

Appendix 22: Swimming Beach Management and Testing

The holder will be responsible for operation and maintenance of safe swimming sites. The ring buoy stand with warning signs and buoys must be available when the beach is open for public use. The holder will maintain all buoys, floats, etc., initially furnished by the Forest Service according to specifications. Holder is required to conduct pre-season inspection of beach and swimming areas in accordance with requirement shown here. Holder will furnish a copy of inspection results prior to opening beaches for the season. Lifeguards are not required. The water at the beaches must be tested weekly by the holder according to the operation and maintenance plan. The Tell City District office has an incubator to use for testing lake water samples.

Swim site management/inspection will include the following:

1. All developments and operations will meet Federal, State and Local codes.
2. Beach and swimming areas will be inspected by holder, prior to opening the site, which will be prior to Memorial Day weekend as lake levels allow.
3. At both Hardin Ridge and Tipsaw beaches, approximately 200 tons of sand, to be provided by the holder as a regular maintenance need, are needed annually to provide an adequate beach area.
4. The annual inspection will address the following:
 - a. Are there any protruding rocks underwater? If so, describe?
 - b. Is there any sharp rock, metal, glass and other debris on the bottom?
 - c. Are depth markers in place?
 - d. Is the "No Lifeguard" signs posted?
 - e. Are limits clearly delineated by rope with floating buoys?
 - f. Are the "No Boating" signs or buoys (at least 2) in place?
 - g. Is the life saving equipment in place?
 - h. Are the hours for use posted?
 - i. Inspections must be documented and also the corrective action taken.
 - j. Report any hazards not easily corrected.
5. Daily visual inspections of items a-h will be done by attendant. Daily dragging or raking is required.
6. Beach water sampling for fecal coliform should be done weekly.
7. The swim beaches will be closed when high water make the area unsafe. The holder will address in the Annual Operating Plan with the Forest Service Representative.