners.
179	nting road access 5,6'
180	hunting road access: 6-7, 8, 9'
181	nting road access: 6 & 7' No privatization
182	hunting road access: 6&7' No privatization

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183	I am strongly against having a third party management firm come in to manage our area. Any addition fees or permits, if any should benefit only the reservoir and surrounding area.
184	Want to keep free primitive area for camper use - also want to see the Tequila beach available to camp on again. Want to be able to ride offroad with ATV's at all areas. Many families will be unable to camp if you charge everywhere and it's not fair. Want Orman back the way it was before Game, Fish & Parks took over - way, way more problems since then. We have camped here for 40+ years. Do not develop!
185	I want to add just an opinion of mine, family and friends that have enjoyed this reservoir since we were kids. The improvements to the rocky point area are amazing so please do not get the wrong impression. Many people enjoy the conveniences of home while camping, but there are so many people who just like to enjoy the solitude and peacefulness of not being in a crowded, small town-like camp area. My suggestion would be to make more fire pit areas in primitive parts of the lake and separate, if needed, by a row of trees to accommodate the people who enjoy this reservoir, but no longer come here due to the lack of primitive sites and privacy. We ill have no problem paying for that.
186	Love to have laundry facilities.
187	Not enough primitive sites. We like our privacy.
188	I was told no camping if no fire pit. Need more spots away from people!
189	Need more campsites. Hookups @ group campoing. WIFI and phone services. Pool
190	Solar lights in the toilet at campsite 2. Add an additional one in the loop.
191	You guys are doing a great job, but the reason I and my family come here is for the wide open nature, primitive camping and fishing. The roads could use some work, and things like fish cleaning stations and dumpsters would keep the area cleaner. But if you do too much it's going to be too expensive, and too crowded (ie, Pactola) and will take away the experience. If this turns into a restricted area, all pay or as busy as Pactola, my family, for one, won't be returning.
192	(camping cabins was marked but didn't indicate area on map) How about a web cam and weather station accessible to online use? Check wind and waves, temp, rain, etc. I have, in the past, gone to the reservoir many times to just turn around and go back home, mostly because of the wind.
193	Cleaning the firepits out on a regular basis would be nice. Maybe another fish cleaning station closer to boat ramps.
194	1. would like some clarification on why we are not entitled to use the showers at Ricky Point when we purchase a park sticker, but camp on the primitive side. 2. develop north end so to make extra campsites.
195	3. keep primitive side the same as much as possible (no large camping fees).
196	all the things marked for Q6 did not have an "area" in which they would like to see those services.
197	checked road maintenance but didn't specify area. Need more camping on the north side. The campsites are always crowded especially on holidays. The North side of the lake needs to be re-opened to camping.
198	Orman is a great place to be able to camp at no charge. Golf course is a great camping spot. Please don't make us start to pay for it!
199	Rocky Point needs more sites. It is very difficult to get sites during the peak. Also need to crack down on people occupying sites just to "reserve" a spot.
200	There is a problem with people dropping off camper on Thursday night and leaving them unattended until Friday night.
201	I met Jay and Will, the old P.W. camp. Very helpful and respectful. Need more people like them. Good Job Orman!
202	There needs to be more campsites with electricity. It is almost impossible to get sites in the summer. I feel improvements should only be made to areas where you pay to get in. A paying gate needs to be added on the other areas such as Gadens point, Middle point and Golf course. A cell tower would be nice so you could monitor incoming storms.
203	Have an issue with people leaving campers in advance of the holiday weekends to save a spot and not actually staying there.
204	Please leave primitive camp areas as they are.
205	Handicap access pier on lake out from cabins #1 & 2
206	Handicap access on lake out from cabins 1 & 2
207	People that pull out here with their campers to get spots and then don't stay in the campsite the whole time.
208	Consider more electric hookups and campsites and ramps (boat) away from Rocky Point. Thank you.
209	Shoreline erosion is an enormous problem that should be addressed.
210	We enjoy the primitive type of camping. Less people around that way. That's why we go camping is to get away from town life. Your park area is nice, but not our style. Too many people, always full. that's ok for the folks that have to have the plug-in.
211	We live directly east of Bird Island...Wildlife management area. The campers along east shoreline consistently leave garbage behind. They are parking big campers on the beach - even when signs posted say 'no driving on shoreline'. they are launching pontoon and speed boats from shoreline as well. They are building big fires where there aren't fire rings. If those fires get away from them, it will put our home and livestock in danger. Campers will also leave their campers unattended for up to a week. We have also had issues with dogs not being on leashes and we have sheep/lambs, so that is a concern for us. We would like to see no campers beyond the point where road is maintained. Primitive camping only.
212	Would like o see more campsites developed so it is not so hard to find a place on the weekends.
213	I would help pay for mag water on the road to Gaden's Point. If the wind is right, dust from the road is an issue. I don't know how you would go about charging for mag water and still have free camping though. Voluntary donations from previous year paying for next years mag water maybe?
214	Not enforcing vehicles left unattended and taking up places to camp. Dogs running at large. Generators running all night to run their air conditioners.
215	There is an issue with people leaving campers unattended at good locations all week just to make sure they have a spot to camp. The rules say they must be occupied 8 hours every 24 hours. We do this, and would like to see the rules enforced.
216	Fish population needs to be managed better. Lake is over fished and has been for many years.
217	Road needs bladed more than 4 times through summer, spray for dust control
218	Road needs more blading during summer months and spray for dust control
219	Good escape from Belle Fourche, once a week. Majority of drivers just tearing down the roads.
220	Cut the grass. Can't get to the channel for neck high grass.
221	It is a great improvement to the area. I would like to see a minimum % drawdown on the water, to enhance fishing and water recreation. ie., 40 or 50% minimum pool area
222	Have a fish ___ structure contest. Have a plant a tree day at the lake. Have a bug spray day once a month. There are too many flies and mosquitoes.
223	a phone number to leave message for lost or found items.
224	Please leave undeveloped! Could use boat ramp on east side.

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224	Closing the canal road for shore fishing is not in the best interest of shore fishing. I was told from RMP management it was closed because of abuse from shore fisherman. I didn't think there is any more abuse of leaving garbage on the canal than any other place on the reservoir. Open the road back up and patrol and enforce behavior just ad you do everywhere else on the lake.
225	x the roads at least once a decade into your units denoted as #6 and #7
226	would have liked to have canoed, but had to head down the road
227	e thought the primitive camping sites were awesome. We loved it.
228	The addition of a weather type system for severe storm alert. A place for large group camping.
229	1) Addition of a weather station or ability to keep more informed about severe weather. 2) a 20-25 spot electrical group area where families could hold reunions and not be so spread apart.
230	Would like to see a weather station put up out here to stay informed on storms coming in and would also like to see full hook-up at group sites.
231	e like it the way it is. That's what brings us here. Any changes will chase us away.
232	I love it here
233	itty roads, North part lake
234	toilet area 14
235	dd food plots
236	build better roads north end of lake
237	Too much goose poop. Mosquitoes in showers. Showers need bathroom stools. Free-loaders who camp outside the campground, use the shower and leave them dirty. Broken beer bottles and garbage in showers. Section 4 and east side need electrical hookups and you wouldn't have problems with free-loaders. WIFI would be nice. More beach areas, volleyball and basketball.
238	More fishing docks, more boat docks, more campsites, more picnic shelters, wind breaks for tents, free camping at the south-east side, more beaches, boat rentals etc...
239	I would like to see a boat dock for more than 5 boats on the north side of Gadens Point so people can use the restroom.
240	Please place rip rap on Bird Island and Rabbit Island before they erode away. During winter/low water, bulldozers could build up islands and rip rap could be installed. Also build artificial structure for fish habitat.
241	You have a serious issue of campers "hogging" the really good campsites. For example, Dennis Silvernail camping on one site for weeks, months, or the whole summer. Others should have the opportunity to enjoy these sites as well.
242	More electrical sites are needed as you can't get in. Another deep water boat ramp is a top priority.
243	ould like for everyone who uses the reservoir to buy a state sticker.
244	You have a serious dust pollution issue on Susie Peak Road to Gaden's Point on busy weekends. This should be addressed! We do like the freedom of being able to camp wherever with whomever or group. This is great! Note: Looks like this survey got wet at some point which made the survey unreadable in different areas. What could be read was: We enjoy the open...; Camp in large...; Specific spots/...; the freedom to...; restrictions on...; more dumpsters
245	to keep...;
246	Thank you so much for having free tenting sites on this beautiful reservoir - we love it, and will come back when passing through! your friends from BC Coast Canada on the way to Ontario.
247	My priority is dry camping on the reservoir. I hope you leave the reservoir like this. One problem is the day people that use the north side to fish and leave their garbage. There is plenty of garbage cans and these people do not use.
248	Having both developed and dispersed camping works great...we always use dispersed camping. Belle Fourche as it is set up now. We always enjoy dispersed camping. Some folks like having water/electric/sewer. We are fully self contained. We strongly support free access to public lands.
249	ep lake open to us poor folks. \$21 to camp is too much.
250	Better roads to north
251	road around the lake could increase sightseeing, hiking, biking, fishing, and hunting.
252	Why is there such limited access up north?
253	ease reopen diversion dam area to the public.
254	Every year feds close more of the lake to us. Why?
255	ant more road access instead of traveling by foot.
256	Open diversion canal up to the public.
257	open inlet canal roads
258	It would be nice if Little Deadwood was maintained a little better, as it is full of garbage, and if it was accessible to RV camping.
259	e over hanging branches on the trees have damaged our camper. Be nice if they were trimmed.
260	Why are all the roads closed?
261	arbage dumpsters are always full.
262	Rocky Point camping fees are too high.
263	Good thing 100 year Keyhole agreement ended as they have water for all to use, not just a few farmers like here.
264	State Park fees are too high.
265	ave as is.
266	Leave the reservoir as it is.
267	eryone should buy a park pass to use the reservoir.
268	Question 6 (Q6) Maybe a primitive camp for limited camping per night or by reservation? Anyway have a primitive "doggy bag" for human waste only - pack out what you pack in, otherwise first come first serve. Boat-in-area left primitive as is. Would have to watch for large parties. Otherwise we are still lucky to have an area to come and recreate and not be in a pay area fee.
269	eryone should buy a park pass to use reservoir
270	Leave as it is.
271	Leave as is.
272	Fees too high
273	Good thing 100-year Keyhole agreement ended as they have water for all to use, not just a few farmers like here.

