



# Sardis Lake, Oklahoma

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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FACT SHEET as of February 6, 2012

**AUTHORIZATION:** Sardis Lake was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962.

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Flood risk management, recreation, water supply, environmental stewardship.

**PROJECT PHASE:** O&M



**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Senators Coburn and Inhofe, OK; Representative Boren, OK-2

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** Sardis Lake is located at river mile 2.8 on Jack Fork Creek, a tributary of the Kiamichi River, about 2.5 miles north of Clayton and 5 miles northwest of Tuskahoma in Pushmataha County, Oklahoma. The rolled earth-filled dam is 14,138 feet long. An uncontrolled spillway is located in the right abutment at the end of the embankment. The outlet works consist of a gate tower with two 4x12 foot hydraulically operated wheel gates with two emergency gates and stop log slots. At conservation pool the lake covers 13,610 acres.

**STATUS:** FY 2011 activities included routine scheduled operations and maintenance activities at the project. There were no major maintenance contracts awarded at Sardis Lake in FY 2011.

**ISSUES:** Sardis Lake has been embroiled in water rights controversy since construction was complete. In FY 2010 the city of Oklahoma City paid the Corps of Engineers in excess of \$25M for unpaid water storage fees owed by the State of Oklahoma. The Choctaw tribe, Chickasaw tribe, and at least one municipal water district in Texas have publically disagreed with this action. The Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes have filed a Federal lawsuit to stop this sale of water storage, and the State of Oklahoma has countersued.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):**

	<u>O&amp;M</u>
Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Total Project Cost	N/A
Allocation thru FY 2010	N/A
ARRA Funding	\$1,336,000
Allocation for FY 2011	\$1,130,000
Allocation for FY 2012	\$ 982,000
President Budget FY 2013	\$3,801,000
Amount That Could Be Used for FY 2013	\$3,801,000
Balance to Complete	N/A

**SCHEDULE:**

**FY 2012 Scheduled Work:** The current FY 2012 budget will be used for routine operations and maintenance activities at the project.

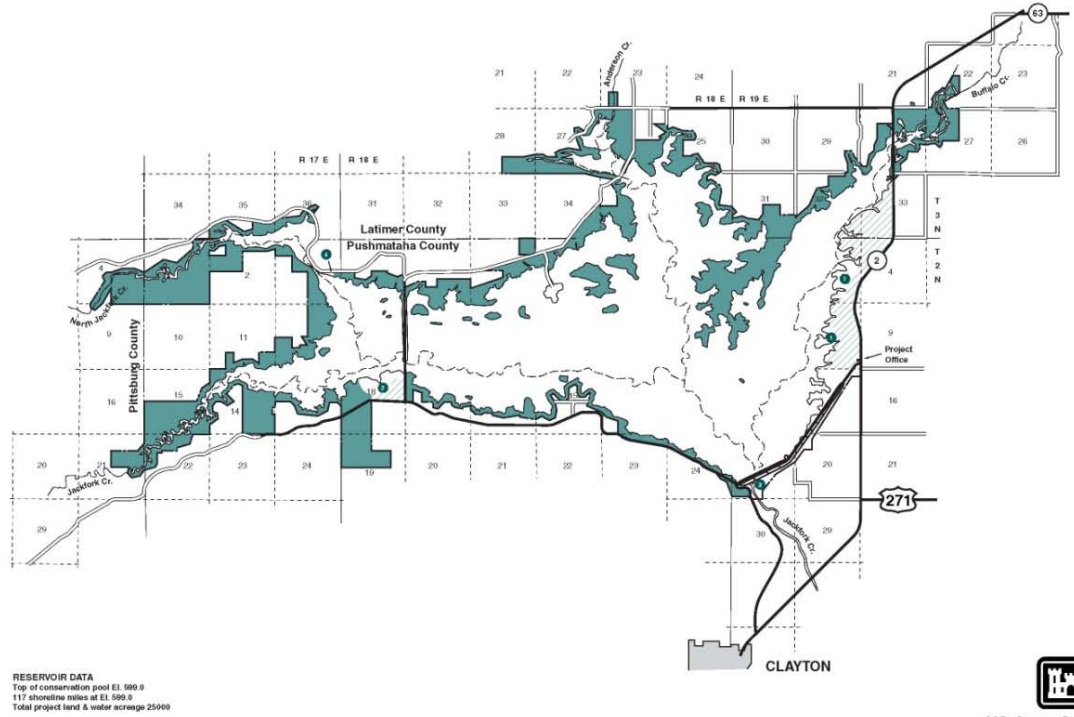
**FY 2013 Budget:** The FY 2013 President's budget will be used for routine operations and maintenance activities at the project. Planned contract major maintenance in FY 2013 is to replace service gates and rehab emergency gates at the project.

**COMPLETION:** N/A. Operating project.

**For more information** regarding the Sardis Lake project, contact Chris Lynch, Lake Manager, at (580) 326-3345 or Christopher.Lynch@usace.army.mil.

# PROJECT MAP SARDIS LAKE, OKLAHOMA

**SARDIS LAKE**  
PUBLIC HUNTING AREA

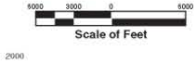


**PUBLIC USE AREAS**

- 1 Potato Hills Park
- 2 Mathies Park
- 3 Sardis Cove
- 4 The Narrows

**LEGEND**

- Paved Road
- Improved Road
- - - Project Boundary
- Corps Areas Open For Hunting
- ▨ See Restrictions



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