



Relicensing Briefing Card

ISSUE: LAND MANAGEMENT

Brief: Georgia Power owns a fee simple strip of land along the reservoir that provides direct control of the shoreline for land management efforts.

- The Bartletts Ferry Hydro Project has 156 miles of shoreline.
- The project boundary is located around the reservoir upstream of the dam at the 525-foot elevation contour. Larger parcels are owned in the areas of the project works and the company's public recreation areas.
- There are approximately 2,016 acres of project lands inside the project boundary. All project lands are available for public recreation and access and provide a reservoir buffer for aesthetics, wildlife habitat and water quality protection.
- Georgia Power owns and manages 3,200 acres generally adjacent to project lands. The topography on this acreage offers excellent views of the reservoir and shoreline areas. These 3,200 acres are managed by Georgia Power as forests.
- Georgia Power leases an additional 4,800 acres adjacent to project lands to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources for use as a Wildlife Management Area, which is managed for hunting and waterfowl refuge.
- There are 1080 parcels of shoreline area leased by residents for homesites. These parcels are Georgia Power fee-owned property above the full pool 521 elevation contour and include both project lands (between the 521 and 525 foot elevation contours) and non-project lands (above the 525 foot elevation contour). 697 additional parcels of shoreline are leased for access to the lake (land owned in fee by Georgia Power between full pool 521-foot elevation contour and private ownership property lines).
- There are no federal lands within or adjacent to the project.

Bottom Line Take Away: Georgia Power provides management of the natural resources surrounding the project to benefit both human and wildlife uses. Cooperative efforts that involve Georgia Power, local and state agencies, and private entities assure shoreline access to the project.

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