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274	Camp fees too high
275	Garbage is full
276	Why are all the roads closed?
277	The over hanging branches on the trees have damaged our camper. Be nice if they were trimmed.
278	Camping fees are too high for seniors on a fixed income. It is too hard to get a reservation anyway. Even the no-fee areas are sometimes hard to find a spot for an RV. It would be nice if Little Deadwood was maintained a little better (it is full of water bottles, garbage) - and if it was accessible to camping with an RV
279	Reopen canal roads.
280	Open diversion canal for us.
281	Let us access our land, not just by foot.
282	give land back to tribes - Cheyenne
283	Every year feds close more of lake to us. Why?
284	Please open diversion area 2, public.
285	Why is there so limited access?
286	What wonderful changes in the facilities since the GF&P have been involved. Thank you, Dan. A road around the lake could increase sightseeing, hiking, biking, fishing, hunting.
287	Give land back to tribes

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## Belle Fourche Reservoir

### Resource Management Plan Options Selection Table and Frequently Asked Questions



#### **Your help is needed!**

The Bureau of Reclamation, in cooperation with the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP) is in the process of developing a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Belle Fourche Reservoir. We are interested in your opinions and preferences regarding the Belle Fourche Reservoir Draft Management Options developed as a direct result of the User Survey completed in the summer of 2018. Your input is important in guiding future recreation development at the Reservoir. Please take a few minutes to comment on the Draft Management Options. When finished, please leave your comments in the box before you leave. Or please mail it to the address on the back of this document.

**Thank you for your help!**



# Draft Future Management Options

## Option 1 Minimum Recreation Development

Under this option, developments would be restricted to those allowed under Public Law (PL) 89-72 (minimum basic facility development) at recreation and wildlife areas, excluding current SDGFP managed areas.

## Option 2 Enhanced Recreation Development

Under this option, a managing partner would be necessary to provide modern recreational facilities and services; as requested by the public at all recreation areas. These improvements would be similar to existing modern facilities and services currently offered inside Rocky Point.

## Option 3 Comment

For each Management Unit, the public will be able to select their development preference out of Options 1 and 2, to form their preferred Option 3. With consideration of PL 89-72, a managing partner would be necessary for areas with Enhanced Recreation Development. If the public prefers Minimum Recreation Development, Reclamation would continue to manage those areas with management emphasis on resource protection and ensuring public health and safety.

**Please write in your Option preference and additional comments for each Management Unit in the attached table under Option 3.**



## Proposed Management Actions

Management actions have been recognized by Reclamation staff, managing partners, and the public to increase the public's health and safety and recreational experience, while reducing resource damage. These actions will be proposed in the RMP:

1. In this RMP, fees are not proposed to be implemented on Reclamation managed areas. Fees may be implemented in the future as facilities and services are added.
2. All campers will be required to camp in a designated campsite.
3. Camper self-registration stations will be installed on Reclamation managed areas. All campers will be required to register to camp.
4. Camp hosts will be hired beginning in 2020. Camp hosts will be placed on one or more of Reclamation's managed recreation areas.
5. Boat launching at designated boat ramps only. This requirement will be enforced after a third boat ramp is constructed on the reservoir.
6. To aid in law enforcement, security cameras may be installed at certain areas around Belle Fourche Reservoir.

<b>MU Name and Number</b>  <b>Use</b>  <b>Managing Entity</b>	<b>Existing Amenities, Services, &amp; Facilities</b>  Existing as of January 1, 2019	<b>Option 1</b> <b>Minimum Recreation Development</b> Note: Projects marked with an * have been approved for funding.	<b>Option 2</b> <b>Enhanced Recreation Development</b> Note: Projects marked with an * have been approved for funding.	<b>Option 3</b> <b>Comments</b>  Please write in your Option preference for each Management Unit in the spaces below
<b>Rocky Point Recreation Area</b> MU 2 Overnight Use South Dakota Game Fish & Parks	57 electrical campsites 5 group camping pods 2 camping cabins 1 camp host 1 comfort station 8 vault toilets 2 boat ramps 1 fish cleaning station 1 dump station 1 fee booth 1 archery range 1 pet exercise area 1 storm warning siren 3 water hydrants 7 garbage dumpsters 1 information kiosk 1 volleyball court 3 horseshoe pits 3 picnic shelters 5 parking lots 1 swim beach 1 playground	N/A	Expand boat ramp parking Courtesy dock Fill and dump station and lane Improve fish grinder Shore fishing pod Expand parking lot at shore fishing area Annually plant 50-100 trees	
<b>Middle Point</b> MU 3 Overnight Use Reclamation	1 information kiosk 2 vault toilets gravel roads gravel parking areas 1 garbage dumpster fire rings	Camper registration station Camp host site 38 non-utility campsites 38 fire rings 38 picnic tables Shoreline stabilization* Shore-fishing access*	6 camping pods (3 campsites per pod) 20 back-in electrical campsites 38 fire rings 38 picnic tables New day use area with group shelter Shoreline stabilization* Shore-fishing access* Comfort station Mowed hiking trails 2 Vault toilets Playground Partner Fees	
<b>Gadens Point</b> MU 4 Overnight Use Reclamation	2 information kiosks 2 vault toilets 2 garbage dumpsters gravel parking areas gravel roads fire rings	Camper registration station 64 non-utility campsites 64 fire rings 64 picnic tables 3 vault toilets and dumpsters Buoyed swim beach at Tequila Beach Boat ramp* Boat ramp parking area* Shoreline rip-rap* 1 vault toilet*	12 camping pods (3 campsites per pod) 38 back in electrical campsites 64 fire rings 64 picnic tables Comfort station Tequila beach expanded parking area Tequila beach group shelter Group Shelter Playgrounds 5 vault toilets Boat ramp* Boat ramp parking area* Shoreline rip-rap* 1 vault toilet* Partner Fees	



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<b>East Side Recreation</b>				
<b>Bird Island View</b> MU 14 Overnight Use Reclamation	1 vault toilet fire rings	Camper registration station Improve road access from north 26 non-utility campsites (north) 20 non-utility campsites (south) 46 fire rings 46 picnic tables 2 vault toilets (1 north, 1 south) 3 garbage dumpsters (1 north, 2 south) Boat-in beach Buoyed swim beach	Camper registration & fee station New road access from north 26 electrical campsites (north) 20 electrical campsites (south) 46 fire rings 46 picnic tables 3 vault toilets (2 north, 1 south) 3 garbage dumpsters (2 north, 1 south) Comfort Station Hiking trails Water spigots Buoyed swim beach Boat-in beach Partner Fees	
<b>Golf Course Point</b> MU 15 Overnight Use Reclamation	1 information kiosk 1 vault toilet 1 garbage dumpster fire rings	Camp host site Camper registration station 16 non-utility campsites 16 fire rings 16 picnic tables Install 2 camp loop roads 1 vault toilet 1 garbage dumpster Canoe/kayak parking area Rip-rap Golf Course Point	Camper registration & fee station Fish cleaning station Dump station 16 electrical campsites 16 fire rings 16 picnic tables Install 2 camp loop roads 2 new vault toilets 2 garbage dumpsters Water spigots Hiking trail Canoe/kayak parking area Playground equipment Picnic shelters Comfort station Rip-rap Golf Course Point Partner Fees	

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<b>Proposed Day Use Recreation</b>				
<b>Inlet Canal</b> MU 1 Proposed Day Use Reclamation	1 Information Kiosk 1 Interpretive Display 1 vault toilet 1 garbage dumpster fire rings gravel parking lot	Convert to day use only (no camping) Improve fishing access 1 fishing loop road	Convert to day use only (no camping) Fee station Fish cleaning station Dump station Improve fishing access New fishing loop road 10 picnic shelters 10 picnic tables 2 vault toilets Partner Fees	
<b>CCC Point</b> MU 13 Proposed Day Use Reclamation	1 information kiosk 1 historical interpretive area 1 vault toilet 1 gravel parking area 1 garbage dumpster fire rings	Convert to day use only (no camping) Dam parking restrictions Improve road to South Dam Beach 1 vault toilet Boat ramp Boat staging and parking area Solar light at boat ramp Buoyed swim beach Expanded parking	Convert to day use only (no camping) Fee station Dam parking restrictions New road to South Dam Beach 1 vault toilet (boat ramp) Boat ramp Boat staging and parking area Solar light at boat ramp Buoyed swim beach CCC interpretive area parking Picnic shelters Fish cleaning station Playground equipment Hiking trails Partner fees	
<b>Fruitdale Area</b> MU 16 Proposed Day Use Reclamation	None	Convert to day use only (no camping) 1 vault toilet 1 garbage dumpster Authorized road improvements 2 fishing access roads	Convert to day use only (no camping) Fee station 1 vault toilet 1 garbage dumpster Authorized road improvements 2 fishing access roads Partner Fees	

