



Tacoma Power's Responses to Cushman Hydroelectric Project Recreation & Reservoir Operations Questions

1. How can the dust from Staircase Road be handled?

We recognize that there is a dust issue and how it affects some of the lots in Division 2. Staircase Road is currently managed by the US Forest Service. Tacoma Power's Federal license requires Tacoma to help pay for the costs of road management. The license also required Tacoma to work with the Forest Service to pursue the transfer of jurisdiction of Staircase Road to a public road management agency. If the road cannot be transferred, Tacoma is required to chip-seal the road at the request of the Forest Service. Tacoma has also conducted a traffic study that identified the proportion of traffic associated with the various destinations accessed by Staircase Road. The study results guide how much responsibility different parties have for road maintenance. The Forest Service and Tacoma Power are now working through these related factors to determine how to address the road surface treatment which will reduce dust. We do not currently know when the road surface treatment would occur or exactly what type of treatment would be applied.

2. What are the barrels floating off the Division 14 boat ramp?

The barrels are anchor buoys for the barge being used by Tacoma Power's contractor that is constructing the juvenile fish floating surface collector at Cushman Dam #1. The barrels will be removed when the construction is complete.

3. What are the plans for public parking at Lake Kokanee?

Tacoma Power will be constructing a public parking area directly across Dow Creek Drive from the Lake Kokanee boat launch. The parking area will provide space for 10 vehicles with boat trailers. A Sani can will also be provided at that location.

4. What is the plan for a "fishing pier" in Lake Kokanee? Where specifically will it be placed?

Tacoma Power will be constructing a dock at the Lake Kokanee boat launch to facilitate boat loading and launching. The plans are not yet final, but the preliminary design includes an approximately 50-foot long floating dock located immediately adjacent to the north side of the existing boat launch.

5. How are you going to enforce boat motor size on Lake Kokanee?

Boating regulations and lake restrictions are enacted under state law and local county ordinances. These laws are enforced by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Mason County Sheriff's Department. The WDFW officers regularly patrol our lands and waters. If you observe a violation, please contact the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (http://wdfw.wa.gov/enforcement/reporting_violations.html or call 1-877-933-9847).

6. What happened to the sign at the Kokanee public boat launch that identified the motor size restriction?

We are not sure who removed the sign that referenced a Mason County ordinance. The Kokanee boat launch was formerly managed by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, but is now managed by Tacoma Power as required by our FERC license. Tacoma Power will contact Mason County to determine if another sign should be posted.

7. Will the fence that divides the Kokanee public boat launch and the development park be extended so people cannot walk around it and get to the park?

Tacoma Power does not have plans to extend the fence. However, we would not oppose the Lake Cushman Maintenance Company should they desire to extend the fence to further limit public access to the park.

8. Does Tacoma Power have any intention of taking back more of the properties leased to the Lake Cushman Company?

Tacoma Power has no plans to remove any more land from the lease. The property removed from the lease near Lake Kokanee was necessary for Tacoma to comply with our FERC license requirement to construct a hatchery at Lake Kokanee. Although we cannot predict what future licensing requirements may impose, we now have the necessary property to accommodate all of our current license responsibilities and don't foresee a need to remove any more land from the lease.

9. What will happen to wood contained in the log booms by the Cushman Dam #1 and at Division 3 and when will it be removed?

Tacoma Power does not currently have any log booms in Division 3. We have a log boom with debris in the cove next to the Division 4 boat ramp and near the dam's spillway. The wood debris collected in the reservoir is staged at those locations until it is extracted, sorted, and removed from the site. The debris that is suitable for stream improvements projects will be donated to those projects. The rest will be sold, chipped, or burned. The debris will be removed after the debris collection on the lake is completed.