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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Boat – a vessel or watercraft designed to be propelled on water by machinery, oars, paddles, or wind action upon a sail for transportation across water; not a dock used to tie boats to or a platform used for work or recreation.

Daylight hours – extend from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. within a developed recreation site. Outside of a developed site, daylight hours extend from sunrise to sunset.

Dock – fixed or anchored floating platform for the specific purpose of securing a boat.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Pinecrest Lake is a water storage reservoir that is part of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project (Project), No. 2130. Numerous land- and water-based recreation activities occur along the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake. The reservoir's elevation ranges from a maximum of 5,617 feet mean sea level (msl) at full pool (300 surface acres) down to the Project's winter pool elevation of 5,585 feet msl. The reservoir is kept as full as possible during the summer recreation months consistent with operational demands and current license conditions. It typically fluctuates between 5,615 (289 surface acres) and 5,600 (269 surface acres) between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Pinecrest Lake is surrounded by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project boundary (FERC boundary), within which are approximately 97 acres of Project land that provides a minimum horizontal distance from the high-water edge of about 10 feet and a maximum horizontal distance of about 320 feet, with typical horizontal distances from the high-water edge of about 200 feet. Attachment A depicts the FERC boundary.

The Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) addresses shoreline uses within the FERC boundary of Pinecrest Lake. The purpose of the SMP is to formulate a comprehensive policy for managing the reservoir's shoreline and for providing public access to the waters of Pinecrest Lake in a manner that is consistent with the Project's primary purpose of power generation while balancing present and future recreation development with the need to provide a safe, enjoyable, and environmentally sensitive recreation experience. Because most of the Project is located on U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) lands administered by the Stanislaus National Forest (STF), the SMP must also be consistent with the management directives contained within the STF Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) (Forest Service 2010). Many of the policies and directives contained in the SMP already exist as STF policies and directives. The SMP addresses a number of existing shoreline issues identified during relicensing, is consistent with the STF Forest Plan, and will help ensure that future generations have the opportunity to enjoy the recreation opportunities found at Pinecrest Lake.

Section 4.0, Shoreline Management Program, provides most of the guidance related to how the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake will be managed. The program involves identifying specific use areas where different types of shoreline uses are encouraged and others are discouraged or prohibited. Section 4.1, Shoreline Use Areas, describes these use areas and Exhibit 1 depicts their locations. The three use areas are Swimming, Fishing, and Shoreline Boating Access. Section 4.2, Mooring Buoy Program, describes where the general public will be able to moor watercraft to mooring buoys that are provided and managed by a commercial operator, and how recreation residence permit holders along the south and north shores of Pinecrest Lake without road access to their residences may request that the STF include mooring buoys in their special use permits.

Additional shoreline uses and issues (personal property left on the shoreline, docks, and commercial marina log booms) along with the guidelines related to them are identified in Section 4.3, General Shoreline Permitted Uses and Guidelines. General uses that are prohibited along the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake (camping on the shoreline; the use of water craft for overnight lodging purposes; fires, barbecues, and burning; motorized vehicles on the shoreline; and jet skis) are identified in Section 4.4, General Shoreline Uses Not Allowed. Section 4.5, Other Requirements and Conditions, describes compliance with laws, boating safety and rules,

and compliance with the SMP. Section 5, Implementation of the Shoreline Management Plan, describes how the SMP will be implemented. Section 6, Special Use Permit Process, describes the process to be followed by a potential permit holder when applying for a special use permit on STF lands within the Project boundary. Section 7, References lists references used in the SMP.

Four attachments are included in this SMP. Attachment A depicts the FERC Project boundary around Pinecrest Lake. Attachment B provides standards for mooring buoys that will be required at Pinecrest Lake. Attachment C contains public comments and observations obtained at a public open house held on August 14, 2010, at Pinecrest Lake and includes responses as to how the comments and observations were considered, or not considered, in developing the SMP. Attachment D contains public comments and observations on the Draft SMP and provides responses.

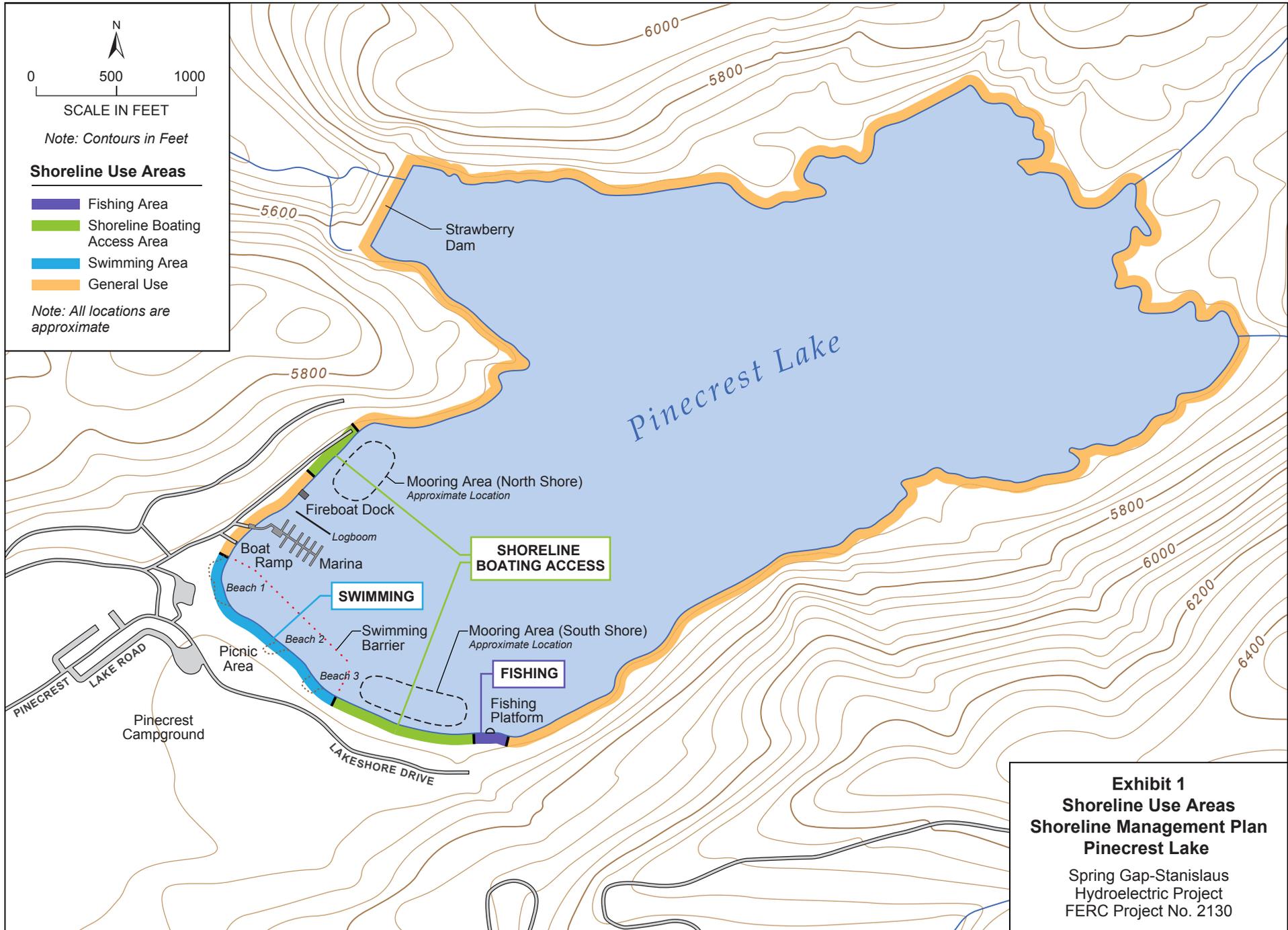


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Shoreline Use Areas
Shoreline Management Plan
Pinecrest Lake

Spring Gap-Stanislaus
 Hydroelectric Project
 FERC Project No. 2130

2.0 OVERVIEW

PG&E operates Pinecrest Lake, holds the FERC license for the Project, and is responsible for managing lands and waters within the FERC boundary of the Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2130, in a manner that is in compliance with the Project's license conditions and meets the electric demands of its customers. The Project contains a number of components, including the Strawberry Development. The Strawberry Development includes both Pinecrest Lake and Strawberry Dam, which is the structure that impounds the Pinecrest Lake reservoir. The surface area of the Pinecrest Lake reservoir is approximately 300 acres of water surface at an elevation of 5,617 feet msl. It has approximately 3.8 miles of shoreline. In addition to the 300 acres of reservoir surface, the Strawberry Development includes approximately 97 acres of land around the reservoir. The FERC boundary includes areas that provide a minimum horizontal distance from the high-water edge of about 10 feet and a maximum horizontal distance of about 320 feet. Typical horizontal distances from between the high-water edge of the reservoir and the FERC boundary is about 200 feet. In the portion of Pinecrest Lake surrounding the Pinecrest Lake National Recreation Trail, the FERC boundary extends to 5 feet above the centerline of the trail on the upland side. Attachment A contains maps of the FERC boundary that surrounds Pinecrest Lake.

The SMP will assist PG&E and the STF in balancing license requirements, Forest Plan requirements, and public recreation needs. A significant requirement of the Project license (described in Article 18 of the Project license) is that the general public be allowed free access, to a reasonable extent, to Project waters and adjacent Project lands (PG&E 2002). Ensuring access to the waters and adjacent shoreline of Pinecrest Lake was one of the driving factors that led to the license condition that required the development of an SMP. Most of Pinecrest Lake's shoreline is open to the public for swimming, fishing, and general recreation pursuant to applicable county, state, and federal laws. Due to the steep topography around most of the reservoir and the lack of road access, level shoreline areas that are accessible by vehicle for recreation are limited to the southern part of the lake. The southern area is where most recreation occurs and where facilities such as the boat ramp, swimming area, beaches, and marina are located.

The STF is responsible for permitting uses on all National Forest lands (including National Forest lands within the FERC boundary). Permitted uses within and near the FERC boundary include the commercial marina/resort located in the southern part of the reservoir and recreation residences found around Pinecrest Lake (all of which are located outside of the FERC boundary). Some recreation residence permit holders along the south and north shores of Pinecrest Lake whose residences do not have road access have been granted special use permits by the STF for docks and paths, stairs, and gangplanks that provide access from Pinecrest Lake to the permitted recreation residence lots. Special use permits for these facilities issued by the STF to the permit holders will not change with the SMP.

3.0 DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

3.1 Background

During the relicensing process that began in 1999, PG&E (and TriDam Project) utilized a collaborative group, the Stanislaus Planning Action Team (SPLAT), to design study plans,

review results of study plans, and prepare consensus resource measures. The STF was a participant in the SPLAT collaborative group and adopted the SPLAT resource measures as the Forest Service 4(e) conditions. Because the Forest Service has mandatory conditioning authority through the Federal Power Act, 4(e) conditions become part of the FERC license. Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 29, Recreation Facilities and Administration, requires PG&E to prepare a shoreline management plan.

The following list highlights some of the issues and conditions related to recreation use patterns along the shoreline at Pinecrest Lake, which are described in the Recreation Resources Section of Exhibit E of the Final License Application that contributed to the requirement of developing an SMP:

- *The STF must manage conflicting uses as space for individual activities becomes limited. Examples of this are dogs off of leashes, swimmers in the mooring areas, and fishing near swimmers, noise from the campers affecting the enjoyment of recreation residence owners and vice versa (PG&E 2002, Page E7-36).*
- *Many user conflicts were identified by those interviewed as part of the recreation studies. Specifically the conflicts identified were between: swimmers and anglers, recreationists and dogs not on leashes, sailboat users and anglers, sailboat users and swimmers, swimmers and motorized boat users (PG&E 2002, Page E7-43).*
- *The high number of conflicting uses identified by the visitors indicates that management changes may be desirable along the shoreline. Many of the conflicts appear to be related to the area adjacent to the designated swimming area where sailboats and other non-motorized watercraft are moored. It may be advisable to eliminate overnight boat mooring or, alternatively, designate a portion of this area for boat mooring only. By eliminating or at least concentrating boat mooring in one area of the shore, there would be more beach available to accommodate a variety of activities and reduce user conflicts (PG&E 2002, Page E7-48).*

3.2 Outreach Activities Associated with the Shoreline Management Plan

After the issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and FERC license on April 24, 2009, public involvement related to relicensing activities was complete. However, because PG&E and the STF realized that the Pinecrest Lake SMP would be of interest to a wide range of Project users, input was solicited from a variety of sources to help shape the SMP. These sources included key members of the community; representatives of community organizations; the general public; and focused stakeholders who had a variety of interests, perspectives, and observations to share. The development of the SMP included the following outreach events:

- A key community and organization leaders meeting (July 7, 2010) was held to identify and discuss issues and concerns related to a SMP.
- A public open house (August 14, 2010) was held to provide a brief overview of the SMP process; share the issues, comments, and observations that were made by community and organization leaders during the July 7, 2010, meeting; and obtain additional information related to SMP-related issues and observations from attendees. Attachment C, Public Comments and Responses to Comments for Pinecrest Lake Shoreline Management Plan Open House, August 14, 2010, includes comments and observations from the open house and

responses as to how the comments and observations were considered, or not considered, in developing the Draft SMP.