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<b>Wildlife Management Areas</b>				
<b>West Wildlife Management Area</b> MU 5 and 6 Day Use Reclamation	1 information kiosk	2 fishing access roads Wildlife-friendly fence conversion	2 fishing access roads Firebreak Wildlife-friendly fence conversion Prescribed fire Grazing Foodplots	
<b>North Wildlife Management Area</b> MU 7, 8, and 9 Day Use Reclamation	1 storm warning siren	Prohibit access on unauthorized trails Reclaim unauthorized trails Wildlife-friendly fence conversion Provide BLM access	Prohibit access on unauthorized trails Reclaim unauthorized trails Firebreak Wildlife-friendly fence conversion Prescribed fire Grazing Foodplots Provide BLM access Remove cattle guard	
<b>Off-Road Vehicle Area (ORV)</b> MU 10 Day Use Reclamation	Designated ORV area 1 vault toilet ORV Area rules/regs sign 1 information kiosk	Eliminate ORV designation and use Convert to Wildlife Management Area New road to Hippie Hole overlook Grass plantings	Eliminate ORV designation and use Convert to Wildlife Management Area New road to Hippie Hole overlook Grass plantings Prescribed fire Grazing Foodplots	
<b>Game Production Area</b> MU 12 Day Use South Dakota Game Fish & Parks	1 gravel parking area 1 historical sign	N/A	Repair east entrance fence Remove cattle guard	
<b>Facility Operations</b>				
<b>Belle Fourche Dam</b> MU 11 Operations Reclamation Belle Fourche Irrigation District	Earthen dam Spillway Overflow spillway 2 gate houses Piezometer pit 2 walkways/stairwells North and South Canal Inlet Canal Sediment retention pond	N/A	Administrative Road parking restrictions Modify operations area boundary Add/improve fishing parking area access	

# Belle Fourche Resource Management Plan

May 29, 2019 Open House Meeting  
Belle Fourche Community Hall  
512 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Belle Fourche, South Dakota  
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## What's Included:

Draft Management Option Descriptions  
Table of Draft Management Options  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

## Helpful Acronyms:

BFR	Belle Fourche Reservoir
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
MU	Management Unit
ORV	Off-Road Vehicle
RMP	Resource Management Plan
SDGFP	South Dakota Game Fish and Parks

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is an RMP?**

RMP stands for Resource Management Plan. This is a document that can effectively assist Reclamation, South Dakota Game Fish and Parks (SDGFP), and future managing partners in planning, decision making, and implementing actions affecting Belle Fourche Reservoir.

### **Why have an RMP now?**

Belle Fourche Reservoir use has increased substantially since the last RMP in 2004. The User Survey indicated the desire for many additional facilities and services at Belle Fourche Reservoir.

### **What will the RMP accomplish?**

The RMP will chart the desired future condition for Belle Fourche Reservoir relative to public uses and available funding. One of the objectives of the RMP is to provide a quality recreation experience.

### **What does the RMP mean to me?**

The RMP enhances your recreation experience by identifying and addressing public concerns through public input and helps Reclamation and SDGFP to better manage multiple uses.

### **What is a Management Unit (MU)?**

A specific geographic area that can be effectively managed as a relatively independent area.

### **What is a Proposed Management Action?**

An action or group of actions which are developed to provide solutions to the issues raised by the public and internally by Reclamation and SDGFP staff; enhance, protect, and provide a wide variety of recreation facilities and opportunities; must be realistic and within anticipated funding and staffing levels; and meet the objectives and specific goal for its respective management unit.

### **What are Minimum Basic Facilities?**

Minimum basic facilities are those facilities required for the public's health and safety. Examples of minimum basic facilities include: beach areas, vault toilets, garbage dumpsters, fire rings, and designated campsites.

### **Is Reclamation charging camping fees at Reclamation direct-managed recreation areas?**

Reclamation is not proposing fees in this RMP. As improvements are completed, Reclamation will analyze implementation of a fee structure in the future.

### **Why are we proposing converting Inlet Canal, Fruitdale Area, and CCC areas from Camping to Day Use only?**

Funding limits accomplishments. Based on the number two and number three request in the User Survey for more shore fishing access and increased law enforcement, a change to day use will reduce the need for camping facilities and allow us to focus staff and funds on additional shore fishing areas and increased law enforcement presence.

### **Trees**

Based on the number one request in the User Survey for more windbreak and shade trees, Reclamation will pursue a tree planting program and tree farm. Reclamation has purchased 500 trees to be hand planted with assistance from the public, with the goal of annually planting 100-500 trees.

## **Why are we proposing to convert the Off-Road Vehicle Area to Wildlife Management?**

- ◆ The current location of the ORV area creates a disconnect in the wildlife corridor between the wildlife management areas to the north and south and has created a launching point for illegal off-road vehicle travel.
- ◆ Reclamation is proposing to change the use of this area to reduce resource damage and enhance wildlife movement between the wildlife management areas to the north and south and assist in the reduction of unauthorized vehicle trails.

## **Why are designated campsites being proposed?**

- ◆ Reclamation is proposing to require all campers to camp in a designated campsite. This will reduce altercations between campers, aid law enforcement, reduce resource damage to the shoreline and grasslands, avoid confusion of multi-agency management, and reduce overstay and unlicensed campers.
- ◆ All vehicles are required to stay on authorized roads. This is difficult to enforce if undesignated and shoreline camping is allowed.

## **Shore Fishing Access**

- ◆ Based on the number two request in the User Survey for more shore fishing access, Reclamation has proposed three areas to be converted from camping to day use only, focusing staff and funds on shore fishing access. Reclamation is also planning shore fishing access in conjunction with shoreline stabilization projects.
- ◆ Reclamation proposes to continue prohibiting shoreline driving for fishing access and shoreline camping. Pedestrian access to the shoreline and shore fishing will continue to be allowed.

## **Boat Ramp**

- ◆ There are currently two boat ramps available at Rocky Point Recreation Area, which require a SDGFP entrance pass to use. Reclamation is in the process of constructing a third boat ramp at Gaden's Point, with construction to begin in the fall of 2020.
- ◆ Reclamation is proposing to require all boats to launch and retrieve from a designated boat ramp to reduce resource damage and reduce the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species. This restriction will be enforced after a third boat ramp is constructed. To increase safety and access for boaters, Reclamation is proposing to construct an additional boat ramp on the east side at CCC Point.

## **Law Enforcement**

- ◆ Currently, Reclamation does not have law enforcement authority and contracts law enforcement services with the Bureau of Land Management. SDGFP have law enforcement officers for the areas they manage on Reclamation lands. Reclamation has hired a seasonal on-site intern for the past three summers to aid in law enforcement efforts. Additional law enforcement officers have been on site during holiday weekends the past two years.
- ◆ Based on the number three request in the User Survey for increased law enforcement presence, Reclamation has proposed to negotiate a law enforcement contract with Butte County Sheriff's office, install security cameras, and hire camp hosts in Reclamation managed areas. Additional managing partner(s) would also increase law enforcement service.

## **Road Maintenance**

- ◆ Reclamation contracts for 13 miles of road blading and shoulder mowing to be conducted prior to all three major holidays in the summer.
- ◆ There are currently 257 miles of unauthorized roads and trails at Belle Fourche Reservoir. Reclamation proposes to continue prohibiting illegal off-road vehicle travel, closing, and reclaiming unauthorized roads.
- ◆ There are currently 33.7 miles of authorized roads at Belle Fourche Reservoir. Reclamation proposes new roads, gravelling existing roads, and increasing road maintenance on all authorized roads as funding allows.



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## Option Table Public Comments

<b>MU Name and Number</b> <b>Use</b> <b>Managing Entity</b>	<b>Option 1</b> <b>Minimum Recreation</b> <b>Development</b>	<b>Option 2</b> <b>Enhanced Recreation</b> <b>Development</b>	<b>Option 3 Comments</b>
Rocky Point Recreation Area MU2 Overnight Use South Dakota Game Fish & Parks		6	5 - for courtesy dock 1-add more campsites, more handicapped accessible sites for fishing from shore, more spots to camp 3- Leave as is 1- Bathroom at cleaning station would be good 1- More spots to camp (Developed)
Middle Point MU3 Overnight Use Reclamation	9		6- Leave as is 1- Leave primitive camping I don't want designated spots, leave Middle Point name or change back to Muddy Flats Area
Gadens Point MU 4 Overnight Use Reclamation	9		1- Let people camp on Tequila Beach like before, never hurt nothing for fifty years 5- Leave as is
Bird Island View MU 14 Overnight Use Reclamation	7	1	6-Leave as is
Golf Course Point MU 15 Overnight Use Reclamation	7		6-Leave as is
Inlet Canal MU 1 Proposed Day Use Reclamation	4		1-No Day Use Only 6- Leave as is

CCC Point MU 13 Proposed Day Use Reclamation	4		5-Leave as is 1-Improve road to South Dam Beach, 1 vault toilet, needs more garbage dumpsters
Fruitdale Area MU 16 Proposed Day Use Reclamation	4		1- Leave camping- NOT just day use 4-Leave as is
West Wildlife Management Area MU 4 and 6 Day Use Reclamation	5	1	4-Leave as is
North Wildlife Management Area MU 7, 8, and 9 Day Use Reclamation	3		1-Provide BLM access 5-Leave as is
Off-Road Vehicle Area (ORV) MU 10 Day Use Reclamation	3		1-Everything except elimination ORV 4-Leave as is
Game Production Area MU 12 Day Use South Dakota Game Fish & Parks			3- Leave as is
Belle Fourche Dam MU 11 Operations Reclamation Belle Fourche Irrigation District			1-No parking restrictions, add/improve fishing parking area access 3- Leave as is

