



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. BOX 532711
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90053-2325

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Declaration of Big Bear Lake as a TNW

1. Big Bear Lake is located in the City of Big Bear Lake, San Bernardino County, California. (LAT: 34.241295 LON: -116.903289). The lake and dam are managed by Big Bear Municipal Water District.
2. Big Bear Dam was first constructed in 1884 to hold 25,000 acre feet of water for irrigation purposes. In 1912, a larger, multiple arch dam was constructed to increase the holding capacity to 73,000 acre feet. The lake is fed by numerous tributaries including Rathbone creek, Metcalf creek, Boulder Bay creek, Gout creek and bear creek. The Municipal water district is in charge of maintaining lake levels as well as supplying water for downstream irrigation demands.
3. The seven mile long, half-mile wide lake holds 73,370 acre feet of water and its 22 miles of shoreline supports numerous aquatic recreation activities. Boats under 26 feet long are allowed on the lake with a permit fee. The lake is stocked regularly with fish by California Department of Fish and Game. This helps support the yearly May Trout Classic which attracts anglers from all over the region. Facilities include two public boat launch ramps and four public marinas which offer slip and boat rentals as well as fishing supplies. Recreational Activities are expected to continue indefinitely.

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Melanie A. Stalder
Project Manager
Regulatory Division

(November 16, 2007)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Durham", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark Durham
Chief, South Coast Branch
Regulatory Division

(November 16, 2007)

Enclosures:



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