- Two stakeholders meetings (June 10, 2011, and December 8, 2011) were held to obtain more focused input and feedback from people representing a variety of user group types such as sailboat sailors, human-powered watercraft users, recreation residence permit holders (permit holders), residents of the general project area, and commercial operators (representatives from the Pinecrest Lake Resort and the Dodge Ridge Corporation).
- The Draft SMP and supporting materials were placed on a Pinecrest Lake Shoreline Management Plan PG&E website (www.PinecrestLakeUpdate.com) for a 30-day public review and comment period between April 3 and May 3, 2012). The STF website (www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus) also contained a link to the Pinecrest Lake Shoreline Management Plan website. Almost 200 comments were received, and many of those comments were referred to and used to develop this Final SMP. Attachment D, Draft SMP Comment Themes/Topics and Responses, identifies general themes or topics that were obtained from the comments on the Draft SMP and provides responses and/or discussions as to how the comments were considered, or not considered, in developing this Final SMP.

3.3 Vision Statement

With the assistance of attendees at the stakeholders meetings, a vision statement was developed for the SMP. The vision statement provided guidance in the development of the SMP. The vision statement reads as follows:

The Shoreline Management Plan for Pinecrest Lake assists in protecting the recreational and aesthetic qualities of this beautiful small body of water and its shoreline that make it such an important public resource. Implementation of the Shoreline Management Plan insures that a wide range of current and future Stanislaus National Forest visitors and users will have safe and enjoyable recreation experiences that are appropriate with the reservoir's peaceful setting, uniqueness and rich history. Management objectives for the SMP include the following.

- *Recognize that the limited size of the reservoir defines appropriate uses.*
- *Focus on small non-motorized/motorized boating opportunities.*
- *Maintain a safe experience for users, including but not limited to fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, camping, and picnicking.*
- *Maximize public recreational benefits of the reservoir.*
- *Maintain visual quality – protect existing aesthetics including viewsheds and noise levels.*
- *Maintain accessibility.*
- *Public stewardship provided by local residents and seasonal residents is acknowledged and promoted.*

4.0 SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

For the SMP, the management of the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake falls under either the guidelines developed for “shoreline use areas” or for “general shoreline uses.” Most of the recreation shoreline activity at Pinecrest Lake occurs at its southern end. The southern end of the reservoir is readily accessible to the public, the terrain is fairly level, and most of the recreation infrastructure is located here. This relatively small area (approximately 3,400 lineal feet) follows the arc of the lake between the fishing platform and an area several hundred feet north of the marina. This area is the location of the three shoreline use areas. The rest of the lake (approximately 3.2 miles or 83 percent of the lake) receives substantially less recreation use and falls under the general shoreline use guidelines.

4.1 Shoreline Use Areas

4.1.1 Background

The shoreline use areas developed for the SMP meet FERC license requirements and are consistent with the Forest Plan. The STF Forest Plan provides management direction for the STF, including the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake. The following sections summarize the portions of the FERC license and Forest Plan that were consulted in devising the shoreline use zones.

FERC License Requirements

License Article 401(a) and Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 29, Recreation Facilities and Administration, required the development of a SMP for Pinecrest Lake as part of the FERC license. Condition No. 29 required PG&E to prepare several recreation-oriented plans, among them a shoreline management plan. The license requirement for the SMP states:

The Shoreline Management Plan shall include the management of the reservoir shoreline. This plan will address the privately owned boat docks and mooring balls, and include zoning of certain sections of the shoreline for swimming, fishing and shoreline boat access.

Condition No. 29 also required PG&E to develop a Recreation Implementation Plan (PG&E 2010). This plan included several conceptual design plans for recreation development within the FERC boundary, some of which would be located along the shoreline of the Pinecrest Lake reservoir. The conceptual design plans identified various types of recreation use areas located along the reservoir shoreline between the boat ramp and the fishing platform. These areas include two hand launches, a fishing zone, and three beach areas. These types of recreation uses are reflected in the shoreline use areas developed for the SMP.

Pinecrest Basin Management Direction

As mentioned previously, Pinecrest Lake is located within the STF. The Pinecrest Basin Management Direction is an amendment to the Forest Plan that is contained within the Forest Plan and provides direction on how land and natural resources within the Pinecrest Basin are to be managed. Because the shoreline and most of the lake bed of Pinecrest Lake reservoir lie within the STF, the SMP must be consistent with the Forest Plan.

The Forest Plan established multiple management areas within the STF including the Pinecrest Basin Management Area. This management area is 7,060 acres in size and includes the Pinecrest Recreation Area (of which Pinecrest Lake is a part) and the Dodge Ridge Ski Area. It contains

extensive recreation resources, including campgrounds, a picnic/day use area, a commercial center, a resort, a marina, recreation residences, and organization camps.

The Forest Plan identified the desired future conditions for each management area within the STF. The desired future conditions identify how a management area should function in the future based upon issues, concerns, and opportunities that were discussed and developed with public input during the Forest Plan planning process. A number of the desired future conditions for the Pinecrest Basin Management Area (which includes the Pinecrest Recreation Area and Pinecrest Lake) directly apply to the development of the Pinecrest Lake SMP; therefore, the SMP must be consistent with them. Table 1 identifies the desired future conditions from the Forest Plan that are relevant to the SMP.

Table 1. Desired Future Conditions for the Pinecrest Basin Management Area Directly Relevant to the Shoreline Management Plan	
Practices	Desired Future Condition
Developed Recreation Site Management – Public Sector	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal boat mooring is available that does not interfere with day users and people fishing. 2. The swimming area is appropriately sized and managed for swimming safety. The beach areas have plenty of sand covering them. 3. Boat storage does not interfere with day users. Compliance with rules and regulations is achieved.
Facility Operation and Maintenance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Launching facilities are safe and are accessible to all users. Hand launch areas are provided.
<p>Note: The numbers associated with the Desired Conditions above are not the same as those contained in the Forest Plan (Forest Service 2010).</p>	

The Pinecrest Basin Management Area contains six management zones that represent different uses and associated management direction: Zone 1 Day Use, Zone 2 Commercial Use, Zone 3 Recreation Residence/Summer Home Tract, Zone 4 Public Camping, Zone 5 Open Space/Ecological, and Zone 6 Administration/Utilities Infrastructure. The entire shoreline of Pinecrest Lake between the Pinecrest National Recreation Trail and the waters of the reservoir are contained within Zone 1, the Day Use management zone. Lying just beyond the Day Use management zone (but outside of the FERC boundary) are areas of Recreation Residence/Summer Home Tract, Open Space/Ecological, and Administration/Utilities management zones.

Zone 1 Day Use Zone provides facilities for short-term (no overnight uses) recreational opportunities and activities (e.g. swimming, boating, picnicking, hiking, and fishing). This zone includes the three beach areas (including the area around the Snack Shack), the picnic area, marina area, hiking trails around the lake, and encompasses all area, including the lake, below the Pinecrest National Recreation Trail. The Day Use Zone includes the “Day Use Area”. The Day Use Area is a developed recreation site extending from the east side of the fishing platform to the north side of the marina providing recreation opportunities and support facilities.

The Forest Plan provides standards and guidelines for how various resources within each management zone are to be managed. Because the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake is within Zone 1, the Day Use management zone, the Forest Plan’s standards and guidelines for this management zone are also applicable to this Pinecrest SMP, and must be consistent with them. Table 2 lists the standards and guidelines included in the Forest Plan for the Day Use management zone that are relevant to the SMP.

Table 2. Day Use Management Area Standards and Guidelines Directly Relevant to the Shoreline Management Plan	
Practices	Standards and Guidelines
Developed Recreation Site Management – Public Sector	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mooring tie-downs are confined to designated areas and are generally limited to sailboats. 2. Overnight shore mooring is permitted in specific locations only. 3. From May 15 to September 15, dogs are not allowed in the Day Use management zone between Pinecrest Avenue/Pinecrest Lake Road and the lake, and the Marina and the fishing platform.
<p>Note: The numbers associated with the Standards and Guidelines above are not same as those contained in the Forest Plan (Forest Service 2010).</p>	

4.1.2 Use Area Descriptions, Permitted Uses and Activities, and Activities and Objects Not Allowed

The Project license requires that the SMP include “zoning of certain sections of the shoreline for swimming, fishing, and shoreline boat access.” The purpose of this requirement is to provide shoreline areas where these three activities are emphasized and supported with minimal intrusion and interruption by other activities. Because the Project’s shoreline is located within the STF and because the STF Forest Plan already manages land around Pinecrest Lake, the SMP reflects the intent of the Project license and uses terms that are consistent with the Forest Plan. Instead of “zones,” the SMP uses the term “use area” and is consistent with the Forest Plan directives for the Pinecrest Basin Management Area.

The three use areas are swimming, fishing, and shoreline boat access. Each is described below. Uses that are encouraged within each use area are described, as well as uses that are prohibited (which if allowed could be detrimental to the encouraged uses). Exhibit 1 depicts the locations of the three use areas.

Swimming Use Area

The swimming use area is approximately 1,000 feet in length and includes Beaches 1, 2, and 3; areas between these beaches; and the waters between the beach and the floating markers delineating the boundary of the swimming area. It coincides with the existing swimming area, which has been in place at Pinecrest Lake for many years. The primary intent of this area is to provide the public with a place at Pinecrest Lake for swimming and water play. In addition to swimming and water play, activities such as sunbathing and picnicking have historically occurred on the adjacent shoreline and are encouraged. Maintaining the current dimensions of the marked swimming area helps satisfy Desired Future Condition 2 as identified in the Forest Plan (see Table 1).

Activities and objects that are not allowed within the swimming use area include the following:

- Any watercraft other than inflatable.¹
- Motorized boats of any size.
- Landing and beaching watercraft other than inflatable watercraft or toys.
- Fishing (from either the shoreline or waters of the reservoir).
- Leaving personal items overnight on the shoreline or in the water.
- Glass bottles and containers.

Fishing Use Area

Although fishing can occur along much of the shoreline at Pinecrest Lake, fishing is especially encouraged in this area. The fishing use area is centered on the accessible fishing platform. This area was developed to provide fishing opportunities to disabled individuals under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) (although the facility is open for all to use). Fishing at the semi-circular platform and nearby areas is encouraged. To provide clear access for fishing, anchoring boats within 75 feet of the fishing platform is not allowed. The STF and PG&E will investigate the feasibility of improving fish habitat in the fishing use area.

Shoreline Boating Access Use Areas

Two shoreline boating access use areas at Pinecrest Lake are provided to the general public for the overnight mooring of watercraft. The locations of these areas were selected based on historical use, favorable wind patterns for sailing, input from stakeholders, responses to the Draft SMP, and access to parking and roads that will facilitate transporting boats between vehicles and the reservoir. The first shoreline boating access use area is located along the south shore of the reservoir in an area that was historically used by sailors to moor small sailboats and that is favorable for launching sailboats. Mooring buoys will be placed in this area to allow for the moorage of small watercraft (16 feet and under in length), including sailboats, human-powered watercraft, and a limited number of motorized boats (see Section 4.2, Mooring Buoy Program, below). The second shoreline boating access use area is located along the beach northeast of the marina. Mooring buoys will be provided in this area for a limited number of larger watercraft (over 16 feet in length), including sailboats and motorized watercraft.

Activities and objects that are not allowed within the shoreline boating access use area include the following:

- Tying up to trees, signs, or other objects while temporarily leaving watercraft on the shoreline or in the water (watercraft may be left on the shoreline during the day if attended to by owners, but are not allowed to be left overnight; see Section 4.3.2, Personal Property Left on the Shoreline).
- The use of any mooring buoy by watercraft other than the permitted watercraft.

¹ If large inflatable watercraft or toys become an issue or safety concern at Pinecrest Lake like they are at some lakes, Tuolumne County has the ability to place limitations on the size and type of inflatable watercraft or toys.