**Option 3  
Additional  
Comments:**

- 1 The improvements at Rocky Point are nice but not everyone wants to camp in campgrounds. Something I would not like to see change is the openness of the Arpan side of the lake. It is nice to spread out and get away from other campers. I have been camping at Orman all my life and the main reason is to enjoy the seclusion the east side of the lake offers.
- 2 Make it a "Glass" "bottle" free lake. Fix Carp Road and make some available campsites around on that road. .
- 3 What happens under Your proposals when all of the designated Camp sites are taken? is there going to be a reservation system? How many campers will be turned away because of these changes? there needs to be primitive camping Available. Get Rid of all Livestock Grazing in the entire area.
- 4 was better before you started changing & maintaining !!!
- 5 Some for safty reasons and some for personal reason like my kids to have a place to camp for small cost. instead of charging to camp, some people dont always have funds for that. I have seen in the past when storms threaten the lake and to have designated camping I could not get a boat loaded safly at a crowden boat ramp. I hate the options for the fact I prefer to have campers park anyway we want and if dog want to be off leash they can. I live in WY and I bypass Keyhole because I dont want designated camp spots, and drive the extra miles to be able to camp where and how I want.
- 6 Was late getting to the last meeting in Belle, but I hope you can use my comments. I don't was to see GF&P have more ??? Maintain, but still provide law Enforcement for the whole area. I like what both GF&P & Bureau of Rec. have done to date. Would like to have a few trails named for myself & kids. (See notes on Enclosed Maps) would like to Have these areas named "Haivula Trails" and individual Trails named for myself, my son Marty & granddaughter Abby. Thanks Harry Haivala – former Game Warden for area Harry Haivala 1230 Wolworth St. Belle Fourche, 50717.
- 7 CCC point – don't need to spend \$1 million plus to put boat ramp when able to use 1-2 months a year.

## **Appendix C**

AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

August 2018  
Dakotas Area Office

## Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan

### Reclamation Initiates Resource Management Plan: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Bureau of Reclamation's Dakotas Area Office (Reclamation), in cooperation with South Dakota Game Fish and Parks (GFP) is preparing a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for Belle Fourche Reservoir. In addition to the Belle Fourche Reservoir RMP, Reclamation is responsible for management of lands around Angostura Reservoir, Belle Fourche Reservoir, and Shadehill Reservoir.

The RMP will be used by Reclamation and GFP to guide management of lands surrounding Belle Fourche Reservoir. The RMP will provide a blueprint for managing recreation, wildlife habitat, vegetation, roads, cultural resources, and natural resources. The RMP document will include long-term management goals and objectives for Belle Fourche Reservoir and associated lands. Reclamation is directed to accomplish land management with a Federal, state or local managing partner.

We need your help during the planning process to ensure that you, members of the public, have ample opportunity to express your interests, concerns, and ideas, and to review and comment on the RMP as it develops.

Newsletters will be sent to everyone on our mailing list, and will also be distributed around the local area. The purpose of these newsletters is to keep you informed of the RMP progress and to provide opportunities for you to participate.

### Project Background

The Belle Fourche Unit is one of Reclamation's earliest irrigation projects with the first irrigation water delivered to anxious farmers on project lands in 1908. Completion of construction of the Belle Fourche Dam followed three years later in 1911. Individuals came together in the next decade to form the Belle Fourche Irrigation District in 1923.

While the Belle Fourche Project was Federally authorized for construction in 1904, reauthorization as the Belle Fourche Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program in 1983, under Public Law 98-157, further provided construction money for rehabilitation and betterment of irrigation facilities, recreation, and fish, and wildlife. Water releases from Belle Fourche Reservoir for irrigation range from approximately 50,000 to 120,000 acre feet per year, depending on the irrigating farmer's need for



(Above) The above photograph was captured during construction of Belle Fourche Dam's main Inlet Canal at Station 110 on August 22, 1905.



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water. Reclamation has a contract with the Belle Fourche Irrigation District that is in effect until 2035, allowing them to deliver irrigation water to approximately 57,000 acres.

The main features of the Belle Fourche Unit are the Belle Fourche Dam and Reservoir, Belle Fourche Diversion Dam, Inlet Canal, North Canal, South Canal, laterals, drains, and 57,000 irrigated acres. The Belle Fourche Diversion Dam is located on the Belle Fourche River about 1.5 miles northeast of the city of Belle Fourche, South Dakota. The water diverted from the Belle Fourche River is carried by the Inlet Canal to the Belle Fourche Reservoir.

The resource area that will be included in the RMP will include the Belle Fourche Diversion Dam lands and Belle Fourche Reservoir lands (See map on page 5). **The RMP will not address operation of the dams, irrigation distribution Facilities, or lands located in the Belle Fourche Irrigation District.**



(Above) Shaping the slope of the upstream face of Belle Fourche Dam as a foundation for the pavers, May 15, 1909.

Belle Fourche Dam (known locally as Orman Dam) is an earthen dam constructed across Owl Creek, a stream tributary to the Belle Fourche River. The dam forms the Belle Fourche Reservoir which has a water surface area of 8,040 acres and stores 192,000 acre-feet of water.

There are 6,503 acres of land surrounding Belle Fourche Reservoir. The GFP manages 359 acres on Rocky Point for recreation and 164 acres on Owl Creek below the dam for wildlife purposes. Reclamation manages the remaining 5917 acres around the Reservoir for primitive recreation and wildlife habitat. The Belle Fourche Irrigation



(Above) Rocky Point Recreation Area managed by South Dakota Game Fish and Parks.

District is responsible for 63 acres around the dam and outlet works.

Recreation management of the Reservoir varies drastically from fully developed recreation at Rocky Point Recreation Area to primitive on Reclamation managed lands. Reclamation policy limits recreation development without a managing partner to minimum basic facilities only. Minimum basic facilities provided on Reclamation managed lands around the reservoir include vault toilets, fire rings, gravel roads and parking areas, garbage dumpsters and informational kiosks. Not only does Reclamation lack the authority to develop recreational facilities without a managing partner, annual funding is not sufficient to develop facilities.



(Above) South Dakota Army National Guard constructing Bird Island View Road.

Reclamation utilizes the South Dakota Army National Guard, the Montana Conservation Corps, local scout troops, and volunteer groups to accomplish improvements. Some of these recent projects include:

- ◆ **New Bird Island View Road and access routes**  
South Dakota Army National Guard
- ◆ **New Middle Point Road loop**  
Reclamation contract, SDARNG assisted with culvert installation
- ◆ **Tequila Beach parking lot**  
Reclamation contract
- ◆ **Gadens Point shoreline stabilization**  
Reclamation contract, SDARNG assisted with rip-rap stockpiling
- ◆ **Owl Creek culvert installation, Inlet Canal parking lot, Warm Water Slough parking lot**  
SDARNG
- ◆ **Warehouse Compound chain link fence install, internal fence removal**  
Montana Conservation Corps
- ◆ **Fire ring install**  
Reclamation, Boy Scouts, and Montana Conservation Corps
- ◆ **Miles of internal fence removal and wildlife friendly fence conversion**  
Reclamation and Montana Conservation Corps

Currently, recreation activities at Belle Fourche Reservoir are free of charge to the public, outside of Rocky Point Recreation Area. Reclamation charges no fees for entrance, camping, or day use activities. There is currently no registration process for visitors to Reclamation managed lands around the Reservoir.



(Above) An Eagle Scout and his family installing fire rings on Gadens Point.



(Above) An aerial view of Belle Fourche Dam and Reservoir.



(Above) South Dakota Army National Guard troops constructing Bird Island View Road.



(Above) Rocky Point Recreation Area.



(Above) Montana Conservation Corp boundary fence project.



(Above) Entrance to Rocky Point Recreation Area.

## RMP Purpose

The overall purpose of a Resource Management Plan is to foster proper stewardship of public lands. RMPs enable managers to make land use and resource management decisions that are consistent with overall management objectives and the needs of the public. They assist land managers in minimizing conflicts among users, in following environmental and cultural resource objectives, Federal law, agency policies and guidelines, and in obtaining public support for the management of public resources.

## Public Involvement

Reclamation and GFP has been conducting a recreation user survey since May 1, 2018. The survey will be available to the public through October 1, 2018. Reclamation and GFP has attempted to capture as many users as possible

through personal contacts or by placing a survey on vehicle windshields around the Reservoir. There are user survey drop boxes on informational kiosks located around the Reservoir. Surveys may be deposited in these drop boxes prior to departure.

User surveys have also been placed at the Rocky Point Recreation Area entrance booth. The user survey is also available online thru Reclamation’s website at [www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao](http://www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao).

The information gathered from the surveys is important and will assist in the RMP development and future management of Belle Fourche Reservoir.

An informal open house meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2018, from 5:00-8:00 pm MDT at the Rocky Point Recreation Area warehouse. Those attending the open house meeting will be able to meet staff, provide comments on future development, ask questions about the RMP and the RMP process. Reclamation will consider any opportunities and ideas brought up by the public providing they fall within Reclamation policies and regulations. Additional open house meetings will be scheduled once management alternatives are developed.

