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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for allowing us to comment on Somerset Integrated Resource Project #53706. Our comments pertain to recreational use of Somerset Reservoir. They may or may not be relevant to the project.

We are 70 years old and enjoy the occasional kayak outing to Somerset Reservoir. Through the years we put in at the boat launch access "ramp." We simply backed down our car, unloaded the kayaks, and drove back up the ramp to park our car in the parking lot. The entire unloading process took five minutes. When we were finished kayaking, we simply reversed the process.

Two years ago we were told by a game warden, who was patrolling the reservoir by boat, that we could not use the boat launch ramp for our kayaks. He told us we had to use an established path that went from the picnic area to the water. This "path" is about 100 feet long, it's narrow, the ground is very uneven, and in order to reach the water we have to carry our kayaks (40 lbs. each - one at a time) while maneuvering around several large boulders. It's very difficult to walk this path and even more so while carrying kayaks and our gear (paddles, PFDs, water, etc.).

We would ask that whoever manages the reservoir area make it clear to everyone, including greeters and wardens, that kayakers may use the boat launch ramp. It was that way for years, and there never seemed to be a problem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave & Kathy Larsen

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