4.2 Mooring Buoy Program

The Mooring Buoy Program was developed to provide moorage opportunities for the general public and for recreation residence permit holders along the south and north shores who do not have road access (south and north shore permit holders) to their residences and wish to have mooring buoys. The following describes the two components of the Mooring Buoy Program and the adaptive management aspect of the program.

Mooring Buoy Areas for the General Public

A commercial operator permitted by the STF will be responsible for the administration and management (including renting) of the mooring buoys at the two mooring areas for the general public. The commercial operator will provide standard buoys and anchors and assign buoys to interested parties. Seasonal and short-term (weekly, nightly) mooring buoy rental will be made available. The pattern of seasonal and short-term rentals will be established by the commercial operator with STF review. This pattern may change over time as usage and demand change. The rental cost of the mooring buoys will be set by the commercial operator and will be priced competitively with similar services in the general project region.

The general locations of the two mooring areas are identified in Exhibit 1; the actual locations will be identified in the field. The south shore area will support smaller watercraft (16 feet and under in length) such as sailboats, human-powered watercraft, and a limited number of motorized boats. How many of each type of watercraft will be determined each year by the commercial operator with STF review. The maximum number of mooring buoys along the south shore area will be 85. One watercraft per buoy will be allowed. The north shore area is located north of the marina and will provide for the moorage of larger watercraft (between 16 and 24 feet in length). This area will be available for sailboats and motorized boats. The number of mooring buoys northeast of the marina will not exceed 15 and one watercraft per buoy will be allowed. How many of each type of watercraft will be determined each year by the commercial operator with STF review. The locations of the mooring buoys in the south and north shore areas will be determined by the commercial operator and reviewed/approved by the STF. The commercial operator will be required to remove the buoys and anchors after Labor Day at an agreed-upon time with the STF.

Mooring Buoys for South and North Shore Recreation Residence Permit Holders without Road Access

South and north shore permit holders without road access to their recreation residences may request that the STF include mooring buoys in their special use permits. Each residence will be allowed one mooring buoy and more than one watercraft can moor to the buoy. Recreation residence permit holders who request STF approval for mooring buoys are required to provide their own anchors and buoys that meet State of California boating law standards (see Attachment B) and remove the buoys and anchors after Labor Day at an agreed-upon time with the STF. The mooring buoys (like the docks) will become a part of the permit that the recreation residence permit holders have with the STF and will be subject to the same terms and conditions as the permit.

Adaptive Management

The Mooring Buoy Program is an adaptive program and public feedback regarding the program is encouraged. If situations and demands at Pinecrest Lake change, it will be possible to adjust

the program. The program will be monitored and adjusted by the commercial operator, the STF, and PG&E. The STF will administer the permit that authorizes the commercial operator to administer and manage the two mooring buoy areas for the general public. STF law enforcement officers, in conjunction with Tuolumne County law enforcement officers, will ensure that buoys meet State of California boating standards, issue citations for infractions, and impound watercraft when appropriate.

4.3 General Shoreline Permitted Uses and Guidelines

This section of the SMP applies to shoreline uses for all shoreline areas of Pinecrest Lake, including areas outside of the swimming, fishing, and shoreline boating access use areas.

4.3.1 Additional Shoreline Uses

This section discusses specific guidelines, rules, regulations, and permit requirements for the following:

- Personal property left on the shoreline.
- Docks for recreation residence permit holders.
- Buoys.
- Log booms.

These rules and regulations are subject to change due to changes in local, state, or federal laws, or changes in the policies of PG&E and the STF. Certain uses may also require FERC approval. The STF and PG&E will review requests for new shoreline uses that are currently not under permit with the STF. Private docks that are permitted/consented by the STF or PG&E are the personal property of the relevant recreation residence permit holders. Public uses of those facilities will be governed by the owner/permit holder and existing permit conditions may change as PG&E, STF, and Tuolumne County policies change. Mooring buoys that are permitted/consented by the STF and PG&E are also the personal property of the owner/recreation residence permit holder.

4.3.2 Personal Property Left on the Shoreline

U.S. Forest Service regulations do not allow personal property to be left on National Forest lands. This regulation includes the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake. Personal property other than permitted/consented docks (and associated walkways, gangplanks, and mooring buoys) includes small watercraft, lawn furniture, shade structures, cooking equipment, play equipment, etc. Owners of small watercraft and other types of personal property are responsible for using it in a safe manner and for ensuring that it does not pose a threat or nuisance to the public. These items are allowed on the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake during daylight hours if attended to by the owners. However, because personal property can physically block the general public's access to the shoreline and waters of Pinecrest Lake, it may not be left on the shoreline overnight. Personal property that is left overnight can "insinuate" that the shoreline area where it was left is private property. This may prevent the general public from using the area. In the past, personal property has been left on the shoreline (particularly at the swimming beach) overnight to "save" the location for people returning the next day. This is not allowed. Personal property (including watercraft of any kind) must be removed from the shoreline at the end of its use. Personal property that is left overnight is subject to removal and impoundment by the STF. The STF has

the right and option of removing and impounding personal property at the owner's sole cost and expense. Personal property that is impounded by the STF will be stored at STF facilities. Property that is not retrieved by the owner within thirty (30) days is subject to disposal by the STF at the owner's sole cost and expense.

4.3.3 Docks for South and North Shore Recreation Residence Permit Holders

Recreation residence permit holders along the south and north shores who do not have road access to their cabins are allowed to have a dock (or may share a dock with other permit holders). The purpose of the docks is to allow those permit holders without road access to be able to access their residences via the waters of Pinecrest Lake. The current dock permitting system (as part of the recreation residence special use permit) will not change as a result of the SMP. Permit holders with a valid and up-to-date STF dock permit may use their docks as they wish, as long as they meet the terms and conditions of the current special use permit for their recreation residences. Any docks constructed or rebuilt after the approval of the SMP shall be required to meet the standards described below:

- Flotation material used in the construction or selection of a dock shall have a rigid outer shell that will not deteriorate due to natural causes or be easily penetrable. Styrofoam must be fully encased by an outer shell and the entire unit maintained to ensure that the foam is not exposed.
- Corrodible barrels and drums are not permitted as dock anchors. Anchoring a dock to rocks or trees requires permission from the STF prior to anchoring. The STF will review existing situations where anchoring a dock to rocks or trees has occurred and will re-evaluate these situations on a case-by-case basis.
- Non-compatible docks that require upgrading, repair, or removal shall be renovated within a time frame that is consistent with their condition. Major repairs, which include the use of chemicals, paint, etc., must always be done on dry ground above the water line. Docks not repaired within the time frame prescribed by the STF for repair or removal will be removed at the expense of the dock owner.
- An identity tag will be issued for permitted docks. Any installation not displaying such tag in a conspicuous location, clearly visible to boat patrols, will be in trespass.
- Upgrades to structures such as paths, stairs, and gangplanks that provide permit holders access to docks must meet Tuolumne County Building and Safety Division of the Community Development Department standards, and a building permit must be obtained and filed with the STF.
- The STF and PG&E reserve the right to select the appropriate shoreline location for docks.

Permit holders must retrieve any dock or associated facilities that break loose from their anchorage within twenty-four (24) hours of notification (or documented attempts to contact permit holders) from the STF or PG&E, provided that notification will not be required if circumstances exist which pose a health or safety risk to the public or the water quality of Pinecrest Lake, or a danger to other property on the lake. Should the permit holder's facilities not be retrieved within the allotted time period, the STF and PG&E will have the right and option of retrieving and removing the facilities at permit holder's sole cost and expense. The STF will

notify permit holder in writing as to the location of the removed facilities (which will be stored near Pinecrest Lake) and the permit holder will have thirty (30) days from the date of the written notice within which to retrieve the facilities, after which the STF may destroy or otherwise dispose of the facilities. Should the permit holder's facilities cause any damage whatsoever to PG&E's hydroelectric facility and/or associated operations, the permit holder assumes sole financial liability for all such damages and repairs.

4.3.4 Buoys

As described in Section 4.2, Mooring Buoy Program, above, mooring buoys are allowed on Pinecrest Lake only as follows: (1) general public buoys located within the two shoreline access use areas and (2) buoys for south and north shore recreation residence permit holders who do not have road access and who have permits for docks. All buoys will meet State of California boating law standards (see Attachment B) and corrodible barrels and drums are not permitted as buoy anchors.

All buoy owners must retrieve buoys that break loose from their anchorage within twenty-four (24) hours of notification (or documented attempts to contact permit holders) from the STF or PG&E, provided that notification will not be required if circumstances exist which pose a health or safety risk to the public or the water quality of Pinecrest Lake, or are a danger to other property on the lake. Should the permit holder's buoy not be retrieved within the allotted time period, the STF and PG&E will have the right and option of retrieving and removing the buoy(s) at the permit holder's sole cost and expense. The STF will notify permit holder in writing as to the location of the removed buoy(s), which will be stored near Pinecrest Lake. The permit holder will have thirty (30) days from the date of the written notice within which to retrieve the buoy(s), after which the STF may destroy or otherwise dispose of the buoy(s). Should the permit holder's buoy cause any damage whatsoever to PG&E's hydroelectric facility and/or associated operations, the permit holder assumes sole financial liability for all such damages and repairs.

The SMP does not propose any changes related to racing buoys. Because the SMP is an adaptive plan, changes may be made relative to racing buoys in the future if changing conditions warrant such actions.

4.3.5 Log Booms

Log booms associated with commercial marinas are permitted provided they are well maintained, kept within the area designated for the marina, and appropriately marked. The non-commercial log boom located along the north shore of Pinecrest Lake will be considered for a special use permit by the STF. Both log booms will be located so as not to unreasonably interfere with or obstruct navigation. Log booms will need to be well maintained, kept within the area designated in the special use permit, and appropriately marked. They will be subject to FERC safety inspections and any subsequent modifications.

Logs that break loose from log booms must be retrieved by the permit holder within twenty-four (24) hours of notification (or documented attempts to contact permit holders) from the STF or PG&E. In the event the logs are not retrieved within the allotted time period, the STF and/or PG&E will have the right and option of retrieving, removing, and/or destroying them at the permit holder's sole expense. Should the permit holder's facilities cause any damage whatsoever to PG&E facilities or its associated operations, the permit holder assumes sole financial liability for all such damages and repairs.

4.4 General Shoreline Uses Not Allowed

In addition to uses specifically prohibited in Section 4.1.2 for the three use areas, several other types of uses along the shoreline of the Pinecrest Lake are prohibited to ensure the public's ability to enjoy the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake. The following sections list additional uses that are not allowed along the Pinecrest Lake shoreline.

4.4.1 Camping on the Shoreline

Pinecrest Lake lies within the Pinecrest Basin Management Area and is designated as a day use area in the Forest Plan. Camping within a day use area (which includes the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake) is prohibited.

4.4.2 Watercraft Used as Lodging

Patio/party boats, motorboats, cabin cruisers, and sailboats (or any other type of watercraft) may not be used for overnight lodging purposes.

4.4.3 Fires, Barbeques (outside of organized picnic areas), and Burning

The use of open fires and barbeques is prohibited outside of organized day use/picnic areas where picnic tables are provided. In addition, the burning of any materials within the FERC boundary is prohibited without prior permission from the STF and PG&E. Fires contained within barbeques and/or designated fire rings in permitted recreation residence lot boundaries are not prohibited.

4.4.4 Motorized Vehicles on Shoreline

The use of motorized wheeled vehicles is prohibited between the water line of Pinecrest Lake and the shoreline, except in those areas previously authorized by the STF or PG&E.

4.4.5 Jet Skis

The use of jet skis on the waters of the Pinecrest Lake reservoir is prohibited by Tuolumne County.

4.5 Other Requirements and Conditions

4.5.1 Compliance with the Law

Any permitted/consented use, activity, or other use of the shoreline or waters of Pinecrest Lake must be in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations, policies, and mandates. Anyone discovered in violation of any statute may be subject to prosecution commensurate with the law. The STF, PG&E, Tuolumne County, and applicable agencies will prosecute anyone knowingly contributing to the degradation of water quality at Pinecrest Lake.

4.5.2 Boating Safety and Rules

Navigable watercraft must comply with all rules and regulations applicable to boating safety. Boaters are expected to comply with all speed limits at Pinecrest Lake, and it is the responsibility of boaters to know the speed limits. The Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office oversees boating safety and watercraft use on all waters of Tuolumne County. Tuolumne County cooperates with the California Department of Boating and Waterways, the agency responsible for administering boater registration and policies. To assist in boating safety, PG&E and the STF have worked with the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office in an effort to help encourage boating safety at Pinecrest Lake.