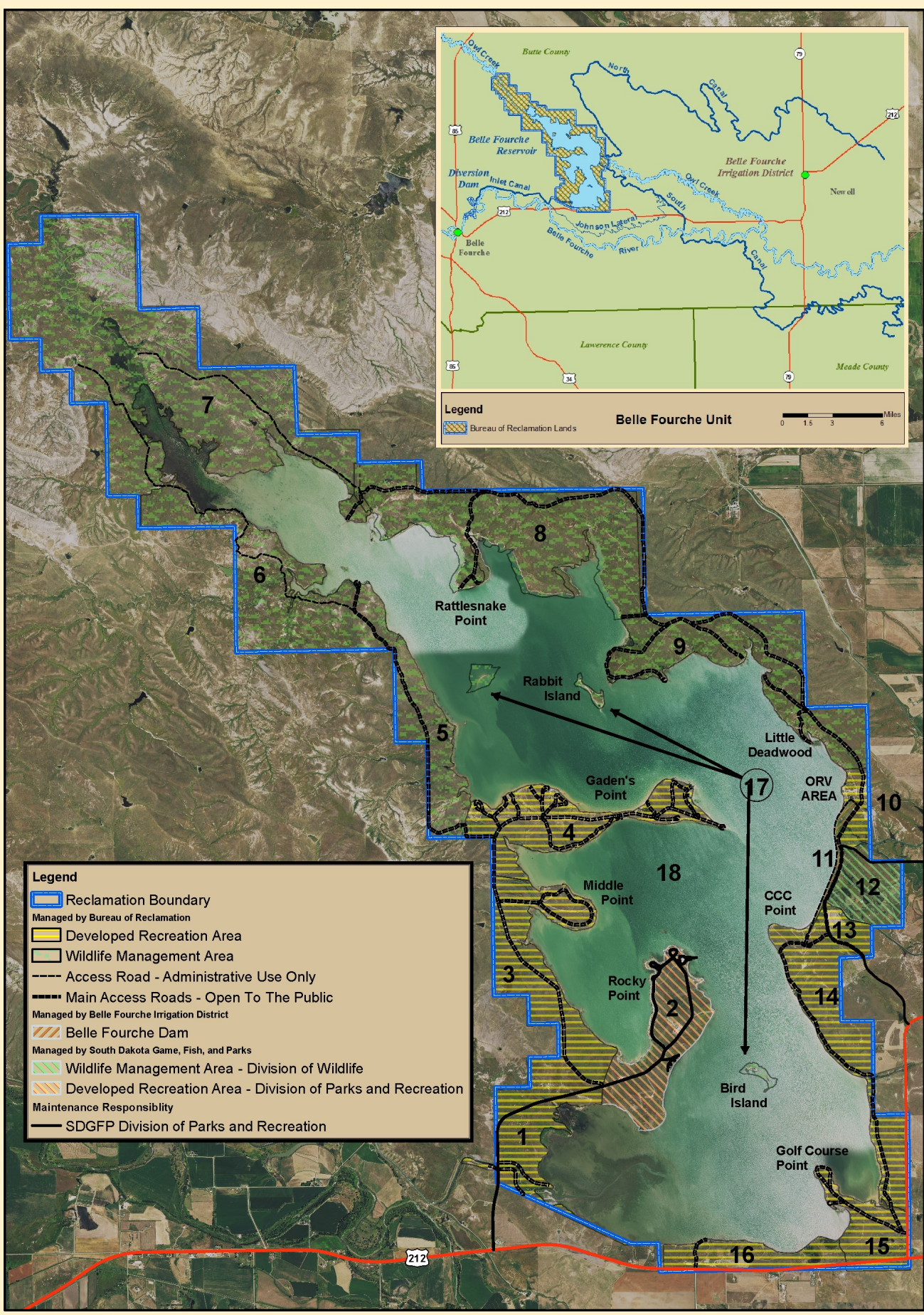
## National Environmental Policy Act

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is a law that directs Federal agencies to inform the public about Federal actions. While the Belle Fourche Reservoir RMP is being developed, Reclamation will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) which describes the impacts to the human and natural environment of the proposed RMP and any alternatives. The EA and RMP will be separate documents

A draft EA and RMP will be available to the public for a 30-day comment period. If the effects described in the EA are not found to be significant, Reclamation will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) along with the Final RMP. If the effects are found to be significant, Reclamation will then prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

**Be Sure to Participate by Taking the Belle Fourche Reservoir User Survey**  
[www.usbr.gov/dkao](http://www.usbr.gov/dkao)  **CLICK HERE**





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## Belle Fourche Reservoir Land Management

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## How to Stay Involved

Public involvement is one of the most important aspects of planning during the RMP development process. The public is encouraged to stay involved by providing comments and suggestions at any time during the RMP development process.

How to participate in the public involvement process:

- ◆ Complete the User Survey
- ◆ Attend Open House Meetings
- ◆ Visit the RMP Website to Review New Information
- ◆ Watch and Listen for Media Coverage on Upcoming Events
- ◆ Read Newsletters
- ◆ Provide Comments

### Comments may be submitted to:

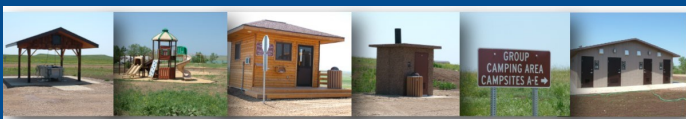
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**AUGUST 23**

Belle Fourche Resource  
Management Plan Open House Meeting.  
Rocky Point Recreation Area Warehouse  
5:00-8:00 p.m.  
18513 Fishermans Road, Belle Fourche, SD



Be Sure to Participate by Taking the  
Belle Fourche Reservoir User Survey

[www.usbr.gov/dkao](http://www.usbr.gov/dkao)

## Project Timeline

Recreation User Survey Begins  
May, 2018

RMP Newsletter Distributed  
August 15, 2018

**We Are Here.**

Public Scoping Meeting  
August 23, 2018

Agency Scoping Letters Sent Out  
September 1, 2018

Public and Agency Scoping Ends  
September 30, 2018

RMP Team summarize  
comments and develops  
management alternatives  
Winter 2018

Distribution of 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter with  
management alternatives  
Spring 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> Open House Meeting to  
delivery management alternatives  
Spring 2019

Draft RMP/EA Completed and 30  
day Public Comment Period Begins  
September 1, 2019

End of Draft RMP 30-day  
Public Comment Period  
October 1, 2019

Final RMP Completed and  
Distributed to the Public  
November 1, 2019

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

November 2018  
Dakotas Area Office

## Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan

### The Resource Management Plan for Belle Fourche 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 Belle Fourche Reservoir. The RMP will serve as the blueprint for the future use, management and development of Belle Fourche Reservoir. **The RMP will not address Belle Fourche Reservoir water operations or irrigation.**

This is the second newsletter regarding the Belle Fourche RMP. Newsletters are sent to provide information on the progress of the RMP. This newsletter provides a summary of the 2018 summer Recreational User Survey (User Survey), and status of the RMP.

### Public Involvement

Public involvement is one of the most important aspects of planning during the RMP development process. Reclamation and SDGFP hosted an informal open house at the Belle Fourche Reservoir Warehouse on August 23, 2018. Visitors viewed displays, and had the opportunity to speak with Reclamation and SDGFP staff about Belle Fourche Reservoir and the RMP, as well as the opportunity to complete the Belle Fourche Reservoir User Survey. Moreover, Reclamation submitted press releases to the local newspapers,

radio stations, and local businesses advertising the User Survey and Open House Meeting.

In addition to the open house, the User Survey was sent to over 1,200 recreationists. This list was derived from all people who registered to camp at Rocky Point State Recreation Area in 2017. Outside of Rocky Point, Reclamation does not have a registration system on Reclamation managed lands to capture names and addresses of all users on Reclamation managed lands. However, people that included their contact information on a submitted User Survey will be added to our mailing list and sent a newsletter.



(Above) Reclamation and SDGFP staff answering questions at the first RMP open house hosted at the Belle Fourche Reservoir Warehouse on August 23, 2018.



