

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for your presentation before the Mississippi River Commission during the public meeting held in Greenville, Mississippi, on August 21, 2001. In your statement you requested that the Corps of Engineers evaluate the problem of providing river access to the public between Rosedale and Mayersville, Mississippi, and reopening the boat ramp at Mound.

The Corps of Engineers has a need for access at regular intervals along the Mississippi River to conduct work on the river more efficiently and to respond to emergencies. To meet this need, the Corps has constructed unimproved boat ramps at several locations. Although constructed for use by the Corps, the public is not restricted from using these boat ramps. Ideally, when there is the need for full public access and the funds are available for construction, the Corps partners with a local government entity that can provide land access to the ramp through public property. Currently, four public boat ramps provide access on the right descending bank between Rosedale Harbor and Mayersville: Cypress Bend, Mile 568; Yellow Bend Port, Mile 553; Lake Chicot Pump Plant, Mile 545; and Sunnyside, Mile 531.3. On the left descending bank, one private boat ramp (Huntington Hunting Camp, Mile 556.8) and one public boat ramp (Greenville, Mile 537) provide river access in this same reach of the river.

Construction of additional boat ramps is contingent upon prioritized needs and availability of funds. Reopening of the boat ramp at Mound is currently on the Corps' project list but has low priority due to the number of existing access points that serve this reach of the river.

Thank you again for your presentation. The Commission appreciates receiving your views and will be pleased to hear from you at our future public meetings.

Sincerely,

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