4.5.3 Compliance with the Shoreline Management Plan

Compliance with the SMP will be enforced through various entities. The STF is responsible for enforcing most regulations associated with the SMP because the majority of the Project is located on STF-managed lands. The STF is also responsible for the permitting and regulation of docks owned by adjacent recreation residence permit holders without road access and mooring buoys.

Law enforcement officers of the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Office and the STF have the primary responsibility for enforcing important components of the SMP. Enforcement duties related to the SMP include the following:

- Impounding watercraft and other personal property left on the shoreline overnight after the watercraft receives a twenty-four (24) hour notice.
- Ticketing boats illegally moored to mooring buoys.
- Enforcing the non-permitted uses identified in Section 4.4, General Shoreline Uses Not Allowed.
- Assessing the condition and compliance of permitted docks.
- Enforcing ordinances passed by Tuolumne County for Pinecrest Lake or other reservoirs in the county, including noise ordinances, bans on jet skis at Pinecrest Lake, speed limits, etc.

4.5.4 Trash Management

To prevent degradation of the shoreline, users of the Pinecrest Lake shoreline are expected to remove all containers, equipment, or other materials that they bring with them to the shoreline. The STF provides refuse containers for daily trash at some developed day use sites, and requires pack-it-in/pack-it-out management at others, where bearproof containers cannot be accommodated or where the container would attract trash from non-recreation users. At those facilities with pack-it-in/pack-it-out management, STF staff will patrol the area for litter during their regular maintenance schedule. Commercial parties operating facilities along the shoreline will keep their areas clean and free of trash and litter. Recreation residence permit holders will keep their docks and walkways/access ways free of trash.

4.5.5 Lake Level

The primary use of Pinecrest Lake is for the storage of water for hydroelectric power and domestic use. Lake levels will vary depending on snowmelt, precipitation and PG&E's operational needs, consistent with applicable FERC requirements.

5.0 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Many of the policies and provisions identified in the SMP are already being administered by the STF and they will continue to be enforced. The Mooring Buoy Program will be implemented the season following the completion of the implementation measures associated with the Traffic Control Plan (TCP). While the TCP improvements are being implemented, PG&E and the STF will focus on educating the recreating public about the Mooring Buoy Program and the rest of the SMP and the changes associated with them. TCP improvements will help ease the transition

and will assist many recreation users in having an enjoyable recreation experience at Pinecrest Lake.

6.0 SPECIAL USE PERMIT PROCESS

The process to be followed by a potential permit holder when applying for a special use permit on STF lands within the Project boundary is as follows:

1. The potential permit holder will discuss the proposed use with STF public service staff to determine if the use can be accommodated under the SMP. The STF will consult with PG&E as needed. If appropriate, the STF or PG&E may require that conditions be placed in the use to make it compatible with the SMP, or to comply with License Article 408: Use and Occupancy. The STF may require the potential permit holder to consult with Tuolumne County on some matters.
2. The potential permit holder will submit an application to the STF with any necessary details identified during the consultation under item 1 above. The STF will provide a copy to PG&E.
3. PG&E will provide comments back to the STF.
4. The STF will decide whether it is appropriate to authorize the permit. If so, the STF will advise PG&E and PG&E will issue a consent agreement. If the use requires advance notification of FERC under License Article 408, PG&E will not issue the consent until the FERC notification process is complete.
5. Once the STF has received the consent agreement from PG&E, the STF will issue a permit including any appropriate conditions.

For more information, contact either PG&E or the STF by calling the following telephone numbers (note that telephone numbers can change over time and that the numbers below may have changed since the time the SMP was adopted and it may be necessary to consult a telephone book or online search service to obtain current telephone numbers).

6.1 Contact Information for Pacific Gas and Electric

Call the PG&E Recreation Hotline for Pinecrest Lake (916) 386-5164.

6.2 Contact Information for Stanislaus National Forest, Summit Ranger District, District Ranger

Call (209) 965 3434, extension 5317.

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Attachment A

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)
PROJECT BOUNDARY AROUND PINECREST LAKE**

Attachment B
MOORING BUOY STANDARD

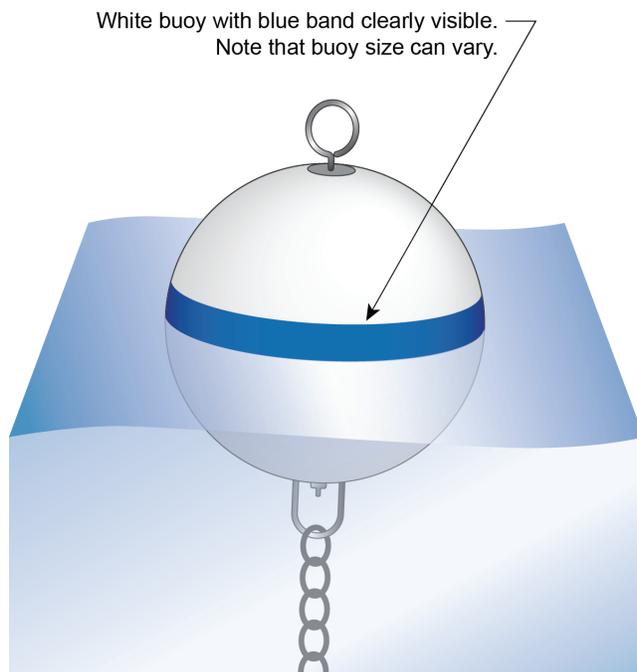
MOORING BUOY STANDARD

Mooring buoys at Pinecrest Lake must meet the requirements of Section 7007(a) of the California Boating Law (State of California, 2012). This section states that:

“(a) In order that mooring buoys shall not be mistaken for aids to navigation or regulatory markers, they shall be white, with a blue band clearly visible above the waterline.”

The size of mooring buoys will be chosen by the commercial operator or cabin permittee with cabins located along the south or north-shores that do not have roaded access and have been granted a mooring buoy by the Stanislaus National Forest as part of the special use permit issued for their cabins (permittees). The process for permittees to obtain a mooring buoy is to submit a request to the STF for adding a mooring buoy to their current special use permit. If approved by the STF, the special use permit will be amended to authorize one mooring buoy per cabin (see Section 4.2. Mooring Buoy Program).

Exhibit 1: Example of an approved mooring buoy.



Reference:

State of California, 2012. *California Boating Law. Laws and Regulations Concerning Recreational Boating, Including Public Access, Safety and Education, Marine Law Enforcement, and Consumer and Environmental Protection.* January, 1, 2012. Accessed from Department of Boating and Waterways website at <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/PDF/LawEnforc/2012CBL.pdf> on June, 14, 2012.

Attachment C

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS FOR
PINECREST LAKE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN OPEN
HOUSE, AUGUST 14, 2010**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES TO COMMENTS
FOR PINECREST LAKE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN
OPEN HOUSE,
AUGUST 14, 2010**

A public open house was held at the amphitheater at Pinecrest Lake on August 14, 2010, between approximately 10:00 am and 12:30 pm. The purpose of the open house was to:

1. provide the general public with a brief overview of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) development process;
2. share issues, comments, and observations made by community leaders at a July 7, 2010 meeting; and
3. obtain input, observations and information from the general public related to SMP-related topics and issues.

After the introduction, SMP team members manned four different stations to collect public comments. Team members collected comment sheets as well as wrote down issues and comments on flip charts. Each station provided boards outlining key issues grouped together by specific shoreline management issues. Station 1 included issues relating to the future vision of Pinecrest Lake and it's shoreline; Station 2 included topics relating to boats, mooring, launching, and uses at the reservoir; Station 3 included topics relating to signage, enforcement, and public safety; Station 4 included topics relating to shoreline uses, access to public areas, swimming, and on-shore boat storage.

Over 250 comments were obtained from the open house and were interpreted/written into an Excel spreadsheet. Where possible, the comments were written as they appeared on the flip charts or comment sheets to preserve the original opinions, perceptions and viewpoints of key issues. In some cases lengthy comments were summarized and in cases where the same comment was stated multiple times it was included as one comment.

The comments were discussed and considered by the SMP team members and responses are noted in the response column. The open house provided useful general and specific information from members of the general public and residential cabin permittees and assisted in developing the Draft SMP.

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Comment Type	Comment	Response
Public Meeting	Number of boats moored has remained level over the years	Based on conversations with other lake users it appears that boat use has increased over the years.
Public Meeting	Not a big problem with outsiders parking boats on the lake over the summer	Based on conversations with other lake users as well as USFS staff this activity is increasing and 195 mooring buoys were counted during an August 13, 2010 walk around the lake.
Public Meeting	Need much much more enforcement of current rules	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Boats have been moored for years and it works. The permittees respect the lake and use it accordingly.	On August 13, 2010 an unofficial survey was conducted that involved walking around Pinecrest Lake and counting moorage floats and moored boats. 195 moorage floats were counted and 159 contained moored boats.
Public Meeting	The problems, if there are any, are that the current FS rules are not enforced and have not been enforced for many years, making new rules and establishing zones will create more user conflicts, not less.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Current parking capacity reflects a 1960s plan - increased parking spaces is essential, a balance required with increase	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	Re: current use levels: Rec plan will create more users; larger swimming area; more defined dog area; boats beached along shoreline area is problem; monitor day use (count with a kiosk) and possibly charge entrance fee.	Recreation use levels are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Recreation Implementation Plan. The SMP will address boats left on the shoreline by not allowing any watercraft or personal property to be left on the shoreline overnight (at the risk of impoundment) and not allowing watercraft at any time on the shorelines of some use areas.
Public Meeting	Consider for the future, electric boat motors only	This would need to be a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Signage that tells public area is full - no parking left	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	Entrance day use fees; parking fees for day use	These issues are not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	If parking permit required or fee charged, don't favor cabin owners over all others	Parking issues not addressed in SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	Relocate dog fence closer to the beach allowing dogs into picnic area	These types of issues are addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	Maybe put swimming area north of launch area	Recreation facility locations not addressed in the SMP - please see the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	North of marina there is a conflict with swimmers and boats - may be too many boats there	The area referred to has consolidated in the SMP and the number of boats that will be allowed to moor there will be limited to 15.
Public Meeting	Consider in the future, planes flying and landing on the reservoir	Allowing float planes to land at Pinecrest Lake would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Level of lake use is not OK, especially on weekends	Thank you for your observation.
Public Meeting	Party boats: too big and mooring is a problem; too many people on them are going to remote locations (35-40 people on 6-8 rentals)	Eliminating party boats would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	inflatables not a problem yet	Thank you for your observation.
Public Meeting	Educate boaters	Education materials for boaters and other lake users will be developed
Public Meeting	If there is a finite number of lessees, should be a finite number of day users	These issues are not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Aesthetic quality of moored party boats when viewed from shoreline a problem	The number of moored boats will be reduced and organized into consolidated and defined areas under the SMP.
Public Meeting	Party boats: consider removing them from reservoir at night.	Overnight lodging in boats as well as camping within the Pinecrest Basin Day Use Area is prohibited in the Stanislaus National Forest Forest Plan. Prohibiting party boats would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Attempt to maintain traditional use of shoreline	This has been considered in developing the SMP and incorporated when possible.