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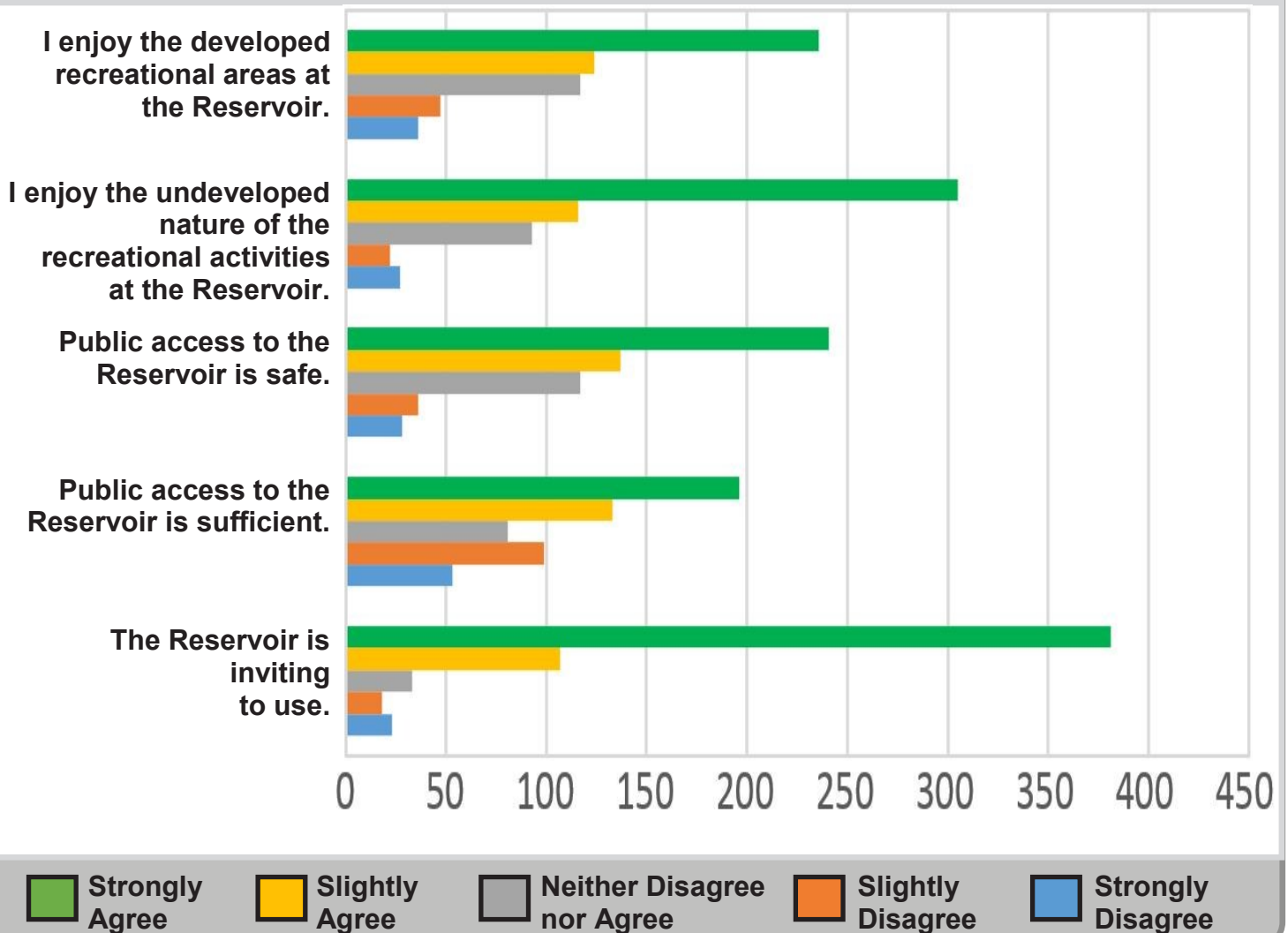
## Thank You for Your Comments

The User Survey was available to the public at six locations around Belle Fourche Reservoir from May 1 thru October 1, 2018, as well as at the Rocky Point Fee Booth, the Wheel Inn Bait Shop, the Buckstop, the Belle Fourche Irrigation District office, and Reclamation’s Rapid City Office. In addition, the User Survey was available online from May 1 thru October 1, 2018. QR Code cards were also available to the public to access the User Survey on their cell phones.

SDGFP and Reclamation received 568 responses between May and October of 2018. A summary of the Survey results will be included in the RMP. A brief summary of some of the survey questions indicate:

- ◆ Most respondents had visited Belle Fourche Reservoir before (**91%**).
- ◆ More than three quarters of the respondents took day trips (**83%**), whereas (**76%**) made overnight trips to the reservoir.
- ◆ Travel distances varied for respondents from **1** mile to **2,509** miles, with nearly half traveling less than 30 miles (**46%**).
- ◆ Most agreed the reservoir is inviting to use (**86%**), and they enjoyed both the developed (**64%**) and undeveloped (**75%**) recreational areas at the reservoir. More than half thought public access is safe (**67%**) and access is sufficient (**59%**), See graph below.

### How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about Belle Fourche Reservoir?



*Which of the following additional facilities/services, if any, would you like to see at the reservoir?*

From the 568 survey responses to the User Survey Question #6 regarding the 17 different Management Units, there were more than **6100** checked boxes desiring additional facilities.

- ◆ Only **5%** of those responses did not desire additional facilities.
- ◆ **335** respondents desire additional campgrounds with electrical hookups; with Gadens Point, Rocky Point State Recreation Area, Middle Point and the Inlet Canal Area receiving the most responses for electrical campsites. Gadens Point also received the most responses for a boat ramp, shower house, hike and bike trails, potable water, fish cleaning station, camping cabins, dump/fill station, day use picnic shelters and playground equipment.

As discussed in issue one of the **Belle Fourche Reservoir Resource Management Plan Newsletter**, Reclamation policy limits recreation development to minimum basic facilities only when there is no managing partner. Minimum basic facilities provided on Reclamation managed lands include vault toilets, fire rings, garbage dumpsters, gravel roads and parking lots, and informational kiosks. Not only does Reclamation lack the Congressional authority to develop recreational facilities without a managing partner, annual funding is not sufficient to develop facilities.



(Above) Signage at Rocky Point Recreation Area.

Annual funding is used for contracts including; road maintenance, dumpster service, vault toilet cleaning and pump-out, law enforcement and noxious weed spraying.

The Top 5 additional facilities/services desired by the survey respondents, totaled for all Management Units are:

1. **Trees for wind breaks**
2. **Shore fishing access**
3. **Law enforcement presence**
4. **Road maintenance**
5. **Hunting trail access**

*To what extent, if at all, did you experience any of the following at the reservoir during the past 12 months?*



(Above) Rocky Point Recreation Area.

- ◆ Two-thirds of all respondents felt noise disturbance was not an issue at the reservoir (**67%**)
- ◆ More than half (**54%**) of respondents felt crowding at their campsite was a slight to serious issue
- ◆ More than half (**56%**) felt inconsiderate groups were not an issue at the reservoir
- ◆ Nearly three-quarters (**72%**) did not feel that there were too many boats on the water; however
- ◆ More than half (**51%**) of the respondents felt that there were too many boats at the boat ramp
- ◆ Two-thirds (**66%**) did not have a conflict with other types of recreational users



# GET INVOLVED

## User Survey Comments

Reclamation and the SDGFP have reviewed all 568 User Survey responses. Each response has been separated into individual comments and will be grouped into categories. Due to space limitations we have included only a snapshot of the comments received. Comments follow:

*"Really would like to see more reservable campsites. It is very tough to use on weekends."*

*"I think the Game, Fish and Parks does an excellent job of managing the Rocky Point Area. The issues I have had is booking sites at Rocky Point, therefore I primitive camp on other areas."*

*"Another deep water boat ramp is a top priority."*

*"Not alot of shore fishing spots."*

*"Would like to see land grazed to help with fire danger."*

*"Management has been good. Improvements are needed and have been good. Improvements are appreciated."*

*"A number of friends and I enjoy riding the ORV area and hope stays available for public access."*

*"Definitely need to expand the state monitored land to include the area to the north and west of the pay station, to include Gaden's Point."*

*"Leave Golf Course Point alone, no more development."*

*"Add trees for wind breaks wherever possible."*

*"It would be nice to have a portable handicapped fishing access on the shoreline and at the docks. How about a web cam and weather station accessible to online use? Check wind and waves, temp, rain, etc. I have, in the past, gone to the reservoir many times to just turn around and go back home, mostly because of the wind."*

*"ORV use needs to be controlled."*

*"Need more policing so not so much drinking/driving/boating/shooting."*

*"People who camp in the same spot all summer and think they own the place."*

*"Children riding ATVs."*

*"There is a problem with people dropping off camper on Thursday night and leaving them unattended until Friday night."*

*"I love that most of it is open and left for back to nature without all of the upgrades so you can do actual camping with kids and grandkids but there is an area for the older/younger people that are not back to nature types that need electricity, showers, etc. The best of both worlds I guess and most important is that it is free to go to with family."*

*"Require Park sticker to all areas to help with road maintenance and keep/discourage people driving around with no intent of using reservoir."*

*"Please make the entire reservoir fee area and enhance the entire lake."*

*"No more state park fee areas. Keep it like it is."*

*"Love the Reservoir. Well kept and managed. Only good things to say."*

*"Belle Fourche Reservoir is a nice place to camp and fish. It needs more RV camper sites since it is usually full up on weekends and very hard to get a site unless one rents a site for a night or two knowing that you won't be there to use it."*

*"You've done a wonderful job out there. I've lived nearby in the valley for 57 years and it has never been this organized, developed and well maintained. It is a wonderful addition to the community and very, very well used by fishermen and recreationists combined."*

While we received comments regarding water levels, and irrigation, comments in these categories were not considered because these topics are outside the scope of the RMP. Reclamation and the SDGFP will consider all other comments in the formulation of management alternatives providing they fall within current policies and regulations.

## Resource Management Plan Schedule Update:



**October 2018**  
Summarize user survey  
comments



**November 2018**  
Distribution of 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter



**December 2018 to April 2019**  
Develop management  
alternatives



**May 2019**  
Distribution of 3<sup>rd</sup> Newsletter  
with management  
alternatives



**May 2019**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Open House Meeting to  
deliver management  
alternatives to public



**September 2019**  
Draft RMP/EA completed.  
Make publicly available for  
review



**October 2019**  
End of Draft RMP 30-day  
comment period



**November 2019**  
Final RMP completed and  
distributed to the public

## How to Stay Involved

Although public scoping concluded in October 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 developing management alternatives. The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft management alternatives at a second open house meeting scheduled for May, 2019. See timeline to the left.

