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Ms. Sue Boris, President
Ms. Lynn Varian, Public Relations Chair
Lake Nottely Improvement Association, Inc.
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Blairsville, Georgia 30514

Dear Ms. Boris and Ms. Varian:

I am responding to the e-mail you sent to the TVA Board of Directors and the Chickamauga/Hiwassee Watershed Team on July 24 regarding safety issues in the area near Nottely Dam known as the "Cliffs."

We certainly understand the Lake Nottely Improvement Association's concerns, and we agree that additional security is needed given the level of use this area receives.

TVA Police already have begun patrolling the area more frequently, and we intend to include funds for construction of more effective safety barriers in next year's budget. This is in addition to the security measures implemented to date, which include placing large stones along the reservoir edge to reduce the chance of a vehicle accidentally rolling into the water, removing trees suitable for supporting rope swings, and installing a gate on the most remote part of the site to reduce residential dumping.

Public involvement and awareness are vital to keeping the Cliffs area safe, and we sincerely appreciate the Lake Nottely Improvement Association's help on this issue. We also appreciate the association's hard work in keeping the reservoir clean.

Please feel free to contact me at 256-386-2026 if you have additional concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald J. Williams".

Ronald J. Williams
Vice President
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