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Comment Type	Comment	Response
Public Meeting	Plan to implement day use fees as needed to restrict/regulate access of day use areas	Recreational use fees not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Provide a clear vision statement for the future	The intent of the SMP is to provide manage direction at Pinecrest Lake so that the visions expressed in the Stanislaus National Forest Plan for the Pinecrest Basin are achieved.
Public Meeting	Maintain docks and mooring balls for permitted cabin owners. Regulate/remove unregulated mooring by beach/marina area	These ideas are reflected in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Allow mooring of small, non-motorized boats on the lake with appropriate (eco friendly) float	These ideas are reflected in the SMP. The buoys will be appropriate and "eco friendly".
Public Meeting	More trash/recycling containers	These issues are addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Fees for day use	Recreational use fees are not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Do not cut down any healthy trees along shoreline	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Fences do not invite or create community; do not say 'public use'; do not belong in a forest. Fences need to be minimized or taken away, definitely kept away from shoreline	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Biggest concern is sailboat mooring area. Site has become a place of community. Sail boaters talk with each other, teach each other, share tips, concerns, sailing information. We would like this to remain as is. Sailboats are part of the charm of Pinecrest.	This has been considered in developing the SMP.
Public Meeting	The loading dock and the beach area between the loading dock and the marina can be crowded, but we work together and it works out. Swimmers and fishermen should not be allowed in this area for their safety and boaters.	Swimming and fishing are not allowed in this area.
Public Meeting	Sheriff presence needs to be more visible, too many unreported incidents on the lake. Make sheriff visits bi-weekly. Major issue for south shore cabin owners.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Need to restrict mooring of boats by fire boat dock, number of moored boats has dramatically increased.	These observations have been considered in developing the SMP.
Public Meeting	Do not change any current regulations on private docks. Need to closely monitor day use boating and overnight mooring.	People that currently have permits from the STF for docks will still have those permits under the SMP, subject to the requirements and stipulations of their permits. Overnight use of boats and camping with in the Pinecrest Basin Day Use Area is prohibited in the Stanislaus National Forest Forest Plan.
Public Meeting	Prohibit the mooring of sail and motorboats and kayaks in the lake. The number has increased to epidemic proportions over the years. They also tend to break loose at night due to water level flux.	With implementation of the SMP, the number of boats moored at Pinecrest Lake will be fewer compared to recent years. One hundred mooring buoys will be available to the general public to rent in two concentrated locations that will be managed by a commercial operator. In addition, south and north shore permit holders without road access to their recreation residences may request that the STF include mooring buoys in their special use permits.
Public Meeting	We need a sheriff or security presence on the lake to enforce boating rules. We have problems with boaters who are drunk and under the influence of drugs who intimidate us on our private docks and scare our children. We call the police but they are at least an hour away. A patrol boat at least on weekends would be great.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Too many large pontoon boats on the lake. Many of these are rental party boats' that are rented to people who have no idea how to properly operate them. We have seen many potentially dangerous situations. People use the boats to party, quite often they are drunk.	Eliminating party boats would require a county ordinance. Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.

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Comment Type	Comment	Response
Public Meeting	Allow mooring of small, non-motorized boats on the lake with appropriate (eco friendly) homemade floats.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Prohibit moorings of motorized boats outside of the commercial or private dock areas.	Although their numbers will be limited, motorized boats will not be excluded because they are used by recreationists and are important for assisting other users such as sailors during races.
Public Meeting	Prohibit on-shore storage of boats along the shoreline chained to trees.	The SMP will address boats left on the shoreline by not allowing any watercraft or personal property to be left on the shoreline overnight (at the risk of impoundment) and not allowing watercraft at any time on the shorelines of some use areas.
Public Meeting	Pinecrest day use has increased steadily over the decades and will continue to. The west end of the lake is beyond carrying capacity on weekends. The plan must limit over-use to preserve a natural experience i.e., limit parking, limit tables and fires, separate uses (fishing hooks VS dog fights VS swimmers), limit power boating. Overuse is a real issue already.	This issues are addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Keep government regulating out and leave everything the same.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Need to restrict day use - don't add parking. Charge for day use. Don't remove cabins - the permittees support this recreation area.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	The commercial facilities - post office, store, restaurant - are also used by non-cabin owners. Please don't deny access to users of these facilities who live nearby (Cold Springs, Strawberry, Peter Pan).	This areas are not included in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Day use access to the shoreline needs to be increased. Today at 9:30am the 'beach' areas are already crowded	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Plan rather than the in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Overnight storage of boats/kayaks needs to be organized and managed, shoreline degradation is occurring in a few areas due to overnight storage on shoreline.	Boats are not allowed by the STF to be left overnight on the shoreline. This has been a policy of the STF which is being enforced. This policy is reflected in the SMP. Any watercraft or personal property to be left on the shoreline overnight may be impounded by the STF.
Public Meeting	Restroom facilities are needed along the Pinecrest Recreation Trail.	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Plan rather than the in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Day use (which necessarily involves visitors to cabins other than owners) needs to be evaluated for carrying capacity.	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Plan rather than the in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Access and parking need to be matched to day use capacity.	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan and the Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan rather than the in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Better and better regulated and managed commercial services need to be maintained to serve shoreline use. The existing services are just OK - facilities are somewhat dilapidated and not well maintained.	This issue not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Signs: Much is being said about the need for more signs and directional info. Don't add more signs - make existing signs better. Its already cluttered with signs. Better to have FS present on site to direct, greet, answer questions, and provide access to law enforcement.	Thank you for your observations. A new signage program will be developed in the near future that will improve existing signs and more clearly communicate information.
Public Meeting	Boat Docks: It is imperative we understand who will be controlling the use and maintenance of docks. FS or PG&E?	The STF will continue to issue permit to issue dock permits (as part of their cabin permit) to cabin permittees in the south and north shore aeas that do not have roaded access.
Public Meeting	People swim across the length of the lake without a boat nearby.	That activity is regulated by Tuolumne County.
Public Meeting	Need limit on boat size and speed.	There are currently limits on speed. Limits on boat size would require a county ordinance.

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Comment Type	Comment	Response
Public Meeting	Boat mooring on buoys by permit only. People moor boats on the lake from other areas besides Pinecrest.	One hundred mooring buoys will be available to the general public to rent in two concentrated locations that will be managed by a commercial operator. In addition, south and north shore permit holders without road access to their recreation residences may request that the STF include mooring buoys in their special use
Public Meeting	Create a safety office where personnel are stationed in Pinecrest during the summer.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest. The public is welcome to come to the Summit Ranger Station to discuss safety issues.
Public Meeting	Shuttle day users into the lake with something to carry equipment to eliminate parking issues - like from Dodge Ridge	This issue would be addressed in the Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan rather than the in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Northern side of marina for swimming as well as picnic tables / designated swimming area	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Water quality issues associated with dog access	Thank you for your observation.
Public Meeting	Keep dog beach north of marina	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Dog beach away from cabins (approximately near sailboat moorings)	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	More trash cans near dog beach	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	No additional marinas built	Thanks you for your observation.
Public Meeting	South end of lake preserve for anchorage and canoes	The south shore will have 85 mooring buoys for smaller watercraft (under 16' in length) that will be available to the general public to rent from a commercial operator.
Public Meeting	Show you are a cabin owner - stickers?	Boats will have state of CA identification tags which will help identify boats that can moor at the reservoir.
Public Meeting	Limit day use on holiday weekends with kiosk regulating people on their way in off highway or near gas station - institute a small day use fee	These issues addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan and Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Consider maximum number of people in basin	Considered in Forest Plan.
Public Meeting	Lifeguards needed just in 3 beach areas	This issue considered in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Consider modest day use fee for sewer, lifeguards, etc., kiosk trial use on weekends	These issues considered in the Recreation Implementation Plan and Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Day use population kiosk	This issue considered in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Simple signage	Thank you for your suggestion.
Public Meeting	Natural setting - less asphalt and signage	Thank you for your suggestion.
Public Meeting	Keep trees near shoreline that are picked out to be cut down	Thank you for your suggestion.
Public Meeting	Swimming/kayaks, hard shell in swimming areas - need signs limiting conflict	Thank you for your suggestion.
Public Meeting	Fishing uses separate from swimming and boating	This will occur with the SMP.
Public Meeting	Don't take away mooring buoys	One hundred mooring buoys will be available to the general public to rent in two concentrated locations that will be managed by a commercial operator. In addition, south and north shore permit holders without road access to their recreation residences may request that the STF include mooring buoys in their special use permits.
Public Meeting	Peak-day regulation	This issue considered in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.

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Public Meeting	Encourage pedestrian carts for transporting things to the beach to avoid re-parking in certain areas	Thank you for your suggestion.
Public Meeting	Create fees for lake mooring - system to manage boat moorings and control boats over 14' so they are kept 75' from shoreline. Control party boats	One hundred mooring buoys will be available to the general public to rent in two concentrated locations that will be managed by a commercial operator. One area (near the south shore) include 85 mooring buoys for smaller watercraft (under 16' in length) and the other location (north of the marina) will include 15 mooring buoys for watercraft between 16' and 24' feet in length.
Public Meeting	Lack of slips (8 year waiting list); this could be contributing to the mooring issues	There is considerable demand for mooring at Pinecrest Lake which is one of the factors that has led to the creation of this SMP. One hundred mooring buoys will be available to the general public to rent.
Public Meeting	Consideration of lake level on beach use and boat mooring	That issue is addressed in the Project license and not in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Consider boat size limits	Limits on boat size would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	No-wake rule	Would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Reduce boat speed limit from 20 mph to 10 mph	Would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Institute 7-day inactive limit for mooring	Mooring buoys will be available to the general public to rent in two concentrated locations that will be managed by a commercial operator. The commercial operator will provide seasonal and short-term mooring opportunities.
Public Meeting	Re-do old hand launch boat area	New hand launches are proposed as part of the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	We have had our cabin since 1946. One of the charms of Pinecrest is that not much has changed. We don't know of another place that is as nice for a family vacation. We hope that you will keep it that way.	Thank you for your observation.
Public Meeting	Boat speed on the lake should be limited due to size of lake and high usage by small boat sailors, swimmers, fishermen and windsurfers.	Thank you for your observation.
Public Meeting	Number of people coming to Pinecrest should be regulated at entrance so that potential problems on beach are avoided as people compete for areas to use. Also use of alcohol seems to be increasing with increasing problems. Pinecrest is noted as a family place and should be maintained.	The number of people using Pinecrest is not addressed by the SMP. There will be more of a presence of law enforcement at Pinecrest when the SMP is implemented.
Public Meeting	Number of boats and mooring balls should be regulated. Have no mooring on shoreline for extended period.	These concepts are reflected in the SMP. The SMP will address boats left on the shoreline by not allowing any watercraft or personal property to be left on the shoreline overnight (at the risk of impoundment) and not allowing watercraft at any time on the shorelines of some use areas.
Public Meeting	I live in Twain Harte and come up each day in July and August to race in the afternoon sailboat race. I need to moor the boat in the lake.	Eighty five mooring buoys will be available along the south shore (where sailboats have traditionally concentrated) to the general public to rent. These buoys will be managed by a commercial operator.
Public Meeting	Speed limit on lake 25 mph - no boat allowed with HP motor size that would allow to go faster.	This idea would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Lower boat dock fee so less shore parking. No shoreline overnight parking. Small lake - as some point should be electric motors only. This is a beautiful location and everybody has enjoyed the area and lake and the uses - lets protect as much of it as possible.	Recreational use fees not addressed in the SMP. The SMP will address boats left on the shoreline by not allowing any watercraft or personal property to be left on the shoreline overnight (at the risk of impoundment) and not allowing watercraft at any time on the shorelines of some use areas.
Public Meeting	A nice kayak/canoe storage launch building would be a way to handle some summer storage for these types of crafts	Thank you for your suggestion
Public Meeting	Pinecrest is boating, fishing, sailing, slow speed lake. Speed limits need to be enforced - fast speed boats need to be aware of speed restrictions before launching. No pulling of rafts or tubes - needs to be posted at launch ramps.	Thank you for your observation.

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Public Meeting	As a long time kayak user on the lake, I would like to enjoy leaving the kayak on the lake while I am up. I store it at the cabin when I'm not here which I think is a good idea for everyone to do so there aren't too many boats on the shore at one time. I would not like to see another marina on the lake to which all boats would be required to dock.	People will be able to leave their kayaks on the shoreline during the day if attended but not overnight.
Public Meeting	Please don't eliminate the small boat anchorage at the south end of the lake	Organized groups will have the opportunity to moor boats overnight in the reservoir.
Public Meeting	I am a day user - No changes needed	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	I am 17 and a day user and will be here in 38 years. No changes please.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	The current mooring/boat access works well. This has been years of day users and boat users and provides the maximum recreational use of the lake.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Recreational opportunity in the Sierra region are not keeping pace with population growth in California and throughout the west. A failure to match supply with demand has many environmental effects - overuse of existing facilities and a lack of appreciation for recreation and wilderness areas. Increased regulations do nothing substantive to address impacts on the Pinecrest shoreline.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	The marina could be larger so that there is less boat anchoring near this area and the swimming area.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	It is very important that this is an open process where we can comment and review a draft proposal of the plan before it is completed. Lets get this process right.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Must have ability to moor sailboats, canoes, motor boats in same area. Need a hand launch area.	One hundred mooring buoys will be available to the general public to rent in two concentrated locations that will be managed by a commercial operator. One area (near the south shore) include 85 mooring buoys for smaller watercraft under 16' in length (including a limited number of motorized boats) and the other location (north of the marina) will include 15 mooring buoys for watercraft between 16' and 24' feet in length (including a limited number of motorized boats). Launch areas in this area are proposed in the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	There needs to be some sort of limit placed on how many boats (mostly party boats) can be moored in the lake.	To address overcrowding, the number of watercraft that will be allowed to anchor at Pinecrest has been limited. One hundred mooring buoys will be available for rent by the general public. In addition, south and north shore permit holders without road access to their recreation residences may request that the STF include mooring buoys in their special use permits.
Public Meeting	Making long term decisions without strong consideration for cabin owners does not help you. We are your asset and want to work with you. Cabin owners see themselves as stewards of the lake. We pick up the litter left around the lake trail and shoreline; help hikers with directions, the occasional band aid, and call for help when help is needed. We help boaters on the lake, rescue tired paddle boaters, someone who has capsized in high winds. We are assets to the lake and respect its use and we care and have cared for its beauty for generations.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	More floating rafts to swim to	Floating rafts for swimming will not be allowed at Pinecrest Lake.
Public Meeting	Need sign explaining no hard shelled boats in swimming area	A new signage program will be developed in the near future that will improve existing signs and more clearly communicate information.
Public Meeting	More speed limit signs	Thank you for your comment.