### Please send additional comments or suggestions to:

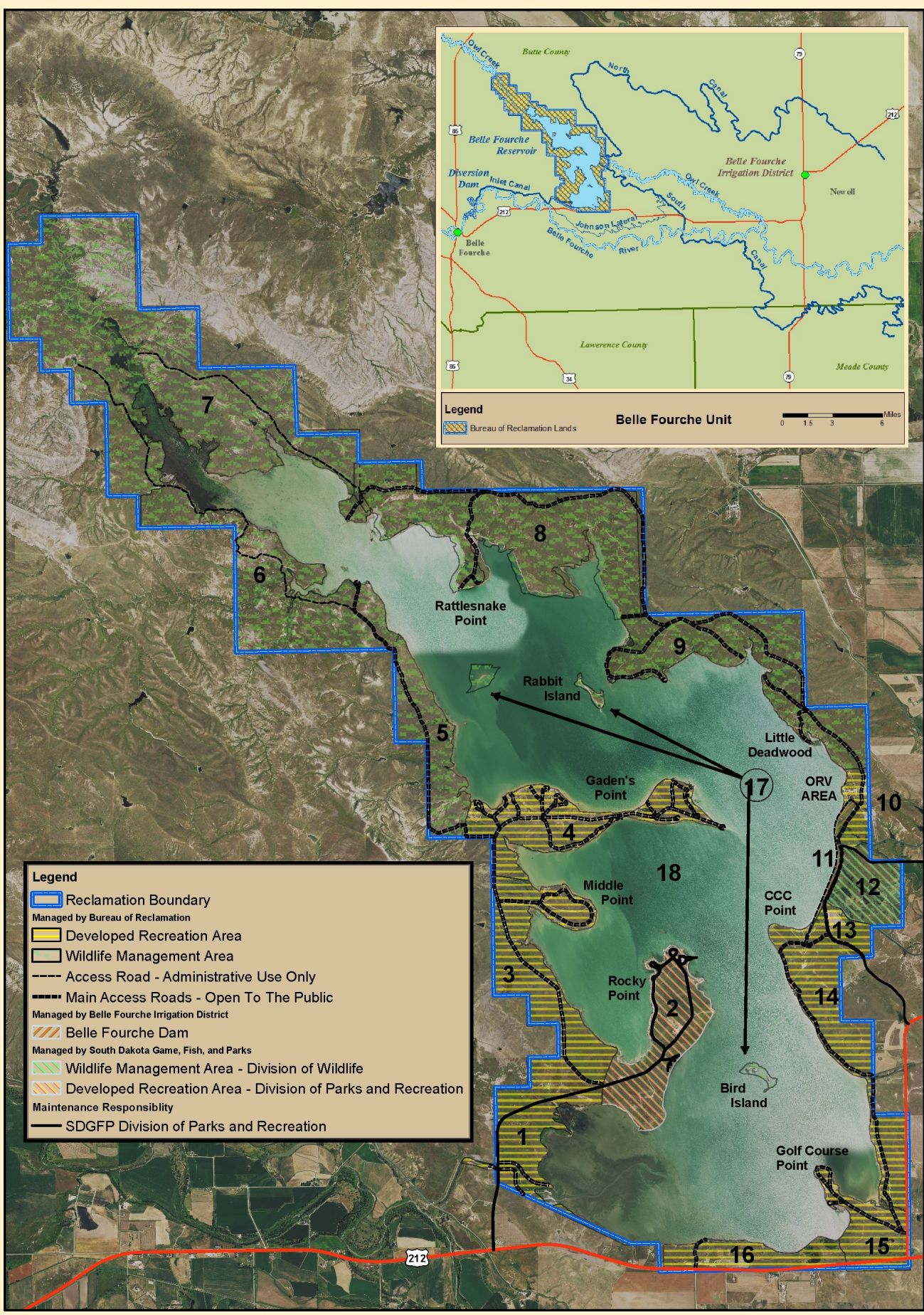
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**Legend**

- Reclamation Boundary
- Managed by Bureau of Reclamation
- Developed Recreation Area
- Wildlife Management Area
- Access Road - Administrative Use Only
- Main Access Roads - Open To The Public
- Managed by Belle Fourche Irrigation District
- Belle Fourche Dam
- Managed by South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks
- Wildlife Management Area - Division of Wildlife
- Developed Recreation Area - Division of Parks and Recreation
- Maintenance Responsibility
- SDGFP Division of Parks and Recreation

**Legend** **Belle Fourche Unit**

- Bureau of Reclamation Lands

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# Belle Fourche Reservoir Land Management

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(Above) Montana Youth Conservation Corps removing internal fencing at Belle Fourche Reservoir in August of 2018.

This newsletter provides the status of the RMP as well as development options for your review and comment. **The RMP will not address Belle Fourche Reservoir water operations or irrigation.**

### RMP Update

Since the last newsletter in November 2018, the RMP team has reviewed all public comments and worked to incorporate them into proposed management options. According to the User Survey, of the 562 responses, 95% requested some additional facilities or services. Over half of the respondents desire additional campgrounds with electrical hookups, with most of the requests occurring at Gadens Point, Rocky Point, and Middle Point. Gadens Point also received the most responses for a boat ramp, shower house, hike and bike trails, potable water, fish cleaning station, camping cabins, dump/fill station, day use picnic shelters and playground equipment.

As discussed in previous newsletters; in accordance with Public Law (PL) 89-72 and Reclamations Recreation Management Policy, Reclamation has limited authority to provide these developments without a managing partner. The public identified a number of issues for all areas, so we understand there is a need for additional facilities to be developed inside Rocky Point or be expanded around Belle Fourche Reservoir.

**Option Maps and an Option Selection Table are available electronically at:**

<https://www.usbr.gov/gp/dkao/>



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## Future Management Options

Draft options have been developed and the summaries of each are presented below. The options will be presented in more depth at the May 29 open house meeting for the Belle Fourche Reservoir RMP. From these options, Management Alternatives will be developed as part of an Environmental Assessment (EA) based on current and future public input. The Draft EA is anticipated to be available for public review in September of 2019. The RMP will be prepared based on the selected Alternative from the EA.



### Option 1 - Minimum Recreation Development

Under this option, developments would be restricted to those allowed under PL 89-72 (minimum basic facility development) at recreation and wildlife areas, excluding current SDGFP managed areas.

#### Proposed Developments

Under PL 89-72, only minimum basic recreational facility development is allowed without a managing partner. Reclamation proposes to provide additional minimum basic facilities in the areas not currently administered by a managing partner. These additional minimum basic facilities and services include boat ramps, designated campsites, additional vault toilets and garbage dumpsters, picnic tables, additional fire rings, increased road maintenance, road construction, increased law enforcement, camping registration system and camp hosts.

### Option 2 - Enhanced Recreation Development

Under this option, a managing partner would be necessary to provide additional recreational facilities and services; as requested by the public at all recreation areas. These improvements would be similar to existing modern facilities and services currently offered inside Rocky Point. While SDGFP is currently a managing partner for Rocky Point and the Game Production Area below Belle Fourche Dam, this option is not an indication of SDGFP's intent, ability or authorization to manage additional areas.

#### Proposed Developments

With the presence of a managing partner, enhanced recreation developments could include playground equipment, trails, improved shoreline fishing access, comfort stations, fish cleaning stations, dump station, picnic tables, day use areas with group shelters, water and utility hookups, in addition to the minimum basic facilities listed previously. A managing partner may collect entrance and user fees for services according to their respective authority.

### Option 3 - Combined Option 1 & Option 2

The public will be able to select their development preference out of Options 1 and 2, by Management Unit, to form Option 3. A managing partner would be necessary for areas with Enhanced Recreation Development. If the public prefers Minimum Recreation Development, Reclamation would continue to manage those areas with management emphasis on resource protection and ensuring public health and safety.

## Proposed Management Actions

Management actions to increase the public's health and safety and recreational experience, while reducing resource damage, have been recognized by Reclamation staff, managing partners, and the public. These actions will be proposed in the RMP. These management actions and justifications include:

### 1. **Camper self-registration stations**

Camper self-registration stations will be installed on Reclamation direct-managed areas. In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 423.62, the camper self-registration system will assist Reclamation in reducing overstay campers and unregistered/unlicensed camper units, as well as help gather visitation numbers, and provide law enforcement assistance.

### 2. **Designated campsites**

In an effort to reduce resource damage, altercations between campers, overstay campers, unregistered/unlicensed camper units, and assist with operation and maintenance endeavors; all campers will be required to camp in a designated campsite. This action is consistent with SDGFP management philosophy and will reduce confusion of multi-agency management.

### 3. **No shoreline driving or camping**

In the past, campers have followed the water and camped on the exposed shorelines as the Reservoir water levels recede throughout the summer. This has caused natural, cultural, and paleontological resource damage, and is in direct conflict with the law requiring all vehicles to remain on established roads. Currently all vehicles are restricted to authorized roads and this restriction will be enforced.

### 4. **Boat launching at designated boat ramps only**

Due to Aquatic Invasive Species concerns, and natural, cultural, and paleontological resource damage, all boats will be required to launch and retrieve from designated boat ramps. This requirement will be enforced after a third boat ramp is constructed on the Reservoir.

### 5. **Camp Host**

Under minimum basic authority, authorization exists for the placement of a camp host on Reclamation direct managed recreation areas. Camp hosts will be hired beginning in 2020. Camp hosts will be responsible for ensuring compliance with

rules and regulations, performing maintenance tasks, and assist Reclamation and law enforcement personnel in management and enforcement endeavors.