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Public Meeting	More garbage and recycling bins	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Capacity - control the amount of people coming into Pinecrest by fees/ kiosk	Recreational use fees not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Day use people have no accountability here	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Proposed group picnic sites: parties of 30-50 are already congregating here. Established sites will add to day use parking problems. Don't need group designations - especially don't need them paved.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Problems can be solved by more FS presence in Pinecrest - FS is ignorant about the culture of Pinecrest.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Size limit on boats moored on buoys on lake. Party boats should dock only at marina. Many party boats moored for free on lake and left there all summer - used only a few times over the summer.	Limits on boat size would require a county ordinance. Eighty five mooring buoys for smaller watercraft under 16' in length (including a limited number of motorized boats) will be available along the south shore and 15 mooring buoys for watercraft between 16' and 24' feet in length (including a limited number of motorized boats that could include party boats) will be available along the north shore.
Public Meeting	Eliminate dog fights from public area - too many people and dogs crowded into small place on south shore. Many are off leash and not under control by owners. Establish a dog beach away from cabins and picnic area - possibly in back of sailboat beach.	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Boat size needs to be regulated - 20' and ski boats are too big for lake.	Limits on boat size would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Boat storage adjacent to swim areas/marina getting excessive (both on shore and at buoys). Restrict ability of boaters to put out mooring buoys. Consider launch fees to limit boats on lake.	Recreational use fees not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	No additional fish cleaning stations	Recreation facility locations not addressed in the SMP - please see the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	Do not add any additional fish cleaning stations	Recreation facility locations not addressed in the SMP - please see the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	Minimize any additional controls or conveniences. It will only bring more people and more problems. Let self control limit the size and problems.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Moorings and zoning won't work	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	We already have swimming area. Rezoning south shore into sailboat launch and fishing zone is a disaster. Privately owned docks are part of cabin permits.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	There has been lake sheriff presence for a decade. Speeds have increased on the lake and right of way laws are abused.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Launch areas for hand launch - one more needed if the current area at the turnaround is properly established for hand launch - i.e. take out steps.	New hand launches are proposed as part of the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	I want to moor my boat while I am staying in Pinecrest. Nobody should be mooring along the beach unless they are resident at Pinecrest. Maybe limit shoreline moorings to 7-14 days like camping as a compromise.	Starting the the summer of 2011 the Stanislaus National Forest placed warnings on watercraft left of the shoreline or tied/chainged to trees and other shoreline objects. If the watercraft were not removed, their were impounded and their owners could pick them up after paying a fee. This policy will continue and will resolve the issue of watercraft and other objects left on the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake.
Public Meeting	Boat conflicts are increasing. This lake should be about non-motorized boats and slow, small boats. Enforcement is required to retain the natural and quite lake atmosphere that's rapidly eroding. No fast, noisy, ski, towing, or big stereotypes on boats. Don't ruin this lake like Tullock Lake was.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.

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Public Meeting	Can there be a limit to the number of party boats and large boats allowed on the lake? How many party boats are allowed to moor overnight and through the summer near the shore? And can this number be limited? Is there a limit to how far out from the shore they can moor? The number and size of boats are crowding the shores and swimming area and the shoreline looks ugly with so many boats.	The SMP will address boats left on the shoreline by not allowing any watercraft or personal property to be left on the shoreline overnight (at the risk of impoundment) and not allowing watercraft at any time on the shorelines of some use areas. To address overcrowding, the number of watercraft that will be allowed to anchor at Pinecrest will be reduced and areas of permanent mooring buoys for organized groups and campers will be established.
Public Meeting	The sailboat mooring area is a well-used, community oriented area and we would like it to remain as is. Additional fencing in this area would make it difficult for sail boaters to bring their boats in and out. Sail boaters talk with each other here and they learn from each other here. Sailboats are part of the charm of the lake.	Eightyfive mooring buoys will be available to the general public to rent in the area of the south shore that has been traditionally used by sailboats.
Public Meeting	The 15 minute parking spaces and the loading only spaces are essential to people launching and removing their boats. How about 2 or 3 more spaces?	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	"No overnight boat storage" - I have seen these signs for 30 years and still they beach their boats. This year has been the worst ever - even a giant party boat has been shored.	Starting the the summer of 2011 the Stanislaus National Forest placed warnings on watercraft left of the shoreline or tied/chainged to trees and other shoreline objects. If the watercraft were not removed, their were impounded and their owners could pick them up after paying a fee. This policy will continue and will resolve the issue of watercraft and other objects left on the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake.
Public Meeting	Somehow a limit should be placed on day use - the current influx (economy induced) has brought hordes of free-loaders. They enjoy and then leave and leave their trash all over the place.	Recreation use levels are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	I've heard about the shoreline plan, swimming area, boat mooring and fishing area. This plan seems totally irrational (sorry). Boating - I'm a sailor and this year has been terrible - motor boats speeding and no enforcement of limits. Maybe a limit should be placed on the power a boat can have to use the lake.	Thank you for your comment. Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest. Limits on boat size or power would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Its obvious some boat renters don't know right of way law on the water. In my sailboat I've had experience with non-yielding motor boats boating directly in front of me.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	How will the shoreline management plan decrease the number of cabins?	It won't.
Public Meeting	The number of parking spaces for day use must increase. However, the increase must be sensitive to the existence of the cabin owners.	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	We are responsible canoeists. We launch our canoe every summer in July and remove it at Labor Day. We put it this side of the 'big rock' out a ways from shore with a small anchor and small buoy. I swim out every am to the vessel - unlock it from the buoy and take it out into the lake. Please allow us to continue our sane use. We do not pollute, we are noiseless on the lake, and are most respectful to other boaters and swimmers.	The mooring of watercraft by individuals will no longer be permitted. Mooring buoys will be available to the general public to rent in two concentrated locations that will be managed by a commercial operator. The commercial operator will provide seasonal and short-term mooring opportunities.
Public Meeting	Keep mooring of boats off shore available with their own moorings. Don't install permanent moorings because lake level changes and they would have to be constantly moved or placed in very deep water requiring a small boat to get out to the moored boat.	Mooring buoys will be available to the general public to rent in two concentrated locations that will be managed by a commercial operator. The commercial operator will provide seasonal and short-term mooring opportunities and will adjust the locations of the mooring buoys as lake levels fluctuate.
Public Meeting	Motor boats should not be moored. They break away and cause a boating hazard. They can also leak oil and gas into the lake.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Should be a boat size limit on a lake this small. Pontoon boats are too large for a small lake. The few that are rental boats from the marina are fine, but there are just too many now and they are on the increase.	Limits on boat size would require a county ordinance.

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Public Meeting	You should consider a horsepower limit to be set or boat size limit or both.	Limits of these types would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Boats moored are generally self-regulating by the boat owners, depending on the level of the water and weather conditions. No official regulation is needed or required. Boat owners cooperate to move, maintain buoys in the past.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Large boats, either privately owned or rental, need to be limited. There has been an increase in the number of party boats on the lake. Who limits or enforces the size, numbers, and moorings?	Limits on boat size would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Moorings and launching of boats need to be flexible in the future although controls should be enforced of size and number of boats.	Limits on boat size would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Who will be responsible for lake enforcement i.e. boats spewing smoke, people casting garbage from boats? We see it but cannot enforce respect for the lake.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Moorings of party boats (large barge type or pontoon boats) should not be allowed anywhere except rental docks or private docks. There have been 13 of these boats moored in one cove on the marina side of the lake. This is an eyesore to shoreline users, blocks sailboats from turning there, and causes swimming obstacles and kayaking/canoe obstacles.	There will be mooring buoys for 15 watercraft between 16' and 24' feet in length available to the general public. Boats longer than 24' would not be able to moor at these buoys.
Public Meeting	Cabin owners don't own the lake and they need to adhere to the rules like everybody else. No dogs on the beach and no boat storage on the shore for them also. Don't tell us we can't swim around the sailboat area. FS needs to enforce the rules with everybody and just keep it simple for everybody.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Dog areas unclear - all concentrated beyond marina	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Beached boats cause problems on shoreline	Starting the the summer of 2011 the Stanislaus National Forest placed warnings on watercraft left of the shoreline or tied/changed to trees and other shoreline objects. If the watercraft were not removed, their were impounded and their owners could pick them up after paying a fee. This policy will continue and will resolve the issue of watercraft and other objects left on the shoreline of Pinecrest Lake.
Public Meeting	More enforcement of safety on lake with a patrol	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Keep a dog beach somewhere	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Please send me draft of shoreline plan when available and include me in the process. I would be happy to attend meetings concerning developing this plan.	The Draft SMP was posted for public comment and hopefully you were able to provide comments.
Public Meeting	Need presence of law enforcement to issue citations and tow-away some violators	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Lack of enforcement for signage	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Plans need to provide sufficient parking for cabin owners	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	Lake boating is largely unregulated with large groups on rocks accessed by party boats	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.

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Public Meeting	cabins and docks on far side of lake provide emergency evacuation for injured hikers, boaters, swimmers and they assist in fire safety	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Given the large increases in day use, the lack of enforcement on and around the lake is a giant gap. Illegal boats, illegal dog access, inappropriate day use, parking lot fights, dangerous rock jumping, etc. abound without anyone to enforce rules amongst the overpopulated day use area.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Patrol boat - where is out patrol boat to keep drunk boaters and racing boaters off the lake?	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Litter and garbage around the lake - garbage cans are big problem. Can you make a deal with the permittees who already have a garbage pick up service around the lake to help?	Thank you for your observation and comment. This is not a part of the SMP and should be discussed with the STF.
Public Meeting	Dog access should be allowed in day use area between walking trail and road. Continue no dogs rule from walking trail to water.	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Have a rule to limit umbrella use so as not to block view of lake. Some new umbrellas go right to ground and one cannot see young children playing at water's edge.	This would be difficult to enforce, but your concern is understandable.
Public Meeting	Dogs being aggressive and biting along the west shoreline is a big issue. Even though dog owners sometimes flaunt the current restrictions, they are important to protect the over-population of picnic and day users on the waterfront.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Limit overnight parking and ticket cars when appropriate	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	When parking is full, turn away cars rather than create additional overflow parking that is unsightly	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	A public bathroom should be added at the end of the sewer line on the south shore.	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Where was the FS today?	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Need a system of controlling day use numbers so it is manageable - both cars and people. Why was FS absent from this meeting?	Recreation use levels are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Recreation Implementation Plan and the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	We feel that the trees marked for cutting at the shoreline should not be cut. They are survivors and give Pinecrest its unique natural beauty. FS should be at the meeting - only one came and left early.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	We need less fences, concrete structures, not more.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Hard shell craft (kayaks, surfboards, motor boats) are in the swimming area every day and there are no rangers telling people they shouldn't be there. And no signs at the entrances of the gates in the fences.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Pinecrest is a jewel, close to heaven as one can get. We can't improve on nature. Leave her alone and 38 years from now it will be more beautiful.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Hard shell kayaks continue to be used in the swimming area - no enforcement available.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Do not cut so many trees along the shoreline. They give character to the lake. We have enough beach area.	Thank you for your comment.

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Public Meeting	California population continues to increase. At some point, we have to say that Pinecrest cannot accommodate any more day users. Yosemite does this.	Recreation use levels are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	Cut down trees marked for removal. This keeps open, sunny areas and allows other more healthy trees to thrive.	This topic is not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Enforce noise restrictions (no radios, boom boxes, etc.)	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Please add me to any informational e-mail list. Your info session at Pinecrest on Aug 14 was very well organized.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Although there are rules concerning dogs on the beach, they are rarely enforced. Signs should clearly indicate areas where dogs are permitted and those who do not comply should be cited.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Is there a speed limit on the lake? If so, who enforces it? Is it posted somewhere? Are those going at excessive speeds cited?	There is currently a 20 mph speed limit on the lake that is enforced by the Tuolumne County Sherriffs Department.
Public Meeting	Who enforces use of the lake? Is water lake enforcement a FERC responsibility?	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Population control at lake shore is a conservation issue. The USFS is conservation not preservation oriented. What does FERC intend to do regarding conservation as it pertains to crowd control?	Recreational use is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	Who is going to regulate the amount of people that are let into this area? There should be a limit for day use - too many people is a safety consideration.	Recreation use levels are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	Larger boats (greater than 14') need to be moored further out	Thank you for your observation, boats over 14' in length will be moored together north of the marina in parts of the lake deep enough to allow them to moor.
Public Meeting	Inadequate parking on south shore for permittees and day users	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	Overflow parking is unsightly - parking fee could support facility and limit number of cars allowed	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	No existing control on north shore moorings - need to establish a plan for use	That is part of the intent of the SMP.
Public Meeting	Rethink 'no dogs allowed in picnic area' rule and consider a designated dog area	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Dogs allowed in campground but not in picnic area is inconsistent and leads to dogs being left alone in campgrounds to bark all day	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	More garbage facilities needed to accommodate day user impacts and their trashing of the beach area	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Fees should be used to mitigate impacts - fees for autos, day use, parking, entrance, group permits, etc.	Recreational use fees not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Consider installing a kiosk or self-service parking permit process	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	Consider permittee parking passes	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	Inadequate enforcement of existing regulations	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.

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Public Meeting	FS is non-responsive to stakeholders and that position has built massive mistrust. FS needs to change attitude and be more responsive to the public and the permittees	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Self regulation has been working pretty good up to now	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Impacts to sewer system maintained by the PPA has not been adequately planned for and addressed. Planned increases as part of the recreation plan will create a liability issue. Adds to distrust of FS by cabin owners.	This topic is not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	FS is focused on day users at the expense of cabin owners. Decisions have impacted cabin owners with no consideration given by FS.	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Boat storage chained to trees is not acceptable	This has been rectified by STF enforcement.
Public Meeting	Lake is reaching carrying capacity - use should be controlled	That is part of the intent of the SMP.
Public Meeting	Keep small community feel to Pinecrest	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	leave it alone	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	No tree removal along the lake	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Numbers and sizes of boats on the lake should be controlled	Limits on boat size would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Organized approach to mooring areas could be helpful	This will occur with the SMP.
Public Meeting	No motor boats moored overnight on lake outside of private docks and marina	Overnight lodging in boats and camping with in the Pinecrest Basin Day Use Area is prohibited in the Stanislaus National Forest Forest Plan and will not be allowed.
Public Meeting	Preserve anchorage area for small sailboats (El Toros). Mooring area could be shared with kayaks. Moorings need to be mobile to accommodate fluctuating water levels.	These suggestions will occur under the SMP.
Public Meeting	Charge a day use fee for parking and access	Recreational use fees not addressed in the SMP. Please see the Recreation Implementation Plan and the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan
Public Meeting	charge for day use parking	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	provide more garbage containers. Day users have no respect for forest and area. They leave their trash on beach and sink beer cans in the lake.	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Cabins and docks on far side of the lake provide emergency evacuation for injured hikers, boaters, swimmers. Access to these docks is essential for such safety issues.	These docks will remain under the SMP.
Public Meeting	Storage of boats adjacent to swimming and marina area is excessive.	The SMP was devised in part to address this issue and will control where boats are moored and the number of boats that are moored.
Public Meeting	Prohibit 'claiming' of space on the beach by leaving belongings such as tent canopies, chairs, coolers, etc.	Private property will not be allowed to be left overnight on the shoreline and if left overnight, will be subject to impoundment.
Public Meeting	Limit the number of party boats. They over-run the beaches around the lake and ruin the experience of nature. Small number would be ok but there are too many right now.	Limiting or banning types of boats would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	There are too many party boats moored on the north shore. Many remain all summer and are rarely used so it is a free storage area. Now about a size limitation to mooring off-shore? Sailboats are part of Pinecrest - party boats are not.	Limits on boat size would require a county ordinance.

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Comment Type	Comment	Response
Public Meeting	We would like to see a designated dog beach areas where people with dogs can have their own space for picnicking and swimming. Dog beach southwest corner of the lake? We are dog owners but we are very concerned about the recent closure of dogs in the swim areas causing an overcrowding of dogs on the north shore. At present, there are disturbing confrontations as well as continuous barking. Hopefully an area that would be designated for dogs that would not disturb cabin owners would be best.	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Day use area is overrun and overpopulated, especially on weekends. There should be paid, reserved, limited group picnic areas. There should be limited use on the beach and picnic areas - no tents, no BBQ brought in, proper disposal of charcoal, limited fires, adequate garbage cans for the over use.	Recreational use is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan. Parking issues are addressed in the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	Current small boat lake mooring should continue to be allowed. Information organized as exists today.	Thanks you for your comment.
Public Meeting	PG&E should build and maintain swimming docks on or near the shore. There is a history of swimming docks in past and currently there are only 2 docks on the water. Who maintains them, PG&E? Who moves them during water level changes? More docks should be put into use	Recreation facility locations not addressed in the SMP - please see the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	Limit number of day use cars to the number of day use parking spaces available. Number the spaces and issue tickets, 1st come, 1st served, that corresponds to the parking spaces. Once filled, close Pinecrest to any more day use cars for the day. This will ensure that shoreline use does not become overcrowded and will make swimming and boating safety easier to manage.	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	There is currently no patrol of the lake on consistent basis. As a result, rules are not enforced. General abuse of rules and laws is prevalent and getting worse. Infractions include speed limit, no life preservers in boats, underage boat drivers, overloaded boats, swimming in middle of lake, lights on boats at night, overnight boat storage, and bikes on the Pinecrest loop trail.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Enforce restrictions on no hard shell boats in swimming areas.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	Enforce restrictions on no fishing in swimming areas.	Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest.
Public Meeting	If public day use increases as it has been in the last few years, control of the number of cars allowed and boats allowed on the lake will have to be taken into consideration. We as cabin owners don't want ever bit of basin land taken up in parking lots for boats and cars (especially the meadow between Pinecrest Lake Ave and Pinecrest Ave).	Recreational use is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	Size of boats on the lake needs to be controlled. No motors over 25 speed	Limits of these types would require a county ordinance.
Public Meeting	Remember that permittees pay for sewer - more day use = more sewer impacts	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	Don't cut down trees on shore for beach	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	No conflicts between swimming, boating and fishing however, swimmers in the middle of the lake are difficult to see when crossing the lake	Thank you for your comment.
Public Meeting	I want new sand. Scrape the beach and replace.	This topic is not part of the SMP, but is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan.

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Public Meeting	We have a south shore cabin without a dock. We need to be able to lock our boat to something (tree, rock, cable). Lakeshore is not visible from out cabin. Lake level changes create need for multiple locking locations.	Boats will not be allowed to be left overnight on the beach. South and north shore permit holders without road access to their recreation residences may request that the STF include mooring buoys in their special use permits.
Public Meeting	Propose that the beach and picnic area furthest southeast be designated dog friendly. The elimination of dogs on the western picnic areas, which are closest to day use parking, has forced a large concentration of people and dogs to the narrow northeast beach area east of the Marina. This beach area is very limited some distance from day use parking. Therefore it becomes overcrowded with too many dogs too close together causing very disturbing barking and dog confrontations.	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Concerned about number of party boats that are buoyed east of the marina. Many remain for long periods of time without being used. Pinecrest should not be used as a storage area. Some of these boats do not exhibit current registration stickers.	The STF will continue to permit and manage docks for cabin permittees (and their associated mooring buoys). Mooring buoys for the general public will be provided and managed by a commercial operator.
Public Meeting	Consider effects water level drops have on public restroom and picnic areas planned for far side of the lake	This is part of the Recreation Implementation Plan.
Public Meeting	Concerned with the conversion of overnight parking spaces to day use only. Cabin owners on north and south shores have no road access to their cabins and depend on overnight parking spaces when in residence.	Parking issues are not addressed in the SMP - please see the Pinecrest Traffic/Circulation/Parking Plan.
Public Meeting	Concerned with tents and barbecues set up in front of cabins.	Personal property will not be allowed to be left overnight on the shoreline at the risk of impoundment.
Public Meeting	Consider charging a fee to launch and moor boats in the lake. Concerned about boats stored on the shoreline overnight.	Recreational use fees not addressed in the SMP.
Public Meeting	Consider identifying an area for campers that bring dogs so they can use the picnic area.	This issue is addressed in the Recreation Implementation Plan rather than the SMP.
Public Meeting	Please don't remove the trees that slow traffic down. And no more fencing.	Thank you for your comment.

Attachment D

DRAFT SMP COMMENT THEMES/TOPICS AND RESPONSES

Attachment D: Draft SMP Comment Themes/Topics and Responses

Introduction

Review of the Draft SMP resulted in over 150 comments. Many of the responses were similar and could be grouped into general topics. Fourteen of the most common general topics are identified below along with responses to them.

Based on feedback from the Draft SMP changes were made to the SMP. The most significant difference between the Draft and the SMP is the difference in the number of mooring buoys that will be available to the general public and south and north shore recreation residence permit holders with no road access. The Draft SMP suggested 20 mooring buoys for the general public and allowed the south and north shore recreation residence permit holders with no road access who now have docks to keep their docks, but suggested they not be allowed to have mooring buoys. The SMP calls for 100 mooring buoys to be available to the general public. In addition, the 48 south and north shore recreation residence permit holders that do not have road access will have the opportunity to apply for one mooring buoy per residence, whether they have an existing dock or not.

This change will result in up to 148 mooring buoys at Pinecrest Lake – the approximately 100 mooring buoys for the general public plus up to 48 mooring buoys for south and north shore recreation residence permit holders without road who have their requests that the STF include mooring buoys in their special use permits granted. The SMP concentrates the 100 mooring buoys for the general public in two areas where watercraft have been historically moored. This will reduce the amount of shoreline in front of which watercraft have moored the past. A commercial operator permitted by the Stanislaus National Forest (STF) will be responsible for the administration and management (including renting) of the mooring buoys.

The SMP also allows south and north shore recreation residence permit holders without road access that have docks to retain their docks.

Many of the other comments were directed at how 20 mooring buoys would affect various aspects of recreation use Pinecrest Lake. These topics along with others are identified and discussed below.

#	Topic	Comments
Number of Mooring Buoys		
1.	The number of mooring buoys that was proposed in the Draft SMP probably generated the greatest number of comments. The vast majority of responders felt that the suggested number was too low.	Some commenters mentioned a lack of information on what the carrying capacity of Pinecrest Lake would, or should, be. PG&E and the STF had the SMP consultant do a brief review of carrying capacity literature related to lakes and reservoirs to see how using standards developed at other lakes and reservoirs might be used to examine carrying capacity at Pinecrest Lake. Using ranges of carrying capacity factors (lake characteristics, usable water surface, boating density standards, and lake use rates) that are described in the Carrying Capacity Review, a “theoretical carrying capacity was calculated. In order not to exceed the theoretical carrying capacity of Pinecrest lake during peak use periods, it was calculated that 20 mooring buoys would be appropriate for a small (300 acres),

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		<p>popular reservoir like Pinecrest Lake with a busy boat ramp, existing docks to which boats were moored and the presence of hand launching areas.</p> <p>Many comments on the Draft SMP indicated that many people do not feel that Pinecrest Lake is overcrowded and/or that peak use periods when the lake is overcrowding occur very occasionally, usually on summer holiday weekends. Many of these responders felt that basing carrying capacity on peak use periods (which is a general standard for establishing carrying capacity) was not a reasonable approach for Pinecrest Lake. Based on this feedback, and the apparent acceptance of many responders to what might be considered crowded conditions at other lakes, PG&E and the STF decided to increase the number of mooring buoys allowed at Pinecrest Lake to 100 for the general public while allowing recreation residence permit holders along the south and north shores who do not have road access to their recreation residences one mooring buoy per residence. .</p>
Docks at Pinecrest Lake		
2.	A number of people who commented on the Draft SMP believed that docks permitted by the STF to residential cabin permit holders along the north and south shores that do not have road access would be removed as part of the SMP.	The SMP will have no effect on the docks that are permitted by the STF at Pinecrest Lake. Permit holders with valid and up-to-date STF dock permits may continue use their docks as they wish as long as they meet the terms and conditions of the current special use permit for their recreational residence. Any docks constructed or rebuilt after the approval of this SMP will be required to meet the standards that are described in Section 4.3.3 (Docks for North and South-Shore permit holders) of the SMP.
Extend Public Comment Period – Public Involvement Related		
3.	A number of responders requested that the comment period be extended to Labor Day 2012 and some requested that public forums be held.	Section 3.2 (Outreach Activities Associated with the Shoreline Management Plan) of the SMP describes the public outreach efforts associated with the development of the SMP. The section mentions after the issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement and FERC license on April 24, 2009, public involvement related to relicensing activities was complete. However, because PG&E and the STF realized that the Pinecrest Lake SMP would be of interest to a wide range of Project users, input was solicited from a variety of sources in various settings to help shape the SMP.
Historic Uses of Pinecrest Lake		
4.	Many responders described historic uses of Pinecrest Lake, particularly sailing. The location of the small “El Toros” and other sailboats along the south shore was mentioned by many people as were sailboats and motorized boats that moor offshore of an area north of the Fireboat Dock and the “Point”. The history of	The two areas selected for the public mooring of boats reflect historic use patterns at Pinecrest Lake. The south shore area will cater to smaller watercraft such as sailboats, as it has historically. Mooring buoys will be provided by a commercial operator with a special use permit by the STF for up to 85 watercraft under 16’ feet in length. The commercial operator will also provide up to 15 mooring buoys for larger watercraft (between 16’ and 24’) in the north shore area north of the Fireboat Dock. It is anticipated that larger