### 6. **Implementation of Fee Structure**

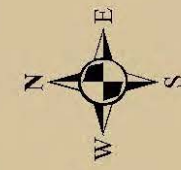
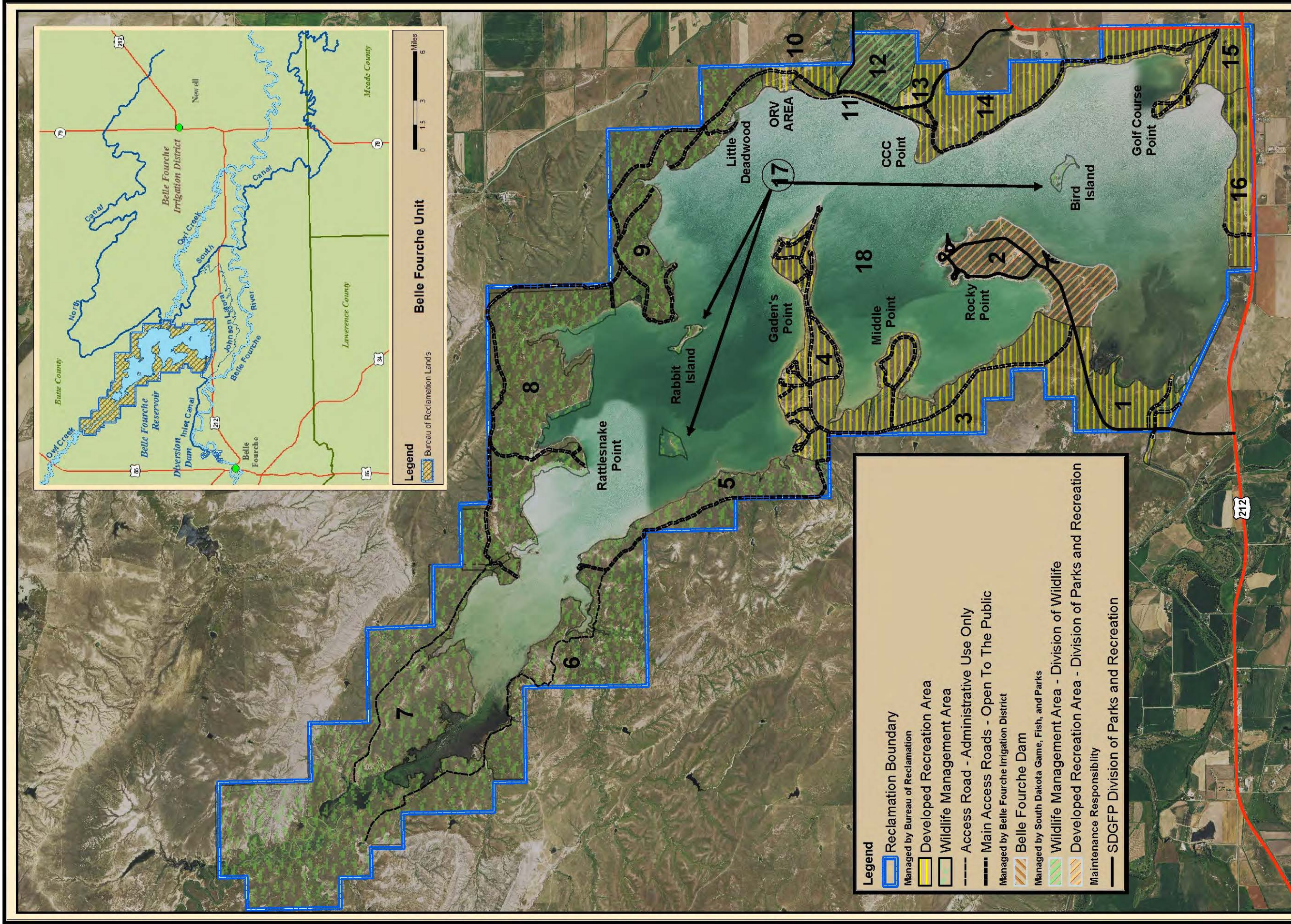
Reclamation has the authority to implement a fee structure. All proposed improvements will be costly and implemented on a phased approach as funding and resources are available. As improvements are furnished to the public, Reclamation will analyze the implementation of a possible future fee structure on recreation areas without a partner, to recoup a portion of the capital investment costs. Fees may be implemented on a phased approach and adjusted accordingly as facilities/services are added. Fees would follow a similar structure to those of SDGFP to reduce confusion of multi-agency management.



(Above) Designated camping sign.

## Phased Development Strategy

The SDGFP is Reclamation's current managing partner at Belle Fourche Reservoir. Reclamation and the SDGFP currently utilize the Title 28 cost-sharing program to fund recreation and fish and wildlife improvements. This program allows Reclamation to pay for up to 50-percent of the cost of recreation improvement projects and up to 75-percent of the cost for fish and wildlife improvement projects. Reclamation, in conjunction with our current and future managing partner(s), will plan a phased strategic approach, including a five-year and ten-year development strategy to budget for the costs of additional facilities.



# Belle Fourche Reservoir Land Management

2014 NAIP Aerial Photo

This map was prepared from the best available information and is subject to certain inaccuracies. Created by Bureau of Reclamation  
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## Help Us Name Roads at Belle Fourche Reservoir

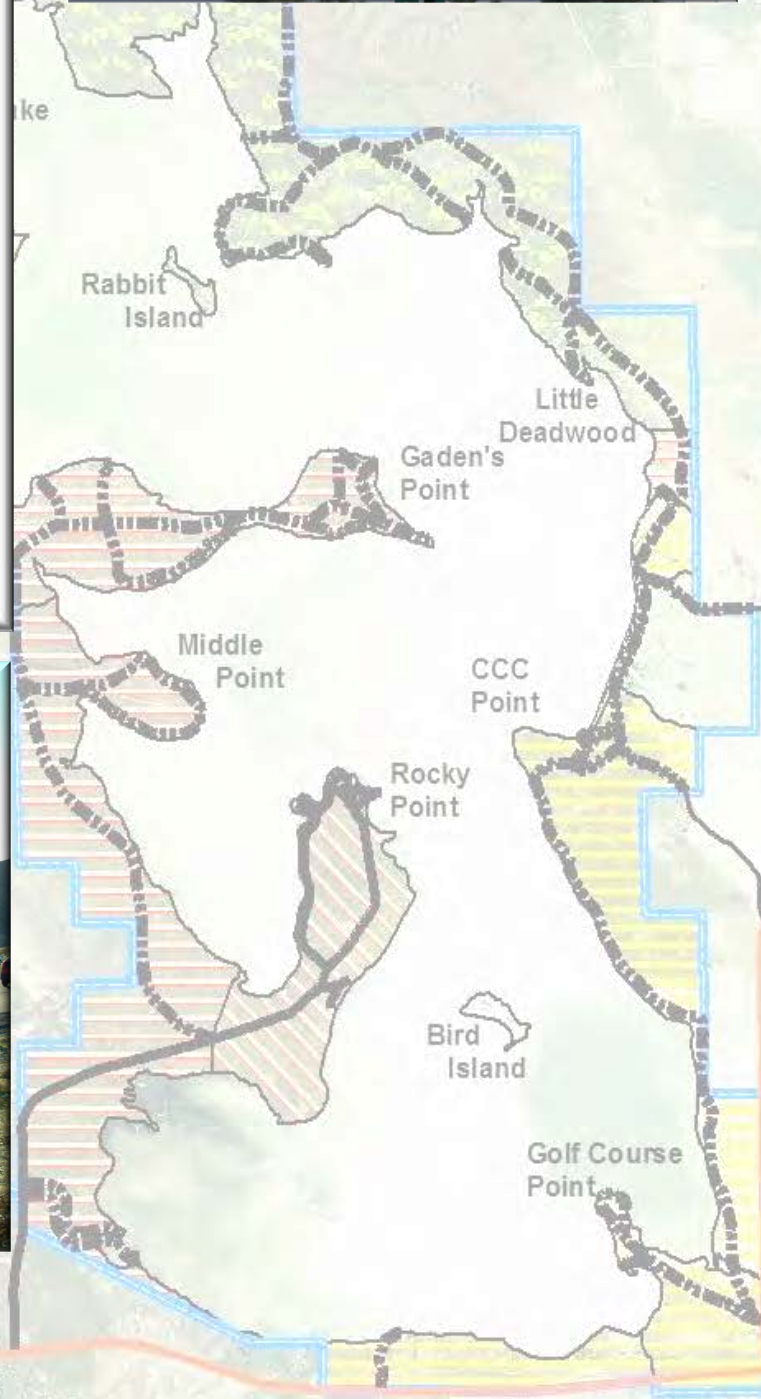
Reclamation and the SDGFP want the public's assistance in selecting names for the roads around Belle Fourche Reservoir.

For emergency response purposes and to aid law enforcement and the public, Reclamation is proposing to install green street signs at the intersection of all Reservoir roads. Certain roads are currently named and those names will remain the same; such as Fisherman's Road and Owl Creek Road. However there are many existing roads that have a local or unofficial name.

At the May 29 open house meeting, Reservoir maps with all the Reservoir roads identified will be available for viewing. You will have the opportunity to vote between the current name, proposed name, or write-in an option.

The intent of the write-in option is to let us know if a road is already unofficially known as something else – and for you to be part of the naming process.

Reclamation will announce the selected official names in the final RMP.



## Resource Management Plan Schedule Update:



**October 2018**  
Summarize user survey  
comments



**November 2018**  
Distribution of 2<sup>nd</sup> Newsletter



**December 2018**  
Develop management  
options



**May 2019**  
Distribution of 3<sup>rd</sup> Newsletter  
with management  
options



2<sup>nd</sup> Open House Meeting to  
deliver management  
options to public



**June 15, 2019**  
Management Options  
comment period ends



**September 2019**  
Draft EA completed. Make  
publicly available for review



**October 2019**  
End of EA 30-day comment  
period



**November 2019**  
Final RMP completed and  
distributed to the public

## How to Stay Involved

Although the initial public scoping concluded in October 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 considering public comments on the draft management options. The public will have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft management options online or at the open house meeting scheduled for May 29, 2019. See timeline to the left.

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