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	racing at Pinecrest lake was mentioned by numerous people.	sailboats such as catamarans and motorized boats will continue to moor in this area.
Sailboat Racing at Pinecrest Lake, Racing Buoys and Floating Platforms		
5.	<p>The historic use of Pinecrest Lake that was most mentioned by responders is sailboat racing. A number of sailors and non-sailors stated that sailboat races are activities that add interest and contribute to character of the Pinecrest area and that people who participate in the races organize, place and maintain racing buoys. Several people mentioned that many racing buoys are installed each year in the same locations to support traditional race courses. Many people felt that reducing the number of mooring buoys to 20 and requiring people who did not get one of the 20 mooring buoys to launch their sailboats each time they wanted to sail would greatly reduce sailing at Pinecrest Lake.</p> <p>Some responders mentioned that they were unhappy that the STF removed two floating platforms in the late summer/fall of 2011. People mentioned that the floating platforms are used by sailors for rigging their sailboats. They are also used by non-sailors as swimming and play platforms</p>	<p>People who responded to the Draft SMP overwhelmingly indicated sail boat racing has not created problems at Pinecrest Lake. The SMP does not propose any changes related to racing buoys. Because the SMP is an adaptive plan, changes may be made relative to racing buoys in the future if changing conditions warrant such actions.</p> <p>The two floating platforms that were removed from Pinecrest Lake in the summer/fall of 2011 by the STF were removed because the conditions of the platforms made them unsafe and hazardous and the platform's owner(s) could not be located.</p>
Buoy Types		
6.	There were comments that suggested that the current types of buoys (empty plastic bleach/soap containers, etc) are appropriate due to ease of using them, low cost and that they possibly deter theft that can happen with traditional buoys. At least one responder stated that the more traditional buoys were stolen, taken, or damaged, in part due to the lack of law enforcement on the lake.	As described in Attachment B of the SMP, mooring buoys at Pinecrest Lake will need to meet the requirements of Section 7007(a) of the California Boating Law (State of California, 2012). The buoys will be white with a blue band clearly visible above the waterline. The size of mooring buoys will be chosen by the commercial operator and eligible recreational residence permit holders who are allowed a mooring buoy as part of their special use permit. These standard buoys will be much less prone to damage than empty plastic containers and their greater numbers and the increased law enforcement presence at Pinecrest Lake should reduce potential theft. The buoys are to be identified with identification tags provided by PG&E which should help reduce theft or loss.

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Dock Anchoring and Boat Anchoring Debris Left on Lake Bottom		
7.	A number of responders felt that the size of the dock anchor identified in the Draft SMP was much larger than necessary for the small residential docks at Pinecrest Lake. A number of other comments were directed at the lake bottom (especially in the north shore area) where materials used for mooring boats have been left on the lake bottom by boat owners. The old anchors can foul mooring and anchoring lines.	Specific sizes for the dock are not included in the SMP. As discussed in Section 4.3.3, Docks for South and North Shore Recreation Residence Permit Holders, dock permit holders are responsible for docks or associated facilities that break loose from their anchorage. STF and that PG&E will have the right and option of retrieving and removing the facilities at permit holder's sole cost and expense. By having a commercial operator managing mooring buoys that will be used by the general public, the problem with irresponsible boat owners leaving their anchors in the lake bottom at the south and north shore areas will be eliminated.
Rationing Use		
8.	Some people felt that use at Pinecrest Lake should be rationed, as is done at some national parks and state parks. Suggestions for rationing or limiting use included limiting the number of people allowed to park at Pinecrest, reducing the number of watercraft allowed on the reservoir, charging for using the facilities, only allowing electric boats, lowering maximum boat speed, reducing the amount of weekend parking allowed, etc.	The topic of controlling the number of people who recreate at Pinecrest Lake cannot be compared to national or state parks that don't have recreation residence permit holders, multiple organizational camps, and/or a large number of campsites. The SMP does not address controlling the number of people arriving at Pinecrest Lake, the number of boat trailer spaces, or the number of watercraft that can be launched into the reservoir.
Carrying Capacity Review		
9.	Many people who reviewed the Carrying Capacity Review did not think it was relevant to Pinecrest Lake for a variety of reasons (although a minority did find it helpful and relevant) and/or did not understand it. It was pointed out by many responders that the use of Pinecrest Lake by various types of watercraft varies throughout the day.	The Carrying Capacity Review that was developed as a supporting document to the Draft SMP was intended to provide background information that would be useful for identifying the number of mooring buoys that might be appropriate at Pinecrest Lake. It described how carrying capacity was calculated at other lakes and reservoirs and identified standards related to user density, useable lake surface area and lake characteristics from other lakes and reservoirs that are typically considered in estimating carrying capacity. After reviewing comments it appears that many people who recreate at Pinecrest Lake are comfortable with conditions that might be considered "crowded" at other lakes and reservoirs. Another factor that might influence perceptions of crowding is that many of the responders use the lake during times of the week and day when they do not perceive the lake as crowded.

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The Number of Boats That Moor at Pinecrest Lake		
10.	<p>Many responders stated that they felt that there were not too many boats moored at Pinecrest Lake and that there are few problems related to mooring boats. Some people mentioned that the boaters self-regulate themselves and others said that there has been little to no increase in the number of boats moored in the lake. Other responders felt that the number of boats mooring at Pinecrest lake has increased over the years and that some (mostly party boats) watercraft that are moored in the lake are rarely used and/or seem to be stored in the lake much of the season.</p>	<p>PG&E and the STF examined information from the Tuolumne County Sherriff's Department that indicated increases use of the waters and shoreline of Pinecrest Lake between 2001 and 2007. STF staff with a long history at Pinecrest Lake confirmed that the number of watercraft moored at the reservoir was increasing. Some comments on the Draft SMP indicated that the numbers of boats moored at Pinecrest Lake also increased. It would seem to make sense that as demand for water oriented recreation increases in California, more people will find mooring their watercraft at Pinecrest Lake for free to be very attractive. It is also reasonable to assume that if no controls on the use of Pinecrest Lake are implemented, at some point in the future even many of the responders who do not find it over crowded now, may find that too many boats are moored at the lake.</p>
Do Not Charge for Mooring Boats at Pinecrest Lake		
11.	<p>A number of responders felt that boaters who moor their boats at Pinecrest Lake should not have to pay a mooring fee.</p>	<p>USFS policies do not allow National Forest lands to be used by private parties for extended, or unlimited, periods of time. For example, campers are not allowed to stay at developed campgrounds for more than two weeks and vehicles are not allowed to park at trailheads of on roads for extended periods of time. For extended use of National Forest lands, it may be possible for interested parties to be granted a special use permit. The length of time associated with a special use permit varies and often involves a fee.</p> <p>At Pinecrest Lake, a commercial operator permitted by the STF will be responsible for the administration and management (including renting) of the mooring buoys at the two mooring areas for the general public. The commercial operator will provide standard buoys and anchors and assign buoys to interested parties. The rental cost of the mooring buoys will be set by the commercial operator and will be priced competitively with similar services in the general project region. Pricing will be approved by the STF.</p>
Law Enforcement		
12..	<p>There were a number of comments related to law enforcement and questions about who would enforce provisions in the SMP. Many people referred to a lack of law enforcement presence by the STF and Tuolumne County Sherriff's Department at Pinecrest Lake.</p>	<p>In recent years law enforcement presence at Pinecrest Lake by both the STF and the Tuolumne County Sherriff's Department has been less than in years past due to budgetary constraints. As part of the FERC relicensing process PG&E is partially funding an STF law enforcement officer and participated in the purchase of a patrol boat to be used at Pinecrest Lake. Since the issuance of PG&E's hydropower license, PG&E has been funding additional recreation and law enforcement staff to patrol and enforce existing regulations in Pinecrest. Coordination with Tuolumne County on issues related to the SMP will</p>

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		<p>hopefully result in even more law enforcement presence at Pinecrest Lake. Plans are being made to improve access to the waters of Pinecrest Lake for STF and Tuolumne County Sherriff's law enforcement officers which will make accessing Pinecrest Lake faster and easier.</p>
No Need to Make Changes at Pinecrest Lake and Over Regulation		
13.	<p>Some responders stated that the many of the issues mentioned in the SMP as to why an SMP was needed at Pinecrest Lake (primarily overcrowding, increasing use over time, and user conflicts) were either not issues, were overstated, or were not true. The comment that boat mooring at Pinecrest Lake was self regulated by users and that outside regulation (which would occur with an SMP) was not needed was made by a number of responders.</p>	<p>While the degree of crowding experienced at Pinecrest Lake and the impact (or non impact) of crowding can be debated, there is very little doubt that the demand for water-oriented recreation in California is increasing and that the demand for resources such as Pinecrest will grow over time. The FERC relicensing requirement of developing an SMP has resulted in an opportunity to control and plan for increased recreational use at Pinecrest Lake rather than letting growth occur without planning and/or direction. PG&E and the STF believe that objectives stated in the SMP Vision Statement (see below) are much more likely to be achieved through implementation of the SMP than by making no changes:</p> <p><i>The Shoreline Management Plan for Pinecrest Lake assists in protecting the recreational and aesthetic qualities of this beautiful small body of water and its shoreline that make it such an important public resource. Implementation of the Shoreline Management Plan insures that a wide range of current and future Stanislaus National Forest visitors and users will have safe and enjoyable recreation experiences that are appropriate with the reservoir's peaceful setting, uniqueness and rich history. Management objectives for the SMP include the following.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Recognize that the limited size of the reservoir defines appropriate uses.</i> • <i>Focus on small non-motorized/motorized boating opportunities.</i> • <i>Maintain a safe experience for users, including but not limited to fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, camping, and picnicking.</i> • <i>Maximize public recreational benefits of the reservoir.</i> • <i>Maintain visual quality – protect existing aesthetics including viewsheds and noise levels.</i> • <i>Maintain accessibility.</i> • <i>Public stewardship provided by local residents and seasonal residents is acknowledged and promoted</i>

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Difficulty for Some People in Having to Launch Boats Every Time They Want to Use Lake, Parking Boat Trailers, Safety at Boat Ramp		
14.	<p>There were a number of comments from responders regarding losing the ability to moor their boats at Pinecrest and as a result having to launch their boats from the boat ramp (which some people said can be difficult or impossible to do for the elderly and very young). A number of south and north shore permit holders without road access to their recreation residences apparently erroneously thought that under the Draft SMP they would lose their docks and they would have to launch their boats at the boat ramp. Some responders said that their families leave their boats in the reservoir all season for various reasons such as; a) they do not own boat trailers or have vehicles large enough to pull of launch boats; b) it is very difficult to launch boats given the crowding at the boat ramp; c) there are few places to leave their trailers and vehicles after launching and these locations are frequently full; etc. A number of people felt that by reducing the number of moored boats to 20 (as per the Draft SMP) there would be many more people launching boats at the ramp each day which would increase congestion at the ramp and on roads leading to it.</p>	<p>Because the number of mooring buoys at Pinecrest Lake will be 100 for the general public and potentially up to 48 for south and north shore recreational residence permit holders without road access, there will be less need for people who would no longer be able to moor their boats at Pinecrest Lake to launch their boats at the boat ramp compared to the situation that would have occurred in the Draft SMP. Changes associated with the Traffic Circulation and Parking Plan will include providing better access to the boat ramp and a new boat launching dock (provided in 2011) that will provide more room and functionality than the arraignment prior to 2011 did.</p>